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August, 2007

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Men's 3-on-3 Champs  
Scott, Chris, Jonathon and Philip



Best Costumes - The Bowen Family

Girl's Tennis Champs (13+)  
Katie Lubben and Andrea Bareman (right)



Best Float  
The Morgan Family (left)

4th of July parade photos provided by Karen Grinwis and Cheryl Champion



Best Golf Cart  
The Merrick & Rice Families (above)



Best decorated bikes  
Ethan and Faith Amerson and Kendall Farkas



Teen Shuffleboard Winner  
Travis Newsome (left)



Girls Tennis Champs (under 12)  
Hanna & Maddie (above left)

Teen Horseshoe Champ  
Nathan Mason



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Letter from the President by Lee VanHarn

Members who attended the July Board of Directors meeting received some good news. For those of you who were not there, here are some highlights:

We may be as much as **\$100,000** under budget on the \$2,076,000 Recreation Station project. There could still be unexpected costs, but it appears we will not go over budget. We anticipate a **\$214,000** balance in the electrical upgrade/blacktop project, less an unknown amount of interest on debt payments, after the final member assessments are paid in 2008. By member vote last year, any assessment balances were "tied" to the Recreation Station project in case they are needed, but are not otherwise appropriated. Sandy Pine's total expenditure toward the condo project was \$25 (a filing fee). The project has earned us **\$293,000** from the first 15 condos built and occupied (another four are under construction). Our projected total share of profits from all 52 planned condos is **\$1 million**. You can view more detail about these projects on our web site or on the bulletin board at the Administration Office.

Last winter, the Board pledged some of the condo project profits to pay year three of the 4 cents per KWH electrical surcharge included with the member assessments for the Recreation Station project. Now, the Board has approved use of \$255,000 of the \$293,000 in condo profits to pay all **three years** of this surcharge.

Members continue to ask about the possibility of a **hot tub**. The estimated \$60-70,000 cost could be paid from available Recreation Station budget funds and/or the funds remaining from the electrical upgrade/blacktop assessments. The Board needs to make a decision on this facility soon, but first wants the membership to clearly indicate that it wants it. A **questionnaire is included in this issue of the Footprints**. Please provide your opinion.

Park Director Gibbs also announced that we can now implement a long-desired goal of not charging a fee for mini-golf. **Mini-golf will be free in 2008**.

With a goal of enhancing Park beautification, larger shed sizes may now be used if a golf cart shelter is eliminated. **Please read the Board minutes in this issue of the Footprints**. If you are planning a replacement or new shed or golf cart shelter, you will want to study your options carefully. The Park Inspector can assist you.

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# PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



The season at Sandy Pines moves along very quickly. It has been filled with many exciting events and activities. We hope you have enjoyed your time away from the 'real world.' If you have any ideas to help us improve our programs or ideas about new programs, please send them to me either via e-mail,

or put them in my Director's Suggestion Box in the front office.

Campaign season is underway, and you have the responsibility to elect Board members. These people set the policies and the tone for all of Sandy Pines. Take time to read their information, ask them questions at the Candidate's Meetings, or when you see them in the Park. You know what you want at your Park, and it is important to vote for those candidates who think the way you do.

It won't be too long, and the Recreation Station will be open. This

will be an exciting time in our Park. This project will be with us for many years of enjoyment for you and your families. Thank you for your positive vote that made it possible. Now, with the \$.04 surcharge for the project removed because of the success of our Condo project, many of you can enjoy the pools and building without worrying about paying extra. We do work hard to spend your money wisely, and to find ways to generate money without the need to take it from you.

Thank you for another great summer, and don't forget to vote!

## Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

**Flea Markets:** Upcoming dates - August 11<sup>th</sup> (Christmas), September 1<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day), and October 6<sup>th</sup> (OctoberFest). Flea Markets are from 9 am to 2 pm. Spaces are available for \$22. Reminder: Dogs are not allowed at the Flea Markets.

**2008 Flea Markets:** You will be able to reserve your space for next year's Flea Markets beginning Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Absentee Ballots:** Elections are Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to get out and vote! Remember that a Photo ID is now required. For those who will be using an absentee ballot - **Do not put payments in the ballot envelopes!** Ballot envelopes are not opened until Election Day.

**Winterizing:** We will be sending out winterizing forms to members who used our service last year. Please read the information on both sides of the form. No phone orders will be accepted, as a signature is required when ordering this service.

**Golf Cart Storage:** We will no longer offer this service to our members.

**Welcome New Members:**

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**Meet the Board  
 Candidates  
 August 4th  
 9 am - Pavilion  
 11:30 am - Chapel**

**Be sure to Vote!  
 August 18th**



## MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

### Cheryl Champion - Site N-212



My name is Cheryl Champion and I have lived at N212 for the past five years. My love of Sandy Pines is the reason I am running for one of the positions on the Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have a community here where neighbors help neighbors, kids are safe and people smile, wave and talk to each other. All the old fashioned values are demonstrated here at the Pine's and that's the reason we have THE best RV park.

As the manager of J & H Family Stores Sunnybrook location in Grandville, and a single person, I have the time to live at the Pines and manage a very busy location. Supervising ten to fifteen employees, some for whom this is their first work experience, allows me to instill positive values and strong work ethics in these young adults which will serve them for the rest of their lives.

I served in the US Army from 1975 to 1978 and also the National Guard for six additional years. I have spent my entire adult life working in middle management and from this experience I will bring many skills to the Board. I am an excellent communicator and look forward to continuing to open the lines of communications, which the present Board has initiated. I am an attentive listener, open to all

new ideas and capable of making "the decision" after a full investigation of the facts, serving the majorities best interest.

As a member of the Senior Adult Activities I volunteer for their pancake breakfasts, poker run and have helped with the parks Family Day. I am currently serving as Chairperson for the by-laws committee. I was also Secretary of the Owners Association and helped raise money for hurricane Katrina victims, cleaned up the dam area, and gathered donations of food for the local food bank. I serve in the park in the hopes of uniting all members and making this an even better place.

My family has five lots in the park; and all live here full-time. Sandy Pines has offered us the opportunity to become closer as a family and provides a safe place for the kids to play and grow. I am a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. I would welcome an opportunity to serve on the board so I am asking you to Choose Champion.

### Terry Derks - Site D-65



Let me introduce myself to you the members of Sandy Pines Resort.

My name is Terry Derks. My wife Sandy and I live in Holland and have been members of Sandy Pines Resort for the past thirteen years.

Our family consist of two wonderful daughters and sons in law (one a Sandy Pines member) and five fantastic grand children which is the reason we are so adamant about keeping Sandy Pines the great resort that it is.

I am an U.S. Navy Veteran. I am a retired Maintenance Section Head from the Pfizer Corp. where I worked for thirty-one years. I served on the board of directors of the Ottawa County Fair for ten years, five years as the Fair Manager. I am also a retired Fire Fighter where I served for thirty years as an officer and an E.M.T.

My wife and I are members of Christ Memorial Church in Holland.

For the past eight years I have been a part time associate with the Hope

College Transportation Dept.

The reason I am running for the board of directors is to help keep the park headed in the positive direction that we have experienced in the past several years.

