



Slippery Rock Campground Association

A member-owned campground since 1985

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1150 West Park Road Slippery
Rock, PA 16057

March 2015

From the Manager

It's been a long, cold and busy winter. Time is flying by and the camping season is right around the corner. With the completion of the A & C sections, the electric upgrade project has been completed. The assessment for this phase is \$94. The invoice was mailed in February and is due by April 30th. I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during the entire electric upgrade project.

As we look forward to and prepare for the 2015 season, it is a time to remember how very fortunate we are to have such a successful and beautiful campground. In order for us to continue to thrive, we must think and act in a positive and progressive manner. Get involved, volunteer, and be active in committees. Support and encourage the Board (they have an extremely difficult job). Maintain a positive attitude and stay away from negativity. Offer suggestions and solutions. Smile, wave and say hello to your neighbors. SRCA is a special place with special people. SRCA is the place to raise a family and make lifelong memories. Let's all work together and keep this campground the special place that it is.

As a Reminder:

Annual Dues were to be paid in full by December 31st without any penalty. If dues are not paid in full by April 1st, the member's gate keys will be inactivated and you will not be able to enter the campground. Please avoid this situation and have your dues paid before April 1st. Golf cart stickers must be obtained at the office by Memorial Day. The golf cart must be driven to the office to obtain the sticker. The owner's lot number must be displayed on the front and rear of the golf cart in 3 inch reflective lettering. All Tarps must be removed by May 15th.

If you have any problems or concerns, please stop in the office and see me. My door is always open.

JOHN BAIRD, MANAGER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you are nice and warm as you are reading this newsletter and the sounds of spring are present outside, birds singing, squirrels running around, plants and flowers starting to sprout!!! What a winter, thought it was never going to end! Soon we will be outdoors at camp enjoying the nice weather—I can't wait.

Chris, Todd and the guys have been busy with numerous projects this winter. There has been work done in the sewer plant- a new chlorine pump was installed that adjusts automatically to the amount of flow being discharged. This will get us in compliance with the DEP. The sewer plant blower also had to be replaced—the guys tried to fix it with a rebuild kit but the blower was shot. These blowers typically last 10 plus years so we won't have any of these issues for quite awhile. We are also waiting on warmer weather to change out the media (sand) in the sewer plant. The machinery used to do this job wouldn't function properly because of the extremely cold temperatures.

The Rec Hall was recently updated. The ceiling was painted as well as the walls. Valances were installed on all the windows. Also, 6 new ceiling fans were installed. Hopefully, we can run these fans instead of the air conditioner and make the hall much more comfortable during the events there. The maintenance gang did a great job—it really looks nice. Way and Means funded the fans and valances and the paint came out of maintenance.

Finally, if your address or email address or phone number has changed, please update this in the office. We want to make sure we have all the correct information in-case we need to contact you.

SEE YOU SOON!

Bill Kuban –Lot A236

Youth & Teen Happenings!

ATTENTION TEENS & YOUTH! Our first fundraiser this year is hosting our very *First Mother's Day Tea* in the Rec Hall! We need YOU to volunteer, to help set-up, serve and clean-up during the Tea on Saturday, May 9. Please send a message on Facebook for more details or call the office to get in contact with Stacey or Myrna.

ATTENTION SAVVY SHOPPERS! Why not when you are out shopping, stroll the toy aisle!! We are looking for new toys to be used for the Christmas in July Toy Bingo. Any donations can be dropped off at the office!

- Get those fishing poles ready for the Annual Kids Trout Fishing Day on April 25th!
- Don't forget we are looking for all youth and teens ages up to age 17 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!
- SRC is a family campground! We are in need of volunteers even if it's for one hour. That hour can make a huge difference! We are looking for volunteers for the following activities: chaperone youth/teen dances, drive-in movies, sporting events, evening crafts and pool games! If you have something that you would like to help with that's not listed here, let us know!
- Social media is a huge way of communication with young teens! 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!
- Teens and Youth, don't forget the more you help out this year and volunteer the better chances of your Kennywood Ticket being FREE! Kennywood day is tentatively scheduled in September!

