



WRRRA Spring 2018 Newsletter

White River Recreation Association

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Greenwater Fire Station and Community Center

Saturday, May 5, 2018 starting at 5:30 PM

~ CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION ~

Hello WRRRA members, families and guests,

Spring is officially here and the WRRRA Spring Dinner is coming up soon! This year's dinner will once again be held at the Greenwater Community Center. Come join your fellow cabin owners and families at this fun annual event. This year's dinner will be held on the 5th of May, and fittingly the theme will be Cinco De Mayo with a more traditional Mexican flair.

The schedule is as follows:

5:15 PM	Arrival, registration and name badges
5:30 PM	Welcome, updates and announcements – Kevin Orth, President
5:45 PM	Social Hour
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:45 PM	Door Prizes

Tickets to this year's dinner are \$35.00. NY Catering will again be providing the food for this event, and the menu features:

Chips & Verde Salsa, Pork Chalupas, Chicken Tamales, Beef Barbacoa, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Sliced Fruit, Garden Salad and Dessert Variety
Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages are included

Spring Dinner Policy & Cost:

Cost will be \$35.00 per person, tax and tip included. The maximum number of WRRRA members and guests that can be served is 100. To guarantee a place at the table, your reservation must be received by Monday, April 30, 2018. Those who miss the deadline but wish to attend will be subject to a \$10.00 surcharge if space is available. No refunds or cancellations after April 30, 2018.

[See page 5 for Reservation Form](#)

President's Message

Happy Spring!

We have had quite a good winter season in the mountains this year, and the ski season is continuing unabated at this writing. But I am sure warm weather will come soon, and with it the transition to spring and summer activities. As such, there are a few things I want to prompt you on.



First of all, I want to encourage you all to attend our upcoming Spring Dinner and social event, which will be held in Greenwater at the Community Center, on the evening of Saturday, May 5th. It should be a lot of fun, celebrating Cinco De Mayo! Please look for more details in this newsletter.

Save The Date – please make sure you have marked your calendar for our traditional Summer Picnic and Cabin Tour event, which will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, July 28th. This year we will be moving the picnic event to the Silver Springs Campground. Look for additional details and information coming out as we move into early summer.

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 wanted to invite everyone to consider attending the upcoming National Forest Homeowners (NFH) conference in Sacramento, California, on April 28th. The theme of the conference is "The Next Generation: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future." The conference should be a fantastic opportunity to interact with other cabin owners from around the country, discuss issues, and get new

ideas for our cabins and community. For more information see the article in this newsletter.

Lastly, I want to make sure everyone knows that your board is continuing to work with the Forest Service and other government organizations on key initiatives including gaining approval for metal roofs, getting a replacement for the road over Goat Creek, helping with restoration efforts after the wildfire last summer, and making improvements to our community roads and signage. As always, we need lots of help, so if you have any time or interest to dedicate to helping improve the cabin program, please contact any board member to volunteer to assist us. 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, WRRRA President

Silver Creek Representative Jennae Brannon

We are pleased to introduce the newest member of the WRRRA Board, Jennae Brannon. Jennae will be the Silver Creek Representative.

Although my husband Patrick and I are new members to the WRRRA this last year, we are not new to the area or the outdoors. We joined the WRRRA last year with the purchase of our cabin on Silver Creek and it has sure been an eventful year! We have been so thankful for the communication and involvement the WRRRA has had with its members, especially surrounding the

A business card for "ALL in ONE BUILDING AND SUPPLY". The card has a red background with white and yellow text. At the top, "ALL in ONE" is written in large, bold, white letters with a yellow outline, and "BUILDING AND SUPPLY" is in smaller white letters below it. To the right is a logo with the letters "AIO" in a stylized font. Below the main text, there are two lines of contact information: "253 670 9485 cell 253 839 0176 off." and "making your dreams come true". At the bottom, there are two lines of address and contact info: "3429 S. 308th Pl. Auburn Washington 98001" and "CHUCK GILLETT president/owner gilletsnrm@aol.com".

Norse Peak Fire last summer. I noticed a seat opened up this year for the Silver Creek Representative and jumped on the opportunity to get involved and help out. We are very excited to be a part of such a fun and unique community.



Growing up just about an hour away from Crystal Mountain, it is where I learned to ski and has been my home mountain since. We have spent nearly every weekend up at the cabin area this last summer and winter and look forward to a lifetime of adventures in mountains sharing our cabin with friends and family. During the week I spend my time working as a Supply Chain Manager at K2 Sports, running along Alki and exploring our West Seattle neighborhood as it continues to grow.

