



WRRRA Spring 2015 Newsletter

White River Recreation Association

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Spring Social and Dinner Event

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Alpine Inn at Crystal Mountain Ski Area

The WRRRA Spring Social and Dinner Event will be from 4:00-7:00pm at the Alpine Inn at Crystal Mountain. Come enjoy the company of your cabin neighbors, and dine on the famous Alpine Inn cuisine.

Social Hour: Join your fellow WRRRA members in the wonderful Snorting Elk Cellar for a great social hour from 4:00-5:30pm. This will be an un-hosted bar event (buy your own), or bring your own wine for a \$12 corking fee. (Reminder that you must be 21 years old to be in the Snorting Elk Cellar.)



Dinner: Dinner will be from 5:30-7:00pm in the Alpine Inn dining room. Dinner will feature a delicious buffet, including mixed green salad, house pasta salad, fresh fruit and assorted cheese, seasonal vegetable de jour, two entrée options, plus dessert. The no-host bar downstairs will be available for alcoholic beverages, or bring your own wine for a \$12 corking fee.

Cost of the dinner is \$35 per person.

Speaker/Topics: There is no speaker planned. Instead the event will feature a lot of social time and mingling. WRRRA information and issue updates will be available during the social hour. Topics will include: Board Updates, Financials, History Project, Forest Service, Social Calendar and more.

Childcare: Childcare will be available from 4:00-7:30pm for those younger members ages 3 and up. There is a nominal fee of \$5 per child. Children should be dropped off at the Quicksilver Lodge lobby where they will be supervised, shown a movie, and provided a pizza dinner.

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**2015 Marks the
100th Anniversary
of the Recreational
Residence
Program**

President's Message

Happy Spring everyone!

Just as some of us are eager to get outside and start working in our yards at home, I believe the same is true as we want to get up to the cabins and spend time around our cabins cleaning up the limbs and debris that have fallen and accumulated on our cabin lots during the winter. Refreshing!



And speaking of a new year and spring, thanks to those of you who as part of the 2015 Membership process, have volunteered to help on some of our many activities. We appreciate all of you who regularly show up to help AND those of you who have recently indicated interest. These activities include social planning, cabin history, communications, finance, audit, website development, roads, snowplow, security, stewardship of the forest, membership, fundraising and advertising for directory and newsletters. It is a great start and your willingness to help is very meaningful. We welcome any of you who are wishing to help, please contact any of the board members. More of us working together on these efforts makes our association stronger.

One of the projects that we have been talking about for some time is the WRRR Cabin History Project. We have had a few members who have volunteered to work on this, however we need a **History Committee Chair Person**. If you are interested in considering this

effort, please contact me.

I would urge you to take part in two upcoming events. **The National Forest Homeowners Convention** to be held in **Vancouver WA on May 1-2** has a great program. Coming off of 7 plus years devoted to the successful passage of the Cabin Fee Act, there is renewed energy on a national level to work together collaborating with the Forest Service and other experts. It is always rewarding to mix and meet fellow cabin owners from across the US.

I look forward to seeing you at our **WRRR Spring Dinner at the Alpine Inn** on May 16th. Those who attended last year gave great feedback on the setting, the food, and the cabin neighbor camaraderie. See you there!

~Rena

Spring Road Clean Up: Sunday, May 17

Join your fellow cabin owners, do a good deed for our cabin area, and enjoy some social time during lunch afterwards. Help WRRR in its commitment to clean up our three mile section of Highway 410. It's been a long time since the last road clean up in October. Goat Creek is organizing and hosting the road clean up. However, participants from all tracts are welcome and encouraged to participate, not just Goat Creek permittees.

To sign up, contact John Campbell (GC #4) at jcampbell1426@gmail.com or (206) 675 1516.

We will meet at 10am on Sunday, May 17th at the Huckleberry Creek Road turn

off from SR 410 (adjacent to the viewpoint parking area). Remember to dress for the weather and have a good pair of gloves for grabbing all the garbage! After spring road clean up, lunch will be hosted by John Campbell at his cabin Goat Creek #4. Please join us for lunch and socialize with other cabin owners from all tracts.

Summer 2015 at Crystal Mountain

Snow enthusiasts love Crystal Mountain for its expansive slopes and the longest ski season in Washington State, but the sparkle doesn't end when the snow melts. Experience lush green forests surrounded by snow-capped peaks, wildflowers, wildlife, endless scenery, fun activities and photo opportunities like you've never seen before.

Open weekends starting Memorial Day Weekend and then daily June 27 through September 20, the Mt. Rainier Gondola climbs almost 2,500 feet to the summit where you'll be struck by awe-inspiring views of Mt. Rainier as well as other Cascade peaks such as Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood. The Summit House, Washington's highest elevation restaurant, is perched at 6,872 feet and delivers cuisine that rivals the striking views.

