

Cracker Crumbs

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Message From the President

Many new members ask how they can get involved in our park. Being involved in a committee is an excellent pathway to becoming more involved. As a member, your ideas, skills, and energy are exactly what we need to help our park flourish. Committees are a great way to take on new responsibilities, meet new people, and contribute to meaningful projects to make a real difference in our park.

In our annual informational packet there is a list of committees to look over and you can sign up for any, or all, of them. Even if you don't know exactly what each committee does, there is always someone to teach us.

This will be my last message in the newsletter as it is time to pass the torch. I want to thank all the members who had confidence in my ability to being on the Board. The last four years have been very educational and interesting. I have no regrets serving on the Board.

I especially want to thank all the other Board members that I have served with. We have accomplished a lot in these past four years. We all got through the good times, the sad times, and the challenging times together.

I plan on staying involved with committees and volunteering.

Jane Lewis



BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Jane Lewis - A-13.....President
- Steve Little - G-27.....Vice President
- Laurie Milliard - F-01.....Secretary
- Dave Mayo - A-18.....Treasurer
- Lisa Geary - H-28.....Asst. Treasurer
- Don Wold - H-05.....At Large
- Denny Luppens - A-34.....At Large

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



PSA

Your fire extinguishers in your RV or Park Model can be outdated and non-working. To check your fire extinguisher, any brand, turn it upside down and shake it. Turn it right-side up and check the pressure guage to assure it still has a useful life.

On February 24, 2025 Fire Marshall Ken McDuffie will do a hands-on fire extinguisher presentation after the announcements.



As you know, the park is run by volunteers. The dog park is no different. Please be sure to keep the balls within the fence and if the poop can is full or the water is running low, drop the bag in the dumpster on your way by and the water bottles can be filled in the laundry room.



If you want to learn how to play the Ukulele but don't have one, Bud and Marsha Hodgkins on H-10 can help.



February 25 - 7PM
Trivia Pursuit

2025
Board of Directors Meetings
9AM

February 12
March 12 April 9

Planning Meetings

February 5
March 5 April 2

2/6 - Town Hall Meeting - 9 AM
2/17 - Annual Meeting - 9 AM

Heeeee's back!

Open mic with Cleve
Tuesday's from 4-5
in the clubhouse



The laundry room will be closed for floor waxing
February 28 @ 4 PM -
March 1 @ 10 AM

Our Florida SKP Park Welcomes Clyde & Barbara McKenzie!

Clyde and Barbara McKenzie became members of our park on December 19, 2024, although they have been visiting our park every year since 2010. They are currently on SKP Way on lot G- 09. Both of them grew up in Ohio, Clyde in Bazetta, and Barbara in Cortland. Clyde attended school with Barbara’s sister, and Barbara knew him from school. As youngsters, they were both avid scouts.



Clyde spent his work career first as a chef at Northmar Smorgasbord in Warren, Ohio, then worked as a butcher, but spent the majority of his working career at the firehouse in Bazetta, Ohio. He served as fire chief there. Although retired from the firehouse, Clyde continues to work part-time for Penncare Medical Products in their warehouse. Barbara started her work career as a dental technician, but migrated to the banking industry. Her most current work experience is as a private banking consultant, where she still works part-time for Young & Associates, Inc.

Barbara and Clyde have enjoyed following Nascar, especially traveling to the races at Bristol, Charlotte, and the Indy 500. They are also ardent West Virginia Mountaineer fans! During their time at the park, Barbara and Clyde spent much of their time volunteering as helpers, especially in the kitchen. They also spent many hours volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

Although working at the firehouse was Clyde’s job, it was also his love and was his hobby as well. Barbara enjoys reading and sewing as her leisure pastime. Both enjoy playing cards at the park, especially Hand and Foot. Be sure to tell them hello and welcome to the park!

Birthdays: Clyde – April 15
Barbara – December 3
Anniversary: October 3

Email: Clyde - bazetta0101@gmail.com
Barbara – b.mckenzie1003@gmail.com
Cell Phones: Clyde – 230-553-6948 Barbara 230-553-6949



Welcome to our New Members Scott Hunter & Ellen Bates!

Say hello to Scott and Ellen who became park members in March of 2024, and recently arrived in the park to see their lot on Leisure Lane (H-35). They visited our park several times in the past few years while on the Wait List. Their home is in Ontario, Canada. Scott grew up on Prince Edward Island, while Ellen grew up in Ontario. They met as members of Parents Without Partners about twenty years ago, and each has one child.



