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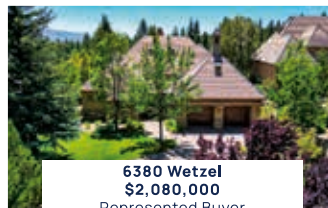
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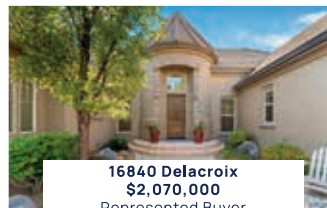
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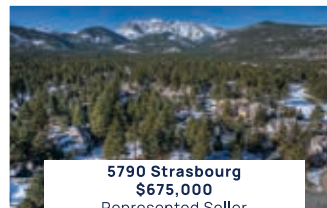
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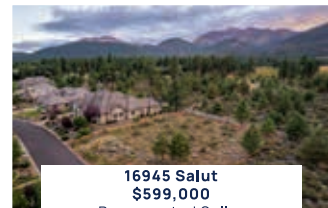
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Hello Montreux,

Happy Valentine's Day. Living in Reno offers a lot of opportunities to celebrate this romantic holiday. If you enjoy skiing, you are fortunate; Mount Rose is right up the road from Montreux, along with several ski areas around Lake Tahoe. If you are looking for a delicious night out, the Montreux Clubhouse is a great option; additionally, a lot of fantastic restaurants are in South Reno. Every major casino has a spa, and a couples massage is always relaxing. Whatever you choose to do, Reno has so many fantastic venues; just make sure to book early.

There are so many very worthy charitable organizations in Reno. Montreux resident Bill Cummings has written about several First Responder organizations. The relationship between Montreux and local first responders is legendary. That's why this month's Montreux Cares is supporting the Nevada Police Foundation. They are looking for help in a number of ways. They are looking for volunteers to help rebuild NHP. They will help to raise their public profile and help NHP become a "force for good". Please read the article, and if you can offer assistance in any way, please reach out to Adam Garcia; his contact information is written in the article.

If you are passionate about a charity, please reach out to me. I would love to feature them in Stroll Mount Rose, along with a free ½ page ad.



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Help! We really need your help at *Stroll Mount Rose*. We love having articles submitted by the residents and members of Montrêux. We can't do it without your help. This meeting is designed to be punctual, starting and ending on time, one hour a month. If you have a time that would be more beneficial to your schedule, please let me know. All the ideas for the articles you see every month in the publication come from this meeting. We need more people to be involved to help us make decisions about what they want to see in *Stroll Mount Rose*.



SAVE THE DATE

Just like the Montrêux community, the publication is growing in size. Your ideas are invaluable to the finished product you read each month. *Stroll Mount Rose* is exclusively for residents and members of Montrêux. It is mailed to every home in Montreux via the US mail.

This event is not just for new residents of Montrêux. You are welcome and encouraged to attend every month when you are available. This is your

publication, and it should reflect the articles you would like to see each month.

We will be meeting on Thursday, February 19th, 2026, in the Main Dining Room at the Montreux Clubhouse from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Email karen.evjen@n2co.com, or call Karen Evjen, at 775-440-3791, by Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 to reserve your spot.

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1. Adam Garcia

Code 11-33 for the Nevada Police Foundation

BY MONTREUX RESIDENT BILL CUMMINGS

The Nevada Police Foundation (NPF) has an organizational goal to provide badly needed services to the hundreds of courageous men and women in the ranks of Nevada’s law enforcement community, and their families. A particular area of interest for the NPF is supporting the families of fallen law enforcement officers, of which there have been, tragically, too many over the past few years.

A 501(c)3 non-profit, as defined by the federal tax code, the NPF supports all Nevada peace officers, first responders, and various people of positive intent and of beneficial service to the people of the Silver State.

Recently taking the reins of this worthy organization as Executive Director is Adam Garcia, an individual with 43 years of leadership experience in law enforcement, with 23 years as Chief of Police for the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Adam led the Las Vegas community through one of its darkest days, when an active shooter shot four professors, killing three of them.

With all his decades in challenging public service work and two master’s degrees accumulated along the way, Adam clearly has the law enforcement experience, administrative background, and managerial competence to manage this position with distinction. He is energetic, passionate, and focused on addressing the achievement of ambitious goals and addressing some of the obvious shortcomings of this charitable organization.

Founded in 2009, the NPF’s lofty organizational goals were to provide benchmark public safety services to Nevada state law enforcement officers and other agencies, and their family members in the key outreach areas of Officer Family Assistance, Provision of Safety Equipment, Research and Training, Officer Wellness, Youth Outreach, and Historic Preservation.

