

The devil's Advocate



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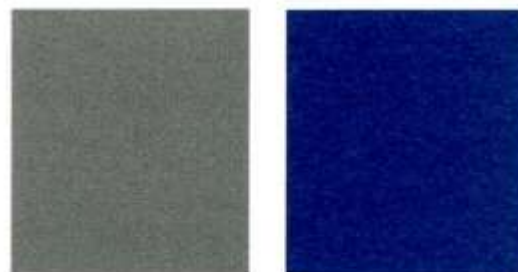


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The Inside Line

By Steven M Jones



I must say I've been very pleased with the way things have been going for Diablo this summer. We've had a string of great events recently including July's Gimmick Rally, and by the time you read this we'll have held the 12th Tour "da" Jour and our Summer's End BBQ. All of these events have depended on individual Diablo members stepping forward and pitching in to help make them happen, and I must say we've had a strong turnout on this front that has benefited the region as a whole. So a big thank you to all the folks who've helped make these events happen, and all those who've attended and enjoyed them.

While I'm on the topic, I'd like to thank Anthony Mendoza for stepping forward to be the region's new webmaster. Anthony is taking over from Tom Sullivan, who stepped up when there was nobody to take care of the website, and so I'd like to once again thank Tom for his contributions over the past few years. But Anthony is off to a very energetic start and I'm looking forward to unveiling a new web site with a lot more services to support our members. So let's give Anthony a chance to get to work, but stay tuned for more developments on that front over the next few months.

My Audi A4 wagon, which serves as a parts fetcher, grocery getter, and snowbuggy, has this nifty little information display in the instrument cluster. One of the things it displays is the fuel economy the car is achieving (or not), and unlike the analog gauge that allegedly did this in my early 1985 944, this one's accurate enough to be useful. And I have to confess, seeing this reminder of my fuel consumption did make me ease off things a bit and coast where I could. For instance, when I travel West heading home to Berkeley from my office I found that I can coast from the entrance to the Caldecott tunnel all the way to the end of the exit ramp at Telegraph Avenue. That's a pretty long stretch where the engine can just idle, and the A4 will get up to almost 90 MPH as it works its way down the "esses" on the Western side of the tunnel.

By contrast the 968 will only reach about 70 MPH on the same run, which I assume indicates a greater rolling resistance in the running gear than the A4 experiences. I suppose this might disappoint me if the gas bill were the only factor under consideration, but as it turns out I'm quite happy with the car. You see, all I need to do is find a reason to spin that motor past about 4,000 RPM and all mundane concerns are lost for a while in the wonderful noises coming from under the car...

Coming up in September I know I'm looking forward to the return of our Drivers' Education program to Thunderhill on Thursday the 18th. And looking to October we will definitely be having our Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 4th so stay tuned for the details on that event.

Drive safely,

--Steve.



SUMMER'S END

When: **Saturday, August 30, 2008** **4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.**

Where: **The home of John & Rosemarie Place, 270 Arency Court, Danville 94506**

What: **A catered BBQ featuring chicken and beef, baked beans, Caesar and fruit salads, and non-alcoholic beverage etc. B.Y.O.B. if you want it.**
Peoples Choice Awards for "cleanest" and "dirtiest" Porsche driven to the event.

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Oktoberfest!




Kommen ein, kommen alle!

