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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our belated arrival was a real treat - the day after arriving, getting settled (somewhat anyway) and seeing so many old friends, as well as meeting some new members, was a real treat.

We are fast approaching the Annual Meeting - an important event in the administration and governance of the park. Please take the time to attend the Town Hall meeting where proposals on the agenda will be explained. That is the time to ask questions and get clarification on important issues affecting the beautiful park where we live and have fun. Then....of course, read "THE Packet" to be sure you understand your responsibilities and to GET OUT AND VOTE - in person at the annual meeting (preferred) or by proxy vote.

We will not be holding an election for the open slots on the Board of Directors this year. We had four openings, and we had four candidates. If you have not met them yet, your chance will come at the Town Hall meeting. I thank them in advance for stepping up to the plate to serve on the board, and I look forward to working with them. THANK YOU ALL! Please give them your thanks and support.

The Board members departing this year are Marsha Hodgkins, Skip Pratt, Skip LaPlante, and Denny Luppens. They all deserve sincere thanks for serving....please stop them on the street and let them know you appreciate the time and effort they spent trying to make the park a better place.

Thanks for your time.

Steve Little
President



BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Steve Little - G-27.....President
- Skip Pratt - G-07.....Vice President
- Marsha Hodgkins - H-10.....Secretary
- Dave Mayo - A-18.....Treasurer
- Jane Lewis - A-13.....Asst. Treasurer
- Skip LaPlante - S-06.....At Large
- Denny Luppens - H-28.....At Large

**SKP Resort
Board Meeting
February 14th at 9 AM**

**SKP Resort
Annual Meeting
February 19th at 9 AM**

SKP RESORT OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday
9:00 Am - 4:00 PM
(closed for lunch 12 PM-1PM)

Sunday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Board of Directors Meetings for the 2023-2024 season

FEBRUARY 14 at 9 AM

MARCH 13 at 9 AM

APRIL 10 at 9 AM

FEBRUARY 8 at 9 AM

Town Hall & Meet the Candidates
Board Workshop to follow

The SKP Resort **ANNUAL MEETING**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
9 AM

Doors open at 8 AM
Meeting begins at 9 AM

Don't forget to bring
your packets.
Lunch will be served to
members present.



*The family of Dave Irons
would like you to join them
for a Celebration of Life
service in the SKP Clubhouse
on Saturday, March 2, 2024,
from 2-5 pm.*

MEET OUR PARK ATTENDANTS

David and Linda Bewley

Park attendants David and Linda Bewley arrived in mid-December and set up their motorhome on Site G-20.



The couple has a home in Frankenmuth, MI, but have been traveling in their RV since 2021. David and Linda came to the Florida SKP Resort after working previously at four other RV parks in FL, MI, and, most recently, Hilton Head Island in SC.

David served in the Army from 1971-74. When he returned to civilian life, he met Linda at Western Kentucky University. They married on New Year's Eve, 1976, and graduated together in 1977. They started their careers in New Orleans. David became a public accountant, and Linda was a medical illustrator for the New Orleans VA Hospital. More recently, the Bewleys turned a private 9-hole golf course into a public course with a bar, fine dining restaurant, and banquet center.

The couple has two sons, Brandon and Brian, and eight grandchildren. One son's 20-year military career prompted the Bewleys' travels in AZ, CO, HI, and 7 European countries.

The Bewleys' hobbies include golfing, walking, reading, kayaking, and paddleboarding. Linda enjoys fine arts, music, and photography. When woodworking and lapidary shops are available, Linda enjoys turning bowls and wire-wrapping jewelry using Lake Superior stones.

Birthdays: David, March 4; Linda, April 5
Phones: David 989-798-0448; Linda 989-274-2211
Emails: David davebewley51@gmail.com; Linda
linda.j.bewley@gmail.com

**Town Hall Meeting
at 9 AM on Thursday,
February 8 in the
clubhouse. Meet the
Board candidates and
discuss the proposals
for this year's
annual meeting.**



ARTS & CRAFTS

10 AM in the Clubhouse
Don't forget to sign-up!



February 2nd
Learn Needle Felting
\$5

February 16th
Decoupage Fabric



New Pickleball Court

The time has come to build a new concrete pickleball court! After six years of playing on an unconventional surface, the SKP members and visitors want a "real court". We advertise pickleball, therefore we should have a designated area for a permanent pickleball court.

The Fun 'n Sun treasury has the funds. This project will not cost the members any extra money. A vote will be taken on Monday, February 5th at the Fun 'n Sun meeting to approve the funds.

At the annual meeting on Monday, February 19th, a vote will be taken to approve the location of the pickleball court on the designated green space. Proposal #2 outlines the details.

It is extremely important that you vote for this proposal. It requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership or 84 positive votes. This project is in the best interest for the future of our park. Please vote yes.

Cathy Landry - Fun 'n Sun
President

REMEMBER YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Our annual meeting is on Monday, February 19, 2024, beginning at 9:00 AM in the clubhouse. Please refer to your packet for information on this year's proposals, and remember to vote!