For some unknown reason special interest groups have influenced board members by intimidation, accusations, false rumors and mistruth. These persons do not want what is good for the operation and success of our park. A large majority of our membership who are happy with the park, need to put a halt to this practice. With your vote I hope to be a part of that important goal. I cannot do that as a board member alone, but with you the membership, working together, we can. We all need to insist that everything we hear and are told by special interest groups or anyone, is the absolute truth. We need to insist that we see proof of anything that we are being informed of. I want to work together with you to keep our park growing forward.

Therefore my campaign pledge to you is very simple. I will always do my very best to make decisions that will be in the best interest for the majority of members in our park. We have one of the finest resorts in the Midwest. Let's keep it that way. I would appreciate your vote.

LET'S KEEP GROWING.

## MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

### Chris Drayton - Site 7028 (C-28)



I am running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors this year and I would appreciate your support. I have been a member of Sandy Pines for 6 years. The first 5 were spent in Phase 4. We moved into our condominium about a year ago. I am an active member of the Sandy Pines Senior Activities and ran the Sandy Pines website for about 3 years. I also helped our Recreation Department in organizing the Christmas in August golf cart parade, when we were attempting to make the worlds record. I attend board meetings regularly.

My lovely wife Diane and I have been married for 36 years. We have 3 children and 9 wonderful grandchildren who love coming to visit at Sandy pines. I was in the Navy for the first 4 years of our marriage, stationed onboard the USS Kitty Hawk. I am currently working for General Motors as an electrician and infrared thermographer. In 1998 I was part of a team that won a Chairman's Honor Award. This is the highest award an hourly employee can receive from General Motors. I have been working there for almost 30 years and plan to retire soon. My wife and I are members of Resurrection Life Church in Grandville. I was an usher there for 8 years.

I believe that all the members of Sandy Pines deserve to have a voice. I believe that we need to improve communication between the board, our members, and our employees. I would like the opportunity to try to improve this while representing you the members of Sandy Pines. I believe we have the best camping resort in the nation and I want to help keep it that way.

As a condominium owner I think that we need to try to include the condominiums in more of the park activities. We need to establish a better way to let members know that their roofs need clearing of snow instead of waiting for the next footprints to come out.

If you have any questions or would like to talk to me on any issue feel free to email me at [crsdrayton@yahoo.com](mailto:crsdrayton@yahoo.com) or stop by my condominium at 2803 Creekside Ct.

I appreciate your consideration for this office and promise to serve you to the best of my ability for the next 3 years if I am elected. Thank you,



### Larry Lane - Site K-360

I will do the right thing...I swear! This is the motto I live by every single day.

My name is Larry Lane, My family and I have been members at Sandy Pines for about 9 years. I have been married to my wife, Denise for 20 years, and we have one daughter, Krystal. Our family lives at Sandy Pines all summer. We truly believe that Sandy Pines is the greatest place for a family to spend time.

I am 52 years old and have spent the last 22 years as an entrepreneur. During these 22 years I have owned a variety of businesses. Presently I am the owner/head technician of Certified Repair Services. We specialize in Heating and Cooling. We also do full maintenance of both commercial and residential properties. I am a licensed contractor in Sandy Pines and offer virtually any type of maintenance service that your residence may require. I was also involved with

the Cutlerville Business Association for approximately 2 years.

Prior to owning my own companies I served in the United States Army as a Green Beret in the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces, stationed in Vietnam. I am very proud of my military service and proud to be a veteran. I believe that my military experience is reflected in my personal life each and every day. My special forces training taught me the true meaning of honor and duty. It has also taught me that no matter what the adversity, you must always adapt and overcome every situation. I have learned that you must stand up for your beliefs, respect your fellow man, and your word is your honor. Our daughter Krystal graduated from Hudsonville High School this year and is going off to MSU in the fall. My wife Denise and I believe that a good education is the foundation to a successful life.

I firmly believe that Sandy Pines belongs to each and every member. Every member should have the right to be heard. Any question that a member has should be answered promptly and truthfully to the best ability of the board of directors. During the next couple of months I will be out and about in Sandy Pines, trying to talk to as many members as possible. I really want your input into how you want YOUR Sandy Pines to run. If I happen to miss the opportunity to meet you, please feel free to look me up I am at lot K360. I will be available to answer your question and discuss your concerns. Thank you.





## MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

### Joe Korzilius - Site K-357



My name is Joe Korzilius and I grew up in Kalamazoo. My family moved to the Grand Rapids area where I attended Calvin Christian and met my wife Joan. We are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year. My parents purchased a site and upon visiting them, my wife and I fell in love with Sandy Pines. We have been members for 20 years and raised our 3 children here every summer. Our children and 3 grandchildren continue to enjoy their time here.

My wife and I have supported the community by actively being scout leaders, members of Parent Teacher Association, and fund raising groups for our local schools. My wife Joan volunteers weekly at our local library. I have enjoyed coaching for the local American Youth Soccer Organization. I was president of Great Lakes Avicultural Society (West Michigan Exotic Bird Club).

I have worked for the same company, Industrial Firebrick, for 29 years in Grand Rapids, I am the owner and operational manager of the company and have expanded to include a business in Detroit. Through my business I have also taught seminars at Western University in the graduate-engineering department. I am also a member of the Bricklayers Union negotiating board.

At Sandy Pines I was a member of the former Environmental Committee which planted all the flowers, screened the dumpsters, and placed the benches on the dam. I was president of the Owners Association because of my concern for lack of unity and communication in the park. The projects accomplished by the organization while I was president were clean-up of the dam area, money raised for Katrina victims, and we implemented a food drive for the local food bank. I am a current member of the Rules Committee. My wife and I have also joined the Senior Adult Activities group.

My goals for Sandy Pines Resort are to keep a secure family atmosphere while maintaining affordability. We need to move forward, be open to new ideas and progress, while insuring the integrity and our love for Sandy Pines.

I have developed skills in communication and the fine art of compromise working within the union board. Leadership skills are crucial to the board, which I have demonstrated; I am also a team player. I maintain that my business experience and strong commitment to our Sandy Pines family will be beneficial to the board of directors and all members. Thank you for your consideration.

### Jim Schipper - Site K-501



My wife, Shirley, and I have been married for 54 years. We have five married children who have blessed us with twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We have been full-time seasonal (Apr.-Oct.) residents of Sandy Pines for six years. We have come to love the Park as our Michigan home.

I have enjoyed serving the one year term for which I was elected and have a sincere desire to be re-elected to a full term. If elected, I herein pledge that it is my intention to fulfill the term for which I am elected. I believe that my past term has equipped me with greater insights and understanding of the future challenges of Sandy Pines. I believe we have made progress in the positive direction of the Park through Board policies and leadership. I have come to appreciate the commitment and efforts of the staff and administration.

Some life experiences which have prepared me for this position include my volunteer work, my business experience and my service on several Boards. I have volunteered in the Park for the Thursday work group, Triathlon and the Park's mail program. In the winter months, Shirley and I serve on the volunteer staff at the headquarters of Wycliffe Bible Translators located in Orlando, Florida. For many years I volunteered at the Christian Reformed Conference/Campground

located on the shore of Lake Michigan. It is through these volunteer experiences that I have learned to work with and relate to many people. I have gained the joy and satisfaction of giving and sharing.