Datum: Saturday, October 4th

Zeit: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

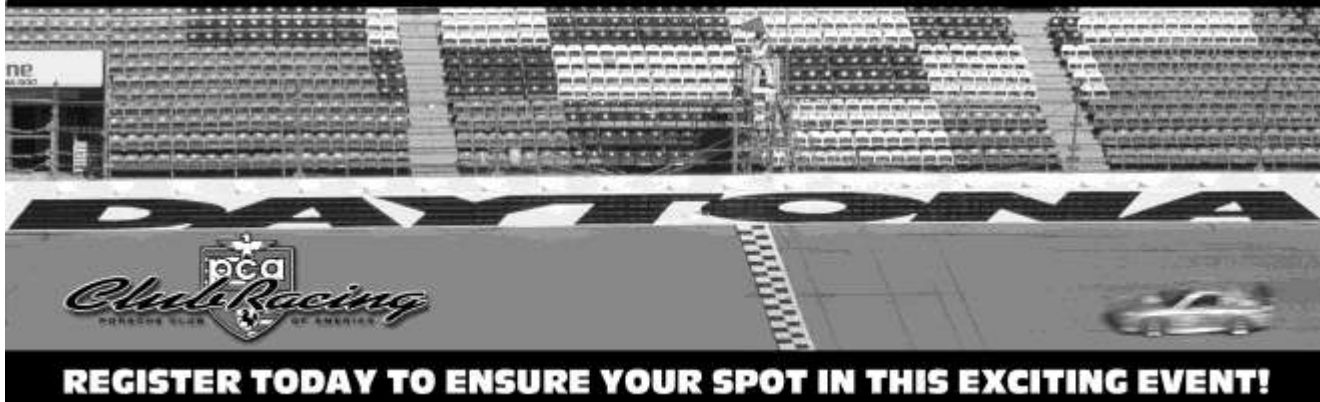
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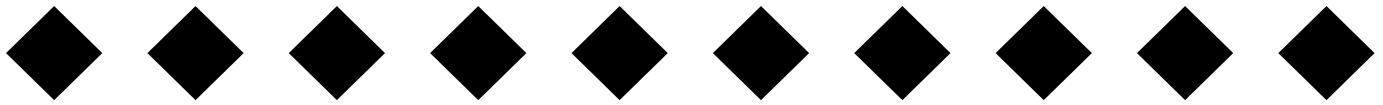
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There's a First Time for Everything

By Ash Huang

Slow in...fast out.

Four innocuous words that seem so easy to say and so very hard to execute to perfection but let me tell you...is it ever fun to practice! I recently had the opportunity to attend my first track day up at Thunderhill with the Hooked on Driving Group (no affiliation etc...just a happy customer). The Diablo region was fortunate enough to have a special dedicated Porsche run-group and they represented well. In fact, there were a great number of Porsche cars there but lest you think that it was all high end performance cars, there was really a broad spectrum of vehicles there. The range ran the gamut from Honda Civics, BMW's of all sorts, Lotuses, Vettes...you name it...a veritable melting pot of makes and models. The one thing in common, however, was that there was a group of people of varying skills with one common passion to perform the best modification to their cars possible - the driver.

I've been a Porsche owner for numerous years now and for as long as I can remember, I've been saying to myself that this was the summer I was going to go to the track. It finally happened this year and after my first day, I was kicking myself for waiting so long. Porsches are incredible cars but I don't need to tell you that...I'd be preaching to the choir. That said, though, if you haven't made time to put these cars on the track, then you're missing out on one of the great experiences to which these cars can provide. Call it 'rounding out the ownership experience'.

Well organized track events like the one I attended up at Thunderhill offer drivers of all levels the opportunity to enhance their driving skills while having huge amounts of fun exploring the limits of their cars. In the case of the first time track attendee, it gives them the chance to learn in a safe and controlled environment presided over by intelligent and progressive training.

On the day I went, the group of drivers was divided into several run groups, each respective to the level of driver and track experience. For the beginner, there was time spent in the classroom prior to in-car time and following each track session, we re-grouped again in the classroom. Fundamentals started with the basics of understanding track safety, what flags meant, signaling to other drivers, and just general track awareness and moved onwards to things like how to drive smoother, setting up your turns, understanding the apex of your turn, and just plain understanding how to balance your car better. It's important to note that one of the most fun parts of the day was being able to receive this knowledge in class and almost immediately apply it out on the track. In each track session, the drivers had the opportunity to couple themselves with seasoned coaches who helped to reinforce the application of principles learned in class.

