

Saddleridge Property Owners Association

October 2006



# Saddle Bags

## **BOARD ELECTIONS UPCOMING**

The Saddleridge Board of Directors has set October 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. for the annual meeting to elect the board for 2006-2007. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse. At this meeting, you will have an opportunity to discover how the various committees function, as well as the future plans that are being considered for our neighborhood.

In this newsletter, you will find the biographical information of the candidates who have placed their names in nomination to serve on the board for the coming term. The official ballot is shown below.

For property owners who own more than one lot, please mark on your ballot your lot numbers, and return it with **one vote for each lot**. The board functions for all property owners. Please participate in this voting either by return mail by October 25, or by attending the meeting on October 28, 2006.

*Francis Savage, Jr. & Jim Beall  
Nominations Committee*

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### **BALLOT**

**Elect four:** Lot (s) # \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ Tom Bender   | 4. _____ Joe Williams  |
| 2. _____ Cecil Gibson | 5. _____ Lynn Williams |
| 3. _____ Ron Steele   | 6. _____ Write in      |

**DEADLINE: If mailing, please mail the ballot by October 25 , 2006 to:**

Saddleridge Property Owners Association  
P.O. Box 924  
Wimberley, TX 78676

## **BOARD CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉ'S**

### **TOM BENDER**

A Saddleridge resident since January, '06, Tom is married to Patricia and they have 6 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A native Texan born in Big Spring and raised in Nebraska, he spent 4 years in the Air Force as a weather observer. USAF sent him to Albuquerque and he stayed 15 years before getting back to Texas (El Paso and then Austin) and spent the next 40 years in and around the printing business. He's been a pressman, manager, owner and owner's husband at the company that Pat founded. After selling the company in Austin, he and Pat moved to Kennebunk, Maine where they remodeled a home for 3-1/2 years. Tom is a fine art photographer, a juried member of the Art Guild of the Kennebunks, a member of the Men's Cooking Club and Wimberley and the Wimberley Valley Art League.

- Past President, Albuquerque Club of Printing House Craftsmen
- Past President, Printing Industry Association of El Paso
- Past President, Printing Industry Association of Austin
- Former Board Member, State PIA Texas
- Past President, Newcomer's Club of the Kennebunks and Arundel

### **CECIL GIBSON**

Lee and I moved to Saddleridge in 1998 after I retired from NASA as a Manager in the Engineering Directorate. We are members of the Wimberley United Methodist Church, Wimberley Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Institute of Cultures and Hays County Sheriff's Association. We are fortunate to have three children and six grandchildren. My community service includes:

- 1999 - 2002      Chair, Saddleridge Architectural Control Committee
- 2002 - 2003      Commissioner, Wimberley Planning and Zoning
- 2003 - 2004      President, Saddleridge Property Owners Association
- 2005 - 2006      Methodist Church - Historian and Mother's Day Out Board
- 2005 - 2006      President, Saddleridge Property Owners Association

As a SPOA Board Member, I will be dedicated to completing new projects such as improving Saddleridge facilities and redesigning the subdivision entrances using Xeriscape and Rockscape concepts in support of water conservation. I will continue to maintain architectural control, financial responsibility and resident safety. Some tasks which have been solely supported by Property Owner volunteers in the past will have to be outsourced, resulting in a possible increase of the \$96 annual maintenance fee. This is partially due to the scope and complexity of managing the Association with increased homes and legal and subdivision documentation requirements.

### **RON STEEL**

Ron and his wife Molly live at 510 Canyon Gap. They have been property owners since 1997. They relocated to Wimberley from Baltimore, MD and moved in to their new Saddleridge home on May 1, 2006. Ron and Molly have 2 grown children that live in Oregon and Washington state. Ron worked as a Control and Automation Engineer for a Chemical company and retired on April 28, 2006. Molly is a retired Public School Librarian and a Professional Social Worker registered in Texas.

Ron and Molly have lived in Houston, TX.; Orange, TX; Lake Charles, LA; Sicily, Italy and Baltimore, MD. Ron is also a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer from the Naval Reserve. He is willing to be of service to the community as needed.

### **JOE WILLIAMS**

My wife Lynn and I have lived in Saddleridge since June, 2001. My career of almost 40 years has been in Information Technology in airlines and banking, including Vice President and Sr. Vice President positions at The Sabre Group (American Airlines) and Visa International (bank cards). I am currently IT Project Manager at Texas State University in San Marcos.

I served on the Saddleridge Board as Treasurer in 2004 and 2006. For the past 3 years, I have maintained and enhanced the Saddleridge website ([www.saddleridge.com](http://www.saddleridge.com)) and maintained the Saddleridge database. I also serve on the Wimberley Presbyterian Church Technology Sub-committee and have participate in Wimberley Habitat for Humanity projects for the past several years.

