

Gold Bar Nature Trails

Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Hot and extremely hot and dry Summer 2018!

This summer has been a hot one and probably is going to be entered in as such for the record books too. This is welcomed by most as fun in the sun at Gold bar nature trails. However, it means also, that we must be cautious too! It is extremely important that we watch out for ourselves, children and our neighbors when it comes to extreme heat. One can never drink enough water when it is this warm and once it becomes an issue of possible dehydration it usually is too late to stop the outcome that comes with it. So please hydrate and if you see someone you think needs some assistance please reach out your-

self or contact the office. Today it hit 95 degrees in the park and that is too hot to be out to do even the easiest task. So, take a dip in the pool or relax inside with the AC or fans on so that your core stays at a good running temperature. I just rode the Seattle to Portland 208-mile 1-day challenge in 92-degree temperature and believe me it was tough to drink water fast enough to avoid dehydration. So please be careful!

Another request from the park rangers is to watch for any fires or possible situations that may erupt into a fire. This could mean fast spreading disaster to our community and even outside of GBNT. It does not hurt to keep the hose out and wet the grounds periodically.

it also helps keep the dust down. Please review the Newsletters and Web-page for all upcoming events. Currently there is (3) BOD positions coming about for filling and all candidates needed to turn in the applications by August 3rd. So from there on Labor day weekend there will be a "meet the candidates" session at the Ballpark where you get to meet with these individuals who are willing to donate time and energy to the community. So, come out and listen to what they have to say! Have a safe and wonderful remainder of your summer!

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Thank you.

Donal Barnes, President

Vice-President's Message

Hello Everyone,
Seems, like yesterday we were talking about the start of summer, and now we are talking about the end of season.

I would like to thank all the people that had the time and were able to Volun-

teer for the events that have happened so far. I would like to invite everyone to Meet the Candidates this Labor Day Weekend up at the Ball Park. Day and time to be announced on the event flyers and reader boards.

Also, we will be having the annual surplus sale behind the Main office Saturday and Sunday. Come check it out.

Bill Ritchie, Vice-President

Park Manager's Message

Hello campers,
Looks like another summer season is ending. The Youth Center pool will be closing after the Labor Day weekend but maybe some good news. At the monthly work shop it was suggested that we try and keep just the game room open on the weekends from 12noon to 6pm for games and crafts and some concessions for a trial period sept and oct. this has to go in front of the BOD this month and will see if it is approved for the trial period. So, kids check the reader boards at the Youth Center ok. Volunteers needed as well for this project.

This whole summer has gone by extremely fast with only a few incidents. Both pools have had little shut down time. The Adult pool will try to keep open for a couple weeks after Labor Day until the chemicals and propane budgeted runs out.

Maintenance has been very busy keeping every thing operating smoothly in the park while still moving along on the electrical upgrade project. They are on Liberty loop and will continue down Maple to Simpson and should be starting on Burlington after the new year. Due to the high temps this summer we had lots of burned up breakers and electrical problems on the old 30-amp system mainly from every one running

their air conditioners over heating breakers and electrical panels. So please keep in mind 30 amps does not go far. A good video on YouTube to watch is living on 30 amps. It's very enlightening on how your RV electrical system works.

The BBQ shack at the Youth Center has done extremely well this summer with all the different burger combos and the added French fries. I wish to thank Dave for adding it to his hours down at the kitchen and Rick Beaver for all his hours of volunteering to cook at both the kitchen and youth center BBQ shack.

Work is continuing on the storage shed behind the ACH to accommodate a walk-in freezer and additional storage for meals cooked at the ACH. ACH kitchen has been averaging over 300 meals per week adding the Wednesday night dinner has increased social activity at the club house during the middle of the week when normally not a soul in sight. Thanks to all our volunteers who help make this happen. Remember you too can be a volunteer at GBNT just ask at the kitchen or attend a work shop on the second Saturday of each month. Help make a difference. Rules and regulation books are available at the office. New members receive one in their membership packet at signing. Just a re-

minder of a few we've seen forgotten this summer.

Section II-ANIMALS para. D: animals, excepting cats, must be kept on a held leash at all times while on club property or tethered on the campsite. They shall not be allowed to roam loose in park. Owners are responsible for the conduct of their animals. And para. F: owners are responsible for removal of animal litter from the park or into their campsite septic system.

The office has received way too many calls on dogs off leash on campsites and dogs running into the roads after other members walking their dogs who are on leashes and attacking them or just going poop on someone's campsite. Please be responsible for your pets. When you pass the wooden entry sign at the front of the park you are on GBNT club property. So, looking forward to seeing all of you at labor day activities that are planned. Be sure to pick up a flyer or check the web site for upcoming events and dinners.

I would like to thank in advance all the wonderful employees and volunteers for a great summer keep up the good work.

Thanks

Steven Thaete Park Manager

Membership

Welcome to all of the new members. The committee is starting to get busy now that summer is here. We had 8 new in June, 9 new in July and have 15 waiting for approval in August.

