

# \*\*\*For What It's Worth\*\*\*

Janice Nelson, Editor



January 22, 2016

## Editor's Comment

A few issues back I was wondering what all the hype was regarding the volume of snow Alpine Lake historically receives. Well, I guess I am going to find out this weekend, starting sometime today. Can't wait, can't wait! Everyone stay safe and warm. And please, don't drive, if not necessary! (I hope the electricity doesn't go out for too long, or at ALL!) On another matter, I will never, NEVER lose weight while living at Alpine! (Sue Thompson, if you are reading this, STOP here!) Movie Night at the Boathouse last Monday was wonderful, and I'm talking about the food, not the flick (which actually was excellent!). Thanks to Norleen Hoadley for organizing and Tom Kinsey for hosting and the Rocchi's for creating a most delicious northern Italian stew that just melted in your mouth! Many other scrumptious northern Italian meals were prepared by a multitude of PO's that it was, how do you say, DELIZIOSO!! On Tuesday, Ladies' Scrabble at Ginger Tucker's house, we enjoyed a virtual feast of wine, soups, bread and desserts! Can't forget the Juliet's luncheon at Ace's Run on Wednesday where over 20 ladies enjoyed a variety of delectable items from the menu! Then Thursday night Shuffleboard, where everyone gathers around 5pm at SEASONS Lounge to enjoy some good food and spirits! What can I say, it's just not easy! But it's so much fun! On another note, I want to apologize to all you fine people who celebrates a birthday in January. I inadvertently omitted the CELEBRATIONS section in the last issue where our special birthday/anniversary people should have been mentioned! So please look for it in this issue. Enjoy the snowy weekend and please stay safe!

**The next issue of FWIW will be issued on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at [mamaj11@yahoo.com](mailto: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!**

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*"I drive a lot in the summertime, but after that, I don't drive if there's snow predicted for anywhere in 500 miles."*

**- R.L. Stine**

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## **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, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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*

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Wishing a speedy recovery to Barbara Conway who recently fell and broke her ankle. She's at home mending with 5 screws and a plate inserted into her ankle by her surgeon. If you wish to visit Barbara, or have an opportunity to prepare a little repast, please contact Sue Thompson @ 304-789-8686.

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Wishing Kathy Dvar of 500 W. Alpine Drive a speedy recovery. She had right shoulder surgery for a torn rotator cuff on January 18th. Get better, Kathy!

*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.*

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*“What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?”*

**- John Steinbeck**

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## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...



### **SHUFFLEBOARD** by Bob Bayer

After nearly a year hiatus for me to pretend to be a college student, my shuffle buddies welcomed me back to boss them around the good ol' still unlevel board. It was good to see my "old" competitors as well as some new smiling faces. I for one, as I think most of us will miss the "dreaded" Youngs'. I always looked forward to our friendly competitiveness and back & forth banter. Their "dreaded" reputation is currently passed onto the Laings' for now. Another passing of the torch comes with the dreaded "Bernie shot." After years of perfecting putting pucks in the gutter, Mr. Stock has now somehow found a way to keep more on the board than off. (HGH you say?) Either way, after four stray gutter pucks on one turn...the infamous "Bernie shot" will now be known as the "Kinsey shot!" I do want to thank Dave Tucker, John Laing, Tom Kinsey, and anyone else that helped to keep this league rolling in my absence. Lots of good and bad shots to report the past two weeks, so here we go: 1/7: 6 pts for Mike Kubina, 6 for Charlotte in a win, 8 for Bob in a win, Jim Herndon 6 for a win, Charlotte with 5 for a win. Pat Laing gets 5 for a win. Rocchis' get to lose 3 times because of a Kerr forfeit! (Side note: Tuckers' go 2 and out when not keeping score... just saying!) Results to follow. OK, 1/14 was hanger night! Ginger scores 4 then 7 after knocking off John's hanger, Kathy Berry with a hanger and 7 for a win, Jim Rocchi (who is he anyway?) knocks off a Tony hanger for 3 and Sally follows with 3 to win, Birgit with a hanger to win, Janice knocks off 6, Bob and Charlotte get 6 apiece, and then Barb (where did these Herndons' come from anyway?) shoots a double hanger to win! It just got crazier after that. Ginger knocks her own 3 off...twice, Kay 5 to win, Kathy 7 to win, Mike Kubina knocks off 7 of Kays' points (along with a hanger) only to have Kay counter with two 4 point throws to win! Sam throws 7 on his first shot to win, Ginger throws a hanger in a losing effort, and Bernie...rather than throw one in the gutter, like he became famous for, went for it, and knocked John to 5 points to win. The "dreaded" Laings' then "choked" Sam and Kathy in 2 games.

The results are in:

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pat & John Laing (undefeated)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Barb & Jim Herndon (double hanger, really?)

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Charlotte & Bob (gotta love my Thurs nite wife!)

