



Slippery Rock Campground Association

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Newsletter

November 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy autumn! It is so beautiful with the painted leaves!

Members of Slippery Rock Campground are sad. Our manager, Diane, has left to work in her brother's business. We are happy for her and wish her well in her new position. We will miss her and hope to see her soon.

Our faithful office staff, Georgia and Jan, will be able to help you with your needs at the office. Our board will be depending on them to keep things running smoothly.

Chris and his maintenance staff and Todd and his security staff will keep maintenance and security running efficiently.

Our 2012 summer was very warm; good swimming weather. Most of you are aware that we do have a problem with the pool. We will work diligently to find the problem and have it fixed for the 2013 season.

Electric project is still in progress; we had planned that it would start in October. The delay is because we are exploring some other ideas.

We had a great recreation season—some old programs that we enjoy and some new programs we also enjoyed. Watch for the 2013 Calendar of Events; it will be a good. Yes, we will have Bingo.

Snowbirds are leaving for sunshine and warmth, safe travels and enjoy your winter. See you in the spring.

For the northern members, enjoy your winter—happy shoveling!

Pat Hanna, President (C027)

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PRIVACY ISSUE CONSIDERED

It has always been the policy of SRCA to provide each approved candidate with a list of the members in the candidate's section, along with the mailing address of the member. This allowed the candidate to distribute literature directly to members during the election campaign.

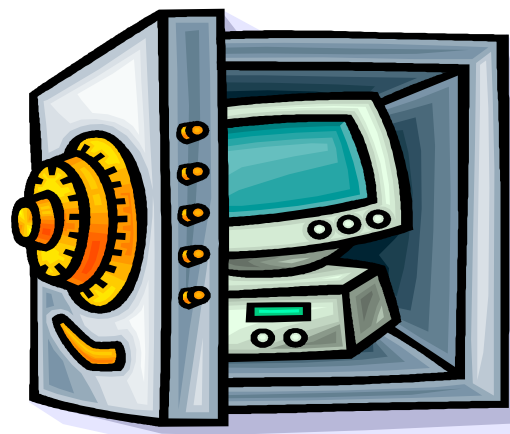
To insure the member's mailing address is not misused, the following two policies are being considered by the Nominating Committee:

First, the candidate will be required to sign a statement that the addresses received from SRCA will not be used for any purpose other than communicating with the members concerning the upcoming election and their candidacy.

Second, any member may now have their name removed from address list by simply informing the office that they wish to have their address removed from any list provided to candidates.

So if you do not wish to have your address released, please contact the office.

In addition, be advised that a member's demographic information is never released to any third party other than approved candidates.



LADIES NITE OUT

"Neither Rain, Nor Snow, Nor Dead of Night..."

At 6:30 PM, the sky opened up and we were deluged with thunderstorms here at the campground. I figured, "Well that sure is going to screw up attendance at tonight's "Ladies Nite Out".... but one by one or two by two our hearty SRC women braved the storm and began to gather regardless. Carrying lawn chairs, cushions, coolers, both healthy and decadent snacks, and standing in line for fresh popcorn, this group was ready to enjoy the evening and have a good time.

We delayed the start for ten minutes to allow for additional wet stragglers and then sat back, relaxed and enjoyed the wonderful music in "**Joyful Noise.**"

It was personally music to my ears to hear the applause at the end of the movie. Many asked if I needed help cleaning up. My special thanks to all of them for the offers!

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As of this writing, the Management Committee has solicited resumes in an attempt to identify a new manager. Announcements of the job position were posted in local papers and on various job application websites. Interviews have been scheduled and as soon as some decision is made by the Board, the membership will be notified.

Because Diane's performance as manager over the past 18 years set the bar very high, finding her replacement has been a daunting task. However, we are confident that we will have a new manager in place by January 1.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone for their calls, cards and stopping at my site to talk to my family. I miss you all at Bingo. My fight is not over, but I'm making progress. Again, thanks.

Priscilla Cavey (B262)

INNER PEACE: THIS IS SO TRUE!

If you can start the day without caffeine,
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without alcohol,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.....

Then You Are Probably the Family Dog!**Can We Reach You?**

If you change your telephone number and/or email address, please notify the office. You never know when we will need to contact you!

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee met on September 30. We have the usual activities planned for next year such as **Toy Bingo**, **Christmas in July** and **Family Fun Day** along with the **Pancake Breakfast**. In addition, there will be a **Fishing Clinic** planned for April and a **Fishing Contest** in July. Another fundraiser will be a **Spaghetti Dinner** in July. For the young ones, suggestions have been scavenger hunts, kickball games, pumpkin maze and possibly a trip to the nearby alpaca farm. Of course, any activities we have will require lots of volunteers throughout the season and an hour or two of your time can greatly benefit the kids.

