

For What It's Worth

Janice Nelson, Editor



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Editor's Comment

I heard that there were about sixty “lovebirds” who braved the chilly Valentine’s Day evening and attended the Dinner & Dance held by Seasons Restaurant. The few people I spoke with said they had a wonderful time! The weather promises to warm up this weekend so most of the white stuff should melt away quickly. Now I don’t want to alarm anyone, and what I read online could all just be hyperbole, BUT there’s a possibility of a (to quote Mr. Trump) “HUGE” storm in the making for the end of next week! I personally don’t think it will happen, but you never know! Talking about storms, this being my first winter here at Alpine, I am truly impressed with the road crew and how quickly they plow and keep roads opened. Thank you, Chester and crew! I hope everyone enjoys the temporary balmy weather, which by the way, will help those brave souls participating in the Deep Creek Lake Plunge this Saturday! See you around the community!

The next FWIW will be issued on *Friday, March 4th*. Please email all articles to me, *Janice Nelson*, at mamaj11@yahoo.com, or use the FWIW box on the lobby counter. Please keep your articles brief so we can fit all the news in each issue. Remember that folks outside Alpine can read FWIW. Thanks for your cooperation and participation. Enjoy!

“Winter is time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

- Edith Sitwell

TIMELY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES - Sheila Amato

James Stemple, our local farmer, will be delivering brown (usually jumbo) eggs to the Rhododendron Room on **Wednesday, 24th & March 9th**. You need to pick up your order between 11-11:15am. The cost is \$3 per dozen. You can respond via email (brltrans@frontier.com) or phone (305-789-5555) to place your order. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday night.

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND THANK YOU MESSAGES

This section of FWIW is one of the best loved because it gives us an opportunity to keep up with our neighbors and friends by reporting good news as well as offering support when folks are going through difficult times. Thank you for passing along updates and news, with permission

Pat Kerr’s mother, Betty Kerr, passed away on Wednesday, February 10th. Our deepest sympathies go out to Pat and Denise Kerr at this time.

“I want to thank everyone that asked my husband, Chuck Dvar, about my surgery and recovery. I’m doing fine. And thank the ones that sent me “get well” cards. I really appreciated them so much. I just want to say Alpine Lake is a great place to be. Thank you all.”

Kathy Dvar

We know there are others in our community who are dealing with various challenges, and we extend heartfelt prayers, thoughts and good wishes to all of them. Alpine is a caring community and the support is unending. Remember, life is easier when we multiply the joy and divide the grief. Blessings to all.



SEASONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

Mystery Dinner (rescheduled to March - date to be determined)

“Till Death Do Us Part” -- still working on the details



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...

SHUFFLEBOARD by Bob Bayer

On 2/4 we got back up to 20 participants. Lisa & Curt keep showing up with us old folks (must not have any friends their own age, or they just love trying to beat up on us old farts). Commish stuck with everyday wife... again (where's Charlotte when I need her?). Hanger club tonight includes Sam and John. Kathy had a 6 point turn to start, compliments of a bump by Gary, and Kay bumps herself (that just doesn't sound right) to a win. Ginger got help (I forget who bumped her) for a win. Results to follow.

On 2/11 we had a smaller crowd with 7 teams finally getting to play a game to 11 points. Kay pulled double duty playing with everyday husband and also partnering with Marilyn. That worked fine until near the end when she was matched against herself! Luckily, Norleen showed up and filled in for one of the Kays. And Commish gets busted in the smoking room! On to the action: Tony had a total of 9 points on 2 turns in the first game. Lisa had 6 points with a hanger to beat the "reeling" Tuckers' who did all they could not to win! John threw the only other hanger of the night. "Coffin Corner" Barry managed to work the corners well until Curt finally knocked one off. Bob got 6 points with help from Sheila. And Kay showed her former partner no mercy with a "skunking." Championship games were exciting with John throwing 7 on one turn only to lose when Bob throws a 5 pointer.

Results are in:

Feb.4th 1st place: Pat and John Laing (had to win 2)

2nd place: Kay and Bob Bayer (had to lose 2)

3rd place: Sheila and Tony (2nd week in a row)

Feb.11th 1st place: Kay and Bob (returned the favor)

2nd place: Pat and John Laing (wore them down)

3rd place: Marilyn and Kay (Kay sets modern day record for games played/wins)

All are welcome to join us Thursday evenings at 6pm in the Seasons Lounge. Come early for dinner and to sign up. I guarantee it will be the best time you'll have on a shuffleboard table. "Be there or be square!"

OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE

Two blood mobiles are set so far for this year: March 24th and May 26th. Both are noon to 5:30pm at the Ambulance Hall.

TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations whenever you can to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience. Please continue to be generous in your giving.

CELEBRATIONS

A very Happy March birthday to the following:

Peggy Byrne celebrates her special birthday on March 1st. **Sam Berry** has a birthday on March 20th.

And Happy Anniversary to **Dave & Grace Crane** on March 24th. Congratulations to all!

COMMUNITY CHAT -- by Rich Nelson, Webmaster

Have you checked out and participated in our "Community Chat?" It's the best place to get information, to clarify rumors and to get tips. Several POs have posted questions about vendors, heating options and internet connectivity...other POs have shared their knowledge and experiences. As Tom Kinsey, a Board member and monitor of the chat, states in the main forum section:

"You as a property owner are encouraged to use this chat area to ask questions and voice concerns. While you are obviously free to use more public venues to make those comments, we as a Board are hopeful that your first thought will be to engage in web conversations here. We all in one way or another live our dream at Alpine. Please share those dreams and experiences. . . ."

A couple of interesting Community Chat statistics to date:

- We have created 169 unique topics (with 37 of them currently active).
- The 169 unique topics have elicited a total of 593 response threads.

If you haven't experienced Community Chat yet, please try the following steps:

1. Click on "Property Owner Login" located in the upper right on the Alpine Lake website home page (www.alpinelake.com)
2. This will take you to the "Member Login" page. Please enter your main lot number and the password assigned to you by Linette Sines. (If you do not remember ever receiving one, click on "Forgot login?" or call 304.789.2481 ext. 152 or 149 or email linettesines@alpinelake.com or johncorbin@alpinelake.com.)
3. Now click on "Login" and you'll find "Community Chat" (among many other confidential property owner folders) on either the standard or visual menu.
4. You'll then find the major topics listed with the number of any unread posts shown above each topic.
5. Click on the major topic you're interested in or, to catch up, click on the "Recent Topics" tab (upper left) to see what is currently top of mind at Alpine Lake.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Contact me at webmaster@alpinelake.com.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – by *Charlotte Wiles*

FINAL NOTICE: The 2016 calendars are available at the front desk of the Lodge. Also, we will be updating and printing a new Alpine Lake telephone directory for 2016/2017 to be distributed at the annual board meeting in June. All additions, corrections and deletions must be submitted to Nina Sheets or me by the first week in June. Thank you.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – by *Boris Nazaroff*

2016 Board of Directors Positions

Two (2) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election in June, 2016. Any interested Alpine Lake property owner in good standing is eligible to run for one of these positions. Each position entails a term of three (3) years. All interested candidates are encouraged to contact me in any of three ways:

1. Via Mail:

Boris Nazaroff, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee,
700 West Alpine Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764

2. Via Telephone: 571.926.6388

3. Via E-Mail: bnazaroff@gmail.com

Please remember that the deadline for submission of your intention to be an ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please feel free to contact me as indicated above.

(Good Standing means ((a)) association dues are up-to-date and ((b)) have not been declared to be in violation of restrictive covenants of ALPOA.)

“Laughter is sunshine, it chases winter from the human face.”

- Victor Hugo



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines – *Interim General Manager*

I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Tom Hawkins**, our Golf Director for the 2016 Golf season. Many of you may know Tom, since he has been a property owner at Alpine since 1971. Tom is a part time resident, owning a home at SW116 on Rhododendron Drive.

Tom, now retired, was a music educator for 34 years. He served as a golf coach and tournament rules official for the WPIAL and PIAA. He is also a past Golf Director of Alpine Lake Resort, as well as a past member of the ALPOA Board of Directors. He has also volunteered his time as both a Golf Course Marshall and Starter here at Alpine.

"Thank you for giving me an opportunity to work for Alpine Lake Resort again as the Director of Golf. My goal for the golf course for this coming season is to assemble a Player Assistance Staff trained to serve the golfers at Alpine Lake Resort," states Hawkins. "I will work together, with the Player Assistance Staff, to achieve an improved sense of professionalism and a spirit of pride in the total golf operations Alpine Lake Resort. The Staff of Player Assistance personnel and I want to make it a place where all players, golf members and public players both, feel comfortable and are proud to say they played at Alpine Lake Resort. This golf course belongs to the property owners and, whether you play golf or not, along with the Player Assistance Staff, we want to make their golf course one that the property owners can be proud of."

