

Newsletter

Gold Bar Nature Trails

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President's Message

Wow,

What a summer this has been! There have been all sorts of records broken and set. From record breaking hot days to loads of members enjoying the beauty of Gold Bar Nature Trails.

If you have not heard there is a new GBNT Facebook that is up and running for updates and fun facts specific to the members. With the wildfires in BC it has made it necessary to have

a current burn ban this week and important to keep in mind with guests and little ones.

The Board of Directors will be reviewing their yearly report at the Annual meeting in September which is also the time where incoming Board of Directors will be returning in some cases for a second term as well as possible new Board Members coming in.

The current Board has done an amazing job of volunteering to

uphold the Bylaws along with the Rules and Regulations and I would like to say Thank you! Please be safe and watch over the park and your neighbors in this high alert fire season.

Last,
Have fun and enjoy yourselves.

Thank you,

Donal Barnes, President

Vice-President's Message

Hope that everyone is enjoying their summer activities and taking advantage of all that Gold Bar has to offer. Please remember that there will be an election and information being sent to you. You may not think that it is important but it really is. Please take the time to vote and return your ballots. You can either mail or drop

them off at the office.

I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the last three-day weekend coming up and that the weather cooperates, seeing how we are breaking all kinds of records. We will be having the surplus sale outside the managers house (Behind the main office) on Labor

Day weekend. So, come and check out the hidden treasures. Look forward to seeing everyone

Also check out our new current Facebook page and sign up

Bill Ritchie, Vice-President

Park Manager's Message

Well campers, the end of summer approaches and the kids return to school. As we look back at what a great summer it was, with record temps, and the longest summer without rain. Members really took advantage of it building sheds, decks, gazebos and RV roofs. With other members just enjoying the peace and tranquility of GBNT. I can't think of a better place to be.

I would like to thank the staff and volunteers at the Youth Center for helping make it the place to be. From arts & crafts, to games & swimming. The outside BBQ was excellent and a mighty tasty addition. I am looking forward to more next year.

Don't forget Labor Day weekend is coming up. We have the carnival at the ball park and kids' pizza party at the YC, we hope to see you there.

A common issue we have had this year is guest registration. If you are not the owner of the membership, or a child that is 23 and under, living at home with said member, you are considered a guest and need to have the mem-

ber sign you in when you enter GBNT. If you have a guest pass and a key card from the member you still need to sign in. Violations will be given out to those members who don't follow the rules. Members are responsible for all of their guests' actions in GBNT.

Please use common courtesy and respect to your fellow members. Members come to GBNT to get away, relax, or to party. If a member is too loud and noisy playing music, other members can't enjoy the quiet or put their kids to sleep.

Please see if your lights are lighting up other campsites. If they are, they may need to be lowered or have fewer lights. Also remember to turn them off at night. Campers enjoy seeing the stars.

Thank you for cleaning the campsites, it is readily visible that the entire park is sprucing up. Please refer to Section I, Paragraph B.8. if you are unsure of what should be outside and what needs to be put in a building.

This summer gave us a good look

at our old electrical system and why we are replacing it.

High temperatures had more members turning on their air conditioners drawing more power. That created more problems in the old power panels by burning up breakers, plugs and wires causing us to repair or even having to replace entire panels.

Our own maintenance crew has been working on the electrical upgrade. If you are in the area we are working, thank you for your cooperation and assistance in working with us to complete our work.

Remember to check our website for upcoming events and activities this fall and winter.

For all those who helped out the park by volunteering this summer thank you all so much.

Steven Shaete, Park Manager

**Tune into GBNT
1710 am Radio**

For current events or special information

Membership

Welcome new members!

Thank you to the Membership committee for all of their hard work. We had 10 new members in June and 13 new members in July. We have 7 more waiting approval in August.

Violations

No Violations for July

I hope all you campers are handling this heat well.

Our kitties are staying out of the heat in the day time and coming for food early or late.

