

BOSS AND THE BANDITS

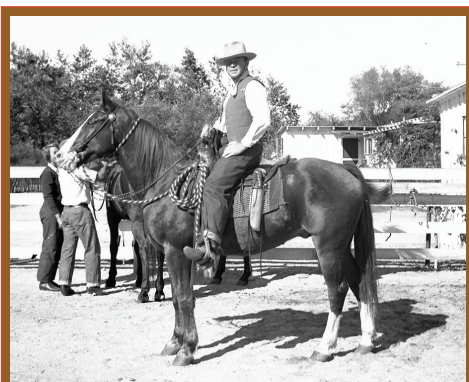
- by Charles Osborne, author of *Boss, the story of SFB Morse, Founder of Pebble Beach*

Before he came to Pebble Beach in 1915 Sam Morse worked for 8 years in various capacities in the Central Valley. First as a property developer in Delano (that went bust) and then managing the vast Crocker Ranch in Merced. It was in this period that he became fascinated with the old west and the bad men that peppered its population. Many were colorful characters and Sam admired their bravery despite their occupation. ..So much so that he actually wrote a novel about one of them.

The Crocker ranch was Sam's first introduction to the old west. It had many different operations including large cattle herds, a water company (later known as the Merced Irrigation District), various farming efforts and property development. This on-the-job training prepared him for his work later in life in Pebble Beach, but while there he developed his love of horses and the old west. There were many employees that he supervised, but the wranglers were his favorite companions.

Some older cowboys had been around a long time. One of them as a young man had been on cattle drive from Texas to Montana in 1877. The cattle were part of the peace treaty with the Sioux Indians who had massacred Custer at Little Big Horn in 1876. According to the cowhand the Indians promptly slaughtered the entire herd without an explanation. Other cowhands had witnessed gunfights, fought with rustlers and lived a hard life. They had a lot of good stories, and Sam loved a good story.

Even in 1910 there were cattle rustlers in Merced. The most notorious of these was Robert (Mac) McFarlane. Half Scottish and half Native American he was a classic looking bad guy. Dark scowling face and piercing blue eyes. He bragged about having killed four men and had spent time in San Quentin Prison. He had been picking off cattle from the Crocker herds and selling them to local butchers, but never was caught red-handed. Sam had to put a stop to this. He tells the story in his memoirs.



Morse with Moonlight his horse
Julian P. Graham photo courtesy of
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Sam had any butcher in the area who bought a side of beef first see the brand before completing the purchase. If the brand had been doctored by a running iron the butcher would be able to spot it. This slowed down the rustling trade. He also offered rewards for information on cattle rustlers. He was closing in on McFarlane. Mac was cornered and blamed his imagined oppressor. He started going around saying he was going to shoot Morse. He came up with a pretext that one of Morse's men sold a cabin that Mac thought he had bought for \$15. But it had already been sold to someone else. Sam heard about this and went out to Mac's hovel and waited for him to show up.

He didn't have to wait long. Mac rode in on a buckboard armed to the teeth. He had a pistol on his hip and a rifle on the bench beside him. He stayed in his seat and glared down at Sam who approached unarmed.

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**PEBBLE BEACH COMPANY
2021
ROAD MAINTENANCE
AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

- * The Forest has approximately 75 miles of roads.
- * Pebble Beach Company (PBC) uses a state-of-the-art road survey computer database to prioritize roads in need of maintenance.
- * For 2021, PBC has committed to spend nearly two million dollars on road maintenance projects and drainage improvements.
- * In addition to its annual contractor costs, PBC employs 4 full-time road maintenance employees at an annual cost of \$300,000. PBC's crew handles more routine road maintenance work such as patching, filling potholes, clearing drain lines, etc.
- * Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) continues to provide additional funding to repave/repair roads that are damaged as a result of its sewer and water line replacement projects, or undergrounding utility lines projects.
- * Contact PBC Roads Department, Micah Hawbaker, Ecology/Forestry/Roads Manager, or Shawn Casey, VP Resource Management, with maintenance questions or to report conditions, at 625-8414.