With every lap you drove, your sense and confidence in yourself and the understanding of the limits of the vehicle increased. While there were an astounding number of inputs to remember, it was never intimidating. In fact, it was quite the opposite since it became pure fun in the personal pursuit to get the next turn better and better with each lap. One of the things I quickly realized was the number of things that a good driver does...and for a beginner it seems like a lot to remember but with more track time, these practices become habit and my guess is, you become a better and better driver as a result. In fact, one of the highlights of the day was having the opportunity to ride shotgun with a coach in their car. This was a real rush because, as a passenger, you had a chance to soak it all in...to watch how an experienced driver drove 'the line' on the track and how the principles you had been learning became truly applied at a higher level. It was both exciting and inspirational.

Moreover, though, was having the opportunity of meeting the many other drivers who shared the same passion for cars, driving, and learning to drive smoother and faster. A big personal bonus on the particular day I went, was also sharing a lot of the trackside talk with fellow Porsche owners from the Diablo region. If you're like me and have been thinking about this, don't wait another summer. Get out there and attend that first track day and guarantee you won't forget it. It's a great life experience and one that really elevates the ownership of a Porsche to another level.

See you trackside!





Picture provided by Frank Cunningham

Porsche's first monocoque car was the Type 956, an endurance racecar. The 956 was a development extension of the very successful 936 which replaced, of course, the 935. The 956 was to be available as a customer car and was built to European and Le Mans specifications. However the 956 cars did not meet the North American IMSA races standards.

Porsche soon modified the 956 into the Type 962 by extending the wheelbase and modifying the 2.8 L, 6 cylinder engine. With a few final body changes, the 956, now the new 962 entered the 1984 Daytona 24 hour race. The three pictured Porsche 962C's, 007, 008, 010, were shot at The Rennsport Reunion II at Daytona 2004 on the inside road course loop.



Picture provided by Frank Cunningham

Although the 911 GT1 does not look much like a 911 it was homologated for Le Mans as a 911 by building the GT1 starting with the firewall of a 911. The GT1 sports bodywork of carbon fiber. It was, as required, available for purchase as a road car also.

The first Porsche 911 GT was run at the 1996 Le Mans winning the GT1 class and coming in second overall to Joest Racing's Porsche WSC-95 prototype.

This car was on display at Pebble Beach Concours in 1998 as the 50th year celebration of Porsche.

Election Time

It is almost Diablo's election time.....and several of our current board have reached the limit of their terms. Some are deciding to run again. I have inserted in pages 17–22 the Bio's and pictures so you can put a face with a name. Brian Cameron's picture was not available at the time of this issue being posted. In October, voting will start for the new Board . Please cast your votes when you get the ballot, members vote is very important! What better way to influence your club, if not serving on the board, then to vote who does!

The following pages will list the members that are being considered for the board. Please take time to read and identify with what they are saying to determine your vote next in October.

Linda Bartolomucci Boyd



PCA Diablo Region Candidate for Board Election

Hello, my name is Linda Bartolomucci Boyd. Yes, I am full blooded Italian and I drive a fabulous German car! I drive a Lapis Blue 2006 Boxster that was in the 2006 San Francisco Car show. And no! No one sat in the car during the show!

I have been on the Board of Directors for the last two years. My organizational job on the board is to coordinate the social events for the Diablo Region. Therefore, if you have attended any of the Christmas parties or annual meetings etc. I am the one who organized the events along with overseeing many of the other events that take place in the region.

I would like to continue my role in this organization. I bring many years experience in my organizational skills for events. I enjoy this as I get to meet great people like **you who take great pleasure in doing things with their Porsche's.** I will continue to listen to events that you would like to see come to fruition. My goal is to serve the members of the organization to have events so we can all have fun in this crazy hectic world we live in with our fabulous cars! Ciao!

Kay Maloy



PCA Diablo Region Candidate for Board Election

I have only been a member of the Diablo Region since October, 2007, but have been a Porsche owner since 2000. I have enjoyed getting to know the existing and new members through the various events and the monthly dinners. The enthusiasm of the group over their cars and taking part in the tours and other adventures is truly contagious. My only regret is not joining sooner.

