



SKOOKUM RENDEZVOUS OWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

HOA Board of Directors-President's Message!

Greetings to all! I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and safe. As you know, we are following the Governor's precautionary guidelines for COVID 19. This means we will open areas of the resort as the guideline for Washington state allow us to do so. Accordingly, since we currently have usage restrictions on the lodge and gatherings of more than 10 people, our HOA Board of Directors meetings will be held using telephone conference technology. As per our CC&Rs, we are required to hold 3 Board meetings per year, which will be held via phone until COVID 19 restrictions are lifted and we can return to our usual format of meetings in the lodge. Anyone who wishes to join a meeting can do so via phone. Resort manager Ray Dilcox has a system that will allow us to hold conference calls. He will send meeting dates and times via email and include instructions for logging on to the meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for June.

I am happy to see people practicing safe distance activities and safety precautions around our neighbors. Please periodically check on the well-being of our elderly friends to ensure their safety.

I look forward to people returning to the resort and seeing you all out and about. Remember, we have an election this year. If you want to serve on the board, sign up during election time. Sign-up sheet locations and times will be announced at a later date.

People are already working hard on their lots, and I see more park models coming in. The Arc committee is at your disposal to help you through the process of getting your park model approved for your lot, including positioning and setback requirements. Once your park model is positioned, blocked and leveled, then the process of formulating and submitting plans for projects such as skirting, landscaping and decks can begin. Remember to check the CC&Rs and consult the Arc committee or any board member before beginning any project that affects the appearance of your lot!

I am looking forward to serving as your President of the Board this season! Enjoy the resort and your neighbors. Be safe and healthy!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who overwintered and worked hard to keep the resort streets and sidewalks cleared and plowed, who decorated the lodge for the holidays, and who generally kept things neat, tidy and safe!

George Dale, President.

Manager's Report

With spring in the air and summer just around the corner, we are seeing our winter travelers slowly returning. It is a little odd and a bit sad that we are not greeting with the usual hugs however the spirit is there and it is good to see everyone. Those that have not arrived or may not be here at all this season, I wish you well and we miss you.

Things may or may not return to business as usual around here. However, in the meantime, we are making do. We are not sure if we will be able to have large community gatherings, so the activities committee will be thinking outside the box.

Those of us here are enjoying the outdoors! I see a daily stream of walkers and bikers; people are gardening, and Happy Hours have resumed at a safe distance. These are all signs that life will go on and we will get thru this as a community.

The volunteerism has been heartwarming. Be it those that are shopping for their neighbor that cannot, cleaning up others properties that cannot travel or to those that are tirelessly sewing masks for anyone that needs them. Hats off to you all! It truly is a one of a kind community.

I am grateful that we live where we do and that the impact on the health of our Skookum residents has so far been spared. The important thing is to stay well and be safe

Ray Dilcox

Resort Manager

Committees

Architecture (ARC)	Meets every Friday at 10am
Projects	Meets as needed
Activities	Meets as needed
Budget/Finance	Meets as needed
Election	Meets as needed
Lenora Sewer and Water District	Meets first Tuesday at 10am

Project Committee Members:

John Cameron - SROA Board Liaison, Carolyn Herzog - Committee Chair
Michael Goodner, Chelsea Goodner, Kent Taylor, Judy Lindberg,
Jack Lindberg, Danny Mellon.

FIREHOUSE CHAT!

Diane Shantz

Greetings.....we hope this finds each and everyone of you healthy and staying safe during the current COVID19 pandemic.

We have a lot to catch you up on starting with a big "THANK YOU". As you can see from the photo, we were able to purchase a John Deere 48 inch cutting deck riding lawnmower with the generous donations we received during our Open House on September 7th, 2019. All of us appreciate your support in us reaching this goal of purchasing the lawnmower to assist in the upkeep of our property around the new Fire Station. We couldn't have accomplished this without your help and support.

Additionally, we truly appreciate those voting members of Skookum who helped us pass the merger that was on the ballot in November. We are now officially South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue Battalion 6, which encompasses Station 33, Station 61, and Station 62 with 23 firefighters assigned to this area.

Speaking of Station 62, it is a fully functioning Fire Station housing an Engine, Tender, Brush Truck, and Aid 62 (the pickup). With electric and heat, we had full use of all our equipment this past winter.

We've already have had several brush fires in our fire district. The biggest being off Skookum Meadow in which we had to have DNR (Dept of Natural Resources) fly in their helicopter for air attack on the fire. We highly stress that before you do any burning, that you are aware of any burn restrictions.

Finally, we hope for safe travels for those of you once the stay at home orders are lifted, as we look forward to your return to Skookum. Stay Safe!



Firehouse Chat (cont)



THANKS!

We who live at Skookum Rendezvous are fortunate to have not only first-responders and EMTs as our neighbors, but a fully-functioning fire station with equipment, to boot! During this time of inconvenience and, for some, suffering, let's keep our thoughts and appreciation for our local health resources at the forefront of our minds. We still have a way to go before this crisis is behind us, and more sacrifices to make. Let's help keep the number of call outs as low as we can and reduce the impact on our hospitals, doctors and nurses by wearing face masks and taking the precautions recommended by health professionals. And, while we are showing appreciation for our first-responders, let's also remember other folks who make our lives easier by continuing to go to work, like grocery store workers, postal workers, UPS/FedEX drivers, and those working in hardware and building supply stores, convenience stores, and others. Wearing a mask is for your own protection, as well as for others around you.