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pat & John Laing (Where's the Youngs when you need them?)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kathy & Sam Berry (had to lose to Laings twice!)

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Birgit & Bernie Stock (really? no "Bernie shots"?)

We have new management in the restaurant that want to welcome our Thursday Nite madness that I like to call the most "pucking" fun you can have on a shuffleboard table here at Alpine Lake Resort! Come out and enjoy our camaraderie as well as the hospitality from Liz and the new staff of Seasons'.

Thursdays 6pm, "Be there or be square!"



## SEASONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

### **January 30<sup>th</sup>:**

Paul Burger in the Lounge

### **Valentine's Day:**

Dinner from 5pm-8pm; DJ dance from 8pm- 11pm

No cover charge – part of the dinner

**Super Bowl Party** (February 7<sup>th</sup>) in the Lounge starting at 5pm till ??

\$14.95 *all you can eat* – Wings, chili, sloppy joes, hot dogs, nacho cheese and salsa and a veggie tray

We have the Super Bowl square going on \$10 a square with all \$\$\$ going back into the prize drawing.

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> Mystery Dinner**

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

## OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

### **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**

Here's wishing a very Happy Belated Birthday to the following special Alpinites:

**Trish Birch** celebrated her special day on January 4<sup>th</sup>. **Herman Mason** and **Mac Dobeck** celebrated their day on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Belated Birthday to **Donna Bowers** whose special day was the 9<sup>th</sup>. **Wayne Judy** celebrated a birthday on the 10<sup>th</sup>. And **Charlotte Wiles's** special day was on the 14<sup>th</sup>. **Joyce Wachter** and **Teddi Cox** shared a special day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, **Fred McNaboe** celebrated his day. Happy Belated Birthday to **Michael Maddox** whose birthday was on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope you all had a wonderful birthday and did something special!

When you see the following Alpinites, please wish them a Happy Birthday:

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> (today!), **Honesty Buczek** celebrates her birthday. **Judy Sutton** has a special day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January and **Peggy Rogers** celebrates her birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

A very Happy Birthday to all you fine people, belated or not!

**LOCAL KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IN NEED OF CLASSROOM SUPPLIES** *by Janice Nelson*

I want to thank all of those who donated items towards the Kindergarten teacher's classroom. She received a nice assortment of supplies and was most appreciative. Her students were thrilled to see all the books, crayons, pencils, etc., and you can be sure it will all be put to good use! Again, thank you for your generosity and support.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ECC COMMITTEE** – *by Dick Gallagher, Chair*

Solar Panels: Homeowners who wish to install solar panels should submit detailed plans to the ECC to obtain a permit. As a general guideline, panels that are incorporated into the house structure, such as placement on the roof, would probably be approved provided the color(s) associated with the installation are consistent with the existing house colors in the community. Stand-alone panels, those that would be detached from the house and placed on the lot, would not be approved. Please do not undertake the installation of panels without submitting detailed plans to the ECC and receiving a permit.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** – *by Sally Rocchi, Wilma Rumble*

We hope that all of you enjoyed the summer-like Christmas holidays with friends and family. We'd also like to thank all you for helping to "de-decorate" the Lodge after Christmas. The time went quickly, and thanks to Ron and many others, everything has been put away in its new room on the third floor. The last tree was been put away last week. Now we will sit back and watch the snow fall.

Our wishes for a quick recovery to Barb Conway, the ice you can't see is the biggest menace, be careful out there!

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – *by Charlotte Wiles*

This is to remind everyone that 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.

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*“A snow day is only bad news if you forgot to run  
to the liquor store.”*

**- Unknown**

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## **FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF**

### **Linette Sines – Interim General Manager**

We have several new owners to welcome to our community! John & Patricia Wells are the new part time residents at 12 Chestnut Court, Mark and Linda Deibert are the new part time residents at 145 Aster Circle, David & Jennifer Lohman are the new full time residents at 634 East Alpine Drive, Jason Dickson is the new full time resident at 182 Redwood Drive, and David & Lynn Phillips are the new full time residents at 118 Bluebird Drive. If you see any of these new owners, be sure to give them a warm Alpine Lake welcome!

I will be conducting interviews for both the Group Sales and Marketing Coordinator and the Recreation Coordinator this week— so, hopefully, in the near future I will be announcing two new employees.

Be sure to wish our Director of Security, Fuzzy Corum, a belated birthday, as he celebrated another year on 1/13.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so mark your calendar and make plans to treat your sweetie to a romantic evening here at Alpine Lake on Saturday, February 13th. Overnight packages are available for \$105.00 (plus tax and tip). This package includes lodging for two, dinner for two and dancing. Dinner will be served from 5pm - 8pm, and dancing to a DJ will be from 8pm - 11pm. The dinner menu is as follows: Shrimp cocktail, salad, choice of T-Bone Steak or Broiled Fish topped with crab meat, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli and choice of Crème Brulee or chocolate covered strawberries. Reservations for overnight packages may be made at the Front Desk. Dinner/Dance packages are also available for \$30/single and \$55/couple (plus tax and tip). Dinner package reservations can be made by calling Seasons at Alpine Lake at (304) 789-6679.