I worked with Tom at Alpine for several years back in the '90's, and am excited to work with him again this summer. Welcome aboard, Tom!

I am also very pleased to welcome another new key staff member to our Alpine Lake family!

John Corbin is our new Marketing Coordinator. John, a native of Garrett County, Maryland, is an experienced tourism marketing professional and an avid hiker. He has managed the largest vacation rental and resort brands in Garrett County, while striving to develop new methods of digital and traditional marketing concepts for use in drive-to markets. As an outdoor enthusiast, John spends much of his free time walking the trails at Swallow Falls, sipping coffee at TipTop in Thomas, and planning his future triple-crown hikes across some of America's most beautiful terrains.

A graduate of Frostburg State, John attained his BS science degree in Business Administration, with a Marketing concentration, while continuing to pursue additional degrees in Marketing Communications studies. Additionally, as a brother of Alpha Phi Omega, John is always interested in participating in volunteer opportunities for community outreach and environmental revitalization projects.

“As John Muir said, ‘In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.’ Alpine Lake is a gorgeous hidden gem in the hills of West Virginia. It is an exciting venture to further expand awareness and inspire others to experience the beauty and tranquility of this thriving oasis," explains Corbin.

I look forward to working with John and am excited for the talents he will bring to Alpine Lake!

I am also pleased to announce the hiring of our new Recreation Coordinator. **Darryl Simpkins** will begin this position on March 7th.

Darryl was born and raised in the suburbs of Baltimore and graduated from Calvert Hall College High School. While there he excelled in the seasonal sports programs. As a member of the golf team, he helped teammates with lessons and played on the number two seat to help Calvert Hall win three MSA Championships. During these years, he also worked in the bag room and helped with the cart fleet management at Hillendale Country Club. He enjoyed summers as a caddie at Caves Valley Country Club while taking business/marketing and health/fitness courses at Essex Community College.

While living in Deep Creek Lake, Darryl worked with his father at CHIPS Network, a group purchasing company. During this time he also worked three seasons at the Wisp in tournament operations, shop assistant, and cart fleet management. He continued his education at Allegany College and earned a degree in Business and Professional Golf Management. He also learned the appropriate book work of Level I PGA. He was a member of the golf team and was enthusiastic in helping with lessons. Darryl played on the team which led them to the National Championship.

He is also certified as a personal trainer and nutritionist and has extensive knowledge and experience in outdoor adventure. His love of aquatic sports lead him to obtain his boating license. "I am excited to bring my mind, body, and spirit approach to health and recreation to the Alpine community," comments Darryl. Darryl will also be one of our staff members that will become a certified pool operator.

As Interim General Manager, I look forward to working with Darryl in creating and promoting all of the recreational opportunities here at Alpine Lake.

SECURITY by *Fuzzy Corum*- Director of Security

Homeowners should remember when it's snowing not to park their vehicles along the roads as this causes problems with the snowplows. No vehicle except a duly licensed vehicle shall be operated on any street and no such vehicle shall be operated except by a duly licensed operator. Unlicensed motor scooters, mopeds, three/four wheelers, motorized skate boards, snowmobiles, golf carts, or any unlicensed motorized conveyance may not be driven on Alpine Lake roads

ALPUC NEWS by *Kim Mayne, ALPUC General Manager, 304.789.6996*

According to the recent weather, it appears that winter finally has caught up to us. With these periods of bitter cold and warming up, please make sure that you (or someone checking your home) ensures there are no freezing and bursting of lines. We cannot stress enough the importance of winterizing your home and, if you're a snowbird, having someone check your home in your absence.

The 2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report will be included with your February billing statement. We are pleased to report that Alpine Lake Public Utilities Company (ALPUC) met all Federal and State water standards for the reporting year 2015.

ALPOA BOARD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – by *Ginger Tucker, President*

Old man winter continues his grip on Alpine Lake and the surrounding counties. February came in as usual with Mother Nature spreading ice and snow but that hasn't prevented any activities from taking place, including the Super Bowl Buffet where the Denver Broncos showed the Carolina Panthers the door, the Valentines Dinner/Dance with -2 degree temperatures outside or the excellent movie night at the boathouse with good food, good movie and good friends. We continue to "live our dreams".