Stay home. Stop the spread. Save lives!

THINGS TO DO!

DAY TRIPPERS!

We like to explore our Pend Oreille River valley for interesting places and historical information. Usually starting with a zoomed in Google map, we locate places we'd like to visit and make a list for those days when you just want to get out and roam. We chose a beautiful fall day early last November to do what we now call the Pend Oreille Loop. Beginning in Old Town, turn left (south) at the light and head up the hill on Idaho highway 41. At the top, you take a left turn onto Old Priest River Road. The first attraction requires another left turn after about a mile, onto Blackthorne Road. This winds down to Albeni Cove Campground on the Pend Oreille River, something we've been curious about since we moved here several years ago. Nicely maintained with great views of Albeni Falls Dam across the river, Albeni Cove Campground offers 14 campsites, all with picnic tables and grills. An on-site dock, boat ramp and swimming beach provide easy access to the water. The facility is run by a multi-federal government group including the BLM and Corps of Engineers. It appears they are currently open, but I'd call or check their web site first if I were going to camp there: (<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233791>). Remember, it's Idaho, so if you bring your fishing rod, have a current Idaho fishing license, as well.

AND THEN....

Go back up the hill to Old Priest River Road, turn left and continue east. The road name changes to Dufort Road across from Priest River at the bridge. Stay on Dufort until you get to the area across the river from Laclede, ID. Here you will find the next thing on the map that caught our eye, the Seneacquoteen Cemetery (big sign for this on the left side of Dufort Road at Seneacquoteen Drive). After doing some research, we found that Seneacquoteen (Crossing the River) was a popular camping site and crossing for the Kalispel and Kootenai Indians. When homesteaders moved into the area, it became an important ferry crossing and the county seat. Members of several Salish tribes such as the Kootenai and Kalispel occupied a seasonal camping ground on the shores of the river for thousands of years. The area became one of the first European settlements in North Idaho in the late 1800's. The crossing became popular with gold miners who, once on the north side, would follow the Lake Indian Road along the river and north through Bonners Ferry and into British Columbia. The decline of the gold rush, and the location of the newly built railroad too far from the settlement, ended what was left of the settlement's prospects for development. Today, all that remains is the cemetery, still in use, with it's many, time and weather worn tombstones of area pioneers, many of whom were born in the early 1800s. Peaceful, quiet, and picturesque, still-living family members memorialize and embellish their ancestor's graves in interesting ways.

DAY TRIPPING! (CONT)

MOVING ON....

The cemetery was all we had planned for this drive, but we decided to continue east on Dufort Road to link up with US highway 95, then head north to Sandpoint, then home. We accidentally found Round Lake State Park about a mile before we hit Hwy 95, and what a lucky accident it was! This place is great!

The park offers hiking, biking, human or electric powered boating, fishing (ID license required) and a beach for swimming. Canoes and paddle boats are available to rent. Camping is normally available, but not during the COVID 19 closures. Cross country skiing and snowshoeing is available in winter. Round Lake State Park is a beautiful forested park in the northern panhandle of Idaho. It sits on the edge of a 58-acre lake where flocks of Canada geese pass over towering pine, hemlock and larch trees and osprey plunge for perch. Hikers will discover beaver lodges and may see a glimpse of a resident moose, while fishermen listen to a chorus of bullfrogs, ducks and red-winged blackbirds as they cast for rainbow trout or bass.

There are 2 year-round trails. Trapper Trail is a 1.8 mile moderately trafficked loop trail and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers a number of activity options and is best used from March until October. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

Stewardship Trail is a 3-mile path that extends deeper into the park. Most of the trail is easy, with a few short hill climbs that even those of us who could be in better shape can manage. There are connections between the 2 trails that allow creation of your own, custom made trail! (See trail map).

The day we visited this popular park, in early November, was a weekday, but there were still quite a few cars in the parking lot. The park is busy in summer, but the spring and fall are the best times for taking a quiet walk. Don't forget water, snacks, your camera or binoculars, and maybe a can of bear spray in late fall! Staff at the park was super friendly, too!

Web site: <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/round-lake>

I'd suggest continuing to US 95, turning north to Sandpoint for a late lunch or early dinner after all of this, but considering there are probably not too many, if any, eateries open because of COVID 19, it'll most likely be a trip straight home. Hwy 95 crosses 'The Long Bridge' at Sandpoint, originally built of wood in 1908 and named the longest wooden bridge in the world. Now in it's 4th incarnation, made of steel and concrete in 1981 for cars, the 3rd version is still in use for bikers and pedestrians.

DAY TRIPPING! (CONT)



Seneacquoteen Cemetery (sen ee aqua teen)



Skookum Rendezvous HOA Board Members

President	George Dale
Vice President	John Cameron
Treasurer	Candis Selhay
Secretary	Shannon Syth
Directors:	Carolyn Herzog
	Ray Dilcox
	Tom Sutton

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Notice something out of place, water leaking or puddling, lawn sprinkler acting weird, laundry equipment acting up, any situation that you think we should know about, contact the office, or any board member using your Skookum directory. Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Committees

Committees and activities are impossible to predict at this time due to the pandemic. Changes and updates to the status of community participation will be sent out as information becomes available. Please be patient, and continue to observe the precautions recommended by health professionals to protect yourself and others around you!

Spring Has Sprung at Skookum!