We hope for 100% voting participation this year. There are two ways to cast your vote:

1. Attend the Annual Meeting in person. Come to cast your vote, plus get a chance to visit with other members. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at the start of the meeting, and lunch will be served around noon.
2. When it is not possible or feasible to attend in person, the Proxy designation allows membership participation to be recorded to the fullest extent possible. We will continue to include two main types of voting by your Proxy: Directed (Limited) and General. Your Proxy may be assigned to a member or a non-member or given to the Board Secretary, and this designee must be present at the Annual Meeting.

We have a new, simpler Proxy form in the packet, which explains how to fill out the form and send it in. If you have any questions about this process, please get in touch with someone on the Search & Elections committee. Laurie Milliard, Jean Hunt, JoAnn Silva, Julie Wold, Ginny Milliard, and Joan Tarkin are members.

Search & Elections will also be available on Tuesday, February 6, at 10:00 AM in the clubhouse for an informal get-together to answer any questions about the process. If this is your first annual meeting, this get-together will be helpful.



NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Judy Young

After six years on the waiting list, Tom and Judy Young have joined our park as new members on Site H-29. Tom and Judy have a home in Georgetown, KY, and a summer cottage on Echo Lake in Ontario, Canada. They are delighted to now be active participants for the winter seasons at the Florida SKP Resort.



Judy was encouraged by her mother to study nursing at Midway College in KY, which has served her well. Judy has been a nurse for 50 years, working in Critical Care, Medical Surgery, and Behavioral Health, and after obtaining a B.S. degree at the University of Kentucky, she has taught nursing.

Tom's father was an active member of the US Air Force, taking his family to many locations in the Philippines, DE, SC, IL, and Canada. When the family settled near Tom's grandmother in Huntington, WV. While there, Tom attended Marshall University and studied photography under Ken Hixson, evolving in his freelancing at weddings, etc., to pay for his college tuition, resulting in a friendship with Ken and Betsy. Later, Tom and Judy traveled to China with Ken and Betsy and met Donna Hixson on that trip. All are members of our park. The Young's strong friendship with the Hixsons has led many people to think incorrectly that Judy is Betsy's sister.

The Youngs have been married for 20+ years. They have a blended family of 4 children and 7 grandchildren in KY, TN, and NC. Tom and Judy met while Tom was an executive in the Boy Scouts of America. Judy's son was in Boy Scouts at the time, and Judy was a den mother. Tom later changed careers, working for Toyota Motors for 25 years.

Hobbies include fishing and boating since their homes are located on lakes. Tom has restored a 1959 MGA and plans to let his grandson drive it to his prom. Judy volunteers a lot for "Friends of the Library" in Georgetown, KY.

Birthdays: Tom September 2; Judy September 1
Phones: Tom 859-327-2046; Judy 859-489-5451
Emails: Tom young581274@bellsouth.net; Judy jyoung54321@currently.com
Anniversary: March 4

Gary and Kathy Canning

Gary and Kathy Canning have returned to the Florida SKP Resort as new members on Site G-05, after spending this Fall at the Kofa Ko-Op in Arizona. Gary and Kathy have been coming to our park for more than six years and have been generous volunteers.



The Cannings have been full-time RVers for eight years. They previously lived in Virginia, where they had a small horse farm. Kathy was an enthusiastic trainer and rider, participating in rodeos as a barrel racer, but Gary decided to curb Kathy's fervor as a horse breeder after their stable of horses grew to 13, so he had the stallion gelded. Otherwise, they might never have been able to leave their home to travel.

Gary retired after 22 years as an electronics tech for Phillip Morris. He likes to hunt and work with computers. Both of the Cannings downhill skied. Over the years, Kathy has taught Kindergarten and Grade 1, was a bank vice president, managed an equestrian vet's office, and taught aerobics at the YMCA.

The couple has one son and five granddaughters who live in Virginia. They also have one pet, Angus, who turned 12 years old in November.

Birthdays: Gary October 31; Kathy August 31
Phones: Gary 804-201-8163; Kathy 804-201-6084
Emails: Gary gary.canning@gmail.com; Kathy kgcanning@gmail.com
Anniversary: September 8


Escapade 2024 - Rock Springs, Wyoming



Now's the time to make plans to attend the largest gathering of the Escapees community and enjoy the scenic landscapes and rugged beauty.

What's Happening This Month?

Signup sheets and more info about activities can be found in the Clubhouse



Join us for
Ice Cream
and Cake and
celebrate
The Resort's
35th Birthday
Party
February 4th
at 3 PM



Poker Run
February 4th
2 PM

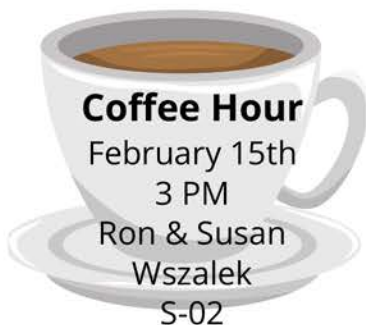


**OPEN
MIC**
February 6th
and
February 20th
3 PM

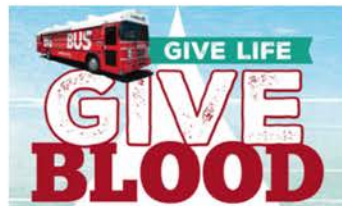


Valentine's Day
February 14th

Dinner 5 PM
Dance 6:30 - 9:30
PM



Coffee Hour
February 15th
3 PM
Ron & Susan
Wszalek
S-02



**GIVE LIFE
GIVE
BLOOD**

One Blood
February 5th
9 AM - 3 PM



LEO
LET'S EAT OUT
**February 7th
at 12 PM**
Hibachi Buffet
2870 US Hwy 27 N,
Sebring, FL 33870