In my past life, my job was to motivate and generate creative methods to achieve **successful events for my teams. Consistently thinking outside the “box”** and working through others to support the concepts we generated was some of the most rewarding times in my life. By joining the Board, I feel I can help develop, generate and continue the positive momentum during the next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to run for a position on the Diablo Region Board.

Kay Maloy

Francisco G. Cabrita



PCA Diablo Region Candidate for Board Election

First and foremost, I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee for having my name on the list of candidates for the Board of Directors election.

- I have been a member of PCA - Diablo Region since 2001.
- **I have been a Director at Large and the “Rookie of the Year” in 2002.**
- I would like to see more involvement from the approximate 600 members of Diablo Region in the social and driving events. I would like to see more unity and members having more fun and, therefore, more volunteerism.
- In summary: **Let’s work together and have FUN!**

My name is

Francisco G. Cabrita

and I drive a 2004 CAS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Philip Eskildsen



PCA Diablo Region Candidate for Board Election

Philip Eskildsen

Active members of PCA-Diablo Region, my wife Harriet and I have attended most Region functions, a number of functions and tours with sister Regions and many Parades since 1996. I have been a Director for two years and the “Name-Tag Guy” for nearly eight years.

I have had extensive business and governance experience as a senior financial executive, as well as director and committee memberships with large, small and start-up organizations.

My vision for the club is that it will continue to provide a variety of interesting and exciting activities that will engage the members and their varied interests whether they be competitive driving, concourse, rally, tour, technical, social or just hanging out and talking about the Porsche marque and our special cars.

The Porsche Club exists to serve the Members and their interests. In addition to its legal governance obligation, it is my view that the Directors have the obligation to encourage, assist, and cheerlead the efforts of our Members in producing the events and activities that will provide for a vital and meaningful experience for existing Members while creating an exciting atmosphere attractive to new members.

It is my belief that the Club will continue to evolve and change reflecting similar changes in our society. I pledge to continue to be available to all Members, open to new ideas, and committed to the furtherance of the Porsche Club and its membership’s goals and objectives.

Jim Edmunds



PCA Diablo Region Candidate for Board Election

I have been Diablo Treasurer for the past two years. I own a very nice light yellow 1973 911T Targa and a nice white 2001 Boxster. I enjoy both of them in autocrosses and Driver Education events. It's hard choosing between the two of them, they are very different - the one that I like best is the one that I'm driving at the time.

I support the club in attendance at Driver's Education and autocross events and on tours and Saturday morning breakfasts. I really enjoy the social aspect of the various events and I would like to increase the number of these events.

I feel that my experience in the Treasurer's position and on the Board will enable me to contribute a lot in the next two years.

Jim Edmunds

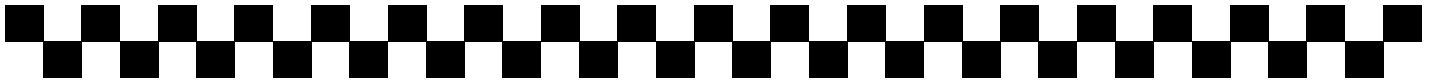
PCA Diablo Region Candidate's for Board Election

Roland "Rolly" Smith



Brian Cameron

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Your vote counts!

Gimmick Rally

Diablo Region PCA and Porsche of Fremont sponsored this years Gimmick Rally on July 26th, 2008. Sixteen teams of Porsches and non-Porsches competed in an all day drive around the East Bay. At each point along the drive, Porsche trivia or route questions were asked. Navigators recorded their answers and the team with the most correct answers won the event.

The starting line was at the weekly breakfast spot of Marie Calendars in Walnut Creek.

Teams then went through the curvy back roads of San Pablo Reservoir and Briones Regional Park.



San Pablo Reservoir (image taken from Wikipedia)

Teams then scaled Mt. Diablo to reach the beautiful summit to overlook the entire bay area!



