



## Slippery Rock Campground Association

A member-owned campground since 1985

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July/Aug. 2015

### Experience

Rain, Rain and more Rain!! Is it ever going to be sunny and dry? Due to all the rain, we again have experienced flooding in the "B" & "D" Sections. We had numerous member complaints about NOT being notified of the flooding conditions in these sections. Jim McClintock offered to look into the "Dial my Calls" feature that we have on the computer and it was discovered that some members in the flood area were not identified as being there or there were incorrect phone numbers. These have been corrected and new features added to the procedure.

1. The "Dial my Calls" feature, used to be accessible by password only. This is no longer the case, now it can be accessed from an icon on the desktop by Office Staff and/or Security.
2. The messages that will be sent are as follows:
  - A) Potential flooding in "B" and "D"
  - B) Flooding is occurring in "B" and "D"
  - C) Power disconnected in "B"
  - D) Power disconnected in "D"
  - E) Power is restored in "B"
  - F) Power is restored in "D"
  - G) Flooding subsided
3. An alarm with a flashing light has been installed by Candy Lane. When the water comes over the banks, the alarm and light will be activated. This was suggested by Colleen and Maintenance and will be an excellent addition to our notification process. If this alarm is successful, one will be installed in the "D" Section.
4. Maintenance is working on identifying what transformers service what lot. There are prints of this inside the transformers and maintenance wants to make sure these are correct and that we will miss no-one!

This way, when transformers are shutdown you'll know if your lot has been affected. We were hopeful that we could get this done by the time election packets were mailed out. We could give you your transformer number and you could put it on your refrigerator. Then, when we send the numbers of the transformers that have been shut down out to everyone concerned so you will know if the electric has been disconnected on your lot. We are hopeful that this new alarm and notification system will be helpful to everyone.

I also would like to **Thank** several people who took Golf carts to higher ground during the latest creek rising.

Judy and Scott Crawford, Larry Healy, Chuck Caro and his grandson Justice. **GREAT JOB GUYS!!! And Gal!!**

*Lastly, and very important, please make sure the office has your updated email and phone numbers that you want used for notifications.*

From the President

## Weekly Events Schedule

Have you noticed a change in the Weekly schedule that was distributed the week-end of July 4<sup>th</sup>?

This will be the new format. We hope you will find it user-friendly! The first page will show the events for the current two week time period. The back page will be the Upcoming Events, or the events for the following two weeks.

The Upcoming Events on the second page will only include those that are 'special' and not a regularly scheduled event such as our Thursday and Friday nights Bingo.

Weekly Schedules are handed out at the gate and can also be picked up in the office. If the office is closed, we are posting the Schedule on the front window of the office and the bulletin boards.

You can also view the full Schedule on our Home Page [www.toursrc.com](http://www.toursrc.com) by clicking on either, View: "**THIS WEEK**" in the middle of the page or "**THIS WEEKEND**" on the top right hand side. Print the page at home so you are sure to get a copy of the Schedule.

To better service the members, we have begun to send the Weekly Schedule and Announcements via email on Wednesdays. It is no cost for the membership and more environmentally friendly, too! Please be sure your email is up to date with the office. If you haven't received one yet, then chances are we do not have your correct address.

*by*

*Renée Curry and Jim McClintock*

## Nominating & Election Committee

If you are considering running for the Board of Directors, there's still time to submit your Letter of Intent. Letters of Intent, along with your resume, must be submitted at the office no later than noon on July 18, 2015.

When you pick up the Letter of Intent from the office, you will also be given the Election Guidelines which details qualifications for the Board, campaign information and much more.

The general operation of SRCA is managed by a Board of Directors. The Board is made up of twelve members, three from each section of the campground.

A Board member serves a term of three years and has the option of running for a second term. Board members also serve as Chairs and Co-Chairs on our committees. Members receive no compensation for being on the Board.

Articles IV, V and VI of our By-laws go into more detail about taking on a director's position. You can get a copy of our By-laws in the office or from the Home page on our website.

