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April 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER   Bob Hernandez**

It is spring on the Mountain, but don't tell Mother Nature that! We've had some significant snow over the past 7 days scattered with warmer spring days in between. The filing roads are still in good shape with some earthen spots showing up here and there. The Snowmobile Club is still grooming trails up country and the snowmobiling continues. I thought last weekend would be our final ride, but I'll probably be saying that again this weekend after we get the predicted 10- 20 inches at the higher elevations.

The Arrowhead Snowmobile Club had its last ride on 12 March and it was good to see the many happy faces at the campfire enjoying roasting their brats. The weather was perfect for all three rides this year!

I hope you have seen the letter and information on fire mitigation in your quarterly dues billing. If you have any questions or concerns about the next phase of mitigating our common land and the requirement to involve the private lots in the same areas, please let me know. I want to thank Bob Rosenbaum for the continuing hard work to protect our forest. Additionally, the newly compiled "2010 Forest Health Insect & Disease Report" is posted on the web site and is very informative. I suggest everyone read it and use the information to protect the trees on your lots and the surrounding common land. If we all work together we have a chance of helping preserve our beautiful forestland.

In the very near future you will see communications via several means (including this issue of Smoke Signals and our webpage) in reference to the draft proposed modifications to the AIA Covenants. The modifications are not a change in content or purpose. They are primarily changes in formatting, updates in wording, and deletion of content that is no longer applicable. These changes will make the covenants more easily understood and stronger for enforcement purposes. It is our attempt to bring the covenants up-to-date with current procedures and to make them easier to use and understand. I want to thank Rich Ostrom, Don Koeltzow and their committee who have worked on these modifications. Rich and Don led the committee over the past two years in making these recommended changes. Since the approval by more than 60% of owners is needed for these changes, the intent was not to include any changes that would be considered controversial and might prevent the needed cosmetic changes. The most important point I can make, however, is that we need every property owner to be involved in the voting for approval of these changes. During the period that the draft is posted you will have the opportunity to become familiar with the proposed changes and to comment and make recommendations before the draft is finalized and it goes out for official voting.

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER   continued**

Everyone's participation will be required. Please take the time to review the draft now and vote later in the year when the official ballot is sent to you.

As activity in Arrowhead increases over the spring and into summer, it is a great time of the year to review the covenants and regulations to insure that you are aware of the contents and don't inadvertently find yourself in violation. They are available for review on the AIA website. It is everyone's responsibility to be familiar with and abide by the Arrowhead Covenants and Regulations as we agreed when we purchased our property in Arrowhead. Common items that are forgotten are the requirements for Design Review Committee approval for many aspects of construction, remodeling, and driveway plans. Another frequent violation is improper operation of off trail vehicles on common land and off of the filing roads. Also, don't forget that if you bought property since 2008 you are required to finish your fire protection defensible space plan and the fire mitigation on your lot.

Our community is an outstanding place to live because of residents' dedication to community service and volunteerism. We recognize this dedicated spirit each year with the John Krall award. Nominations for John Krall award are due on June 30, 2011. Please see the website for the nomination form and send these to me. The nomination forms received for individuals over the past two years will be considered for this year as well. The significance of the award depends on you spending time making the appropriate nominations to recognize our community volunteers. I encourage everyone to take the time do so.

There are many chances for you to volunteer. This summer we will have several community clean up Saturdays as well as opportunities to work with Bob Rosenbaum clearing downed trees that are breeding places for the beetles that have already destroyed many Colorado forests. We will also be placing beetle traps and repellent throughout the community. Another opportunity for you to make a difference in our community is on the AIA Board. Board positions currently held by Paul McDermott and Donald Koeltzow will be open for elections held in 2011, with persons filling these positions taking office in January 2012. The Board is filled with volunteers. The deadline for receiving letters of intent will be July 31, 2011. Letters of intent should be sent to AIA Secretary, Donald Koeltzow.

I'll end this with a wish that everyone has a great spring and summer and enjoys their time at Arrowhead.

