

# DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

February 2020



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# Discovery Bay Corvette Club Executive Board 2020

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## Appointed Positions

|                 |               |              |                       |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Sunshine Person | Connie Miller | 408-340-3166 | conniem1943@yahoo.com |
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**Meeting Schedule:** First Thursday of each month, except when otherwise noted.

**Location:** Discovery Bay Yacht Club

**Board Meeting:** 6:30 PM

**General Meeting:** 7:30 PM

**All members are urged to attend the meetings and guests are always welcome!**

**Mailing address: PO Box 1158, Discovery Bay, CA 94505-1158**

**[www.discoverybaycorvetclub.com](http://www.discoverybaycorvetclub.com)**

**Next Meeting:  
March 5th 2020 7:30 pm**

# President- Ed O'Brien

February 13, 2020

Hi Discovery Bay Corvette Members!

It looks like our club is off to a great start for 2020!! First, we got a real nice Thank You letter from Steve Waldie for our most recent participation in the Discovery Bay Toy Drive last December. It is great that we are appreciated as a positive force for our community!! In addition, thanks to members introducing guests at our recent meeting. It was great seeing the Moore's, the Hill's, DiMare's and Scanlon's! I hope they join our club, as it makes for our events to be even more fun. Keep up the good work inviting.



Our Event Chairperson, Shari Peck, with help from the Burdick's and Montgomery's have been super busy with upcoming events! The first, Bowling Bonanza and Pizza became a fun run with Corvettes due to anticipated good weather on February 22nd. Remember our next run is a fun Bocce/Lunch/Skeet outing in Waterloo on March 15th. Get your \$\$ to Shari BY MARCH 3rd. And, don't forget April 25th is my Mystery Run, sure to be fun wherever we wind up and however lost we get!! The price is right, and food good so get your lunch money to Shari!! Also, it is important to mark your calendars for the Abel Car Show on May 16th, a must make for all DBCC members as "thank you" to the Abel brothers for their support of our club. RUN RUMORS!! Stay tuned, as I've heard Bill and Jennifer are planning a run to Castle AFB in the near future, and yet ANOTHER RUMOR that planning is in the works for a run to the Hilmar Cheese Factory (a real cool place) during the summer. Lots of great run ideas!!

SO.....If you have an ideal for an event or run to a fun location be sure to call Shari. She'll help you get it organized and make it easy to do!

And yes, finally..... since I know most of you keep your cell phone's always handy, be sure to take a picture of a fun activity you or other members are doing and email/text the picture with a short explanation to Laura Hardt for inclusion in the next newsletter. It is always great to see our members having a good time!!

Keep Running on Premium!

Ed



# Secretary - Neva Burdick

## DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES / ORDER OF BUSINESS

DATE: 2-6-2020



**Call to Order** – Call to Order – Time 7:33 PM by President Ed O'Brien  
39 Members present.

**President's Report (Ed O'Brien):** Welcomed Everyone

**Vice President's Report (Dave Peck):** Welcomed the following Guests: Rob & Tracy Hill, Vinney DiMare, Bill & Dorie Scanlin, Steve & Tawny Moore, Presented Scott & Delisa Brown to the Club as New Members

**Secretary's Report (Neva Burdick):** Please sign in. Motion to approve January's meeting minutes: Motion: Tim Denham, 2nd: Jack Pera. Motion carried. Minutes Approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Brian Enbom):** Announced the current bank balance. Paid the Storage Bill and P.O. Box Bill

**WSCC Report (Bill Burdick):** Bill Attended the WSCC quarterly meeting in February 1, 2020 @ Casa DeFruita. Bill spoke about the upcoming Auto Cross event March 28 & 29 at the Cow Palace and encouraged members to attend. Auto Cross will also be taking place at Thunder hill, dates to be determined.

**Webmaster Report (Ralph Cerner):** Not Present-All is well.

**Publication's Report (Laura Hardt):** Laura asked everyone to send her pictures of any Corvette Events or Family Celebrations, by text or email.

**Quarter Master Report (Nancy O'Brien):** Call Nancy if you want to purchase any DBCC logo wear. Nancy currently has Decals, Patches, Jackets, & Various Tops and Shirts for sale.

