



WRRRA Spring 2023 Newsletter

White River Recreation Association

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WRRRA Spring Dinner – A Cinco de Mayo Celebration!

This year's spring dinner will be held on Saturday, April 29, at the Greenwater Community Center. The event will have a Cinco de Mayo theme, and will feature Mexican themed food and beverages.

It will be catered by Darci Bloodworth-Anderson, a Greenwater resident, who so successfully catered our recent Fall Dinner event.

Social hour starts at six, with dinner at seven. There will be short business updates after dinner, but this will largely be a social event.

As always, we will have door prizes at the end of the evening.

Admission is only \$40 per person. Reservations are available for purchase online or via check.

Go to the Membership page on WRRRA.net and select the Online Membership button towards the top of the page, which takes you to the Square Payments site.

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

WRRRA Treasurer
c/o N. Eric Carlsen
PO Box 3057
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The \$40 price includes tax and tip.

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 April 24th.

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 April 24th. Feel free to wear your sombrero and sandals!

~Kevin Orth, President

President's Message

Members, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable winter and spring so far, and that you've had a chance to get up to the cabin and play in the snow there or up at Crystal Mountain!



We are excited to announce the latest iteration of our annual **Spring Dinner**, which will be held at the Greenwater Community Center **on Saturday April 29**. The event will largely be social in nature, but will include a few important updates for members as well. Please see the announcement for additional details, and I hope to see you there!

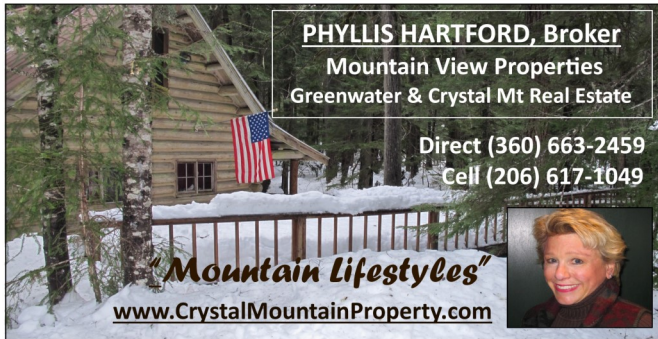
I also want to prompt you to Save the Date – please make sure you have on your calendar our traditional **Summer Picnic and Cabin Tour events**, which will be held on the afternoon and evening of **Saturday, July 29th**. Look for additional details and information coming out as we move into summer.

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Updates and news items also posted to Facebook Group: White River Recreation Association



These social events are a key part of what our organization is all about; they are a great opportunity to get together with fellow cabin owners and others in the community, share camaraderie and stories, and learn about what others are doing with their cabins and more. I strongly encourage you all to attend.

I also want to invite everyone to consider attending the upcoming **National Forest Homeowners (NFH) conference in Lake Tahoe, California, on May 5 and 6**. These conferences provide a fantastic opportunity to interact with other cabin owners from across the country, plus regional and national US Forest Service staff, and leaders of various cabin-related associations. They also provide educational sessions which help us all learn more about the cabin program. Please see the article in this newsletter for additional information.

If rejoining WRRRA has slipped your mind this year, I strongly encourage you to **renew your membership**. If you share your cabin with multiple family members or other owners, be aware that each cabin can have up to four memberships. Your financial support will help enable our organization to stay strong and will allow us to keep you informed and advocate for you and for the cabin program with the Forest Service and other organizations. Please see the attached article for more information.

Your WRRRA board continues to advocate for you by working on key strategic plan initiatives, as shared with you in the last newsletter. As always, we need lots of help, so if you have any time or interest to dedicate to helping improve the cabin program, being on the board, or supporting any

project work, please contact any board member. There is lots to do!

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

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

~Kevin Orth, President

WRRRA Membership Update

I am happy to announce that our WRRRA 2023 membership drive is coming to an end. I would like to welcome **15 new members** to our organization. We look forward to meeting you and appreciate your interest in being a member of our cabin association. I would also like to thank the 71 of you who have generously donated to the Cabin Defense Fund. Donations for this year total \$1,310. In addition, 70 of you made the decision to join and support National Forest Homeowners; our advocates at the federal level. Our own WRRRA President Kevin Orth, serves on the NFH Board of Directors.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the **193 of you who have (as of this writing) become members or renewed** your membership for 2023. Your support and commitment to WRRRA is critical. Your membership demonstrates your responsibility and devotion to our cabin community and we couldn't function as an organization without you.