In 1957 I started my business, Schipper Wallpaper Service. After a successful 40 years in business I retired and turned the business over to my son. During those years as a self-employed business owner I learned management and people relationship skills that I believe promoted and resulted in my business success. This success has enabled me to retire with a sense of pride, fulfillment, integrity and dignity. These skills have prepared me to serve on the Sandy Pines Board.

Through serving on various Boards I have gained some leadership experiences. For many years I served on the Board of Directors of the Christian Reformed Conference/Campground and my church's Council as Deacon and Elder. For six years my wife and I served as Youth Leaders at our church.

Throughout these past leadership positions and experiences I was involved in many discussions, debates and decisions similar to the issues and challenges that face the Board of Sandy Pines.

I firmly believe that these life experiences have prepared me to contribute with commitment, enthusiasm, integrity and dedication to the welfare of the Park and the Board of Sandy Pines. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent all the members of Sandy Pines and continue to serve as a member of the Board.

## MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

### Stan Robbins - Site 723



Name: Stanley Robbins, Lot #723, Phase II stan\_G-robbins@msn.com

Occupation: Retired School Teacher

Committees: Board Liaison for the By-Laws Review Committee

Education: BA—Western Mich. U. MA +40 hrs - Eastern Mich. U. Other Colleges attended: U of M, MSU, Oakland U. and Central Mich. U.

Family Status: Married to Ruth, 2 sons, 6 daughters, 19 grand children and 7 great grand children

Experience Related to Board Service: 31 years teaching and coaching. Served on numerous school and district and union committees as well as Boy Scout Committee service. Served on my Churches Financial and Minister selection committee.

What would be your Objectives for the Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.:

1. Ongoing long term planning for improved infrastructure, continued improvements to Park security and oversight of all committee and management functions.
2. Strict compliance with and equal enforcement of all applicable Laws, Acts, Articles, By-Law, Rules & Regulations, Policies and Procedures to insure

that every member's investment is protected; encourage mutual respect between all members despite differences of opinion. Insure that each member's will, needs and concerns receive fair and equal weight and consideration in the decision making process. Maintain the highest ethical and legal standards. The elected Board of Directors and hired Management and Staff should be held accountable and responsible for their satisfactory completion of all assigned and required duties.

What Major Concerns should the Sandy Pines Board Address? After less than one year of the Board of Directors, I see the following as major concerns: 1. Staffing and administration of the new Community/Recreational Center and how we are going to ensure that we have no outside or unauthorized entry into any of our facilities. 2. Continued development of effective and consistent communication tools to insure all members are informed concerning issues, plans and actions being considered. 3. The Board should continue to develop a proactive Governance Model which will protect the members in the future from potential actions.

- a. The Board must develop and adopt a complete Board of Directors Manual, a complete restructured committee system with Board directives, and a new and clearer member handbook.
- b. We must set up a complete Board Policy Handbook to cover all operations of our Park. We need a Policy Book to cover the Day to Day operations of the Park and Policies as to how we the Board and the members would like the Park to be operated

Why do you want to serve on the Board? My wife and I have been full time summer residents of Sandy Pines for approximately 14 years and would like to help make a difference in the following ways:

1. I feel that each of us has a responsibility to give back to the community by not only keeping it a good place to live, but improving it.
2. Being retired, I have not only the time but the desire to devote to making Sandy Pines a better place for all now and in the future.

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### Dick Valone - Site N-180



During the past 16 years, our family has grown to the present total of 9 grandchildren and accompanying parents, (age range, 87-6) who visit periodically at N-180 throughout the summer. Each family utilizes the Park's "offerings" during their visits.

As a previous town planning commissioner (for 8 years in Manistee, MI), I learned the importance of the necessity for growth and the future of communities.

During my time here, I have sat on two committees; the Capital Trust Fund and recently, the Dynamic Finance Committee. I have attended Board Meetings in the past, keeping current on Park concerns and activities. As a Board member I will be able to arrange my schedule to attend meetings as needed in your behalf. I wish to stabilize the accomplishments of the Board and preserve our future.

My background as a Biology Major, relates to the lake and swimming pools. A Master's Degree in Health Care Administration majoring in Management and Supervision lends itself to our Administration. My degree as an Educational Specialist, dealing in Continuing Education of the Adult speaks to the Adult Activities Group and a large portion of our population. As a Nurse Anesthetist/

Respiratory Therapist, having repeated ACLS Certifications, I believe I can speak to the Health and Safety issues confronting the Park. As a Vietnam Era Veteran (stationed at the United States Military Academy) I understand the need for rules and discipline that presents itself in the Park.

FOR YOUR BEST VALUE AS AN ACTIVE, INFORMED BOARD MEMBER, VOTE VALONE! Thanks for your consideration.





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### Letter from the President

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The Board must adopt the 2007/08 operating budget in August. The proposed budget, still under review, provides for a \$26 annual cost of living dues increase, including operating costs for the new Recreation Station. The price of fees is still being reviewed, but any increases will likely be reasonable.

It's an exciting time to be a member of Sandy Pines!

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# PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

## Overflow Parking:

Overflow parking is provided in various areas in the Park to be utilized by members when parking on their site is full. Overflow parking is not intended to be used as a place to store vehicles, watercraft, or to sell vehicles. Please utilize the parking on your site before parking in overflow parking areas. Ranger staff is checking these areas and will issue violations for vehicles in non-compliance.

## Pedestrian Safety:

Parents please discuss with your youth these pedestrian safety tips: Stop before crossing the street. Walk, don't run across the street. Cross streets at corners.

Make sure drivers see you before crossing the street.

Look Left, Right and Left again, before crossing.

Young children should not cross a street unless an adult is present.

Children should not be permitted to play in the roadways or parking lots.

Always walk facing traffic on the roadway.

Wear light clothing, or carry lights, when walking at night. Make yourself more visible. Don't assume drivers can see you.

Children should be instructed to never dart out into the roadway. One of the most important safety tips is to be alert and observant while walking. Remember that children are small in size, and drivers of vehicles may not be able to see them crossing streets in front of their vehicle. Please provide supervision to youth walking on roadways in the Park.

## Park Vehicle Registration stickers:

All vehicles within the Park must be registered, and display a yearly Sandy Pines vehicle registration sticker, or a guest pass.

Members, Associate Members, and Grandchildren, may stop at the Ranger Station and pick up the vehicle registration sticker. The vehicle sticker for Members, Associate Members & Grandchildren, is issued at no cost. The Member, Associate, or Grandchild, must bring in their membership card and vehicle registration to receive the yearly sticker.

All members' guests must display a valid, dated, guest pass while in the Park.



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## Inspector News by Ron Lancaster

The Board of Directors has voted in a change of the Rules of the Association. The change affects the size of sheds and golf cart shelters, and firmly establishes our setback requirements. Please consult the Sandy Pines website, or any of the offices for a copy of these changes, before you consider building.

Sheds, golf cart shelters, decks and/ or enclosures, will require a permit. They may possibly require a Township permit, as well as a Park permit. Without either, or both, you may be directed by the Park, or the Township, to remove what you have built. Please save yourself a problem in the future, by making sure you are following the established guidelines.

For any permit to be issued, I will need complete building plans, which need to include a diagram of the project on your site showing the

setback, per the Handbook. I will also need a complete material list for the project.

