



PRESIDENT'S LETTER Paul McDermott

Spring is rapidly arriving, although sometimes the snow storms seem to be dragging winter out a little more than some would want. We can expect to experience the usual mud season soon, but then summer will be here and we can enjoy a different nature at Arrowhead.

This winter has presented some interesting challenges for Arrowhead members, and a special recognition needs to go to those who have made it possible to enjoy our wintertime activities.

- To Will Hobson and his helpers who have successfully kept the parking lot and Alpine Road open, sometimes under rather adverse conditions.
- To Ron Benson and his volunteers who have done a fantastic job of grooming the subdivision roads to enable us to comfortably reach our destinations.
- To the entire Security staff, including volunteer helpers, for their efforts to open the driveways to the houses and cabins after each snowstorm, for keeping an eye on everyone's property and for helping out in numerous situations when someone missed a turn and got stuck.

As a reminder, the RV dump station located at the upper pump house is no longer available for use. Last fall AIA constructed a new RV sewage facility near the equipment building at the winter parking lot. We ask anyone using the facility to leave it as clean as possible for the next user.

Summer brings some different challenges for our property owners, and we ask that everyone make an effort to keep Arrowhead fun and safe. The fire danger is expected to be high, at least for part of the summer, so everyone needs to be careful with outdoor fires. AIA is again going to perform wildfire mitigation in high hazard areas of common lands, and property owners are encouraged to do the same on their individual lots. If anyone needs a plan on what to do, contact Bob Rosenbaum, our Forest Manager, for a mitigation plan.

With more traffic on the roads, there is the ever present irritation of dust. In consideration of all our neighbors, please carefully observe the 20 mile per hour speed limit on the subdivision roads. And with summer, there is more traffic on the Alpine, so use extra caution.

As a reminder, the recreation easement for Arrowhead Lake is for bank fishing only, and does not cover any ATV travel, hiking or horseback riding outside the boundaries of the lake. Please help us respect the property owner's wishes to stay within the easement limits.



Fire Department News

Fire Chief's Letter Kevin Stilley

I'd like to congratulate a few people in this issue of the Smoke Signals.

To begin with I'd like to congratulate the Winter Firehouse Game winners. Bill Boulter, our busy Assistant Fire Chief, led his team to a victory over the others. Bill's group of competitors, and I don't use the term competitors lightly, consisted of Bill, Peggy Beach, Mike Bartlett and Gary Kelley. While they came out ahead of the rest, it was a very tight race and the teams that participated did a great job. This was the closest race of them all. It was a snowy day, which provided a scenic backdrop to the games. When the games were over, we all had some healthy portions of chili cooked by the contestants of the Chili Cook-off. Rich Ostrom's "Best Chili" won for best of the cook-off. He had the fore sight to name his "Best Chili". After tasting his concoction it was easy to see how he came up with the name. Second place went to Wendy Masenetz and Becky Stilley took 3rd place honors. Thanks go out to everyone who participated and came to watch the games this winter.

Secondly, I'd like to congratulate Eric Johnson. Last month Eric accepted the "Colorado's Snowmobiler of the Year Award." However, this time I am congratulating, and thanking, Eric for accepting the position of head of Search and Rescue for the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. Eric has previous Search and Rescue experience, knows the backcountry around Arrowhead, has the outdoor skills required and is a great leader. He is a perfect fit for the Search and Rescue position.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Martha Cook. Anyone who knows Martha, knows how dedicated she is to the fire department. This past year Martha has devoted a lot of her time working with Durango's and Grand Junction's medical flight evacuation teams. She has also assembled a group of fire department personnel to become "landing zone experts." These people have learned the ins and outs of what is required on our end of preparing a landing zone for a helicopter crew. What is a bit unusual about all of this is the fact that the last time we had a medical evacuation was back in 1986. Since Martha started this program we've had two evacuations by helicopter since. In February we had our latest flight evacuation. The helicopter crew couldn't say enough about how impressed they were to go up country, in the snow, to find a crew that had really prepared the area for them. Way to go Martha and your crew. What foresight! **Have a great spring!**



Kevin, Bob, Mike, John, Glenn, Peggy, Mike, Gary, Ron, Don, Nick and Bill. Photos taken by Linda Dysart



Board Reports

Heavy Equipment, Roads Maintenance and Infrastructure Report

**By
Ralph Ambruster and Don Koeltzow**

Well folks, its that time of the year when we anxiously look at Will Hobson and ask “Oh mighty one, when will the roads be open?” Then Will always replies in Aussie fashion, “They will be open when they are open.” This is a decision we leave 100% up to Will and it is a function of consecutive days at warmer temperatures. So to all of you with terminal cases of cabin fever, be patient! Will is on the way. 😊

AIA has recently purchased a Whacker and a Cutter. Will found both at bargain prices on the used market. Bet you never thought you would own a Whacker! Neither did I! OK— Seriously— A Whacker is used to tamp (compact) the earth and gravel when you install a culvert or repair a road. The Cutter cuts the culvert pipe to length. Don’t feel bad. I didn’t know what these were either until Will told me. So, shortly after the roads are open Will will be taking his Whacker and Cutter amongst other appropriate tools and start fixing up our roads. Thank you Will!

