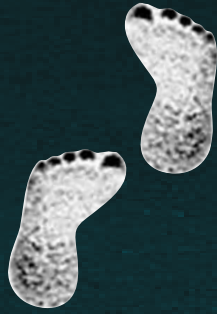




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Letter from the President by Jean Richards

The calendar has changed to a new year. All the pages are fresh and waiting for us to fill in the blank squares. This is especially true for us Sandy Piners as this is not just another year for our members to enjoy each other's company while enjoying everything that the Park has to offer. It is a year for celebration!

This is a special year, our Ruby Anniversary—the 40th year in the existence of the best RV/Resort Park around. Kudos go to the Adult Activities Director (Roger Grinwis, last year-retired; and Terry Derks, currently) and their committee for their commitment to planning a season to remember. Everyone will have a variety of activities to choose from to make their stay at Sandy Pines full of enjoyment.

There will be something for all ages with Pig Roasts for the whole Park, concerts, talent shows, poetry contests, increased Family Day activities, and many more things, too numerous to mention. I'm sure everyone will find something that suits their interests.

The call will soon go out for volunteers to help work the various activities. If you will be available and would like to help out, stop by the office and leave your contact information. No volunteer will be turned away.

Get your pencils sharpened, and your calendars ready, to fill in your schedule of celebration and summer fun.

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PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



Winter! What a wonderful time of year. Well, now that I have your attention, I'll let you know what is happening at Sandy Pines. I haven't lost my mind and think that winter is wonderful, but it is time to do many things at the Park to get ready for your return.

Change happens, people change, and we are going to have a change in our Adult Recreation Program. Roger Grinwis has decided to retire. Roger did an outstanding job for us. We had some Adult Programming when he took over from Mike Young, but with the change of direction toward specialized people in charge of the recreation areas, he was able to devote his time to growing the program.

Roger had many successful ideas that he implemented, and brought you new trips, new entertainment, and a new enthusiasm to work with our members. We are going to miss his happy smile and humorous stories that he is always willing to share!

The program will continue, and more new ideas will be tried. Terry Derks, who is the head of the Special Events Committee, has agreed to step in and fill the position of Adult Recreation Supervisor. Many of you know Terry from his Cardboard Boat Regatta, and his work on the Board of Directors.

We are looking forward to his new ideas, and all of the 40th Anniversary events that are coming your way this season.

Times change, people change, but we move forward with enthusiasm, and thank those who brought us forward to the place we are now.

Thank you, Roger, for the great job that you did for us. You are appreciated!

We are working on two new areas that we think will improve your time at Sandy Pines. First, we are computerizing the sign-up system for Guest Passes. You will be able to use your computer, instead of coming to the Ranger Station, to sign in your guests.

Second, we are working on an online reservation system to sign up for camping. You, Associate Members, and guests, will be able to reserve a campsite, trailer, or cabin from your computer.

We had so many people call on the first day for reservations this year, that our phone system crashed! Kelli could do nothing, and you couldn't get through or leave a message. Our camping reservations are up 30% already this year!

We will be working to complete these two projects as soon as we can. We will keep you informed on our website, or in the Footprints.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon. Enjoy yourselves!

Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

Convenience Centers Open this winter:

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 CC#8 – Phase 4
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You should be receiving your renewal notice soon. Be sure to check your e-mail or watch your mailbox. Please take

the time to look the form over and make sure all the information is correct. The back of the form, and the e-mail cover letter, gives you the option to make changes. Send the form back only if you make changes. The total amount on the renewal will be billed to your account in March, and sent out April 1st.