No permit will be issued for landscaping in the green area, without a scaled drawing of what you want to do. Even if you are going to use a Landscaping Company, I will need this on file before the permit will be issued.

Please consult the Contractor's List for those that are authorized in the Park. If they are not on the list, they will have to provide a copy of their liability insurance, and pay a contractor's fee, before they are allowed in the Park. This is done for your protection, as well as the protection of the Park. There will be no exceptions to this.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this wonderful summer season. It seems to be going quickly!

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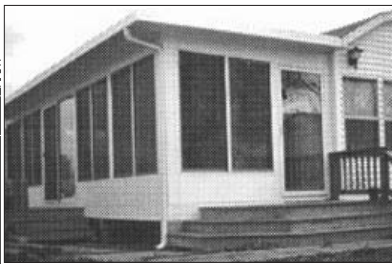


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# Unapproved - July 13, 2007 - Board Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Lee VanHarn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**INVOCATION:** Jim Schipper offered prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Lee VanHarn, Mike Young, Tom Aldrich, Jim Schipper, Jean Richards, Stan Robbins, and Harvey Aalderink. Staff present: Max Gibbs, Kathy Brott

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 8, 2007, minutes were approved, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS:** Motion made by Tom Aldrich, second by Jean Richards to approve the Election Commissioners for 2007. They are Phil Payne, Dick Fisher and Jim Kuipers. Vote: All Ayes - Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS:** Motion made by Tom Aldrich, second by Jim Schipper to approve the New Members.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** Secretary Robbins reported that all candidates are certified to run in the Aug. 18th election.

**Treasurer Aldrich** presented the Financial Reports and reviewed them with the audience. Blacktop/Electrical, Condo and Water Park projects were covered. Motion by Tom Aldrich, second by Stan Robbins to eliminate the 1st and 2nd year of the \$.04 Electrical assessment for the Recreation Station assessment. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Vice President Richards** announced the Name the Water Park Contest Winner - Kris Byker, who submitted the name *Recreation Station*. A Welcome Packet for new members is currently in the works.

**Mike Young** Board Facilitator for the Rules and Regulations Committee recommended the following changes to the Sandy Pines Handbook/Policy Book: Motion by Mike Young to amend Section V, Part 3-A to read: 'brush, tree limbs, and tree trunks may be cut and safely burned in an approved fire pit.' Second by Jean Richards. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Young to delete the following in Section XII, Vehicle and Traffic Regulations, Part 5: 'Three wheeled motorcycles are not permitted in the Park.' Second by Jim Schipper. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Young to delete the following in Section XIII, Part E, Watercraft Regulations, Section 19-C: 'and the Boat must be equipped with a 170 degrees minimum wide angle rear view mirror.' Second by Jean Richards. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Mike Young to amend Permits Section III, Part C, Storage Sheds:

1. The shed siding may be made of exterior grade or treated wood, or it may be constructed with aluminum or vinyl siding. If aluminum or vinyl siding is used, it must be backed by plywood sheathing or exterior grade sheathing. Pre-manufactured sheds are also allowed. Sheds are to be used for storage only.
2. The roof must be seal tab shingle or an asphalt rolled roof. Vinyl clad metal or resin/polymer roofs are permitted. The roof must be constructed so there is no less than 2" of fall per foot.
3. The maximum outside limits:
  - a. Option 1: 8½'Wx10½'Dx8½'H (or 10½'Wx8½'Dx8½'H) maximum, if a Golf Cart Shelter is also erected (see Permits Section III-L).
  - b. Option 2: Either one or two sheds totaling no more than 200 square feet. Under this option, a canvas or vinyl Golf Cart Shelter is not permitted. Maximum overhang on allowed sheds is 6½" on all sides. Drip edge is not figured in this calculation. Sheds will have a maximum side wall height of 8' and maximum roof height of 10'. Sheds are to be erected on level ground. Landscaping blocks, patio pavers or treated wood must be used uniformly around the perimeter of the finished shed. The sides, front and rear of the finished shed(s) must not be higher than 4" above the ground.
4. Color of shed must should blend with site development.
5. A storage shed must be set 2' from side lot lines and at least 8' from the road. Sheds are not allowed in green areas. Permit must show accurate placement on site. Replacement sheds require permits and must meet current setback requirements. Second by Jim Schipper. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Young to amend Permits Section II, Part L, Golf Cart Shelters:

3. Golf Cart Shelter is not to exceed 12'Wx12'Dx8'H. Golf Cart Shelters are to be erected on level ground. Landscaping blocks, patio pavers or treated wood must be used uniformly around the perimeter of the shelter. Finished shelter must not be higher than 6" above ground level.
4. Golf Cart Shelters must be set 2' from side lot lines, and at least 8' from the road. Shelters are not allowed in green areas. Replacement golf cart shelters require permits and must meet current setback requirements. Second by Jean Richards. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Young to add to Section III, Section M, Other Shelters:

**M. Other Shelters:**

Except for sheds and golf cart shelters, as described herein, and excepting for firewood bins or portable canopies designed to protect people from the sun or elements, other types of roofing, canopy or sheltering systems with supporting legs or arms are not permitted. Second by Jim Schipper. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Young to approve the 2007 Handbook/Permit Book in its entirety. Second by Tom Aldrich. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jim Schipper reported on the upcoming events at Sandy Pines.

**Administrative Reports:** Max Gibbs, Park Director reported that Sandy Pines is way ahead of most campgrounds in the Country when it comes to being "green" or environmentally friendly. We already have fluorescent lighting in many of our CCs, we have a recycling program, our stools and urinals use less water, we have installed thermopane windows in our buildings and replaced doors on the CCs. We collected 99 geese this year, which is a new record. Our Recreation Program has met with great success this year. Adults have been on trips, played cards, enjoyed potlucks, enjoyed aquasize, they've painted, sewn and worked on many other craft activities. Teens have also been involved in racing remote controlled cars, pool tournaments, billiards, soccer, boat safety classes, and others. Our Swimming program has between 75-100 kids taking classes every day, Kids Club averages 75 kids each day and Pre Teen Club has about 23 kids. Recreation Station project is moving along well. Target date of opening this season is still in place.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - Stan Robbins made a motion to amend the Sale of Retired Sites to read:

- a. ~~Once a member purchases a retired site, its a combination forever. The site can not be separated.~~
- a. Previously retired sites may only be separated in whole or half sites.
- b. Previously retired sites may only be sold to a member whose site is adjacent to said site for the current retired

site price and current transfer fee. Second by Jim Schipper. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Recess/Break**

**Member Questions and Comments** - President VanHarn addressed and answered member questions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, August 10, 2007, in the Pavilion, -7:30 pm



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**For Sale - New!** Never set up - Premium All-Season Suntarra Sunroom 10'x32', white, 3" insulated, with vinyl Low E windows and screens; 2 six foot sliders. Retail Value: \$19,500 last year. Will sacrifice \$11,000. Call: 616-723-3232.

**For Rent:** Furnished 2-bedroom, Park Model in Sherwood Forest, Kissimmee, FL. Four miles from Disney - \$400/week. Call Mike - Site N-296 - 616-437-3691.