And exactly what did Adam assume responsibility for when he agreed to be the NPF’s new Executive Director a few months ago? A war chest in the low five figures, no endowments or regular financial commitments from long-time supporters, no employees, no dedicated office space, and no army of longstanding, willing, and committed volunteers to help achieve the ambitious goals of his institution. (What was he thinking?)

Where to start, and how does a well-meaning individual turn the NPF around? According to Adam: “The NPF has been in existence for about 15 years, and our signature fundraising event has been the operation of our popular yearly golf tournament.” Adam laughed as he continued, “The only problem with our annual fundraiser this year is that we worked hard but didn’t raise any money from it. We basically broke even and added very little to our treasury. The concept and execution were sound, but the results didn’t meet our expectations.”

Upon retiring from law enforcement last year, Adam wanted to give back to the Nevada law enforcement community. He offered to pitch in with the formidable task of reorganizing and reinvigorating the NPF because he believes in the potential for improving services to the hundreds of members of Nevada law enforcement and their families. But achieving his goals will be a very challenging endeavor.

“I am very blessed, and the people of this state have been very good to me over my decades of public service,” Adam said. “I am very grateful for the opportunities I



2. There are 157 names on the NV Fallen Officers Memorial Wall in Carson City



3. Families of fallen first responder heroes are deserving of our support



4. Historic preservation of law enforcement imagery is a NPF priority



5. Youth outreach is a fundamental aspect of NPF activities



6. Washoe County Sheriff's Office deputies deserve our support



7. Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue personnel saved our community

was given and the faith and responsibilities that the people of Nevada placed on my shoulders. I want to give something meaningful back to the people with whom I served and make sure they are well cared for in their most difficult times."

Metaphorically, I'm not sure that Sir Edmund Hillary had a taller mountain to climb on Mount Everest in 1953 than Adam must do to reinvigorate the NPF in our current times. Despite the incredible challenge to achieving his ambitious goals for the NPF, Adam is proceeding with supernatural optimism and good humor.

What are Adam's most immediate goals and vision for the NPF? "I need to recruit a core of energized, capable volunteers to assist the NPF to expand our community outreach portfolio and establish a baseline annual activity calendar to raise our public profile," he said. "At the same time, we also need to attract a few strong sponsors and mentors to help us grow this worthy institution."

"Under Adam's strong leadership, there is no reason that the Nevada Police Foundation won't gradually rebuild itself and become the 'Force for Good' that its founders envisioned," said Major Anthony Munoz, Commander of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Northern Command here in Reno.

In the sub-head above, "Code 11-33" means that an officer is in trouble and needs immediate assistance; when radio dispatchers send out a Code 11-33, everyone who can reasonably render assistance makes it their immediate priority to respond.

The Nevada Police Foundation was created to fill an important function: to help our law enforcement officers and their families in times of need. It appears that we are now at an inflection point where the NPF needs our help. Please help with your time or financial commitment to this fine public service organization.



8. Nevada Police Foundation is an excellent support organization

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- 1. Marriage, divorce, death.** Each of these events often requires a comprehensive review of your estate plan to ensure that your assets are distributed to the people you want, in the manner you intend. Your spouse has likely been assigned many roles in your estate plan. A change in marital status or the loss of a spouse means that it is essential to review and update all these appointments.
- 2. Change in financial status.** Financial shifts may happen when you retire, buy or sell a business, receive an inheritance, acquire or lose substantial assets. Your plan should always reflect your current financial reality to ensure that your wealth is protected and distributed according to your wishes.
- 3. Birth or adoption of a child or grandchild.** The birth or adoption of a new child or grandchild is a joyous occasion—and an important time to update your estate plan. If you are a parent, it is also important to nominate the person you would want to be the legal guardian for your minor child(ren) if you become unable to care for them yourself.
- 4. Change in circumstances.** Relationships and life situations can shift. When those changes affect the people named in your estate plan, it may be time to review your beneficiaries and your chosen decision-makers.
- 5. Changes in venue.** Moving from one state to another or purchasing a second home in another state always warrants an estate plan review. State laws differ, and you want to ensure that you are taking full advantage of and not being penalized by your new state's laws.
- 6. Outdated powers of attorney.** Your financial and medical powers of attorney are essential for protecting you while you are still alive. With an outdated document, you could end up in a situation where the wrong person has legal authority to act for you or, worse, where a court must appoint a guardian or conservator.
- 7. Unreviewed beneficiary designations.** Many people are surprised to learn that retirement accounts, life insurance policies, and annuities are not automatically governed by your will or trust. If a designation is missing or incomplete, a court may need to determine who receives the funds according to state law, which could lead to unintended results.
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Visiting Winter Waterfowl.

BY MONTRÉUX RESIDENT EMMA WYNN

In winter, Polly and I walk by local ponds and Washoe Lake to observe waterbirds. Several species migrate here during the season. This article highlights my five favorite winter visitors. All the information, including the maps, comes from Cornell Lab All About Birds website (<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/>).