**Board Member at Large (Mark Zupan):** Not Present Off Cruising Australia & New Zealand.

### **Events (Shari Peck) Not Present –**

February 16 - Discovery Bay Chili Cook-off has been moved from Tess's Kitchen and is to be held at Discovery Bay Steakhouse.

February 22 - Bowling Bonanza is scheduled for at Harvest Park Bowl, Flyer on the Website.

March 15 – Erin go Bragh Bocce Ball Water Loo Bocce Club- Includes buffet lunch of Baked Chicken Pasta, Heritage Salad, Focaccia Bread and Apple Crisp with whipped cream and coffee. Indoor Bocce Courts for 2 hours of play. Must have a minimum of 25 people for the price of \$32.00 per person. We will have our own room & bartender. Deadline March 3rd. See Flyer

April 25 – Prez Fast Eddy's Mystery Run April 25, 2020 See Flyer

May 2 – Poor Mann's Wine Cruise, See Cheryl Flebut for details.

May 9 – Castle Air Museum Run And "Bombs Away" Car Show.

May 16 – Abel Car Show – Lowell to lead the Group – Support our Sponsor! Lowell Onstad to give details of meeting place and departure.

**Public Relations Report (Diana Cerner):** No Report.

**Sunshine Report (Connie Miller):** Any Reports of Happy News, Health Reports, Please text Connie at 408-340-3166 Carol Wilson Had Hip Surgery and is recovering, Marilyn Allen is feeling better, Carol Helfrick had Knee Surgery, Betty Silva's Shoulder Surgery has been postponed, Wesley Cerner, is doing better after knee surgery & Cheryl Flebut is feeling under the weather. CONGRATULATIONS are in order

for Our President, Ed O'Brien and Quarter Master, Nancy O'Brien, as they are expecting their 5th Grandson on February 14th! Thank you Patti Brunetto & Janie Parker for February Snacks  
March Snacks: Shari Peck & Cheryl Flebut

**NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt):** 2 General Motors Engineers were arrested for Street Drag Racing the new C-8 Corvette and Rick Hendricks, of Hendricks Motor Sports, bought the very 1st C-8 Corvette off the assembly line for over 3 Million Dollars.

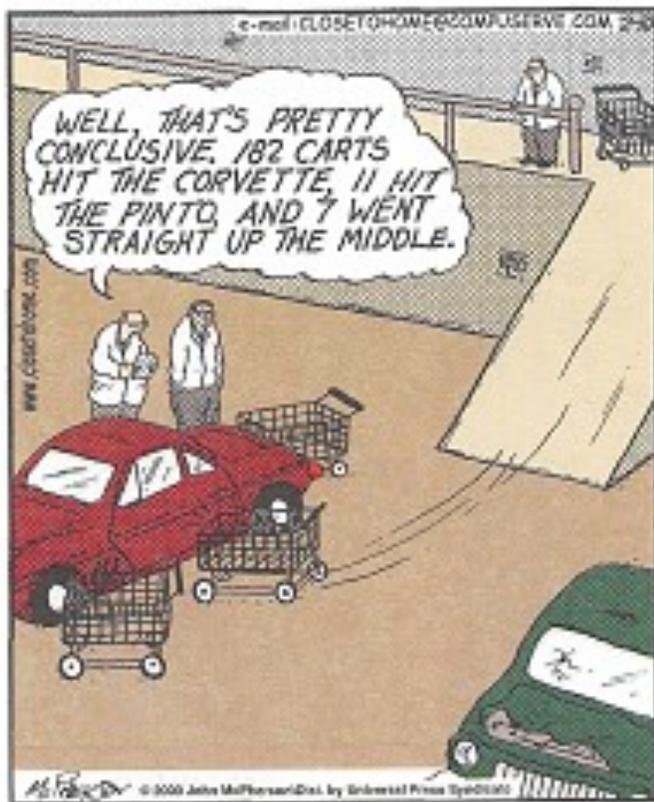
**Old Business:** Nothing to Report

**New Business:** Nothing to Report

**Tech and Tips:** Ed O'Brien (El Presidente) provided us tips on How to Clean the Junk that gets up in your Radiator. Dirt, Leaves & Cigarette butts, are sucked up and it's really important for the performance of your car to vacuum this out. Ed showed us his hand made tools that he invented.