Currently **we are at 88% of our goal** which was to match the 220 WRRRA membership before the pandemic. I would strongly encourage each of you who have not yet renewed your membership, to do so as soon as possible. There is a quick and easy "renew online button" on the home page of our WRRRA website: wrra.net. You can also mail your \$40 check to:

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Cabin tract representatives have received a list of their cabin neighbors who have not yet paid. You should be expecting a final reminder from them.

One important benefit of being a current member is being included in our WRRRA directory. The new directory will be printed later this year. Only paid members will be included and receive new directories. The directory is an important resource should you need to be contacted if your cabin should be broken into or damaged by a falling tree.

It should be pointed out that each cabin can have up to 4 “regular” members but are not limited to just 4. Additional family and friends can also join as “associate” members who receive the same benefits as regular members, but are not allowed to vote in WRRRA elections.

~Fred Orton, Vice President, Membership

Nominating Committee Update

Our committee will soon meet to identify members who might be interested in working on the Board as well as on our committees. Our organization which includes all of you depends on volunteers to contribute time and ideas to support cabin owners and organize and implement activities and address issues that arise. We also continue to build and maintain our relationships with the United States Forest Service (USFS), Washington State Forest Homeowners (WSFHA) and National Forest Homeowners (NFH).

There are several board positions that will become available this fall for a two (2) year term that begins in January 2024. Elections will be held this fall at our business meeting in October, 2023. Additionally, we can use some help NOW on some committees including Social and Fundraising.

The board positions that will become open include, Secretary, Treasurer, Silver Creek Representative, Silver Springs Representative and The

Dalles Representative. We welcome you to become part of the board of directors. If interested in the offices or to work on committees, please contact Rena Irwin at renairwin1@comcast.net or 360-870-5453 or any of the current board members.

~Rena Irwin, Nominating Committee Chair

Ken Leader Distinguished Service Award Nominations due May 31, 2023

As an ongoing tribute to Ken Leader who passed away in 2018, the WRRRA Board established an award in his name. He left a legacy as a leading advocate, chief cabin program defender and a selfless contributor to WRRRA for many years.

The award is intended to recognize WRRRA members who stand out among members for their dedication. It is not an annual award nor is it a popularity award, rather it seeks those who have contributed for the betterment of the organization. Albert Pollmar was the first WRRRA member who was recognized with the board Award in 2022.

Take a moment to consider who you think might be that inspirational individual and why you wish to recognize them. The full award details including the nomination form and process are on the WRRRA website. Any WRRRA member may nominate another member. Nominations are due by May 31 of each year. The committee will review



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the nominations and make recommendations to the Board.

~Rena Irwin, Recognition Committee Chair

Snowplow Update

Hello Cabin Owners,

Thank you for a 92% participation in the snowplow program and a 93% participation in the road maintenance program!

It is too soon to provide an “End Of Season” report at this writing because the machines are still in action, but look for one in the summer newsletter.

We have two contractors (and a 3rd in the wings) doing our work. The two are reported to have performed adequately so far. Some rough times can occur during storms because we wait as long as we can before plowing. This can result in moments of deep snowy roads.

In summary, we have enough in our budget to finish the year on target even if another storm or two visit the hills and cabins.

~Robbin Bradburn, Snowplow 410 Coordinator,
snowplow410@live.com.

Roads Report

Now that Spring is approaching and temperatures are warming up, the snow melt will begin to affect the cabin area roads. According to our land leases, maintaining the cabin area roads is the responsibility of all cabin owners, and the Forest Service has certain maintenance requirements for forest roads to prevent potential or actual damage to public resources. There are situations that may require action on your part or that of the

road committee. After the snow has melted, please look out for signs of road damage, such as large ruts and potholes. They indicate that the road is deteriorating. Serious damage to road surfaces starts with excess and standing water. The roads have been designed to avoid this with proper sloping so water runs off onto the forest floor, but with the large piles of snow due to plowing, excess or pooling water on the roads could potentially cause damage.