*Bob Hernandez*

# Fire Department News

## Fire Chief's Letter Brent Mims

Spring is upon us and the AVFD is wrapping up our winter operations. The winter Fireman's Games and Chili Cook-off was a great success. The AVFD demonstrated a scenario for the community of an unconscious person located on the Fire House roof. AVFD personnel provided a thorough response while narrating the actions to the onlookers. This scenario involved all aspects of the department and showcased skills that had been developed during trainings. Logistics personnel provided communications and documentation, firefighters provided a high-angle rigging and rope lower and medical personnel provided the medical assessments and treatment. Credit should be given to all of our department staff for their dedication, knowledge and skills, and teamwork.

We have been spending a lot of effort upgrading both our medical skills and equipment. Our group of certified first responders are receiving new medical packs to be better prepared to provide medical assistance. This summer we are looking to increase the medical knowledge in the neighborhood by offering two medical courses. The first course is an intensive 10-day Wilderness First Responder (same course as was held this past January) which is scheduled for 7/11 - 7/17/2011. The other course will be a 2-day Wilderness First Aid class which is scheduled for 7/19 & 7/20/2011. I encourage all interested community members to email me to express your interest and request an application. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of existing first responders. There are class size limits, so you will be notified of whether your application is successful.

In addition to medical training, the firefighters and logistics personnel have been busy learning new skills and demonstrating their knowledge in trainings and all department scenarios. Firefighter training is held the second Tuesday of the month. Medical trainings are held the third Tuesday of the month. All department scenarios take place the fourth Tuesday of the month. All AVFD meetings, events, and trainings are posted on the AIA calendar website and at the Fire House. I welcome all community members to join us.

As a reminder to residents, especially those returning to the neighborhood, test all smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. I look forward to a safe and enjoyable summer season!

Brent Mims  
AVFD Chief  
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# Board News

The AIA Board wishes to inform all Arrowhead property owners that a draft of the proposed **Amendment of the Declaration of Protective Covenants for Arrowhead** has been placed on the AIA website [www.arrowhead1.org](http://www.arrowhead1.org) for your review along with a cover sheet that provides an explanation of the proposed changes. The Board is asking that all Arrowhead property owners review this draft and submit any comments or questions to Don Koeltzow (email = [dkandkk@fone.net](mailto:dkandkk@fone.net) address = 503 Crest Drive, Cimarron, Co 81220; or telephone = 907-862-8243). Our goal is to try to deal with any issues prior to having property owners vote on this document. After a comment period of approximately 60 days (i.e. after June 15<sup>th</sup>), the edited document will be given to the election committee which will mail out the ballots for the actual vote for approval. Approval of the edited amendment requires an affirmative vote of more than 60% of the property owners at Arrowhead so it is very important that as many people as possible participate in this process.



## Community News

**Security Manager by Reinie Masanetz**

**Opening of the Filing Roads:** Each year around this time, Security starts receiving a lot of inquiries as to when the roads will open... We do not have a specific date at this time. It is up to “Mother Nature” to dictate the date. There may still be several spring snow storms ahead during the month of April. Our road department will make the determination to open the road based on upcoming weather conditions. When we have a scheduled date, it will be posted on the message board at [www.arrowhead1.org](http://www.arrowhead1.org). When the time does come for the road crew to open your driveways, please help them by clearing all trail markers, stakes and snowmobiles from your driveways.

**Snow markers:** Now that the snow is melting, it is likely that the markers will fall over. Security may pull the markers in early, to avoid them from getting damaged by snowmobiles, UTV's or the groomer.

**Winter Parking Lot:** The Alpine Road will probably be dried up by the time you read this Smoke Signal entry, followed by the winter parking lot also. Property owners will most likely park their snowmobiles at the north end of the parking lot. Please leave ample room at the north exit, to allow the snow groomer to pass through if needed.

**Notice:** This is a reminder that the winter parking lot will be closed to all vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles and UTV's by **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. (Per our Gunnison County Conditional Use Permit). If you are planning to leave the mountain prior to that date and do not plan to return to Arrowhead until after May 31st, you need to make other arrangements to remove your vehicles by then. Any vehicles left after that date in the winter parking lot or on the west berm, will be impounded and you will be charged a \$100 fee to release your vehicle. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions at 862-8362 or send me an e-mail at [reinie@fone.net](mailto:reinie@fone.net).