➤ Youth and Teen Chairperson

Joyce Hobaugh – C111

Youth and Teen Leaders,

Stacey Creese – D094

Myrna Hall – D202





Youth & Teen Schedule April & May

Saturday, April 25

- Kids Trout Fishing Clinic – 8am-2pm
 - Ages 15 and under
 - Prizes

Saturday, May 9

- Mother's Day Tea – 11am-12:30pm
 - Youth & Teens needed to volunteer to help with this event

Saturday, May 16

- Soccer Clinic – 4pm
 - Ages 13 and under

Memorial Day Weekend

Friday, May 22

- Youth/Teen Scavenger Hunt – 7pm

Saturday, May 23

- HORSE Basketball Tournament – 10am
 - \$1.00 Entry Fee. Winner in each age category wins the money.
- Youth/Teen Dance
 - 6p-8p Youth Dance Age 12 and under
 - 8p-11p Teen Dance Age 13-17

Sunday, May 24

- Pool Games – 10am-11am
- Red, White & Blue Craft – 5pm
- Drive-In Movie

Monday, May 25

- Hayride
- Golf Cart Parade

Saturday, May 30

- Kid's Bingo – 11am
 - 3yrs-17yrs
- Ping Pong Tournament - 2pm
 - \$1.00 Entry Fee. Winner in each age category wins the money.

All events listed above are subject to change

RECREATION

A huge thank you to Pat Hornyak for volunteering to do Bingo last September through October 17 on Friday nights. I know all the bingo players appreciated your gracious gesture.

On October 4, we had our first Fall Festival at the ball field. We had a great bon fire along with 3 trips around the campground with the hay wagon. A special thank you to Sarah Beatty A245 for donating Glow in the Dark bracelets to all the kids and Don Gregory for helping collect all the fire wood. Also thank you to Carol Stole and Carol Kiser for watching over the fire. We had a nice evening roasting hot dogs, marshmallows, hot chocolate and apple cider around the fire.

October 11 was the Halloween Party and there was a great turnout. There were trophies given out for the various costumes and the teens made a haunted trail down by the ball field and it was spooktacular!!

Looking ahead, our 2015 Recreation schedule looks awesome. We have great entertainment to look forward to. To start the year off, we have the Trout Fishing Clinic April 25 and then an auction on May 2.

For the first time that I know of, we will be honoring mothers with a Mother's Day Tea on May 9. You asked for bands and music, well Jackie Soonick has done a fabulous job booking the Dorals, Happy Days, Elvis, Magic Moments and Mansfield 5, just to name a few, for our dancing pleasure. She has also gotten a lot of great prizes to give away at the dances. We are planning our first car cruise, late models along with any new model vehicles Memorial Day weekend. We are welcoming motorcycles and tractors to join us also. Our calendar is fully booked starting in May and continuing through October, WOW!!

We will be having your favorite, Bingo, and it will be run the same as it has in the past. We will also continue to have our "Super Bingos."

As a lot of you know, I am also Committee Chair for the Youth/Teens. Stacey Creese and Myrna Hall have done an outstanding job of scheduling many events and activities for our youth and teens. To both of these committees thank you for all of your help. With all of the activities planned for this year it takes a lot of help and YOUR help would be greatly appreciated if only for an hour or two.

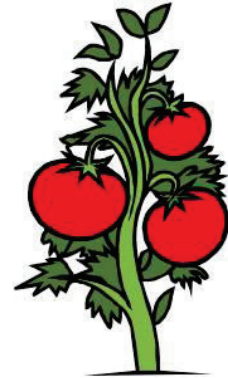
As I am typing this, the weather men are calling for nicer weather this coming week and I for one am looking forward to it. Remember spring is around the corner and that means back to SRCA!!

Joyce Hobaugh: Committee Chair for Recreation and Youth & Teens

TOMATO TALK

It won't be long before we'll see lots of beautiful green plants gracing the entrance of our favorite stores. So let's talk tomatoes. They're America's number one vegetable to grow but Early Blight and Late Blight can make growing them a challenge.

Penn State Extension explains that early blight appears every year. The name is deceptive in that early blight can come at any time, early or late. Spores are easily carried by air currents, windblown soil and even splashing rain. It starts on the lower leaves of the plant and slowly moves up as the season progresses. Most years, you will still get an abundance of tomatoes even if your plants show signs of early blight. If the tomatoes look good ... eat them.



Late blight is not related to early blight and can kill a tomato plant in just a few days. It also can move great distances on air currents. Fortunately, late blight can only survive on living tissue. For that reason, it does not survive over the winter in our gardens. According to Penn State, there is no cure, *only control*, for early and late blight. A fungicide can be applied early and often as a preventative. But it is useless once the disease is entrenched.