Scott began his working career as a carpenter, but spent the majority of his work history as a software developer for Broda Enterprises. Broda is a medical equipment manufacturer. Ellen spent the majority of her career in the travel industry, including as a training manager for Canadian University Travel Services. Both fully retired in 2018. Since retirement, they have enjoyed fixing up an old farm house as well as full-time traveling. As mentioned earlier, they have traveled to Florida several times, as well as visiting France and England two years ago. They traveled to Arizona and Utah last year. They particularly enjoying boon-docking while rving.

Ellen advised that her entire life has been travel related. While growing up, her parents had a VW Camper van to enable their camping endeavors. Ellen has traveled extensively, including travel to England, France, India, China, and Nepal. She is also multi-lingual, speaking English, French, and German. Scott's travels as a youngster with his family was primarily in the Canadian Maritimes and the New England states. His family also had a travel trailer to allow them to enjoy their family trips. Scott was an avid skier when younger.

One of Scott's hobbies involves building and flying remote control airplanes, and he is glad to have access to their storage shed to allow more room for this hobby. He also enjoys fixing up their RV. Ellen enjoys sewing, knitting, and photography in her leisure time. Both are also avid readers. During their time together, Scott and Ellen have also enjoyed renovating six houses and building one house from scratch. They designed the home and did the majority of the building experience themselves.

Be sure to say hello to Scott and Ellen and welcome them to our park.

Birthdays: Scott – August 5
Ellen – October 11

Anniversary: August 1

**-YARD-
SALE**

February 14 - 2PM

set up

February 15 - 8-2

Yard Sale

Food available 8-1



Our Florida SKP Park Welcomes Jim & Jackie Murray!

Jim and Jackie Murray became members the first of December, 2024, and they arrived in the park just in time to welcome in 2025! They are enjoying their lot on Leisure Lane (H-5). Both hail from Xenia, Ohio, and they met through their mutual love of horses. Jim even competed in bareback bronc riding during his youth. They are the parents of two children, one of whom is deceased. They are also the grandparents of three and great grandparents of three! They enjoy spending time with their family on their farm in Xenia, and have been visiting our park for the past seven years.



Besides farming their land, Jim was a self-employed electrical contractor. Jackie started her working career as a waitress, and later became the office manager of a motorcycle shop before managing their farm. Jim and Jackie retired about three years ago. Their son now runs the electrical contracting business, but they still help out whenever needed. Until their recent retirement, Jim and Jackie were also under contract with the Ohio Cattlemen’s Association to work and manage all the food events for the group. They did this for twenty-nine years, while also running both their farm and their electrical contracting company. They used to raise cattle on their farm, but now a neighbor contracts with Jim and Jackie to grow corn, beans, and alfalfa hay on their farm. They share in the responsibilities and profits of this endeavor.

While working a food event for the Cattlemen’s Association, Jim and Jackie were pressed for time in getting a large deposit of funds to the bank from the event. Hiding the money away in a trash can until they could take it to the bank, Jim inadvertently put the trash (and money) out for the sanitation workers to pick up. They discovered the error after the trash had been picked up, and started scrambling to try to think of a way to retrieve the funds. They met the truck at the landfill, and miraculously were able to locate the bag in the layer of trash that was spread out from the truck! Great example of turning bad luck into good luck!

Jim’s favorite hobby is collecting and shooting guns, and Jackie enjoys flower gardening. They also enjoy cooking meals outdoors in the fall in their antique cast iron stew pot. Although Jackie didn’t mention this during her interview, she bakes a great-looking and great-tasting apple pie as witnessed at the 2024 Cracker Capers auction!

Be sure to say hi and welcome them to the park!

Birthdays: Jim – July 27
Jackie – November 6

Anniversary: January 27

Happy Birthday

HAPPY Anniversary

- 2/3 - Mark Finehout
- 2/5 - Rick DiCiero
- 2/12 - Charles Hashem
- 2/12 - Bob Hunt
- 2/14 - George Reckentine
- 2/16 - Tammy Palmer
- 2/20 - Jewel Gosselin
- 2/22 - Elsie Pettinatto
- 2/23 - Janet Gibson
- 2/23 - Alex Patterson

- 2/26 - Ed Landry
- 2/27 - Wendy Lamphere

- 2/12 - Mark & Darcy Norton
- 2/27 - Bob & Judy Hoffman



What's Happening This Month?

