

# SLIPPERY ROCK CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER





**Slippery Rock Campground Association**

**A member-owned campground since 1985**

(724) 738-0402

## **From the President**

As you read this, by now the trees have given us some more outside chores. Raking and bagging leaves are a sure sign that old man winter is on the way.

Oh well, as soon as winter gets here and over with the sooner it will be spring and we will all be enjoying our places again!

SRCA has been a busy place this year. The third phase of the electric project is completed. Our maintenance gang did an outstanding job with the difficult sections A & C, as well as the whole project. The final costs are being reviewed and put together to give us an assessment cost. As soon as we have the assessment we will let everyone know.

Our pavilions have been painted and one had new supports replaced. These also had SRCA letters placed on all of them. The swimming pool received a new coat of paint as well as the mini golf having the rails replaced with pavers.

I want to remind everyone that if your address, phone number and/or email changes to notify the office so you will receive all communications.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a wonderful and Prosperous New Year.

See you in the spring!!

Bill Kuban

*Happy Holidays!*

## FROM THE MANAGER

First, I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Second, since many of you are closing for the winter, I would like to make some suggestions to help keep your golf carts & golf cart batteries secure while you're away. I would suggest removing your batteries & locking them in your shed or trailer for the winter, make sure your golf cart is secured from being moved with either a chain(s) or removing a tire(s). I know nothing is full proof but a little prevention could go a long way.

Third, the Electric upgrade in the **A & C** Sections was completed Friday November 7th. In addition to laying the new wire, we had to replace 2 transformers. We may have to turn off the electric one or two more times for final testing. We do not have a total cost for the project, but the assessment will be under \$100. Again this was the hardest phase of the electric project and I want to thank all the members that were affected for their cooperation and patience.

### Reminders:

Water hoses must be disconnected from the hydrant from November 1 to April 1 when the member is not in Residence. If you do not disconnect your hose and the hydrant breaks there is a \$150 fee to replace the hydrant.

Winter usage of your membership is restricted to 3 nights in a calendar week- Sunday to Saturday from December 15th to March 1<sup>st</sup>. You are permitted to have a 2 week vacation during this time but it cannot be used in conjunction with the 3 days in the week and you must apply for this in the office.

No heat tape can be used on water lines

All electricity (with the exception of a trailer refrigerator and one dusk to dawn light or one motion light) must be turned off when the member is not in residence during the off-season.

Last, if anyone has any problems or concerns my door is open to anyone and everyone. If you need clarification on *anything* please call me and/or come in and see me.

JOHN BAIRD, MANAGER

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## **YOUTH & TEENS HAPPENINGS!**

***Chocolate Slip n' Slide, Day at the Alpaca Farm, Pool Games, Touch-A-Truck, Teen Dances and so much more!!*** Youth/Teens and parents if we've got your attention we are here to tell you that you don't want to miss what's in store for the Teens & Youth in 2015!

Here are a few highlights that need to be shared:

- Check it out....The Teen/Youth of SRCA are on Facebook! Search: SRCA - Youth & Teens. Send a friend request and stay up to date and enjoy all the happenings!
- We are looking for all youth and teens ages up to age 18 to draw a picture of what camping at SRC means to them! We are asking that the drawing be 8 ½ x 11. It can be colored, painted or black and white. Please write your name, phone number and lot number on the back of your drawing and submit to the office by May 1, 2015. The pictures will be on display in the Rec Hall throughout the season and be judged for prizes!
- How does a day trip to Kennywood sound to you? There will be several opportunities for the youth and teens to earn their ticket to Kennywood. We will be reaching out to our teens and youth to volunteer for various activities throughout the season such as the Mother's Day Brunch (new this year), Father's Day Pancake Breakfast and the Spaghetti Dinner, etc. When they volunteer they will earn points that will accumulate towards a group trip to Kennywood. Stay tuned for more details!
- As many of you know all activities throughout the campground takes lots of work and volunteers, so when the activities list is published in the beginning of 2015 and something sparks your interest, please don't hesitate to volunteer even if for an hour. Remember our youth and teens are the future of SRCA.

Your Youth and Teen Leaders,

Stacey Creese – D094

Myrna Hall – D202

Volunteer!  
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## Special Projects

The **Slippery Rock Creek-Bank Restoration Project** was started in October. **Stream-Bank Restoration Inc.** did the work. Shaun Busler, Margaret Dunn and Cliff Den Holm from **SRI** were an integral part of **SRCA** obtaining the \$75,000.00 dollar grant from the State of PA to fund the Project. Over 20 truckloads of rock and rip-rap were used to restore some of the Creek-Bank as well as root wads that were placed in the creek near the banks.

Root Wads are the roots from the trees after they are cut down and the stumps were removed. Fish love these and they become a natural habitat for them. Fishing down at the creek should improve greatly. Pathways were put in to get down to the creek for fishing. The whole area has been graded and seeded. Grass is already starting to grow! In the spring, we will need volunteers to help plant the live stakes which will strengthen the banks even further. The area from 25 feet from the creek-bank will be a “No cut” zone for the grass until September—then it can be cut as usual.

We are going to apply for another grant to complete the bank down to the bridge. Stream-bank restoration Inc. will once again help us during the Grant process. We will keep you informed as the process continues.

I would like to Thank Frank VanAtta for his involvement and his help on this project. When the project started, Frank was there every day offering his assistance. He was always doing something.....directing the truck to the site, helping obtain transportation for the Root Wads when a glitch developed with the carrier who was to deliver them, to obtaining a place for a couple of equipment operators to stay so they wouldn't have to drive long distances. In Frank's spare time during the day, he even brought down a tree with a rusty shovel! I hope you get to see the picture, it's a classic!

Thank you Frank as well as the folks from SRI for a job well done!!!

Bill Kuban



## MAINTENANCE REPORT

The summer is over and after we cut the grass, rake the leaves and winterize our trailer, now we wait for that four letter word. (*SNOW*)!

The maintenance men have a long list of projects for the winter. The section **A & C** sections electric upgrade is finished except for putting top soil down planting grass. Also, we will be paving where we had to dig across the road. The paving will take place after it warms up enough and the black top plants open up. Our maintenance staff has, as usual, done an excellent job in a very timely manner.

The maintenance men have a long list of projects for the winter. We will be removing the sand cleaning and putting new sand in the filters at the water and sewage plants. This will be contracted out. We will be buying and installing a flow meter at the water plant to help monitor water usage among other things.

Our maintenance staff will be cleaning and painting the ceiling tiles in the rec. hall. The roof at the maintenance building on Beaver will be replaced by our maintenance people. We will be looking into repairing the floor at the **B**-Section bathhouse with the same material that was used at the Rec. hall bathhouse. A lot of general maintenance that is done during the winter so we all can have a wonderful summer. Have a safe and healthy winter and see you all in the spring.

Dave Kirch and Dave Weakland

Co-chairmen, Maintenance Committee

George Allott, Chairman