Mt. Diablo (image taken from Wikipedia)

Rally participants had a yummy lunch at Blackhawk Grille and then were invited into the Blackhawk Museum, a part of the Smithsonian, to find answers in the automotive galleries.



Marsha and Dan Spisak. Frank and Joan Duran enjoy their lunch at the Blackhawk Grille.



Jessica and J. Toney, experienced rallyers, hoping to blow away the competition.



Luis and Kathy Soler ready to relax after the long climb up the mountain.



Premium parking outside the Blackhawk museum



Curt Bowerman and Dee Dee Bowerman



John Lee and Chris Lee



Christie Bacchus with Larry Sharp and Laura Mericer



Rik Larson and Richard Wetzel hunting for a Porsche



Happy Rallyers



1967 Porsche 911s Competition car in Bahama yellow

Finally, teams met at the finish line at another art gallery: Fletcher Jones Porsche of Fremont. Participants were treated to cookies and sodas. Excitement was in the air as Gunter Feldmeier, Porsche Services Manager and Diablo Region member gave away prizes just for participating! Participants won such prizes as complete car detailing, Porsche sunglasses, Porsche shirts, Weekend Boxster giveaway, and Porsche model cars. Winners were announced the following weekend and will be receiving award plaques.



Rallyers look at beautiful Porsches at Porsche of Fremont



Gunter gathers everyone to start the prize giveaway



Steve Jones finally wins something!

Congratulations Winners!

Tie for First Place:

Dan and Marsha Spisak

Rik Larson and Richard Wetzel

Second Place:

Bill and Maureen Clark

Third Place:

Carlos and Nancy Bocanegra

A Big Thanks to both Christie Bacchus and Gunter for organizing and sponsoring this fun Gimmick Rally!

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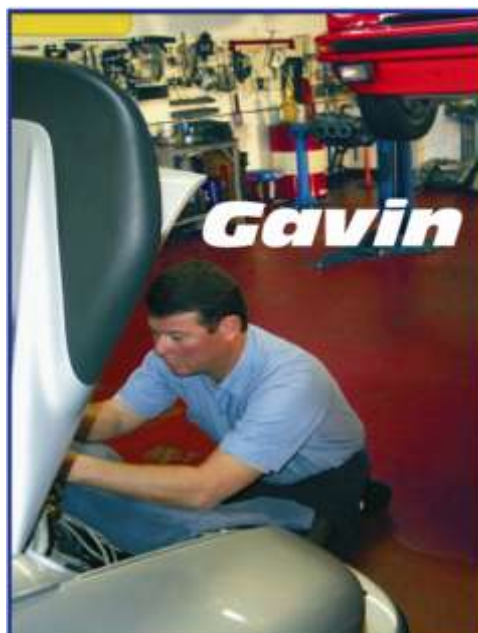


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Setrige Crawford 2002 996 Blk	Patrick J. Tool Rosemary Tool - (Wife) 2005 911 Black
Mazi Ghorbani Gabriela Ghorbani - (Wife) 2005 911 4S Silver	Jerry N. Ulrich Toni Ulrich - Family member 2007 Cayman S Black
Chris Nicholson Cindy Nicholson - (Wife) 2007 911 997 T Cobalt Blue	Richard D. Warren Ellen Widess - (Wife) 2000 Boxster S Blue
Kaveh Pazdel Kevin Bleier - (Affiliate) 2008 Boxster RS Silve	

Transfers In: 2

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Awards at BBQ, ~6pm
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By-Law Proposed changes

The following pages show proposed changes in the Diablo PCA By Laws. The parts that are in red are the actual proposed changes. In the ballots sent out in October, along with voting for the new board members, you will also be voting for the changes we are proposing. Many of the changes are to bring us in to the 21st century, so to say. It has been a very long time since these by-laws were looked at, and we feel these changes need adjusting.

Please read through pages 40-46 as this will be what you will be voting to change. We show first, the existing verbiage ,then the proposed changes we recommend.

