

# Newsletter

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## Presidents Message

Greeting fellow campers:

I hope that everyone has taken time to enjoy the park. My thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the very successful activities during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. It was awesome watching everyone enjoying themselves. We are all ready for another great Fourth of July weekend with activities galore.

In my last article I made light of the burglaries in the park. Thanks to volunteers, and our great security staff, we have helped the Snohomish County Sheriff's office apprehend the criminals responsible. Thank you very much

everyone. If you were a victim please make sure that you file a report with the Snohomish County Sheriff's office.

As I write this article we find ourselves coming up to an election for the Board of Directors with only one candidate. This year three of our seats will be open and we really need the positions filled. If you have the time please consider running. I really believe that it would be great to get new perspectives and ideas at the board level. I for one would not give up the experiences I have had helping to make this park a great place to be.

It is coming time for the lot inspections so please take some time and get your membership sites spruced up. Make sure that you check your RV registration to make sure it is up to date and the office has a copy for their records. As we all know every vehicle in the park must have up-to-date licensing.

Happy camping!

*Patrick Butler, President*

## Vice-Presidents Message

Hello Everyone, I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Memorial Day Weekend and all the activities that were scheduled. We are still in need of volunteers for the July 4th weekend events, any time that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

I know it seems early but I would like to remind everyone that we have elections in September and

we will have three (3) positions coming open. If you would be interested in becoming a Board Member please pick up the application from the office.

We will be having a silent auction on the trailer and sheds located under the power lines. Bring your bids to the office by the 4th of July Weekdn. There will also be a yard sale during the Labor Day

Weekend at the Managers house. I truly hope everyone is able to spend as much time as you can here at the park and enjoy the summer months as well, be safe and have fun.

*Bill Ritchie, Vice-President*

## Park Managers Message

Yahoo!! Campers, summers here! June 18, 2016 the youth center will open full time. The summer hours will be 10am -10pm Monday through Sunday. The adult pool is open from 10am-12pm. We just finished our first health department inspections and both pools passed with flying colors.

The park and camp sites are really looking good this year. Due to the warm weather, members have been arriving early to clean up and it looks great! Keep up the

good work and remember, site inspections are coming up after Father's day.

Our Memorial Day Weekend went very well with all the members and guests pouring in. I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked gate duty; you all did an outstanding job thank you all. I hope we can get the same amount of support for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. You can sign up for gate duty at the office for a 2 hour shift. Your help will

make a big difference with the flow of traffic.

Just a reminder, with the increase of members and guest in the park, please watch your speed for the safety of children in the park. Please slow down! The speed limit is 10 mph throughout the park.

*Steven Thaete,*

*Park Manager*

## Administration

I frequently get questions about our rules; why do we have so many, how are then enforced; what if they don't seem reasonable, etc., etc., etc. In order to understand we need to look at GBNT from its inception.

Snohomish County approved the creation of GBNT under a set of rules set forth for us. This is the Conditional Use Permit, otherwise called the CUP. These rules govern the park structure and the requirements that the county places on us to meet their rules. They are pretty broad but there are some very specific requirements. They include such things as the number

of campsites allowed, size of structures, and vacancy requirements. The CUP cannot be altered by GBNT.

The By-Laws are the written rules of conduct of our corporation agreed upon by the members, and can only be amended by the members in a majority vote. Bylaws are, in effect a contract among members, and must be formally adopted and/or amended.

The Rules and Regulations is a document set forth by the Board of Directors. It is broken into 3 criteria.

First is the act of compliance of

the CUP and By-Laws.

Second is the safety and use of and park facilities and infrastructures by members.

Third is the need for rules to govern members/member guest's behavior which may impede others from enjoying their site and park facilities. It is unfortunate that all members do not have a sense of personal accountability for their actions. Therefore, we need to create rules to govern behavior that is unacceptable by most members.

*Rita Tuck, Administration*

## Membership

Welcome to all of the new members.

We had 8 new in April, 4 current members purchasing new sites and 10 new in May.

We have 18 scheduled for June and 10 more waiting to be scheduled. The committee has been very busy so far this year.

### CLASSIFIEDS

**Need extra money?**

**I need someone who will clean my walls and inside windows for me.**

**Call Vicky 425-231-4254**

## Violations

**16-02** - Using site for business = Bar one year

**16-03** - Minor in park unsupervised = Warning

**16-04** - Unlicensed driver = Warning

**16-05** - Careless driving = Bar guests

**16-06** - Driving under the influence = Bar guests

**Needed Volunteers for Gate Duty  
4th of July Weekend  
&**

**Labor Day Weekend**

**It's only for 2 hours to help let the  
members guests into the park.**

## Welcome New Members!

### April 2016

Melcher, Stephanie & Jayson	822
Moore, Thor & Carley	208
Sorby, Jeffrey	207
Hodges, Leslie	326
Linton, Jamison	723
Cooper, Jack & Sylvia	957
Hendrick, Bryan	132
Pohlman, Heide & Robert	346