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner: Dennis Parks

**Close:** Motion to close, Jack Pera 2nd: Tim Denham.  
Meeting adjourned by President O'Brien @ 8:24 P.M.



Researchers at MIT prove that rolling shopping carts will almost invariably hit the most expensive car in their vicinity.





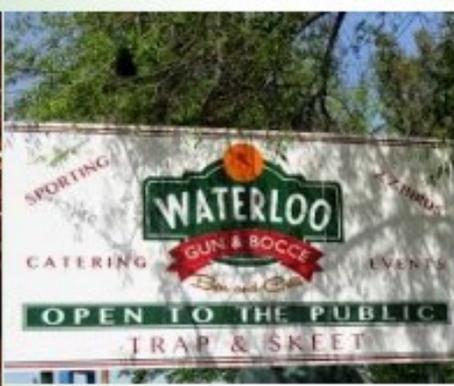
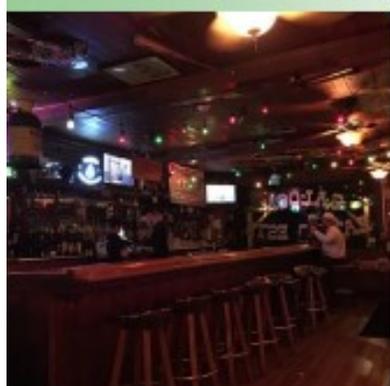
**Buffet Lunch / Full Bar / Bocce Tournament**



**Discovery Bay Corvette Club  
"Erin go Bragh Bocce Run"**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**Meet at Chase Bank at 10:30am Depart at 10:45am**



**Cost for the Lunch and Bocce is only \$32 per person!**

**Includes Buffet Lunch of Baked Chicken Pasta, Heritage Salad, Focaccia Bread and Apple Crisp with whipped cream and coffee. Indoor Bocce Courts for 2 hours of play. Must have a min. of 25 people for the price of \$32 per person. We will have our own room and bartender.**

**Mail check made out to DBCC to:  
Shari Peck**

**2284 Winchester Loop, Discovery Bay, Ca 94505**

**Questions? Call Shari Peck at 925-784-0120 or email [shari.peck@att.net](mailto:shari.peck@att.net)**

**Send a check to RSVP with Shari by Monday, March 3rd**

# CALLING ALL CORVETTES !

It's Prez Fast Eddy's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual

## Mystery Run!!!

Oh, Oh! Here's your first  
chance.....to get lost with Eddy!!!