Go to [www.toursrc.com](http://www.toursrc.com) Click on "MANAGEMENT" (fourth button on left hand side) then select "DOCUMENTS/FORMS."

*by*

*Renée Curry, Chairman*



## **INVASIVE SHRUB HONEYSUCKLE**

From The Pennsylvania State University, College of Agriculture

Have you noticed freebie shrubs growing in your flower borders and among your other Bushes? Don't remember planting them? If it has light green egg shaped leaves and it blooms in May/June with white/yellow flowers that are small, fragrant and tubular, and it produces orange to red berries along the stems, then you *just might* have an Invasive Shrub Honeysuckle.

Shrub Honeysuckles were introduced to North America for landscaping, erosion control and wildlife cover. Unfortunately, these plants then spread throughout much of the country. And while birds eat the fruit, it is poorer in fats and nutrients than fruits from native plants, so the birds do not get enough nutrition to help sustain long flights during migration.

Shrub Honeysuckle can grow up to sixteen feet tall, spread quickly and are very invasive. Birds feed on the berries, spreading the seeds. Seeds in the soil can remain viable for several years waiting for the correct conditions to sprout.

If you wish, smaller Shrub Honeysuckle, can be pulled by hand, making sure to include the roots. Glyphosate (i.e. Round-Up) can be sprayed onto the leaves, or could also be applied to cut stems in order to kill the root system.



## **SUPER BINGO**

- Our Super Bingo will be held Sunday, August 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Recreation Hall.
- Tickets are \$20.00 each, and may be purchased on regular Bingo nights, (Thur. and Fri.)
- Tickets may also be purchased at lots: **A167, D112 or C011.**

**Tickets will NOT be sold at the door or at the Office.**

**Must be 18 years of age to enter the Recreation Hall and play during Super Bingo.**

## **SELF DEFENSE CLASS**

The Safety Committee will be holding a basic Self-Defense class in the Recreation Hall on Sunday, August 2 at no charge for ages 12 and up. Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

All *female* class will be from 12 pm to 2 pm.

All *male* class is from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Registration before the classes is appreciated, but not required. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office.

Donations are most certainly welcome and appreciated.



## Youth/Teens Happenings!

Where is the summer going? Pretty soon the kids will be back to school, but before we think of that the camping season is not over yet!

Since the last newsletter we have done several fun activities with the Youth/Teens. I don't even know where to begin...

I can't express how much fun was had by all children and adults that attended the SRC day at the West Park Alpaca Farm! Over 100 members attended this event! The staff was amazing! The children learned about the Alpacas and visited the gift shop.

We also were able to feed the Alpacas and were able to interact with all of them! We even got to watch the shearing of a couple of Alpacas. The children made a keepsake ornament with real Alpaca fur!

For those of you that thought you would never see a Chocolate Slip-N-Slide! This was one awesome event and fun was had by all the youth and the spectators as well! This event was a huge success! A special thank you goes out to the maintenance staff in preparation for this event!

Splish Splash...Pool games have had a great turnout! "If you're happy and you know it splash your hands!" The next pool games are on August 1<sup>st</sup>!

Rain, Rain Go Away! Even though it was a rainy day, the first ever Touch -a-Truck event was still held! The youth enjoyed making wooden work trucks and EMS trucks. Even during the rain, the youth enjoyed the following trucks, to name a few: Ambulance, Ladder Truck, Police SUV, Tow Truck, Pumper Truck, Backhoe, Skid Steer and even an Ice Cream Truck open for ice cream!

The 4th of July Crafts activity had a huge turnout of over 50 youth! Thank you to everyone who donated mason jars for this craft activity!

## More Youth/Teens Happenings!

Ho...Ho...Ho...Who's ready for Santa? He's on his way to SRC! Friday, July 24th we will prepare for his arrival by decorating the rec hall at 10am. All are welcome to help decorate! Friday evening the youth can get into the spirit by decorating their very own Christmas sugar cookie!

