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*President's Message*

The annual members' picnic was a great success! Over 75 members and their guests attended. The setting and weather were perfect. The food was tasty, and the people were fun. A pinata was a highlight for the children that attended. Evelyn Horner's group, the Siskiyou Players, entertained the picnickers with great music. Many thanks for Sylvia Crandall and Larry Warren for allowing us to have the picnic at Picnic Point, Evelyn Horner's group for the music and all the volunteers who planned, organized, set up and cleaned up. By the way, a narrow metal spatula was left behind at the picnic. Call Larie at 938-4288 to claim it.

*Suspicious Activity*

The HLA Board recently received an email report of an unfamiliar vehicle removing firewood from the Hammond Ranch area. Removal of firewood from private property without the owner's permission, even if the property is undeveloped, is against the law. The reported activity may or may not have been illicit, but residents are urged to keep an eye out for unusual activity. In another email a resident reported that two males in a van, strangers to the Ranch, were acting in a suspicious manner, perhaps even casing a home. Suspicious activity, of any type, should be reported to the Sheriff's office.

*Faster Wireless Internet Update*

Cal-Ore has informed us that they have all approvals and permits from the County and the funding from the federal government on their new tower. So, the only thing left to do is actually place the tower and electronics on the site and test it. That process is expected to begin in two weeks and completed in four to six weeks, maybe eight. At that time, they anticipate soliciting customers. Digital Path has informed us that they have upgraded their Herd Peak tower, however, the upgraded service is still not the quality that they prefer to offer so further testing and upgrades are in order. They do not have an estimated time of completion at this point.

*Announcement*

**Save the Date!** The annual members' meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5. An announcement and return form will be sent out to members in October.

*Dale Creek Road Fuel Break Update*

To date 45 of 50 acres or 90% have been completed. The remaining 10% are expected to be finished by the middle of September. Then Phase II will be immediately started, focusing on getting landowners in the project area (on Dogwood Drive, Hazelnut Lane, and upper Dale Creek Road) enrolled.

*Nick Dennis*

*West of Weed Fuel Reduction Update*

The current program is winding down. The overall goal of completing 75 acres of fuel reduction, primarily for evacuation safety, has been accomplished. This covered about 17 miles of the 48 miles of road in our community, including opening up an Alternative Emergency Evacuation route connecting Elderberry to Dale Creek Road near Shepherd's Way. We employed, at times, up to five local contractors under the grant. I am very proud of the results and especially glad to see that some residents have continued the process on to their properties. I would very much like to thank the residents that participated in this project. I would just like to remind folks that we are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful place, and it's up to us to do whatever we can to keep it this way. Fuel reduction, in my opinion, is so important to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, which is the biggest threat we face in this watershed. Every year lightning rolls off the Eddys, right down into our community, so it's only a matter of time that one sets a blaze. And with the winds we have, this could very quickly turn catastrophic. When the Deer Creek Fire burned over 20,000 acres in a matter of hours here in 1939, there were very few people or homes here. A wildfire like that now would likely burn several homes, so let's all do what we can to avoid this.

*Kelly Conner*

**Our Mission Statement:** To provide information, to assist in the coordination of group actions, to determine guidelines and make suggestions in matters relating to development and use of property on Hammond Ranch.

## Welcome Baskets

Kendra, Troy and Elliot Bainbridge (and Porter) had just moved into their brand new home on North Old Stage Rd. when a welcome basket with a complimentary membership to the Association was delivered to them on July 23rd. Little two-year-old Elliot was out playing in the dirt when Sally and Pam drove up. What more could a two-year-old boy want than a yard full of dirt and rocks!!

Their home was built by their neighbor and friend, Dan Towner, also a resident of Hammond Ranch. Much of the work was done by Troy and Kendra themselves with timber from their property. A lot of time and love went into this project. After a full day of work, Troy and Kendra spend their evenings on finish work at the house.

Troy is a physician's assistant at Mercy Hospital. His parents and one brother also live on the ranch. Kendra works for the Forest Service as a botanist. She does survey and plant ID in the field. Lately she has worked in the greenhouse for the Forest Service, as she is due to deliver a daughter, Fern, in October. She also works with the kids in the Youth Conservation Corp. Kendra's family live in Millville, East of Redding.



*Welcome to the Ranch!*

## Hammond Ranch Fire Engine Participated in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The Hammond Ranch Fire Company entered our new fire truck in this year's Mt. Shasta 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. It was driven by Captain Dave Conkle and friends.



**FIRE COMPANY**

From April to present The Fire Company has responded to 19 calls: 5 medicals, 6 cancels, 4 traffic collisions, 3 wildland and 1 structure fire.

Also during this time the volunteers have been training on wildland firefighting (since the weather has been nicer).

They did hose lays, drafting, water relays and fire shelter practice. They also took part in the county interagency drills in July, an annual event that lets them train with all the other county, state and federal agencies around here in situations like what would be found in the event of a big fire in the community. In addition, they have trained with Weed City and Mount Shasta Fire Protection Districts more recently to improve communication and become more familiar with each other's capabilities. The Hammond Ranch Fire Company has automatic aid agreements with both those departments, so the Company works with them on wildland and structure fires in our corresponding districts.

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."