If you see any hanging around it would be nice if you left a bowl of water for them. I have some pails with water in them so I can water my plants in a hurry and the cats & raccoons drink it. The raccoons make the water pretty dirty with their food dipping so I know they are drinking it. We still need cat food or money for cat food.



Thank you all you wonderful people who help us out with the food, also thank you to all of you who feed them. Enjoy the summer!!!

Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats

Welcome New Members!

June 2017

McIalwain, Donald & Anna	1199
Oliver, Paul & Arlene	157
Lindsay, Russell & Jennifer	440
Troxler, Amanda & JT	451 321
Ellern, Dominic	505
Koontz, Kristi & Darin	13
White, Lolinda Lee	710
Webster, Dennis & Debra	1038
Andree, Derek & Marina	1066
Gardner, Cindy	812

July 2017

Nelson, James & Watkins, Cheryl	978 1109
Goddard, James & Sharra	582
Mireur, Patrick	1009
Jongejam, Cassie	892
Hull, Travis & Amber	1065
Schaefer, Lisa	77
Cherman, Viviane & Lacy, Jim	439
Sorba, Andrew & Usack, Theresa	1182
Carlson, Ralph & Margarita	354
Connell, Tracylyn	1007
Maher, Christopher	618 619
Riddle, Donald & Traci	617
Kutz, Joseph & Stacy	962

Administration

Summer is winding down and with it our lazy days of summer are coming to a close. There were no member proposals pre-

sented for vote by members this year. Elections are drawing near and we have some good candidates on the ballot. Be sure to vote

when you get your packet at month end.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

ByLaws, Rules & Regulations

There were no bylaws up for review and no changes to the current rules and regulations over the summer months. We are still working on an overall revi-

sion of the current rules and regulations. Our goal is to simplify the language, provide clarification to some of sections, and allow easier access to

pertinent information. We will keep you posted throughout the year on our progress.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

Closed Bid Auction

**Deadline September 23rd noon at the Main Office
2 RV's located under the Power Lines for inspection
1972 Cobra 24 ft. & 1996 Prowler 5th wheel 31ft.**

Long Range Planning

I want to thank Jody Bedell for her work on the LRP committee these past years. She took on a difficult task and translated it into a spreadsheet for our 5 year

plan. This tool has been very helpful for those of us who remain on the committee. We are currently working on plans for park improvements and repairs for 2018.

These plans will be submitted to the Board for inclusion in the 2018 budget if approved.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

May 2017

~~**MSA:** to allocate up to \$50,000 to purchase a used Leeboy 635B Motorgrader. After discussion, motion passed.~~

MSA: to amend the above to read, to allocate up to \$50,000 "from the general and or electrical fund" to purchase a used Leeboy 635B Motorgrader.

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MSA: to put in place a voluntary child registration program in the Family Center to identify kids as well as offer parents an opportunity to put money on a card for use by the children. See attached. After discussion, motion passed.

MSA: to allocate \$200.00 to create a Bocce Ball.

MSA: allocate from Activities \$250.00 for prize money for Pickle Ball, Saturday May 27th.

MSA: to allocate from Activities \$250.00 for prizes for the Home Run Derby, Saturday May 27th.

MSA: to allocate from Activities \$250.00 for prizes for the Strength Competition on the July 4th weekend. Tabled

MSA: to allocate from Activities \$250.00 for Punt, Pass, Kick Competition on the Labor Day

weekend. Tabled

MSA: that children under 18 do not have to pay entry fee for events other than food items and gambling.

MSA: to allocate up to \$1,000 for Friday Night Father's Day Dinner, June 16th.

MSA: to budget up to \$200.00 each for holiday/event banners to be installed on guy wires above the road just inside the front gate not to exceed six or \$1200.00. After discussion motion

MSA: to waive non-license children be able to participate in the poker run for ½ hour before and after the start and ending time.

MSA: to change the following rule:

Current rule: SECTION V, A-Pools, item 4

~~**Reads:** Youths under 10 years of age~~ must be accompanied by an adult member or an authorized adult guest, 18 years of age and over, at the Youth Center Pool. (BOD 1-21-11)

REVISE: Children 12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult member or an authorized guest, 18 years of age and over, at the Youth Center Pool. (BOD 1-21-11) (BOD 5-20-17)

July 2017

MSA: Permission to donate and put a picture of firemen up in the Adult Center by Becky , Lot 281, Park Manager to install.