**For Sale at Site 2:** Large double wide mobile home (24x58) in Adult Park in Clearwater, FL. Central air, two bedrooms w/large walk-in closets, two baths, large Florida Room, dining room, large living room, nice sized kitchen w/dish washer, garbage disposal, carport and enclosed porch w/hurricane blinds, large shed w/washer and dryer. Completely furnished, on corner lot w/three fruit trees. Asking \$29,900. Call: 269-760-8453.

**For Sale - Site 73 - Tree Haven Circle, Phase 1:** 1990 Park Homes, 1 bedroom, three bay windows, air, 10 x 33 heated all season porch & furniture, all new in 2001, 12' deck, 2 electric golf carts & double golf cart garage, shed, fire pit & patio. Price Reduced. Call: 734-692-1953 or see Pat at lot 76.

**For Sale - Site 253:** Shed and Golf Cart Shed - 1994 Chariot. **Site 208** - Shed and Golf Cart Shed - 1994 Terry. Both priced to sell - must see to appreciate. Both have glass porches. Call: 616-896-7223.

**For Sale - Site 298, Phase 1:** Furnished 1992 Dutch Park - 2 bedrooms plus loft. 3-season porch w/gas heater, wrap-around deck, included are two golf carts, one EZ-Go Gas, one EZ-Go Electric, paddle boat w/boat stake, garage, shed, gas fire pit, desirable lot facing green area. Very close to amenities downtown/Sandy Pines - \$62,000 - OBO. Call: 616-455-5457 - Sara.

**For Sale - Site 318 Phase 1:** 1982 Trophy - 35 ft. screened in enclosed porch; built in Microwave/Oven, Stereo System, newer furnace, hot water heater, air conditioner, all furnishings included. Golf Cart, Electric 1988 Yamaha, shed - \$22,500 - OBO. Call: 616-531-1903.

**For Sale - Site 348, Phase 1:** Lakefront - 1989 Oakland Park, dual sliders to porch and patio, trailer and porch sit parallel to lake for gorgeous views. Underground sprinkling, shaded yard, double golf cart hut, new shed, two boat stakes in front, ideal swimming. Call: 616-878-4669.

**For Sale - Site 424:** Water view, 1988 Oakland Park, new furniture, excellent condition, 30' glassed-in porch w/blinds and a porch air conditioner. Front deck and rear entrance from parking area - \$44,900. Call: John at 616-896-8371.

**Wanted - Site 507:** Guitar teacher for a beginning student - starting mid-June. Contact Kathy at 616-896-1435. Thank you!

**For Sale - Site 673:** 2002 3 bedroom Park Model w/32' glass porch all new in '03. Great for large family w/5 actual beds and a sofa sleeper. Fully furnished. Air. Deck, shed, large patio around firepit. 2000 elec. golf cart w/double garage. Boat stake within walking distance. All on a quiet cul-de-sac lot. REDUCED - \$57,900. Call: 616-887-5760 or 616-915-3733.

**For Sale - Site 704, Phase 2:** 24' Aquapatio Pontoon - \$7,500 or best offer. Call: 269-792-0742.

**For Sale - Site 805:** on Shoreline Circle (cul-de-sac)...one of the nicest spots on the lake. Complete with nice dock, FourWinns Candia 200 (Seats 13, 2-Tubes and 3-Tow Ropes), 1997 Trophy 40'x10' w/36'x10' enclosed porch (heated and air conditioned), spacious deck overlooking the lake, brand new 3.5 Ton air conditioner installed October 2005, extra large furnace, 1-1993 EZ-GO Marathon gas golf cart (runs awesome), One-2003 EZ-GO TXT electric golf cart w/custom cut-in headlights and tail lights, shed, fire pit, picnic table, plenty of brand new high quality outdoor furniture and a brand new stainless steel grill. Sleeps 11 comfortably. Completely furnished including newer sectional sofa with two built-in recliners, brand new Woolrich bedding, kitchen wares, towels, newer television, etc. Just move in and start having fun...MUST SEE!! \$109,995. Call: 517-862-9417 and ask for Dean.

**For Sale - Site 810, Phase II:** Premier, Beachfront lot, complete with dock, pontoon boat, firepit & shed. 2001 Dutch Park w/cathedral ceilings, 3 season porch, pilotless appliances, central air/heat & auxiliary heater. Completely furnished - everything you need to move in, ready for summer fun, sleeps seven. Extras - EZ-GO gas high rise enclosed golf cart with shelter & electricity included. 2007 dues paid & cable TV. Must see - priced at \$124,000. Call - 616-682-9052 ask for Jeniece or Tony or 616-447-0735 ask for Kevin or Tina.

**For Sale - Site 923:** 2003 Dutch Park, loft and front second bedroom. Park Model only. Must Sell - \$36,000. Call: 269-207-2184 (leave message).

**For Sale - Site 977:** 2004 Heritage Park w/3-season porch on lot and one half. New - used one season - furnished. One minute walk from the CC, beach and playground. Must sell - \$52,500. Call: 616-893-2396.

**For Sale - Site 1337 and 1/2 of 1338 in Phase 3 on the channel:** 1988 Kropf Park

Model, Yamaha golf cart, paddle boat and 17' Bayliner speed boat - \$35,000. Call: 616-361-5134.

**For Sale - Site N-114:** Furnished '92 Kropf Trailer w/2 bedrooms and large loft. Attached heated and air conditioned porch setting on a very large deck with large gazebo, overlooking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Green on the Golf Course. Extensive landscaping w/fish pond, water fountains and fire pit area. Home has all new appliances and roof within the last two years. Includes golf cart garage w/2 electric carts. A must see w/many extras. Asking \$78,500 or best offer. Call: 616-836-6870 or 616-886-4610.

**For Sale - Site N-191:** Furnished & air conditioned - 1995 Casa Villa, 10x30 Enclosed porch, deck, two golf carts, double golf cart shelter, shed, pontoon boat, boat stake. 2007 Dues Paid - \$51,900. Call: 616-842-1801 or cell 616-638-6156.

**For Sale at Site N-214:** 35' 98 Dutchman 5th Wheel - superslide, rear bunks. Call: 616-878-1212. Site is NOT for sale - 5th Wheel only.

**For Sale - Site N-279:** Oakland Park, A/C, 1 bedroom plus built in bunks, new windows and siding, open floor plan, 2005 storage shed, golf cart and golf garage. boat stake and dock - \$47,500. Call: 616-885-7205 or 616-667-9405.

**For Sale at Site N-307:** Artificial palm trees for landscaping indoors or outdoors. Priced between \$15-\$80. May be seen at Site N-307 or call 269-275-1779 for more information.

**For Sale - Site N-380:** One bedroom Trophy, two large decks and H/A 3-Season room. Private - convenient to beach, indoor pool, and CC #10. Large professionally landscaped lot and green area. Paving stone drive, patio w/unique waterfalls and walkways. All new furniture, carpet, and refrigerator in the last few years. Many extras, ready to move in, everything needed to make this your summer home - no need to buy anything! 2007 Dues and Assessments paid. Move in at closing. Asking \$69,900 - make us an offer. Call: 517-323-0014 or 616-896-8254 (after 4/15). Garywolfega@aol.com.

**For Sale - Site N-400:** 1999 Newmar Kountry Star, 35', large slide, queen bed, excellent condition, too many options to list - \$19,900 - OBO. Call: 616-677-5818 or 616-723-1218. Currently in storage - not located at Sandy Pines.