Rise and Shine!...wake up early on Saturday morning on July 24<sup>th</sup> for the Polar Bear swim beginning at 8am. Swim, then enjoy some hot chocolate on the patio. The ever so popular Christmas Toy Bingo will begin promptly at 12:30pm! Doors open at 11:45am. Only 200 tickets are available and can be purchased at the office! The tickets are \$5.00 each and that includes: (2) bingo cards, refreshments, treat bag and a toy. And during toy bingo, any child that wears festive holiday apparel, will be entered into a special drawing! Also, bring your camera, because Santa and Mrs. Clause just might make an appearance!

To finish out the evening before you drive around and look at all the festive lights, there will be a Christmas Craft activity at the teen center.

Where might you find Humpty Dumpty? If you are saying to yourself hmmm...I don't know! Come to the next scavenger hunt! I can't tell you how much fun the kids and adults are enjoying this activity! Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers!

During the winter months, we asked via the newsletter and the **SRCA/Teen/Youth Facebook** page, for the youth to draw a picture displaying what SRCA means to them. There were four youth who participated! Next year my goal is to have a lot more involvement in this activity! The pictures are posted in the recreation hall. All four artists received a certificate and a prize! Great job! Allie, Launa, Tessa and Wyatt!

We need more youth/teens to start participating more in the dances held at the ball field pavilion. We want this activity to be a success so come dance and have a good time!

Stacey Creese  
Youth/Teens Co-Chairman

## RECREATION

In spite of all the rain we have had, recreation events have been going very well. **The Golf Cart Show** and **Flea Market** were held on June 13th and everyone ventured out to check out the golf carts at the ball field and others went around the campground looking for treasures.

The dances have been going great and everyone seems to be enjoying the DJ's and bands that were chosen for this year. On June 20th, **Happy Days** were here and they kept us laughing and rolling in our seats. On June 2nd, the **Elvis** impersonator was here and he entertained us as only **Elvis** could. I would like to thank Jackie and Denny Soonick and her helpers for doing such a good job.

Kathy Stezzano has also been doing an awesome job with Bingo. She and her helpers are very dedicated on being there every Thursday and Friday so that our bingo fans can enjoy one of the favorite activities of the campground.

The **Family Fishing Contest** hosted by **Golf Carts Unlimited** went off without a hitch and there were approximately 90 adults and children who attended. **Golf Carts Unlimited** gave away a girls and boys bike, 2 fishing poles, various kites, and other prizes. They also brought tee shirts, baseball caps, coolers and other prizes to give to the adults. Recreation served 108 hot dogs along with potato chips and pop free to those that wanted a bite of lunch. Thank you to **Golf Carts Unlimited** for putting on a great event for us campers, it was very appreciated by all.

**Family Fun Day** scheduled for July 18th had to be postponed until August 8 because of the flooding and bugs at the ball field. I have contacted the vendors scheduled to come on the 18<sup>th</sup> and thankfully they are available for August 8th. Hopefully the sun will come out more and dry up the ball field.

**The Mystery Dinner/Show** tickets are on sale at the office until August 2nd. **Fair-ground Market** will be doing the cooking again this year. Tickets are \$20 each, doors open at 6:30 pm, dinner is at 7:00 pm, and the show "**The Wedding from Hell**" begins at 8:00 pm. This is for adults only and it takes place on August 8th.

Upcoming events, on August 15th there will be a Luau, and a Cher impersonator will be here. August 22nd will be **Slippery Rock Campground's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** with **The Dorals**. August 29<sup>th</sup>, **The Mansfield 5 Band** will perform. The theme for the night is "**Steeler Kick Off**," so wear your black and gold.

It is hard to believe half of the summer is over, but I hope our remaining activities and events will remain to keep you smiling.

