

Fish Tales

The Newsletter for the Warm Lake Users Association

Directories Are Delivered



The Warm Lake Directory for 2003 has been delivered to the cabins. The purpose of the directory is to provide your friends and neighbors with telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses. This contact information could be helpful should someone need to contact you regarding dam-

age or pending damage to your cabin. There is also emergency contact information listed. This is a person you would like to have contacted in the event you become ill or injured, or if there is damage to your

property and you cannot be reached.

The information for this directory was obtained through questionnaires sent out last year. There are bound to be incomplete records and errors. Please take the time to fill in the extra form provided and return it to Diane Barker. That way



we can have a more accurate directory next year.

The Directory was already used in May when a neighbor became aware that the pipes had frozen on the Larrando cabin. By using the Directory, the neighbor had several ways to contact the Larrando's to find out what they wanted to have done.

Special points of interest:

- New officers were elected at the Annual Meeting of the Warm Lake Users Association held in mid April. They are as follows: President: Tom Coffman, Vice President: Joel Drake, Secretary Treasurer: Diane Barker
- The WLUA website is up and running as of last summer. The address is www.warmlake.org. Be sure to check out the "Links" section where you can find interesting information including a link to the web camera set up by Hal Thompson that looks out onto the lake and includes a thermometer and a snow stake.
- On May 21st the county commissioners of Blaine County, Idaho officially banned jet-skis on two of its mountain lakes. Jet-skis will no longer be allowed on Alturas and Petit Lakes effective immediately. Petit Lake is very similar in size to Warm Lake. Hopefully this decision will provide the Valley County commissioners with a precedent proving that banning jet-skis does not lead to lawsuits nor does it adversely affect the economy.



Wolves seen Attacking Elk

On Tuesday May 20th at 8:00 am, Rick and Diane Barker were having coffee on their dock when they noticed a large animal jump into the lake several feet behind the Weekes' dock which is the southern most dock on the lake. When they stood up to look at the commotion they witnessed two wolves in pursuit of a

full grown cow elk.

One wolf stood on the Weekes' dock while the other jumped into the water to swim after the elk. When the elk and the wolf were approximately 300 feet off shore, the wolf tried to climb onto the elk's back. This started a lot of commotion with water flying and sounds of one or both animals squealing.

The wolf then swam back into shore and joined his pack partner. Together they

ran off back up towards the Weekes' cabin.

The cow elk swam in several circles before coming into shore and laying itself, exhausted, on the water ski deck of Trey and Lorie Hoff's boat where it rested for about five minutes before taking off into the woods.

According to Diane and Rick Barker, the experience was fascinating, although maybe a little bit too close for comfort.



Newsletter Experiment

This newsletter is an experiment. We will give it a try and see what the response is to it.

The only anticipated writer for the newsletter at this time is myself, Diane Barker, and I “ain’t no writer”. So if I make mistakes or produce sentences that run on forever, you’ll just have to grin and bear it.

The reason I decided to put out this newsletter is because I feel we cabin owners at Warm Lake need to foster the tradition of community at the lake.

I have heard stories from the “old-timers” of all the ways they would get together and visit and update each other on the news of their lives. And I realized we as a community do not have the same type or scale of “get-togethers”. So, perhaps this newsletter will help fill the gaps.

This newsletter will definitely evolve. As I see it now, it will be published in June, July and August. I hope to have a regular column that features one cabin each month including its history and the families that have enjoyed it.

The success of this newsletter will depend on all of you. Please provide information you think may be of interest. It could be things you see or do around the Warm Lake area, nifty tips on cabin maintenance, historic tidbits, new residents to Warm Lake, recipes, announcements, and all other sorts of information you would like to share with your neighbors. I would welcome stories written by you.

By all means, do let me know if you are enjoying the newsletter. It will cost \$.47 per issue to print and mail. If you can



think of another way to get it out to people, let me know. I asked Ron Julian if we could have a distribution box at the kiosk, but he was not in favor of that.

Save the Date



The Second Annual Potluck Dinner and Fireside Chat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd at 5:00 pm at the Billy Rice Beach.

The purpose of the event is to get cabin owners together for a fun evening of good food and conversation. The fireside chat part includes an informal question and answer session with Forest Service employees.

Last year we only invited Kinney Point residents to test the format, and it was quite a success! Nearly everyone from Kinney Point attended the event. Ron Julian and several of his employees and their wives attended and it was terrific to meet and chat with each other on an informal basis.

During the fireside chat, many questions that cabin owners had regarding the Boise National Forest were answered by Ron and his crew.

A good time was had by all, so please plan

on attending this year. Look in the July newsletter for the final date, time and place. Kids are welcome!

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