# Community News

## Design Review by Joyce Boulter

There are four houses that are scheduled for construction this summer with two houses undergoing remodels. This is the most activity we have had in several years.

This summer, design review members, the Arrowhead Forest Manager and the fire department will be out surveying Arrowhead lots. We will be looking at defensible space near structures and mitigation of lots. More information about this will be sent out soon.

All new home owners since May 2008 should have a defensible space plan completed the first year of ownership while new lot owners since May 2008 have 2 years to mitigate their lots. Up until now, we have been working on the honor system. But this year we are going to begin to keep lot inspection records and notify property owners of their responsibility to clean their lots and provide defensible space for their structures. I would like to thank all the owners that already have been working to clean up their lots. We want to maintain our mountain beauty while being safe and responsible.

Joyce Boulter, Design Review Manager

## Arrowhead Fire Protection District By Ron Benson

At the March District meeting, the Board voted to purchase liability/auto/property insurance from a new provider, Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc (VFIS). VFIS insures primarily fire departments and emergency service providers throughout the country and is also the provider of Workman's Comp insurance to AFD as well. When our summer firefighters and first responders return, we'll get Jeff Cunningham of VFIS to come to Arrowhead and explain the coverage to all personnel.

A request for proposal (RFP) is being sent to 3 bidders for a plan to upgrade our communications network. After we get their proposals, we'll decide if the cost/benefit is sufficient to spend the \$4,000 we have in the budget for this project.

Other projects for 2011 are to develop and approve Bylaws for the District, complete the purchase of our emergency equipment, and implement a personnel proficiency program.

Our next scheduled meeting is June 17, 2011 at 1 PM at the Arrowhead firehouse. The meeting is open to the public.

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# Community News

## Arrowhead Forest Manager's Report By Bob Rosenbaum

Spring officially arrived last month and, despite occasional snowstorms, it won't be long before Arrowhead weather will match the calendar. Which means it will be time to deal with wildfire fuel reduction and overall forest health.

The insert that accompanied the last homeowners dues invoice and AIA President Bob Hernandez's letter regarding wildfire fuel mitigation set forth the defensible space standards for lots with structures or developed RV sites as well as the standards for mitigating undeveloped lots. The insert also describes the biggest threats to our forest we currently face: a serious infestation of Douglas fir bark beetles and the predicted arrival of Engelmann spruce bark beetles. Doug firs and Engelmanns are Arrowhead's highest value trees and to lose them would be devastating both aesthetically and economically.

This summer, we will be combating bark beetles in two ways:

1. In May, we will put out MCH packs on Doug firs in selected areas. MCH packs, in essence, tell the beetles to go somewhere else. At the same time, we will set six traps that say *Come here*, thereby creating a "push me, pull you effect" that will keep the bugs from attacking healthy trees. We will also set one spruce bark beetle trap in order to find out if they have already reached us.

2. Throughout the summer, we will be dropping, bucking, and covering with plastic newly infested trees to prevent the beetles from spreading.

The insert describes signs that indicate possible beetle attacks. It also describes how fresh blowovers serve as hosts for the build up of large bark beetle colonies. Everyone can help fight bark beetles by reporting blowovers or potentially infested tree either to Bill Conway (862-8228) or Bob Rosenbaum (862-8241).

To learn more about the state of the Arrowhead forest please read the 2010 Forest Health Insect and Disease Report prepared by the Colorado State Forest Service. It is posted on the Arrowhead website.

If you've already tossed the insert about fuel reduction and forest health, don't worry. The AVFD is printing copies in the form of an attractive four-color brochure. Soon, every home at Arrowhead will have at least one.

Bob Rosenbaum  
Arrowhead Forest Manager

# Community News

## Hazel Lake Aeration Project Report By Linda Dysart

In January 2011, the AIA Board approved the project of providing aeration to Hazel Lake. This will add oxygenation and water circulation, resulting in a more beautiful and healthy lake along with enhancing the recreational value of Arrowhead.