### May 2016

Beaver, Ricky	509
Lemm, Daniel	748
Gurevich, Vladimir & Ludmila	996
Carr, Colleen & Jess	572
Lodwig, Daniel	79
Cramer, Martin & Barbara	1037
Borrer, Cooper	583
Hostetler, Chris & Kim	1036
Vodegel, Hiedi	749
Laguio, Imelda & Gabriel	777
Petrie, Dianne	940
Skalsky, Lynn & Kevin	358
Powers, Jim	227
Boggs, Megan	
Bissett, Rebecca & Ryan	663



## Electric Upgrade Committee

2016 has gotten off to a wonderful start with the Increase in resources of labor and equipment for the Electrical Upgrade Project. In addition to the park Team there is New Committee of volunteers who are donating their valuable time to an improvement that is greatly needed at our beloved park. I would like to thank both groups for their valuable time and efforts that we are all fortunate to have for this challenging capital improvement.

Now that the team has a new method of installation of the Electrical distribution the members have seen an increase in locations

of install, which is a huge win for the park. This type of modular metering allows less labor and more standardization of installations, which increase productivity as well as also allow future expansion.

In addition to the Electrical Infrastructure implementation is also New Future Low Voltage pathway and New Water infrastructure. This is a much-needed piece of infrastructure and will assure future expansion of utilities as well as greatly diminish ongoing repairs. This will allow the Park Facilities to focus on the standard maintenance versus untimely reac-

tive repairs that can be avoided.

The new session Electrical Upgrade Committee for 2016 is as follows: Wayne Kubli, Jack Welborn, Mike Fredrickson and Ben Goodwin.

Thank you Gentleman!

There will be volunteer opportunities as it warms up and I want to end by saying a big thanks to all the volunteers who have donated time and skills in the past since we would not even be where we are now without all of the support that many have contributed.

Stay tuned folks,

*Donal Barnes, Liaison*

**Please pre-register your guests for 4th of July Weekend at least 1 week or more prior to the weekend. You only need their names, you can email your list to the office if it makes it easier for you. Please try not to call your list into the office there are too many to keep up with.  
Thank you in advance.**

### *In Loving Memory*

Charles (CW) Gordon

CW Was one of our Security Guards for GBNT

Zela (Zee) Walker

Who was one of our Pool Attendants

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

## April 2016

**MSA:** the 193,000 Surplus money to a 6- month CD which is currently uninsured.

**MSA:** Purchase 4 game cam cameras with 1 having Verizon Wireless air card attached to be used for security purposes, not to exceed \$1,000 to be taken from General funds.

**MSA:** Purchase a hand held FLIR (forward looking infrared) for security to be used to see heat sources, not to exceed \$1200 to be taken from General funds.

**MSA:** Purchase 6 new portable radios with extra batteries and speaker mics, not to exceed \$1500 to be taken from General funds.

**MSA:** Purchase maintenance equipment (see attached list) not to exceed \$20,000 from General funds.

**MSA:** To accept these members for Violations committee. Wayne Kubli chairman, Tom Wright Burt Profit, CC Johnson, Linda Peterson, Patti Casto, Barb Hanson Jane Ritchie. Alternate Judy Kittleson.

**MSA:** To spend \$2500.00 for new targets (back drops) for the archery range money to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** To eliminate the entrance fee for NON FOOD events sponsored by the GBNT Activity group for the 2016 year as a trial with a

restriction of entrances based on the Activity groups guidelines.

**MSA:** To Approve \$200.00 for prizes for Pickle Ball Tourney.

**MSA:** for up to \$500.00 for BBQ on 5/27/16. Moneys to come out of activities.

**MSA:** for up to \$500.00 for Taco Boats Concession for 5/28/16. Moneys to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** for up to \$1000.00 for the Luau for food. Second by Muriel Reiner. Moneys to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** for up to \$2500.00 for a Commercial Grade BBQ and Deep Fat Fryer. Moneys to come out of General fund.

**MSA:** for up to \$200.00 for the DJ for 5/28/16. Moneys to come out of Activities.

**MSA:** To elect Mike Fredrickson as the EUC Secretary.

**MSA:** Approve the EUC 4.16.16 Meeting minutes.

**MSA:** To Approve the following:  
John Wagner- Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, DNR Advisory rep  
Brad Thompson- Planning and Events Coordinator  
Trish Axtman- promotions and Website Operations  
Ted Jackson- Legislative Liaison with local cities, county, state, DNR and Forest service entities

## May 2016

**MSA:** to replace existing AM radio information computer (which

was broken} with a new updated audio box and software package for Barb's computer not to exceed \$500. To be taken from General fund.

