

Can You Create a Neologism For Berryessa?

Neologism is defined as a new word or a new use for an old word, or the act of making up new words. Neologisms remind us that language is not something set in stone, but an evolving body of work. As new things are invented, as slang becomes acceptable, and as new technologies emerge, new words must fill in the gaps in language. Using neologisms, or inventing words, is a difficult task. It requires creativity and a willingness to consider defining something that has never been defined before.

Askhole: someone who asks many stupid, pointless or obnoxious questions.

Coffee: the person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted: appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate: to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade: to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Negligent: condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Lymph: to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle: gross olive flavored mouthwash.

Flatulance: emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash: a rapidly receding hairline.

Sarcasm: gulf between an author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Rectitude: the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokemon: a Rastafarian proctologist.

Chairobe: art of piling clothes on a chair to be used in place of a closet or dresser.

Cellfish: An individual who talks on his or her cell phone even when doing so is rude or inconsiderate of other people.

Destinesia: The moment when you get to where you were intending to go, you forget why you were going there in the first place.

Errorist: Someone who repeatedly makes mistakes or is always wrong.

Hiberdating: time a person ignores their friends in favour of a boyfriend/girlfriend.

Sharenting: using social media excessively to share information about one's children.

Bashtag: used to make critical/abusive comments on social networks.

Binge thinking: massive burst of brain activity, mostly useless, in one sitting.

Beerboarding: A controversial process of extracting otherwise-secret information from a friend or co-worker by getting them drunk.

Textpectation: anticipation one feels when waiting for a response to a text message.

Epiphanot: an idea that seems like an amazing insight to the conceiver but is in fact pointless, mubdane, stupid or incorrect.

Nerdjacking: filling a conversation with unnecessary detail about one's passion to an otherwise uninitiated, uninterested layperson.

Unlightening: learning something that makes you dumber.

Afterclap: the last person who claps after everyone else has stopped.

The Lake Berryessa News

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January, 2017

Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?

by Peter Kilkus

Looking back on 2016 at Lake Berryessa one might think that nothing much happened. But a year is a long time, and 2016 did have some momentous events for the lake community. In 2015, after a year of economic analysis and community outreach, the Bureau of Reclamation released a detailed Bid Prospectus in another attempt to solicit recreation companies to reopen the closed recreation areas. Hopes were high, but Reclamation announced that no successful bids were received in response to the latest Prospectus (the third failed bid process since 2006).

In March, 2016 the Lake Berryessa News headline read: A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County. For several months the case was made by the Lake Berryessa News and supported by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and the majority of the Lake Berryessa community.

Both Napa County and Reclamation responded positively (although hesitantly) to this proposal. On April 5, 2016, the Board authorized staff to engage in discussions with Reclamation and the Department of the Interior (DOI) regarding the future of the concession areas of Lake Berryessa.

By May 15, 2016 the proposal was getting some traction and the Lake Berryessa News headline read: "A Path Forward To Revitalize Lake Berryessa: Fire The Feds!" I wrote at the time, "We need a revolutionary strategy to stop the death spiral at Lake Berryessa. The fifteen year failure of the Bureau of Reclamation is not based on simple ineptness, often complex ineptness is involved.

But the failure is actually based more on a fatally-flawed policy at the federal

level which treats Lake Berryessa as just another "lake in the country" to be dealt with as any other federal rural holding - independent of context. Lake Berryessa is not another "lake in the country". It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted."

The Lake Berryessa News, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and local residents then strongly promoted a new strategy - have Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas under a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation. The headline on June 1 was even more aggressive: "Open Letter to the Federal Government: Get Out of Lake Berryessa!" The Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County were listening.

On June 7, 2016, the County entered into an agreement with Perkins Coie for specialized legal advisory services on federal statutory and regulatory law as it pertains to concessions management.

On June 21, 2016, the Board directed staff to enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner Agreement between the County and Reclamation. Under a Managing Partner Agreement, the responsibility to develop and manage public recreation areas would be transferred to Napa County.

At the December 6th Board of Supervisors meeting the supervisors accepted a recommendation to move forward with this strategy by providing direction to staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty for its knowledge and experience in developing hotels, resorts and other recreational opportunities worldwide.

Under this agreement, Ragatz Sedgwick Realty will assist the County in identifying interested concession

partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best use of each site. The County's intent is to market Lake Berryessa and seek interest in the opportunities that exist. The goal is to create a short list of interested parties that are viable and have interest and ideas that can fit within the Visitor Services Plan.