One control is to pull-up the plants at the end of each season and dispose of them in the trash. Don't put them in your compost pile or dig them into the soil as early blight is highly contagious. Another control is to rotate the area where tomatoes are grown each year, but the best control is to grow "Disease Resistant" plants.

Penn State Extension has evaluated more than 400 varieties of tomatoes since the year 2000. Here are some of the varieties that have floated to the top of their list for taste, abundance and "disease resistance".

CHERRY AND GRAPE TYPES

- SAKURA... Very early, great taste, produces a huge number of firm cherry tomatoes
- RED PEARL... Excellent flavor, tender skin, moderate resistance to disease and cracking
- FIVE STAR... Great producer, few seeds, resistant to cracking
- FAVORITA... Very good, very productive, deep red

ROUND SLICERS

- BRANDY BOY... (Not Brandywine) highly productive, large, pink and great tasting
- BIG BEEF... (Not Beefsteak) big, great tasting, robust plants that are disease resistant
- CELEBRITY... good producer, medium to large round, red, disease resistant plants
- MOUNTAIN MERIT... 2014 AAS Winner for good all-round tomato with good resistance

Sandy McGuire, Director for C Section

Rabies Clinic/ Pet Day

Sunday May 24th 2015

Last year this event was very well attended with perfect weather. We had 56 contestants and gave away 23 prizes!

This year's events include: Rabies vaccinations, Micro-chipping, nail clipping, photographs & grooming. A rally course, along with a few other additions is also expected. We will have a food drive to donate to the non-profits in attendance. You can sell or donate your used or new pet items. Prizes are being donated by the vendors and can be donated by anyone who would like to.

This event is not open to the public. Gate rules still apply.

All pets must be on leash or in pet carriers.

You will need your rabies vaccination certificate to qualify for a three year rabies shot. Anyone who can volunteer their time to help with judging and refreshments would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you

Cindy Evans

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ATTENTION GOLFERS & WANNABE GOLFERS

We at SRCA have a great men's Golf League and would enjoy including new members that want to have a good time golfing and in the process even make some new friends.

Our Golf League plays on Friday mornings at a variety of courses in the area. The league starts on May 22nd and we play through September 18, 2015.

Call me and we will talk about your interests and availability for joining our Golf League.

Thank you,

Larry Healy (A178/A179 Beaver Pass)

Contact Numbers: (412) 722-9768 or (412) 498-8681

1st Annual

SRCA

\$5.00

Entry Fee

Free T-Shirt per Entry

Car Show Contact Info:
Registration Forms in Office
Office – 724-738-0402
grammyjah@gmail.com
(Joyce)

CAR CRUISE!

Saturday, May 23
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Register By:

May 13

All

**Late and New
Model Cars,
Trucks,
Motorcycles,
Custom Rods
Are Welcome!**

Food

Entertainment

Fun



Youth & Teen TROUT FISHING CLINIC

**Ages 15
And
Under**



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Saturday, April 25th

8am-2pm

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CREEK BANK RESTORATION

The creek-bank restoration is just about complete. During April, Shawn Busler and his gang will be planting live stakes along the banks. These stakes will help strengthen the banks and help cut down on the severe erosion that had been occurring. We may need some volunteers to help with the planting! Please watch the website for updates.

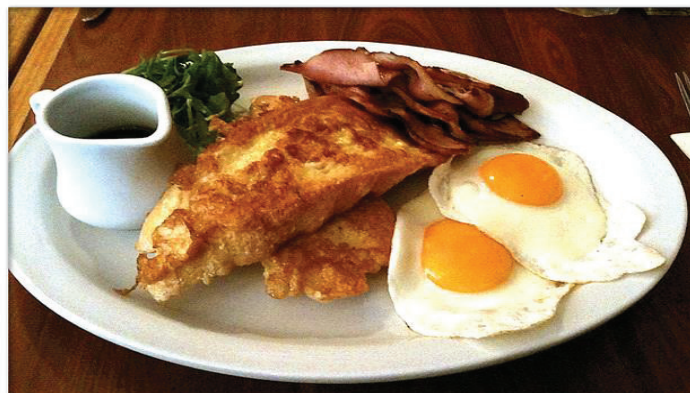
This area will be a “No cut” zone of 25 feet from the bank. This is necessary to insure everything takes root. After this year, we will be able to mow right up to the bank. Frank Vanatta and I have been attending Stream-bank Restoration Inc. meetings. We are going to apply for a grant for Phase 2 of the Restoration Project.

