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Tahoe Sands Resort is a jewel in the crown of Lake Tahoe. It stands at the north-most point of the lake in Tahoe Vista, California. The Resort commands a magnificent view of the lake. It also has an expansive recreational lawn area, and it has a 380 foot (!) private sand beach, which is one of the best beaches on the lake.

Tahoe Sands Resort is a timeshare facility, which is governed by an association that is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the common property within the development.



A satellite view and map of Tahoe Sands Resort. The Resort has three areas, one on the lake side of North Lake Boulevard (California State Route 28) and two on the woods side.

Tahoe Sands Resort occupies more than 7 acres total, including 3 acres of lawn for recreational activities. The Resort is composed of three areas: one on the lake side of North Lake Boulevard (California State Route 28) and two on the woods side.

The lake side of the Resort has two types of accommodations: cabins and a two-story building, which is often called the “lanai building”. The woods side of the Resort has a variety of cabins.

Tahoe Sands Resort was formerly Silver Sands Resort, which was basically a motel. Over a two year period, from 1978 to 1980, it was converted from a motel to a timeshare facility.

In that process, the property was extensively remodeled. The remodeling was done by two local, Lake Tahoe families: Bob & Judy Bernards and John & Mitra Huntley. Both families included children who attended the local schools.

The remodeling was done with love and care. For example, the original knotty pine in the cabins was carefully preserved; a beautiful, solid copper hood was installed over a free-standing fireplace in Cabin A (now Unit 311); there was a home-made, cement ping pong table with the handprints of the children embedded in its surface; and custom keys were designed and made for the Resort.





All of this was done without sacrificing the rustic nature of the facility, as the following picture of Cabin A will attest.



The first sales of timeshare units occurred in the summer of 1980.

Reno Gazette-Journal (Reno, Nevada) • 08 Aug 1980, Fri • Page 71

Grand Opening!

Tahoe Sands Resorts



Lake Tahoe's New Lakeside Timeshare Resort.

From where we sit, right on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe, there just isn't a more practical or scenic way to vacation

Prices start at \$2,990 per timeshare week with studios, one bedroom and two bedroom units available. Tahoe Sands Resorts timeshare vacations are for 30 years with an optional membership in a world-wide exchange network. Financing is available

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Tahoe Sands Resorts sales advertisement from August of 1980

By the fall of 1981 (about 18 months after sales had begun), there were sufficient owners to form an owners association. Thus, on October 21, 1981, the Tahoe Sands Time Share Owners Association (TSTSOA) was incorporated in the state of California. The Association is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the common property within the development.

Note. When all the units are available, the development consists of 61 condominium units [3111 timeshare intervals (61 units x 51 weeks per unit)]. When the first sales were conducted in 1980, there were many fewer than this number of timeshare intervals available. It took several years to achieve this full number because it took that long to remodel the units from motel to timeshare use. The number of units still varies because not all units are available all the time. For example in 2019, units 509 and 511 through 515 were out of service because of a fire.

Managers and Management Companies

Policies for Tahoe Sands Resort are established by the Tahoe Sands Time Share Owners Association. However, generally the day-to-day operation of the Resort has been handled by managers and/or management companies.

Below is a chronology of those managers and management companies from 1980 to the present (2020):

1980 to 1985: Bernards and Huntley with Craig and Lynn Rothen as managers:

From the "Tahoe Sands Times", Spring Edition, April 1982:

Tahoe Sands Resort is owned by Bob & Judy Bernards and John & Mitra Huntley. Both owners live in Tahoe Vista and have children who attend the local schools. Bob, a local contractor, has resided with his family in North Lake Tahoe since 1968. John, formerly with IBM, relocated to Lake Tahoe in 1977 where he has established his home. The Bernards and Huntleys are actively involved with the development and remodeling of the Tahoe Sands Time Share units.

Craig & Lynn Rothen manage and operate the resort. Both have had extensive training in the resort industry. Craig, formerly with Doubletree Inn at Monterey, worked at North Lake Tahoe during the '70s as a Loan Officer with Wells Fargo Bank and then with Moana Development at their different condominium projects: Tahoe Tavern, Tahoe Marina Lodge, and Chinquapin. Lynn has worked for the Hilton in Monterey and Western International at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix from 1974 to 1980. With the inception of the Tahoe Sands Resort in 1980, the Rothens moved to Lake Tahoe.

January 1985 to December 1985: Bernards and Huntley with Bernards and Huntley as managers:

From the "Tahoe Sands Times", Spring Edition, February 1985:

With the coming of the new year, so comes change. With the imminent sale of the resort, Craig Rothen transferred employment to Scottsdale, Arizona in mid-December where he is now affiliated with the Sheraton. Lynn who remained on to train and close off the year will leave January 31 and join Craig in Phoenix. Both Craig and Lynn wanted to extend to all of you a warm farewell and express their sincere gratitude for all the friendships, helpfulness and cooperation which you all extended to them the last five years. They will miss the Lake and the Tahoe Sands which they will always remember with fond thoughts. In the interim the Bernards and Huntleys will be managing the resort. For questions dealing with reservations and Maintenance Fees, consult Mitra Huntley; John Huntley will answer your questions concerning monthly payments; and Judy Bernards will be able to help you book your Bonus Time. Leann and Bob are still at the Front Desk and can also assist you.

December 1985 to March 1991: Ghandour Family (Tahoe Sands Enterprises):

From the "Tahoe Sands Times", Winter Edition, December 1985:

1985 can be characterized as a year of "transition" at the Resort. Craig and Lynn Rothen, former managers, left for new horizons and new employment in Scottsdale, Arizona. With the imminent transfer of the Resort and its final sale, the Bernards and Huntleys have left for Fairfield, Iowa, where they will be starting their new lives. We at the Tahoe Sands Resorts want to wish all of them the best of success in their new endeavors and extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation, especially to the Huntleys and Bernards, for their continued efforts and dedication to the Resort during their ownership. On behalf of all the members of the Association, we extend to them our gratitude and affection.

At the same time, we want to extend our welcome to George Dillemath who has been the Manager at the Resort since last March and thank him for all the work and dedication he has put into the Resort. Joining us upon the transfer of ownership of the Resort will be the Ghandour family, Anna, Ed, Tamara, and Naomi. We also wish to extend to them a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful stay at the Resort.

And continuing:

If you recall, the last issue of the Tahoe Sands Times alluded to the imminent sale of the Resort. At last we are happy to announce that the sale is in its final phase, with possession transferring by Christmas time. The new Owners and Developers are the Ghandour family who have come to Tahoe from Piedmont in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ed will be involved directly in the further development, conversion, and operation of the Resort, including the marketing of new timeshare units. Anna, his wife, will be working in the Resort assisting in all areas of administration and operation.

