



WRRRA Fall 2025 Newsletter

White River Recreation Association

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WRRRA Fall Dinner, Silent Auction, Business Meeting and Elections

Greenwater Community Center (Fire Station)

Saturday, October 25, 2025 starting at 5:00 pm

We are looking forward to seeing WRRRA cabin owners and families Saturday, October 25th, for the Annual Fall Dinner at the Greenwater Community Center. The evening starts at 5:00 pm and includes social hour, Dinner, a Silent Auction, Business updates, and WRRRA Board Elections. Feel free to come dressed for Halloween and make it a fun and festive night!

Schedule of Events

4:30-5:00pm Arrivals & Check-In

5:00-5:30pm Business Meeting

5:30-6:30pm Social Hour & Silent Auction

6:30-7:30pm Dinner

7:45-8:00pm Door Prizes/Costume Prize Drawing

Please RSVP and Pay in advance.

Admission is \$45 per person, and includes tax & tip.

Reservations are available online or via check. Go to the Membership tab on WRRRA.net (at the top of the home page), and select the [Online Membership button](#) which takes you to the [Square payment site](#).

Or, pay by check (made out to WRRRA) and mail it to:

WRRRA Treasurer

c/o N. Eric Carlsen

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The maximum number of WRRRA members and guests that can be served is 100. You're most likely to have a space if you pay by the **deadline of October 22**. Those who miss the deadline but wish to attend will be subject to a \$10.00 surcharge, if space is available. If you pay at the door the night of the dinner, only checks will be accepted. There are no refunds or cancellations after October 22, 2025. We look forward to seeing you in October!



Updates and news items also posted to Facebook Group: WRRRA Cabin Group

Silent Auction: Donation of Items Needed

We are excited to announce our annual WRRRA Silent Auction event as part of our Fall Dinner. We encourage everyone to participate in making this a fun part of our evening by donating and bidding on items!

What to donate? Be creative. It can be something new, or a white elephant item in good shape. Baked goods. Cabin knick-knacks. Cabin related Artwork or Sporting Goods or Tools/Equipment. Solicit donated items from local businesses or your own company! We've had everything from new skis to signed books to cabin artwork to event tickets to award winning pies.

The funds raised are dedicated to our WRRRA Cabin Defense Fund. We want to continue to build our reserves for this important cause, so please consider donating and/or bidding on items.

Bid Forms will be provided at the event to display and price your donations.

Please contact Peg Crawford, Silver Springs Rep 2 at peg140ssk@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

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President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer at your cabin and the White River valley! We have had a summer of mixed weather, which has mitigated the fire risk in the area, but not enough to prevent a fire ban to be in place for much of the summer. Hopefully the end of summer will continue to see our area suffering from few impacts from wildfires.



In late July, we had another wonderful annual Summer Picnic, Cabin Tour, and Highway Clean-up. The picnic was once again one of the best ever, and was tons of fun for all who attended. The food and drink, conversations, pie contest, games, fire truck demo, all were wonderful! Congratulations to Silver Creek on wresting the Tract Tug-Of-War trophy back away from Deep Creek! Thank you to all who attended and helped make the events a success, it takes a lot of helping hands. The Cabin Tour was fantastic as well, with 5 wonderful and different cabins on display; thank you to the hosts for opening up your cabins! Please see the articles and pictures in this newsletter for additional details.

The trail systems in the area continue to undergo lots of changes, as Covid and social media posts have driven more people to get outside and experience some of the amazing hikes in the area. Mt. Rainier National Park continued to employ a reservations system this summer on the Sunrise side, which did seem to limit the vehicle and foot traffic in that corridor fairly well. And the Forest Service is undergoing a review of all their trails in

the White River Valley, with the help of Washington Trails Association, to determine if and how to improve the trails, access and amenities. If you haven't provided input on your favorite trails yet, please do so at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VBXHW59>

As the summer weather starts to turn, our thoughts to our next social event, the Fall Dinner! We hope to see you on October 25 to get together with your fellow cabin owners and share camaraderie and food and drink in a fun social environment. The Fall Dinner also features Business Updates, and our Elections; thank you to the members who have agreed to run or re-run for board positions, which we will vote in to office at the Fall Meeting. The Fall Dinner also features our Silent Auction, which is a great, fun way to raise funds for the Cabin Defense Fund. Please do join us!

Lastly, a reminder to all - this organization can only be successful if we continue to get volunteers to help get our important work done. Please consider volunteering to support the WRRRA organization, by running for a board position in the future. And if you aren't sure if you want to join the board just yet, you can always volunteer to help with committees or projects for WRRRA. Please consider volunteering.

