



# Newsletter

## President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. The park has a lovely quietness to it this time of year and is a good place to just come and escape all of the season's madness. It also lets the park employees concentrate on keeping up with maintenance and upgrades. We have recently installed a new children's play area near the youth center. This project has surpassed all my expectations and should last for many years. We are in the process of upgrading the office computer system to make sure that we don't have any issues in the future. There is also work going

on throughout the park on the electrical upgrade project. From my understanding we are meeting all expectations on this project and working to establish more efficiencies as we move along. I would like to express my appreciation to all of the volunteers who have been spending their extra time helping the park runs smoothly, from helping with activities, to participating in committees, and also working on the Board of Directors. I especially want to thank the park staff for all of their hard work. Without all of you we wouldn't have such a nice retreat. If you're new to the park

and want to get involved come to one of the workshops held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00AM in the adult club house. This is a great way to get to know some of the other members and help give us ideas on how we can improve an already awesome camping club!

My family and I would like to wish all of you a peaceful, joyous and relaxing holiday season and hope to see you soon!

Respectfully yours:

*Patrick Butler, President*

## Park Manager's Message

The holiday season is upon us here at GBNT our maintenance crew has been lighting up the park to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays.

They also have been extremely busy with downed trees from all the wind storms this last month and the rain has just saturated the ground. Some sheds and trailers have been damaged and GBNT staff has been doing its best to report any damage done to member's campsites. But not all damage can be easily seen so members should inspect their RV and out building for damage.

Work is still ongoing for the electrical upgrade. Winter

storms have slowed things down but we are still continuing on with the task. The maintenance crew has done an outstanding job this year. Volunteers from the electrical committee worked Saturday Dec. 5th digging and installing disconnect stands and also building the stands in the shop. The staff and I appreciate your help as always **THANK YOU ALL.**

There have been a number of break-ins of out buildings these last few months please help us put a stop to this by reporting individuals on other member's sites. Let's keep our eyes open and try to get descriptions of individuals, vehicle licenses and makes of

vehicles for police. Get to know the neighbors around you so you know who belongs and who doesn't.

From all the staff at GBNT we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thanks for all the help and support you have given me and GBNT staff this year and we will see you all in 2016.

We are now offering a cord of wood cut into 16" rounds delivered for \$100. Contact the office.

Thank You

*Steven Thaeete, Park Manager*

**Happy Holidays &  
Happy New Year!!!**

## Membership

Welcome to all of the new members this year. The committee approved Nine (9) new members in October & Eight (8) were approved in November and One (1) was denied.

Thank you to the committee this was a record year for new members they worked very hard.

## Violations

**15-83** - Speeding = Warning

**15-84** - Abusive to another member = \$160 Fine

**15-85** - Dog not on leash repeat offense = Recommend to Bar

**15-86** - Circumventing 270 day usage, 5th offense = Recommend to Bar

**15-87** - Soliciting from other members = Recommend to Bar

**15-88** - Circumventing 270 day usage 2nd offense = Recommend to Bar for 3 months

## Welcome New Members!

### October 2015

Blanchette, Cheryl & Michael	750
Pospisil, Nichole & Austin	220
Beckstrom, Robert & Wilson, Laura	843
Fesler, Rachel & Moran, John	387
Hill-Hysaw, Willie & Kimberly	1006
Zhang, Henry & Hu, Shu Su	677
Malsberry, Justin	768
Prutzman, Rheanna & David	722
Moran, Drew & Virginia	120

### November 2015

Green, Brian	15
Yea, Kim Couturier, Jorge	1160
Mangum, Ernest & Kathleen	935
Simon, Jennifer & Arends, Douglas	495
Gates, Gwyn & Daniel	175
Chamberlain, Timothy & Laura	511
Smith, Rachel Johnston, Clif	1045
Pittenger, Raphael & Tracy	782

## Vice-President's Message

Hello Everyone,  
I hope your holiday season is going well. To all that were able to make it to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the ACH, I hope you enjoyed all the great food and company. Big thanks to Becky Fredrickson and her group of volunteers for setting that up. Also, a big thanks to Santa for stopping by to see all the kids. With winter upon us, there

are still things to do in the area. Wallace Falls is awesome this time of year. Day hikes in the pit area, as well as the events held at the ACH. The new play area at the youth center must be checked out by all. And don't forget we still have Breakfast going so there is always good warm food to start your day. We have had some crazy windy, rainy and cold weather

and there has been a lot of tree limbs blown down, some areas worse than others. Staff and security are doing there best to check on the lots but they can't see everything, so it would be a good idea to try and make it up to check on your lots, sheds and trailers. Wishing all of you a joyous holiday season!

*Bill Ritchie, Vice-President*

Kudos to Jack Wellborn for going above and beyond during the power outage. He gave another member a warm place to stay until their family could make it here to take him home to live.



MSA's M = Motion S = Second A = Approved

**October 2015**

**MSA:** Accept the 2016 budget proposal as written

**MSA:** Select CENSCO IT person for 2016 after question and answer period.

**MSA:** To Approve CENSCO's Computer and server proposal for \$8,190.00 for Gold Bar Nature trails from the Computer capital expenditure fund

**MSA:** Approve lot 782 sale price of \$5,000

**MSA:** To spend up to \$700.00 for a new tree. Money to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** To spend up to \$250.00 for Gifts for the Children. Money to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** To spend up to \$400.00 for new lights and decoration. Money to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** To spend up to \$500.00 for Thanksgiving Dinner. Money to come out of Activities

**MSA:** Spend one thousand dollars for perk test for ballpark septic from the

**MSA:** elect Jody Bedell (Chair) , Bob Wilson, Willy Sodja, Ben Goodwin, Jack Welborn, Michael Fredrickson, Sandy Butler ( Secretary), Carl Bern, Larry Shuey and Steven Thaete

***Kitty Korner w/cat tales***



Winter has arrived so the kitties are looking for warm places to sleep. Hopefully if you find one at your place and it isn't hurting anything you would let it sleep there. The coyotes have gotten several of our cats so we are glad when they find a safe place to hide. We have feeding stations for them so they don't go hungry.