Ed, Anna and their two daughters have come to the Resort because of their love of this "mountain paradise, an unspoiled paradise and a legend" and are intent on completing the sales efforts of the remaining units of the Resort.

After George Dillemath's departure (date unknown) to the summer of 1990, Joe and Lila Carrabus were the managers of the Resort reporting to Tahoe Sands Enterprises. Joanne Kerschner became the Manager of the Resort in the summer of 1990 also reporting to Tahoe Sands Enterprises.

March 1991 to September 1993: Glen Ivy Management Company:

From the "Glen Ivy News Share", Volume 1—Issue No. 1, 1991:

Welcome to the Glen Ivy Family!

Dear Owners at Tahoe Sands

Please allow us to introduce ourselves. We're Glen Ivey Management Company . . . Glen Ivey is America's largest developer, marketer, and manager of fine timeshare resorts . . .

Glenn Taylor became the Resort General Manager in March 1991, when Glen Ivey became the management company. He was followed by Matt Brennan, who assumed the position in August 1992.

In September 1993, Glen Ivey went bankrupt.

September 1993 to January 1997: RCI Management (by acquisition of Glen Ivy):

From "News Share", Winter 1993

Resort Condominiums International, Inc. (RCI) has completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Glen Ivy Management Company, Inc. (GIMC). RCI Management, Inc. (RCIM), a commonly controlled affiliate of RCI, began operations effective September 1, 1993.

RCIM will provide day-to-day hospitality, reservation and financial services to the 16 timeshare resorts located in Hawaii, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Texas, previously managed by GIMC, from GIMC's former offices in Corona, California. RCIM's corporate office is located at RCI's world headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Christel DeHaan, President and CEO of RCI, has pledged a personal commitment to quality and service excellence, to maintaining the high standards of RCI affiliated resorts, and to improving the existing resort network. Ms. DeHaan has committed to supporting the efforts of the RCIM team with the strength of RCI's resources.

It has been over a year now that the journey towards acquisition by a new company began. Today, we are proud to announce that we are RCI Management, Inc. The employees of RCIM are grateful for your patience. Part of our "Thank You" will be to bring you news of exciting progress, both at the resort and corporate levels, as the months unfold. Look for the official announcement of the close of the sale which will be mailed to you.

When RCI Management assumed the responsibilities for the Resort in the fall of 1993, Matt Brennan continued as Resort Manager, with Randy Russell as Director of Operations. Peter McNamee became the Resort General Manager in November 1993.

January 1997 to April 1998: Sierra Pacific Hotels and Resorts, Inc.:

From the addendum, "We're in high gear!" to the Tahoe Sands Newsletter, February 3, 1997:

Sierra Pacific Hotels & Resorts, Inc. is now in full charge of Tahoe Sands as our new Management Company.

I felt this would be a prime opportunity to welcome them and to bring you up to date on over five years of difficult times. Seven years ago Glen Ivy was given the Tahoe Sands Sales and Management responsibilities at our resort by the then current developer, Tahoe Sands Enterprises. Glen Ivy oversold the intervals available, was shut down by the Real Estate Commission and filed bankruptcy, leaving the bankruptcy trustee to sort out true ownership of those Glen Ivy sales. RCIM was created and took over management of Tahoe Sands. About 500 additional developer intervals were never sold and some owners are not keeping their dues current. This number of bankrupt, developer, and owner intervals not paying dues has taken a heavy toll on the resources available to maintain the resort in the top quality condition it deserves. Realize that of the 3111 intervals at the resort almost 1200 are not paying assessments; that relates to 2/3 have been paying all the bills.

After extensively evaluating costs and benefits of several management proposals, including one from RCIM, the board awarded the management and sales contract to Sierra Pacific Hotels and Resorts under President David Blanz. In addition to management and maintenance, Sierra Pacific will work with our legal counsel to foreclose on unsold and non-dues paying interval owners, which can then be resold to generate the revenue necessary for a systematic unit by unit upgrade of the entire resort. This Board also plans to implement new, far-reaching owner programs once the upgrade of units is completed. The Board of Directors believes this move will turn the property around and preserve our owners' investment in Tahoe Sands.

April 1998 to September 1998: TSTSOA Board of Directors:

From “Tahoe Sands Newsletter”, Volume 1, Issue 1, June 1, 1998:

As of April 1998, the Board of Directors has assumed responsibility for the management of the Tahoe Sands Resort following the untimely passing of Sierra Pacific Hotels and Resorts, Inc.'s president David Blanz. Resort Manager, David Dillard, is working closely with the Board, under the guidance of homeowners Michael Hansen and Jeff Rose [of North Shores Resort Realty, Inc.].

Under this new organizational arrangement, TSTSOA became the employer of the on-site employees. David Dillard became the Resort Manager.

September 1998 to Present: North Shore Resort Realty, Inc.:

At the Board Meeting of September 12, 1998, the TSTSOA agreed to enter into a management agreement with North Shores Resort Realty, Inc.

From “Tahoe Sands Newsletter”, Volume 2, Issue 1, June 1, 1999:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Rohde that the TAHOE SANDS TIMESHARE OWNERS ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT with the NORTH SHORE RESORT REALTY, INC. be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Shields and passed unanimously.

And continuing:

. . . the Board of Directors has every confidence in Manager Stacy Russell and all the employees we've hired to help manage the resort. They are guided and supervised by Mike Hansen and Jeff Rose of North Shores Resort Realty who are local to the Tahoe area and also manage [Tahoe] Edgelake [also in Tahoe Vista] . . .

Entering into the management agreement with North Shores Resort Realty, specifically with Jeff Rose, was perhaps the best thing that has ever happened to Tahoe Sands Resort. Jeff has been managing the Resort for 22 years now (as of 2020) and counting. He has brought the stability to the Resort that was lacking before his arrival on the scene.

As noted, Stacy Russell became the General Manager of the Resort in late 1998 / early 1999. Stacy left that position in the fall of 2005 to be a stay-at-home mom for her new baby girl, Caitlin. Stacy was also a great asset to the Resort. She had come up through the ranks beginning in housekeeping in about 1991. Her history with the Resort, and especially her seven years as Manager, lent additional continuity and stability to the Resort when it needed it the most.

After Stacy left, there followed a series of Resort General Managers: Hollee Collins (2005), Jeremy (2007), Mike Bloemsma (2007), Joel Parker (2009), Jason R. Hewitt (2009).