The following repaving projects in order of priority are planned to be completed in 2021:

Forest Lodge Rd (Ortega Rd to Country Club Gate)

Lower Sunset Ln (Sunridge to Sunridge Rd)

Hermitage Rd (Bird Rock to Sloat Rd)

17 Mile Dr (Cypress to Cypress Ln)

Riata Rd (Forest Lake Rd to Alvarado Dr)

Porque Ln (Portola Rd to Sombria Ln)

Wildcat Canyon Rd (Forest Lake to Middle Ranch Rd)

Patching (various locations)



The following drainage improvement projects are planned to be completed in 2021:

Crespi Ln and Del Ciervo Rd (Replace/relocate failing pipe in easement)

Padre Ln to Portola Rd (Fill deep ditch line and create swale)

Portola Rd from Padre to Madre Ln (Install drain boxes and create swale)

Stevenson Rd from the Grill to #9 Cart Path (Fill deep ditch line and create swale)

Riata at Forest Lodge Rd (Easement pipe and road crossing)

3105 Hermitage Rd (Easement pipe and road crossing)

Stevenson Dr from Bird Rock Rd to Cart Crossing (Pipe ditch line and install drain boxes)

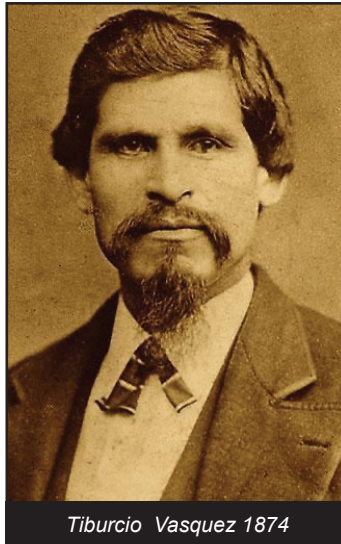
Lopez Rd and Forest Wy (Easement pipe and road crossing)

Bird Rock and Hermitage Rd (Repair failing pipe)

Forest Lodge and Mission Rd (Repair failing pipe)

The drainage work is subject to change based on adverse weather conditions, timing of local utility projects, and other unexpected conditions.

Sam said “I heard you were looking for me. If it is about that house, my men made a mistake, and I would like to return your \$15.” He held up the money and after a pause Mac took it. He was not expecting this and thanked him and said. “Mr. Morse, I would like to work for you. If you hired me I would guarantee no more cattle rustling on the ranch.” Morse said he would consider it. Fortunately for Morse, Mac was killed in a gunfight two weeks later.



Tiburcio Vasquez 1874

Also, during his time on the ranch, he took a trip to Mexico. Northern Mexico was a wild land at the time, with bandits and bad men abounding. He recalled wandering down a street in a small town by himself when he heard Mariachi music inside a cantina. He went in, ordered a drink and watched the band and the crowd. One man was staring hard at him with undisguised anger. He was wielding a knife around and mumbling curses. He got up and came towards Sam. When he was near Sam grabbed the man's arm that held the knife, held it up and said “Cuanto?” pointing at the knife. The stunned man stammered then said “dos pesos.” Sam gave him the money and took the knife. This allowed the man to save face and get a little cash. The knife was very sharp and later Sam called it one of his best investments.

Two of California's famous bandits were Joaquin Murietta and Tiburcio Vasquez. Sam was particularly fascinated by Vasquez who had been a gentleman landowner under Mexican rule, but lost the land after 1846 when the Americans took over California. Vasquez turned to banditry but had one fatal peccadillo. He would not rob women, so husbands would have their wives hide their valuables on their person. Robbery foiled.


He hid out in Idria near Hollister and his favorite ambush spot was on the road between Prunedale and Gilroy where a big rock sat (and still does) on

the side of the road. In 1875 Vasquez was eventually caught in San Jose and hung.

Sam romanticized the life of Vasquez in a novel he wrote about him. It begins “I came to the Carmel Valley from Arizona in 1869.” He goes on to recount ranching life at that time. In the book Sam was a rancher who had befriended Vasquez and painted him as a friend of the Mexican Californios.