If Ragatz Sedgwick is successful in identifying interest, the County and Reclamation will move forward with negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and creating a formal Request for Proposal process to select a concessionaire.

The Ragatz Sedgwick team will be in Napa County during the week of January 9-13, 2017 to begin their research. They will meet with the Bureau of Reclamation as well as other interested parties such as the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, Visit Napa Valley members, and others.

Ragatz Sedgwick Realty (www.ragatzsedgwick.com) is an international commercial brokerage firm focused exclusively on the resort real estate industry. Ragatz Associates, has offered consulting services to the resort real estate industry for 40 years. The firm has conducted more than 2,500 assignments in 48 states and more than 70 countries. Clients include practically every significant development and financial institution in the industry on a global basis.

The goal is to move as quickly as possible in tandem with other discussions. Hopefully, within two to three months, they'll have an idea as to how great the interest is and how quickly the process can move forward. And maybe this actually will Lake Berryessa's lucky year!



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I dream of a world where truth is what shapes politics, rather than politics shaping what people think is true.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson

Acquiring extreme wealth does not require greed, but accumulating extreme wealth does seem to engender it, or at least an unjustified sense of moral superiority.

Life - It's simple. Manipulation through ideological doctrine.

Ivan Borz

Provocation through prevarication

Various

Is it progress if a cannibal uses a fork?

Polish poet Stanislaw Lec

Why do we care about what happens to the earth, to our children, after we die? Will we come back as spirits to enjoy it like a big three-dimensional virtual reality game?

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2 \$117 Fire Prevention Fee Being Put to Work All Over Eastern Napa County

An additional fire engine is staffed and on duty in Napa County this winter, and it has a specific purpose. Fire prevention. In recent years the CAL Fire budgets have been used up, and then some, during their busier than usual summer fire seasons, making winter prevention work almost impossible to budget. Now, due to the fee paid by all residents who live in the State Responsibility Area, there are funds designated specifically for wildfire prevention in rural areas.

Starting back in November, 2016, the 3 to 4 person engine has been bouncing around from the Berryessa Highlands, to Circle Oaks, to Berryessa Estates, and several other communities, helping with various fire safety projects. The projects are often coordinated by volunteers with local Fire Safe Councils, and they use prison crew labor to do what they do best - cutting and piling the bulky brush material.

The partnership has already resulted in the clearing of several acres of strategic fire breaks around these communities, making Napa County residents safer one day at a time. For info on how to help your home survive a wildfire, please visit www.readyforwildfire.org



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Why, Why, Why,

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there isn't enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?



Ten Years Ago in the Lake Berryessa News: January 2007

Berryessa For All Vows to Carry the Fight to the BOR!

More than 150 enthusiastically angry people gathered last week to hear the legal strategy developed by Berryessa For All (BFA) to fight the Bureau of Reclamation's flawed Record of Decision for the future of Lake Berryessa. BFA contends that the BOR has violated and continues to violate the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), and federal law.

BFA will ask the federal court to declare that the BOR withdraw and set aside any proposed action pursuant to the BOR's VSP ROD and the Final EIS for Lake Berryessa until and unless such time as the BOR demonstrates to the Court that it has complied with the NEPA, the APA, and federal law.

BFA is a non-profit organization consisting of approximately 1,000 members and supporters with common and community interests as longterm permittees/stakeholders at the seven lake resorts BFA's primary focus and overall mission includes the preservation of the public's family-oriented recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa. BFA is committed to protecting equal recreation opportunities and community interests for all segments of the public at Lake Berryessa. Eviction notices have already been sent to Berryessa Marina permittees and will soon be sent to Rancho Monticello permittees.

What Does the Bureau of Reclamation Do At Lake Berryessa for \$3,845,000?

Some people still think the BOR makes a lot of money from the local resorts. That's not true. The federal government gets a 3% concession fee on the resorts' gross revenues. Since the total gross revenue of ALL the resorts together is less than \$15 million per year, the government actually gets less than \$400,000 annually. That money goes directly into the US Treasury - not to the BOR.

The Lake Berryessa Office of the BOR then has to fight the Washington budget battles to get its share for managing the lake. That budget has decreased yearly. Their 2007 request is for \$3,845,000, down from the 2006 budget of \$4,135,000. So where does the money go? The following is gleaned from the latest budget request for 2007:

Water and Energy Management and Development (\$93,000)

Land Management and Development (\$1,061,000)

Fish and Wildlife Management and Development (\$133,000)

Facility Operations (\$1,725,000) - Continues ongoing infrastructure support, renewal of service contracts; routine operation and maintenance of the Lake Berryessa recreation facilities; and management oversight of Monticello Dam, Putah Diversion Dam, Putah South Canal, and Terminal Dam and Reservoir.