**For Sale - Site N-454:** Can easily accommodate 40' 5th Wheel or Park Model w/adjoining porch, with room to spare. Amenities include: completely



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**For Sale - Site N-510:** 1972 Slickcraft SS170 Speedboat 17', Johnson 130 hp outboard, new seats, fish finder, runs and looks great \$2,700 - OBO. Call: 612-685-3341 OR 763-425-6930.

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**For Sale - Site K-50:** 1983 AMI Park Model, redone inside. New carpet and linoleum. Excellent condition - \$8,200 - can be seen on site K-50. Call: 616-896-8295 (leave message).

**For Sale - Site K-061:** 1992 - 18' Playbouy Eagle Pontoon boat w/40 hp Mariner - tube and rope included. Call: 517-669-8044.

**For Sale - Site K-261:** 2001 37' Sandpiper, Super Slide, 25' awning w/ enclosed screen porch and privacy curtains. Front Master Bedroom w/ upgraded mattress, garden tub w/glass door and exhaust fan in bathroom, rear bunks, sleeps 9 comfortably, has lots of storage, outside shower, AC, Cable Hookup and foam core insulation. Nice grass lot w/green area in back. 10'x32' deck, 8'x8' shed w/electric and full sized refrigerator, golf cart shed w/new cover in 2006, electric 1999 EZ-Go four-person gas golf cart w/2006 new rebuilt engine, large fire pit, picnic table, close to CC and playground. Just down the street from the lake, boat stake, 2007 dues paid. Asking \$41,900. Call: 616-581-5202 or 616-498-3026.

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**For Sale at K-397:** 1998 Prowler 29' Travel Trailer w/superslide and fiberglass exterior. A/C, Freestanding dinette, front corner kitchen, queen sized bed, easily sleeps four. Lots of options - \$6,500 - OBO. Call: 269-731-5145. Can be seen in the bullpen.

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**For Sale - Site K-509, Phase 5:** Near the new Water Works Project and the lake. 1990 - 35' Woodland Park Trailer with 30x10' enclosed parch, shed, 2000

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# Summer Recreation Update

## Adult Programs

Where has the summer gone? We just had Family Day, and what a great party it was! Lots of games for the kids, pony rides, bounceland, food, ice cream, cotton candy and pop. It was great to see so many families out for the day, having a good time. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help out. Without you, we couldn't pull an event of this size off.

The Chicago Gangster Trip was a huge success! It was a fabulous day. We learned a lot of the history of the City, and Gangsterland.

Our next trip will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, when we go to Port Huron, the Maritime Capital of the Great Lakes. Price is \$99/per person. Bus departs from Sandy Pines core area at 6:45 am. Included in the trip are roundtrip transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach; tour of the Coast Guard Cutter Bramble; lunch at the Thomas Edison Inn on the water; St. Clair River and Lake Huron boat cruise on the Huron Lady II; Guided tour of the Ft. Gratiot Lighthouse and an historical city and Lakefront ride aboard the Blue Water Trolley.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will again play host to the Calder Band in the Pavilion from 5-6 pm. Plan to attend this wonderful event.

Christmas in August is August 11<sup>th</sup>. We need some volunteers to help decorate the Park. If you are willing to help out, either see or call Rog at 896-8315 x 112.

Coffee is on Saturday morning at 9 am in the Pavilion, and our Potlucks are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Rog Grinwis  
Adult Programs Supervisor



## Aquatics Update

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Swimming lessons have been very busy and we had a great turn out for the Kid's Olympic Swim Meet last month. Thanks to Ellen and Darryl Sydloski for taking photos during this event. Congratulations to the many winners of the swim meet.

There will be a swimming lesson and Kid's Club end-of-the-summer party on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Check for more information at swimming, and Kid's Club, as the date approaches.

Finally, the lock-in will be held Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00pm until 6:00am. As always, a parent signature will be required during check-in and check-out. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Becki Arndt  
Aquatics Supervisor

## Teen/Youth Recreation

Boy is the summer going fast and we have had some great weather. The new things we did this season went very well - great turn outs at the events. Thank you for all the positive feed back and great comments. The staff really enjoy doing all those things with your children. Only a few weeks left for the Rec. Season we hope you enjoy them.

Wendy Gunn  
Teen/Youth Recreation Supervisor

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Member Hot Tub Survey

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No



## More Information

### Senior Adult Activities by Bill Meyer, President

August is a busy month at Sandy Pines, with many activities before school begins again. We hope you have enjoyed our many activities so far this summer. We have enjoyed working on them, but we can always use more volunteers. Come and join us for some friendship and fun.

Our Potluck/Christmas Party/Meeting is August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm in the Pavilion. Don't forget your \$5 unisex gift for our gift exchange. Plates and cutlery will be furnished, and you will need to bring a dish to pass.

Free Bingo is August 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm, for those 12 years and older. If you have prizes to donate, please bring them to Site 345, or to our events.

August 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 am in the TeePee area. Plan to enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, plus sausages, orange juice and hot drinks.

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting Bingo at 7 pm for those 18 years and older. Food is available at 6 pm, including hot dogs, polish dogs, sloppy joes, and pies for dessert. We sell popcorn at intermission. Please have correct change to purchase your cards.

Another Golf Cart Poker Run is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. Our last one was a huge success with over 100 entries! Prizes will be given for the best poker hands, and you will have to drive around the Park to different stations to draw your cards. It will begin at 2 pm in the TeePee area.

Labor Day weekend brings another Flea Market, on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and that includes another Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 am. On Labor Day, we will have another Free Bingo for ages 12 and up, from 2-4 in the Pavilion. Pop and popcorn will be available for purchase.

Special thanks to John Geers Trailer Sales of Dorr, for letting our group use a trailer in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We appreciate it very much.



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**James LaClear**, Site 915, on the passing of his wife, Mary, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to Laurie LaClear, Site 914, who was Mary's sister-in-law.

**Herb & Loretta Butler**, Site 897, on the passing of Loretta's mother, Cassie Priest, on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Dick and Shirley Carlon**, Site D-156, on the unexpected passing of Dick's brother, Larry, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Look What's Happening!

**Mike and Nancy Young**, Site 492, were blessed, on June 27<sup>th</sup>, with a 7 lb. 6 oz. grandson, Bryce Michael Young. His mom and dad are Steven and Karissa Young. Congratulations to all of you.

**Jim & Carol Hoffman**, Site 345, celebrated their grandson's wedding on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Billy MacKechnie married Lindsay Webbert in an outdoor garden wedding in Lindsay's grandmother's backyard in Holland. Billy is also the great-grandson of Gen Folkema, Site K-136. Congratulations and best wishes to Billy and Lindsay!

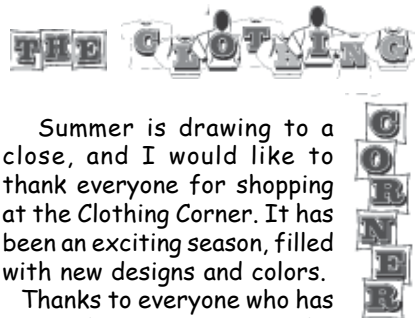
**John & Sharon Weerstra**, Site 193, will celebrate 40 years of marriage on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe and Joan Korzilius**, Site K-357, will celebrate 25 years of marriage on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and many more years of happiness!

