

August 1, 2014

Events for this week

Friday August 1st

- Horseshoes- 7:00 PM- Everyone is welcome to come and join in the game. Horseshoe pits near clubhouse.

Saturday August 2nd

- 50/50- The sellers will be going door to door throughout the park. My address is 24 Michelle, and I will be opened for business on Saturday from 11:00am to 4:00pm. You can also flag me down on the campsite, and I will be happy to sell you some lucky tickets. Thank you, Francine Cantwell.
- Kids Bingo- 9:30am- At the clubhouse, every child is welcome. Why not come and try your luck.
- Adult Softball-10:00am-This event is open to all who would like to play, men and ladies. So bring your glove and meet on the south ball field for a fun filled game!
- Texas Hold-em- 7:00pm- Want to test your luck? Join us at the clubhouse, play some cards and possible win some cash. There is a \$10.00 entry fee. See Shawn Agoney at Spring 38 with questions

- Hayride- 6:30pm -The hayrides will be every Saturday unless otherwise noted. Please meet outside of the camp store. For safety reasons, there will be only one stop during the ride. This will be at the playground, so children may get on and off the hayride. Also children **MUST** remain seated at all times during the ride and please be courteous to the driver. All are welcome to come and enjoy the ride. Parents are encouraged to join the fun with their children. We can have two rides if there is a surplus of riders. Also, we are looking for volunteers to monitor the riders during the ride

Sunday August 3rd

- Kids Softball-10:00am- All kids are welcome to come and join the fun.
- Line Dancing-10:00am- Come join us in the clubhouse. You can join the dance, or sit down and watch the group.
- Darts- 7:00pm-If you like darts, come and join us in the clubhouse for a friendly game! You may watch and visit with friends.

Monday August 4th

- Adult Bingo-7:00pm- Please come and join us for a night of fun. You could get the lucky ticket! Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult

Thursday August 7th

- Kids Crafts- 2:00pm to 3:00pm- This week we will be making crafts with a Halloween theme.

From the Campers

The campers would like to let the Blue Haven team know what a great job we think you did in decorating inside and outside of the office for Christmas in July. Thank You for all your hard work.

Special Congratulations

To Sherry & Louis Lavalley on their special wedding on Saturday July 26th. The staff at Blue Haven and all your friends wish you both all the best.

Special Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbors. Without all their valuable input, I could not have finished the decorating. Thank You so much, Eric Buchanan and family.

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming our newest addition to the Blue Haven family:

Theresa Flora on Hemlock 9

Happy Birthday

Birthday greetings this week go out to:

8/1 Brittney Magera

8/1 Megan Cook
(BHC Employee)

8/2 Jean Herregods
(73)

8/3 Allen Bilow

8/4 Donna Bechard

8/6 Hannah Bliziotis

8/6 Ray Davies

8/6 Beverly Maisonneuve (77)

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary greetings go out this week to:

8/3 Tim & Jill Carder (24 years)

8/5 John & Carol Maduro (19 years)

8/6 Allen & Darla Bilow (32 years)

50/50-

811031, and the lucky winner this week is David Coull. And he is \$1000.00 richer.

Updates from last week's events

Breakfast with Santa-

Bright and early Saturday morning (6:00am), Ron & Chris Garrow (much welcomed new comers to our team of volunteers for this event) were waiting by the Clubhouse door for me, so they could help get things ready for breakfast with Santa. While Dave Bechard set up all the outside cookers, bar-b-q's and tent for our outside regular chefs: Todd Smith, Wayne Pregent, Eddie Slatner, John Gagnon, Gerry Cantwell, Randy Moores and new comer to the "outside gang" this year, John Sullivan. They started cooking the eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast and toast. Inside the clubhouse, Chris Garrow and Ashley Bremner were very busy setting up fruit plates for the hungry campers that would soon be in line to eat. Ron started baking the hash browns & I got the coffee & tea going. It wasn't very long before everything was well underway. Jose Maisonave & John Steele, our "Special Olympic Speed Skaters", from Virginia Beach were a great help to all of us. Whatever needed doing they were there to make it happen, from running toast to the tables to bringing boxes of food to our "outside chefs"! Carol Davies, as always was there at the door to take the tickets and control the line. While our resident photographer, Cindy Smith, not only took pictures, but took the tickets and did some running as well. Francine Cantwell worked on the eggs, Anika Craig on hash browns, Sheila Craig on bacon & sausage, Chris Garrow on French Toast & toast, Ashley Bremner on fruit and Cindy Foglietta (another new comer volunteer for the Christmas breakfast) on condiments. All were served with a smile. Meanwhile in the kitchen, Diane Watson was busy cleaning up as we went along while Ron & I took care of whatever else needed doing! While our campers and their families were enjoying their breakfast, Santa visited from table to table putting some pretty big smiles on the children's faces.