Key for the maps:

Orange = breedingw
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Our most elegant winter visitor is the Tundra swan, *Cygnus columbianus*. They have entirely white plumage, the bill is mostly black, and they usually have a yellow spot at the base. The legs and feet are black. Immature birds are gray-tinged on the wings, head, and neck. Tundra swans breed on lakes, ponds, and pools along river deltas in Alaska and Canada. Wintering flocks gather on estuaries, lakes, bays, ponds, and rivers, often situated close to agricultural fields where the birds feed. They eat mainly plant matter, although they also eat mollusks and arthropods. In our area, you can usually find a few Tundra swans on the pond behind the fire station on Steamboat Parkway. If you want to see hundreds of them, head out to Swan Pond in Lemmon Valley.

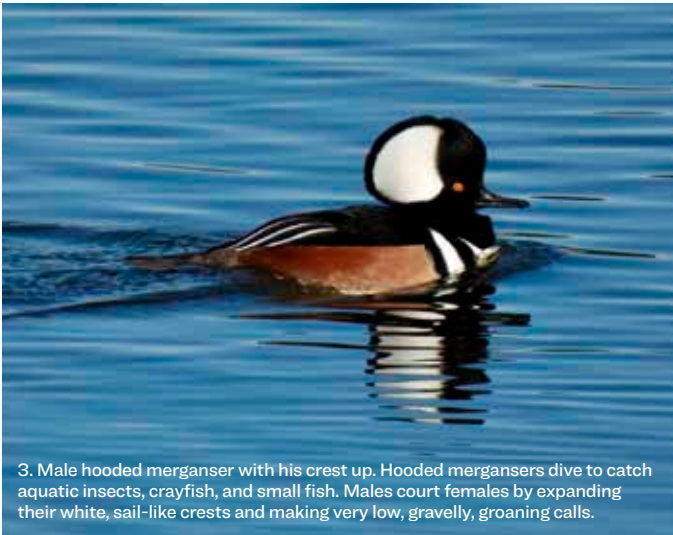
The cutest winter visitor, in my opinion, is the male hooded merganser, *Lophodytes cucullatus*. Hooded mergansers are small ducks with a thin bill and a fan-shaped, collapsible crest that makes the head look oversized and oblong. Adult males have a white hood; the body features sharp black-and-white patterns set off by chestnut flanks. The females have a cute cinnamon crest. Hooded mergansers breed in forested wetlands throughout the eastern half of North America and the Pacific Northwest and may also nest in treeless wetlands where people have put up nest boxes. They are most common in forests around the Great Lakes. Families of newly hatched ducklings forage in shallow water such as marshes, small lakes, ponds, beaver wetlands, swamps, and forested rivers—and rest on exposed rocks, logs, or sandbars. They winter in these habitats as well as on shallow freshwater and brackish bays, estuaries, and tidal creeks, where they often concentrate along the edge of ice. I look for them on the South Meadows Community pond behind the Hilton Garden Inn on Double R Boulevard.



1. Swans have long been associated with ideals of romance. Added to their elegant outlines and all-white plumage is their tendency to form permanent pair bonds by the time they're 2-3 years old. Once a pair forms, Tundra Swans feed and roost together year-round.



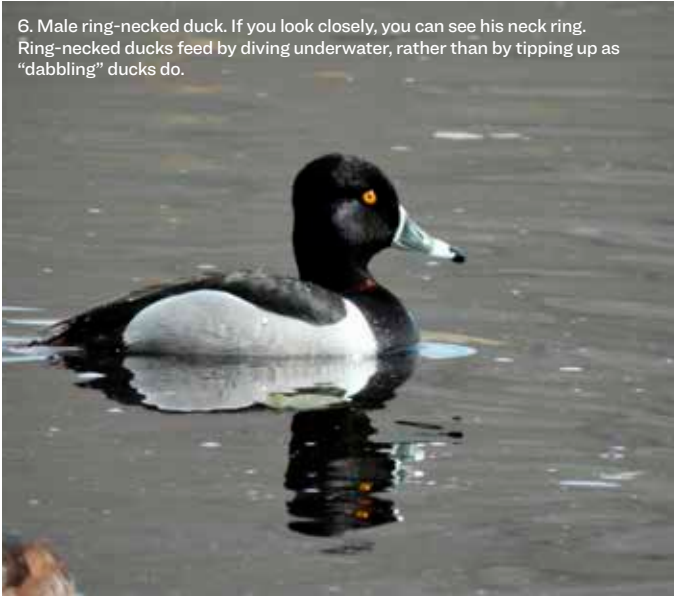
2. Map showing where Tundra swans breed (orange) and winter (blue).