Editor's Note:

It takes more than the cost of breakfast to ensure this restoration project gets done.

These men put in countless hours for the benefit of our creek banks at Slippery Rock Campground.

Thank you for all your time, hard work, and yes, a hearty breakfast to help do the job.



MAINTENANCE REPORT

Winter is almost over? I hope! Our maintenance staff has been very busy during the winter. They cleaned and painted the ceiling tiles in the Rec. hall, painted the walls, and thanks to the Ways and Means Committee there are six fans in the hall. Now the bad news about the work that was done. There was ice buildup on the roof and water leaked into the Rec. Hall and caused some damage that is still being evaluated and will be turned into our insurance and will be fixed up as good as new.

There have been some water line breaks which have been or in the process of being repaired.

The sand and filters have been replaced at the water and sewage plants. We have had problems at the sewage plant with the blower and blower motor having to be replaced.

The equipment has all been serviced cleaned etc. and almost ready for summer.

The B-bath house floor is being repaired to be like the Rec. bath house and the rec. bath house floor will be repaired as needed.

With spring on its way the maintenance crew is going to extra busy getting the camp ready for another season.

Hope to see all of you this spring.

George Allott: Chairman

Dave Kirch and Dave Weakland Co-chairmen Maintenance Committee



WORK IN PROGRESS

Thanks for all you do Guys!



*Happy
Mother's Day!
TEA*

Saturday, May 9, 2015

11:00am-12:30pm

SRC Rec Hall

\$6.00

Sponsored by the Teens & Youth

RSVP to the office by April 29
(Mail or drop off your reservation form)

1150 West Park Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Mother's Day Tea Reservation Form

NAME: _____

LOT # _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

OF GUESTS INCLUDING YOURSELF: _____

_____ X \$6.00 = _____

Make checks payable to SRCA

Some Thoughts.....
Thanks to Dave Kirch

PRAYER IS NOT A "SPARE WHEEL" THAT YOU PULL OUT WHEN IN TROUBLE, but IT IS A "STEERING WHEEL" THAT DIRECTS THE RIGHT PATH THROUGHOUT OUR JOURNEY.

SO WHY IS A CAR'S WINDSHIELD SO LARGE AND THE REAR VIEW MIRROR SO SMALL? BECAUSE OUR PAST IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS OUR FUTURE. SO, LOOK AHEAD AND MOVE ON.

FRIENDSHIP IS LIKE A BOOK. IT TAKES A FEW MINUTES TO BURN, BUT IT TAKES YEARS TO WRITE.

ALL THINGS IN LIFE ARE TEMPORARY. IF THEY'RE GOING WELL, ENJOY THEM....THEY WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. IF THEY'RE GOING WRONG, DON'T WORRY... THEY WILL NOT LAST FOREVER.

OLD FRIENDS ARE GOLD! NEW FRIENDS ARE DIAMOND! IF YOU GET A DIAMOND, DON'T FORGET THE GOLD BECAUSE TO HOLD A DIAMOND, YOU ALWAYS NEED A BASE OF GOLD.

OFTEN WHEN WE LOSE HOPE AND THINK THIS IS THE END, GOD SMILES FROM ABOVE AND SAYS, "RELAX, FRIEND, IT'S JUST A BEND, NOT THE END!"

WHEN GOD SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS, YOU HAVE FAITH IN HIS ABILITIES; WHEN GOD DOESN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS HE HAS FAITH IN YOUR ABILITIES.

A BLIND PERSON ASKED ST. ANTHONY: "CAN THERE BE ANYTHING WORSE THAN LOSING EYE SIGHT?" St. ANTHONY REPLIED, "YES, LOSING YOUR VISION!"

WHEN YOU PRAY FOR OTHERS, GOD LISTENS TO YOU AND BLESSES THEM, AND SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU ARE SAFE AND HAPPY, REMEMBER THAT SOMEONE HAS PRAYED FOR YOU.

WORRYING DOES NOT TAKE AWAY TOMORROW'S TROUBLES... IT TAKES AWAY TODAY'S PEACE.

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A GAELIC BLESSING

May the roads rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rain fall soft upon your fields And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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