**MSA:** To purchase 4 more game cameras with better resolution not to exceed \$1,000 to be taken from General fund.

**MSA:** To approve up to 5,000.00 from the General funds to replace the Heater in the Adult pool.

**MSA:** Approve Bingo Committee up to \$1500.00 to start up bingo for the year from the Bingo fund.

**MSA:** Proposal to create flyer for Memorial Weekend regarding fire safety and rules of conduct for park guests.

**MSA:** Propose changes to guest registration to clarify gate procedures during holiday weekends. Copies of proposed changes and park guest notices will be available in in box before board meeting on May 21st.

### About Dogs

We have a problem with some our members or guests walking their dogs and not carrying a litter bag to pick up their dogs poop. Members often complain to the staff about this. PLEASE pick up after your dogs and take it home to dispose of it. This is YOUR responsibility.

## Message from the Secretary

Another Season of fun and activities are upon us again this 2016 season and I am excited as I drive into the Park and see the amazing new front Stone garden entry that is truly beautiful! As I walk through the park this year I still have the happy and relaxed feelings I had when I first became a member when my sons were just toddlers.

Many things have changed in appearance for the benefit of all of the members, which is proper and

exciting. From the New entrance of the Adult Clubhouse to the New play structure at the Youth Center! In addition a very successful Pea patch community and a highly functional archery range. These are just a handful of the improvements that many are involved with creating and completing.

Many have said it before but I will say it again. Gold Bar Nature Trails is a very unique and special place where kids can be kids and

some of us can still return to that place and enjoy it the way we would have when we were all younger!

Have a wonderful summer and **Thank you to the Park staff and all of the many volunteers who support GBNT throughout the year.**

*Donal Barnes,*

*GBNT Corporate Secretary*

## Facilities, Safety & Security

Hello GBNT campers, a new summer camping season has begun with a goodly number of campers arriving on Memorial weekend despite the rainy weather. I hope all had a good time. The pools are open, new playground is getting a lot of use and we are continuing to work on electrical upgrade.

I would like to thank the GBNT park staff for a wonderful job they have been doing to get the park ready for camping season and maintaining everything during these 3-4 months. This includes

the office staff. The ball park parking area lighting project is completed and is working well. Potholes are getting repaired as soon as they have time. The archery range is open and has new targets and backing for targets, if you like archery give it a try, just sign in please. I would like to take the time to thank all the members that obey the 10 MPH speed limit and who watch out for the walkers and bicyclists and try to keep the park safe. Bingo is now in full swing, please come

join us for some great fun. Every Saturday 6:45 PM early bird start and 7:00 regular bingo start, on holiday weekends this includes Sunday night, please be their early to play.

We are looking for volunteers to complete the dog run under the power lines, if you would like to volunteer please sign up in the office.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Michael Hill, Liaison*

## Activities

We are in full swing for the summer. Pools are ready and waiting for school closings so we can open the kid center. Memorial Day was wet, windy and still lots of fun. We had many new families taking part in their first holiday week end at GBNT. The new kid's playground was a smashing success; kids all over the place having fun. With that in mind, make sure that the speed limit is followed at all times. Be mindful of bike riders, golf carts, and walkers.

We are busily planning our upcoming holiday, Independence Day. Our theme is "Let's all celebrate!"

So far, we have hamburgers and hotdogs at the ball park on Friday evening. On Saturday & Sunday and Monday, we'll have the ever popular breakfast at the ACH, There will also be Sales in the Woods, Bingo, the parade through the park, pickleball tournament, strength contest, cake walk, cribbage tournament, golf cart challenge

course, poker runs, chili cook-off and pulled pork sandwiches, taco boat feed and karaoke and dance on Saturday evening There is something for everyone and if you have never seen a golf cart challenge before, it is cooperation at its worst or best between driver and navigator...did we mention blindfolds?! Pick up a schedule at the park entrance and check the schedules for dates and times of all events.

*Rita Tuck, Pro-Tem*

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

Our park Kitty Kats seem to be getting fewer and fewer. We don't know if the coyotes are getting them or they are getting old and going off to die. Our five newest kitties we got about a month ago are still in hiding except one, he has found a feeding place on Eagle. Apparently he does not run when he sees someone. The three that were released on Constitution and Maple have not been seen, however the food seems to get eaten every night so we figure they are in hiding and coming out a night to eat. Hopefully they will start trusting humans.

The little guy, the smallest of them all was released on Windbreak and hasn't been seen since so if he is seen looking for some food please feed him and then let us know. We kept each of these kitties in for about 3 days then released them, hoping they would stick around, they fooled us.



If any of you see any of these kitties put a little food out for them and please let us know (the Office, Sue, or Orma) and we can set up a feeding station for them.

We still need food and money for them. Thanks to all of you fine folks who help us with our Park kitties.

*Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats*

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