Maggie (Marjorie) J. Schumacher is the Director of Operations at North Shore Resort Realty. As such, she works with Jeff Rose. Maggie has been very much involved in the operation of the Resort since 1997 (as a Project Manager with Sierra Pacific). The Resort General Manager reports to Maggie, as well as to Jeff, of course. Maggie acted as the manager of the Resort (although she never had that specific title) from about 2010 until 2015, when Robert Curry became Resort Manager. Robert left in 2017, after which Joanna Bailey took over in that position.

Joanna Bailey began at the Resort in December 2010 as the Administrative Supervisor. She became Resort General Manager in January of 2018. Joanna reports to both Maggie, who now works off-site, and to Jeff, who is very much present at Tahoe Sands every day (sometimes even on the weekends).

Board of Directors

The TSTSOA Board of Directors has always been an indispensable aspect of Tahoe Sands Resort. Below are listed the people who have served on the Board of Directors (more-or-less in the order in which they served). The members who served as President are noted with an asterisk (*).

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to these owners who have given so generously of their time and who have served Tahoe Sands Resort so ably over the last 40 years!

Craig H. Rothen	Dee Guider	John Shields	Jeff Rose
Stanley Mansfield	Dr. Judy Williams*	Karen Fink	Robert Wemheuer*
Marc F. Parsons	Richard Mann	Robert Philbrook	Tod Beach
Lila LeClair Carrabus	Alan Dickler	Gary Duignan*	Norman Allen
Stuart Kringer*	Ed Ghandour	Betty Pugner	Jean Thompson
Scott Meyers	Richard Myers	Edward Beach	Douglas Thompson
Elizabeth Anderson	David N. Hoadley*	James Simmons	Ernie Baumberger
Mary Fithian*	David Burns	Terry Martin	Jeff Pudewell
Anna Ghandour	Dennis Rohde	Cindy Lott	

Redevelopment Project of 2001 to 2008

In a letter dated August 24, 2001, the Board of Directors asked the question: Did the Association members (owners) want to continue to repair the existing buildings or did they want an all-new facility?

The Board reminded the owners that the existing buildings were built as far back as the 1930s, with the most recent building, the lanai unit, being built in 1958. They also stated that maintaining such buildings was very expensive.

Preliminary plans were also included in the letter, showing what the new Resort might look like.



Artist's early conception of the redevelopment of Tahoe Sands Resort

The question was put to a vote of the owners of the Resort. The results were clear. Over 75% of the owners voted for redevelopment!

Then began the arduous task of actually carrying out the idea.

The two major challenges were money and the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority (TRPA).

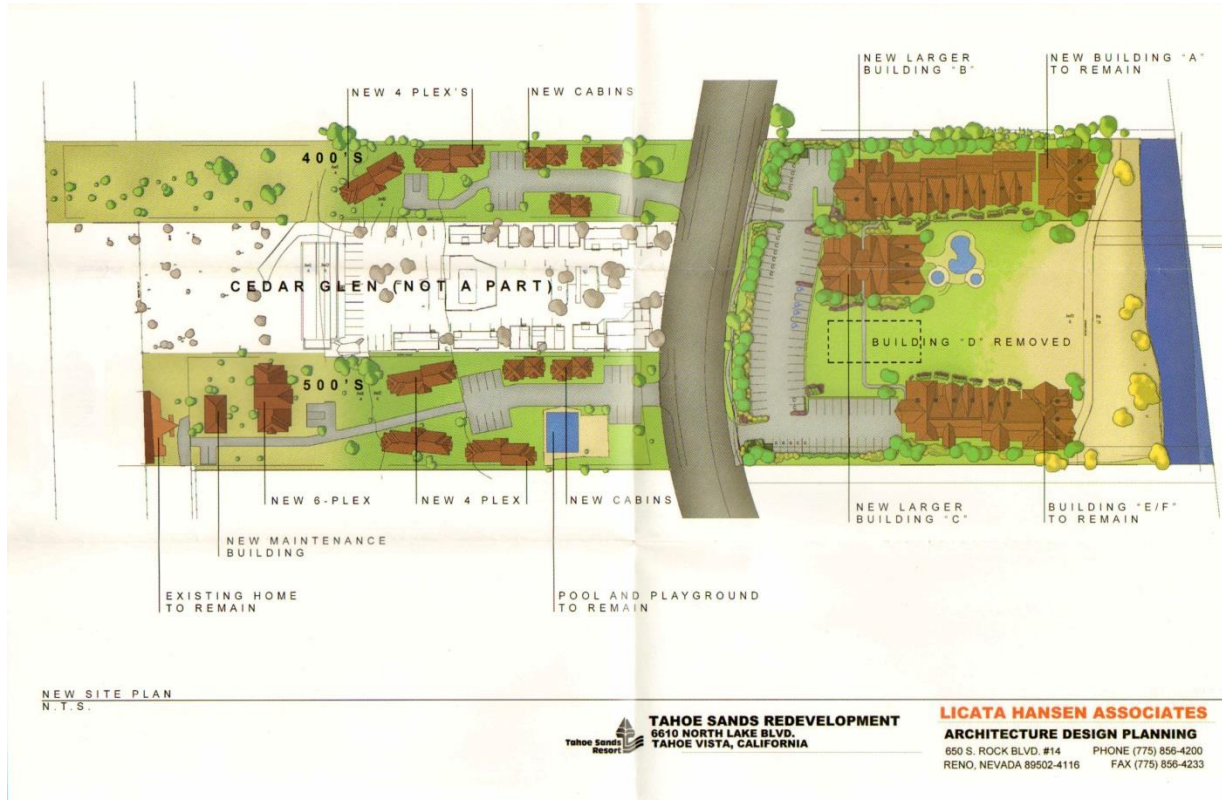
The plans for redevelopment were submitted and resubmitted to TRPA. By April 2002, three such plans had been submitted, each modified as suggested by TRPA.

By then, less than a year into the project, it had cost the Association over \$300,000 for the processes and preparation of the plans.

The original idea was to have the Association fund and manage the redevelopment project. But that proved to be too much for the Association to accomplish. Thus, in August 2003, an agreement was reached with the management company, North Shore Resort Reality, Inc. (NSRRI), headed by Jeff Rose, to fund and manage the project. Under this agreement, NSRRI would have the right to sell and retain the sale proceeds from all existing unsold time share segments held by the Association and all new time share segments created by the redevelopment. In exchange for this sales privilege, NSRRI would agree to construct and furnish all of the redevelopment improvements for the Association. This plan would then accomplish the redevelopment at no cost to the Association or its members.

With this new agreement, a new design was proposed, which complied with all the previous suggestions from TRPA and others.

To take effect, this agreement required a second vote of the owners. The owners voted to approve the new agreement. Thus, the project moved forward.



Artist's revised conception of the redevelopment of Tahoe Sands Resort

Because of several delays in the project, on March 31, 2004, TRPA negated the previous application and required that the Association begin all over again.