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Weekday and Weekend Playcards*	Regular Price	March 14, 2011 Sandy Pines Members only	Weekend Play Cards
_____ 10 Plays (9 week days/1 weekend)	Playcards		March 14 Sandy Pines
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_____ 50 Plays (45 week days/5 weekends)	\$265.00	\$246.75	Members Only
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	\$904.75	\$843.75	_____ 25 Plays \$318.75 \$300.00

Limited Memberships**	March 14, 2011	
_____ Students (under 18)	\$171.75	\$159.75
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_____ Senior Couple ****	\$703.00	\$655.00

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_____ 25 Plays	\$201.50	\$187.75
_____ 50 Plays	\$382.00	\$356.00
_____ 100 Plays	\$687.25	\$641.00

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_____ Couple \$1,349.00	_____ 25 Plays \$192.00	after 2 pm	
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_____ Yearly	\$175.00	\$75.00
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- * **Playcards** - Playcards are for prepaid nine hole rounds that can be used at any time by any player you designate. Playcards expire at the end of the season.
- ** **Limited Membership** - (Special) Two weekend plays after 3 pm. All Limited Memberships are good for weekday play only. **Not valid on Holidays.**
- *** **Family Memberships** include parents and single children that live at home, and are under 21 years of age. Couples Memberships are for couples only, as per membership rules.
- **** **Senior Memberships** are for players at least 62 years of age. Senior Couples Memberships (both over 62 years of age).

Second Card Policy

Players running out of plays may purchase 10, 25, etc. playcards at the spring rate for that card. Any remaining plays will be carried over until June 3, 2012.

Second Trail Fee Card

Members may carry over a second 10 or 20 trail fee card until June 3, 2012.

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Golf Course Update

We have owned the Golf Course for over ten years. This past summer is the first time that we did not take in more money than we had to spend.

Fortunately, because we were always a few dollars to the good in years past, you did not notice any changes, and we were able to pay all of our bills.

It was necessary to evaluate what we were doing. Our members who played golf every day, which meant they purchased memberships, has decreased by seventy (70%) percent, since we purchased the Course. 'What happened?' you ask? Well many of those memberships have either left the Park, passed away, or health-wise, can no longer play golf.

Sandy Pines, over the last six (6) years, has a younger population, and they are not here every day, as the previous members were.

The Playcard system is good for the member, but when you can pay \$8 or \$9 for a weekend play, instead of the \$13.75 price, it hurts our budget. We want you to have a good Course to play on, and we have cut our expenses to the bare bones.

We must increase revenue. We do check with the Golf Courses in our area, and in many other cities for pricing. We know that you are still getting a bargain to play on your Course. We are glad we can do this, but we must pay our bills and continue the quality of our Course, because it is your Course!

The decisions to increase rates and make changes are made by many people. The Park Director and Golf Course Manager bring their suggestions and concerns to the Golf Course Committee, and then the recommendations are given to the Board of Directors, who have the final decision.

As incentive to make your golf course better suited for all of our members, please note that this years 'Member Playcards' have been separated into two different categories. 'Weekday/Weekend' Playcard and 'Weekend' Playcard. This allows members the ability to choose the Playcard that best fits their lifestyle. Please be aware that the 'Weekday/Weekend' Playcard will be valid for use during weekends on the front nine course after 3 pm. It is our goal to offer you the best possible value for your recreation dollars, while keeping our facility operating in the black.

All of these groups are made up of members who also understand that we are operating a business. All of us are looking out for members for today, and into the future. If you compare the price of food, gas, insurance and electric over the past year, you will see our increase was below all of them.



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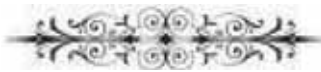
Sympathy is extended to the following members and families:

Dennis & Karin King, Site 1076, on the passing of their father, Robert Brandt, in August, 2010.

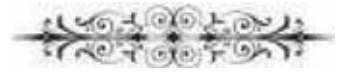
Bruce Watts, Site 4, on the passing of his wife, **Elizabeth 'Betsy'**, on December 7th. Sympathy is also extended to **Dennis & Pam Kraai**, Site 262. Betsy is Pam's mother.

Ron & Cathie Corstange, Site N-19, on the passing of their mother, Bea Corstange, on December 28th.

Barbara Markovich, Site 1190, on the passing of her husband, **David**, on January 3rd.



Here's What's Happening...



