

Pool Enclosure to be Dedicated in Splashy Ceremony

Although the dedication of the new pool enclosure won't be held until Saturday, May 24, at 9:00 AM, the pool has been in use since May 15.

This has been an experiment to determine how many members would use the pool if it were open at this time. The results have been gratifying.

Through the first four days it's been open, 62 people have been swimming. This does not include the 8 folks in the water aerobics group, which meets every weekday at 8:00 AM for the daily hour of workout.

The age of pool-users has ranged from 2 years to 77. This indicates that the 70 degree water temperature and the 76 degree air temperature within the enclosure are satisfying to all ages of swimmers.

The average daytime high temperature for CORA at this time of year is 56 degrees. The wind has been averaging about 18 miles per hour over the past week. Without the enclosure, this combination of wind and temperature would keep all but the hardiest souls out of the water.

This improvement to our Campground is further bolstered by the reduced need to heat the water.

After the enclosure was completed, the pool repairs were finished. The broken tiles were replaced, every seam checked and grouted as needed, and then all was sealed. After Wayne

scrubbed the deck with the high pressure sprayer, he turned on the pool heaters to raise the temperature from the estimated 40 degrees, to just over 70. That took 3 days, which is almost a week less than last year.

Since the water temperature was heated to a swimmable level, the heaters have been working very little. The ambient air temperature holds the water at a very comfortable level, and as the earth surrounding the pool itself warms, that should be enough to reduce the need for heating the water to almost zero.

As mentioned elsewhere in this edition of the **Hummer**, through the profits from the sale of caps, shirts and other apparel, 5 large and 6 small tables and 28 chairs were purchased to place around the pool. These are sturdy plastic, which won't be degraded by the chlorine in the air.

These additions have proven to be quite popular, as grandparents don't choose to stay in the water as long as their eight-year old guests.

Even some non-swimmers have now tried the pool, which probably wouldn't have happened before the enclosure was erected.

All in all, most who have seen the enclosure have stated it's a wonderful addition to our Campground. Those who swim in it echo that sentiment 100 percent.

Work Off Lot Taxes

The Board of County Commissioners has just granted a working bonus to those citizens who claim Park County as their domicile of record.

The details of the Senior Tax Work-Off Program have just been completed, enabling taxpayers who are at least 60 years old to work for a County agency at minimum wage (\$4.75) and apply the proceeds to pay their real estate taxes.

Additional requirements are:

- * Must reside at the property address; the property cannot be income producing.
- * Must complete a special program application and submit to Park County Senior Coalition at POB 309, Fairplay, 80440 (See Peter Burton for application packet).

* Must possess the qualifications pertinent to a specific job as requested by a specific County Agency.

Married couples may both work toward the payment of their taxes; however, their combined total income under this program cannot exceed the amount of the County portion of their real estate tax bill. Additional real estate taxes, such as the school tax, are not included in the program.

If the taxes have been paid already by the senior, the tax will be rebated by a refund warrant after the senior delivers the work-off check to the County Treasurer. The taxpayer is responsible for all late penalties accrued, should payment not be made by the established deadlines.

Social Activities Committee

Marilyn Lobb & Betty Dale

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 24: 9AM - Dedicate the new pool enclosure with a short ceremony, cutting of the ribbon, and warm, windless, swimming!

Sunday, May 25: 7:30 - 9:15AM - Traditional, Board-prepared breakfast for all members. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for 10 and under.

10.00AM - Cowboy singer/poet/preacher and storyteller Jack Blease will conduct an entertaining, ecumenical Sunday Service. Jack has appeared throughout the US and Europe. Free-will offering for his service.

Editor's Note: I've had the delightful experience to be with Jack several times over the past years. He is both a wonderful and an entertaining personality - well worth being there!

June Social Calendar

*** All dinners are served at 6:00PM, with table setting and drinks provided.

June 7: Mexican night. Bring a Mexican dish.

June 14: Regular grill night & June Birthday Night.

Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to pass.