The Aeration Committee volunteers have been working to select equipment and make plans to implement this project. The aeration equipment has now been ordered and will be delivered in late May. The electrical work will begin as soon as the ground conditions allow.

More details on this project can be found on the AIA web site.



### *The Inn at Arrowhead*

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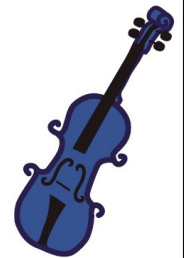
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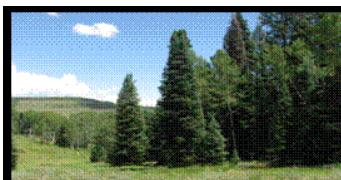


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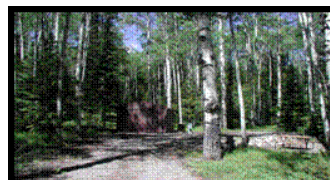
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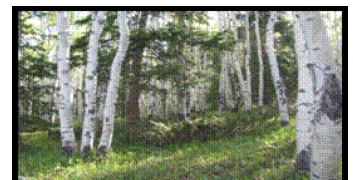
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Has your driveway been approved by design review and do you have the paperwork confirming the approval? If not contact Design Review to get approval and/or a copy of the approval form.

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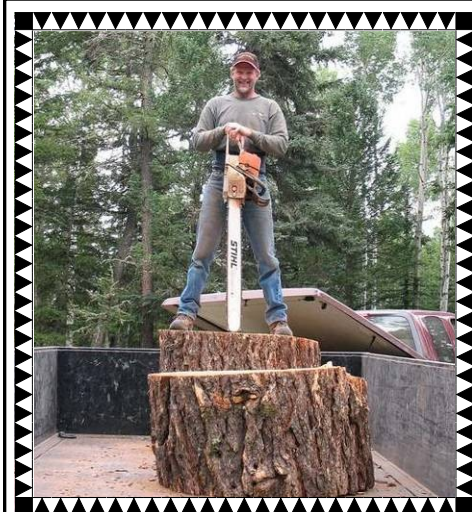


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### **2011 Arrowhead Book Club Schedule**

The Arrowhead Book Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 11:30 at the Inn for lunch and book discussion. We'd love to have you join us!

- June 10—** Wish You Well by David Baldacci; presented by Linda Dysart
- July 08—** The Suspect by John Lescroart; presented by Gayle Huddleston
- August 12-** Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne; presented by Linda Bumgarner
- September 09—** The Three Miss Margarets by Louise Shaffer; presented by Sally Burrichter
- October 14—** My Life in France by Julia Child; presented by Kathy Leary
- November 11—** How Evan Broke His Head and Other Secrets by Garth Stein

Call Linda Dysart, 862-8287, for more information or to be put on the email list.

### **Get to Know your AIA Board Members—Join us for a Board Meeting this Year**

Scheduled Meetings are held at the Inn at 2:00pm

**May 21, 2011**

**June 18, 2011**

**July 16, 2011 - ANNUAL MEETING**

with new owners' reception after the regular Board meeting

**August 20, 2011**

**September 17, 2011**

**October 15—WINTER OWNERS MEETING**

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# BE BEAR AWARE THIS SPRING

Black bears have lived in the foothills and forests of Colorado since long before the pioneers arrived. Today 8,000 to 12,000 black bears are trying to share space with an ever-growing human population. With many more people living and playing in bear country, human-bear encounters are on the rise

## Colorado Bears Have People Problems

Every year, bears attracted to human food sources damage property, vehicles and even homes. Bears don't know they're doing anything wrong. They're just following their super-sensitive noses to the most calories they can find.

Bears that find food around homes, campgrounds and communities often lose their natural wariness of people. Even though black bears are not naturally aggressive and seldom attack or injure people, they are still strong, powerful animals. A bear intent on getting a meal could injure someone who gets in its way. Every year bears that have become too comfort-able around people have to be destroyed



## Black Bears at a Glance

Bears are intelligent, resourceful and amazing animals.

