

## Gold Bar Nature Trails

# Newsletter

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## President's Message

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year to All,  
2018 has been a full and satisfying year as it comes to a close. The Park has had another Activity rich season for all ages to enjoy and look forward too. The season's events have always been a topic of excitement and great family and individual fun and this year was no exception. As the years roll on the Park sees higher numbers of involvement of these events of members as well as volunteers. There has been so many to turn out the staff has had to often find another driver to pull another trailer just so nobody misses the fun and games! I personally enjoy the activities as does my family and it was one of the main reasons, I sought membership years later after first spending a 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 1995 with our newborn son at the park with family.

In judging this years Halloween pumpkin painting contest, I see that same spirit of excitement in the kid's

eyes and the adults as they share the spirit of seasonal participation with the ones that matter most. This spirit is alive and well in the park and it seems to keep on burning much like a fire that gets a log thrown on to keep it going. We have something very special at Gold Bar Nature Trails and I look forward to seeing 2019 being an exceptional year of family and fun.

**A special note of Thanks and Appreciation to Sue Larrabee and Terre Brammer as they retire from service at Gold Bar nature trails employment.** Together they have served Gold Bar Nature Trails for 34 years and over 10 years respectively. These Ladies have supported the operations of the park in so many ways it is not even measurable.

The park has been extremely fortunate to have Sue be the beacon of continuity through so many different times of membership. Sue is always on the move rolling by many of us in the big white van on her way to a

task. In fact Sue has been quoted to say, "she has seen fifteen Park Managers" in her tenure and that is pretty amazing when I think about that. Terre is also one of the familiar faces we see during the day and at night patrolling the park ensuring safety of the park operations and that membership throughout the years and I know I have seen her and other Rangers out in the dark, wet and cold just as often as the lights, dry warm times.

The two of you will be missed in your roles and thankfully as members you will still be among us!

Thank you!

A final Thank you to all of the Employees, Volunteers and Members for making 2018 a wonderful year at Gold Bar Nature Trails! This could not have been done without all of you!

*Donal Barnes, President*

## 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 the 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. 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 their 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*



## Park Manager's Message

Hello GBNT Campers,

First off, I would like to Thank All the wonderful members for their help, support and friendship over the past 8 years here at GBNT. I am looking forward to number 9!

Next,

The park is busy with lots of projects this winter such as a 20x20 kitchen shed that will house a walk-in freezer at the ACH. This will be used for bulk storage for the kitchen primarily as well as other needs of the Youth Center and Ballpark. Along with this NEW outbuilding is a NEW and improved BBQ area for all those great Friday night meals.

Another milestone is the completion of the ACH entry and stairs area, which is very welcoming and impressive as one walks into the main entry. Through 2019 and beyond the progress continues on the Electrical and Water upgrade as is most visible to all. The crew is currently working at Simpson & Burlington. Once completed, we will head back to the pump house on Cascara, then head for the ACH down Cascara & Salal.

A little bit about the upgrade; to keep the most voltage going to each campsite, the shorter runs from the meter panel to campsite pedestal need to be made. Sometimes we have to go from site to site thru the green belt or around RVs. When we dig thru the green-belt we remove the vegetation to place the new water and power

pedestal. Please leave it alone to allow it to grow back to its natural state. This may take some time to get reestablished with vegetation, but that's to be expected. What's not expected is incorporating it into enlarging your campsite. Your understanding of this is greatly appreciated. Another item to mention regarding the project is the working around the RVs that don't move or have decks, or enclosed decks. This has and will continue to be the slowest part of the upgrade and your understanding and support is needed.

Please remember a member cannot "Hardwire" electrical systems to the existing or NEW power pedestal. The rules of GBNT state only Cord connections are allowed from the receptacles on the pedestal.

As new Water standpipes are installed the old standpipes will remain on each campsite until time is available to shut down and remove them.

Please do not put debris piles in front of or near any meter packs or power disconnects in your area. Members are piling their debris against these and they must remain clear. The Electrical Inspectors require that we maintain 36" in front of all energized systems so please help the rangers with this code.