He recounts the true story of the California Cattle King, Henry Miller's encounter with Vasquez early in Miller's rise to the top. Vasquez robbed Miller near his Bloomfield ranch in Gilroy. He took everything of value Miller had on him. As Vasquez was leaving, Miller asked if he could borrow \$20 to get back to San Francisco. Vasquez, amused by the gall, gave it to him. Two years later Miller was at the old hotel in San Juan Batista and saw Vasquez sitting at the bar. Instead of having him arrested Miller repaid the loan of \$20 saying he appreciated the loan.

The novel by Sam made Vasquez into a western Robin Hood. He was fueled by the wrong done to him, while gallantly charming women and protecting the poor. This twist of the truth made the novel plausible but was far from the truth. Fortunately for Sam, he was a much better property developer than novelist.

His final bandit story occurred in the 1920's when Sam sailed his yacht, *The Siren*, from Pebble Beach down to Puerto Vallarta. On the way they stopped and hired some horses and guides and rode the last 50 miles, camping along the way. Soon after they arrived in town a large contingent of the Mexican Army rode in. They had been following Sam out of sight, as there had been many robberies along the route. They were using Sam and his group of wealthy Gringos as bait to trap the bandidos. Sam was not amused but made light of it. It was a good story after all. 



To all those dedicated home gardeners who suffer from having a persistent bald spot in their yard, perhaps it is time to consider native plants to solve your problem.

You ask, why native plants? Native plants are best adapted to our local climate with dry summers and wet winters, the growing season, and types of soil. They are more resistant to disease and will require less use of chemicals to prosper. Bees, birds and butterflies feed on specific plant species which are typically natives. Besides the enjoyment we can derive from seeing them, these pollinators are very important for our food supply and a healthy ecosystem.

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California hosts approximately 6500 species, subspecies, and varieties of plants and many of these are found nowhere else in the world! Research indicates that California native plants support an estimated 1600 native bee species and over 200 butterfly species, including the Monarch butterfly, which is currently under consideration for endangered status. Providing a wildflower-rich and varied habitat is the most significant action we can take to support pollinators.



Most native plants require minimal irrigation and flourish without chemical fertilizers. On the other hand, non-native plants may not provide enough nectar or pollen. Since native plants are adapted to our ecosystem, they can provide nectar at the right time of year for pollinators. It's

good to plant natives that vary in their blooming time so one can support wildlife throughout the year, especially in the winter!

On the internet, Calflora.org lists over 2000 plants native to Monterey County with stunning photos. A walk in the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Native Garden is also a good place to get ideas.

What landscape action can you take for a healthy environment? Growing a variety of native plants will make your garden more interesting and attract different kinds of wildlife, especially if you provide a water source such as a small bird bath. When purchasing plants, find a landscape provider that does not pre-spray plants. Avoid using chemicals such as pesticides, and in particular insecticides and herbicides.

Here is a wish for a good planting season and much enjoyment from your garden!

Del Monte Forest residents are blessed to be surrounded by a plethora of native and non-native trees. They provide a beautiful backdrop for dwellings throughout the forest. The positive visual impact of the trees has some negative considerations for property owners unfortunately. As trees age they become more susceptible to diseases, insect attack and limb breakage due to increasing brittleness. It may be necessary to remove affected tree(s) to avoid catastrophic collapse with possible damage to the owner's or neighbor's houses.



James Deike

There are three species of trees in Del Monte Forest protected by Monterey County. When it is necessary to remove one of these trees, customarily a replacement of the same species must be planted by the property owner on a one for one basis. The protected trees are Monterey pine, Monterey cypress, and Coastal live oak. The life span of a Monterey pine is 80-90 years and averages between 80-100 feet in height. Monterey cypress live to be 300 years of age with a height between 70-90 feet. Coastal live oak has a life cycle of 40-110 years and reach 20-70 feet in height.