Proposed Changes to the Diablo PCA Bylaws

August 23rd, 2008

The following changes to the Diablo bylaws are being proposed in order to reflect changes in day-today communication and the common practices of the region. These changes are based on the most recent bylaws available to the Board of Directors, most recently amended in 1997.

Change #1: Notice of the Annual Meeting and Special Meetings

Summary:

The Board of Directors is recommending a change in Article V, Section 1 regarding notification of the Annual Meeting of the region. This change recognizes delivery of said notice via email. Note that the practice of mailing a physical notice of the Annual Meeting to the membership has not been implemented for at least several years. Section 2 is being amended to make it clear that the Board responsible for calling the Special Meeting if requested by a petition of the membership.

Existing Language of Article V, Sections 1 and 2:

Section 1 - Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the members of Diablo shall be held during the first quarter at such place as the Board of Directors may determine for the purpose of considering a report of the affairs of Diablo and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the membership. Notice of such annual meeting shall be mailed to the address as shown for each Member on the membership roll and shall be mailed not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members of Diablo may be called at any time by the President. Special Meetings may also be called by a majority of the Board of Directors or any 25 Active Members. Notice of Special Meetings shall be given in the manner hereinbefore prescribed for annual meetings. A notice of Special Meetings shall be mailed not less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for the Special Meeting and shall include the purpose for which the meeting is being called.

Recommended Language of Article V, Sections 1 and 2:

Section 1 - Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the members of Diablo shall be held during the first quarter at such place as the Board of Directors may determine for the purpose of considering a report of the affairs of Diablo and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the membership. Notice of such annual meeting shall be **given to the Members not less than seven (7) days prior to the date the meeting will be held.**

Section 2 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members of Diablo may be called at any time by the President. Special Meetings may also be called by a majority of the Board of Directors, **or upon delivery of a petition signed by twenty-five (25) Active Members to any member of the Board of Directors.**

Notice of **a Special Meeting shall be given to the Members by the Board of Directors not less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for the Special Meeting and shall include the purpose for which the meeting is being called.**

Change #2: Expanding the Number of Board Members

Summary:

The Board of Directors is recommending changes in Article VI, Sections 1 through 3 and Article VII, Section 1 in order to expand the number of current voting Directors from a total of seven (7) to a total of nine (9). It also clarifies how many Directors will be elected in each year's annual election.

A similar proposal was voted on via email and put into effect during 2006, but that vote was not carried out in accordance with the Diablo bylaws. This change will ratify the increase of the Board of Directors to nine (9) members while clarifying how many Directors shall be elected in a given calendar year. The following rationale for the expansion of the Board was offered in 2006:

This expansion of the Voting Directors of the Board from seven (7) to nine (9) in order to: (a) foster expanded Board of Directors participation relative to Club activities; (b) broaden the spectrum of skills and expertise as represented by the Directors' collective backgrounds, (c) stimulate event chairpersonage, and (d) provide voting rights for two more Club-engaged Board Members who otherwise could not vote their opinion on actions the Club will take.

Existing Language of Article VI, Sections 1 through 3:

Section 1 – Board of Directors

The elected Board of Directors shall constitute the officials of Diablo. The Board shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the administrative affairs of Diablo, the proper functioning of the several Committees, and shall insure compliance with these By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation of Diablo in accordance with the laws governing such corporations in the State of California.

Section 2 – Elected Officers

Elected officers of Diablo shall consist of seven (7) Directors. These seven (7) directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. Each year, beginning with the 1998 term, the Directors shall elect among themselves for that year: one (1) Director to serve as President; one (1) Director to serve as Vice President; one (1) Director to serve as Secretary; and one (1) Director to serve as Treasurer. The three (3) remaining Directors shall serve as Directors-at-Large.