In a Development Committee Update in the November 2004 edition of *The Bear Paw*, it was stated that:

In an effort to move the project forward, a scale model was prepared and presented to TRPA and received favorable comments, some of which were incorporated in revisions to the model. The North Tahoe Business Association, resort neighbors, and other community leaders have reviewed the model at the invitation of Jeff Rose, producing favorable comments.

The development approval process is extremely slow, particularly in the Tahoe Basin due to multiple agency and local group approvals. Our project has been negatively impacted by community reaction to the Tonopalo development, which is in close proximity to our resort.

Thus, the project continued, albeit at a very slow pace.

In October 2006, the Association filed yet another application with Placer County. And in April 2007, it filed yet another application with TRPA (at the cost of \$14,370). Although their comments were generally favorable, both agencies came back with many, many requirements.

Then in late 2007 continuing into 2008 and beyond, the Great Recession hit, which dried up all possibility of financing for the redevelopment project. (Of course, the Great Recession hit the entire country, not just this project.)

So, as it turned out, the original challenges proved to be insurmountable. The money challenge came in the form of the Great Recession. And the challenge of the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority was unwinnable from the beginning. No matter how perfect the plans had been, the TRPA would not have approved the project. They would have strung the Association on, plan after plan, collecting their fees, until the end of time or until the Association gave up, which they were finally forced to do.

In the final Development Committee Update in the November 2008 edition of *The Bear Paw*, it was stated that:

The Board of Directors has voted to stop the redevelopment process at this time due to the economic uncertainty facing the country today.

Some “Pre-History” of the Site of Tahoe Sands Resort

Even though Tahoe Sands Resort (TSR), as such, was established in 1980, the site where the Resort now stands had a rich history long before that.

The current site of Tahoe Sands Resort was previously the home of three resorts: Silver Sands Resort, Agate Bay Lodge, and ‘Neath the Pines. Silver Sands Resort occupied the area on the lake side of the current TSR, Agate Bay Lodge occupied the east side of the woods area, and ‘Neath the Pines occupied the west side of the woods area.

The history of Silver Sands Resort goes back, at least, to 1941, as the following advertisement in *The San Francisco Examiner* attests.

The San Francisco Examiner (San Francisco, California) • 03 Aug 1941, Sun • Page 54

Walls, new t. t. stove, wim. ht. FTIR 1TH ave., 805, opp. G. G. Pk.—Newly dec. 4 rm., frig., stn., garage incl. 1TH Ave., 860—Ultra mod. 3, t. t. stove; also newly furn. 2 rms., reas. 9TH AVE., 404, cor. Geary—Cor. 3 newly stippled, refrig., sun., garage.	\$28—27th Ave., 526, nr. Geary—Sun. up, 4 rms., kitch. furn.; newly renov. \$28—292 Clipper, nr. 25th and Church; 3 rs., stove, wallbed, hdwd. \$28—BRADY, 47, off Market, betw. Van Ness-Val.—5 sun. rms. Adults. \$28.50—Divisadero, 923—4 rs., hdw., cir. ht., wtr. htr., lino., stove. \$30—Sun. low, 4 rm. and brkfst. rm., view, ht. gar., hdwd. fir.	MARINA—Beaut. mod. corner upper 5 and brkfst. rm. De Luxe. Room 3592 Pierce, Open. UN. 5710. PAGE, 452, nr. Webster 5 rms., stove, lino., hall carpet, cir. heat; reas. PALM AVE., 93—Upper 6 rms., det. maid's rm., opt. encl. garden. Can be seen any time. BA. 7033.	11 acres, EX. 7092, Local 8. Lake Tahoe SILVER SANDS RESORT. \$4-\$5 couple per day, Weekly rates. Accommodations for 2 to 6; new; elect. equip. Private sandy beach. Box 42 Tahoe Vista, Calif. Brock- way 45.
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In 1948 (and probably before), the Silver Sands Resort was owned by Harry Evert Mason and Virginia May Mason.² Then in 1952, ownership of the resort was transferred to Alfred R. Bettancourt and Clara H. Bettancourt. The Bettancourts owned the resort, at least, until 1962.³

Auburn Journal (Auburn, California) • 29 May 1952, Thu • Page 7

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF
CO-PARTNERSHIP
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE
PRESENTS:**

We, the undersigned, **HARRY EVERETT MASON, VIRGINIA MAY MASON, ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT and CLARA H. BETTANCOURT** hereby give notice that the partnership heretofore existing between us, doing business as **"SILVER SANDS RESORT"** has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Said business shall continue to be operated by **ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT and CLARA H. BETTANCOURT** who shall assume all existing obligations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 20th day of May, 1952.

Clara H. Bettancourt
Alfred R. Bettancourt
Virginia May Mason
Harry Everett Mason
State of California) ss.
County of Santa Clara)

On this 20th day of May, 1952, before me, **Robert K. Byers**, a Notary Public in and for said County of Santa Clara, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **Harry Everett Mason, Virginia May Mason, Alfred R. Bettancourt and Clara H. Bettancourt** known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in the County of Santa Clara, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) **ROBERT K. BYERS**
Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Clara, State of California.
Robert K. Byers
Attorney at Law
34 Martin Street
Gilroy, California
Gilroy 23
Publish May 29, 1952

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CERTIFICATES OF INDIVIDUALS TRANSACTING BUSINESS UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, **ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT and CLARA H. BETTANCOURT**, hereby certify that they are transacting business under the name of **"SILVER SANDS RESORT."**

That the principal place of business of said **"SILVER SANDS RESORT"** is located at Tahoe Vista, California.

That the names in full of the persons so engaged in, and transacting said business, together with their places of residence are as follows:

ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT,
111 North Princeville St., Gilroy, Calif.
CLARA H. BETTANCOURT,
111 North Princeville St., Gilroy, Calif.

That **ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT and CLARA H. BETTANCOURT** are the sole owners of said business and the only persons interested therein, and that there is no other person or persons owning or claiming any interest in said business or any part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 26th day of May, 1952.

Alfred R. Bettancourt
Clara H. Bettancourt
State of California) ss.
County of Santa Clara)

On this 26th day of May, 1952, before me, **Robert K. Byers**, a Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Clara, State of California, personally appeared **ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT and CLARA H. BETTANCOURT**, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they signed and executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) **ROBERT K. BYERS**
Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Clara, State of California.
Robert K. Byers
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In 1958, there was a dramatic change to the Silver Sands Resort. In that year, construction began on the current two-story building (lanai building). The building was constructed to house contestants of the upcoming 1960 Winter Olympics to be held in nearby Squaw Valley. (What had occupied the land where the lanai building now stands is unknown.)