On another note the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club may receive a grant to buy a new groomer for the club. If this happens we are strongly considering subcontracting the winter grooming of our trails to them. There are a lot of advantages to this least of which would be lower overall cost. Our current groomer is getting “long of tooth.” It is the same age as the grader we just sent to the grave.

As spring rolls around we will be pressing the county for additional work on the Alpine. Rich Leary has stayed on top of this for us. Thanks Rich!

Gary Kelley has been very helpful this winter running equipment and working in the parking lot.

I would like to give a special thanks to Oscar Ratliff for his help operating, servicing and repairing our heavy equipment this last winter. Thanks Oscar!

To each of you— Have a great spring!



Important dates to keep in mind for this year:

John Krall Award Deadline--30 June.
Annual Meeting--18 July
New Owner’s Reception--18 July
Community Clean-up Days--30 June; 8 August
Board of Directors Letter of Interest Deadline--31 July
Winter Residents Meeting--19 September



Board Reports

Design Review

Joyce Boulter

Building for this summer includes one house, started last year, one house approved to start this summer and one shed.

Here are several things to remember when building or clearing a lot:

Lot mitigation – When having a drive way walk-in, Design Review or the Forest Manager will initiate a mitigation plan for lot clean up and removal of flammable materials. The mitigation plan must be finished in two years.

Defensible space – Property with structures must have a defensible space plan. You have one year to complete the defensible space plan. The Design Review committee or Forest Manager can provide this plan. Bob Rosenbaum is the Forest Manager and can be contacted at 970- 862-8241. This rule applies to new purchases and was effective May 2008. It will apply to construction this summer.

Before any property can be developed, including driveways and utilities, you must have a permit from Design Review. Call Joyce Boulter at 970 862-8449 for more information. Building plans or requests for other services should be directed to Design Review. There are also some new building codes from Gunnison County. Plans for a house, garage, shed over 120 sq. ft., decks over 30 inches above ground, exterior modifications and repairs must be approved by design review and have a Gunnison County building permit. Sheds under 120 sq. ft. and decks lower than 30 inches only need design review permits. Any deviations from the original plans must be submitted to Design Review and Gunnison County.

Please read the Covenants and Regulations before starting your summer projects.

Security

Reinie Masanetz

Wanted! We have an opening for a Security Officer for a year-round position. The job requires one week of duty (40 hrs.) and 4 weeks off. If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail security@arrowhead1.org or call me at (970) 862-8362 for more information regarding this position.

Gas theft prevention: Please be aware and check your fuel levels before leaving the mountain and upon your return. If you think there are any discrepancies, please report this to Security. Security has noticed that older above ground gas storage tank locking devices can be compromised even with the lock on. Security is willing (upon request from property owners) to inspect all fuel tanks for safety and will recommend an efficient locking system for the tank. This will be accomplished during routine patrols or while certifying all fire pits.

Early reminder: The deadline for removing all vehicles, snowmobiles, UTV's and trailers is May 31st, 2009. (Per our Gunnison County Special Use Permit). Please be proactive and have your vehicles removed early, especially for those property owners that are leaving or have left the mountain and won't be back until after that date. Please make arrangements with friends or neighbors or let Security know where the keys to your vehicles are.

Community News



Defensible Space and Lot Mitigation

Bob Rosenbaum
Forest Manager

It looks as though the fire danger this summer will be much higher than it was last year, so defensible space and the mitigation of undeveloped lots is more important than ever. The fires across the West this decade provide more evidence every year that these steps minimize damage from wildland fires.

A reminder that those of you who bought cabins or started building one after September 1, 2007, have to have completed defensible space (D-space) clearing within a year of your D-space survey. Similarly, those who bought an undeveloped lot after May 1, 2008 have to complete mitigation within two years of your mitigation survey. If you need either survey, or need a final inspection, please call me at 862-8241.