Birthdays to be celebrated are June, January, February and March. Signup sheet in the Clubhouse for those bringing desserts.

*** Bingo will be played after the birthday party so be ready to boogie!

June 21: Italian night. Spaghetti and garlic bread provided. \$1.00 adults, \$.50 for 10 and under. Bring a salad or desert.

June 28: Salad & Grill night. Bring meat to grill and your favorite salad.

Our volunteers for this summer are: Marida Wheiles and Marilyn Lobb in the kitchen; Marge Moore for publicity of events in the Clubhouse; and Betty Dale as the Committee's liaison with the Board.

Thanks, Darlene

Darlene Vosper asked that 2 items be included in this month's **Hummer**: the furniture surrounding the pool was purchased from the profits of the sale of caps, shirts and other CORA apparel; also, Marilyn Lobb and Jean Snyder have taken over the function of selling these items. Please support them in their *vigorous* efforts!

Next time you see Darlene, give her a big *thank you* for her work in this area over the last several years. And take a look at the furniture around the pool, to see what these efforts were able to produce.

Also -- the money collected for the community meals, such as the Italian night and the Board Breakfast, does little more than buy the food and

beverages. Noone reaps any personal financial gain from these events. Any profit goes into CORA facilities, such as kitchen equipment.

Lot Repairs

The Board asked the Campground Managers to inspect the concrete pads on all the lots in DSP&P, RGS and C&S for deterioration. Letters were sent to all owners whose pads have deteriorated to the extent that repairs are necessary.

These repairs are needed to protect the water and sewer systems. The mains for each of these systems are 10 to 12 feet under ground. The pipes themselves are supported by a bed of gravel. Where the concrete pads have deteriorated extensively, rain and snowmelt flows down the pipes to the main, and can wash out the supporting gravel. To quote from the letter to the owners, "The stress from this may cause the pipes to break, creating a major, and costly, repair project (for CORA).

Under the Campground Rules and Regulations, it is the lot owner's responsibility to correct the problem.

Annual Election

The annual election for new Board members is fast approaching. Note enclosed *Nomination Petition*.

Petitions must be returned in a timely manner - postmarked by June 30, 1997 - in order that they may be processed and the proxies for the election completed for the next mailing.

It has been difficult to find members who will stand for election. The time involved in doing board work is one key consideration. Another is the slings and arrows which are cast when unpopular decisions are made.

It might be interesting to have those who cast the slings and arrows to join the Board, or at least attend a Board meeting, to better understand some of the issues that are considered surrounding a decision.

No matter what your inclination toward standing for election, please think carefully about this matter. If nothing else, make your vote *count!!!*

Calendar of Events

- 5-24 thru 5-27 ... Pool enclosure dedication, pancake breakfast, clean-up-your-lot day
- 6-1 ... Planning meeting @ CORA, deadline for **Hummer** articles and Letters-to-the-Editor
- 6-8 ... Facilities Committee meeting @ CORA
- 6-18 ... Board Meeting @ ACT - 7 PM
- 6-20 ... **Hummer** mailing
- 7-16 ... Board Meeting @ ACT - 7 PM
- 8-1 ... Official Annual Meeting Notice, proxy, ballot, & nominee mailing
- 8-31 ... Annual Meeting @ CORA - 9 AM

Manager's Corner

It looks like Spring is here! The grass is turning green, and it didn't do this last spring. Some little flowers are peeking out; the aspen on top are starting to unfold new leaves. Over the last 2 weeks, we finally had some temperatures in the 60's. I think the snow is all gone - there may still be some under the trees on the hillsides that the sun can't reach.

It's enjoyable seeing familiar faces come back. The phone calls continue: "How's the weather?" And new rigs are coming in, as well as some of those that went out last Fall.

The pool opened on the 15th of May. If it gets a high level of usage Spring and Fall, we'll open it earlier and keep it open later in the year.

We're putting hanging pots in the pool enclosure to help with the atmosphere. Donations are being accepted, preferably in a plastic pot with plastic hanger (the metal ones rust). We think the plants will really thrive in the high humidity.