Squaw Valley

Shaping Up

By Larry Washburn

TAHOE VISTA, Calif. Unlike Chavez Ravine, Squaw Valley near here is now 35% completed and will be ready for ski bugs come this winter, according to Stan C. Brown, chief construction supervisor for the project.

In addition to Squaw Valley Lodge which is now completed and in operation, there are 15 individual units under construction. Four separate units in Olympic Village which when completed will accommodate 1,200 athletes and national Olympic officials, an Ice Arena with a seating capacity of 11,000, spectator centers which will include a lounge, cafeteria and other public facilities.

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Also under construction, some nearly completed, are three ski lifts, practice ice rinks, 3 ski jumps, a press center which will be fully equipped with modern communication facilities, plus an administration center and International Olympic Committee center.

The day we were there 300 men were on this \$6½ million project for the VIII Olympic Winter Games in 1960. Besides the actual building activity at Squaw Valley, construction crews for the California State Highway Division were working full blast constructing a 9-mile stretch of 4-lane highway from Truckee to the entrance of the valley.

On the private enterprise side of the ledger there are now 75 standing single family dwellings in the region located in the meadows below Olympic Village and another 30 in various stages of construction.

* * *
Land developer Wayne Poulson, who you recall had some differences with the state and the Olympic Committee, projected a residential and business-area growth that is already attracting sportsmen and mountain lovers of Blue Book caliber.

In all it is pleasant to report that the Olympic complex of buildings, with architecture

a dramatic combination of California redwoods and other native materials, will house, for the first time in Winter Olympic history, all athletes and team officials from 41 or 42 of the world's countries.

More on Silver Sands Resort later.

The history of Agate Bay Lodge extends back, at least, to 1931 as is shown in an advertisement from *Reno Gazette-Journal* (this page). The ad says, "Newly decorated and furnished cottages". Thus, the resort must have been in existence for some time before 1931 to have required redecoration.

The 1963 *Mobile Travel Guide* (next page) lists the Agate Bay Lodge on page 167. The listing indicates that the resort has a lodge and cottages. It also states that the beach is across the street.

SIERRA NEVADA AND LAKE TAHOE RESORTS

CONOLLEY'S at Lake Tahoe

The Bijou Inn—Wander Spot on the shore of Lake Tahoe. Open May 1 to Nov. 1. Famous for faultless food. A new, modern hotel, lobby and sun room with double fireplace, steam heat. Baths. Showers. Large new dining room facing the lake. Cottages and tents overlooking Lake. Chicken dinner every day. Unexcelled bathing beach. 5 piece orchestra and new floor for dancing. Boating. Hiking. Riding. Nightly boufire. Store and camp ground. Golf links. Write Mrs. Anna Conolley, Bijou, Calif. \$3.50 a day and up. \$22.50 a week and up.

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Address Manager
TAHOE VISTA, LAKE TAHOE, CALIF.



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***PINE CONE ACRE.** (Box 524.) ½ mi. N on CALIF 89. KI 4-2811. 20 rms, no air-cond., 6 kits. June 15-Labor Day: S, \$8.50-\$10; D, \$10-\$12; family of 6, \$22; Apr.-June 14, after Labor Day-Oct.: lower rates. Closed Nov.-Mar. Crib, cot, \$2. Sitter list. Pool. Pets limited. Café ½ blk, open 8 AM. Coin laund. ¾ mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Croquet, ping-pong. Pine-shaded grounds.

TAHOE VISTA

MOTELS & MOTOR HOTELS:

***AGATE BAY LODGE.** (Box 73.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2788. 9 rms in lodge, cottages, no air-cond., 5 kits. July-Sept. 10: S, D, \$12-\$15; 3-rm cottage with kit., 1-4, \$22.50; each addl., \$2; May 30-June, Sept. 11-30: lower rates. Closed Oct.-May 29. Crib free. Sitter list. Heated pool; wading pool. Playground. Café ¼ mi. Coin laund. 2 mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Lawn games; ping-pong. Private beach opp.

***ALPINE LODGE.** (Box 149.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-3210. 8 rms, no air-cond., 1-2 story, 1 kit. June 15-Sept. 15: S, D, \$12-\$15; suite with kit., \$25; each addl., \$2; May 15-June 14, Sept. 16-30 (3-day min.): lower rates. Closed Oct.-May 14. Crib free. Sitter list. Pool. Coffee avail. in rms. Café ¼ mi., open 7 AM. Coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Horse-shoes; ping-pong. Attractive Alpine Swiss architecture. Private beach.

****CEDAR GLEN LODGE.** (Box 18.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-3884. 33 rms in motel, cottages, no air-cond., 22 kits. Rm phones. July-Labor Day: S, \$13-\$16; D, \$13-\$20; family, suites, \$22.50-\$35; each addl., \$3; studio rms, wkly rates avail.; rest of yr.: 25% less. Crib free. Sitter list. TV, \$1. Heated pool. Playground. Pets limited. Café ¼ mi., 8 AM-10 PM

in season. Coin laund. 1½ mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Lawn games; ping-pong. Some balconies. Beach, pier avail.

-CHARMEY CHALET. (Box 56.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2529. (Opened too late for inspection, therefore not rated.) 13 rms, no air-cond., 8 kits. Rm phones. June 15-Sept. 15: S, \$16; D, \$16-\$21; family rates avail.; rest of yr.: lower rates. Crib free; cot, \$2.50-\$3. Sitter list. TV free. Pool. Free Continental bkfst. Café 1 mi., 6 AM-11 PM. Coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, noon. Finnsauna bathhouse. Some rms open onto pool area.

****DUNES RESORT.** (Box 130.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2201. 10 cottage units, no air-cond., 6 kits. June 25-Sept. 12: S, \$12; D, \$12-\$13; family, suites, \$25; each addl., \$2; kit, cottages, wkly, \$60-\$80 each; May-June 24, Sept. 13-Oct. 15: lower rates. Closed Oct. 16-Apr. Cot, \$2.50. Sitter list. Café ½ blk. Coin laund. 1½ mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Toast, coffee setups in rms. Rustic cabins reached by board walks. Private beach. Sun deck.

****FIRE LITE MOTELODGE** (formerly Tahoe Vista Western Motelodges). (Box 120.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2536. 26 rms, no air-cond., 3 story. Rm phones June 15-Sept. 15: S, \$12; D, suites, \$14-\$16; rest of yr.: lower rates. Crib free; cot, \$2. Sitter list. TV free. Heated pool. Playground. Pets. Free Continental bkfst. Café 3 blks, 7 AM-9 PM. Coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, noon. Badminton; ping-pong. King-size beds avail. Very tastefully decorated rms with balcony or patio.