Florida Winter Gathering Update

The Florida Winter Gathering will take place on **March 4, 2011**, at the Golden Corral (3950 Wedgewood Lane) in the Villages, with lunch at 1 pm! There will be games, prizes and lots of fun! At 5 pm, Scooter, the DJ from Disney, at Spanish Springs - Dancing and loads of Fun! Please **RSVP to Sue Stank by Feb. 27th** at suestank@yahoo.com or 616-405-5303. Lodging is available for a special rate at Microtel Inn. Call 352-259-0184 and mention Sandy Pines to receive a \$50 or \$55 rate per night! Call or e-mail Sue with questions. What a great way to begin Sandy Pines 40th Anniversary year! See you all then.

Michigan Winter Gathering Dates

The Sandy Piners who do not go to a warmer climate during the winter months get together on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 pm. We meet at the Old Country Buffet, alternating monthly, between Grand Rapids (Roger's Plaza on 28th St.) and Kalamazoo (Maple Hill Mall on West Main St.). Here's our schedule: February 17th - Kalamazoo; March 17th - Grand Rapids and April 21st - Kalamazoo. Everyone is welcome! We hope you will be able to join us at least once during the winter!

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You will no longer have to move the page up and down to read the columns, the stories have been formatted to read from left to right, rather than being read as newspaper columns.

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PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

Lake Ice:

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A general guideline of four inches of new, clear ice, is the minimum thickness for travel on foot. A general guideline of five inches of ice is required for snowmobiles. Remember, these are general guidelines, and many factors besides thickness determine the safety of ice.

Safety tips:

Please supervise youth out on the ice. Don't venture out on the ice alone. Take a companion with you. Carry a couple of ice picks or screw drivers with you to assist you in getting out of the water if you should fall in. Refrain from driving on ice.

Snowmobile usage of the Park:

Please operate snowmobiles on Park roadways, and abide by the 10 mph speed limit. Please do not cut across member sites, and if operating on the lake, be careful not to run into a boat stake along the shoreline. Snowmobile trails are nearby Sandy Pines and retailers near the Park have local trail maps that can be purchased.





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SANDY PINES 40th Anniversary News

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Sandy Pines is going to have a contest just for you. Please write a poem or short story about Sandy Pines. This could be about your feelings, wishes, or experiences. There will be three Divisions of Entry: Youth (ages 5-12); Teens (ages 13-17) and Adults (18+). Deadline for application is May 15, 2011.

The winners will be selected by June 1, 2011. The top five stories and poems will be displayed on our website, and will be published in the Footprints.

You may submit your entries by e-mail, US mail, or drop them off at the office. Please include your name, site number, address, the best way to contact you, and number of years at Sandy Pines. If you choose to e-mail your stories, please put 40th Anniversary poem, or story in the subject line and send to kathy@sandypines.com. Thanks!



Talent Show

Sandy Pines is fortunate to have many talented members among us. We have set aside the date, July 9, 2011, as a day for you to share your talents with our membership.

If you can sing, dance, play the piano or another instrument, have a musical act to share, can do magic tricks, you're a stand up comedian, or have another talent not mentioned here – we want you!

Anyone 15 years old or older can fill out an application online at www.sandypines.com, and submit a CD or video of your act. The top fifteen acts, determined by judges, will be given the opportunity to perform at the Talent Show on July 9, 2011, at the Chapel.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three performances, as selected by our panel of judges. Applications and CD's or videos are due by June 4, 2011.

**Sandy Pines 40th Anniversary
Talent Show - July 9, 2011 - at the Chapel**
Application and CD or Video due by June 4, 2011

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Best way to contact you (choose one) Phone E-mail Site # _____

Description of talent you wish to perform: _____

If you wish to be considered for the Talent Show, you must send a Video or CD of you performing your act. All Videos and CDs will be reviewed by a panel of judges and the top fifteen acts will be selected to perform at the Talent Show on July 9th. Questions may be directed to kathy@sandypines.com or call 616-896-8315 x 105.