Thank you all for your hard work.

Violations

- 18-20 - 2 Sheds = Corrected reduced to warning
- 18-21 - Running stop signs = \$50 Fine
- 18-22 - Loud = \$50 Fine
- 18-23 - Fighting = \$100 Fine
- 18-24 - Driving under the influence = \$200 Fine
- 18-25 - Speeding = \$50 Fine
- 18-26 - Guest over 14 days = \$100 Fine
- 18-27 - Unregistered guest = \$100 Fine
- 18-28 - No guest pass = \$100 Fine
- 18-29 - Unregistered guest \$100 Fine
- 18-30 - Unregistered guest = Bar guest 90 days
- 18-31 - Guest over 14 days = Bar guest 30 days
- 18-32 - Unregistered guest = \$50 Fine
- 18-33 - No guest pass = \$50 Fine
- 18-34 - Parking in no parking area = \$100 Fine
- 18-35 - Unruly = \$50 Fine
- 18-36 - Kids riding quads = \$100 Fine
- 18-37 - Reckless driving = \$100 Fine
- 18-38 - Nuisance = \$100 Fine
- 18-39 - Abusive to employees = Revoke Membership
- 18-40 - Harassing employees = Revoke Membership
- 18-41 - Careless driving = \$50 Fine
- 18-42 - Barking dogs = Warning

Welcome New Members!

June 2018

Brown, Barbara & Heuerman, Michael	1019
Metcalf, Brian & Mandy	416
Weatherby, Richard	34
Hamelin, Caterina & Todd	1188
Blair, Jeremy & Jennifer	238
Pollestad, Brock & McDonald, Amanda	208
Bauman, Richard	159
Weil, John & Robyn	644

July 2018

Sutherland, William & Mary	493
Flores, Jovonne & Hamilton, Jozalyn	514
Miller, Shawn & Stacey	501
Hellickson, Leslie & Ashley	936 937
Land, Misti	85
Mork, Fred & Cynthia	950
Nelson, Thomas & Tracy	634
Fisco, Karli	550
Motta, Denise & Cesar	977

Facilities, Safety & Security

Hello campers, another summer is quickly coming to an end. As the summer winds down I must say it's been hot. The water truck has been going constantly in trying to keep the dust down. The maintenance crew is now better than halfway around Liberty Loop heading to Burlington and Simpson with the new water and electrical upgrade. Plus, all the other jobs that come up in the meantime. Just want to say the maintenance guys do a great job. The security rang-

ers do a great job trying to uphold the rules of the park and that in itself is not easy. The one thing the rangers keep asking of me is to remind you of some of the rules: the speed limit is 10 mph throughout the park but please be observant around the ACH, the youth center, the road leading to the dog park, and finally going over the May Creek bridge. Also, as you know our biggest fear is fires please don't leave a fire unattended and always have a charged hose nearby.

Please don't drink and drive. And be sure to stop at all stop signs you never know when that little kid will shoot out in front of you. With that said come up for the last holiday weekend of the summer and enjoy the festivities. Hope to see you this Labor Day Weekend.

Bob Rowe, Liaison

Secretary's Message

We are in the middle of a really dangerous fire season. The Snohomish County Fire Marshal has banned all outdoor burning with the exception of recreational fires. According to their website, fires no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 2 feet in size do not require a permit. By definition recreational fires are campfires using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes. Fires used for debris disposal

purposes are not considered recreational fires. Please don't burn limbs, weeds or paper plates etc. Keep your fires to a manageable size. Try to keep floating embers to a minimum. Keep a close eye on your fire and allow the wood to burn completely to ash. Keep a charged hose near the firepit. Use lots of water to put out the fire when you are done. Dose large pieces of partially burned wood with lots of water. They can flare back up. Stir the firepit and add more

water. Make absolutely sure fire is out by feeling the ash. Our park is in an extremely dangerous fire area and would not be defensible should a major fire get started. First responder safety is paramount and with the number of propane tanks in the park they would be forced to remove themselves from danger. Please use caution at all times and talk to your neighbors about the importance of safe campfire practices.

Kenneth Pratt



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

June 2018

MSA: to roll over two CD's for reserve fund and water fund coming due July 16th into another two six-month CD's

MSA: to move \$150,000 from the Electrical Fund into a six-month CD

MSA: to modify Rules & Regulations Section 1

MSA: to accept Sales Committee recommendation to price repossessed membership number 907 at \$15,000.

MSA: to accept Sales Committee recommendation to price repossessed membership number 106 at \$15,000

MSA: to accept a replacement committee member, Jean Linhardt
MSA: for up to \$500 from Activities for Friday night dinner on June 29th

MSA: for up to \$500 from Activities for Saturday afternoon concessions on June 30th

MSA: for up to \$300 from Activities for music event 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

MSA: for up to \$500 from Activities for July 4th picnic in the park event.