The Colorado State Forest Service may have 50/50 money available for D-space and mitigation. If interested, call David Casey at 970-641-6852 or email to dcasey@lamar.colorado.state.edu.

I will, of course, be happy to do a survey or final inspection even if you bought your property before the above mentioned dates.

The Colorado State Forest Service reports that Douglas fir and sub-alpine fir bark beetle activity is increasing in parts of the Gunnison Basin. Signs of bark beetle attack include heavy sap tubes down the tree trunk, a sawdust-like accumulation at the base, and needle-fade, usually from the top down. If you see any of these signs, please call me. They do not necessarily mean that an attack has been successful. However, if the tree is infested, it must be removed so as to prevent beetles from spreading.

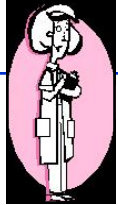


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Health on the Mountain

Joyce Boulter

It seems that every winter-spring we have the old stomach flu visit the mountain.

A virus causes the stomach “flu”. The Norwalk-like virus or noroviruses causes gastroenteritis or viral gastroenteritis. These viruses, rather than bacteria or parasites are not affected by antibiotic treatment.

The symptoms are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. You may also have low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and generalized fatigue. The illness starts usually within 12 to 24 hours after exposure and may last one to two days or longer. The illness is generally not serious and is over in several days. One serious complication is dehydration. If you cannot replace the fluid that is lost, then medical treatment and I.V. fluids may be necessary. Drinking water or juice will lessen your chances of becoming dehydrated. Sports drinks do not necessarily replace the nutrients and minerals lost in this illness. One of my mom’s favorites, when I was a child, was to make jello and let me drink it when it was still warm. My children and grandchildren all like this home remedy. Although, you need fluids, it isn’t a good idea to eat regular meals during the illness. You may use the BRAT diet, when you are ready to try food. That is **B**ananas, **R**ice, **A**pplesauce, and **T**oast. Use these foods in small amounts until your digestive system is ready for more complex food.

Noroviruses are spread by hand to mouth, which includes touching contaminated surfaces and then putting hands on food or in the mouth. Therefore the best prevention is frequent and diligent hand washing. It is important to frequently disinfect surfaces during the illness and wash clothing that is contaminated. This illness can spread rapidly in hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, schools, and offices, any place that groups of people are in close contact. One of the worst places for picking up viruses, and ugly germs is the handle of the grocery store cart and some stores offer antiseptic wipes when you get the cart. You are usually contagious for about 3 days to 2 weeks after the illness. Okay, go out and socialize and have a good time. The only place you can be safe is a deserted island in the middle of the Pacific. Obviously a small community on the top of a mountain isn’t completely safe.

Cabin for Rent: Includes 2 full baths, laundry room, 1 double bed, 2 twin beds in loft area, 2 sleep sofas in family room, kitchen with dish washer, wood stove and propane forced air heat, 2 decks, etc.

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Community News

Summer Bible Study

Summer Bible Study resumes in June with a study led by Don Koeltzow. Based on *The Case for a Creator* by Lee Strobel, Don's study takes a look at the science behind creation, what the latest studies reveal about our magnificent universe, and asks us to consider the miracle of how it happened. Using his background as a former professor of bio-chemistry at Luther College, Don takes complex information and distills it into something comprehensible for those of us who are significantly science challenged. (Read more about Don on the Arrowhead web site). Though not required reading for the study, nevertheless you may wish to read Strobel's book. It is a challenging read but well worth a try. Lee Strobel, a lawyer and investigative journalist by profession, an atheist by confession, opposed his God-fearing wife's beliefs. Rather than argue with her, however, he set out prove her wrong by using his highly honed investigative skills to demonstrate to her once and for all that her quaint Christian belief was just a fairy tale. The result? Today Strobel is a pastor and author of several books, including *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for the Real Jesus*, and the one that inspired our current study, *The Case for a Creator*. For location and start date of Bible Study, which will be on Mondays at 7 pm, contact Ned and Ann Lillich, 862-8255; George and Doris Grosvenor, 862-8374; or Judy Elrichs, 862-8280.

Snowmobile Club

Officers

Eric, Star and Lucia have agreed to stay on the board for another year. Unfortunately, due to other obligations Jim Gelsomini is unable to remain on the board for another year. Sally Burrichter has offered to hold a position on the board. Thank you Sally!

It's with much sadness that I have to inform everyone that Mary Cockes has chosen not to continue as our Membership Coordinator. Mary was a key figure in the establishment of our club and is the main reason we have nearly 100 members. Her dedication and commitment to our club has been above and beyond the call of duty. Mary does plan to continue to be active with the club and volunteer for other "smaller" tasks. As soon as we know each officers new duties we'll let you know.