Joyce Hobough, Chair Recreation and Youth/Teens

# MAINTENANCE REPORT

Hello all! As I write this report it feels like we're having a monsoon here! It's hard to try to keep up with cutting the grass when it won't stop raining long enough to get it cut. That is enough about my problems but it also has the same problem with our maintenance staff trying to keep up with the grass and trimming.

With all the rain we have had so far the creek has come over its banks more than anyone would like. When the water comes up so far, it becomes necessary to turn the electric off to certain sections of the campground. Our maintenance supervisor, Chris Watt, came in when the creek came up at around midnight and didn't leave until 4:30pm that day and that is just one example of our men coming in at night for problems that happen at night. We are lucky to have such dedicated people working for us, so when you see one of the maintenance staff it wouldn't hurt to say thanks.

We had a third party come in to inspect the pool boiler that was recommended at the last maintenance committee meeting. There were some minor adjustments made and it seems to have had a positive effect.

The motor for the pool pump went bad and the replacement motor required the guys to change some piping. The replacement motor is working fine.

We have gotten one proposal for the engineering study for the upgrade to the sewage plant. Colleen Berg our manager has got in contact with another firm to get another bid. This is not something that is going to happen overnight.

The metal building by the dumpster has been painted and if it quits raining long enough they will putting a second coat of paint on the building. The maintenance building on Beaver Pass has a new metal roof on it that was installed by our maintenance staff.

The most important thing that takes a lot of time, is the etc.etc etc.

George Allott Chairman; Dave Kirch and Dave Weakland Co-chairmen Maintenance Committee





## Pet Day

Thank you to all who participated in making 2015 pet day event successfully pleasant.

The weather was perfect and the attendance was good. We were better organized then last year. Thanks to Myrna Hall, Stacey Creese, Renee Curry, Maintenance and the gate attendants for their help.

The Recreation Committee provided a nice variety of food to be sold to benefit the committee, including funnel cakes by Robyn Cook. Pat Hornyak, Bernie & Bob Yokum, Betty Baumgardner and Linda Mohan who worked in the kitchen to sell the food.

3 wonderful judges from **Moraine Campground** did a terrific job judging 23 contestants and awarding 10 very nice donated prizes.

30 pets received their rabies vaccinations and 3 pets were microchipped.

Vic Bartolomeo took very nice pictures of every one. I will have prints to share soon.

There is much that goes into this event I enjoy every minute of it and I am grateful for every ones help. Please visit the vendors to show your appreciation for their participation.

## The winners of our 2015 Pet Parade contest!

1. Pet/Owner Look-A-Like prize which was donated by Custom Cut & Style Butler, Pa and Denise Wolkiewicz was awarded to Toby & Stacey Conners A312.
2. Most Creative Pet Name prize was donated by Baskets by Tina Lawson and awarded to Tank & Patty Zilch C-85.
3. Best Costume prize was a Free Photograph by Alisa Ryan A 108 awarded to Chloe and Linda Lattner A284.
4. Most Unique Pet prize was a gift certificate donated by Pets in the Park 724-287-4018, Awarded to Rusty (the three leg wonder) owned by Lutie Clausen B292.
5. Smallest Pet prize was a Handmade blanket by Marilyn Hammer B74 awarded to Quincy a 4 # 7 oz. Yorkie owned by Denny Hamilton. D330.
6. Largest Pet was Joe Dirt an 8 month old Great Dane weighing over 140# owner James Harvery B120. They won a big red bag full of goodies from Whispering Pines Veterinarian in Grove City.
7. Youngest pet was Apollo a 4 month old Boxer owned by Mike Paddock D266. They won a gift basket donated by Alpine Trails Veterinarian.
8. Oldest Pet was Valentine a 15 year old Dashound owned by William Brahler A307 they won a beautiful doggy bed full of goodies donated by Beverly Scheuling.
9. Best in Show Overall was Wolfie owned by Keegan Hitchings B36 who won our biggest and best prize donated by Slippery Rock Veterinary Hospital.
10. Tucker Creese of D94 won the rally course prize donated by Butler Dog Training Association.

By Cindy Evans

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