MSA: to allocate \$200.00 to create a Bocce Ball Court.

MSA: to allocate from Activities \$250.00 for prizes for the Strength Competition on the July 4th weekend.

MSA: to allocate from Activities \$250.00 for Punt, Pass, Kick Competition on the Labor Day weekend.

MSA: to allocate up to \$1,000 for food at the Ball Park, July 4th weekend.

MSA: to allocate up to \$200 for the Dance July 4th weekend.

MSA: to allocate up to \$350 for Pickle Ball Nets.

MSA: to approve up to \$1800 from Activities to purchase a new beverage container with lock, pending Mary Jo Leach investigation into possible free, not to exceed two weeks.

Friendly Reminder

Please pre-register your guests for the Labor Day Weekend one or more weeks prior to the weekend. You can email a list, we only need their names. Please do not wait until the weekend of the Holiday. Please do not call them in.

There have been several violations for fires that were left unattended as well as no hose available to extinguish a fire. The safety and well-being of our members and the community is very important to the Board of Directors. Please make certain your fires are out, **DEAD OUT**.

Keep your fires at a low level with a charged hose and shovel near the fire ring should your fire get out of control. Never leave a campfire unattended! Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread. Always make sure a responsible adult is always in attendance, outside by the fire.

The U.S. Forest Service directions when putting out your campfire:

First, drown the campfire with water!

Next, mix the ashes and embers with soil. Scrape all partially-burned sticks and logs to make

sure the hot embers are off of them.

Stir the embers after they are covered with water and make sure that everything is wet.

Feel the coals, embers and any partially-burned wood with your hands. Everything (**including the fire ring**) should be cool to the touch. Feel under the rocks to make sure there are no embers underneath.

When you think you are done, take an extra minute and add



An unattended fire 2017

more water.

Finally, check the entire campsite for possible sparks or embers, because it only takes one to start a forest fire.

Remember...if it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave.

Please take the time to completely put out your campfires.

THERE IS NO NEED TO LOCK YOUR WATER STAND PIPE. The water in the park is free for the members to use. Locking your water stand pipe could leave Security with no way to put out a fire whether it be yours or some neighbors.

Kenneth Pratt, Liaison

Activities

Hi All,

I would first like to thank all the volunteers for making GBNT the place for families to come to and build “memories”. Without them, some of these events would not be possible.

Summer is in full bloom and folks at Gold Bar Nature Trails are enjoying all that it offers. This summer is unlike last summer in regards to the weather. Last year we had wet weather for the Fourth of July. This year we are seeing the “dog days of summer” at the park. As of the day of this writing, we are at 50+ days of no rain. It’s a new record!! Its been

the most beautiful summer that I can remember.

The Fourth of July weekend was a huge success. The pools are open and surely enjoyed hearing all the laughter that I heard while roaming the park. We had Sales in the Woods, Bingo, pickleball & horse-shoe tournament, the golf cart challenge, the bouncy house, the parade, the poker run and many other events. All were a huge success with people participating in all and others watching with smiles on their faces.

Labor Day weekend will be filled with events. There is something for everyone. The events sched-

uled so far are the carnival, Sales in the Woods, Bingo, Cribbage, Poker Run, the Parade, meet the candidates, and the surplus sale. We are working on additional events and will solidify them as we get closer to the holiday.

Pick up the schedule at the park entrance for dates and times of all events.

Chris Johnson, Activities

To all of the Facebook fans!

We have a new page Gold Bar Nature Trails - Members Only

This page is for Members of Gold Bar Nature Trails. The purpose of this page is provide a social media forum for membership discussions, sharing activities, collaborating on topics that improve membership benefits and overall communication about Gold Bar Nature Trails.

Rules of this page:

Members only.

Family friendly posts only.

Remain respectful of members.

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