I look forward to meeting those of you that I have yet to meet and working to help support Silver Creek and the WRRRA.

~ Jennae Brannon

WRRRA Membership Drive

A big thank you to all the members who have sent in their 2018 membership dues. We absolutely love you!

If you haven't sent in your 2018 dues yet, please take this as a reminder that we absolutely need you! Take this opportunity to fill out the form below and send in your check today.

WHY IS THE WRRRA IMPORTANT?

As cabin owners, we all know the importance of connecting and working together as a group to affect needed change to ensure the enjoyment of our cabins and the beautiful Cascade Mountains.

- The WRRRA has been our collective mouth-piece and guiding force for over 89 years to help shape the form of many decisions that impact our use and enjoyment of our precious cabins.
- The WRRRA was instrumental in helping all cabin owners' work with the Forest Service and Congress to get an equitable resolution to our annual cabin permit fees through the

WRRRA Membership Renewal Form—2018

Name(s):			
Address:			
City: State Zip			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Work Phone		Cabin Phone	
Email address (WRRRA news updates)			

Please make check payable to "WRRRA" and send complete membership dues form to:
Kevin Bannon WRRRA Treasurer, 4637 South 168th Street, Seattle, WA 98188

- White River Recreation Association Dues: \$40
 - National Forest Homeowners Dues (optional): \$40
 - Contribution to Cabin Defense Fund (optional): _____
 - New Membership? yes ___ no ___ Cabin # _____
- Permit holder? yes ___ no _____
- Total Enclosed: _____

HOW TO VERIFY/CONFIRM IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR 2018: Send an email to treasurer@wrra.net requesting a record check for 2018 payment.

passage of the Cabin Fee Act. Cabin fees that we can all live with!

- Currently, we are actively working with the Forest Service on changing the regulations regarding metal roofs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GROW WRRRA MEMBERSHIP

As an organization, membership is our lifeblood. We are very strong with over 80% of all cabins represented with memberships. HOWEVER, like any organization we continue to look to new memberships to keep us connected, relevant and strong.

As mentioned in previous appeals, each cabin can have up to 4 memberships and we already have a number of cabins that have multiple memberships. Please consider reaching out to your cabin partner(s), relatives and friends that share your cabin. They need to be involved with “their cabin” and see the larger picture of how we all protect this beautiful asset we share.

Also, incredibly many cabins are transitioning to their 2nd, 3rd and possibly 4th generation of owners. WRRRA is a great way to share the legacy and start sharing responsibility of cabin ownership with our next generations! Please consider adding a least one membership to your cabin in 2018!



Goat Creek culvert after removal
Photo by Shirley Cherborg

Goat Creek Culvert Removal and Bridge Replacement Update from Martin Rand

I have coordinated with Noel Ludwig, USFS Soil and Water Program Manager. He has forwarded monitoring forms to fill out with our observations of Goat Creek during the spring runoff.



This will be very helpful in collecting data for the assessment of the effect of the 2017 fires in the drainage area. The USFS does not have the staffing to do extensive monitoring of Goat Creek so any help from the WRRRA is important.

I have also placed 3 water flow measuring markers to give accurate data.

#1 is placed at the culvert removal site

#2 is placed just beyond the Goat Falls trail-head sign

#3 is placed in Silver Creek at the 7175 bridge to give us a comparison between the two drainages

Dates, weather observations, and pictures can be sent to WRRRA or myself to organize and forward to the USFS staff. Please contact me if you need to be sent forms and data collecting information.

With the data collected we will work toward a timely bridge replacement. The District Ranger has said they have a bridge earmarked for the replacement so the main thing is the schedule for construction. I will be in contact with the USFS road engineer to check on progress as well as meeting with the Greenwater Fire Department to coordinate the efforts to reconnect the

cabin road system. It is vital to the safety and maintenance of the area.

~ Martin Rand, Goat Creek Representative

More on Metal Roofs

You are probably wondering what is holding up the authorization to replace cabin roofs with standing seam material? You may recall we announced at our fall dinner meeting that the signature letters were received by both Kevin Orth and Albert Pollmar. However, the Amendment B that was attached was not what our committee and members approved. Rather it was a much earlier draft that was attached in error.

We advised Region 6 about the error and they then had to update the packet before beginning the approval process. The National Historic Preservation Agency (NHPA) also needed to review and approve the documents. In the meantime, Jeff Walker, the previous Regional Archaeologist's home was severely damaged in Puerto Rico right before his retirement was to take effect January 1, 2018. This slowed things down.