Removal of Trailers and Shoreline Structures (\$300,000): Continues removal of abandoned trailers, structures and other public health and safety hazards.

January Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): By this time next year, you'll be 400,000 dollars richer, two cars the better, and just as gullible as you are now.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your future as a songwriter ends almost before it begins when you find that someone has already compared the depth, power, and beauty of their love to an ocean.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll continue to grow as a human being this week, much to the relief of all those geneticists.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Turns out it's not your relationship with your father that's been eating you up inside, but rather a three-foot long parasite lodged directly below your kidney.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): Due to its high incidence of hijinx, tomfoolery, and puns, you'll finally decide to stop answering doors during knock-knock jokes.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) Every day on Earth is like a beautiful gift from God, which is thoughtful and all, but you'd probably prefer something you can actually use.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Juggling three young children isn't easy for any mother, but then, that's why you start with tennis balls and bowling pins first.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Nothing will be what it seems this week, especially breakfast sausages.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You said you'd never forget all the little people who helped you along the way, but since becoming rich and famous you haven't thought about those midgets once.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You'll balloon up to triple your weight after several months spent following a diet-book typo that told you to eat 16,000 calories a day.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The human mind is a thing of startling beauty. Unfortunately yours is mostly filled with old phone numbers and minor celebrity trivia.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Nobody knows the troubles you've seen. Remind them of this fact at every possible opportunity.

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Although I’ve been doing a lot of computer-based social media work with the Lake Berryessa News web site, the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page, my email newsletter and tweeting (I need to be ready if I ever become POTUS), friends just introduced me to a radical new form of social media. It’s been dubbed FFEEME and is being practiced by the Sons In Retirement. The FFEEME acronym stands for Face-to-Face, Eyeball-to-Eyeball, Mouth-to-Ear, a form of social media that transcends computers, keyboards, and digital transmission formats.

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of its members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. The only requirement is that you actually physically have to meet people, talk to them face to face, and do things with them.

A few retired friends up here at Lake Berryessa recently decided I wasn’t having enough fun on a regular basis so invited me to consider the Sons In Retirement. I was actually invited by the Big Sir himself - quite an honor! My first luncheon meeting at the Napa Elks Lodge on Soscol (great facility) this week was very enjoyable and I intend to join.

SIR has monthly luncheons with interesting speakers and good fellowship. Additionally, their members have lots of fun doing a variety of other activities such as golf, fishing, bowling, card games and computers. Many activities like travel, dining, picnics, and holiday parties include their ladies and guests.



They don't raise money. They don't have a political agenda. They don't have a religious orientation. They don't sell light bulbs or anything else. They don't have a problem with organizations that do these things, its just that they don't. You've paid your dues to the working world - it's time to enjoy life.

Are you retired or semi-retired and want to make new friends, participate in fun activities and better enjoy your leisure time? SIR Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion.

The leader of a Sir Branch is designated Big Sir. His assistant is Little SIR. I assume the members are the Yes SIRs (or maybe I just made that one up.). Check out their web site: www.sirinc.org/.

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2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
6. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
7. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!
10. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
15. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about
16. Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. Oliver's Law of Public Speaking -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!!!
18. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it, OR the store will stop selling it!!
19. Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Lake Berryessa Senior Center

Join the fun. You don’t have to be a “senior” to join the organization. Dues are just \$25 a year and you only have to be 50 to be an official member. The Senior Center is a self-supporting non-profit organization. They have regular events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, the annual Crab Feed, summer bbqs, and various fundraisers.

Bingo is at 1:00PM until 4:00PM every Monday afternoon.

Saturday, January 21, 2017:

Soup, Stew, Chili Potluck. 5:30 PM Social, 6:30 PM dinner.

Bring your crock pot and share your best. Cornbread and rolls will be supplied.

Saturday, February 18, 2017: Annual Crab Feed. Traditionally one of the biggest social events at Lake Berryessa. Not to be missed. Details to come.

The Center is available to rent for special occasions. There is a minimal charge and a cleaning deposit. Call for details: 966-0206, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

Dear Chamber Members and Potential Chamber Members,

Thanks for your support during the last year. Significant progress has been made towards having Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas. The Chamber has had a major influence in making this happen. And we are continuing to work with the County and their consultants. Hopefully 2017 will see continued progress and a final resolution.