I hope you enjoy the wonderful information contained in this newsletter, and please look for additional updates via email and on the WRRRA Facebook page. Thank you, and I hope to see you at our upcoming Fall Dinner.

Please drop me a note if you have any questions, concerns, or input, at president@wrra.net.

As always, I hope to see you up at the cabins or in the mountains soon!

~Kevin Orth, President

Board Elections

Election of officers for those offices with terms expiring on December 31, 2025, is scheduled to be held at our upcoming Fall Business Meeting and Dinner on October 25, 2025.

The following positions are up for election for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027: Treasurer, Secretary,

Goat Creek Representative 2, Silver Springs Representative 2, Silver Creek Representative, and the Dalles Representative.

A slate of candidates has been presented to the board and approved for these open positions. Nominations from the floor may also be made at the business meeting. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact Rena Irwin at renairwin1@comcast.net or call her at 360-870-5453.

~Rena Irwin, Nominating Committee Chair

Incumbent Treasurer, Eric Carlsen

It would be a privilege to serve another term as the WRRRA Treasurer. In addition to serving the last four years as Treasurer, I have enjoyed serving as one of your Finance Committee members for the last 7 years. From 2005 to 2021, I served as the Olympia Ski Club treasurer and stepped down from that role in July. Before that, I was West End Youth League treasurer for 10 years. I grew up at the Cliffhouse (Deep Creek #7) which my dad purchased in 1946. At that time, it was a one room cabin. Our running water consisted of walking fast to Deep Creek to bring back 2 buckets of water. With my family growing to 3 kids, my dad enclosed the existing porch (new kitchen) to make the cabin a two room structure. We first got water to our outside door in 2014 and finally inside in 2020 with a 6'x8' addition to make a bathroom. My wife, Brenda & I raised three kids with a lot of time being spent there; they first learned to ski at Crystal. My first 23 years were in West Seattle,



after graduating from the University of Washington, I moved to Forks and worked for the Dept. Of Natural Resources as a Forest/Logging Engineer. I retired from there and moved to Port Angeles in 2012 where Brenda & I now live. If re-elected, I look forward to serving all the WRRRA members in years to come. Thank you for your support.

Incumbent Secretary, Chris Masterson

My husband, Bill and I are the permittees of our family cabin, Deep Creek 17. This was the cabin of our beloved cousin, Ken Leader, who we lost in 2018. The cabin was originally purchased by Elmer and Evelyn (Rosaaen) Leader in 1926 and has been in our family ever since. We have many happy memories of time spent there with family and friends.



Before retiring, I was a University Administrator; the position I held that's most pertinent to my role with WRRRA was University Registrar.

I have been honored to be the WRRRA Secretary for the last six years. It would be my pleasure to do what I can to support and grow WRRRA. Specifically, I'm looking forward to the launch of our new integrated software solution, Club Express; I am glad to serve as Secretary for another two years, as we're transitioning and learning that new system.

Goat Creek Representative 2, Linda Mower

We bought our cabin Goat Creek 90 October 2017. I worked with a friend in Crystal Village and Greenwater cleaning cabins. One morning I decided to do a search for a cabin for sale in the area. Our cabin was listed so, showed it to John and told him to buy it for me and he did. We love the location the old growth trees around us along with the sound of Goat Creek next to us.

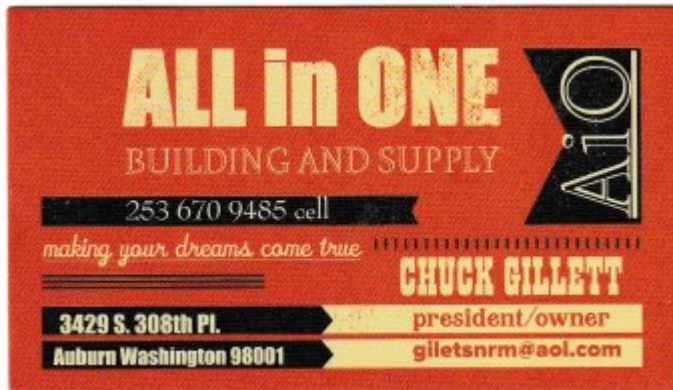


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Silver Springs Rep 2, Peg Crawford

Roy Crawford, my father-in-law, began building SS 140 in 1938.

Steve Crawford and I, together since 1980, share a love of skiing and ski racing. We opened our private dental practice in 1983. Crawford was the general and cosmetic dentist, I managed the business. We retired in 2016 and now ski full time. We spend the winter at the cabin and Crystal with our mid-week CM ski gang and do a fair amount of ski travel. We live in Mukilteo.