3. Male hooded merganser with his crest up. Hooded mergansers dive to catch aquatic insects, crayfish, and small fish. Males court females by expanding their white, sail-like crests and making very low, gravelly, groaning calls.

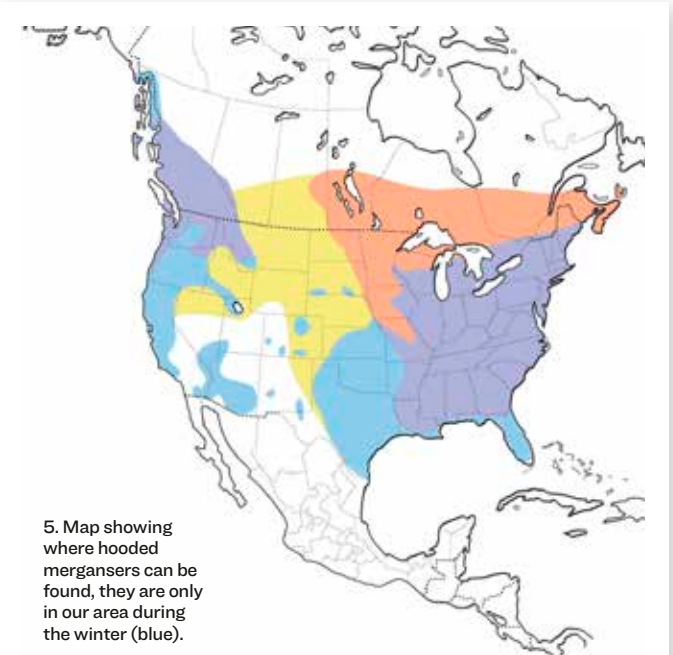


4. A pair of hooded mergansers. Like other cavity-nesting ducks hooded mergansers often lay eggs in nests of other ducks, both their own species and others. In turn, other cavity-nesting duck species will parasitize hooded merganser nests, nests have been found with up to 44 eggs in them!

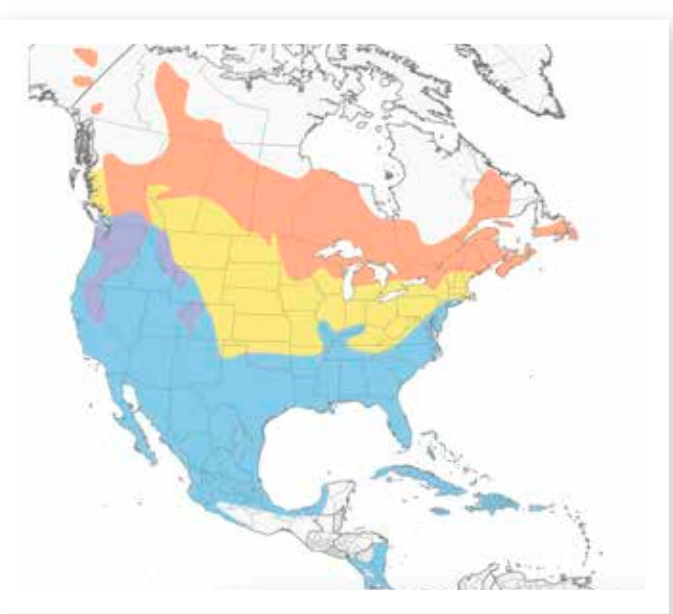


6. Male ring-necked duck. If you look closely, you can see his neck ring. Ring-necked ducks feed by diving underwater, rather than by tipping up as “dabbling” ducks do.

The most confusingly named winter visitor is the ring-necked duck, *Aythya collaris*. The feature that jumps out to me is the prominent white ring on the male's bill. The common name comes from the presence of a chestnut ring on the duck's black neck. This is rarely observed in a live duck, but it jumped out to the nineteenth-century biologists who described the species using dead specimens. The male ring-necked duck is a sharply marked bird of gleaming black, gray, and white. Females are rich brown with a delicate face pattern. At a distance, look for this species' distinctive, peaked head to help you identify it. Ring-necked ducks breed in freshwater marshes and bogs across the boreal forest of northern North America. On migration, Ring-necked Ducks stop