If you have concerns that one of these trees on your property should be removed, contact the Forestry Department office at Pebble Beach Company (PBC) (831-625-8414) to request a list of county approved arborists. The property owner should communicate with one of these arborists to make arrangements for on-site inspection of the suspect tree(s). Upon completion of the inspection the arborist will write his report, fill out the Tree Hazard Evaluation form and send them to PBC for review. If the arborist recommends removal PBC will provide a Tree Removal Authorization form. This form satisfies the property owner's obligation to obtain authorization for tree removal pursuant to the deed for the property. Monterey County Ordinances require a property owner to submit an Application for Administrative Tree Removal to receive authorization. It will allow removal of up to three trees. If more are involved different paperwork is required.

The application is available for downloading on the Monterey County web site (www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning). On the web page click Forms and Applications. On the next page click Tree Removal Permit Application. The property owner must submit the above described four documents to the county for review and approval. Upon approval a letter will be sent to the property owner. A tree removal service can then be contacted.

Evidence of tree replacement shall be submitted to the RMA Planning Department. The evidence shall be a photo of the receipt of purchase for the replacement tree(s) and photos of the tree(s) being planted. One year after planting the replacement tree(s) a photo of the living tree(s) shall be submitted to the RMA Planning Department as proof of successful replacement.

Replacement seedlings may be purchased from the PBC Forestry Department (831-625-8414).



APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TREE REMOVAL

This application is for the removal of three or less trees not combined with any development permit that requires discretionary approval. Removal of over three trees requires a discretionary permit. If it is believed that the tree(s) is/are a hazard, an ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation Form shall be required with the submission of the completed application.

Based on the site plan, photos, report prepared by a County-approved tree consultant, and other information submitted by the applicant, the Monterey County RMA-Planning Department shall make a determination pertaining to the removal of trees.

All tree removal permits approved by the County are subject to conditions of approval. The approved permit(s) shall not be complete until all conditions are met. A copy of the approved tree removal permit(s) must be posted on each tree proposed to be removed for 10 days prior to removal. A copy of the approved tree removal permit must be retained on-site during removal operations.

Excessive tree pruning resulting in the removal of over one-third of green foliage requires a tree removal permit.

PROJECT INFORMATION	
ADDRESS	CITY?
NEAREST CROSS STREET	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER
REASON FOR TREE REMOVAL	
ANY PRIOR TREE REMOVAL PERMITS ON LISTED PARCEL(S)?	
OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION	

When Dirk Barthelow retired from his position as Clerk on the front desk at Pebble Beach Post Office on February 26, 2021, many customers were extremely sorry to say goodbye. Although they wished him well, they knew they would miss his friendliness, ready wit, and efficient service.

Dirk served his country for 6 years in the U.S. Navy, including 4 years aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN-70) as a nuclear propulsion plant mechanic. After his discharge from the Navy, Dirk tested for, and was hired as a letter carrier at the Pacific Grove post office. He carried mail for four years before becoming a distribution clerk and later working at the window.

In August, 1999 after fortunately seeking and receiving a transfer to the Pebble Beach office, he worked primarily in the back as a distribution clerk before moving to the window in 2004. Dirk's philosophy was to treat customers as he would like to be treated and was consequently always comfortable with customers and made many friends. His memory for names, post office box numbers, details regarding families, and vacations, was excellent. He traveled vicariously through the travels of his customers by soliciting them to send post cards from their vacation spots. His range of interests includes computers, aviation and space programs, the Navy, model airplanes, and sports. When there was time during the work day, he would enjoy conversations with like-minded enthusiasts. Customers were notified if a stamp was issued



reflecting their interests. He was particularly patient at Christmastime when many customers studied the latest holiday stamps.

Over the years Dirk saw many changes in Post Office operations: increased use of computers, automation, acceptance of credit cards, and the introduction of new services. All mail coming to zip code 93953 is now sorted in San Jose and transported to the Pebble Beach office

for immediate delivery by the carriers who cover 4 routes plus one auxiliary route. The quantity of mail has been drastically affected due to e-mails, text messaging, and the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Pebble Beach Post Office provided a long, satisfying career for Dirk. It was the venue where he met his wife Leah as she carried mail in the forest for 26 years. She and Dirk had an interest in Longaberger Baskets made in Ohio; he found a book for her on the subject and the rest, as they say, is history! They married in 2003 and Leah retired in 2014.