****HORSESHOE LODGE.** (Box 20.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2401. 22 rms in motel, cottages, no air-cond., 11 kits. July-Labor Day: S, \$16; D, \$16-\$25; suites, \$40; wkly rates for cottages avail.; May 15-June, after Labor Day-Oct. 10: lower rates. Closed rest of yr. Children over 6 only. Sitter list. TV free. Heated pool. Free coffee. Café, coin laund. 1½ blks. Ck-out, 10 AM. Planned activities. Putting green; ping-pong. Lanai rms avail. Very attractive rms, grounds; flowered terrace overlooks pool, lake.

***HOWES HOLIDAY HOUSE.** (Box 129.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2369. 6

kit, apts, no air-cond., 2 story. June-Oct. 15: S, D, \$20; wkly rates avail.; Oct. 16-May: \$5 less. Cot, \$2.50. TV avail. Pets limited. Café, coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, noon. Rms open onto deck over lake. Barbecue avail. Very comfortable.

***LUDLOW'S LODGE AND COTTAGES.** (Box 48.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2531. 53 rms, no air-cond., 34 kits. Rm phones. June 15-Sept. 15: S, \$11; D, \$11-\$18; family to 6, \$28; suites, \$25; with kit., \$2 more; each addl., \$2; wkly rates avail.; rest of yr.: lower rates. Crib, cot free. Sitter list. TV, \$1. Heated pool. Coffee avail. in 13. Café 1 blk, open 8 AM in summer. Coin laund. 1½ mi. Ck-out, 10 AM. Lawn games; ping-pong. Private beach; motors, boats avail. Barbecue pit.

****SILVER SANDS RESORT.** (Box 24.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2277. 56 cottage units, no air-cond., 1-2 story, 18 kits. June 15-Sept. 15: S, \$13; D, \$13-\$28; with kit., \$13-\$36; June 1-14, Sept. 16-30: lower rates. Closed Oct.-May. Crib, \$1; cot, \$2. Sitter list. Heated pool. Playground. Free coffee. Café 2 blks, 8 AM-9 PM. Coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Putting green. Lawn games; ping-pong. Private sand beach. Attractive rms; 30 new private lanai rms.

****TAHOE KLAHOYA.** (Box 118.) 1 mi. S on CALIF 28. LI 6-2571. 40 rms, no air-cond., 2 story. Rm phones, 8:30 AM-8:30 PM, June 15-Sept. 15. June 15-Sept. 15, hols.: S, D, \$18-\$20; family of 4, \$30; each addl., \$5; rest of yr.: lower rates. Crib, \$3. Sitter list. Heated pool. Coin laund. 1½ mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Very attractive; all units with refrigerator, serv. bar, sliding door opening onto private balcony.

***TOTEM POLE LODGE.** (Box 94.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-2117. 16 units, no air-cond., 2 story, 10 kits. June 30-Labor Day: S, D, \$11-\$25; May-June 29, after Labor Day-Oct.: lower rates. Closed Nov.-Apr. Crib, \$1; cot, \$2. TV free. Sitter list. Free coffee in some rms. Café 1 blk, 8 AM-9 PM. Coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, 11 AM. Private beach; boat launching; mooring. Ping-pong. Barbecues. Comfortable.

***VILLA VISTA.** (Box 85.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-3518. 14 rms, no air-cond., 11 kits. June 25-Labor Day: S, D, \$15-\$26; family, suites, \$20-\$26; May 25-June 24, after Labor Day-Sept. 17: lower rates. Closed rest of year. Crib free; cot, \$2.50. Sitter list. Heated pool. Playground. Café ½ blk, 9 AM-9 PM. Coin laund. 1 mi. Ck-out, 10:30 AM. Volley ball; ping-pong. Private sand beach. Large sun deck. Portable barbecues. Popular with family groups.

***WOODS RESORT.** (Box 77.) On CALIF 28. LI 6-3842. 14 cottage units, no air-cond., 1-2 story, 12 kits, S, D, \$13-\$25. Sitter list. Café opp. 7 AM-9 PM. Grocery opp. Ck-out, 11 AM. Private sand beach.

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MOTELS & MOTOR HOTELS:

***PINECREST COTTAGES.** (Box 15.) 2 blks N on CALIF 89. LA 5-7803. 12 cottages, no air-cond., 1-2 story, 10 with kits. June 15-Sept. 10: S, \$9; D, \$9-\$12; family of 4, \$18; each addl., \$2.50; wkly rates avail.; May 30-June 14, Sept. 11-30: lower rates. Closed Oct.-May 29. Sitter list. Playground. Pets. Café 1 blk, 8 AM-9 PM. Ck-out, 11 AM. Private beach, dock; boats. Barbecue. Fireplaces in 7 cottages.

***TAHOE PINE LODGE.** (Box 52.) On CALIF 89. LA 5-7837. 18 rms in hotel, cottages, no air-cond., 1-2 story, 9 kits. June-Labor Day: S, \$11; D, \$11-\$12; kit, cottages to 4, \$85-\$125 wkly; each addl., \$10; wkly rates avail.; Mar.-May, after Labor Day-Nov.: 20% less. Closed Dec.-Feb. Crib, cot, \$2. Sitter list. Heated pool. Playground. Pets. Café 2 blks, open 7 AM. Portable barbecues. Lawn games, ping-pong. Swimming, fishing, boats avail. Fireplaces in cottages.

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Agate Bay Lodge was still very much alive in 1966 at which time it received a rave review (bottom left) from Harrison Carroll in his column "It's a Woman's World" as published in the *Republican and Herald* newspaper.

And in fact it was still an independent resort until at least 1971. (See below.)

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1966

Hedy Lamarr May Seek To Halt Book Release

By HARRISON CARROLL

HOLLYWOOD — Unless changes are made in her forthcoming book, "Ecstasy and Me," Hedy Lamarr may seek an injunction to halt its publication.

The report was confirmed to me by Hedy's attorney, Jordan Wank.

"We believe the book now contains some fictionized material that does not truly reflect my client's life," said Wank. "We have been in touch with MacFadden-Bartell publications. Unless an agreement can be reached, we may associate with a New York counsel and ask an injunction."

Understand the book is due to hit the stands in September. Hedy's lawyer confirmed that she already has received a substantial advance from the publishers.

FRIENDS are hoping that actress Joanna Barnes and director Larry Dobkin can straighten out their marital problems when Joanna returns to Hollywood. They won't have much time to talk, though. Larry has to fly to Mexico immediately to shoot some "Tarzan" footage.

"No lawyers involved," Larry tells me. "I think our problems started when we had to be apart for about 13 months. I was shooting a series in New York, then I had to go to Europe to do a film."