We will hold your Video or CD in the office until Oct. 1, 2011, if you want it back.

Get ready - this is going to be an awesome event!

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For Sale – Site 1246 – Phase 3: Quailridge one-bedroom w/new 3-season porch and large deck. Four-lot parcel w/one dues assessment, many trees. Central Air, Queen sleeper sofa and double recliner loveseat. New carpet throughout in 2009, EZ-GO gas golf cart, cart shelter, gazebo, fire pit, fountain, outdoor furniture and grill. Includes furniture, kitchenware and all décor. 2010-11 dues paid. Asking - \$67,500. Call: 616-399-2515.

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For Sale – Site N-425: PRICE REDUCED! Lakeview with direct lake access. Recently updated with laminate flooring and new tile. Two full bedrooms, plus loft. Park Model with full 32' sun-room, brick patio and large double deck and golf cart. \$54,900. Call: 616-527-1497.

For Sale – Site N-465: 1998 3-bedroom Park Model, fully furnished, dock slip, two golf carts, close to the lake and the Water Park. Asking \$50,000. Call: 616-890-1989.

For Sale – Site K-79: '93 Casa Villa Park Model w/3-season porch, new doors and vertical blinds. A/C throughout, plus gas heater on porch. Many recent updates including new carpet, roof, patio, tinted windows and hot water heater. 12'x11' garage, 8'x8' lawn shed, underground sprinkling, patio set (six chairs/table/umbrella) on large lot

w/green space behind. Boat stake across the street. Close to Water Park, Mini-golf, Rec. Station, CC and Laundromat **Price just reduced - \$58,500!** Call: 616-212-8119.

For Sale – Site K-131: 2005 Kropf Islander Double loft, fully furnished, ready to go! Three-season Champion porch, small storage shed, two golf carts, one gas – one electric. Maintenance free yard. Extensive decking, site backs up to Green area – very private when sitting at fire pit. Trailer and Porch bought brand new, Central air, hard wood floor and cabinets in kitchen w/center island, many extras. 2011 Dues are paid. Price reduced \$79,900. Call: 616-897-3170.

For Sale – Site K-303: Lakefront - 2008 Trophy Custom Park Model. Large open concept with cathedral ceilings, two three season rooms, large kitchen which is open to water views. One of the nicest parts of the lake. 1 1/2 ton air conditioning/heating unit. Professionally landscaped. Brick paver patio with maintenance free deck. Maintenance free aluminum dock on wheels. 2004 Gas Golf cart, 200 sq foot garage with shelves and parking for two carts. Large blacktop parking area to accommodate up to five cars. Second porch has two rooms. This is the one! Great view of lake, island and sunsets. Sandy bottom for swimming. Dues are paid for 2011. Asking \$189,900. Call: 616-836-4711.

For Sale – Site K-434: Lakefront. Two bedroom Park Model w/porch. New roof, carpet, deck, fridge, and water heater. Sandy beach w/gradual slope. Quiet wooded cul-de-sac site w/large parking area. Newly landscaped. Golf cart, storage shed, and boat stake. Call: 616-292-4690.

For Sale – Site K-444: One of Sandy Pines best kept secrets, on a peninsula and a cul-de-sac. A very peaceful

and beautiful waterfront lot. Pond with two waterfalls, landscaped w/brick patio and garden. 1986 Oakland, sleeps six, 3-season porch, 20' pontoon boat, canoe, golf cart and two sheds. Call 616-291-4725 or 616-291-7883.

For Sale – Site D-79 (Phase 6): 1994 Trophy Park Model w/large enclosed glass porch, deck and patio, all w/an awesome view of the lake and lots of beach to enjoy! One bedroom, plus loft, nice size kitchen and living room w/sleeper sofa. Central air. Boat stake. Porch furniture and golf cart negotiable. Quiet, great neighbors, ample parking, close to restrooms. Reduced price - \$97,500. Call 616-318-3120 or email Kimberly.roden@gmail.com.

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