Since Martha Hunter moved to the VP position last spring, I have filled in as the Silver Springs Rep 2, alongside Rep 1, Jennifer Pruitt.

I am impressed by the work the board does for the membership. Our cabin is our favorite place to be and we value being a member.

Silver Creek Representative, Anne Turner

My husband, Perry and I are part of a second-generation Crystal Mountain cabin family. They own Silver Creek #2. I'm a Senior Director for a consulting services firm and Perry is an IT Director for Alterra Mountain Company. I have also served WRRRA as Secretary for several years, and am excited to be able to re-



join the board as the Silver Creek representative to serve this important organization.

Dalles Representative, Anne Schopf

It has been my pleasure to serve as The Dalles Representative over the past two years. During that time, we've navigated several challenges around security, and I've done my best to keep our tract informed and connected. After two years in the role, I feel I'm getting to know many of you better, and I look forward to more (positive!) opportunities to help strengthen our small but mighty community.



Our modest 450-square-foot cabin, built in 1951 and featured in the 2014 Summer Cabin Tour, has supported generations of skiers. It needed plenty of TLC. Since taking over stewardship in 2015, we've fully renovated the first floor, transforming both the interior and exterior while preserving the original central stone fireplace. We're currently working with Tyler at the USFS to finalize approvals for two small additions that will finally give us a bathroom and a bit more living space—and yes, running water! As approvals are granted, you may notice a bit of construction activity at our end of the road.

This winter, we'll be up at Crystal every weekend, hosting hot pizza lunches for friends from the back of our truck in Upper C Lot after morning laps on Southback. If you see our truck parked at the cabin, please stop by—our dogs, Izzy and MoMo, would love the extra attention.

Jack and I both deeply value The Dalles and the WRRRA community. We're grateful to be surrounded by like-minded souls who love the outdoors and are committed to preserving the legacy of these historic cabins. It would be my honor to continue representing our community of 31 Dalles cabins on the Executive Board.

Cabin Burglary Update

Dare I say we are coming to a close regarding our 2024 burglary suspects saga? Robert Addi-

son is a repeat offender and has pled guilty to residential burglary, trafficking in stolen property in the first degree, three counts of possessing stolen property in the second degree, and burglary in the second degree. He has been sentenced to 73.5 months for residential burglary, with a drug offender sentencing alternative. The result of the sentencing alternative is 36.75 months in prison and 36.75 months in community custody. He is currently in prison.

Addison's cohort, Nicole Daniel pled guilty to residential burglary and trafficking in stolen property in the first degree. Her sentencing is scheduled for October 3rd. She is no longer in custody.

Another cohort of Addison is Daniel Malmberg. He pled guilty to attempted trafficking in stolen property in the second degree and possessing stolen property in the third degree. He had been in custody for 202 days and was released for time served.

One condition of all their sentences/release is they are to have NO contact with their victims.

As we move forward, safety and security in the cabin area will continue to be a priority for us. A suggestion has come up regarding the possible use of gates at the entrances to our roads (except the road to Corral Pass) and the use of cameras. We won't be making any decisions without the input of the membership. Stay tuned for more information.

As a reminder, please stay vigilant when you are visiting your cabins. Check on your neighbors' cabins to make sure everything is secure. If you see something, please say something. I've always had positive responses from those I've called even when it has turned out to be of no concern.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

~Martha Hunter, Infrastructure Chair

New Website Launch!

At long last, our Club Express website is about to launch! As a reminder, Club Express is the integrated Software Solution selected by the Board,

and approved by the membership to integrate the various databases we've been maintaining for many years. It has several new features that will be available immediately, or released in the future.

Your Action Required:

In the next few weeks you'll receive an email that will ask you to complete your initial login into Club Express. That email will include a temporary login and password, both of which you should change in your initial login. It is extremely important you create your login and password as soon as possible. Our previous website will be inaccessible after that email is sent, and you will have limited access to our new website until you have "registered" with Club Express. As part of your initial login, and in the effort to "clean up our data", you'll be asked several questions. They are:

- Who is your primary WRRRA contact (who should be receiving WRRRA emails)?
- Are you the Forest Service Permit Holder for your cabin?
- Who should be listed as your Emergency Contact, and what is their phone number?

Additionally, we have done our best to transfer accurate information from our access database to Club Express. That being said, please correct any demographic information that may be incorrect. Also, ensure your cell phone number is in the correct field (there are some that might be incorrectly listed as a "home" number, rather than a "Cell" number). Thank you!