Thank you all very much for helping to make Christmas in July Breakfast another great event at Blue Haven. A note of thanks as well to Francine, Marlene, Ashely & Chantal for helping to cut the fresh fruit on Friday. And a huge thank you to Angela for helping with some of the groceries, and to Theresa and Megan for taking care of selling the tickets in the office. Thank you Johnathan and Hunter for the excellent job with the cleanup of the clubhouse after the breakfast; as well as, setting up for Santa's visit at noon to distribute the gifts and goodie bags to the children. Colette did a great job getting our group of elves ready at the office and sent them down to the Clubhouse to be there to help Santa. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Nikki (3years old), Landon (5years old), Michael (6years old), Adrian (6years old), Phoebe (8years old), Ethan (8 years old), Hailey (11years old), Kristin (11years old) and Makenzie (11years old). You all were very special elves and did a great job helping Santa. 130 children received goodie bags from Santa. Thanks Cindy, Carol & Colette for all of your help. A great big thank you to you Santa for your special visit to Blue Haven this Christmas in July to see our children who were very excited and happy that you came to see them. Safe trip back to the North Pole! - Cheryl Moores

Adult softball- Great game with lots of players both men and women. Nice to see the ladies' game turn out. All adults and teens welcome to join on Saturdays at 10 am. We have extra gloves.

• Kids Bingo- There was no bingo last week due to Santa's arrival. We hope to see all of you all this weekend.



Horseshoe Tournament- What a nice day! We had 16 teams come to play and everyone had a great time. And the winners are:

1st place- Ken Yell & Steve Gero, and they won a \$100.00 Gas card each.

2nd place- Derek Glaude & Ken Bourgouin, and they won a \$50.00 Gas card each.

3rd place- Lou Bliziotis & Cody Agoney, and they won \$25.00 gas card each.

Thanks to everyone that came and hope to see you all at the next one, Scott Short.

Golf Cart Parade-The campers got to see a very successful Christmas golf cart parade again this year! We had 18 golf carts in the line up with a special "homemade" golf cart made by a little camper, who created his own design so he could participate. The judges had a difficult time deciding on the top three carts with so many creative themes and ideas.

1st place- Ron, Chris and Lauren Garrow with their theme from the movie Frozen.

2nd place- Lori & Brendan Boyle had the theme of the Candy Factory

3rd place- Tina Le Gresley with her Tow Mater from the movie Cars.

Start thinking of your ideas for next year and join us all decked out!



Judging of site decorations- Again this year we had our mystery judge, who went around to judge the sites. And here are the winners:

1st place- Brian Gadway and Anthony Biasini on Riverside 29

2nd place- Peter & Karen Visconti on Riverside 71

3rd place- Ronald & Christina Garrow on Brookside 18

Rookie Of The Year- Darby & Irving Monette on Michelle 12

If you haven't got your plaque yet, please see Theresa or Megan in the office.

New Year's Eve Dance- Was very well attended with a great crowd and a fun night for all.

Thanks to the men & women who participated in the Hula Hoop contest! They were very entertaining to say the least! Special thanks to Chloe Palazuelos, Mandy Humphries and Robbie Robert for their help. See you all again next year. Colette and Carol



Kids Softball-Devin Boyle's Dragon Flies beat Jaedan Stacey's Killer Bees 12 - 9. Most valuable players were James " I got this" Sequin and Adrian Barnes. All kids are welcome Sunday 10am. Special thanks to J.F. Major for keeping score.