We want to thank all of you nice folks who give money & food for them. Also thanks to those who feed them.

We all wish you Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

***Sue, Orma and the Kitty Kats***



## Facilities, Safety & Security

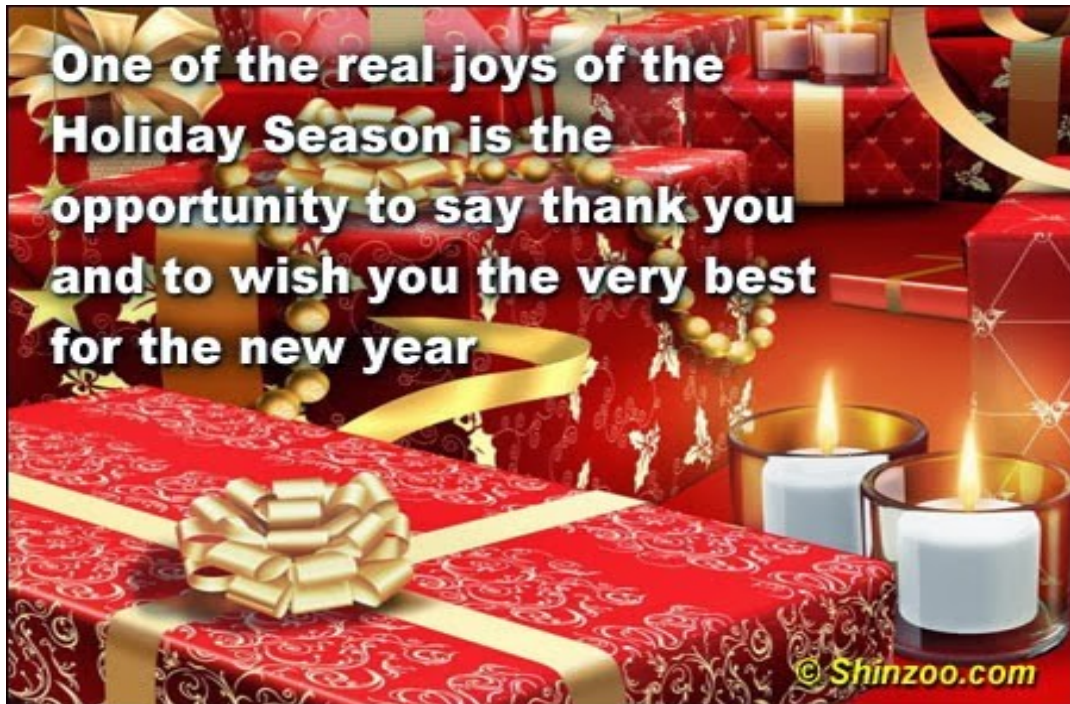
The last newsletter of the year, I hope all of the members of Gold Bar Nature Trails are doing well. I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and happy new year. I would like to take the opportunity to

thank the staff that have done such a tremendous job this year on keeping the park running and working well for our members. Please take a moment to give thanks to someone in need this holiday season. Please re-

member to shut off your water when you leave your RV this winter. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2016. Sincerely,

*Michael Hill liaison*

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## Activities

Hello my fellow campers!

Well since the last newsletter we have been very busy in the Activities Department. Here's an overview of what has been happening. October, we did a pumpkin painting party and later that evening the kids came back to load into the wagons to start their trick or treat parade throughout the park! We had over 20+ sites sign up for the kids to come by. Thank you, site hosts! The kids had a blast! After trick or treating we had hot cocoa and ghost poop to warm us up and lots of cake and cookies. Thank you to my volunteers that made this event run smoothly. Without you this could not have happened. In November we had our Thanksgiving dinner. We served 197+ people. The meal was great and the conversation was great as well. Thank you to Chris our cook and his many hours he puts into cooking our meals and his faithful volunteers that help him.

As for December, the volunteers decorated the ACH, it looks beautiful! We didn't buy a new tree we just added new LED lights and it is amazing how it changed the look of the tree but we do need to add another set for next year. Then the following weekend it was the Kids workshop! They had many crafts to do if they wanted. We had snowman jars, 4 different types of picture frames to make, dress a gingerbread man and pose for a photo with our beautiful photo frame. Later that evening Santa and Mrs. Clause came. We had hot cocoa and cake with other appetizers. Santa got to talk to all of the kids, and Mrs. Clause made sure that all the kids got a little something special in their gift bags. The ACH was full of laughter and joy. What a special time of year! So on that note a special thank you to my faithful volunteers, because without your help and time these events could not happen. With many hands in-

involved the tasks are manageable. Thank you for making my job a lot easier.

### Upcoming Events

No New Years Eve - no interest at the Workshop meeting. Couples Valentine Dinner is still in the planning stages

So if you are wanting an Event to happen please come and attend a Workshop. They are on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the ACH at 10AM!

We are posting information on the website as well.

[www.gbntone.org](http://www.gbntone.org)

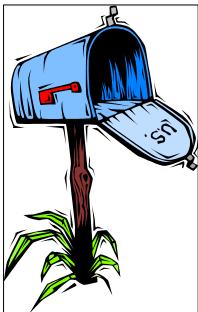
*Becky Fredrickson, Liaison*

*If you would like to help plan activities or would like to see something happen, please attend the 2nd Saturday Workshops at the Adult Clubhouse @ 10am*

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