Black is a species, not a color. In Colorado many black bears are blonde, cinnamon or brown.

Over 90% of a bear's natural diet is grasses, berries, fruits, nuts and plants. The rest is primarily insects and scavenged carcasses.

Black bears are naturally shy, and very wary of people and other unfamiliar things. Their normal response to any perceived danger is to run away.

In Colorado, most bears are active from mid-March through early November. When food sources dwindle they head for winter dens.

With a nose that's 100 times more sensitive than ours, a bear can literally smell food five miles away.

Bears are very smart, and have great memories—once they find food, they come back for more.

**During late summer and early fall bears need 20,000 calories a day** to gain enough weight to survive the winter without eating or drinking.

Bears are not naturally nocturnal, but sometimes travel at night in hopes of avoiding humans.

## Help Keep Wild Bears Wild

Get in the habit of being bear-responsible. It's like recycling — at first it's a little extra effort, but soon it becomes a better way to live. And you can be proud you're helping to make Colorado a better place for people and bears.

Don't feed bears, and don't put out food for other wildlife that attracts bears.

Be responsible about trash and bird feeders.

Burn food off barbeque grills and clean after each use.

Keep all bear-accessible windows and doors closed and locked, including home, garage and vehicle doors.

Don't leave food, trash, coolers, air fresheners or anything that smells in your vehicle.

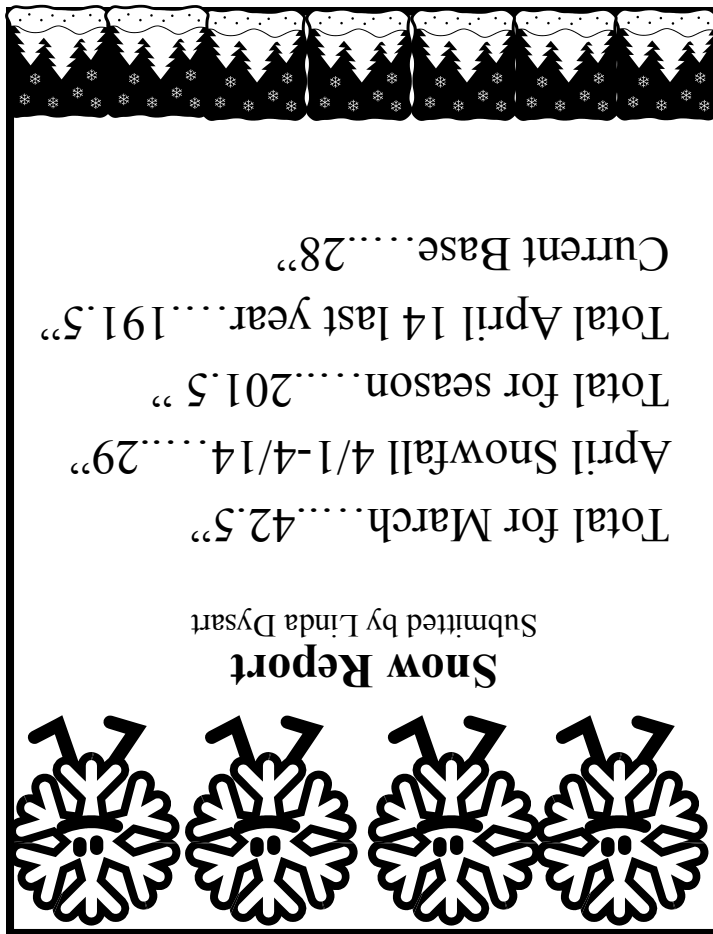
Don't pick fruit before it ripens, and clean up fallen fruit.

Talk to your neighbors about doing their part to be bear-responsible.

## If You See a Bear

If a bear comes near your home, do your best to chase it away. Yell, blow a whistle, clap your hands, and make other loud noises. But ***never approach or corner a bear.***

For more info on living with bears please see the DOW's Living with Bears at <http://wildlife.state.co.us>



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