

May ~ June



# Newsletter

Gold Bar Nature Trails

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## President's Message

April showers are here for sure as well as our fair share of snow too!

It has been a cold and wet winter but there has been some sunshine peeking out every now and then.

I hope you have all had a wonderful early spring and I look forward to many sunny days this coming spring early summer.

There is many physical changes going on inside the park and many have witnessed them and many will be surprised by all the Life Cycle renewals of the Facilities that Steven Thaete and his All Star Staff have been working non stop on.

It has been a tough winter to accomplish many of these tasks but the whole staff has been determined to shine even

when the sun does not inside Gold Bar Nature Trails!

Please take a moment to Thank the staff of the opportunity presents itself since they all deserve it!

See you all in the Park,

*Donal Barnes, President*

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## Vice-President's Message

Hello everyone it's that time of the year to start planning your spring breaks and summer events. There are a lot of good ideas for events but we are still in need of plenty of volunteers, and ideas at the monthly workshops. I know that Rita has lots of great ideas lined up but she

is always in need of volunteers to keep things going. Bingo starts soon so come on up and meet with your fellow campers and Win some Cash.

Don't forget that the first of May starts the lot inspections. That means tarps must be removed from trailers and sheds. Hope-

fully the weather will start to dry out some.

Enjoy your Summer!!

*Bill Ritchie, Vice-President*

*In Loving Memory*

**Robert (Bob) Sestak**

**One of our original members. Bob & Alberta purchased their site over 40 years ago.**

## Park Manager's Message

Hello Campers

What a soggy winter we have had and still more to come in the forecast. But that won't stop GBNT from getting ready for a fun filled summer right!

First I'd like to thank all the members for reading last month's newsletter and getting rid of a lot of clutter and debris on their campsites during the winter, it should make your site cleanup a little easier this spring.

Now accepting applications for Youth Center Pool staff for the summer season so if interested pick up or drop off an application at the office.

We have an position opening for a part time office assistant, so drop those applications off at the office. Thank you

Don't forget, we are still having Friday night dinners at the ACH all year and breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings. So come on down

for the best meal ever and don't forget to thank the cooks and the many volunteers who help make it possible.

You too can be a volunteer, just ask at the kitchen or the office and they can contact the proper person.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this summer!

Thanks Again

*Steven Thaete, Park Manager*

**Please be respectful of other members. Members or guests are not allowed to trespass on other campsites without permission. If the site is listed with the sales office you cannot enter the site without a sales agent showing you.**

## Membership

We would like to welcome all of the new members to GBNT. Thank you to the committee for all of your hard work interviewing possible members.

We had 8 new members in February and 3 new in March.

## Violations

- 18-01 Nuisance = \$50 Fine
- 18-02 Sleeping @ ACH = \$50 Fine
- 18-03 Sleeping @ ACH = \$50 Fine
- 18-04 Sleeping @ ACH = Bar from facilities 2 years.
- 18-05 Nuisance = \$100 Fine
- 18-06 Theft = \$100 Fine w/warning
- 18-07 Theft = \$100 Fine
- 18-08 Unregistered guest = Warning
- 18-09 No guest pass = Warning

## Welcome New Members!

### February 2018

Senft, William & Sara	673
Reames, Kenigan & Katelyn	743
Seibert, Rick & Cindy	1033
Coffin, Kenneth & Tanielle	329
Borders, John & Jacqueta	1093
Nicholson, Boris & Drina	55 878
Miller, David & Leslie	1021
Ochoa, Jacqueline & Randy	1120

### March 2018

Berger, Lonnie & Brenda	1096
Seitz, Kori	764
Nelson, Lynsey & Ferguson, Renee	1094

We are hiring for the Youth Center  
Please apply at the office.

**Coming in July Nature Camp for kids.**

## *Kitty Korner w/Cat Tales*

Hi all,

We thought we would let you know about our newest arrival. We were gifted with a beautiful little orange kitty we named Red. He is living in my porch and is slowly making up to us. When he is old enough we will have him fixed and slowly introduce him to the outside world. I have a feeding station close by so he'll have friends. The rest of our kitties are doing well. We want to thank all of you fine folks for the food and money you donate for our park cats. Have a great spring & summer!!

*Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats*



## Administration

Wanted – park members who are willing to commit time and energy to making the park a vibrant and positive environment for all. Helpful qualities include being open minded, volunteer oriented and an understanding of and commitment to follow the By-laws and Rules & Regulations of the park. Candidates must have been a member for at least one year; be in good standing (no outstanding violations or fines); and not have

been a park employee in the past year.

The Board of Directors consists of 9 members. Directors are elected for 3 year terms and may serve two consecutive terms plus any years of appointment. They may run for re-election after 1 year absence from the board.