—When? Saturday April , 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

*Meet at 8:45am leave at 9am*

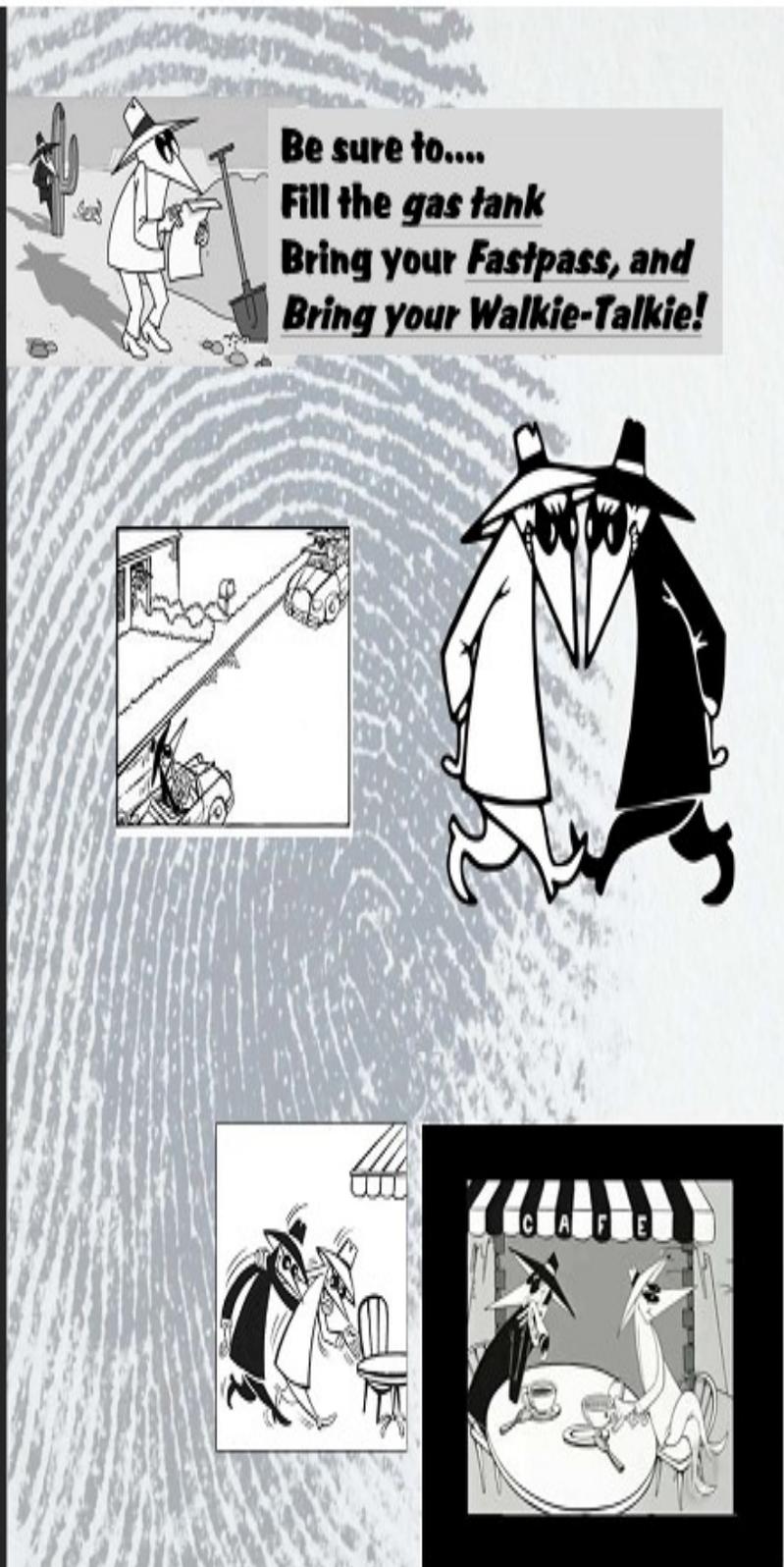
—Where? Chase Bank Lot near  
Safeway Gas Station *in*

*Discovery Bay*

—Cost? \$28.00 per person (*cheap!!*)

--Send checks to Shari Peck by the  
DBCC general meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> :

2284 Winchester Loop  
Discovery Bay CA 94505



December, 2019

Discovery Bay Corvette Club,

We would like to thank you for participating in the 2019 Discovery Bay Toy Drive. Your generosity helped to make Christmas a little bit brighter for many local children. Both the Delta Community Services and the Brentwood Community Chest agencies were extremely grateful and quite impressed with the support from Discovery Bay.

Thanks again for supporting the 2019 Discovery Bay Toy Drive and we hope you will join us again in 2020 for this most worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,



Steve & Sue Walde  
Discovery Bay Toy Drive



# Welcome New Members - Scott & Delisa Brown!



**Owners of a 1973 C3!**



# Impromptu Run to The Korbel Winery & The Tides Restaurant, Bodega Bay, CA

**Submitted by Secretary Neva Burdick**

What started out, as a Bonanza Bowling Event in the month of February, quickly turned into a very impromptu Corvette Run to the Korbel Winery, in Guerneville, CA and a wonderful lunch at the Tides Restaurant in Bodega Bay, overlooking the ocean on a beautiful Saturday in February. Seven Corvettes, Thirteen Corvette Club enthusiasts and guests, met at Chase Bank, promptly at 8:45 to take off on a journey that was mapped out and planned by myself, Nancy & Ed O'Brien.



Everyone had their cars gassed up and their passengers had their radios in hand, and away we went. Most of us stayed in the order in which we left the bank, with some falling into different spots in the group along the way. Some of us tend to drive at the speed of sound, while others prefer to cruise, while keeping up with the group in their own fashion.