MSA: to allow unlicensed / underaged drivers to participate in the poker run Saturday June 30th. They may ride under supervision during the poker run and for 30 minutes before and afterwards from their site to the poker run starting and ending location

MSA: to upgrade current main communications system from analog to digital for \$4,500 tax included from surplus \$5,000 acquired from recent timber sales from the general fund.

July 2018

MSA: to post the Workshop minutes on the member only Facebook page a week prior to the open board meeting.

MSA: to post the unapproved Open Board Meeting Agenda to the member only Facebook page three days prior to the meeting.

MSA: to restrict all hanging lighting to a maximum of 12 feet and to require members to turn off those hanging lights when they leave the park to be effective January 1, 2019.

MSA: to raise the violation processing fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

MSA: to allocate up to 500.00 for Friday evening meal at ACH on 31 August.

MSA: to allocate up to 300.00 for Kounty Kings band for Saturday September 1, 2018 at Ball Park.

MSA: to allocate up to 600.00 for Saturday evening meal at Ball Park.

MSA: to allocate up to 200.00 for additional prizes for Carnival on Sunday September 2nd at Pall Park.

MSA: to allocate up to 400.00 for concessions at Ball Park on Sunday September 2nd.

MSA: to allocate up to 500.00 for pizza and soda for all kids 17 and under at Youth Center.

MSA: to send letter to the Snohomish County Council requesting permission for members of GBNT to use May Creek Road and Reiter Road with ORV's to the Deer Flats ORV area.

MSA: to waive rental fees on three (3) GBNT owned camp sites for Cub Scout Troop 189, August 4th in trade for service projects in the park as designated by the park manager.

We are having trouble with several members enlarging their sites and removing the greenbelt. Please remember anything done with the greenbelt must be approved in advance by the Park Manager and/or the BOD

May Creek

It has come to the attention of the administration that there are some members who have built dams in the May Creek that runs through the park under Chapel near War Cry in an effort to divert the water into a pool for use by the member and their families. May Creek is a designated by Snohomish County as Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FQHCA's). This designation is due to the known distribu-

tion of bull trout, Chinook salmon and steelhead trout in the stream system. These species are listed as threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Washington State Fisheries along with the County are charged with monitoring these species.

Damming up May Creek inside the park will create a livelihood issue for those endangered species downstream from the park

boundaries. Naturally occurring damming is one thing but to dam up the creek for personal use does not allow sufficient water to run down stream for those species to spawn and survive.

Please do not dam up the May Creek in any way.



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Activities

It's hard to believe that our summer is almost over already. It's been a challenge to work with weather (lots and lots of rain, and then, heat upon heat). With that being said, we have had a good summer. Memorial Day Weekend turned out great, despite the weather. July Fourth was another good week with activities throughout the week. Our park attendance was down but all events were well attended. The Calamity Janes performed to a good crowd at the Ball Park. In mid July we hosted our first Day Camp for our youngest members. Kids from 3 and up met at the Ball Park. They had a variety of crafts, lots of food, and for our older campers a hike outside the Park. Parents and grandparents seemed to enjoy the respite and the volunteers had a great time

with the kids. We plan on doing this more often and hope to involve more kids and families. Labor Day weekend is coming up quickly. We are still trying to find a host for a parade through the Park but other than that we will have all of our usual events. We will have a live band, "The County Kings" play on Saturday the 1st. They will be playing from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Ball Park. They are known for their country rock and from what I have heard, put on a very good show. We will be having concessions before the show. We will again be selling an Adult Ticket meal with 3 beer tickets or a kids meal with soda. Prices are not yet finalized but the menu will include Boneless BBQ pork ribs, beans or potato salad, corn on the cob and brownies. We have the kids carnival on Sunday afternoon

at the Ball Park. Concessions will be sold, but the carnival itself is a no charge event. The annual kids pizza feed will also be on Sunday after the Carnival at the Family Center. No charge for all kids 17 and under.

My thanks to all those who have volunteered, participated, and enjoyed the summer events. Without the volunteers none of this would have happened.

I will soon be posting an activities schedule for both the upcoming weekend as well as activities in the Park for the Fall quarter.

Again, if you have comments, concerns, or suggestions please contact me or leave a message for me with the Office.

Rita Tuck, Activities

Kitty Korner w/Cat Tales

Hi All, Sure looks like summer is here this week. So everyone will be out having fun including our kitties. We are running out of cat food or money to feed them, so if any of you members would like to donate toward them, it will be greatly appreciated. If you do, you can leave it at the office.

Little Red our tamed feral kitty has a great home in the park, so he can still do his rat patrol. We have 2 more black kitties we are trying to tame enough so they will stay in the park when we turn them loose. I notice they are getting tamer every-day.



Thank you to all you wonderful people who have and do donate money and food for them. It's important that we have our park cats to control the rat population.

Have a great summer!!!!

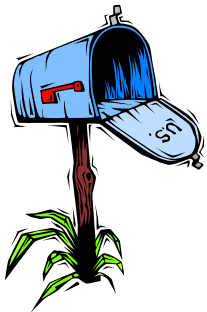
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