Now Leah and Dirk are embarking on the uncharted course of retirement. Leah is an enthusiastic volunteer for a number of charities while Dirk will keep busy with his computers and other interests. Many sincere good wishes for a healthy, happy and fulfilling retirement. ***Thank you, Dirk, for your friendship and service to the Pebble Beach community!***



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On a sunny day, head southwest along the Haul Road in Del Monte Forest, and you will find yourself in another world. It appears to be a lumber yard set at the bottom of a forested bowl, packed with neatly stacked pine logs, row upon row of steaming compost, and piles of wood chips. This is Pebble Beach Company's (PBC) green waste recycling yard.

The recycling operation was initiated in response to a 1989 California bill mandating that each jurisdiction cut landfill waste by 50% in recognition of the state's decreasing landfill capacities. Turning green waste into compost diminishes PBC's carbon footprint, reduces the number of noisy trucks hauling waste on our roads and saves resources by supplying its own landscape materials.

As you can imagine, there is plenty of green waste in Del Monte Forest. Numerous pine logs are stacked awaiting disposal. They are trees that PBC removed from its property because they were dead, diseased, cracked, and in danger of falling on the roadway or a dwelling.



Initially the logs were split to be used as firewood in the hotels' fireplaces. Now that wood burning fireplaces are no longer in use, there is an accumulation of logs. They must be disposed of in other ways. PBC has an agreement with a local tree service company to

cut and split wood to sell for residential use.

Another alternative is to simply burn the logs. PBC utilizes an air curtain burner to incinerate the logs. The machine is a recirculating incinerator that burns with superhot high efficiency. This technology quickly decimates the logs while producing minute amounts of smoke or waste.

Much of what we love about Del Monte Forest will end up in the recycling yard. Grass clippings from the golf courses, trimmings from the resorts' gardens including forestry and road gleanings, are transformed into compost or wood chips. No restaurant or equestrian waste is recycled in the yard because of requiring different storm water runoff controls.



Compost

Green waste is mechanically ground and a compost turner places the grindings in long "windrows" of what will become compost in about 14 weeks. The rows are allowed to simmer at about 140 degrees. If they cool down, more nitrogen rich grass clippings are added to the mix. Once the processing is complete the compost is suitable for use as soil amendment or a very light layer of mulch in the landscape. The wood chips are used for special events as well as general mulching. Overall, it is a complicated operation, and according to the PBC website, 2500 tons of material is recycled annually.

Del Monte Forest property owners may obtain compost and wood chips for their own use. There is no charge for the materials but the property owner is responsible for transportation from the recycle yard to the work site. Contact PBC Forestry Department (831-625-8414) in advance to ensure the desired material is available and someone will be there to assist you. To prevent the spread of pathogens do not remove the materials from the forest.



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DMFPO Semiannual Meeting

Sunday, October 24, 2021

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Inn at Spanish Bay

Postcard invitations with details will
be mailed in September

Coming in September!

Free Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event



Pebble Beach Community
Services District
Forest Lake/Lopez Roads

Visit the DMFPO website at <http://dmfpo.org> for local updates and information

Exciting new
DMFPO-hosted
"Sunday Seminars"
will begin again in
January 2022
with speakers
and topics to be
announced



Erratum

April - June 2021 Forest News:

- 1) Retract Pancakes with Lemon Marscapone recipe – incorrect ingredient measurements
- 2) Missing photo credits –



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The Henebrys, with Pebble Beach Company permission

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Pebble Beach Community Services District
Forest Lake and Lopez Roads, Pebble Beach

Thursday, October 7, 2021
9:00 a.m. to Noon

- Flu vaccine available to ages 3 and above
- High Dose (over age 65) - covered by Medicare
- Pneumonia (over age 65) – covered by Medicare

Medicare Part B billing available - flu & pneumonia
must present card at time of clinic



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Reserve Your Place via email: office@dmfpo.org
Sunday, August 29th
1:00 to 3:00 pm

*Participants will receive a certificate of completion that may be accepted by their auto insurance and result in a discounted premium.

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