First stop on the journey was at Korbel Winery. They have gorgeous grounds, a lovely tasting room, and very fun kind of gift shop. If you have never been, it is a real treat. Once we were done trying the different kinds of Champagne, white wine, red wine and port, off to the gift shop most of us went, to purchase a bottle or two of the delicious treat, we had just tried. Some of us even became wine club members, so perhaps we will drive up again to pick up the next shipment. Where ever the wind may take us.....

Next on our agenda, was LUNCH! Off we went on a beautiful scenic drive towards the ocean. The sun was shining, the weather was outstanding, except for the gale winds that appeared once we got closer to the coast. Once we arrived at the restaurant, another club member met up with us and joined us for lunch, making our count complete to 8 Corvettes, and Fourteen Club members and guests. We ordered wonderful food items, of Crab Cakes, Crab Sandwiches, Deep Fried Calamari, Cioppino, Salads, Clam Chowder, Fish & Chips, Shrimp & Chips, and the Fresh Sour Dough Bread! The restaurant was very accommodating and the service was awesome.

What a great day, enjoyed by everyone who came along for the ride. Sometimes it's not where you are going on the map that matters; it's the common bond of friendship, fast cars and great attitudes, which makes a destination so much more enjoyable.

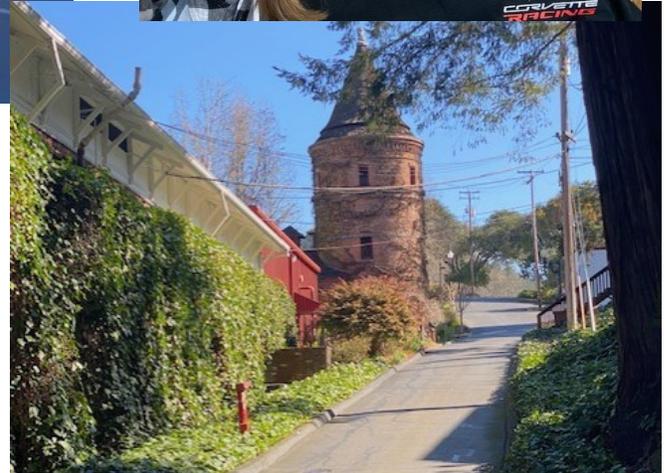
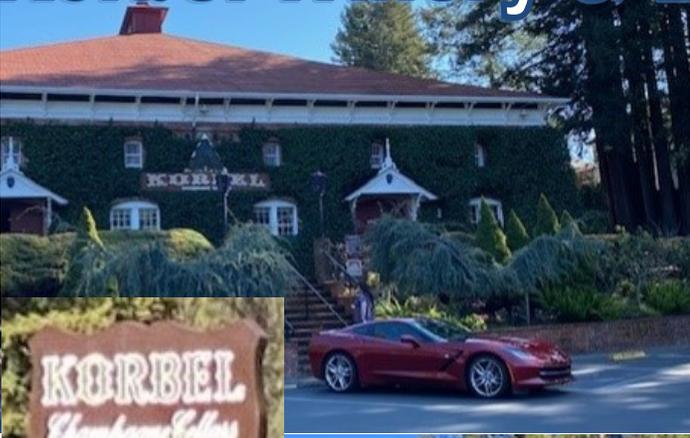
Until next time,

**Neva Burdick**



# Korbel Winery & Bodega Bay Run!

2/22/20



# Corvette News!

## Chevy C8 Corvette owner's manual may hint at hybrid model to come

The mid-engine, Chevy C8 Corvette Stingray apparently houses a fuse block for some features often reserved for plug-in hybrid models. That's not according to some oddball rumor, but the sports car's owner's manual.

Corvette Blogger first reported the interesting bits of information this past Saturday. With the 2020 Corvette Stingray's owner's manual handy, the eyebrow-raising pieces of info come from page 244, home to a fuse block diagram. Fuse number 7 and fuse number 12 specifically name their functions as a "power sounder module" and "lithium-ion battery module."

The former is for a "pedestrian-friendly alert function," a function the federal government will soon mandate for all cars that operate on battery power under a certain speed. Basically, the car must emit a sound to alert pedestrians of the vehicle, since some hybrids make no noise. EVs are silent all the time, while plug-in hybrids emit no sound while the battery powers the wheels.