5. Map showing where hooded mergansers can be found, they are only in our area during the winter (blue).

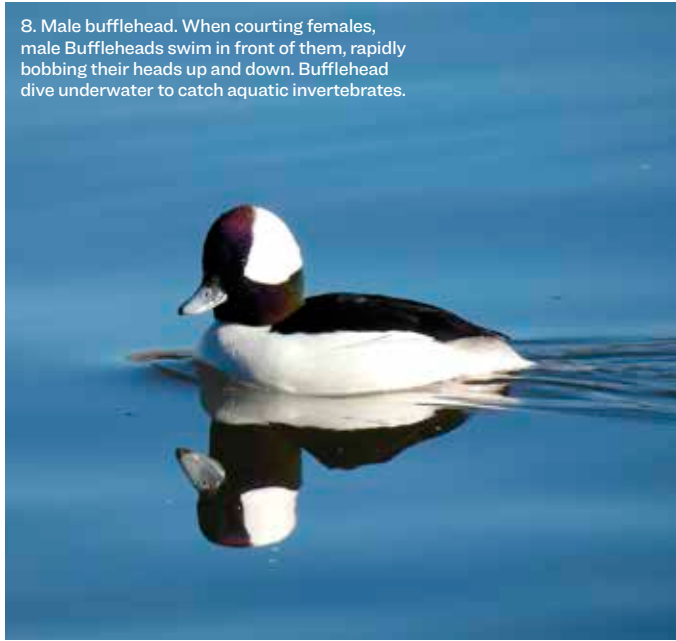


7. Map showing where ring-necked ducks can be found. There are some year-round residents in Nevada, according to the map, however I have never seen them here in the summer.

to rest and feed on shallow lakes and impoundments with dense stands of cattails, bulrushes, and other emergent vegetation. They can form very large flocks on some lakes. During the winter, look for them in swamps, river floodplains, brackish portions of estuaries, shallow inland lakes, sloughs, marshes, reservoirs, and other managed freshwater impoundments.

If you are lucky enough to observe a bufflehead in the right light, you will see that it has a glossy green and purple face. Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola*, are very small, compact ducks with large, rounded heads and short, wide bills. Adult male buffleheads have a white body, black back, and a dark head with a large white patch that wraps around the back of the

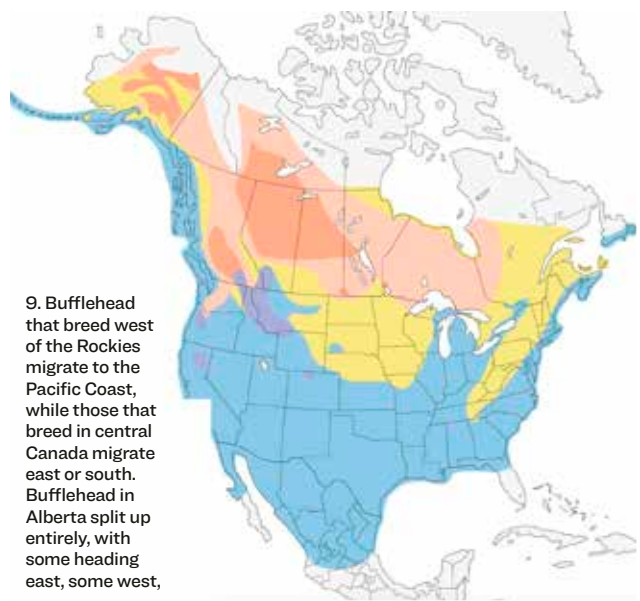
8. Male bufflehead. When courting females, male Buffleheads swim in front of them, rapidly bobbing their heads up and down. Bufflehead dive underwater to catch aquatic invertebrates.



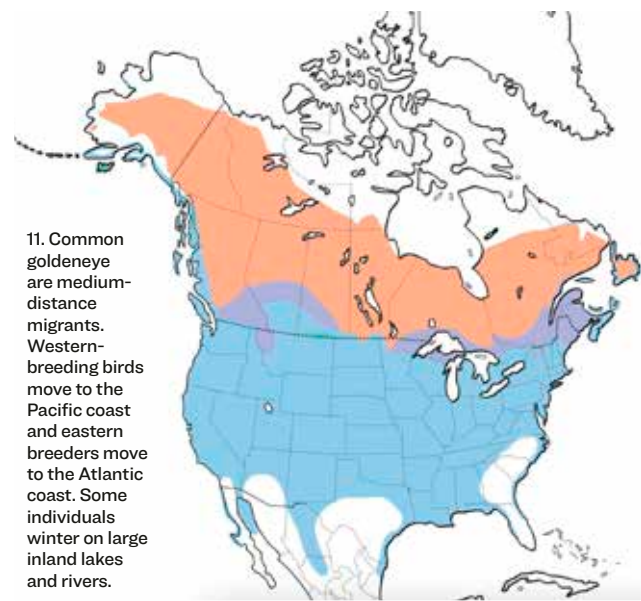
10. A male common goldeneye. Goldeneye chicks leave the nest just one day after they hatch. Nests are found in tree cavities up to 40 feet high. As the female stands at the base of the tree and calls, the downy chicks jump from the nest hole one after the other and tumble to the ground.