Another never-ending project is the trees. The wind is blowing and branches are falling around the park. Tree requests are taken in the

office and when maintenance crews are available, they work on tree requests. First they evaluate dangerous trees, then dead or dying. The tree trimming or skirting of limbs will be done as time allows. It may take awhile to get to your requests, depending on how many requests are turned in. Please be patient. Due to a two-year drought, it looks like we will have a lot of dead trees to remove!

If there are any questions you need answers to, or help understanding something, go to the office. If need there is always New and updated rulebooks available.

Last,

One recently asked question asked was; "what is going on with the yellow 5 MPH signs?". These were added to and around areas like, the Youth center, Adult clubhouse and Ballpark to reduce speed where kids may be. Recently they were also added to the May creek bridge and Front entry & Exit of the park due to the high rate of speed vehicles seem to be going. The park can sometimes get very congested with vehicles as well as pedestrians. So please slow down.

Thank you

*Steven Thaele, Park Manager*

## Membership

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a lot of new members this year and I would like to welcome all of them to wonderful camping experience at GBNT. We always strive to make sure all new members know the rules and regulations for the park. If you have a question about a rule or regulation please contact the office. If you are interested in being on the membership committee please e-mail the office ([gbntone@gmail.com](mailto:gbntone@gmail.com)) or call (360)-793-1888. If you would like further information about being on the committee e-mail Michael Hill ([michael.hill@gbntone.org](mailto:michael.hill@gbntone.org))

*Michael Hill, Liaison*

## Sales

**Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!!!** I would like to thank all the new members that have purchased a membership from the GBNT sales office this year. The sales and the office staff have been working very hard to make sure all sales go as smoothly as possible. As of this writing there are only 4 memberships available. If you don't use your membership enough or you have been contemplating selling your membership please talk to the sales staff about listing your membership with them. The sales staff will do all of the showing of your RV and any other structures on your lot. They will keep in contact with you about offers, questions from potential buyers and if anything needs attention on your lot. Let us do the sales work for you!!! Please contact the sales staff at (360) 793-2451

*Michael Hill, Liaison*

## Welcome New Members!

### October 2018

Walkinshaw, Rob & Mary	106
White, Ralph	321
Swanstrom, John & Cindy	975
Luna, Raul & Brizeyda	340
Erickson, Daniel & Kimala	1195
Delvecchio, Robert & Elizabeth	284
Rebrik, Alex & Viktoriya	553
Gillice, Julie	978

### November 2018

Land, Michael	309	
Kroll, Janice	1172	
Dean, Heather	522	
Key, Wayne & Julie	931	
Brandenburg, David & Josette	795	
Myxter, Joe & Yerkovich, Pauline	1035	
Hayes, Phil & Lucy	464	
Regala, Angelyn & Alan	873	
Ryan, Kellen	1022	1024

## *Kitty Korner w/Cat Tales*



Here we are, Winter almost here. Our park cats are looking for warm places to sleep and hide out. I have one that has claimed my gazebo, I hope he will learn to share. I am picking up some old blankets for them and also for other cats who need them. "Good Will" is donating them to us and we are also needing food and money to feed them. We want to thank all you generous people who donate to our cat fund. There are places here where we are having a rat problem so our cats are really necessary. We raised two black kittens this summer, they were turned loose when they could fend for themselves. If they come looking for a resting place and aren't hurting anything, I hope you will be kind to them. Thanks again to all of you who help donate to our park kitties. Have a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!!!

*Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats*

## Gold Bar Nature Trails BUDGET 2019

INCOME	
Dues (1060 @ 1190)	\$ 1,261,400.00
Interest (M Lynch)	\$ 3,000.00
Electricity (Reimbursed)	\$ 250,000.00
Electricity (Common Areas)	\$ 50,000.00
Electrical Fund (40@1190)	\$ 47,600.00
Sales & Transfer (500 / sale)	\$ 45,000.00
* Other Income	\$ 168,600.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,825,600.00</b>