HAD SUCH a full column yesterday I didn't get to mention my Lake Tahoe vacation. We stayed as usual on the North end of the lake with Stan and Isabel Gray at Agate Bay Lodge. Never had such beautiful weather. Clear every day and very little wind.

Most consistently fine food this year was at the Swiss Lakewood Lodge, run by Mr. and Mrs. M. Smika. He's a Czech, she's Swiss. Visited all of our old favorites: Bacchi's, run by Sara Bacchi and Bill Hunter. I made a whole meal out of Sara's wonderful mine-strone soup and sheepherder's bread. Among the others: the Pfeiffer House, the Swedish Farmhouse, the Chataux, which has a magnificent view and fine food.

And, naturally, the Forest Inn (Ted Crawford still is at the organ), and the North Shore Club, where Eddie Dillon is the genial maitre-de and where my old buddy, Ted Fio Rito, was playing. He looks great.

Continued fracturing my diet after our return. Can't mention all the spots but I picked up a bit of news at Wu's Gardens. Mme. Sylvia Wu tells me that somebody wants to build her a restaurant in Beverly Hills. Maitre De Jean Trevil served us the town's best grand marnier couffle at the Escoffier Room. And at this spot, I always enjoy Steve Bennett on the accordion and Chuck Hartay on the violin.

THAT was a phony report Pat Wymore tells me, about Lex Barker buying the late Errol Flynn's yacht, "The Zaca."

"I don't even want to sell it," she says. "If I can ever get through the litigation on Errol's estate, I want to go over and live on the Zaca."

Pat's and Errol's 12-year-old daughter, Arnella, is five feet, seven inches tall.

SIXTY-FIVE stunt men now are working in the Orient on Sean Connery's new James Bond picture, "You Only Live Twice" . . . Shock to their friends. Film executive Henry Sapperstein (UPA) is filing to divorce his wife, Mary Jane. She has retained attorney Marvin Freeman. Mary Jane formerly was a top New York model . . . Mary Hardwicke (Sir Cedric's widow) and her husband, Jon Heller have dated the stork . . . Without provocation in a West Los Angeles parking lot, four men brutally beat up Tom Doniger, son of "Peyton Place" director, Walter Doniger . . . Actor-dancer Ron Hussman is at work in "The Hero"—the first job since he broke his back six months ago catching Juliet Prowse in a scene for "Irma La Douce."

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Now back to Silver Sands Resort.

The 1963 Mobile Travel Guide, page 168 (see above) states that Silver Sands Resort has 56 cottage units and 30 lanai rooms. In addition, the resort boasts a private sand beach.

All of these features, and more, are shown in the 1971 brochure of the resort.

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Silver Sands Resort 1971 brochure, showing the three areas of the Resort: Lakeside Cabins, Lakeside Lanais, and 'Neath the Pines cottages, across North Lake Boulevard

No independent history for the 'Neath the Pines resort could be found. However, its existence is documented in the 1971 brochure of its successor, Silver Sands Resort. Note also that in 1971, there is no mention of Agate Bay Lodge being a part of Silver Sands Resort.

After 1962, the ownership of Silver Sands Resort is unclear.⁴ However, some time before 1978, Silver Sands Resort was purchased by Benson J. Benjamin (Benlee Tahoe Properties), who subsequently sold it to Bob & Judy Bernards and John & Mitra Huntley.

In addition, before 1978, Agate Bay Lodge had been incorporated into Silver Sands Resort. A question is "What happened to the 'lodge' of 'Agate Bay Lodge'?" The 1963 *Mobile Travel Guide* states that Agate Bay Lodge had a lodge and cabins. However, by 1978, apparently only the cabins remained.

Note: The author would like to thank the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society (and especially Nancy Stromswold, Archive Manager) for its help in providing several key documents for the writing of this history.

Appendix: Additional Information

From page 9 of an article published in about 1995. Unfortunately, only page 9 remains of the publication, with no other reference.

TAHOE SANDS RESORT HISTORY

The resort dates back to the 1930's. The lakeside portion of the resort was once owned by the US Army. The cottages (currently referred to as the 300's) were built for Army housing. The free standing cabins (units 306 to 311) were built for the officers, the others were for the enlisted men. The North shore of Lake Tahoe was used as a practice bombing range for the Army. A bomb discovered embedded in the sand on the beach in front of the resort by the staff in 1992 was a reminder of that history. Drought conditions caused the lake level to be lower revealing the bomb.

The US Coast Guard, Army depot, and dogs were called to the resort to assist in the evacuation of the bomb, which was taken to the Army depot in Northern Nevada for evaluation. The bomb was found to be inactive, but our resort had its 15 minutes of fame with newspaper articles and televised stories describing the incident.

The two story building (or lanai building) on the West side of the resort was built in 1958 to house Olympians for the 1960 Winter Olympics held at Squaw Valley. The cabins across the street (we refer to them as the 400's and the 500's) were actually two separate properties named Agate Bay and 'Neath the Pines which were purchased and incorporated into the resort.

The resort was known as The Silver Sands Resort when it was converted to timesharing, later becoming Tahoe Sands Resort. We now have a total of 61 units consisting of 9 studios, 16 mini units, 28 imperials, and 8 presidentials. Imperials are one bedrooms, and presidentials are our two bedroom units. All of our units are dedicated to vacation ownership use, and run by an association comprised of the owners.

Note: No confirming information could be found with regard to the use of the cabins by Army troops during World War II. However, the folklore surrounding the use of the cabins by the Army is so pervasive that the author believes that it is correct in some form. The indication that the Army *built* the cabins is probably incorrect. Silver Sands Resort had been in operation, at least, since August 1941 (and very likely before that), which was before United States involvement in the War.

However, there is independent information regarding the bomb that was discovered in Lake Tahoe just off shore of the Resort.

MILITARY

Officials find bomb in lakebed

■ **Practice ordnance: 1,000-pounder in Lake Tahoe of 1950s vintage.**

By Mike Norris
GAZETTE-JOURNAL

The U.S. Coast Guard this week discovered a mysterious 1,000-pound practice bomb partially submerged off the north shore of Lake Tahoe.

Military experts believe the bomb was probably dropped into the lake near Tahoe Vista 30 to 40 years ago, although they said Wednesday the lake area has never been used for bombing practice.

Proprietors of the Tahoe Sands Resort evacuated the hotel for a short time Tuesday, until authorities checked the bomb and decided it had no chance of exploding.

"There was never any hazard to anyone," said Lt. Dale Davis, operations officer of the 34th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team from Sierra Army Depot at Herlong. The team removed the 6-foot-long device.