As the snowmobile season comes to an early end, we'd like to thank everyone for their membership and support. Once again, the friends of Arrowhead have come together to support this recreation that is fun AND ESSENTIAL for our community during the winter. SNOWMOBILING!!!!

Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact anyone of us with questions that you may have.

Eric, Star, Jim, Mary and Lucia

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Squirrel Tales

Jim Squirrell, who developed Arrowhead on his family ranch some 30+ years ago, gave a talk on his family history at a community dinner in the fall of 2006. Ofelia Vandenbosch was kind enough to transcribe it so that we have it for posterity. Here is an excerpt from that talk.

One more story and then I'll be through...

I've told this story before, but I think it's one of the great hunting stories. You have to think about this story a bit to realize what really happened.

It was in the fall. This was when I was in the outfitting business. So, I had some hunters up here, and we're hunting this ridge right here where the development is. We had a couple of bulls down, and I left the guide and the hunters to get those two bulls out. While they were doing that, I went down the ridge and I followed this ridge all the way down past Salt Basin and down into that country. I got right there where Joe Reitz's house is and in the area behind Bob Rosenbaum's cabin. I got there and found a big, big bear track. The tracks were going over the ridge and coming in behind Joe's and Bob's houses. Most of you haven't been in that area, but it's the thickest piece of country in the world. I mean you can hardly walk through there – downed logs everywhere. The old bear track was moving down into that thick area. I didn't try to follow him in, but circled around that area and went down to the road. The bear hadn't come out to the north, he hadn't come out to the east, so he was probably in that big patch of timber.

I went back and got my hunters, and said, "Guys, we've got a chance at killing a big bear – this is the biggest bear track I've ever seen." Now, it's getting pretty late in the day. We all go down there. I drop some people out on top. Tell them come down the side. Some come down the other side. I have a 14-year-old boy with me, and I thought I'd put him someplace where he can't get into trouble. So, I put him down almost on the road, just above the Alpine road, right in that patch of timber. Now, it's starting to get a little on the dark side. We start moving in – closing in – and we hear that bear up the hill. Down the hill. Up the hill. I'm telling you the hair is standing up on the back of your neck! You know that if you see him, he's going to be 10 feet away. So, he finally runs up to the top behind Joe's house. One of the hunters is standing by a log. The bear stands up, 9-10 feet of bear, and the guy shoots right in the chest. When he does, that old bear screams and runs down that hill and starts pounding that timber. Bam! Bam! Bam! He's knocking everything down. He's screaming and bawling. You're just standing and you know he's coming. You can hear him coming! He drops off the hill, and lo and behold, he comes out right in front of this kid! Now, he's charging right at the kid, and he's screaming and bawling and he's coming. That kid stood there. Bang! Bang! Bang! And the bear dies right at his feet. When we took the bear in, we skinned him, and he had one bullet hole in him. The kid didn't hit him once! He didn't hit him once, and if that bear would have had two more jumps in him, he'd have killed the kid!

That's my best bear story. That bear was a little over 500 pounds dressed. The kid was about 14 and when I skinned the bear, I was about sick to my stomach because I realized how close we came to having a very serious accident. One other thing happened though. I looked down at the bear's front paw and one of his claws was shot off. I thought that must have been when the kid was shooting – that he shot a claw. We put the bear in the truck and took the bear down to Cimarron and parked at Newberry's. Anytime you do that during hunting season, everybody stops by. They were stopping and looking at the bear. About that time, the government trapper stopped, and he looked at the bear and he said, "I've got something for you." He went over to his pickup and he came back with the claw. He had caught the bear in a trap up on the Cimarron about a week earlier and he had that claw. That's my favorite bear story.

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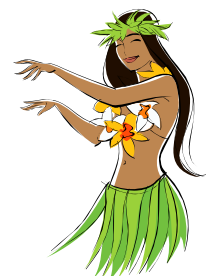


That's right, gang, it's that time of year again! We're celebrating all things Irish and Hawaiian! Wear your kilt or kilt-skirt with an aloha shirt and flip-flops! Green Landshark Beer for those not Irish or Hawaiian enough to drink Guinness Stout! Irish Mai Tai drink specials!

Mum's cooking up some yummy treats, reservations required, one seating only, \$25.00 a plate!
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Be there or be bloody bored somewhere else!