**Brooke Bach**, daughter of **Rod & Melinda Bach**, Site K-346, recently graduated with honors from Lawrence Technological University. She is employed as an Architect with GMB, in Holland, MI. Brooke worked on the Rec. Staff at Sandy Pines for several years before going to LTU. Congratulations, Brooke!



Doris Hepp takes a moment to explain things to Rog Grinwis before the 4th of July Parade gets underway. Sure hope you were listening, Rog!



Summer is drawing to a close, and I would like to thank everyone for shopping at the Clothing Corner. It has been an exciting season, filled with new designs and colors.

Thanks to everyone who has stopped by to see us at the Flea Markets and place their special orders. Be sure to check us out at the Christmas in August Flea Market on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be there with lots of fun stuff to buy.

The Recreation Station shirts were a huge success, and we will be producing more of them for your enjoyment.

Your ideas for new designs are always appreciated. We are looking forward to another great couple of months here at Sandy Pines as the season winds down.

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## Walking and singing our way across the U.S.A. by Jean Richards

Walkers, weeks nine through 13 have us clearing "Souix City Sue" and "Wichita Lineman." We are closing in on "Viva, Las Vegas," with only 251 miles to go. We have traveled 2,943 miles, but still have a long way to get to our final destination. If we have any chance of completing our U.S. cities in song trip, which is a total of 9,432 miles, we need everyone who walks, to fill in a mileage slip at the

Ranger Station.

Please take a minute out of your busy schedule and fill out a slip. You can do this once a week, at your convenience. Whether you walk  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile or ten miles, we need your support! If every member in the Park did an average of 3.5 miles per site, for the season, we would surpass our goal!

After Las Vegas, is San Francisco, which will complete the first third of our trip.

There are Park maps in the Admin. Office and the Main Ranger Station with the locations of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile markers indicated, as well as, a distance breakdown to a walk around the lake.

If you have any questions, please leave me a note at the Admin. Office.

## Member Outreach Committee Promotes Communication



According to Sandy Pines Bylaws, the mandate of the Member Outreach Committee is to "work to improve the overall image of Sandy Pines, and to promote communication with the members."

In order to carry out one aspect of its mandate, committee members invite Sandy Pines members to send questions to them, via Chairperson, Jean Richards. Questions concerning policies and procedures, or clarification of current policies, need to be directed to the Park Director, or the Board of Directors. All other questions can be sent to the

Outreach Committee. The committee will provide information in its "Your Questions Answered" column in future issues of the Footprints Newsletter. The first question we will try to research is how to remove dried pine tar (sap) from vinyl cart seats. There are many products that work on glass, fiberglass, and car finishes, but few, if any, for vinyl.

Committee members are also making preparations to present "Welcome Packets" to new members, and to give them a brief orientation to Sandy Pines.

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Ed & Anna VanderVelde  
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 Harry & Jackie Davies  
 Don & Bev Jupstrom  
 Ann Ruth Rozema  
 Ken & Alberta Agema



### Member News by Doris Hepp

So often, we hear negative things about children, so I thought you'd like to hear about a very positive thing that happened in our Circle at Sandy Pines, over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. These children worked for days putting this "play" together. They printed invitations, prepared lemonade and refreshments and taught the cast their various parts. They did more than an "amazing" job with hardly any adult assistance.

Here's what happened in Phase 5 - Iroquois Circle on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend: Neighbors were invited to watch some children in Phase V perform excerpts from the play, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat.

The creativity of three 11 year old girls was indeed, amazing! Using an old sheet for the stage curtain, firewood to form the 'well', a colorful striped beach towel as the 'Dreamcoat', and other unique props, helped to set the stage in Iroquois Circle for a delightful evening.

Nichole Witte/Hepp (who was in this play at her school in New York recently) was the director, narrator, and portrayed Leah, the fourth wife of Jacob. Other stars were Deanna Kerkstra and Darcee Veldhouse. Technical crew consisted of David Kerkstra, Devin Veldhouse, Andrew Hepp, Bryant Hepp and Dellin Veldhouse. Thanks to each of you for a great evening of entertainment!

### SP Blood Drive History

The first Blood Drive at Sandy Pines was in August, 2001, when Henry & Coby VandenBroek, and Joanna DeBoer, so enthusiastically started this program. In 2002, it was extended to two drives, and in 2003, the three Holiday weekends were selected, as that is when the most people in the Park. Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day seemed a good time to hold the Blood Drives, and we've had three drives each summer since that time.

When the VandenBroek's moved from Sandy Pines, I, Ardith Matthyssse, took over as the contact person with the Red Cross. Joanne and I have worked with our wonderful group of volunteers helping the Red Cross in their efforts to provide 2,000 units of red cells, plasma, and platelets needed daily, as every 43 seconds, someone needs blood.

My biggest disappointment has been the decreasing number of members who participate in these drives. With hundreds of people 18 years and older in the Park on the Holiday weekends, only 34 of you came on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and of those 34, only 25 were able to donate. The Red Cross provides a staff of 6-7 people, and our 12 volunteers work hard to provide a comfortable place in our air conditioned Pavilion for your convenience to help with this most important service to our fellow Americans.

We have, in the seven years, provided 610 pints of blood for the Red Cross, but I encourage you to seriously consider being a donor in the future. Everyone can give at two of the three drives each summer.

Elayne Matthyssse will replace me at our September 1<sup>st</sup> drive, as Co-Chairman with Joanne DeBoer. All who donated at the May and July drives will be eligible to give again in September, and new donors are always welcome and appreciated. Your support is needed. you for your consideration.

Ardith Matthyssse

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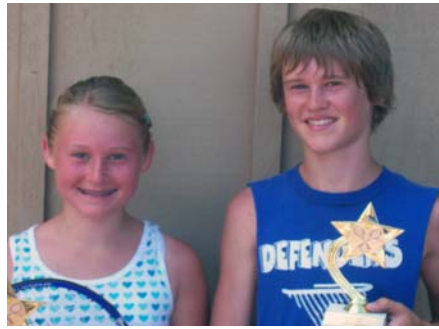




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## Member Survey Results

Survey responses were based on last year's (2006) experiences, as responded to by 611 members. A high percentage rated Sandy Pines as a good-to-excellent place to live. There was a common desire for a safe and healthy community, where all members are treated equally, and with respect from staff and other members, as stated through comments and suggestions for changes within the Park structure.

All responses were tallied and percentages calculated, based upon the number of members who responded to each individual question. If a member marked two values in their response, the response that was tallied, corresponded to the lower of the two values, for example, a poor/good rating was tallied as poor. All comments and suggestions for improvements were recorded in categorical groups for referencing, and have been made available to the appropriate supervisors for their consideration.

Approval rating is based on the percentage of responses in the passing range (fair to excellent). The main concern(s) listed was (were) the most reoccurring theme(s) for that question.

Questions:

**Recreation Department:** (based on the 64.2% who indicated contact)

#33: Program Operation - 97.9%. Main Concerns: Need to make clear to members when and where activities are being held, especially for those activities not held weekly; too many children per teacher or lifeguard ratio; roped swim areas need to be enlarged; adult activities and outings need earlier notice of offerings.