Superbowl Party
February 11th
5:30 PM



**International
PotLuck Dinner**
February 29th
5 PM



Chili Lunch
February 22nd
12 PM



Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!
First Monday Each Month

February 5th
Fun 'n Sun Meeting at 9 AM
Discuss the Pickleball Proposal

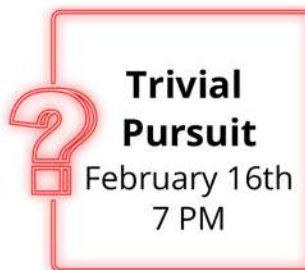
Wear your yellow SKP Resort t-shirts to the Fun 'n Sun meeting and throughout the rest of the day.



SKP Pettes
February 21st
12:30 PM
Sunset Grill
2650 US Hwy 27 S,
Sebring, FL 33870



SkyMed
TAKES YOU HOME
FREE Sponsored
Breakfast
February 12th
9:15



**Trivial
Pursuit**
February 16th
7 PM



ROMEOS
February 21st
12:00 PM
Cowpoke's Watering
Hole
6813 US Hwy 27 S,
Sebring, FL 33876



Ice Cream Social
February 18th - Banana Split
2 PM



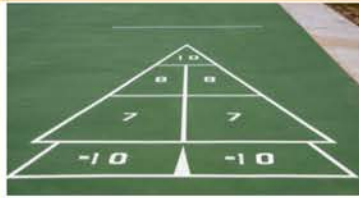
Chair Volleyball
February
18th
3 PM



**February
10th
Clubhouse
Closed for
Waxing**

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table of Knowledge
7:00 AM



Shuffleboard 1:00 PM



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM
Self-directed



Cards & Games
7:00 PM



Whine B4 Dine

Thursdays at 4:00 PM
Pool Patio



HAPPY HOUR

Every Monday & Wednesday
4:00 PM



Tuesdays at 7 PM
*See flyer in clubhouse
for movie titles*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Monday Morning
Breakfast
7:45 - 8:45 AM



Featuring McDolan Breakfast Sandwiches, Bran Muffins, Eggs made to order, Sausage, Bacon, Ham, Home Fries, Toast, Coffee & More!

Pickleball

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM



Gentle Exercises



Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00 AM

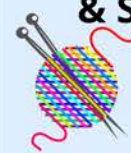


Ukulele Classes

Mondays

1:00 PM for Beginners
2:30 PM for Improvers

Fiber & Threads & Stitching Cards



Thursdays
2:00 PM



Wood Carving

Fridays
9 AM



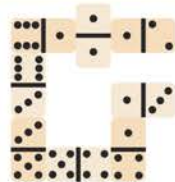
Music Jam Session

Fridays
2:30 - 4 PM



Mexican Train

Tuesdays
1:00 PM



Tai Chi

Tuesday & Thursday
7:30 AM



Bingo

Wednesdays
7 PM



Drawing Class

Wednesdays
8:30 AM



Cornhole

Saturdays
10 AM



Bowling

Thursdays
10 AM



Tell Your Story

2:30 PM
February 7th
February 28th





The orangutans and chimpanzees at the Center for Great Apes were provided musical enrichment by the Ukulele Orchestra of Wauchula (from the SKP Resort). The chimps sang along with their pant hoots, orangutan Radcliffe clapped, Christopher long-called, and orangutans Harry and Pongo swung to the music. All the primates (humans included!) loved the performance.



Orangutan BamBam seemed to enjoy the music as he lounged in the trailways.



YAPPY HOUR

- Members of the Pet Committee would like to invite you and your canine friends to the dog park every Tuesday, beginning February 6th, from 4-5 PM for "Yappy Hour!"
- Bring a chair, and your favorite beverage, and we'll let our 4-legged friends meet and play while we get better acquainted as well. There are currently some upgrades going on so stop by and check it out.



ACTIVITIES



Tai Chi class



Recent Open Mic performance by Michael Sinclair and Marsha & Bud Hodgkins



Getting crafty - making beaded earrings and jewelry



The Woodcarvers meet each Friday morning.



Barney Cherry, President of the Hardee County Cattleman's Association spoke about the Florida cattle industry.



Bo Rich and Buttermilk (the horse) showed off the "cracker" whip skills. Bo is a member of the Hardee County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.



The spaghetti dinner and dance is always a big hit during the Cracker Capers. Thank you to the volunteer meatball rollers!



The outdoor games and tournaments are always popular during Cracker Capers. Resort Members and Visitors enjoyed playing pickleball, cornhole, and shuffleboard.