

BARE MOUNTAIN ROAR

November 2021



From the President

I made a visit to the club yesterday to take care of a couple of loose ends. Knowing that this was probably my last visit for the year, a hike in the warm afternoon sunshine was especially enjoyable. It's always hard for me to let go of the Mountain knowing that next spring is so far away. And the farewell wishes and goodbye hugs are made even more poignant knowing that, for various reasons, some members may not return next year. We know that our Bare Mountain family is an ever changing mixture. But so much of what makes our club special is from the many contributions of those former members. I feel grateful to have had them as part of our Bare Mountain family.

However, as always, we can be encouraged that as new members join each season, they bring new perspectives, energy, talents and ideas to add. It is so interesting to learn about these new people and their life experiences.

I expect that by now most of us have settled in at their chosen winter destination. For those who will enjoy a warmer climate and who can maintain their tans for the winter months, I hope you have some sympathy for those of us remaining here for an Idaho winter.

Please stay safe. See you in the Spring.

Ron W

New Editor of the Roar.

I have had a great experience being the Editor for the Roar these years and think it is time for new perspectives. I would like to thank Susan W for taking on Editor for the Roar. Cherie

I am excited to be able to help with our monthly newsletter. I will continue to send out requests for articles, pictures and updates as Cherie has been doing for years. Please feel free to send photos of where you are or what you've been doing. Remember that if there are people in the photo we HAVE to have a written release from them to let us post it. Send your updates, articles and photos to susan@willden.org (remember there are two L's in Willden;-D, Susan

Members section:

Ken would like to thank all of you for your prayers and patience during his bout with Valley Fever. Before we left we found that the Scan and Blood Tests show he is healthy. It is great to be a part of the Bare Mountain family.

Pictures for Web site, Roar, and History

Pictures are welcome of our member and fun. For all members' information, the confidentiality of photos is always #1, that is why it is important to have your wishes on the membership forms and if your wishes change indicated on the annual form. Secretary documents your wishes and provides membership names only to: Al P a list for the Bareidaho website; and Susan W a list for the Roar.

NEW IDEAS for our mountain home:

This is a new section of the roar for brainstorming changes to enhance the beauty and functionality of Bare Mtn. We all have ideas that are roaming around in our brains and now you have a safe place to express them. You can send a written suggestion to susan@willden.org and I will post it in our monthly newsletter. BRAINSTORMING means ALL ideas have merit...so don't be afraid to share them. WE need new ideas to grow our mtn community.

Then as the members read these ideas they can add to them in the next newsletter or explain (NICELY) why they feel it will or will not work. Hopefully we can get some good conversations going between our members old and new.

We are starting this off with:

Beautification Committee

As you may know, the Board approved a new committee starting 2022. What will this committee do? The outline (subject to change and evolve) is as follows:

1. Gather a group of volunteers to beautify our mountain home.
2. Gather ideas, costs, and information to present to the Board for project approval.
3. Prioritize projects financially feasible.
4. Complete approved projects.
5. Maintain completed projects.
6. Set up an "Adopt a garden" list.

This committee does not do any maintenance/painting projects on existing buildings, etc., but will coordinate with the land chair on Beautification Committee approved projects.

Some ideas that have been floating around are:

1. Build a retaining wall at the sides and lower edge of our "tire garden", fill it with compost dirt and plant flowers and native grasses with possibly a waterfall down the middle.
2. Doing away with the sheets of tin on the road up to the clubhouse.
3. Planting flowers/erosion control on the hillside below the rental cabins.
4. Landscape the West gate outside area.
5. Install a watering system for all gardens set on a timer.
6. Set up an "Adopt a Road" skeleton weed patrol.
7. Install shade "flags" on the common ground.

Some projects will not take any funds, only labor.

Anyone interested on being on this committee please contact Donna, who will be the Board Liaison. Remember, all ideas are welcome! The more to choose from. Your idea may not be done this year, but maybe will be completed in the future. All ideas will be kept in a folder and saved for future projects.

I'm excited to have this opportunity to make our club a welcoming place for members and visitors alike.

Thanks!

Donna L

Pictures found: Mountain naked from a plane view – date unknown; cave from which our water comes!; machine that is the base under Jay & Joan’s hillside deck.