Ditch-lines and culverts must also be kept clear for the water to drain properly onto stable portions of the forest floor. Roadside vegetation should also be trimmed back around your cabin to increase visibility for drivers, allow sunlight to dry out the road surface, and minimize organic debris falling on the road and blocking drainage. When the roads are clear of the snow this spring, they will be inspected and evaluated for any work that is needed. Sections of the roads may require grading due to damage or if improper drainage is occurring, additional gravel will be brought in for areas in need. As a reminder, the Forest Service does not allow the use of off road vehicles (any unlicensed vehicle, e.g. ATV’s, side-by-sides, snowmobiles,) on the cabin area roads. Only Highway Legal vehicles are allowed. Examples of vehicle types that are highway legal are passenger cars, pickup trucks, SUVs and motorcycles that by state law are licensed for general operation on all public roads within the state. Be on the lookout for any road issues that are discussed above. If you see potential problems, please notify Barbara Mead at mead5104@comcast.net or call me at 253-209-5936 .

~Barbara Mead, Road Maintenance Coordinator

Treasurer’s Report

WRRRA members, on the following page is our 2022 income/expense report. The restricted funds are The Copeland Bequest Fund, The Ken Leader Fund, The Cabin Defense Fund & The National Forest Homeowners Fund (NFH). The NFH funds collected during our renewal are transferred to NFH. The WRRRA general fund is our daily operation account and as you can see, WRRRA ended the year in the black with \$1,812.08.

2022 WRRRA Profit & Loss by Class					
			General Fund-- Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	Income				
		40000 · Contributions & Donations	8,880.00	0.00	8,880.00
		42000 · Program Income	5,874.55	0.00	5,874.55
		45000 · Investments	113.33	453.93	567.26
		48000 · Restricted & Reserve Funds	0.00	3,550.00	3,550.00
	Total Income		14,867.88	4,003.93	18,871.81
Gross Profit			14,867.88	4,003.93	18,871.81
	Expense				
		63000 · Administrative Expenses	3,661.08	0.00	3,661.08
		66000 · Program Expense	9,006.17	0.00	9,006.17
		69000 · Adjustments & Misc. Expense	388.55	0.00	388.55
		71000 · Payments-Released Restricted	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Total Expense		13,055.80	3,500.00	16,555.80
Net Income			1,812.08	503.93	2,316.01

The WRRRA Board approved the 2023 budget on 12/11/2022 (email treasurer at wrra.t.carlsen54@gmail.com if you would like a copy of WRRRA’s 2023 Final Budget). It is expected by the end of the year, WRRRA could be in the red by **-\$2,342.00**. We are looking at a total general income of \$18,418.00 and total general expense of \$20,760.00. So our plus income from 2022 will be used to offset the total expense in 2023. I’ll be working with the board to try to increase our income while keeping our expenses in check so we end the year with a balanced budget and can keep next year’s dues at the current rate. We will know by October if we’re able to do so. Please note that by having our membership numbers above 200 each year helps

keep our dues reasonable for all. So please encourage your cabin neighbors, and others who enjoy your cabin to become WRRRA members!

~Eric Carlsen, Treasurer

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2023 Annual Cabin Tour

For all you new members of the WRRRA our Annual Cabin Tour, on the same date as our Summer Picnic, is a great way to finish up the very fun summer social day (Saturday July 29, 2023) of our cabin association. We have held the cabin tour for over twenty years, and we want to continue that tradition. To do that we need between five and seven cabin owners to step up and host their cabins for the tour.

Hosting is a relatively easy task and a great way to show off your cabin and meet other WRRRA cabin owners. The tour generally lasts from 6PM until 9PM the evening of the picnic. Some hosts will provide light snacks and beverages along with a tour and brief history of their cabin. All our cabins are so unique and the cabin tour shows off that variety; inspiring us to enjoy and gain a greater appreciation for our cabin community. Many of the cabins have been worked on and/or remodeled in the last few years; wouldn't it be fun if the owners of those cabins would share their cabins with us!

There is a nominal cost to attend the tour. This helps defray some of the cost of the tour brochures and if there are enough funds then those remaining go into our cabin defense fund. The cost of the tour is \$8 per person or \$16 per family group. Tickets can be purchased at the picnic and will include a map of the cabin locations and a brochure describing each cabin on the tour.

If you would like to host your cabin or would like more information about being a host, please contact me by email kenlynnr@msn.com or by phone [253-312-0118](tel:253-312-0118). Your own tract rep can also help with information. Please consider being a cabin host, it is a great way to meet other cabin owners

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and also to contribute to the camaraderie of our WRRRA group!