The Chamber’s tourist information program includes our partnership with Visit Napa Valley including our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Visit Napa Valley website: www.visitnapavalley.com. Our own page is at: www.visitnapavalley.com/lake_berryessa.htm.

Our partnership with Visit Napa Valley also guarantees that Lake Berryessa is featured in the Napa Valley Guidebook, which is distributed nationwide and can be viewed online by potential visitors at: https://issuu.com/visitnapavalley/docs/nvg_2016xx

The Chamber will also continually promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses in the Lake Berryessa News and on the Chamber web page on the Lake Berryessa News web site: www.lakeberryessanews.com/chamber-of-commerce.

You do not have to be a business owner to become a member. Anyone who wants to help improve our local community is welcome, and encouraged, to join.

Simply send your contact information and a check for \$25 made payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock.

Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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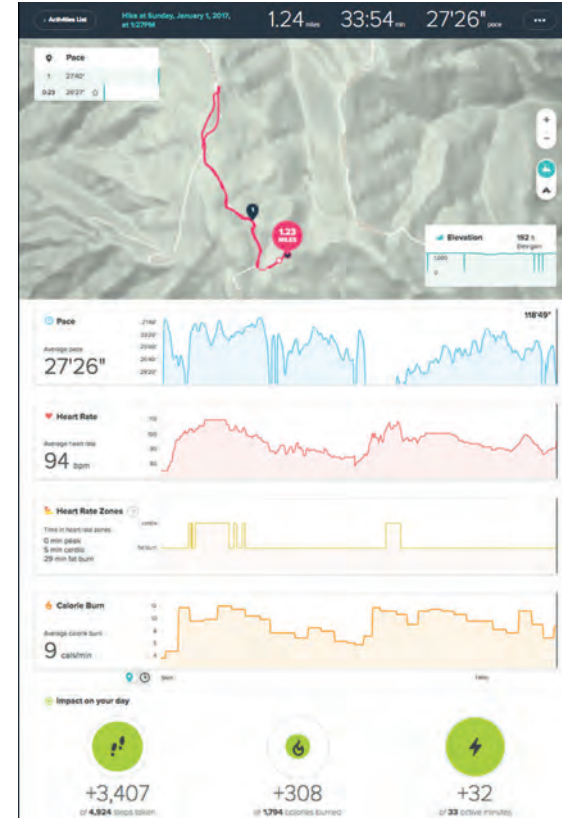
Time for some righteous New Year's resolutions for 2017! Lose that 10 pounds you gained from Thanksgiving through Christmas. The New Year's Eve party will be the last hurrah. I sincerely promise I'll start Monday.

High-tech exercise incentive devices have been around for years, but they've recently become big business. I hike a lot, but I also relax a lot on my deck. Somehow the relaxing, as most of you know, (and the wine-bread-book combination) overwhelms the exercise. Input vs. output then simply equals a bigger you. Thanks to a Christmas present from my son, he, my doctor, and my friends (and I) may be able to worry less about my weight and health.

The Christmas present was a Fitbit Charge 2 which supposedly "Makes every beat count with the all-new heart rate and fitness wristband built for all-day, workouts and beyond.."

Encouraging people to maintain healthy habits is a challenge that pre-dates technology. Fitness trackers allow people to track progress in the form of short-term goals (such as number of steps walked per day) before they reach some longer, more difficult goals (such as weight loss).

But will we become a Fitbit nation or continue down a path toward nationwide obesity? We probably need a few more years to find out.



From my own experience since Christmas, the Fitbit can inspire you to exercise more to meet your daily goals (the default is 10,000 steps per day, but you can change that amount if you choose). I really like the ability to track my hikes using GPS and Google Maps. I can see my heart rate increase and calorie burn as I climb up and down the hills of Lake Berryessa.

A recent study of how technology can motivate people to increase fitness suggests that some features of the Fitbit may be more motivating than others. Reasonable goal-setting was critical to engagement. Participants who received reminders to exercise reported being more likely to follow through, but the reminders had to be specific to the individual's goals.

Losing, gaining or maintaining weight is about math: calories in vs. out. By measuring how hard your heart is working you get a better measure of total calories burned.

But here's the rub. As anyone who has worked out in a gym knows, it takes a lot of exercise to burn what seems to be only a few calories. This can be demotivating in the extreme. From the chart below, I see that I only burned 308 calories in a 1.2 mile strenuous hike in the hills. A similar hike 3.5 mile, hour and a half hike in some steep terrain the day before only burned 867 calories.