For the teens, we hope to continue with the softball games and Teen Socials at the Teen Center. However, the committee is desperately seeking an adult or adult partners, who will serve as moderator or coordinator for Teens. If you are interested, please contact Renee' Curry at 724-869-1705.

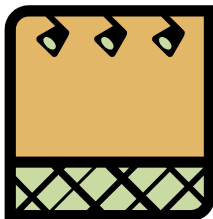
Planned activities will be on the website's calendar when it is released.



LAND USE

We have several issues going on with land use that are going to be addressed this year and next. One is the lease for the cornfield property, which the farmer uses. We are going to be signing a new two-year lease for \$2000.00 per year. This property will be used by the farmer for farming only and nothing else.

Our second issue is the bill board sign. We are actively pursuing both West Penn Power for the right of way letter, and ITC Inc. to get the area cleaned up and to take the necessary steps to get the sign erected and to start generating income for our campground.



RECREATION

Hi Everyone,

2012 season is done and what a season it was. I must thank all of the people who stepped up to the plate to help make it such a successful season. We had some ups and some downs but all in all it was great with many new ideas and games in place. 2013 is on the move and almost completely set. If you were happy with last year then look out because next season is more of the same.

We already have the new golf cart bought. It is a 2008 EZ Go that will have new 10" tires and wheels, new flip down back seat, new copper/gold metal flake body, new batteries, new roof. With the larger wheels, it will give the appearance of a lifted cart but it is not. This is bought and totally paid for already. Once it is built, I will post a picture.

We have 2 new bands scheduled for next year. *American Pie* and *Train Wreck* will be in along with DJ's, *Santa Fe* and *Frank and Dean* (and possibly Sammy) will be with them, too. To top off the season, we will be having a Murder Mystery Dinner, new and mysterious all for you with a meal, too.

In April, we will be stocking the front main pond with trout and giving fishing lessons to our kids. It will be catch and keep for the trout only as they will not survive during the summer. Please do attend and bring your children.

We are having Karaoke along with Super Bingo, Auctions and, of course, Ladies Nite Out on Tuesdays. We will have Pot Luck Dinners with an earlier time, so we can try to get more in attendance.

Watch the web site as I am finishing up the calendar. Need some input, who would be interested in a golf cart obstacle course contest and/or a golf cart poker run. If you have ideas, input or would like to help run one, let me know.

Again, THANK YOU EVERYONE — without you we could not continue each and every year. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!

Robyn Cooke (D367)
Chairman



MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Well as we all close up our camps and head back home for the winter, Chris, Todd and the guys are gearing up to take care of some larger projects while the camp is vacant and doing service on our mowers and other equipment during this down time.

They will be continuing on with replacing the sewer lines. Also installing catch basins at some problem areas along the roads. New benches have been installed around the ponds with a few more to install. Thanks to Ways and Means Committee for the benches.



There is still one more storage tank at the water plant that needs to be done. The water needs to be drained and the failing rubber liner and sand removed. Then the walls will be recoated and sealed. This has been done to the other tanks over the past years and seems to be doing very well and saving us a lot of water that was lost before.

For those of us who still come up to clean up the leaves from our site, if you have a catch basin along the road near your site, please take a moment and clear the leaves off the grate and from around the drain.

When you take your bags of leaves over to the trailer, if the trailer is full please don't place your bags tight against the trailer. Our staff has to move these bags before they can move the trailer. This adds time to the job by handling the bags twice.

Have a safe winter!

Kevin Brunner (C154/155)
Chairman



**Please - Do Not Put Leaves
In The Dumpster!
Please - Put Leaves
In The Hay Wagon/Trailer
Or By The Wagon!**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Slippery Rock Campground has applied for a grant to help pay for the repair of the creek bank erosion that is occurring.

Stream Bank Restoration Inc. (SRI), which is a part of the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition, has partnered with us to help with the grant process. SRI was in our park several weeks ago and toured the creek with Frank Van Atta, Jack O'Leary, Chuck Caro, George Allott and myself. They couldn't believe the severity of the erosion! This type of work is expensive but necessary. We submitted our paperwork for the grant October 26th and should hear something by spring. Thanks to Frank Van Atta, who has attended meetings with myself and worked on this for the last 14 months. Also a big thank you to Chuck Caro, who has been involved and has gone to our state legislator along with Frank for his support. Time will tell if these efforts will pay off for our campground.