Darts- A very enjoyable evening with 33 players this week. Finishes this week were Terry with 7, Alan with 5, Allison with 3, Bill, Barry, Tina, Carol and Cody with 2 each. High scores were by Danny with 140, Terry with 125, Cody with 117 and Joyce Massel with 101. Game was won by team Cliff, Ed, Terry and Debbie. See you all next Sunday 7pm start. Don't forget Stonewall's tournament on August 7th

Adult Bingo- Great turn out this week. The pickle jar is now up to \$542.00. Come try your luck to become the lucky winner! People ask how the pickle jar works. When you buy an entry pack, you pay an extra dollar and get your card marked. The first number of the night called is the pickle jar number. If you have Bingo on the number, you win the pot. The pickle jar does not count on Specials. The winner this week was Hannah Bliziotis. Snacks will be sold at bingo.

Up coming events- Watch future newsletters for more information on these events:

August 2nd

Texas Hold-em

August 7th

Kids Crafts

August 9th

Fishing Derby



August 16th

Kid's Soccer Tournament Day
Corn Beef And Cabbage Diner
St. Patrick's Day Dance-Family Dance.

August 21st

Kid's Craft's

August 22nd

Fireman's Dance

August 23rd

Movie Night
Children Trick Or Treating
Halloween

August 30th

Blue Haven Festival/Momot Appreciation Day
Kids Super Bingo
Couples Horseshoe Tournament
Family Dance

August 31st

Kids Softball Banquet

September 1st

Adult Bingo

September 7th

Dart Tournament

September 8th

Final General Meeting

July Power Bills

The meters will be read on Wednesday July 30th and the bills should be ready by Saturday August 2nd. Please ask Theresa or Megan in the office, and they will be glad to check it for you.

Empowerment by Megan Cook

Struggles in everyone's lives are normal. I will not deny that. But I have a story, a simple one to tell. When I was in North Country Community College, I faced a wall of truth. This wall was: I sucked at grammar. I still remember glaring at my English Professor when I was told to be placed in a 101 class than being on the normal English class. Miss. Smith smiled at us, most were kind and responsive, but I was not. I hid my distaste, but I watched her. She mentioned the one gift, which I still use to this very day, writing a journal. She mentioned to us that the journals are free write and be honest about any topic. I still remember (and still own the notebook) struggling to write. I was used to being "told" or given "topics" to write. I remember staring at the blank page and finally wrote. I had several pages of poems, missing high school, and I mentioned a few calf stories. Miss. Smith was thrilled to read my writing, and her comment, "I love your calf stories! I always leave your journal last, so I can enjoy your stories the most!"

I may have start from humble beginnings, but I intend to resume writing. I would like to hear from the readers. Please let me know what kind of stories you would like to read. I can easily resume calf stories, my empowerment series, or my favorite genre, fantasy. I would love to make a Blue Haven stories (probably fictional camper from my point of view). Let me know at the office what you think, and thank you for reading!



Notes/Reminders:

Mail:

- Please stop into the office and check the mail box. The box is full of various guests' mail, and your mail could be here!

Issues in the Park:

- Please see Dave or Theresa in the office for any park issues, so they can arrange to have them taken care of.
- Please see Dave at the office and refer to your guideline book before you dig, cut, trim, buy a shed or build anything.

Quiet Hours:

- Please be considerate of your neighbors and remember the quiet hours. These hours are:
- Weekdays = 10:00pm-9:00am.
- Weekends/Holidays = 11:00pm-10:am

Please try not to mow your lawns or play loud music during these quiet hours.

Pet reminders:

- Please clean up after your pets. Especially when the pet makes messes on the ball field or the boat launches.
- While at your site, always keep your dog on a leash, whether you are there or not.
- Please keep your neighbors in mind when your dog is barking. Not everyone is a pet lover, and we need to be courteous to them.