Operating Expenses	
** Administrative	\$ 46,150.00
Electrical Upgrade Reimb	\$ 92,920.00
Accounting Fees	\$ 25,000.00
Contract Bookkeeper	\$ 12,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 2,500.00
Insurance	\$ 69,300.00
Wages/Benefits/Taxes	\$ 858,918.35
Sales Wages	\$ 30,393.63
Sales Bonus (100 per sale)	\$ 7,000.00
Water & Septic System Services	\$ 4,000.00
R/M Bldgs & Facilities	\$ 68,000.00
R/M Equip & Vehicles	\$ 35,000.00
Supplies	\$ 28,000.00
Taxes	\$ 94,000.00
Electric	\$ 300,000.00
Utilities/Other	\$ 30,000.00
Capital Expenditures	\$ 65,000.00
*** Depreciation	\$ 90,806.10
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,858,988.08</b>

Net Profit/Loss	\$ (33,388.08)
*** Depreciation Adjustment	\$ 90,806.10

Budget Adjustment ML

**CASH FLOW** **\$ 57,418.02**

\*\*\* Depreciation Is Not An Actual Cash Expense

Other Income	
Contract Interest (gbnt int)	\$ 1,000.00
Key Cards	\$ 1,500.00
Transfer Fees	\$ 12,000.00
Gravel	\$ -
Late Fees	\$ 10,000.00
Lot Rentals	\$ 2,000.00
Member Lot R/M	\$ 8,000.00
Violations & Fines	\$ 5,000.00
Wood	\$ 1,500.00
Timber Sales	\$ 5,000.00
WSP Checks	\$ 3,200.00
CC Fee	\$ 4,200.00
Credit Checks	\$ 3,200.00
Sales of Sites Commission	\$ 70,000.00
GBNT Repo Site Sales	\$ 30,000.00
Transfer Fee	\$ 12,000.00
<b>* Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 168,600.00</b>

Advertising/Sales Office	\$ 500.00
Security System	\$ 300.00
Bank Charges	\$ 8,000.00
	\$ -
Postage Meter Lease	\$ 4,500.00
Computer & Network R/M	\$ 2,750.00
	\$ -
Educational Classes	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 1,000.00
Licenses & Permits	\$ 2,000.00
Member Lot R & M	\$ 4,000.00
Travel/Miles Reimb	\$ 750.00
Newsletter & Printing	\$ 3,000.00
Postage & Delivery	\$ 3,500.00
WSP Checks	\$ 3,200.00
CC Fee	\$ 4,200.00
Credit Checks	\$ 3,200.00
Outside Services	\$ 4,000.00
Sales Expenses	\$ 250.00
<b>** Total Admin. Expense</b>	<b>\$ 46,150.00</b>

## Treasurer's Message

At the October 27, 2018 Open Board Meeting, the board of directors approved the 2019 operating budget. Beginning January 1, 2019 dues will be \$1,100 per year, an increase of \$25 per quarter.

This is the first increase in dues since 2011. In his eight years as park manager, Steven has worked very hard to control expenses but the park's operating

costs continue to rise.

The park has added more employees, purchased additional equipment and upgraded facilities over the past eight years.

In addition; taxes, utilities, insurance and minimum wage continue to rise. The board of directors, along with our park manager will continue to make

thoughtful and prudent financial decisions as we work to continue to make improvements throughout the park.

*Peggy Fitzwater,  
Treasurer*

## *In Loving Memory*

*Dee Urban*

*10/28/1929 ~ 10/16/2018*

## Long Range Planning

The GBNT Long Range Planning committee met for the last time this year in December to finalize the needs and wants for 2019. We also have a preliminary plan through 2023. The committee always looks at structural repairs needed, any add-ons to ex-

isting structures and adding new or replacing equipment. We also look at needed vehicle replacements as per the depreciation schedule. If you would like to give input on the future needs of GBNT, please join the Long Range Planning committee. E-

mail Michael Hill at ([michael.hill@gbntone.org](mailto:michael.hill@gbntone.org)) or contact the office. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Michael Hill, Liaison*

## Administration's Message

Effective January 1, 2019 all outdoor hanging lighting is limited to a maximum height of 12 feet and must be turned off when members leave the park.

This was voted on and passed at the July 2018 Open Board meeting. Workshops are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am in the

Adult Club House. All members are encouraged to attend.

*Peggy Fitzwater*





## Secretary's Message

Lately, major disasters are occurring almost weekly around the country. Are you prepared, should we experience an earthquake, windstorm, snow storm, frozen pipes or any other of the many possible disasters that could strike at any moment?

Being prepared doesn't take a lot of time and won't be too difficult but you have to stop procrastinating and take action if you haven't prepared. Make sure you have a basic preparedness kit that includes:

**\*\* Water:** one gallon per person, per day (3 - day supply for evacuation, 2 - week supply for home). Be sure to include enough for showers and flushing toilets.

**\*\* Food:** non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3 - day supply for evacuation, 2 - week supply for home)

**\*\* Flashlight** and fresh batteries.

**\*\* Battery-powered** or hand-crank radio

(NNOA Weather Radio, if possible)

Extra batteries for battery operated devices.

**\*\* First Aid Kit**

**\*\* Multi-purpose tool**

**\*\* Sanitation** and personal hygiene items

**\*\* Copies** of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

**\*\* Cell phone** with chargers including solar devices in case of power outage

**\*\* Family** and emergency contact information

**\*\* Extra cash**

**\*\* Emergency blanket**

Include items for family members:

**\*\* Medical supplies** (hearing aids, batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.)

**\*\* Baby supplies** (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)

**\*\* Games** and activities for children

**\*\* Pet supplies** (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)

**\*\* Two-way radios**

**\*\* Extra set** of car keys and house keys

**\*\* Manual** can opener

Some other items to have include, whistle, N95 or surgical masks, matches, rain gear, towels, work and latex gloves, tools and supplies to secure your personal property, extra clothing, hat, sturdy shoes, plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors, liquid bleach, entertainment items, and blankets or sleeping bags.

Lastly, if you are physically able, attend a disaster preparedness class and learn how to help your neighbors. In times of emergency, first responders may not be able to reach your neighborhood. Be prepared.

*Kenneth Pratt*

*Happy  
Holidays  
To All*



## Activities

It's been a busy couple of months. We had the Volunteer Dinner, the Veterans Dinner and then the Halloween Event for everyone. Lots of pumpkins were painted with about 80 kids in attendance. We filled all 3 wagons and had additional load in Keith Summer's pickup truck for trick or treating. A big thanks to Elsa Fox and Marilyn Rowe for hosting. They also had an amazing group of volunteers to keep things moving smoothly throughout the day.

Thanksgiving dinner set a record! We had over 200 hungry campers at our 2 dinners. Once again our cook, Chris McGuire created a memorable meal. To pull this off took nearly 250 hours of volunteer time. We chopped and prepped, boned turkeys (8 of them) washed dishes, cut pies, peeled vegetables, set tables twice, served, stocked salad bar and dessert bar, washed dishes again, cleaned up and had the kitchen ready for Sunday breakfast and the ACH decorating party on Sunday afternoon. We had several new members come to our decorating party. It was great to see

some new faces. Our volunteers continue to be the back bone of every event and I couldn't host any of these things without their help.

Our annual Christmas Party for all is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> this year. We have some new and different interactive crafts for the attendees, lots of Santa time and lots of appetizers and desserts. Be sure to bring whatever appetizer or dessert you want to share for the all members.

There is no planned event for New Years' Eve. I have reached out on our web and Facebook, as well as in the quarterly schedule of events but have received no nibbles. For those of you who leave the Park, please drive safely both on the highways and on our roads if you return to the Park that evening.

We have Super Bowl Sunday coming up on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be hosted by the Foxes and the Rows this year. Please contact them through the office if you have any ideas or want to help with the planning or during the event.

Valentines Dinner is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>. I am still trying to work through the logistics of having live music that evening. This event is open to all club members but early sign up is required. First warning, more to come: We do require payment in advance for this dinner. If you are a "no show" and have not contacted the office prior to the date you may not be able to get a refund if we are unable to fill your spot. This is the one yearly event when head count is critical as the cost is considerably more than most of our events. We need to ensure that we can cover our costs on this event.

St. Patrick's dinner is in March and I have not finalized our plans for Easter at this time. I will publish and post information as quickly as I have it.

Keep on participating and helping out. These events help make the Park the great place for both families and other members.

*Rita Tuck, Liaison*

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