

## Big Sur Fire Round Up Report – November 2017

We had a wonderful Bal masque! While we were pretty certain it would be happening, it wasn't until the bridge opened that we really knew for sure. The DJ, Muffintop and the band Harry and the Hitmen were a big hit! I missed seeing the Big SuRCus perform but heard they were great! The weather, while kind of chilly, was perfect, no rain! We had over 300 people show up; I think it was due to the bridge reopening, everyone wanted to come down! I think the costumes get better every year as well. There were many that didn't quite make the list for the winners but we gave them an "honorable mention" to acknowledge them. And they were: "The Day of the Dead", "Mama Smurf" and "It Inside and It", kind of hard to describe that one....

The grand winners were Best Overall, "White Walkers", Shelby and Andrew Wighton, I'm told, not being an HBO TV watcher, that this is from the Game of Thrones. They won a dinner for two at the Post Ranch. Most Original was the "Jelly Fish", Reed and Brigga Cripe, who won dinner for two at Ventana. The Funniest was "The girl in the lotus position on a mushroom", Kezia Anzini, who won a dinner for two at Deetjens. And the Scariest most Gruesome was "2 Cacti", Warren Hacker and Zhosa, who won dinner for two at Nepenthe. You can visit our web site or Face Book page to see the pictures of these great costumes. [www.bigsurfire.org](http://www.bigsurfire.org).

Thank yous to everyone who helped make the evening such a success, all the volunteers who worked, the Captain Cooper school kids for their great works of art we hang up with the Halloween flyer, and to Janet Hardisty for driving around hanging them up! To all the resorts for donating the gift certificates for dinners for two, Post Ranch, Ventana and Deetjens, and of course most of all to Nepenthe for yet again having the party and letting Big Sur Fire benefit from it.

We had a fire prevention safety event at Captain Cooper last month. Thanks to all the Big Sur Fire members and USFS Patrol 18 Steven Dean and Smokey Bear for helping!: Look for Jon Knight's article elsewhere in the Round Up.

I was told the SRA fee we have been getting charged the last few years is no longer going to be assessed.

In addition to our usual training this month we had a 4-hour Hazmat recertification class. And next month while we skip our usual fire training we still have rescue training and will be doing a one day auto extrication class where we practice cutting up vehicles in the event a victim is trapped inside one.

Our fire extinguisher filling day went pretty well. We were able to get all of our extinguishers filled and had a half a dozen people drive in bringing not only some of their extinguishers but some from the library and the Grange.

We had our winter CAPS, Community and Public safety meeting this month. This is a meeting Big Sur Fire hosts where many agencies/departments meet and review any summer issues and discuss what problems we foresee going into the winter. We also took the time to review the Incident Command structure for the "Bridge Incident" and how it could be improved. Look for an article by CPOA President Butch Kronlund who wrote up our discussion. We feel pretty ready heading into winter as we feel like we just got done with 8 months of dealing with areas where access had been cut off. We are going to move our sand pile to the Coastlands turn out until the Pfeiffer turn out is again available. You will find the sand and sandbags there soon.

Burn season should be starting again as usual on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The post cards will have gone out by the time you read this. A reminder, everyone needs to get a burn permit every year. You can find one on our web site and either print it out and mail it, or download it and email it in. If neither one of these options works for you please call the fire house, 667-2113 and leave a message and a mailing address and we will send you one.

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