Members who are considering running for the board of directors are encouraged to attend monthly open board meetings and workshops so

they can better understand board responsibilities and time commitments. Being on the board of directors is a commitment of both time and energy but if you are interested in helping shape direction for the park, it is a worthwhile experience.

Proposals must be submitted to the office by May 31st

*Peggy Fitzwater, Liaison*

**We are looking for hosts to do the poker run. If you would like to be a host please sign up at the office.**

## ByLaws

The proposal process is how members can make changes to the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations. The Board of Directors has the authority to make changes to Rules during open board meetings but they must also follow the proposal process to enact changes to Bylaws. Bylaws can be added to, amended or repealed by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of all votes cast in the annual election.

The process for submitting proposals is outlined in the Bylaws and in Administrative Policy and must be followed in order to have proposals considered. The

office has the necessary proposal forms or you can download them from the website. You will need 2 copies of the form, one for the proposal change and one for the required 30 member signatures. Check with the office staff if you have questions BEFORE the deadline.

Written proposals must be submitted to the office by May 31st No member may submit more than four proposals to be voted on during the election process Proposals must include a 'Reason(s) for'

If the proposal requires spending of park (corporate) funds, a

cost estimate must be attached The proposal must be signed by the submitting member

Proposals require signatures of 30 members in good standing before being sent to the membership for a vote

Approved proposals take effect at 12:01am January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following being approved unless an effective date & time is specified in the proposal

Proposals that have been voted on and defeated by the membership within the past 3 years cannot be resubmitted until the 4<sup>th</sup> year.

*Peggy Fitzwater, Liaison*

## MSA's

M = Motion

S = Second

A = Approved

### February 2018

**MSA:** to accept the Sales Committees pricing recommendation of \$10,000 for lot 396.

**MSA:** to allocate \$700 from Activities for the St Patrick's

**MSA:** to begin repossession process of membership for sites 195, 505, 657 & 1011.

**MSA:** to enlarge camping sites #1-5 at ballpark to accommodate larger rvs.

### March 2018

**MSA:** to accept Denny Casto-chair person, Sandi Welborn, Sue Proffit, Anita Wilson, Joan Lorentzen, Diane O'Rourke-alternate, Jodi Be-

dell-alternate, Jerry Tuck-alternate to the Membership Committee for the 2018/19 term.

**MSA:** to accept Judy Kittleson - chair person, Linda Peterson, Patty Casto, Connie Cathcart, Howard Musolf and Colleen Okeson to the Violation Committee for the 2018/19 term.

**MSA:** to accept Phyllis Duzell-chair person, Bob Lemm, Linda Peterson, Dave Fitzwater, Scott Olsen, Duane Okeson, Barb Badda, Jerry Tuck as volunteer members of the Sales Committee for the 2018/19 term

**MSA:** to reduce the commission charged by GBNT for GBNT sales from 12% to 10%.

**MSA:** to accept Phyllis Duzell, Becky Clair, Colleen Okeson, Judy Kittleson, Jodi Bedell and Becky Fredrickson as volunteer members of the Bylaws Committee for the 2018/19 term.

**MSA:** to accept Mike Fredrickson, Jack Wellborn, Brian Goodwin, Wayne Kubli, Hank Waibel, and Bob Gilpin to the Infrastructure Committee for the 2018/19 term.

**MSA:** to accept Jack Wellborn-chair person, Mike Fredrickson, Bob Wilson, Carl Bern, Ben Goodwin to the Long Range Planning Committee for the 2018/2019 term.

**It's time to start Pre-registering your guests for Memorial Weekend. Sign up anyone you think may come so we can keep the line moving. You will only need their names. Please do not call the office with a list of names. You can email them to [gbntone@gmail.com](mailto:gbntone@gmail.com)**

## Long Range Planning

Hello Campers,

As you know Memorial Day is just around the corner. I'm hoping to see everyone here. There are some great plans for this special weekend. I hope everyone can attend. Don't forget a few things have changed over the winter in the park. Here are just a few: The stop light at the gate once you come in is not working, but you still have to stop and wait for the gate to close. There are 2 new stop signs in the park marked by orange flags, the 1st is on the corner of Logger Loop & Maple, the 2nd one is on

the corner of Logger Loop & Ivy. Please keep an eye out for these. The electrical and water upgrades are moving along, they are now 1/2 way around Bluegoose Loop then will head up Maple to Liberty Loop then on to Burlington & Simpson. Watch out for open trenches. The new slider has been installed at the ACH ahead of schedule. The new stairway to the library at the ACH is moving along nicely. Please don't forget to follow the Rules of the Park when here. The biggest offenses in the park are; speeding, and noise

complaints after 10pm. Also be sure when you light a fire to have charged hose before you light a fire. It also has to be within reach of the fire pit. Please keep these few things in mind when you're here camping.

I hope we can have a great summer of camping with no problems. So please come up to frequent your site, enjoy yourselves and watch out for your fellow campers.