We were advised on March 16 that the acting Regional Archaeologist, Dave Johnson, has now sent the signature paperwork authorizing Amendment B to the Regional Forester (Region 6) James Pena for signature. After his signature, the process is that it will be sent to the State Department of Historic Preservation (DAHP) then to the National Historical Preservation Agency (NHPA) and finally concurrent letters will be sent to Kevin Orth, who will sign for White River Recreation Association (WRRRA) and Albert Pollmar who will sign for Washington State Forest Homeowners (WSFHA.) We will keep you updated on the progress of this approval process.

~ Rena Irwin Chair, Metal Roof Committee

RESERVATIONS FORM: WRRRA Spring Dinner Event

Greenwater Fire Station and Community Center
Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Brown Paper Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3365567>

Phone: Kevin Bannon 206-244-9683 (between 6-8 p.m.)

Email: treasurer@wrra.net

Mail: WRRRA Treasurer, 4637 S. 168th St., Seattle, WA 98188 (include the form below)
 Please include payment, payable to "WRRRA" with reservation.

To guarantee a place at the table, your reservation must be received by Monday, April 30, 2018.

Name(s):			
Number Attending		@ \$35/person	
Total Enclosed:			



Cabin Insurance Update

This summer's wildfires in our area brought the topic of cabin insurance issue to the forefront for many of us in WRRRA. Some cabin owners enjoyed an active protection program through their insurance company, while on the other end of the spectrum, owners who had no insurance chose to mitigate risk by wrapping their cabins in fire retardant foil.

As reported previously, the National Forest Homeowners association determined last year that an increasing number of cabin owners nationwide have been unable to secure insurance for their cabin, or have had their existing insurance terminated by their carrier. We have seen some of this occur in the White River valley as well.

In response to this issue, NFH decided that they would like to work with a carrier to establish a **national insurance program** as an option for anyone needing insurance for their cabins. This insurance program would reflect the unique needs, use States, and other factors associated with the cabin program, and would provide guaranteed coverage nationwide.

As just announced in their latest newsletter, they have recently finalized creating that program! Additional program details will likely be shared at the NFH conference. We will report back to all members on this option for insurance in the near future.

~ Kevin Orth

National Forest Homeowners Conference in Sacramento April 28, 2018

The NFH (National Forest Homeowners) national conference will be held on Saturday, April 28, in Sacramento California. A few members of the WRRRA board plan to attend and represent for 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 "The Next Generation: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future." NFH wants to help our cabin community through some of the challenges of planning for the cabin's future, while embracing the unique history of these cabins.

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.

The educational sessions include programs on setting up trusts, cabin insurance, getting the next generation involved in cabin advocacy, and more.

We hope that some of you will choose to attend, and can help bring back information and messaging to all WRRRA members.

For more information, and to register online, please check out the NFH website:

www.nationalforesthowners.org

~ Kevin Orth



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WRRRA Calendar 2018

Meeting/Events	Date	Location
Spring Board Meeting	April 23	Board member home
Spring Dinner	May 5	Greenwater Community Center
Spring Highway Cleanup	May 6	Highway 410 (Goat Creek)
Summer Board Meeting	July 27	Board member cabin
Summer Picnic	July 28	Silver Springs Campground
Cabin Tour	July 28	All cabin tracts
Summer Highway Cleanup	July 29	Highway 410 (Deep Creek)
Fall Board Meeting	Oct 15	Board member home
Fall Dinner Meeting	Oct 20 (tentative)	Greenwater
Fall Highway Cleanup	Oct 21 (tentative)	Highway 410 (Silver Creek)
2019 Planning Meeting	November TBD	Seattle

Other pertinent dates include:

- NFH - Annual Conference is scheduled for April 28 in Sacramento, CA
- WSFHA - Spring Meeting TBD
- WSFHA - Fall Meeting TBD

REMINDER:

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS

After last summer's fire season, we are sure that all WRRRA members will be looking for their Fire Protection Contract for 2018 from Pierce County Fire District 26.

These contracts will be mailed in April. Payment is due to the district within thirty (30) days.

If you have questions contact Teresa Steel, Pierce County Fire District #26 (360) 663-2626.

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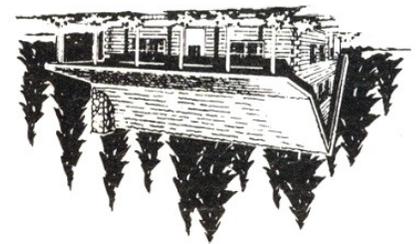
The purpose of White River Recreational Association (WRRRA) is to promote and protect recreational interests along the Mather Memorial Parkway and throughout the Upper White River Valley; to do any and all things lawful, just and necessary to better the interests of the members of the Association; to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



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