

From the Resident President:

Our Cable Internet Service Provider

In the early 1990's, before the World Wide Web existed, there were a couple of Dana Point entrepreneurial people who were involved in communications and believed in the Internet. As the Web developed, although they had never used email, they believed it was the future in communications. So, while others scoffed that the Web was just a fad, they used their family credit cards to start a dial-up-only Internet service company, which in 1995 became known as West Coast Internet (WCI).

While many Internet service providers have gone out of business or been absorbed by larger organizations, WCI has become one of the oldest and most successful continuous-ownership firms in the country. Now considered a mid-size Internet service firm, they have expanded to offer both consumer and business customers virtually any state-of-the-art service they might require for Internet access. For further information about the company history, policies, and clients, go to <http://www.westcoastinternet.com>, and click on About Us.

Most importantly for us, they are the Internet Service Provider for Leisure World's new Cable Internet system. After approval by GRF in early 2004, WCI initiated the system in April, and now almost 1500 LW subscribers have had Cable Internet installed.

It is also important to note that over the past years, WCI has been directly supportive of our PC Club operations – and thus, the LW community, by providing:

- Free dial-up Internet access service for our Computer Workshop and Learning Center.
- Free DSL Internet access service for our Computer Workshop and Learning Center.
- Free hosting of our club Web site: <http://www.lwpcug.com>.

Now, we are pleased to announce that WCI will continue this policy of free Internet access service, replacing the existing DSL service with Cable Internet service for our Workshop and Learning Center. Further, we are happy to announce, that the Cable Internet service was installed in our Workshop and Learning Center on October 6th, and is now available to all of you.

Roger

NEWS BULLETINE!! NOVEMBER MEETING!! WIN A DIGITAL CAMERA!!

Renew your membership or join the Computer Club as a new member for 2005 before November 8, 2004 and participate in the drawing for a new digital camera at the November 15 th meeting. Only those present at the meeting who have paid their dues will be eligible to win.