Section 3 – Term of Office

The term of office of each director shall be January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until a successor is duly elected, qualified and installed, except that a member appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall serve only the unexpired term of the Director being replaced. Commencing with the 1998 term, three (3) Directors shall be elected to serve a two (2) year term. For all terms beginning in even numbered years thereafter, three (3) Directors shall be elected. Commencing with the 1999 year, four (4) Directors shall be elected to serve a two (2) year term. For all terms beginning in odd numbered years thereafter, four (4) Directors shall be elected.

Recommended Language of Article VI, Sections 1 through 3:

Section 1 – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Directors elected by the Diablo membership, and shall constitute the officials of Diablo. The Board shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the administrative affairs of Diablo, the proper functioning of the several Committees, and shall insure compliance with these By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation of Diablo in accordance with the laws governing such corporations in the State of California.

Section 2 – Elected Officers

Each year the Directors shall elect among themselves for that year: one (1) Director to serve as President; one (1) Director to serve as Vice President; one (1) Director to serve as Secretary; and one (1) Director to serve as Treasurer. The remaining five (5) Directors shall serve as Directors-at-Large.

Section 3 – Term of Office

The term of office of each director shall begin January 1 of the year following their election and last two (2) years, or until a successor is duly elected, qualified and installed. A member appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall serve only the unexpired term of the Director being replaced. Four (4) Directors will commence their terms in even numbered years, while five (5) Directors will commence their terms in odd numbered years. Therefore in October of an odd numbered year elections will be held for four (4) Directors, while in October of an even numbered year five (5) Directors will be elected.

Existing Language of Article VII, Section 1:

E. Three Directors shall serve as Directors-at-Large.

Recommended Language of Article VII Section 1:

E. Five (5) Directors shall serve as Directors-at-Large

Change #3: Voting in Annual Elections

Summary:

The Board of Directors is recommending a change in Article VI, Section 5 regarding how members may vote in the annual elections. At present the language may be interpreted as requiring that ballots be physically mailed to the membership, and these changes would allow for electronic distribution or

online voting (via future changes to the Diablo web site, for example).

Existing Language of Article VI, Section 5:

Section 5 – Election

A. If the Secretary is a candidate for election, he/she will be replaced in the election process by a non-candidate Board Member.

B. Not later than October 5 of the year, the Secretary shall mail to each Active Member a ballot containing the names of all nominees submitted.

C. The ballot shall contain the following:

I. Instructions to vote for no more candidates than the number of Directors to be elected.

II. There shall be two columns, one each for the Active Member's and Family Member's vote.

III. There shall be spaces provided on the ballot for write-in votes.

D. All ballots received by October 25 shall be segregated.

E. The Secretary shall number any ballot received after October 25 in the order it is received.

F. On or before November 1 of each year, the Secretary and at least two (2) members of the Nominating Committee not running for office shall open, count and tally those ballots and certify the results.

G. In the event of a tie, the Secretary shall open the first day's ballot(s) received after October 25 to determine a winner. If they remain a tie, the Secretary shall repeat this process until the tie is broken. If, after opening all late ballot(s) a tie remains; the Secretary shall then flip a coin in the presence of the candidates to determine a winner.

Recommended Language of Article VI Section 5:

Section 5 – Election

A. If the Secretary is a candidate for election, he/she will be replaced in the election process by a non-candidate Board Member.

B. Not later than October 5 of the year, the Secretary shall **send a notice** to each **eligible** Member containing the names of all **candidates**. **This notice shall contain a ballot, or instructions for accessing a secure online voting system which will present a ballot.**

C. The ballot shall contain the following:

I. Instructions to vote for no more candidates than the number of Directors to be elected.

II. There shall be spaces provided on the ballot for write-in votes.

D. All ballots received by October 25 shall be segregated. A ballot may be received by mailing it to the principal office of Diablo, or through a secure online voting system.

E. The Secretary shall number any ballot received after October 25 in the order it is received.

F. On or before November 1 of each year, the Secretary and at least two (2) members of the Nominating Committee not running for office shall open, count and tally those ballots and certify the results.