The Board approved Carl Donald as the new golf chairperson so please contact Carl if you would like to serve on the golf committee. We hope that Carl and Tom Hawkins, our golf pro for the coming year, will institute or revive some golf incentives this year. We will also be welcoming a Recreation Coordinator, Darryl Simpkins, who will be working with Tom on golf activities. While still on the golf topic, Beverly Serpone, with Debbie Palank and Mike Kubina assisting, will be preparing a recommendation for the Board on how to proceed on miniature golf.

Board members and the Lake Management Chairperson will be meeting with the WVDEP regarding the dam and timeline schedule on Wednesday, February 24th to discuss a viable way forward given the expense associated with the spillway diversion.

We will also be hosting Atlantic Broadband during the February 27th Workshop for a presentation about their offer to provide fiber optic capabilities within Alpine Lake.

The Board is resurrecting the Registry of Expertise. We have received a couple of registrants so far but know that there are many more in the community with expertise in different fields. We would like to be able to call upon these "experts" when deliberating on topics that affect our community. Please fill in the form attached to the back of this issue of FWIW and submit either via email or deposit at the front desk at the Lodge. We appreciate your assistance!

So our upcoming meetings at this point are 27th February at 10am in the Rhododendron Room, March 12th Workshop, March 19th POA Meeting, April 9th Workshop, April 16th POA Meeting, May 14th Workshop, and May 21st POA Meeting. That takes us up to the Annual Meeting in June.

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRONT DESK

Mondays – Saturdays: 8am-4pm

Sundays: 8am-3pm

SEASONS DINING ROOM – CLOSED

SEASONS LOUNGE –

Mondays – Fridays: 4pm – 9pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12pm-9pm

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 6am – 10pm

PRO SHOP – CLOSED

Note: Our Alpine Lake website is: www.alpinelake.com Call (800) 752-7179 or (304) 789-2481



FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Readers”

Editor’s Note: Ads will run in 4 issues, and then be deleted, unless new ones are resubmitted. This will be accomplished by inserting the date the ad was first run, with new ads at the top of the listing.

Remember to notify me if your item is no longer available, too. Thank you.

Tax Services: Dorinda Kisner, CPA, and staff providing professional services for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Tax planning, compliance, estimated payments, consulting and accounting services locally in Terra Alta. Contact us at 304-789-6082 or email at questions@kisnercpa.com

Pet Sitting & House Checks. Call Kay Bayer 304-789-2111

DATES TO REMEMBER (*A handy summary of dates to put on your calendar now*)

Please note that the following events occur **weekly** on the day and time noted:

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9am -10am – FUN-FIT Aerobics Classes, Lodge, Allegheny Room

Mondays 10am - 3pm – Sew Together, Rhododendron Room, Lodge

Wednesdays 10am – Needlework Club - Rhododendron Room, Lunch Follows
6 -7 pm - Jammers – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)

7pm – Property Owners Game Night, Boathouse

Thursdays 10am - Noon – Braille Workshop – Rhododendron Room

6pm - Close – Shuffleboard – Seasons Lounge

Note: Dump Open: Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Sats. 7am-4pm

T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Weds/Thurs 8am –4pm, and Sats. 8am ‘til Noon

Also – monthly events:

2nd Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – Kingwood VFD Breakfast

3rd Saturday of each month – 9am – ALPUC Board Meeting (meets March, June’s annual mtg.,

Sept., Nov.)

10am – ALPOA Workshop Board Meeting (see note below)

ALPOA WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 27th @ 10am

Also, March 12 Workshop, March 19 POA Meeting, April 9 Workshop, April 16 POA Meeting,
May 14 Workshop, May 21 POA Meeting, all @ 10am

**Please continue to email Board Members w/questions, suggestions (addresses are on website)
OR use Comment Box in Lobby**

COMING EVENTS (Please put on your calendar now – don’t miss a thing – watch for details):

Fri. March 4th – Noon – Next FWIW published; submit articles no later than Wednesday, March 2nd

Registry of Expertise
Attn: Board of Directors ALPOA
700 W. Alpine Drive Terra Alta, WV 26764

U.S. Mail, deposit at the Lodge front desk or email to gingertucker@alpinelake.com

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Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Skill or Area of Specialty, such as electrician, computer scientist, construction manager, landscape architect, banker, analyst, teacher, seamstress, doctor/nurse, biologist, lawyer, etc.