Author: [John Ruskin](#)

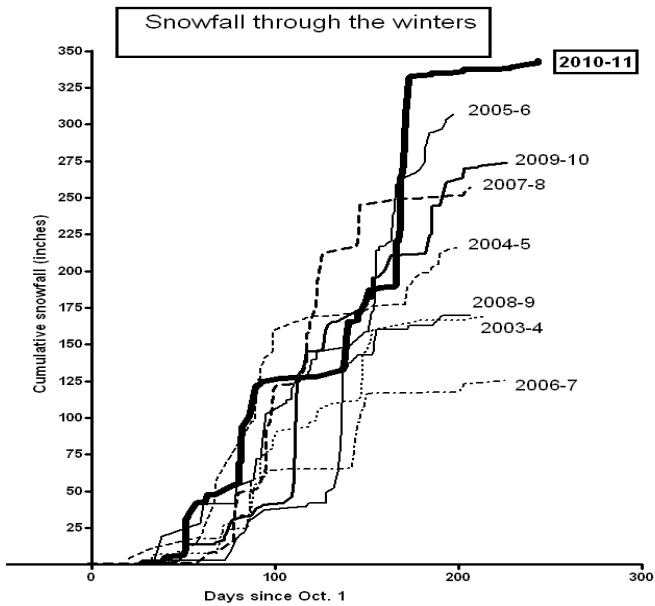
## Speed

A number of Ranch residents have complained about people driving too fast on our roads. From the comments, it appears that most complaints involve non-resident vehicles. If you are expecting guests or service people to visit you here, please ask them to respect the peace and quiet and the state of our roads and to drive the speed limit (which greatly reduces the dust as well).

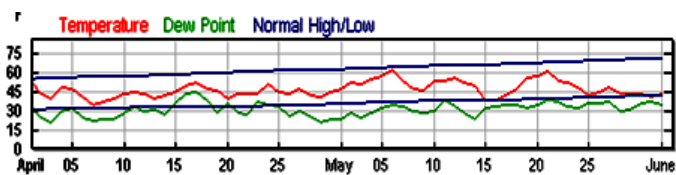


## Dan's Weather Report

The winter of 2010-11 kept going well into calendar spring, for longer than any winter in at least eight years. Snowfall (at least at 4200' elevation) did not end in time for the last HLA newsletter deadline in mid-April. An additional 2.5" fell in late April, an additional 4.6" in May (more than half of that in the last week of May) and, finally, an additional 1.2" on June 1. This gave a total for the whole winter of 342.2", easily taking first place since 2003-4. The persistence of cold precipitation was generated by a seemingly endless series of winter-like, strong low-pressure systems slowly drifting southward along the coast from the Gulf of Alaska.



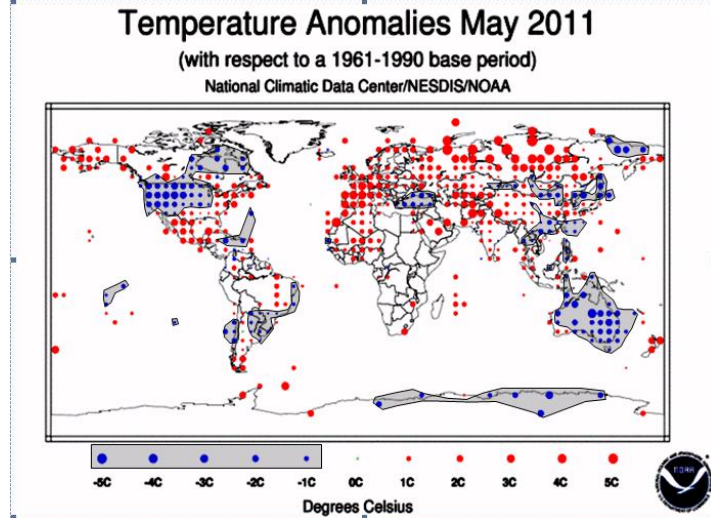
The temperature during the April 1 to June 1 period was below normal, particularly during the last week of May in which the average temperature was close to what would be normal for the end of March. In fact, temperatures generally got colder as May progressed.



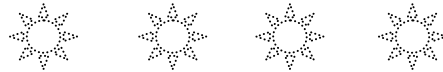
"Whether the weather be fine, Whether the weather be not, Whether the weather be cold, Whether the weather be hot, We'll weather the weather, Whatever the weather, whether we like it or not"

Author: [Anonymous](#)

Of course, the natural first reaction to all of this might be "So much for global warming!" However, a look at the global picture for May 2011 reveals a very different story. Most places were far warmer than normal; the northwestern US (and most of Australia) were the main exceptions. In the map below, the size of the dots represents the deviation from normal; dots in shaded areas are *below* normal, and dots in unshaded areas are *above* normal.



Global warming, according to climate models, is not expected to be the same everywhere because trapping of heat by greenhouse gases will cause the overall jetstream pattern to shift. So, while the average temperature over the globe will climb (as it already has in recent decades), some areas may become temporarily cooler and extreme events (hotter or colder or drier or wetter) will become more common on the local scale.



Did you see the cranes this year? They had two chicks and are feeding in the meadow every day. If you watch very quietly, you may catch a glimpse of them.

Picnic Fun!



### 2011 Board Members

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The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, CA 96067, or via email at [hla@hammondlandowners.org](mailto:hla@hammondlandowners.org).

### Calendar

HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. The location is available on the website or from any Board member.

HLA Members' Annual Meeting and Luncheon – Saturday, November 5, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Shasta Resort Highland Room.

HLA Annual Members' Picnic – Saturday after 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2011.

Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm.

Weed Planning Commission – First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Weed.

### Ranch Service Providers

A listing has been compiled of those available for hire with heavy equipment to provide services to the Ranch, including snow removal. You will find it by going to the website on the News and Events page: [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org).



### Moving?

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