Pacific Beach Historical Society
NEWSLETTER

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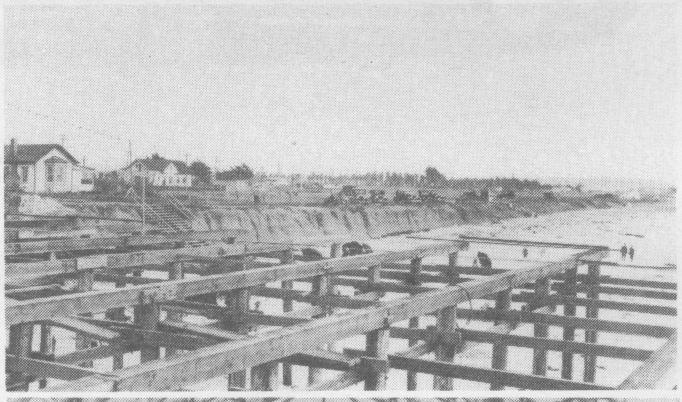
NEW PHOTOS OF CRYSTAL PIER



CRYSTAL PIER "OPENED" ON APRIL 18, 1926, was involved in a lawsuit that closed down the business, was ultimately repossessed by the bank, remodeled, and re-opened on April 19, 1936, so April is sort of "Crystal Pier Month" in Pacific Beach. The photo album that Neil Nettleship kept is in the archives of the San Diego Historical Society and the photos are now available to the public. Many of them have not been seen before, and we thought members would enjoy them. When the pier "opened" in 1926, it was far from finished, as seen in the photo above. If you can read the sign on the tour busses, the pier is referred to as "The Palisades at San Diego Beach"—as short-lived attempt to rename Pacific Beach.
(All photos courtesy of San Diego Historical Society/Title Insurance Collection)



(Below, clockwise) Another shot taken from the unfinished pier, looking southeast to Braemar; the pile-driver at work on the pier; looking up Garnet from the pier. The "outhouse" at the left is a real estate office, next to it is the Earl Taylor Real Estate Office, a railroad sign warns of streetcar traffic, the house that is now Diego's Restaurant can be seen further up Garnet, and Dunaway's Drugstore is visible in the distance; finally, a group of workers pose in front of the unfinished ballroom, May 27, 1927.











(Above) Probably taken late in 1926, this lovely two-plate pan shows the beach all the way to Point Loma. Note the Hornblend "mystery wharf" at the center. (Below) The membership application below is for new members. Some of you may have mistakenly believed it is a renewal notice. We will send you a notice when it is time to renew.

Are You A Member of the Pacific Beach Historical Society?

PACIFIC BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE _____

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☐ - $10/Single Membership ☐ - $15/Family Membership ☐ - $20/Business/Group Membership

Send to: Membership Secretary, Pacific Beach Historical Society, P.O. Box 9200, San Diego, CA 92109

* Make checks payable to: Pacific Beach Historical Society (or P.B.H.S.)

APRIL MEETING

First, a note of thanks to Jackie, Dee, and Eva for organizing the 10th Anniversary luncheon, and to Roger Ip at China Inn, for being the gracious host.

Our April 1 meeting will feature a slide show on the history of Crystal Pier. We know many of you will want to dine in the restaurant first, and they don't open until Noon, so the meeting may not start exactly at 1, but surely soon after.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

Want to know how to get tickets to the sold-out San Diego Padres opener on Monday, April 3 against the San Francisco Giants. Call member Bob O'Regan. Bob had 100 loge seats at $8.00 each. We don't know how many are left. Call him at 483-7041.

IN MEMORIAM

Member Marian "Mimi" Dinant passed away March 4. Several members of the society attended her funeral at Pacific Beach Mortuary on March 9.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewing their memberships since the publication of the last newsletter were the following: Molly Kervin Steele, Eve Smull, Anita Smith, Fran Wagner, Linda Johnson, Rae Gay, L. E. Marshall, Dolores Kott, Katherine Eaton, Michael Lovett, W. R. Kocar, John W. Rice III, Harry Bogue, David Howell, Sarellen Morgan Wuest, Helen Hull, Andrew & Margaret Brydon, Robert & Ailene McDaniels, Barbara & Donald Paull, Robert & Rhoda Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin, Leonard & Jeane Clay, Bern & Carmelita Swarts, Ernest & Betty Boldrick, Robert & Dorothea Gales, Richard & Sue Rummell, FRIENDS OF THE PACIFIC BEACH LIBRARY, and CALAFATA INSURANCE AGENCY.

LA JOLLA HIGH REUNION

LJHS, class of '39, is planning a Reunion for September, 1989. Contact Ethel Milton Walsh for further information (270-6697).

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