Summer activities at the resort will include daily horseback riding tours, a mountain-wide disc golf course, hiking for all abilities and ages, scenic gondola rides, ranger-led ridge walks, mountain-top dining, wildflower viewing, camping/RVing and endless nature experiences.

Indoor and outdoor event spaces accommodate up to 300 people and offer flexible opportunities. From meetings

and exhibitions to parties and team building events, Crystal Mountain would love to host your next event.

Visit www.crystallmountainresort.com

WRRRA 2015 Calendar

- Monday, April 20: Board meeting – potluck at member's home
- Saturday April 25: WA State Forest Homeowners Assoc. Mtg. in Kent
- Friday/Saturday, May 1/2: NFH Convention in Vancouver, WA
- Saturday, May 16: WRRRA Spring Dinner
- Sunday, May 17: Road Clean Up hosted by Goat Creek
- Friday, July 17: Board meeting potluck at member's cabin
- Saturday, July 18: Summer Picnic
- Saturday, July 18: Cabin Tour following picnic
- Sunday, July 19: Road Clean Up hosted by Silver Springs
- Sunday, August 8: Wildflower Walk in MRNP
- Saturday Sept. 26: WA State Forest Homeowners Mtg. at Rimrock Cabins, Filer Cabin Bear Cove 7
- Saturday, October 10: Mushroom walk in the forest
- Monday, October 5: Board Meeting potluck at member's home
- Saturday, October 24: Fall Dinner & Business Meeting
- Sunday, October 25: Road Clean Up hosted by Silver Creek
- Nov, Day TBD: half day board planning meeting

WRRR Membership

Have you forgotten to pay your 2015 dues? If so, please do so by sending your \$35 annual membership fee to:

Kevin Bannon , WRRR Treasurer
4637 S. 168th St.
Seattle WA 98188

Snowplow and Roads Report

(Does not apply to the Dalles tract)

As we all know, it has been a dismal year for snow. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our snowplowing and roads funds. We started the season with \$16,800 in the snow plow fund and \$2,400 in the road maintenance fund. We collected just over \$7,500 for snowplowing and \$7,000 for road maintenance and did one plowing of the roads only in the SS, SC, and GC tracts in December around the Christmas holidays at a cost of \$2,200. It appears most of our snowplow funds remaining at this time (\$22,100) will be carried forward into next year. The contribution requested next fall for 2015-16 will be just enough to get us funds for 8 plowings (\$25,500), probably around \$25/cabin for plowing and \$50/cabin for road maintenance. More details in the Fall 2015 newsletter.

The Road maintenance fund now stands at approximately \$9,400 and we will evaluate our needs this summer. Barbara Mead continues as treasurer. If you would like to serve on the Road Maintenance committee and/or submit your priorities for road maintenance needs, contact: wrra-moderator@wrra.net

The snowplow committee is evaluating alternatives to the use of a bulldozer for light duty plowing of the roads and driveways in the Deep Creek tract. If you know of a qualified plowing service which could service light duty needs in the DC tract with

rubber tired vehicles (with chains), please contact us. Randy Idding's large snowplow would be held in reserve for heavy duty plowing.

Long serving snowplow treasurer, Linda Piper, and secretary Bill Goodman are retiring, and we need replacements to make this work next year. If you can help out, please contact Bill at bill@wrra.net.

Stewardship of the Forest

We value the forest environment in which our cabins are located so let's keep it as natural as possible. Be on the lookout for invasive weeds and non native plants in our cabin area and also on the trails. Should you encounter non native plants, please remove them, and then catalog the location and notify the botanist at the Forest Service North Bend Snoqualmie Ranger District Office.

In addition, two things which need to be done to preserve the natural environment in our cabin tracts:

1. Screen white propane tanks with a natural wood fence (preferred) or paint them dark brown.
2. Avoid the use of blue tarps which are a real eyesore in our forest environment. If a tarp is needed on a temporary basis please use a brown tarp, which is readily available.

Watch Out for Wood Ticks

It must be the unseasonably warm weather, but this hiker has already encountered ticks on and off trails in the Norse Peak area in early March. Best guess is either the "Western Black Legged Tick or the "Rocky Mountain Wood Tick". (We didn't collect samples for identification.) Having personally not encountered these type ticks in this area before, we are surprised by their appearance this Spring. While neither of the suspect ticks are often carriers of Lyme disease they can carry other diseases so best be cautious and check your hair and clothing after hiking. For more info search the internet for ticks in the Cascades, WA and OR.

National Forest Homeowners 2015 Conference

May 1 & 2, 2015 | Vancouver, WA

Celebrating 100 Years of the Cabin Program: Looking Back, Looking Forward

Remember - WRRRA celebrates 86 years this year!!!

Our national conference offers interesting and educational sessions as we look back at the first 100 years of the national cabin program and look ahead to the next 100 years. Hear knowledgeable experts on fascinating cabin history, the brand-new Cabin Fee Act, estate planning, forest health and fires, maintaining historic cabins, the every-popular Cabins 101, and more. And spend some quality time with NFH board and staff, U.S. Forest Service leadership, and your cabin-owner friends and neighbors. Of course, we close our festivities on Saturday evening with the annual NFH Awards Banquet.