9. Bufflehead that breed west of the Rockies migrate to the Pacific Coast, while those that breed in central Canada migrate east or south. Bufflehead in Alberta split up entirely, with some heading east, some west,



11. Common goldeneye are medium-distance migrants. Western-breeding birds move to the Pacific coast and eastern breeders move to the Atlantic coast. Some individuals winter on large inland lakes and rivers.



head. Females and first-year males are gray-brown overall with an oval, white cheek patch. Bufflehead breed near ponds and lakes in the boreal forest and aspen parkland of Canada and Alaska, with isolated populations in the western United States. The bufflehead's breeding range is limited by the distribution of Northern Flickers, which are their main source of nesting cavities. Buffleheads are North America's smallest diving duck; they benefit by using old flicker nests that larger ducks such as goldeneyes and mergansers cannot fit into. In winter, they occur mainly near the coast, although they can be found in smaller numbers inland. Bufflehead normally live only in North America, but in winter they occasionally show up elsewhere, including Kamchatka, Japan, Greenland, Iceland, the British Isles, Belgium, France, Finland, and Czechoslovakia. In some of these cases, the birds may have escaped from captivity.

Common goldeneyes, *Bucephala clangula*, are aptly named as they do indeed have very bright eyes. Common goldeneyes are medium-sized ducks with large heads. The bill is small and narrow. It slopes smoothly downward from the face, giving the head an overall triangular shape. Adult male common goldeneyes are mostly black and white, with a black head featuring a white spot near the bill and a yellow eye. Their backs are black and sides white. Females have brown heads, gray backs and wings, and black bills often tipped with yellow. Goldeneyes are diving ducks with streamlined bodies and short tails. Common Goldeneyes breed mainly in the boreal forests of Canada and Alaska. They nest in holes in trees near lakes, rivers, or wetlands. Typical breeding sites feature lakes with abundant invertebrate prey and clear water offering good visibility and little emergent vegetation, although they may feed in stands of bulrush.



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1. Sutro Tunnel

THE SUTRO TUNNEL, DAYTON, NV

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The Comstock Lode was the first major discovery of silver in the United States; it was located under the eastern slope of Mount Davidson, a peak in the Virginia Range near Virginia City, Nevada, in 1859, 10 years after gold had been discovered in California. It was named after miner Henry Comstock, one of the individuals who'd made the discovery.

After the discovery was made public in 1859, it sparked a silver rush of prospectors to the area, scrambling to make their claims. Mining camps soon thrived in the vicinity, which quickly became bustling commercial centers, including Virginia City and Gold Hill.

The Comstock Lode is notable not just for the immense fortunes it generated and the large roles those fortunes played in the growth of Nevada and San Francisco, but also for the advances in

mining technology that it spurred, such as square-set timbering of the mine shafts, special processes for extracting silver from raw ore, and the complicated excavations of the mines themselves.

The initial ore from the Comstock Lode was extracted through surface diggings, but these were quickly exhausted, and miners had to tunnel further and further underground to reach the ore bodies. Unlike most silver ore deposits that occurred in long, thin veins, those of the Comstock occurred in discrete masses, often hundreds of feet thick.

Sometimes the ore was so soft it could be removed by a shovel. Although this method allowed the ore to be easily excavated, the weakness of the surrounding rock resulted in frequent and deadly cave-ins. The excavations went on for miles and miles laterally



2. Dozens of mines were scattered throughout Virginia City



3. The Comstock Lode was the first major silver ore discovery in the U.S.

and were ultimately, after years of work, carried to depths of more than 3,200 feet.

Early in the history of Comstock mining, there were heavy flows of water from seepage to contend with. This called for some serious pumping machinery to be developed, and as the mine depths increased, larger pumps were required to remove the water inflows. The water buildup near the surface was cold, but as the mine depths increased, so did the water temperatures due to geothermal pockets of superheated water and steam encountered during mine expansions.

One example, when the Chollar Mine teamed up with neighboring mines to sink a new shaft to 3,250 feet, they had to pump out 5,000,000 gallons of water per day, as well as construct a special underground cooling chamber by lowering huge blocks of ice and buckets of water down to the mine



4. A Prussian engineer named Adolph Sutro had a crazy water removal plan

floor. Workers would spend 15-20 minutes laboring in the heat and then 15-20 minutes recovering in the cooling chamber, back-and-forth throughout their grueling eight-hour work shifts.

When silver was first discovered on the Comstock, the flow of water from natural springs was sufficient to support the needs of the miners and associated businesses. But as the population increased, wells were dug for domestic needs, and potable water in several mine tunnels was added to the available supply. Pretty quickly, obtaining water became a necessity for the growing populations of Virginia City and Gold Hill, and the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company was established. What was established in the early 1870s became the miraculous Marlette Lake Water System (MLWS), and portions of the MLWS are still in use today, providing fresh water to Virginia City. (The Marlette Lake Water System will be the subject of a separate article sometime in the near future.)

