

Sierra Sage

Sierra Sage of South Orange County, a Group of the Sierra Club ■ Bimonthly Events & Outings

2021 Annual Chili Cookoff Contest

THE SIERRA SAGE GROUP NEWCOMER CHILI COOKOFF MEETING is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, therefore, let us do a *virtual* Chili Cookoff Zoom activity as part of the January Group Meeting via Zoom.

During the January Group Meeting, **upcoming on January 26, 2021**, we will ask you to send us your favorite **Chili Recipe** via either mail, email or text. Send your recipes to **Patty Sappingfield** before February 12. Each recipe will be assigned a number. Then, all the recipes will be put in the newsletter for March so that our members can try them and then send in their votes by March 15 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th votes for the best sounding recipe. The votes will be announced in the March Zoom Group Meeting.



Zoom access for the Group Meeting on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021** is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691547402?pwd=ZjN5QzRnUDFsZnB4Y3BHTnU2YlI4Zz09>

Winners will receive their prizes by mail and winning recipes will be printed in May's newsletter. Hopefully, by that time we will be able to resume our regular meetings.

■ Mail Recipes

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■ Questions

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We'll Miss You, John

John has retired from the Sierra Sage Executive Committee and many, many years on the Committee.

John is a well-known hike leader throughout the Orange County area, and has been active with the Santa Ana Task Force for most of the 21st Century. Major efforts have been to save the trails from the Ellsinore Water Project and the related Dam, Pipelines, and High Tension Wires. A fight that has been successful so far. He has also been the Chief of the Trail Maintenance crew which fix all of the trails in the San Mateo Wilderness area of the Cleveland National Forest.

In his spare time, he has served on the Sierra Sage Group of South Orange County Executive Committee and served as the Secretary of the Executive Committee for more years than I can remember. We expect John to join us on the trails again as soon as Covid-19 is licked. In the meantime, we all will miss him and look for him hiking again soon.

In his spare time, he has been an active leader in the summer on Mule Pack Trips in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



This photo of the Trail Crew doing trail Maintenance was taken on the Bear Canyon and Morgan Trails. John is just on the right hand side of the sign.

Update: Communications Committee | Ed Mauer

The task of the newly formed Communications Committee is to impart or exchange information and news with our members. Our main concerns are:

- ▲ To keep the membership informed in a timely fashion about our many concerns and activities.
- ▲ To give members opportunities to voice their opinions and to share their interests.
- ▲ To stay in touch with like-minded groups and organizations to remain informed and to further our interests.

We begin to implement these concerns via these two communications channels:

- ▲ Our new website will go online in February. It provides complete and timely information about all our activities and programs and will feature surveys to gauge members' feelings/opinions about issues that concern them.
- ▲ Our blog provides frequent updates on matters of interest to our membership and gives them an opportunity to respond.

After the new website and blog are well-established, the committee will turn its attention to increased net-working with like-minded organizations including environmental (read climate) change, and political action.

Sierra Sage Meetings

- Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of Sierra Club who reside in South OC. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact **Mike Sappingfield** at mikesapp@cox.net for date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact **Penny Elia** at greenp1@cox.net
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact **Sharon Koch**, 949-717-7745, slkoch99@att.net
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Want to help maintain trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact **John Kaiser** at jkai39@gmail.com

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Sierra Sage Group Election Results

N NOVEMBER, the Sierra Sage Group had five positions on the Executive Committee up for election. Four other positions were not up for election this year as those members had one more year remaining in their term. The report of the Elections is:

- ▲ Sharon Koch
- ▲ Linda Ledger
- ▲ Ed Maurer
- ▲ Mike Sappingfield
- ▲ Patty Sappingfield

All five have been elected for the Executive Committee for the 2021 and 2022 years. There were no other candidates either approved by the Nominating Committee or were listed as write-in candidates.

Members who were elected last year and have one more year in their term are:

- ▲ Vicki Hazley
- ▲ Risa Koppel
- ▲ Helen Maurer
- ▲ Duana Miller

The 2021 Officers were elected and appointed on January 14 at the regular Executive Committee Meeting. The results are shown below.



2021 DIRECTORY OF SIERRA SAGE OFFICERS

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