Bill Kuban (A236)
Co-Chairman

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Well, another camping season has come and gone already and its time to thank everyone who helped out selling strip tickets for Ways & Means this year. These volunteers gave up their Thursday and Friday evenings to make the year such a success. Thank you to Mae Anderson, Kathy Spez-zano, Babe Skosnik, Elaine Hatton, Chuck Caro, Jack O'Leary, Bob O'Leary, Karen Stewart, Adele Van Atta, Robyn Cooke, Bob Jones, Joe Zaccagnini, and last but not least Beth Caro, who ordered and picked up our supplies from Nannicola Bingo.

We are able to do some good things around the campground with the profits. We purchased a new popcorn machine, six new outdoor folding tables, benches being placed around the ponds and playground, flip charts for committee meetings, and a new shed down at the ball field, which will be great when hosting events down there such as Family Fun Day, the Corn Roast and softball games, etc. We have also been able to put money aside for the purchase of a new bingo machine!

Thank you to all who purchased tickets every week and made this year a success!!!

Have a great off season and Joyous Holiday season....See you all next year....

Bill Kuban (A236)
Chairman

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Issues with potentially dangerous trees and the procedures to follow if you (a camper) want to report this possibility and how we will address your concerns. This will be discussed further at our May meeting.

The “R U Okay Program”: This has been found by our insurance company to be a “liability issue” for our campground. We discussed the possibility of forming a “volunteer group” to check on our elderly or anyone that is alone and may need some checking on.

The Emergency Evacuation Program was also discussed. We will make every effort to follow through on the recommendations of a helpful student from Slippery Rock University. Janice Moore will further explain this plan at the January Board Meeting.

GOLF CART SAFETY.....was a big topic at this meeting and we had several good ideas brought up. We discussed implementing a program whereas volunteers led by Robyn Cooke would do a “Clinic” for all prospective new 14 year old drivers to educate them on the “rules of the road”. Our volunteers would then take the “new golf cart operator” out for a test drive just to see if they really do understand how important it is to be aware of the rules of the road. After all, they will be driving on roads with many other vehicles. Also, we discussed putting together a written test similar to the one offered by Penn Dot for licensed drivers.

The purchase of “ELECTRICIANS GLOVES” for our maintenance’s use for their protection (this has been done).

Lastly, we discussed the possibility of purchasing a “camera” to be mounted at the Guard Shack with a Time/Date stamp to be able to view the “license plates” of departing vehicles in the event that we need to identify someone that may have been involved in some type of disturbance in the campground. This was approved at the Oct. 21, 2012 Board Meeting.

Chuck Caro (B107)
Chairman

Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 13, we had the final event of the year and that was the annual Halloween Party. I would like to take this time to personally thank my family, Cathy and Bob Miller, Karen Mahon, Christine Sungala, Cheyanna Lees and my husband, Mike, for all the help they do to make the party a success. Cathy and Karen are the ones that come up with the ideas and what we do for the party. Cathy is already thinking about ideas for the party next year— if you can’t tell we like to plan ahead.

For those of you who were able to get tickets, I hope you enjoyed yourselves. We strive to make sure that everyone has a good time. I would like to apologize to those who were not able to get tickets for the event. Next year, we are going to try to correct the problem for those who want to attend but tickets are not available.

Thank you to the judges, Kathie, Bonnie and Arlene.

Pat Horgan
Youth Committee

Chinese Auction and Craft Show

This past July in conjunction with Family Fun Day, we had a Craft Show and a Chinese Auction. With talking to the vendors that set up a table, they said they will be happy to set up again next year. The vendors got more exposure then when the Craft Show was in the Rec Center. Again next year, we will have the Craft Show and a Chinese Auction with Family Fun Day.

Anyone who is interested in setting up a table or donating to the Chinese Auction, please contact me at srcapattie@gmail.com. I am hoping to have more of our campers that do craft shows set up a tent.

Pat Horgan
Youth Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 2012

When the 2011 budget was presented for your approval, some commitments were made. First, the budget would more accurately reflect the actual expenses incurred. At the end of September, 2012, we were under budget for operational expenses.

Second, we set a goal to develop a *Five-Year Plan* to more accurately project the long-term financial needs of the park. This plan has been developed and was presented at the Town Hall meeting in June.

Third, we indicated that expenses would be scrutinized more carefully. Toward that end, the financial reports have been modified and made available to all members. Procedures that extend the review period for capital improvements have been installed. The Finance Committee is in the process of enhancing the process for getting competitive pricing on smaller projects and getting bids on the larger jobs. Although there is still work to be done, every effort has been made to fulfill last year's commitments.