It was ironic that at the same time there was a huge challenge to secure enough fresh water to support the growing populations of miners, families and businesses on the surface, the mining companies were experiencing their own challenge of removing the millions of gallons of water that was flowing into their mine shafts faster than they could expel it even using



6. Tunnel Guide extraordinaire Spencer Davidson gives great mine tours



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very extensive, and expensive, steam and hydraulic pumping equipment.

Then, in 1860, a Prussian mining engineer and entrepreneur named Adolph Sutro proposed the creation of a large tunnel through a nearby mountain to drain the water buildup in the Comstock tunnels and thus allow access to deeper mineral exploration for silver and gold in the area. This tunnel would also allow equipment and ore to be shipped in-and-out of the mine sites at valley level rather than having to raise and lower these materials via the lengthy mineshafts.

By 1865, Sutro's project was approved by the state and federal governments, and he formed the Sutro Tunnel Company to begin selling stock certificates to raise funds for the proposed construction. Financing also came from local miners who were motivated by the desire to improve mine safety throughout the Comstock.

On July 8, 1878, the Sutro Tunnel was completed from the valley near Dayton, Nevada, through nearly four miles (20,589 feet) of solid rock to meet the Savage Mine at a depth of approximately 1,750 feet. The North and South drain laterals, at 4,403 feet and 8,423 feet, respectively, were completed in 1879. The tunnel was 14 feet wide and about nine feet high inside the rugged



7. 200 feet of the mine has been recovered & made safe for visitors

timbering. Drain flumes were built into the tunnel floor, and two tracks for horse carts were built over these flumes.

It required 8 1/2 years to reach the Comstock Lode, after which the tunnel drained approximately 4,000,000 gallons of water daily from the connected mine sites. In addition to the water removal, the tunnel introduced much-needed ventilation to the mines.

Unfortunately, by the time the tunnels reached the Comstock mines, most of the ore above 1,650 feet had already been removed, and the lower workings were 1,500 feet deeper. However, the drainage provided for the standing water, greatly decreased the operating costs of the miners served.

Ultimately, all of the Gold Hill mines stopped pumping water by March 1882, and the water was allowed to rise naturally to the level of the tunnel at

1,750 feet. The Combination Shaft ceased pumping below the tunnel on October 16, 1886. The greatest depth reached by all the mines, in 1884, was 3,360 feet.

The total production of ore extracted and milled in the Comstock District between 1860 and 1880 was 6,971,641 tons and 640 pounds. As it happened, peak production occurred in 1877, the year before the Sutro Tunnel was completed. In that year alone, the Comstock mines produced \$14,000,000 worth of gold and \$21,000,000 worth of silver.

Adolph Sutro unloaded his shares in the tunnelling enterprise when the tunnel was completed, and his stockholders ultimately lost millions. Sutro moved to San Francisco, where he was elected mayor from 1894 – 1896. He died there in August 1898 at the age of 68.



8. Colorful carp are living in abundance in the drainage pond

Deep underground exploration and mining in the Comstock District continued sporadically until 1918, when the last of the pumps was shut off, allowing the mines to flood up to the Sutro Tunnel level. All mining from 1920 to the present has taken place above the Sutro Tunnel level. There have been some recent estimates that billions of dollars of silver and gold remain in the Comstock Lode, but it is unlikely that it will ever be recovered.

The Sutro Tunnel is still moving millions of gallons of water daily from the Comstock area down to its exit point in a drain field near Dayton, and an organization was created a few years ago to share the rich history of this engineering marvel with the general public. The “Friends of the Sutro Tunnel” are working to preserve this significant part of Nevada’s mining history by restoring the Sutro Tunnel & Site.

“The goal of the project is to not only preserve the site’s historical integrity but to make it safe and accessible to visitors,” said Tunnel Manager Spencer Davidson.

“We are in Phase One of this restoration project with our current focus being on site cleanup, protecting the remaining structures from further deterioration, and reopening additional sections of the tunnel as funds become available.”

Visiting the Sutro Tunnel site in Dayton is easy to accomplish, as the attraction is shown on most navigation apps. The guided, interactive site tour is quite fascinating and educational for aspiring young engineers, and visitors can see and walk in the first 200 feet of restored tunnel, while another 100 feet of tunnel is being rebuilt to its original specifications and should be completed by the end of 2025.

A visit to the Sutro Tunnel this summer is well worth the trip!

Friends of the Sutro Tunnel is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Nevada. Its mission is to restore and preserve the historic Sutro Tunnel and the surrounding site and educate the public about its heritage. Private donations make the work on this meaningful project possible.