Tahoe Sands Resort executives refused to comment on the incident. It apparently was the first discovery of a bomb of that type at the lake, although smaller ordnance had been found in the past.

The Coast Guard notified the Placer County Sheriff's Department Tuesday afternoon of the device resembling a bomb sticking up in the exposed lakebed about 100 feet from the resort's parking lot.

Placer Deputy Mike Becker verified the sighting and notified Sierra Army Depot in Herlong. The hotel was evacuated for about 30 minutes while Army officials identified and removed the practice bomb.

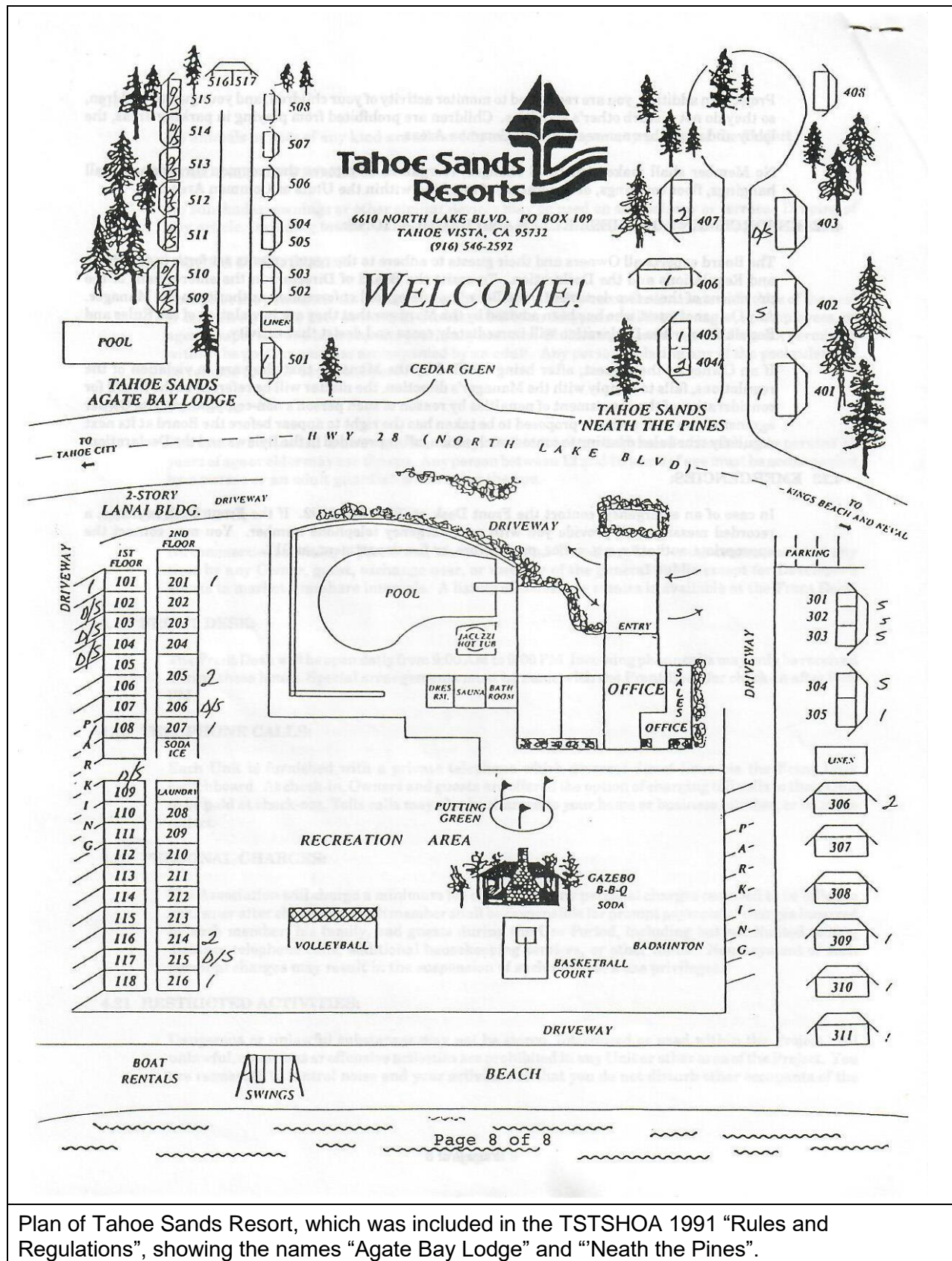
Davis said the 18½-inch-diameter device was of a type that was filled with water or wet sand and dropped from propeller-driven bombers during the 1950s and then collected and reused later.

"There's no way this came off a jet," said Davis.

Practice bombs of that type are no longer part of the military's arsenal, having been replaced by more streamlined bombs.

The discovered bomb will be kept at Sierra Army Depot for instructional use.

Regarding the Agate Bay Lodge and 'Neath the Pines, which were purchased and incorporated into the Resort: These names were still in use ten years after Silver Sands Resort was converted into Tahoe Sands Resort as is evidenced by a plan of the Resort that was included in the June 1, 1991 "Rules and Regulations".



Plan of Tahoe Sands Resort, which was included in the TSTSHOA 1991 "Rules and Regulations", showing the names "Agate Bay Lodge" and "Neath the Pines".

¹ One might ask: Why would I take the time to write a history of Tahoe Sands Resort? Here is why: The Mason family bought a timeshare at Tahoe Sands Resort in 1980. In fact, we were one of the first owners at the resort. We started with a one bedroom unit, but as our family grew, we upgraded to a two bedroom unit.

In the early years, just my wife and I were at Tahoe Sands each year. Then, as time passed, we were there first with one, then two, then three, and finally with four children.

Over the last 40 years, since we bought at Tahoe Sands, we have moved from one house to another several times. But no matter where we have lived for 51 weeks of the year, we have always had our "home" at Tahoe Sands Resort to return to. Our children grew up there, and they all love it.

And we use our timeshare at Tahoe Sands Resort. We don't trade it away. We have missed only two or three times at Tahoe Sands during our 40 years of ownership there.

Now our family has grown beyond the original six members. Our children have children of their own. And everyone wants to go. Therefore, in the last few years, we have bought three more weeks at Tahoe Sands so that the entire family can be together for one week a year. For our family Tahoe Sands is not merely a venue for a reunion, Tahoe Sands is our home, the place where we have gathered for the last 40 years, the place that we all love.

² *The Folsom Telegraph*, 26 Nov 1948, p. 3

³ *Auburn Journal*, 27 Sept, 1962, p. 29

⁴ The Dillemath family (Marjorie E. Dillemath, a widow, and George F. Dillemath and Kristina M. Dillemath, husband and wife, all as joint tenants) might have owned the property at some time.