#34: Interaction w/staff - 97.5%. Main Concerns: Staff smoking is poor example for children; unreliable and unfriendly staff is poor example to youth.

#35: Program Choices - 96.8%. Main Concerns: Would like department to survey all members for input on programs. ; need new ideas; programs are declining; teen and adult/senior program need improvement.

**Indoor/Outdoor Pools:**

#36: Pool Hours: Hours are adequate - 39.5%. Need more open hours - 60.9%. Main Concerns: Pool needs to be open during published hours; extend pool season - Outdoor Pool: May-October and Indoor Pool - full season.

#37: Programs: Need more for Adults - 49.8%; Need more for Teens - 25.7%; Need more for Youth - 24.5%. Main Concerns: More evening swims for adults; swim lessons available later in season and made available to all kids and not just the full-timers.

#38: Pool Usage (based on 69% who indicated use of pools). Use Indoor Pool - 56.1%; Use Outdoor Pool - 23.2%; Use both equally - 20.1%. Main concerns: Pool often closed for "contamination" or lack of guards with member notification; need better changing rooms; pool rules need better enforcement; pool is too crowded - need to rotate people in pool more often.

**Golf Course:** (based on 65.4% who golf or use the course)

#39: Experience at Golf Course: Play golf, but not at Sandy Pines - 6.2%; Play occasionally at Sandy Pines - 43.4%; Play golf at Sandy Pines on weekdays - 11.8%; Play golf at Sandy Pines on weekends - 10.1%; Play golf at Sandy Pines both weekdays and weekends - 28.5%. Main Concerns: Too many outings on weekends make it difficult to get on and play; too crowded; not enough time between starting groups.

#40: Condition of Golf Course: 99.1%. Main Concerns: Grass not cut often enough; where is high prices money going to improve the course? need water available on the course; need to improve tee boxes - especially the front boxes; need more clean up of dead trees and more sand traps; when will cart paths on front nine be paved or filled in?

#41: Cost of Play: No changes necessary - 58.6%; Too high - 17.8%; Some costs too high - 23.6%. Main Concerns: Cost of trail fees; pricing ourselves out of non-member golfers; less cost for front nine; cost of various play cards is not consistent.

#42: Customer Service: 99.7%. Main Concerns: None

#43: Cost of Items for Sale: No changes necessary - 75.6%; Too high - 24.4%. Main Concerns: Offer discounts to those with memberships.

Miscellaneous:

#44: Computer Usage: Desktop PC - 47; Laptop - 200. Use cable hook-up DSL - 22%; Use AT&T hookup DSL - 12.4%; dial up - 25.1%; Wi-Fi Wireless - 40.6%.

#45: Interested in Improved Services: DSL (look into group rate pricing) - 32.8%; Wi-Fi (expand number of hot spots) - 41.6%; Neither - 24.7%. Main Concerns: Need a closer "hot spot" for Phase 3; what about cell phone service?; most campgrounds have wireless throughout their Parks, why not us to keep our rating? Include condos.

#46: Priority Direction of the Board: (based on 648 responses) Communications with members - 52.6%; Better Financial Reports - 15.1%; Better Member Input - 25.8%; Other - 6.5%. Main concerns: We need more surveys to have an opportunity to voicing members' opinions and concerns; establish a liaison committee from all phases; full minutes of board meeting, not just an outline, needs to be made available to all members and not just on the web; Financial reports need to be in a form that all can understand. Need a full disclosure on condos and golf course; Weekly newsletter with as much info as possible so rumors won't fly - this should allow for letters to the Editor/ Board members/campers to be printed with answers to their questions.

This concludes the results of the survey.





## Park & Garden News

Let's try to tackle the questions on golf cart shelters. After four years at Park and Garden, I think I've heard them all. Maybe not all, but close...

- What colors do you have? We have tan, white, green and gray.
- What sizes are available? The board has passed that a shed 12'x12'x8' size is legal. We can get that size as well as 10'x12'x8'.
- The Internet site for Shelter Logic has 12'x10'x8' on it's site for sale? The sales person at Shelter Logic said they have not updated their web page. They don't make that size anymore.
- I have an issue with my shelter. What can I do? Shelter Logic doesn't let their dealers handle warranty issues. You must call the Customer Service line. The number is on the warranty card or on the side of the shelter. If you still can't find it, we would be happy to give it to you.
- Now that they don't make the smaller sized shelters, can I get new replacement covers? Shelter Logic will still make the canvas covers and doors for all sizes. They stopped making the smaller sized pipes or frames work, indicating that the cost was too high to produce these items.
- Can I get parts for the roll-up door? We can't get any parts for the roll-up door kits from Shelter Logic. They only sell the kit. We have found some parts from our hardware supplier. Stop by and see what we have.
- My vent keeps falling out, what can I do? We suggest that you use small bolts with a washer and a nut to replace the plastic inserts. We have these items in stock.
- How soon can you put up my shelter? Park and Garden doesn't install shelters, however, we have a list of people who do.
- My zipper is pulling apart, can I get it fixed? I know that some people have taken their doors to seamstresses and had their zippers fixed, but most people have said it was a fix that lasted only a short time.
- My covers have faded what can I do? I have talked to our salesman and they say that the warranty doesn't cover fade. It just a part of nature, the sun bleaches the color out.
- Cover It - what happened to them? Cover It just changed their name to Shelter Logic.

These are just a few of the questions we get every week. I hope that I have answered some of your questions. If you still have questions, give us a call or stop in and see us.

The Board has posted new rules on the shed sizes. We are working on getting shed kits. Hopefully by the time you get this Newsletter, we will have pricing available for you.

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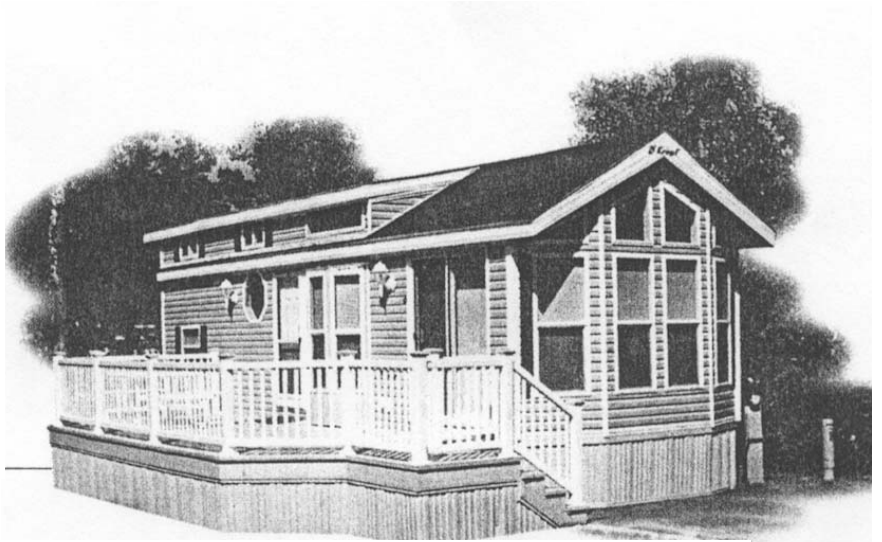
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