Today, the 2020 Corvette houses a raucous 6.2-liter V8 that powers the rear wheels all the time. The V8 is loud. Why on Earth would the car need this function if something electrified wasn't in the pipeline?

The latter function relates to any sort of electric power heading to the Corvette's wheels. Of note, this component is not the same as a pure EV. In the Chevy Bolt, a similar diagram describes a rechargeable energy storage system.

This could provide evidence the Corvette's system won't offer any sort of long-range charge, but an electric motor and engine combination will instead focus on boosting performance. Rumors point to the possibility of an e-motor handling power delivery to the front wheels, while an engine powers the rear to create an AWD super Corvette of sorts.

Yet, we obviously can't say for certain what the Corvette team has up its sleeve, but it's looking more likely than ever we'll have an electrified model in the future.



# Sunshine - Connie Miller

Ed and Nancy O'Brien announce the arrival of their 5th grandson, William McNulty O'Brien on Valentine's Day, February 14th. He came in weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. A BIG boy for sure. William and his mom, Peggy, are doing well.

Congratulations grandparents of 5 boys!

Carol Helfrick, who had partial knee replacement on January 15th is recovering nicely. She says She's One Happy Lady!

Betty Silva's shoulder surgery planned for February 11 was postponed. She hopes to reschedule soon when all her tests are a GO. Good luck Betty.

Jerry Hardt has been in and out of the hospital due to a leg infection. He is recuperating and feeling better.

Patti Brunetto and Janie Parker treated us to delicious treats at our February meeting.

Thank you Ladies!

Sheri Peck and Cheryl Fleb'ut will be bringing treats in March. Yum!!!

When you have Sunshine news, please txt me at 408-340-3166

Connie Miller



# Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!



The Zupan's new best friends in Australia! ↑



The Peck's  
Granddaughter  
Arabella!



Al Sauvadon with the  
State CHP Commissioner  
Warren Stanley! ↑



## Superbowl Fun!



Diana Cernera, Shari Peck, Shari's brother Richard  
and RV friends Lisa and Tony! ↑



Laura Hardt with her sons,  
Fabian and Matthew! ↑



# The Pecks, Cerner, and O'Briens took a drive to Mokulumne!



Pit Stop on the way to Mokulumne Hill. Lunch at Renegade Winery!



Our President Ed O'Brien doing a side by side of Mouvedre, Regular Barrel vs Bourbon Barrel, at Renegade Winery!



On their way to Mokulumne Hill they saw a guy selling flags, shirts and hats and decided to check it out.



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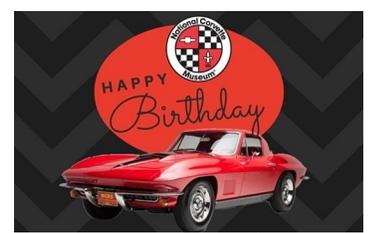
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## February

Nancy O'Brien 2/5      Cyndie Puckett 2/11      David Harris 2/13  
 Patti Brunetto 2/14      Mark Zupan 2/20      Delisa Brown 2/21  
 Rich Allen 2/22      Marge DeSalles 2/22

## MARCH

Debbie Gatt 3/6      Roy Brett 3/7      Betty Silva 3/10  
 Roger Hodel 3/15      Mary Hodel 3/16      Everett Watrous 3/30

## April

Lynda Sessions 4/1      Cheryl Fleb'ut 4/3      Kathy Pimentel 4/4  
 Terry Laughlin 4/15      Craig Zickenberg 4/19      Dave Gatt 4/24  
 Rikart Rupnik 4/24

# Publications- Laura Hardt

Hi everyone! 🙋😊

I heard that the Korbel Run was amazing. Unfortunately I was out of town and unable to participate. I really missed a great Run!

Congratulations to Ed and Nancy O'Brien on the arrival of their 5th grandson, William McNulty O'Brien! He is so adorable!

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming Runs. We have the Bocce Run set for March 15th and the President's Mystery Run set for April 25th.

Thank you everyone for your photos!

See you soon,  
 Laura Hardt  
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