Wildlife...Did you know

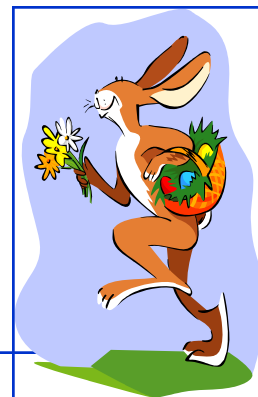
Arrowhead's own Easter Bunny—

The **Snowshoe Hare** (*Lepus americanus*), also called the **Varying Hare**, is a species of **hare** found in **North America**. It has the name "snowshoe" because of the large size of its hind feet and the marks its tail leaves. The animal's feet prevent it from sinking into the snow when it hops and walks.

For **camouflage**, its fur turns white during the winter and rusty brown during the summer. Its flanks are white year-round. The Snowshoe Hare is also distinguishable by the black tufts of fur on the edge of its ears. Its ears are shorter than those of most other **hares**.

In summer, it feeds on rodents such as mice and plants such as, grass, ferns and leaves; in winter, it eats twigs, the bark from trees, and buds from flowers and plants and, along with the **Arc-tic Hare**, has been known to steal meat from baited traps. It is sometimes seen feeding in small groups. This animal is mainly active at night and does not **hibernate**.

The Snowshoe Hare may have up to four litters in a year which average 3 to 8 young. Males compete for females and females may breed with several males. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/snowshoe_hare



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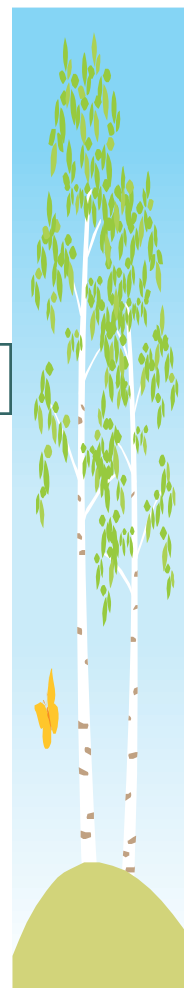
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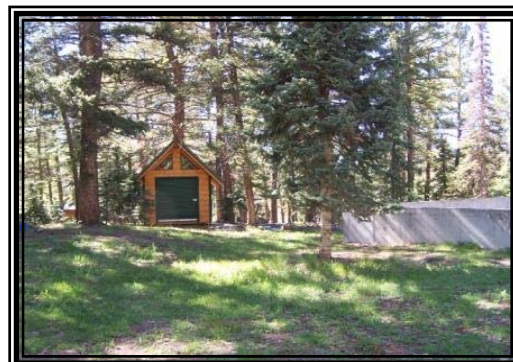
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Featured Lot



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Lot Owner Tip of the Month From Arrowhead Ranch Real Estate

Getting Your Lot Ready For Sale

In July of 2007 the AIA board amended the regulations regarding trees and lot clean up. This section of the regulations now state: "A purchaser of a lot without a structure must remove conifer undergrowth, low conifer limbs, standing dead trees, and down dead trees within two years of purchase. (effective May 1, 2008)". Buyers are looking for lots where this work has already been done. Consider having your lot cleaned up before you sell!

Has your driveway been approved by design review and do you have the paperwork confirming the approval? If not contact Design Review to get approval and/or a copy of the approval form.

Does your lot still have a center pin locating the center of your lot? If not you'll want to have your lot surveyed and a new center pin installed.



2009 Winter Games Best Chili Winner

Directions:

From Richard Ostrom

Ingredients:

2 1/2 lb. lean chuck, ground
1 lb. lean pork, ground
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 cup finely chopped onion
8 oz. hunt's tomato sauce
1 cup water
1 can beer (12 oz.)
3 Tablespoons chili powder
2 Tablespoons instant beef bouillon (or 6 cubes)
2 Tablespoons cumin, ground
2 teaspoons paprika
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1/2 teaspoon Louisiana hot sauce
1 teaspoon cornmeal
1 teaspoon flour
1 teaspoon warm water



1. In a large saucepan brown 1 1/4 pounds of the ground meat (the beef and the pork), drain the fat.
2. Remove meat (the beef and the pork). Brown the rest of the ground meat, drain all but 2 tablespoons of the fat.
3. Add the garlic and onion, cook and stir until tender.
4. Add the other half of the meat and the tomato sauce, water, beer, chili powder, bouillon, cumin, paprika, oregano, sugar, coriander, cocoa, and hot sauce. Mix well.
5. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 2 hours.
6. In a small bowl, stir together the cornmeal and flour, then add the warm water and mix well.
7. Stir into chili and cook, covered, for an additional 20 minutes.

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