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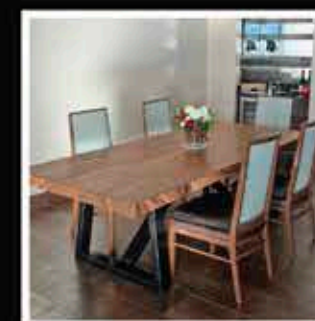
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How Much Calm is Enough?

BY MONTREUX RESIDENT DODIE MAZZUCA

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—BHAVANI MAKI, *THE YOGI'S ROADMAP*, TRANSLATION OF PATĀÑJALI'S YOGA SŪTRA II:47

In golf, calm doesn't mean lethargic; it means relaxed and present. Most golfers perform their best when they find their personal balance of mental and physical calm.

If you tend to be overly tense or nervous, calm yourself down before each shot. Ease inner turmoil and excess swing thoughts between shots by relaxing the body, softening the breath, and noticing how you feel physically and mentally. Take in your surroundings—the birds, the smell of grass, the dew on the greens, the sunlight through the trees.

As thoughts and muscles relax, the senses sharpen, and perception heightens. This creates space for clarity and reduces distraction, which is essential in golf. Even releasing 10–20% of accumulated stress is a win. Everyone is different—some find this state quickly, others with practice—but given time, it's something we can all achieve with awareness and practice.

Creatively Evaluate the Lie Before Selecting The Shot

Deep in the rough? Sidehill lie? Don't treat every shot like the ball is on a perfect fairway. Check the lie first—whether it's sitting up, buried, in mud, or on a slope—then adjust your stance and club accordingly. The ground often dictates your shot and club choice far more than the distance yardage.

This intuitive skill takes time to develop. Winter's changing conditions are the perfect time to practice assessing and adjusting for each variability. It's a fun way to add creativity to your game!

Consistency 101: Eliminate The Backswing "Sway"

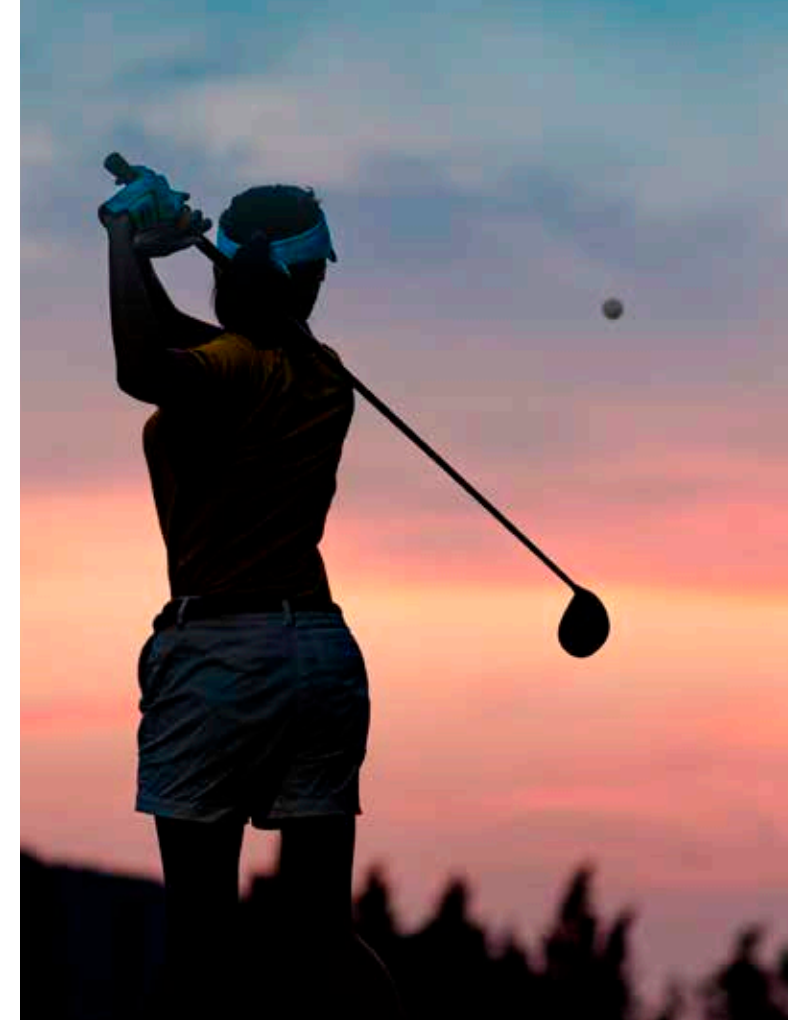
During your backswing, think of the lower body as the anchor. Limit excessive hip lateral motion (a.k.a. "swaying") by turning around your spine rather than sliding the hips and lower body laterally.

Some golfers, when "anchoring" their backswing, experience more weight on the instep of the right (trail) foot. Compared to the incorrect lower body motion, which allows the weight to shift to the outside of the right foot.

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