The calorie chart below shows how easy it is to put that right back on with a few favorite food or drinks. The moral of the story is that to lose weight you must exercise, but you must also stop eating!

Item	Oty	Calories	
Apple	1	80	Olive oil 1 tbsp 120
Banana	1	115	Mayo 1 tbsp 90
Potato	1 med	220	Sugar 1 tsp 16
Onion	1c	54	Peanut butter 1 tbsp 65
Tomato	1	35	Bagel 1 250
Lettuce	1 head	60	Bread 1 loaf 1,000
Broccoli	1c	40	Pizza 12" 1 slice 275
Olives, sm can	110		MacD burger 255
Brown rice 1c	200		MacD fries sm 220
Egg	1	70	Burrito 1 466
Cheese - 1 oz	100		Pretzel, soft 1 180
Yogurt	1	240	Granola bar 1 120
Chicken breast 1 oz.	60		Popcorn 1 cup 60
Fish, white 1 oz	40		Pasta 4 oz 400
Salmon 1 oz	52		Wine 1c 160
Steak, lean 1 oz	58		Wine, bottle 512
Shrimp (1 cup)	60		Beer, 12 oz 146
Pork 1 oz	44		Alcohol, all, 1 oz 70
Margarine 1 tbsp	90		Milk, skim 8 oz 130
			Cream 2 tbsp 35

Lake Berryessa Rainfall and Lake Level History

January 2017 has started off well, but a lot more rain is needed to raise the lake level significantly. The lake rises, on average, about 7 inches per inch of rain. The level is now at about 405 feet, 35 feet to go to fill up. This means we still need about 60 inches more rain this year. Most people would be satisfied if the lake goes up 25 more feet - needing only about 42 more inches!

First Rain	Total By 1/1	Season Total	Lowest Lake Level	Level Below Glory Hole
	10.77"	46.26"	425.4'	-14.6'
11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"	431.1'	-8.9'
10/30/99	6.5"	26"	427.0'	-13.0'
10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"	427.1'	-12.9'
10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"	420.4'	-19.6'
11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"	421.5'	-18.5'
10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"	429.5'	-10.5'
10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"	426.8'	-13.2'
9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"	431.0'	-9.0'
10/3/06	5.36"	12.7"	430.5'	-9.5'
9/19/07	4.48"	25.32"	419.1'	-20.9'
10/3/08	6.6"	23.96"	406.9'	-33.1'
9/13/09	6.5"	26.41"	412.5'	-27.5'
10/17/10	12.62"	37.92"	425.5'	-14.5'
9/25/11	3.04"	19.56"	418.86'	-21.4'
10/22/12	17.97"	20.65"	414.43'	-25.57'
9/21/13	1.88"	13.69"	409.77'	-30.23'
9/18/14	13.34"	19.56"	400.53'	-39.47'
10/2/15	6.23"	24.57"	395.8'	-44.2'
10/3/16	9.51"			

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

Jokes about unemployed people are not funny. They just don't work.

Lake Level Status: 1/3/17

Happy New Year from a rising (about 2 inches in the last 2 days) Lake Berryessa. The latest rainfall (more than 2 inches) has not yet affected lake levels significantly.

The lake level is at 403.9 feet - 36.1 feet below Glory Hole - up 4.2 feet since Dec. 1. About a foot or so more rise to re-open the Capell launch ramp.

The level has risen 5.3 feet since its low of 398.6 feet on 10/23/16.

At the present level, Lake Berryessa holds 934,188 acre-feet of water - 58.4% of its 1,600,000 A-F capacity.

The lake level at this time last year was 396.2 feet, 7.7 feet lower than today.

Rainfall total (as of 1/4/17) is 10.94 inches, 4.7 inches more than last year at this time.

Lake Berryessa's Dufer Point Visitor Center Invites You to be Wild About Wetlands

The Bureau of Reclamation announces a new exhibit at Lake Berryessa's Dufer Point Visitor Center. Wild About Wetlands is an exhibit on loan from, and developed by, the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael, California.

The exhibit shows the importance of wetlands in filtering water and providing a location for habitat and recreation. In addition to several exhibit panels, the loan includes interactive children's games to occupy visitors who are young or young-at-heart.

The exhibit will remain on display at Lake Berryessa until September 2017.

The Dufer Point Visitor Center is currently open from 12 to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, except for Christmas Day.

The Visitor Center is located at 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa CA 94558.

Park Rangers are available at the Visitor Center to answer questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available free of charge.

Please contact the Park Rangers at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 for more information about park exhibits, events and programs.