~Chris Masterson, Secretary



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Picnic Recap

WRRRA's annual summer picnic in late July at the Silver Springs Campground Group Picnic site was a huge success and tons of fun! We had great attendance of 140 members and guests. The food and camaraderie was fantastic, and all attendees seemed to have a great time. The pie contest and games both had excellent and spirited participation. Congrats to the winners in all events, and to Silver



Creek for taking back the tract tug-o-war crown. Successfully implementing the picnic and all the related events takes a huge amount of help, and I want to thank all of the incredible volunteers (too numerous to name) who picked up and set up tables/chairs, did the kitchen prep, took tickets, barbecued, ran the pie contest, coordinated games, cleaned up, and returned tables and chairs - among many other activities. Thank you for your contributions, you all have helped make this event so successful!

We hope to see you next year, for the 2026 Picnic!

~Kevin Orth, President



Cabin Tour 2025 Recap

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's **WRRRA Cabin Tour** such a memorable success—and especially to the **five generous hosts** who opened their doors and shared the charm, history, and stories of their beloved cabins: **Ken and Sandy Kramer – DC-6**, **Eric, Brenda, & Dolly Carlsen – DC-7**, **Bill and Maureen Vlases – SS-80**, **Jody & Dwyann Nyquist – SS-112**, **Jim Llewellyn & Sue Rhodes – SS-152**.

Together, we raised **\$666 for the Cabin Defense Fund**, a vital resource that helps preserve and protect the unique character of our cabin community. The fund plays an essential role in: Defending cabin owners' rights under

the Forest Service's Recreation Residence Program; Supporting education, advocacy, and stewardship; and ensuring the long-term preservation of cabin culture within the tracts.

Looking Ahead: Celebrating 100 Years

Next year, we're excited to mark a major milestone—the **100-year anniversary** of several historic cabins in the tracts. If your cabin is nearing its centennial and you're willing to be part of next year's tour, we'd love to hear from you. We're looking for a few more volunteers to help honor this remarkable legacy.

Anne Schopf, Dalles Representative

Snowplow 410 Report

Our snowplow and road maintenance program is preparing for next year. Last winter we didn't need to plow, but we did incur the costs of inspecting all the cabins in our program after the bomb cyclone and leasing a bulldozer for the winter. We plan for Deep Creek to have a \$125 road maintenance assessment this winter. Goat Creek, Silver Creek and Silver Springs will have a \$75 machine lease assessment and a \$125 road maintenance assessment totaling \$200 this winter. An emailed invoice will be sent in mid-October with details.

In the meantime, mark your driveway for a plowing punch and clearly mark whatever we need to avoid (well-heads, large rocks, stumps, etc.) with PVC pipes or posts at least 4 feet out of the ground, striped with reflective tape or streamers for when we plow at night.

Let me know if you have any comments, questions or suggestions for the program at:

snowplow410@live.com !

~Robbin Bradburn, Snowplow 410 Coordinator

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Nat'l Public Lands Day Volunteer Event
Sept 27, morning, Cabin area

Fall Board Meeting
Oct 20, Zoom Videoconference

Fall Dinner Meeting
Oct 25, Greenwater Community Ctr

Fall Highway Cleanup: Deep Creek
Oct 26, Highway 410

2026 Planning Meeting
November or December, TBD, Zoom

Summer Highway Cleanup

We had a great turnout for our WRRRA Summer Highway Cleanup. Thanks to the volunteers who showed up and a special thanks goes to Lori Neth and Chuck Gillett who kept us organized and efficient. We cleaned up from the Mather Memorial Highway pullout to Crystal Mountain Boulevard. We picked up many bags of trash including blown out tires. Lunch (including excellent pulled pork) was hosted by Jennifer Prewitt of Silver Springs. Such a fun gathering! Please volunteer for our next highway cleanup on Sunday October 26th hosted by Deep Creek.



L to R: Kathleen Cavanagh, Bill Vlases, Ken Williams, Scott Kingland, Virginia Bowen, Van Schilling, Margo Thomas, Sarah Hunter, Linda Piper, Tom Wood, Chuck Gillett, Lori Neth, Ken Ring

Not pictured: Jack Kearney, Anne Schopf, Martha Hunter

WRRRA

The purpose of White River Recreational Association (WRRRA) is to promote and protect recreational interests along the Mather Memorial Parkway and throughout the Upper White River Valley; to do any and all things lawful, just and necessary to better the interests of the members of the Association; to secure equitable legislation; and to cooperate with the Forest Service in the protection and administration of all recreational features.



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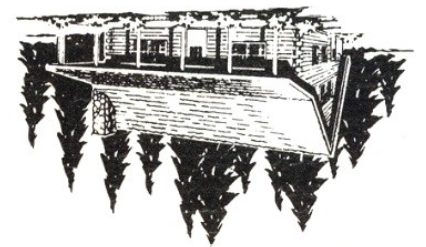
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