New gravel has been freshly graded onto the main roads, and a couple of other places where rain water pools. This has covered the ruts that developed during mud season. The roads will be sprayed during the first week in June to hold down the dust. Please hold down your speed everywhere in the campground, though - for safety and to minimize the dustiness.

The icemakers in the kitchen have been replaced, and are working beautifully. The new trash compactor has also been installed.

Hope to see a lot of you on Memorial Day weekend, to get this season off to a great start. Have a terrific summer, no matter where you're spending it.

Eva & Wayne

Real Estate Committee

All of the CORA-owned lots are getting new fluorescent numbers to better enable visitors to identify those lots that for sale.

We suggest that all owners insure that your lot is easily identifiable, so that should there be an emergency message for you, no time will be lost in getting it to you.

Facilities Committee

At the first of the Summer-at-CORA Facilities Committee meetings, it was decided that a piece of CORA common ground would work well for a fire safety area.

Because fire safety has always been a major consideration in decision making at our Campground, many members have discussed ways to improve safety for those who are staying in Silverton Northern, on top of the ridge.

A piece of common ground has been identified as a logical spot for folks to congregate, should a fire start, and the access road from the top be closed. This is located on the southeast edge of the ridge, near Service Center B.

Maps of this spot will be available by June 1. It's suggested that all members familiarize themselves with the location and terrain, in case a fire should threaten the upper campground.

The Committee also discussed the sale of the fire truck and the grader. No definitive offers have been received for either piece of equipment as of press time.

The Committee meets on the second Sunday of each Summer month, at 2 PM, in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome - it would be good to see you there!

Highway Cleanup

The orange bags are out and busy again!!

Every year, the members of CORA, who are available and willing, pick up the trash along Hwy 285. This occurs three times per year, typically on a day near the three major summer holidays.

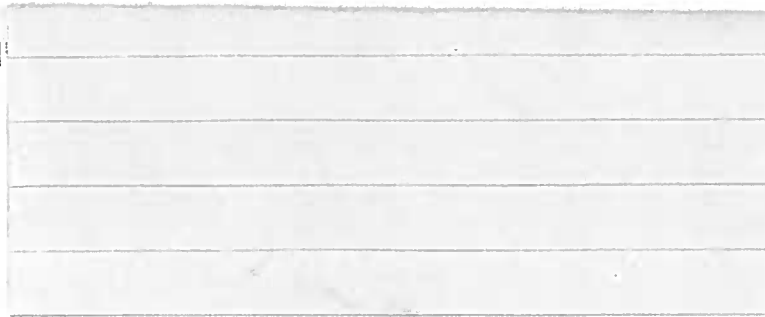
Our first cleanup was May 17. Pictured are three of our stalwarts (the people are not the orange bags I referred to in the first line!) in the process of beautifying our 1-mile section of the highway (we often stretch that to 2 miles).



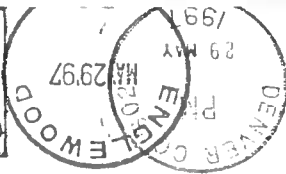
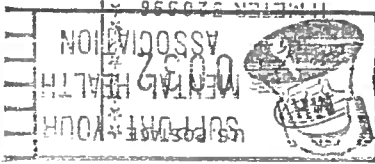
From left to right are Eva Lundstrom, Marilyn Lobb and Emma Deem.

Others not pictured include James & Marida Wheiles, GW & Flo Will, Marge & Norval Moore, Colleen & John Hammon, Charlie Winston, Richard Cross, Carl & Ruth Neville, Phil Lobb, Wayne Lundstrom, Al Madsen, June & Terry Gill, Andy Jackson, and Jim Godby.

Everyone is welcome - join us for the trash party the weekend before the Fourth of July.



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**Folks had FUN
when pool opened on May 15!**

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All members are encouraged to attend Management/Planning Meetings on the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November; and Regular Board Meetings every third Wednesday of every month except December. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in Suite #120 7400 E. Arapahoe Road Phone 303-779-5151

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