I would bring to the 2007 board, considerable knowledge of Saddleridge issues and opportunities over the past 3 years. I believe in working through the Board, Architectural Control Committee and other Saddleridge residents and property owners to maintain and enhance Saddleridge assets to ensure the best return on our investments, whether as cash assets or neighborhood maintenance and improvement opportunities.

## BOARD CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉ'S (CONTINUED)

### LYNN WILLIAMS

My husband Joe and I came to Wimberley in the spring of 2001 to build our home in Saddleridge. We love the area and are enjoying our neighbors in the subdivision.

I worked in management for 20 years at Ampex Corporation in Colorado Springs, CO. I chaired the Sunnyvale, Ca. Christian Women's Club for 4 years and served as Treasurer for the Mid-Cities Christian Women's Club in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for 3 years.

I currently serve on the Library Committee at Wimberley Presbyterian Church and I'm on the board for the Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity. I served with a group of Saddleridge residents in 2003-2004 to assure that the Saddleridge Business Park would have a positive impact on our subdivision. I'm very familiar with the Saddleridge treasurer's role and board responsibilities from working with my husband for several years as he served as treasurer

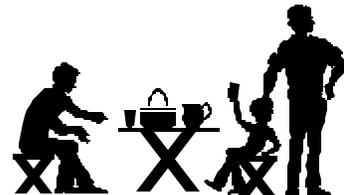
My experience working with people, my computer literacy and my personal interest in making Saddleridge the best place to live would enable me to be effective board member for the upcoming Saddleridge board.

## New Contact for Clubhouse

**A big THANKS to Karen Stewart for volunteering to take over as Chair of the Clubhouse Committee!  
Effective immediately, please contact her directly if you would like to reserve the clubhouse.**

The Clubhouse is **YOURS** to use. The fee is \$15.00 a day to cover increased utilities and insurance costs. A \$125 deposit is required and will be returned if you leave the clubhouse in a satisfactory condition.

Call **Karen Stewart** at  
**512-722-3133**  
or e-mail her at  
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to make reservations in advance.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to take a moment to summarize accomplishments of the Association this year. The CC&Rs and Bylaws were updated by the Board, approved by Property Owners and filed at Hays County. Some badly needed items were replaced at the Clubhouse, fire prevention materials were mailed to Owners, a new mowing contractor was hired, a maintenance contractor was hired, a Welcome To Saddleridge letter was sent to new Owners, a Summary of Deed Restrictions was mailed to all Owners, a Corporate Charter was obtained from the state, and a Firewise Award was received from the Texas Forest Service.

For some time, the Board has been investigating means for improving the Saddleridge and Packsaddle Entrances. This has been motivated by a need to conserve water, improve property values and accommodate the widening of RR12. For approximately 18 months, the Landscape Committee has met with TxDot, the Village of Wimberley and various landscape companies in the area. During a Landscape Committee Meeting on September 24, 2006, James Melton volunteered to obtain the names and costs of two contractors to provide design layouts for both entrances. He will provide this information at the Board Meeting on October 16, 2006.

**Cecil Gibson**



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**LET'S CONSERVE OUR WATER BY LYNN WILLIAMS**

Hot weather, no rain, major drought, and well problems in Saddleridge. Are you as worried about your water as we are? How much water per day are you using? If you have a water softener you can probably find a meter there that will tell you. We're using an average of about 40 to 45 gallons per person per day. That started me wondering where that water was going.

On August 18, 2006, I spent the day at a Water Conference at the Wimberley Community Center. The conference agenda listed groups from Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Groundwater Resources Division Texas Water Development Board, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, rainwater collection experts, and many others. It was comforting to know that others have shared my concerns and been working on them for years. One of the major points of the conference made by Dr. Kent Butler of UT was that we must start integrating our water usage from multiple sources like groundwater and rainwater. It became clear that we all share this precious resource and that the changes we must make are not short term but lifelong, especially in the Texas hill country.

As I said above, I was already curious where my water was going. After the Water Conference I started doing some research. Most of what I found came from the manuals we have for the appliances and fixtures in our home.

- Washing Machine** – 24 gallons for a small load, 40 gallons for a large load. I'm trying to combine smaller loads into single large loads.
- **Dishwasher** – 5.5 gallons. More hand washing of a few items rather than partial loads.
- **Whirlpool Tub** – 49 gallons (we've never used this anyway).
- **Low flush toilets** – 1.6 gallons per flush. If you've got an older toilet, replace it. Not long ago toilets used 5 or more gallons per flush.
- **Conventional Shower Head** – 7 to 10 gallons per minute. Low flow restrictors will cut that to 4 gallons per minute. I've starting taking "RV" showers (water on long enough to get wet, off to soap up, on again to rinse off).
- **Native landscaping** uses significantly less water than plants not native to this area.
- We've started researching **rainwater collection systems** to offset some of the well water usage, though we're still in the early stages.

I've come away with a new understanding of how connected we are to the same water source and my personal responsibility to conserve water usage. It's going to take us all being wise stewards, and working together, to save our aquifers.