### **ALPUC NEWS by Kim Mayne – ALPUC General Manager**

We wanted to let our customers know that due to inclement weather your January meter reading has been estimated. Your billing that will be dated and mailed on January 29<sup>th</sup> will be the estimated billing. Please note that your statement may reflect usage even if you have not consumed any water, due to a 12 month average that is used for estimation. As with other utilities, the estimate will correct itself once we are able to obtain an actual reading. If you have any questions in regard to an estimated bill or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (304) 789-6996 or by email at [alpucoffice@frontier.com](mailto:alpucoffice@frontier.com).

Please make sure that your contact information is current and up to date as we begin 2016. Please feel free to call or email our office to ensure that we have the correct billing address, email address, home and cell phone numbers on file. You may even jot us a note with this information if you are mailing in a payment. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you during 2016.

## ALPOA BOARD NEWS

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

Winter has arrived with all its beauty and cold (brrrr!). The biggest storm of the season (or that is the hype) is headed our way this weekend so be sure to be prepared.

Mini-golf rebuild is still open for suggestions. The GM and President of the board met with Vince from Maverick Contracting (they did the front sidewalks) last week and he presented some good ideas. Mike Kubina joined us for part of the discussion so hopefully Vince will follow the discussion with some hard facts such as the bottom line (cost) for his ideas. We still maintain **BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME**. The good news is that Beverly Sarpone has volunteered to lead the mini-golf rebuild effort with Deb Palank and Mike Kubina assisting.

The Board decided to keep the 2015 golf rates going into 2016. The GM is talking to a past Alpine Lake Golf Pro and current property owner about serving as the golf pro, mentoring our young golf assistants and assisting in procuring a more permanent seasoned golf pro for Alpine Lake. This is a challenging concept but one that we hope works to our benefit.

We also look forward to working with the community on Alpine Lake's Whoville project for the 2016 winter season. We have to file a plan to use the Whoville theme since it is copyright protected; so we are holding our second brainstorming session at the Lodge for employees and property owners on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am. Please join us for this fun project that we hope will become an Alpine tradition.

The Board approved the following guidelines for the pool. Property owners may purchase 2 pool access cards at \$5 each and an additional 2 cards at \$10 each. Lost card replacements will cost \$10 each. The access cards are renewable yearly on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Employees are entitled to one access card at \$5 and must be present when the card is used. Employees' families consist of spouse or significant other, children and grandchildren. This amenity use is subject to continuous review. Balancing the pool chemicals is a work in progress at this point. Once we have reached the preferred balance, we will schedule the health and fire inspections and the grand opening will follow. Hold onto your hats for the big announcement.

We do not hold member meetings during the months of December, January and February, resuming those in March. Our workshops, however, are open for property owners and will be January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am (because our agenda was so long on January 16<sup>th</sup> we adjourned and decided to cover the remaining agenda this week) and February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Join us so you know what is going on.

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*“When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I'll know I'm growing old.”*

**- Lady Bird Johnson**

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## 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](http://www.alpinelake.com) Call (800) 752-7179 or (304) 789-2481**

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*“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.”*

**- Carl Reiner**

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**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](mailto:questions@kisnercpa.com) (12/18)

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**Mountain Den Services** provides stacked seasoned hardwood \$75 approximately ½ cord. We are new residents to Alpine Lake Resort and would like to provide your firewood. Do you have a rental but don't want to provide unlimited firewood? We also provide bundles at \$6 each. Call 410-474-6714 or send us an email to [Denmail@mountaindenservices.com](mailto:Denmail@mountaindenservices.com) (12/18)

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**USED Toaster Oven.** Works well - \$25 – call Mr. P at 304-789-6520 (12/4)

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**NIB (Never Used) BRIC"S Life 22 Cargo Duffle.** Retail \$480. Make offer - Call Mr. P at 304-789-6520 (12/4)

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**Custom Built Dreadnaught Guitar.** Installed with Fishman Matrix Infinity Pickup. Call Ron at 410-790-4169 (12/4)

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

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*"I used to be Snow White, but I drifted."*

**- Mae West**

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**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

**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:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – Kingwood VFD Breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month – 9am – ALPUC Board Meeting (meets June, Sept., Nov.)

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

**ALPOA WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING –**

**Sat., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> (weather permitting) & Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

**(If the Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled for Feb. 6th)**

**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):

**Sat., Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** – 7pm -- Paul Burger in the Lounge

**Fri. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Noon – Next FWIW published; Submit articles no later than Wednesday, the 3rd of February to [mamaj11@yahoo.com](mailto:mamaj11@yahoo.com)

**Sun. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** - 5pm till ?? – Super Bowl Party in the Lounge