We are especially excited to hear from retired USFS historian, Jerry Williams, about the history of the cabin program and to host our friends and partners from the Washington, DC Forest Service office, Region 6, and Mount Hood National Forest. With the history theme, we will also offer an optional screening of the award-winning, *The Greatest Good: A Forest Service Centennial Film*.

Consider attending the National Conference this year as the agenda is packed with pertinent topics. With the milestone of a 100-year national forest cabin legacy and the cabin Fee Act stabilizing permit fees, we have a lot to celebrate and still much to learn and accomplish together. Convention registration forms are posted on the NFH website, www.nationalforesthowners.org.

Call for Historic Photos

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Recreational Residence Program, WRRRA would like to celebrate the heritage of our cabins by sharing historical photos in upcoming newsletters.

If you have photos or other print items that you would be willing to share, please contact secretary@wrra.net.



WRRRA Cabin Tour

The annual cabin tour will follow the picnic on July 18. The tour will start at 5:30PM and conclude at 8:00PM, and provides a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and see what innovative things cabin owners have done to make their cabins cozy and livable.

We have 4 families who are opening their cabins for the tour. Gary Hill and family (GC 84), Brian Allen and family (DC 23), Jim Lewellen and family (SS 152) and Jim Titterington and family (GC 10B). Cost of the tour is \$15 per family which covers the cost of the map and brochure with pictures and a write-up of each cabin. We have room for one additional cabin if anyone is interested. Recently the WRRRA board authorized \$50 for the purchase of refreshments at each cabin.

Contact Jody Nyquist or Paul Meyer if you are interested.

prmeier1936@gmail.com

or

nyquist2@gmail.com

For Sale:

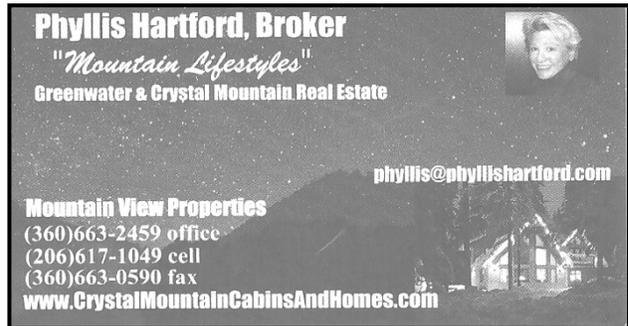
Cedar Logs (8 pieces) harvested in Eatonville in 2014: 22" DIA x103"; 12"x96"; 20"x56"; 13"x47"; 12"x52"; 12"x105"; 9"x75"; 23"x67". This is the equivalent of 440 Board feet. Bark partially on most logs. Logs are currently in Tacoma. \$500 for lot (OBO)
Contact Sean Hart (SC-28) 253-534-8202 or cell: 253-225-1106

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Reservation Policy for WRRRA Spring Dinner

- Space is limited to the first 90 reservations with payment received.
- Reservations without payment are not guaranteed a spot.
- All reservations must be made, and payment received, by May 13.
- If space is available, reservations after May 13, and walk-ups, may be accommodated -- with an additional \$5 per person late charge.
- Refund requests for cancellations cannot be accommodated after May 13.

Access: Park in the Crystal Mountain upper lot, on the right side, near the Alpine Inn & Snorting Elk sign. Walk across the foot-bridge and into the lower level for the Snorting Elk Cellar, or the upper level for the Alpine Inn restaurant.

For those with accessibility challenges, contact Kevin Orth for instructions on accessing the building via vehicle.

RESERVATIONS FORM: WRRRA Spring Dinner Event

**Alpine Inn at Crystal Mountain Ski Area
Saturday, May 16, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

By Brown Paper Tickets: <http://wrraspring2015dinner.brownpapertickets.com>

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

By email: treasurer@wrra.net

By mail: 4637 S. 168th St., Seattle, WA 98188 (include the form below)

Please include payment, payable to WRRRA, with reservation

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| Name(s): | | | |
| Number Attending | | @ \$35/person | |
| Number of Children | | @ \$5/child | |
| Total Enclosed: | | | |



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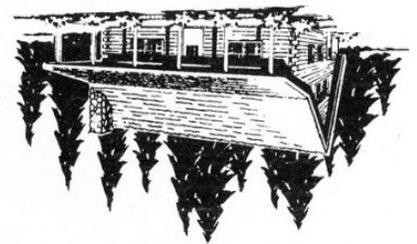
The purpose of White River Recreational Association (WRRRA) is to promote and protect recreational interests along the Mather Memorial Parkway and throughout the Upper White River Valley; to do any and all things lawful, just and necessary to better the interests of the members of the Association; to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



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