~Ken Ring, SS Tract Rep, Cabin #156

National Forest Home-owners Conference – May 5 & 6

The NFH (National Forest Homeowners) national conference will be held on May 5 & 6, in Lake Tahoe, California, at the Village at Palisades Lake Tahoe (formerly Squaw Valley Resort). Several members of the WRRRA board plan to attend and represent our association; any current member of NFH is welcome to attend, and we would love to see some more of our WRRRA members there with us.

The theme of the conference is "Resilience". As stakeholders on the National Forests and caretakers of this unique 100+ year-old recreation program, our goal is to do more than preserve the cabin program and the forests that surround us, we want the forests and this program to thrive. There will be programs offered on Advocacy, Cabin Permits and Fees, Fire Preparedness, iNaturalist, Cabin Trusts, as well as presentations from and Q&A with Forest Service personnel. Throughout the two days there will be fantastic opportunities to interact with other cabin owners from across the country, plus regional and national US Forest Service staff, and leaders of various cabin-related associations.

We hope some of you will choose to attend, and can help bring back information and messaging to all WRRRA members. Registration is now open. Please go to the NFH website: www.nationalforesthowners.org to register and for additional information.

~Kevin Orth

How to View WRRRA Archives

The University of Washington's Northwest Special Collections provides anyone access to our records either in person or online/remote viewing.

To see WRRRA records, first determine what you want to view. The contents are at <https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org>. Go to their website and type in "WRRRA" to see the contents list by box number, topic, and date. After you have your list, telephone 206-543-1929 to make an appointment.

If you want to see the records in person your appointment will be in the basement of the U of W Allen Library South. To view online/remotely, make an appointment for online viewing. The library will provide you with a staff person who will show you page by page, item by item, the contents of the files you asked to see. If you have problems, please notify Diane DeWitt 425-822-2000.

~Diane DeWitt, WRRRA Archivist

One of a Kind Cabin Heirlooms

During the assembly of the WRRRA records and documents and other WRRRA heritage items there were a few letters deemed to be of greater value to individuals or to cabin owner groups than to the records of the association now in forever storage at the NW Special Collections at the University of Washington. The letters were set aside and are now ready to be distributed to the "rightful owners" who, in most all cases, would be the current permittee(s). Is your cabin and lot listed here? If yes, please ask me for your H and H letter(s) at the Spring Dinner. Thank you.

1953 to Frank Jones Clark from Ms. R. A. Pistorese re: **Lot 91 GC**

1956 to Frank Jones Clark from BB Busselle re: 1948 transfer of **Lot 33 GC**

1956 to Frank Jones Clark from Ms. Geo Robinson

1956 to Frank Jones Clark from Theodore Rand **Lot 40 GC**

1950 to Frank Jones Clark from Worth McClure regarding **Lot 35 GC**. (4 letters)

1964 to Martha Kelley from J L Humphrey re: **Lot 15 GC**

~Diane DeWitt, Chair, History and Heritage Committee

WRRRA 2023 Calendar*

Winter Snowplay Social
Cancelled

Spring Board Meeting
April 24, Zoom Videoconference

Spring Dinner (if in person)
April 29, Greenwater Community Ctr

Spring Highway Cleanup: Silver Springs
April 30, Highway 410

NFH Conference
May 5 & 6, Lake Tahoe, CA

Nat'l Trails Day Volunteer Event
June 3, Cabin area

Summer Board Meeting
July 28, Board Member Cabin

Summer Picnic
July 29, Silver Springs Campground (tent.)

Cabin Tour
July 29, All Tracts

Summer Highway Cleanup: Deep Creek
July 30, Highway 410

Nat'l Public Lands Day Volunteer Event
Sept 30, Cabin area

Fall Board Meeting
Oct 16, Zoom Videoconference

Fall Dinner Meeting
Oct 21, Greenwater Community Ctr

Fall Highway Cleanup: Silver Creek
Oct 22, Highway 410

2024 Planning Meeting
November or December, TBD, Zoom

* All event dates, locations, and activities are subject to change.

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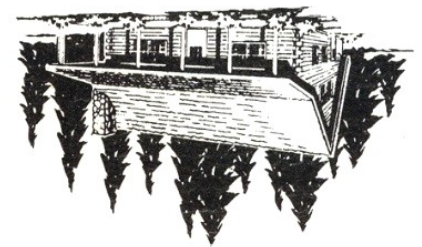
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