Development of the *Five-Year Plan* revealed some unsettling news. Our policy of raising the dues \$20 or \$25 over the past few years had not been keeping up with our operational expenses, and we had been using monies that should have been available for capital improvements to cover those daily expenses.

The conclusion was that we did not have adequate funding for capital improvements as defined in the *Five-Year Plan*. When this was presented at the Town Hall meeting, there was a general consensus of those attending that a dues increase was necessary and unavoidable.

To insure SRCA maintained the current standard of service, the 2013 budget was proposed and ultimately approved by the membership.

In reviewing the 2013 budget, the following are noted:

- The Asset Replacement line has been returned to the budget and reflects the investment necessary to address the capital improvements defined in the *Five-Year Plan*. This money is earmarked for capital improvements only and will not be used for operational expenses.
- An increase in the cost for health benefits is expected, because there may be up to five new participants added to the plan. These are current employees or their spouses, who have previously not opted for health insurance. To further address this cost, we are currently negotiating with providers for a better rate.
- Although we have a contract that guarantees our electric generation/transmission rate through January 2014, the utilities line item has been increased to reflect increased usage and a potential increase in the distribution rate.
- Aside from the Asset Replacement, the budget reflects roughly a 2% increase in overall expenses.
- Fifteen line items on the budget reflect no change from this year's budget.

The increase in the dues can only be effective, if we maintain our diligence in monitoring expenses and insuring we get maximum value for the dollars spent. That is our commitment to you.

Jim McClintock (B110)
Chairman

Service Providers Supporting Our Newsletter			
Name	Address	Phone	Service
Awnings by Paul	8262 Vivian Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15237	412-901-5298	Awnings
B&J Golf Cart	317 Camp Horne Road Pittsburgh, PA 15202	412-445-6016 or 412-977-9449	Golf Cart/Trailer Sales & Service
Carl S. Rodgers	1016 West Liberty Road Slippery Rock, PA 16057	724-794-5589 or 724-333-1030	Dirt/Gravel/Limestone/Concrete/Roofing/ Skirting/Hauling/Firewood/Landscaping
Dennis Grosky Agency	425 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057	724-794-4820 or 724-794-6339	Insurance/Notary Public
Dennis Trailers	989 Old Route 8 Harrisville, PA 16038	814-786-7959	New-Used Sales/Parts/Awnings/Heating/ Cooling/In Campground Service/Winterizing
Fame RV Center	329 Mill Street, P.O. Box 939 Saegertown, PA 16433	814-763-5645	Sell & Service New & Used Trailers
Farmer's Insurance Paul Foster Agency	2000 Park Lane Dr., Suite 350 Pittsburgh, PA 15275	724-612-1097	Insurance
Ferrell Gas Inc.	300 Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite 307 Pittsburgh, PA 15205	1-800-882-9049	Propane
Golf Cars 4 All	1664 Nashua Road New Castle, PA 16105	724-333-4940	Golf Cars/Repair & Sales
Golf Carts Unlimited	4493 Harlansburg Road Slippery Rock, PA 16057	724-530-2100	Golf Carts/Sales/Parts/Service
K & K Parts, LLC	923 New Castle Road Butler, PA 16001	724-865-9006	RV Supplies/RV Parts/Propane/Awnings/ Shed Sales
Ken's Farm Market	911 New Castle Road, Rt. 108 Slippery Rock, PA 16057	724-679-8458 or 724-794-0159	Propane/Firewood/Outdoor Furniture/ Sheds/ Gravel/Mulch
Kevin Glenn Stump Grinding	2461 Moores Corner Road Volant, PA 16156	724-730-7516	Stump Grinding/Hauling
Martin Construction	1356 Porter Road Harrisville, PA 16038	724-679-3104	Concrete/Retaining Walls/Excavation/ Skirting/Hauling/Skid loader/Yards
Powell's Trucking & Ex- cavation	680 Springfield Church Road Grove City, PA 16127	724-290-5556	Excavation/Hauling
Shaffer Tree Service	515 Knox Avenue New Castle, PA 16101	724-658-1060	Tree Service
Tri County Propane	428 Glendale Road Beaver Falls, PA 15010	724-843-0983	Propane
Unique Full Glass Service	434 Centreville Pike Slippery Rock, PA 16057	724-794-9900	Glass/Construction
Weege's Pizza	187 Harmony Road Slippery Rock, PA 16057	724-794-5600	Pizza/Wings/Sandwiches/Salads/Gyro's/ Burgers
Withers Golf Car	410 Heckathorne Road New Castle, PA 16101	724-656-9076	Golf Car Sales & Service

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Holidays!**

**January Board Meeting is January 20, 2013
Come for the first meeting of the New Year!!**