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



Ice Cream Social
February 2
2 PM

Followed by
Chair Volleyball





February 3
Fun 'n Sun
Meeting & Election
of officers 9 AM
Don't forget your
basket donation and
yellow shirt.



February 5th
Hibachi Buffet
2870 US 27
Sebring, FL
12:30 PM



February 19th
12 PM
Havana
Restaurant & Bakery
2912 US 27 N
Sebring, FL
Sign-up in clubhouse



February 7 - 11 AM
or 14th - 11:30 AM
Train Museum
Outing
in Avon Park

See Skip LaPlante for
tickets

February Crafts
7th @ 10 AM - Paper Mosaic on canvas
w/it's own easel. Limited to 10 people
\$3




21st @ 10AM- Hot mat/placemat using
upcycled denim and wool scraps.
\$3

Sign up in clubhouse



February 19th
Smokin' Joe's
BBQ
4050 US 17
Bowling Green, FL
12:00 PM




February 10
9 AM - 3 PM

Sign Up in
the hall



Mardi Gras
February 12
Dinner 5 PM
Dance 6:30 PM
Music by George and
Gwen \$15
Sign up in the hall



February 9th
SKP 36th
Birthday Party
2PM

Superbowl
Party
5:30 PM



Poker Run
February 16 -
1:30 PM



February 10 - 9 AM
Guest Speaker after
announcements



Ice Cream
Social
February 16
2PM

Chili Lunch
February 20
12 PM - \$5




Followed by
bean bag
Baseball



DAILY ACTIVITIES

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table of Knowledge
7:00 AM




Shuffleboard 1:00 p.m.



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




MOVIE NIGHT
Tuesdays at 7 PM
See flyer in clubhouse for movie titles

Monday Morning Breakfast
7:45 - 8:50 AM




Bowling
Thursdays
10 AM

Wood Carving
Fridays
9 AM




Mexican Train
Tuesdays
1:00 PM

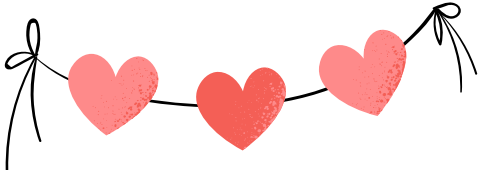
Bingo
Wednesdays
7 PM





Cornhole
Wednesday
9 AM



Billiards
Thursdays
5 PM




Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM



Tai Chi
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7:30 AM

Gentle Exercises
Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00 AM



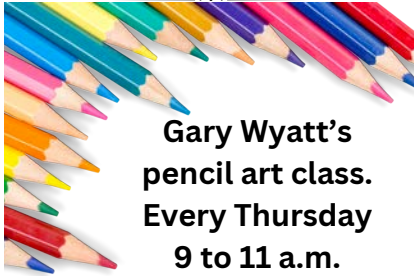
Fiber & Threads & Stitching Cards
Thursdays
2:00 PM



Yappy Hour
Every Tuesday @ 4p.m
at the dog park.
Everyone welcome.



Friday's Ukulele Lessons 2PM
Music Jam Session
2:30 - 4 PM

Gary Wyatt's pencil art class.
Every Thursday
9 to 11 a.m.

SAVE

*** SKP Safety ***

SAVE

From the app store on your phone, download the Hardee County Sheriff's office app – this will notify you of road closures, emergencies, missing person, fugitive, cell phone outages, 911 connection issues, law enforcement activity, hazardous road and driving conditions, urgent weather messages and many other issues. It will also let you know of fun activities sponsored by the Sheriff's office.



Taking charge of your own safety

1. Trust yourself – many times, your eyes, ears, nose, skin, and tongue will give you clues indicating that something threatening is ahead.
2. Be aware of your surroundings.
3. Pay attention to the people around you.
4. Act confident and focused.
5. Understand that alcohol and drugs can cloud judgement.

Online safety basics:

1. Keep a clean machine – keep software up to date.
2. Create long unique Passwords.
3. Use a password manager.
4. Enable multi-factor identification.
5. Think before you click.

Websites for more safety information

<https://www.hardeecountyfl.gov>

<https://www.cityofwauchula.gov/communications-department/pages/alerthardee>

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/>

<https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/home.jsf>

<https://www.nsopw.gov/>