G. In the event of a tie, the Secretary shall open the first day's ballot(s) received after October 25 to determine a winner. If they remain a tie, the Secretary shall repeat this process until the tie is broken. If, after opening all late ballot(s) a tie remains; the Secretary shall then flip a coin in the presence of the candidates to determine a winner.

Change #4: Voting for Amendments to Bylaws

Summary:

The Board of Directors is recommending a change in Article XII, Section 2 regarding how members would vote to amend the region bylaws. At present the language may be interpreted as requiring that ballots be physically mailed to the membership, and these changes would allow for electronic distribution or online voting (via future changes to the Diablo web site, for example).

Existing Language of Article XII, Section 2:

Section 2 – Approval of Proposed Amendments

A. The proposed amendment(s) shall be printed in the ensuing issue of the Diablo newsletter.

B. Within seven (7) days after the mailing of Diablo's newsletter, a ballot shall be mailed out to each active Member.

I. The ballot shall clearly state the date by which the returned ballot must be received.

II. Within five (5) days after said date of receipt, the Secretary and at least two (2) Active Members appointed by the President shall open, count, and tally ballots and certify the results. The Secretary shall notify the President of the results.

C. An amendment shall be considered approved upon receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of marked ballots which are received.

D. The results of the vote shall be read into the minutes of the next meeting of the Board and then shall be published in the next issue of the Diablo newsletter.

Recommended Language of Article XII, Section 2:

Section 2 – Approval of Proposed Amendments

- A. The proposed amendment(s) shall be **published, and the Members notified of their availability.**
- B. **The notice shall contain a ballot, or instructions for accessing a secure online voting system which will present a ballot.**
- I. The ballot shall clearly state the date by which the returned ballot must be received. **A ballot may be received by mailing it to the principal office of Diablo, or through a secure online voting system.**
- II. Within five (5) days after said date of receipt, the Secretary and at least two (2) Active Members appointed by the President shall open, count, and tally ballots and certify the results. The Secretary shall notify the President of the results.
- C. An amendment shall be considered approved upon receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of marked ballots which are received.
- D. The results of the vote shall be read into the minutes of the next meeting of the Board and then shall be published and the Members notified.

Change #5: Obligations and Indebtedness

Summary:

The Board of Directors is recommending a change in Article X, Section 1 regarding limits on expenses incurred without advance approval of the Board. The limit in such instances is being raised from \$25 to \$50 to reflect increased costs for gasoline, materials and other incidentals incurred by event organizers and club volunteers. The other change is to remove language about the newsletter being printed and mailed to the entire membership each month, a practice that was discontinued some time ago.

Existing Language of Article X, Section 1:

Section 1 – Authority to Incur Obligations and Indebtedness

Only the Board of Directors or persons authorized by the board to act on behalf of Diablo shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of Diablo. All obligations or indebtedness

incurred in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws shall be incurred solely as corporate obligations. No personal liability whatever shall attach to or be incurred by any member or Director of Diablo by reason of any such corporate obligation or liability.

No Director or any other person authorized to act on behalf of Diablo shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of Diablo in excess of \$25.00 without prior approval of a majority

of the Board of Directors, except for the following purposes:

A. Printing, mailing and postage expenses of the Regional Newsletter.

B. Stationery and postage for ordinary administrative use.

Recommended Language of Article X, Section 1:

Section 1 – Authority to Incur Obligations and Indebtedness

Only the Board of Directors or persons authorized by the board to act on behalf of Diablo shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of Diablo. All obligations or indebtedness incurred in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws shall be incurred solely as corporate obligations. No personal liability whatever shall attach to or be incurred by any member or Director of Diablo by reason of any such corporate obligation or liability.

No Director or any other person authorized to act on behalf of Diablo shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of Diablo in excess of **\$50.00** without prior approval of a majority of the Board of Directors, except for the following purposes:

A. **Production and distribution** expenses of the Regional Newsletter.

B. Stationery and postage for ordinary administrative use.

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