Golf Cart reminders:

- All golf carts MUST obey the post speed limit of 5 mph.
- No one under the age of 16 is allowed to drive a golf cart.
- All golf carts need to have lights to be driven at night.
- Please register the golf carts with the office and have a registered number on them.
- When you sell your golf cart, please remember the new owner must register their new golf cart in their name and get a new number from the office.

Notice from the management

Due to visual limitations and safety, we kindly ask that vehicles do not park in the space between the pool and the snack shack. Also, do not park on the lawn near the pool. There is parking beyond the snack shack and on our sales lot across from the store.

Site Rent

All site rent for 2014 is now over due. While there are only a few accounts left at this point, this number is growing and it is not fair to the rest of the campers that make timely payments. Please stop by the Ellenburg office and speak to Theresa or Dave. Or you may stop at the Plattsburgh Office and speak to Melissa. Be sure to check overdue balances and avoid future interest charges. As per our policy, any accounts not current by July 1st will not be allowed to utilize the campground facilities without approval from John Momot.

It will soon be time to think about leaving deposits for the 2015 season. We will not take your deposit for the 2015 season unless your balance for 2014 is paid in full. As well as if you do not make a deposit for 2015, there will be a \$45.00 no deposit fee. Also, this will be hard for us to guarantee your site for 2015 without a deposit.

Gazette Entries

- If you would like to put something in the Gazette, have the submission to the Blue Haven office by no later than 12:00 PM on Tuesday.

From the desk of John and Dave

Dave and his crew have their work cut out every year opening the camp ground and getting everyone camping. They overcome the challenge of balancing the work load by prioritizing the work in the following order

1. Safety
2. Health
3. Operations
4. Improvements

With the campground in full swing and everything safe, healthy and (for the most part) operational, its time for us to focus on improvements. When considering improvement, we always think of how many guest will get satisfaction from a particular project. Then we put the campground resources towards those projects.

The South Side Pool needs repairs that are beyond the capabilities of our team. If fact, the pool may quite possibly be beyond repair. This leave us with the question - Should have it professional restored and updated or replaced? When we consider extensive repairs or replacement, along with the increased difficulty of keeping a pool open, makes us question if the South Side Pool is the right place to dedicate those resources

We would like to consider some potential projects that might provide pleasure to a large number of guests. We recognize that there is a group of guests that find the South Pool important. We are committed to finding ways to serve those guests.

We have also thought of (and had suggestions from Campers) of several projects that might serve a larger number of guests.

More updates to the Clubhouse
Modern Bathhouse Facility
Party Pavilion new Clubhouse
Permanent BBQ with Roof - Near Clubhouse
Internet Cafe
Improved Boat Launch with fishing dock

Little WiFi information

According to Verizon Wireless, they have given us an option for Wifi. A current Verizon Wireless customer can buy a hot spot device called a Verizon Jetpack.

There are many different plans out there: One plan allows you to purchase a Jetpack at \$49.00 with a 2 year contract
The monthly charge is \$40.00 for 6 GB, (This is above your monthly contract price)

This service can be used year round, but this can be suspended at anytime with no charge. The suspension is three months at a time. If you want to suspend this longer, you will need to call Verizon Wireless. But the suspension will add more time on your two year contract.

There are other plans available also.
For more information - Call 1-800-922-0204
Or go to www.verizonwireless.com

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

Momot Trailer Sales and Blue Haven Campground have a team of five Camping Specialists who are available to serve your camping needs. For your convenience, Kyle Horton has been asked to be available on Sundays at Blue Haven Campground. Kyle is available to answer all your questions about our huge inventory of New, Used and Consignment campers. Whether you want one of the campers located at Blue Haven or at our Plattsburgh location. Our team is available to assist you in any way we can to help you find the best camper for you.

Kyle Horton will be available at Blue Haven Campgrounds from 9 am - 4 pm every Sunday and by appointments.

You can reach the full team of Camping Specialists by visiting our Plattsburgh location (see hours below) or by simply calling (518) 563 - 1983.

PLATTSBURGH LOCATION STORE HOURS

M-F 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sat. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm