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MEMBERS CORNER: **EACH MONTH THE ROAR WILL HIGHLIGHT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS AS IT PERTAINS THE THEM. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS AND POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AT OUR MEMBERS MEETING 9/24 THAT OUR ANNUAL BUDGET IS FIGURED AROUND THE DUES, ACTIVITIES, AND DINNERS THAT WE HAVE ANNUALLY. EVERY TIME WE CHANGE WHERE THOSE MONIES ARE GOING TO (FOR A PET PROJECT) IT TAKES THOSE \$\$\$ OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND – (THE FUND FROM WHICH WE BUY TOILET PAPER, PROPANE, INSURANCE, PUMPING THE OUTHOUSES, REPAIRING FENCES, ELECTRICITY, INTERNET, PHONES, ETC., AND SO FORTH). OUR ANNUAL DUES COVER ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THESE ITEMS. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RON'S RIBS, STREAK TO THE PEAK, CASINO NIGHT, PLUS ALL OF THE VARIOUS DINNERS AND PARTIES, AND ASSIGN THE DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND. *IF YOU HAVE A PET PROJECT YOU WANT TO FUND THEN PLAN AN ACTIVITY THAT IS NOT AN ANNUAL EVENT. THE ANNUAL ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISERS ARE TO KEEP OUR DUES LOW!! LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.*

It's Election Time:

Member at Large:

I have decided to run for a second term as Member At Large because I feel the first year was a real learning opportunity for me. I now have a much better idea how the Board and its various position's function and I believe I can be more effective the second year. With that said I certainly hope other members run for Member At Large as it's so much fun and it pays really well ...**Christian S.**

Bare Mountain Members,

I am Gail Knickerbocker, nudist, mother of eleven children, dishwasher at Parma

School District, committed hard worker. I am running for the office of Vice President of the Bare Mountain Retreat Board. I have been a member here for eleven years. I love this place and the people who belong here. I have been asked to run for office several times over the years by different people and have always found a reason not to do it. I see how hard the board members work to make our club work well and I appreciate it so much. I have taken advantage of the Board's time and effort for long enough. I intend to learn what is necessary to hold office. I will do all I can to serve you all to the best of my ability and assist to keep our club safe, welcoming, efficient, and pleasant for all members and guests. I am quite strong minded as many of you know, and I love to have fun and I love freedom as such I will use my innate ability to be tenacious and single minded to attempt to meet any and all needs our club has through the role of Vice President. If you would like to see me as the Vice President of Bare Mountain Retreat, please vote for me. Thank you.

Gail K

Dear Bare Mountain Retreat Members:

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to ask for your support to, once again, have the opportunity to serve as Vice President for the year 2023.

This year the Board has certainly had its share of challenges. However, I believe the Board, as a whole, has risen to those challenges while keeping the best interest of the club at the core of its decisions.

This year the Board has helped guide many positive changes. I say guide, because without strong membership support and their hard work little would have been accomplished. This year we have made our grounds more pleasing in appearance with the Beautification Committee and the Clubhouse has been transformed into an updated and usable area; just to name a few of the projects.

We have put forth legislative motions to have more parking available, have an updated Policy and By-Laws Manuals, and changed our Registered Agent to a third party at no cost for all our safety.

In 2023 there are many more projects I would like to see started, completed, or at least worked on. Raising membership, front gate communications, communications for the entire club, continue beautifying our grounds, community vegetable garden and of course fencing, just to name a few.

I have enjoyed working with our current Board. At times we, as individuals, have completely different points of view on a particular issue. We have been able to listen to each other, include input from Membership and reach a consensus.

I look forward to another year serving as your Vice President and ask for your vote.

Thank you, Donna L

Secretary:

Dear BMR members:

I appreciate the support of the current board and members.

I have enjoyed how the board has reviewed and completed projects such as completion of the name change, updating policies, bylaws, and processes. Also, we have started a non-budget list to review in November for next year.

2023 will be a new year to get more accomplished with member's input. Brents request that we have a membership meeting April, May, June, July, August, September, and October to have members input on any and everything. I would like to see more members becoming involved as we move forward towards the future.

Thank you for your vote. **Cherie H**



*The updating of the interior of the Clubhouse is finally finished. Thank you to everyone who helped and thank you for your patience. So far members have done a great job keeping it clean, thank you. **But a reminder**, members, we are basically the staff here at BMR so please if you spill, on the floor, carpet, down the side of the stove, down a cabinet, on a counter, wipe it up. If you use the microwave wipe it out. If everyone does their part, we can keep the clubhouse nice.*

Thanks, Ann





Want Something fun to do this weekend? It's the seventh annual Idaho City Days this coming weekend – Oct1st and 2nd. They close off one of the main streets in town so you can walk thru the vendors and enjoy all that Idaho City has to offer! Kathy M will be selling her rag rugs and butt pads, and Susan Wil will be selling her corn filled furry stuffed bears and rabbits and dogs etc., that you can put in the microwave or freezer for your sore muscles.

2022 Streak to the Peak by Al P.

Bare Mountain Retreat's 4th Annual Streak to the Peak was held over the September 10-11 weekend.

Guests began arriving around noon on Saturday. Ken had marked out parking spaces all over Bare Mountain and with Josh's help got everyone to a spot. After check-in with Donna and Cherie and getting their race sarongs, campers immediately claimed their preferred tent site on the common area. By late afternoon there were more than a dozen brightly colored tents dotting the grass. Guests from past races greeted each other warmly and began challenging each other as to who would beat whom to the top of the mountain the following morning.

While all this was happening, Mark and Randee were out marking the course to make sure no one got lost.

Guests naturally gravitated to the pool for a few exhilarating games of water volleyball. At 3:00, Randee led a pre-race walk of the course with those interested while others continued to sun themselves poolside.

In the meantime, Cindy, and her kitchen crew (Gayle, Susan, Ted, Jane, Todd, Lisa and others) were busy preparing the carbo-load dinner which began at 5:30. Guests and members eagerly lined up to fill their plates with lasagna (meat and veggie), numerous salads and garlic bread all followed up with ice cream cups. No one went hungry and people remained on the patio for a couple of hours after dinner was completed. Chatting with their fellow racers.

Sunday came with its particular set of challenges. The air was a little smokey from all the forest fires. Unexpectedly, Idaho Power decided that Sunday would be a good day for an all-day power outage. Bare Mountain members, as they always do, sprang into action to supply generators and gasoline to keep the pool pump operational and supply power to the kitchen. In addition, many gallons of potable water were stockpiled in the clubhouse for use in the kitchen. Many members also volunteered the use of their showers as both the pool and clubhouse showers were out of commission. Somehow, it all just worked.

The gates opened at 7:00 AM with parking spaces quickly filling up. Racers checked-in and got their bib number printed on their arms. Coffee, tea, muffins, bananas, and oranges were available in the clubhouse. Meanwhile, Gary and Rick were shuttling volunteers to the aid stations up the mountain. By 9:15 Mark gathered all the participants on the common area for pre-race instructions and safety precautions. This was followed by a moment of silence for those lost on 9/11.

The race started promptly at 9:30 even though the horn turned out to be defective. Ted was stationed at the intersection of the jeep and garden trails making sure everyone turned left on the first loop.

Back at the start line, racers were greeted with cheers and a cow bell as they passed by. Every single racer had a huge grin of pure joy on their face as they started the second lap and the climb to the top of Bare Mountain.

There were three aid stations in addition to the finish line on the course. Sandi, Ron, John and Jim manned the stations at the archery range, switchbacks and Nude's Nest providing the runners/walkers with a welcome drink of water. Doc Jon and Selina roamed the course in their ATV ready to provide medical aid if it was necessary. It wasn't.

Gary, Donna and Susan waited for the runners at the finish line with water and sports drinks. They didn't have long to wait. Rich A. finished first with a time of 28:41. Rich finally claimed the crown after finishing second two out of the previous three years. The top women were all newcomers with Kelly K. finishing at 34:04 which was just a tad off the women's course record. In the Men's Masters, the top three finishers were all members or former members including Steve G., Mark W., and Lee P. There were no finishers this year in Women's Masters.

Once everyone returned to the common area, medals were handed out to the top three in each category. Over 80 people were treated to a wonderful lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, Brent's beans, salads, and watermelon. It was then off to the pool for some more spirited water volleyball matches.

An event like this takes many volunteers working hand-in-hand to pull it off. Some of those volunteers are mentioned above. If I failed to mention you, it was not intentional just a function of failed memory. A special thanks goes out to all those who have worked on the

trails this year. They were in the best shape ever. Also, our thanks go out to Cindy and Charles for their kind donations of food that everyone enjoyed so much.

We are already working on plans for next year. As always, we need more volunteers, so please reach out and we'll add you to the list.

In closing let me pass along a comment I received from one of this year's racers.

"Thank you so much for hosting such a wonderful event this weekend! I had an amazing time and very much enjoyed trying something new and meeting a whole bunch of amazing people in the process. Will absolutely be back! Thank you for welcoming us "outsiders" into your home. It was a great experience."

Gary L. Nelson

02/01/1944 — 09/10/2022



Remember the Dash

So often when we lose a friend, and loved one, to death, their whole life seems to be boiled down to a dash...the dash on their headstone between the birth date and the death date. We need to take the time to 'remember the life represented by the dash'.

Ed and I met Gary 16 years ago when we first came to the mountain. Patty and Gary were some of the first members to welcome us as new visitors and we fell in love with them right away. To know Gary was to love Gary. He had an infectious grin and a fun and teasing nature. For so many years he was such a hard working, and giving, part of our mountain community. If there was a tree that needed to come down or a Saturday morning work party, Gary was in the middle of it. Gary and Patty started the casino night fund raiser years before we ever met them.

e would be sitting at the pool about noon and I used to laugh at Gary as he would turn to Patty with a grin and say "Hey, its lunch time isn't it?" That would send her scurrying over to their trailer to fix some sandwiches to take back over to Gary to eat. But as Patty's cancer took over Gary became the perfect helpmate, learning to cook and clean and help Patty with her every need. We only saw the smiles, never the tears we know he shed.

We got to share their 50th wedding anniversary party with them and all their friends and family in the park in Boise. I believe that was the last time most of us got to see Patty before she passed away the following January after more than four years of fighting stage 4 colon cancer.

We saw Gary that spring when he brought his trailer up to the mountain and I think that is the only time I didn't see a grin that spread to his whole face. I remember all of us made a special effort to give Gary a hug each weekend he would show up on the mountain as he talked about how much he missed human contact. It was fun the next summer to watch when he and Betty met, and how cute they were as they flirted with each other at the pool like a couple of teenagers. Betty was good for Gary and Gary was good for Betty. And we all felt that Patty was smiling down at them from on high. They both pulled their trailers down to the Magic Circle and parked in Gary's spot on C Avenue out in the desert. They traveled for fun vacations and it seems like all of their kids learned to love this cute couple just like the rest of us.

This year though, we watched our dear friend as he moved slower, seemed to be hurting more, not knowing why. One weekend, Gary showed up with a bandage on his nose – the doctor had cut out some skin cancer. Hah, that means sitting in the shade, Gary. We told Betty to keep him out of the sun. However, it was worse than just that. When the results finally came back, it was chemo, once every three weeks, for the rest of his life. He had finally gotten the answer as to why he wasn't feeling well, and it wasn't an answer that any one any of us liked. Melanoma. Cancer, and it wasn't just on his face, it had already spread throughout his body. But Gary just grinned and said it was going to be alright. As the summer progressed we began to see that it wasn't going to be alright. Then we got word that he was in the hospital. Saint Alphonsus. Oh no!! This sounds serious. It was. Gary had told Betty that he was going to die in that hospital room. He did make it back home, barely, with hospice. On Wednesday September 10th his daughter Wendy posted: *I'd like to let all Gary's friends know that he has decided to end all cancer treatments and other medical interventions and go on hospice. We hope to take him home from the hospital today where he can be comfortable through his last days.*

And then, the very next morning (middle of the night actually) she wrote: *Dad said he didn't want to be a burden and true to his word he hasn't been. After being home just a few hours, he passed, tonight, at 11:40, peacefully. It all happened so quickly but we're grateful he is no longer suffering or uncomfortable. He was so special to us, and we will cherish our memories. Go be with mom, daddy, and enjoy each other again*

Gary has passed on. It still doesn't feel real. I expect to see him at the pool – but he isn't there. I expect him to be singing at karaoke – but he is not. We will miss him on Avenue C at the Magic Circle this winter.

We miss you Gary – we love you good friend. Give Patty a hug from us. And Betty? Our hearts go out to you at this time.



Notes from the Nudes Nest:

5/2/19, What an awesome hike! A little windy today but feels nice after the steep parts of the trail. So beautiful. Love this area!!

5/11/19, Excited to share this experience with my husband. Thank you, Boise, for having something like this. Joey and Stef

Reminder about the weed on the mountain called Myrtle's Wart:

We have put articles the roar in the past about this weed and we need to kill as much as possible. I found this article that explains how harmful it can be to humans and animals. Article is called:

Invasive Idaho Weed Can Burn Skin and Cause Blindness

<https://mix106radio.com/watch-out-invasive-idaho-weed-can-burn-skin-and-cause-blindness>.

NUDE TIPS

By Bingo Barnes

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On the Greek Island of iOS, I spent two weeks living on a nude beach. I slept on the beach, ate on the beach, drank Tequila slammers on the beach, and despite best efforts, didn't get lucky on the beach. But I did get a good all-over tan. I have a few life lessons learned about being nude, or almost nude, 24-7.

If you are considering exploring nature au naturel, then I recommend the following:

- Parts of your body have never seen the sun. Protect them.
- Applying sunscreen to parts where the sun doesn't normally shine should be done discretely. For men, it could excite Mr. Johnson. For women, it could excite Mr. Johnson and his nearby neighbors.
- If near water, use it. It's not only a great way to cool off while people are applying sunscreen on the beach, but a great way to wash sand from the aforementioned parts.
- Always carry a personal absorption device like a towel.
- A towel used to cover your parts will not cover your parts when squatting down in front of someone to talk to them.
- After a couple of days on the beach, parts are parts.
- Don't snorkel nude, especially if you are a man, and especially if there are sea urchins.
- Sea urchins have a little tiny barb on the end of their spines.
- Avoid vinyl, plastic and leather on a hot day.
- Avoid bottle rockets and other fireworks.
- All hair on the body will burn equally well.
- Inspect abandoned metal objects before attempting to use them to open a beer bottle.
- Wasp nests hide in abandoned metal objects.
- A wasp sting between your eyes will blind you temporarily.
- It is scary being blind and naked with wasps flying around.
- Water encountered at high velocity will seek out places you never thought you had on your body.

- Skin lubricated with sunscreen or suntanning oil is not frictionless.
- Heed warning signs that say: “Don’t slide down banister.”
- Avoid climbing fences, especially barbed wire ones.
- Wear an apron while grilling fatty meats.
- Hot dog jokes are funny

Notes from the Nudes Nest:

7/3/19, Wow all I can say is amazing. I have visited the club a few times but never up here. Totally beautiful. People are so welcoming and friendly. Nilie

Bare Backer’s: Then and Now

(Part 5: this is the final installment of the history of Bare Backers. The last five issues of the ROAR have covered from the beginning of BB in 1980 to about 1996)

Can you imagine our surprise to hear that the Statesman wanted to do an article on our group? Over the years we had had trouble getting our ads put in the paper but now here they were asking to do an article on us. At the end of August, Betty and Curt met reporter Tim Woodward and photographer Troy Maven at Hart’s store. Luckily it was a very beautiful day as they spent the morning with us. This visit resulted in a featured article in a mid-September issue of the Life section that included photographs. This caused the Bare Backer’s answering machine to go crazy. Later, Tim Woodward reported back to us they only received ten negative calls about the article on the day it was published. Now the area residents didn’t have to guess if “those people” were really on Robie Creek. There are many people in Boise and surrounding areas that really didn’t know there was anything like this available. This article provided many people an insight on the nudist lifestyle and a means of contact.

The Spring of ’96 put in an appearance with the usual road maintenance. With a growing membership more thoughts were given to construction of more camp sites. A meeting was held to discuss this issue and the general membership voted for more camp sites to be started. This was completed in May and provided an additional 14 spots to club members bringing the total of 34 RV and tent sites at Bare Mountain. We are in the process of erecting further privacy fencing. At this point in time all major development has been put on hold, however, individual lot improvements are continuing.

The club has received quite a few requests for more information about the club. We are looking forward to the future with a further increase in members and future development of the mountain retreat.