With that said, hope to see you here and have a great season.

*Bob Rowe, LRP*

## Bingo

Are you ready for some Bingo? Our first game this year will be on Saturday, May 5th and boy are we excited!!

The Early Birds will start at 6:45 for an adult buy-in (band above) which includes one 6-on pack, and a children's buy-in for a 2-on sheet is \$3.00.

We have a couple special games for \$1.00, so it's really a bargain and you can win lots of money! As always, you must play the package games to participate in the specials.

If you have a large family and would like to sit together, I suggest you come early and claim your spot, as Bingo fills

up quickly, especially on the Holiday weekends. There is seating available both inside and out (we have new outside lighting!)

Louise & Curtis Smith are our Bingo managers again this year. Louise oversees the Bingo games and Curtis is in the kitchen.

We have many concession items available during Bingo, and I have been told by Curtis that his special nacho plate with all the fixins will be available on the Holiday weekends. They are HUGE! There will also be both Polish and all Beef hotdogs available this year.

Remember, you don't have to

play Bingo to enjoy the concession food, the kitchen is open to all members.

Louise & Curtis volunteer every year to make our Bingo experience a great one! Lets give them a big smile, a nod or a thank you next time you see them. Also a shout out to the many dedicated Bingo callers, floor workers and kitchen helpers who volunteer week after week. Thank you!!!

Bingo is so much fun and a great family event. I hope you all check us out.

SEE YOU AT BINGO!

*Meri Jo Leach, Liaison*

## Secretary

Everyone has had enough of the rain, no matter what season the calendar says we are enjoying. I am looking forward to some warm summer days that will allow me to get out and enjoy the amenities that make Gold Bar Nature Trails the special place that it is.

We are a community of owners who care about the value of our club. Solid values don't just happen. We need individuals to step up and make decisions that are best for the whole community. Budgets, liability, rules, by-laws, federal, and state and local laws and regulations all play an important role in decision mak-

ing. Please consider running for the Board when positions open up next year.

It is important that we as owners respect our community and all the other individuals that play with us. The rules provide us with a way to ensure that we protect the integrity and harmony of the community while promoting the safety and welfare of members and guest. That being said, it is important that everyone follow the rules that are provided during your membership purchase.

The speed limits are in place to protect our members and their

guests. Not cleaning up after your animals or respecting the common areas of the facility can create an unhealthy environment for everyone who enjoys the park like setting that we have. All sites are very close and open to each other so you need to be aware of your neighbors and respect their right to have a quiet weekend enjoying their site. Is the lighting on your trailer or lot affecting your neighbors right to enjoy their site?

I hope everyone has a great summer of 2018.

*Kenneth Pratt, Secretary*

## Activities

### Cake Walk Donations Needed

The cake walk on Memorial Day Weekend needs your help!

Please donate one or more items so there will be lots of prizes for the winners. Suggested items include cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies, chips, soda pop, s'mores kits (graham crackers, marshmallows & chocolate bars) or anything else you think would be an enjoyable treat. Please bring donations to the ballpark by noon on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. When you bring your donation please leave your name and site # or phone # so

you can be entered into a drawing for a floral arrangement.

### Memorial Day Weekend activities

There are a number of fun activities planned for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend on May 25 – 28. Be sure to pick up a flyer when you come in the gate for the updated list of activities along with times & locations.

Some things to look forward to include the annual forest (yard) sales, the poker run, bingo, a pickle ball tournament, a cake walk and fun activities at the youth center.

There will be food available for purchase – starting with a spaghetti feed on Friday night at the ACH, Saturday concessions at the ballpark at lunchtime and snacks at bingo in the evening. Also on Saturday evening there is a dance planned up at the ballpark.

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the weekend for quarterly dues (\$5 per ticket) or 5 yards of gravel (\$1 per ticket).

If you have other activities you would like to see or help plan, please contact Rita Tuck with

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

**When mailing your checks or setting up auto pay please remember to put your site number in the memo.**

**If you're paying on a contract please specify it's for a contract.**

## Guests (Rule reminder)

Any member loaning his/her key card to a "guest" for use in the member's absence will fill out and sign a form that is available in the office. Also, members may give guests a letter of approval for use of their campsite in the member's absence. The letter must indicate guest's name, address, and phone number, vehicle license number, the date of arrival and the date of departure from the Park. The

letter must also state, "I accept full responsibility for the above guest including liability for any damage to the Club grounds or facilities that may occur". Signature must be that of the designated owner and signify that the guest is in possession of a key card. These letters are to be renewed annually prior to May 15. One copy is to be put in the member's file, one copy to be retained

by the guest at all times when they are in the Park. These guests **MUST** register at the office or the Guest Register at the front gate **EVERY TIME** they use the facilities and every time after a twenty-four (24) hour or more absence from the Park. These Park uses will be added to the member's use in regard to the 270-day rule.

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