

# *The* **RETREAT** *Newsletter*



**June - July 1987**

## **SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING**

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Retreat Landowners Association shall be held on Saturday July 25, 1987 at 1:00 PM at the Glen Haven Community Building, in Downtown Glen Haven. Registration will begin at noon, and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 1:00 PM.

Please review the information and agenda enclosed in this newsletter, and bring it with you to the meeting, so that we may proceed in a business like manner. If you will not be able to attend, remember to return the enclosed proxy so that you will be represented.

All members are reminded that only those members who have paid their 1987 RLA assessments shall be allowed to vote, as per our by-laws. Unpaid assessments may be paid to the treasurer at the time you register.

The annual meeting will be followed by a POTLUCK and social gathering at about 5:30 PM. The RLA will furnish a meat dish, beverages, condiments, etc. Members should bring either a salad, vegetable, or a desert dish, plus their own table setting.

This time will be spent having a good old fashioned country get-together, fun and fellowship. Members with special or budding talents, who would like to help with a short fun program, could contact I.B. Muller, P.O. Box 79 Glen Haven, Co. 80532 Or 303-586-4743. If you and yours are going to attend, please return the bottom portion of the agenda, so that necessary supplies may be purchased.

# AGENDA

## GLEN HAVEN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Registration from noon to 1:00 PM

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| 1. Call to order and distribution of proxies | 1:00 PM |
| 2. Approval of minutes of 1986 meeting       | 1:15 PM |
| 3. President's remarks by Graham Fowler      | 1:25 PM |
| 4. Treasurer's report by Richard Weinmeister | 1:40 PM |
| 5. Architectural Control by Dennis Bicknell  | 1:50 PM |
| 6. Road maintenance by Ray Tallman           | 2:15 PM |
| 7. Break                                     | 2:30 PM |
| 8. Environmental concerns                    | 2:45 PM |
| 9. Election of Board Members                 | 3:05 PM |
| 10. Old Business                             | 3:20 PM |
| 11. New Business                             | 3:40 PM |
| 12. Landowners comments                      | 4:00 PM |
| 13. Adjournment                              | 4:30 PM |

Discussion may be limited to maintain time schedule.

BRING this Agenda and Ballot with you to the meeting.

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Candidates for Board of Directors (three to be elected)

Vote For TWO  
Timothy Stolz \_\_\_\_\_  
Duke Sumonia \_\_\_\_\_  
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Vote For ONE  
Dice McKnight \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reminder that the POTLUCK will begin at about 5:30 PM after the meeting. See the separate article for more information. If you are planning on attending, please mail the below to POTLUCK Marcella Bicknell, 2315 Fairplay Drive, Loveland, Co. 80538 no later than July 18th, so that supplies may be purchased. Don't miss it!!!

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! We Will attend the POTLUCK.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending.

Please print your name. \_\_\_\_\_

# President's Report

Another year has gone by, and so I thought I would bring you up to date on what has been going on in the Retreat.

I would like to thank Jim Persichetti for all the time and effort in combating the Spruce Budworm. The recent egg mass count by the Forest Service, was 0-2 per square meter, compared to 39.6 in 1984-85. Jim was instrumental in getting the program moving, and oversaw the operation. Jim's term on the board expires this July, and Jim has declined to run again. Jim has agreed to continue to assist the Board as a member of the environmental committee, and the Board appreciates all of his efforts.

We purchased a used back hoe-front end loader. It has been put to work cleaning out the road ditches. Rock has been able to put between 200-250 yards of dirt back on the roads that has washed away into the ditches. This will save the RLA a lot of money in dirt that would have had to been hauled in.

We continue to work on covenant violations. We have had good co-operation from some of the landowners, but have had to seek legal advice, at expense to all of us, to force a few to comply. I feel that this money could be better spent if all would read and follow the covenants. Collection of unpaid and late RLA assessments also costs money, but our by-laws allows us to recover all expenses involved, when the assessment is paid.

Things look pretty good around the Retreat. More and more cabins are being built, and the Board continues to work on keeping the area up to the standards we all expected when we bought our land. I am looking forward to serving on the Board again next year, and invite you to contact any Board member for assistance.

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter. You will find it helpful and informative, and it may save you time and energy later on.

Looking forward to meeting with all of you at the Annual Meeting on July 25th.

RLA President Graham Fowler

## Catamount

The May 29th issue of The Estes Park Trail Gazette, reports that a mountain lion has been seen by several Glen Haven (not Retreat) residents this past week, near the downtown area.

The Fish and Game Commission has been so advised, and used dogs to track the lion, but it appears at press time, that the lion has escaped. Graham Fowler reports that that Mountain Lions are also called Cougars, Pumas, Panthers or Catamount (cat of the mountains), with males growing to over 200 pounds by eight feet in length, and females to over 100 pounds and six feet in length. They are usually loners, and have territories covering 25 square miles. Mountain Lions like to feed on deer, but will take an Elk if given the chance.

Litters of cubs, up to six kittens, are usually hidden under rock ledges or in caves, and will stay with their mother until they are a year or two old. So when you travel about the Glen this summer, keep a sharp eye out for one of nature's most secretive animals, and get a good picture for our newsletter. By the way, an old Indian guide told me that if you hit two sticks together once in a while during your hike, that the lion will hear you coming, and go the other way!!!

# Environmental Report

During the last three years, the RIA Board has undertaken a plan of Forest Management to control the various pests that attack our trees. Our goal is to improve the quality of our area forest, encourage new growth, provide wildlife habitat, and reduce the potential for forest fires.

The Douglas Fir Beetle is very active in the Retreat. This pest came along with the Spruce Budworm, attacking those trees under stress. The trees infected by this beetle are identifiable when their needles turn rust red. A number of newly infested trees have been observed since March, and since the pesticides available to be used to control the spread is harmful to fish and wildlife, we must cut down the infected trees to inhibit the flight of the Beetle to healthy trees. Volunteer help has been minimal, the access to some of these trees is difficult, and we have not been successful in controlling the spread.

The Board has entered into an agreement with Retreat resident Rod (Rock) Tallman, to cut and remove where possible, trees from the lots where the owners have given permission in previous tree survey forms. Rock will use two horses to remove the trees, and will use utmost care to minimize damage to existing grass and healthy trees. We will review our budget, and keep after this pest as funds will permit.

Included in this issue, is a new and up-dated version of the tree survey, and we sincerely ask that every landowner in the Retreat will respond once again, so that we may isolate and attack this pest with the permission of the property owner. Please note that any landowner may authorize anyone else they choose to cut and remove these trees on their own lots. If so, we ask that you let us know their name, so we can control unauthorized wood-cutting. If our agreement with Rock goes as planned, and if the landowners will authorize access to their lots, we should be able to rid ourselves of this pest, over the next several years.

Jim Persichetti

## Telephone Survey

Jim Boyd, a landowner in Filing 5, has been working to expand the telephone service in Filings 2,4, and 5. After meeting with the Retreat Board, Jim initiated a survey. To those of you responded, thanks for your assistance.

Of the 64 surveys mailed, 33 landowners responded. In favor for expanded phone service were 31 responses, with 18 indicating that they would subscribe to service if it can be provided at a reasonable cost. The survey results have been submitted to Mountain Bell Engineers, to prepare plans and a proposed cost analysis. Members who indicated their interest in the service, will be notified by mail upon completion of their analysis.

If you did not receive a survey, are a resident of those filings and have any questions, be sure to call Jim Boyd at 303-586-3341 days, or 303-586-2577 evenings, or write to him in care of the YMCA Box 515, Association Camp Co. 80511.

# Retreat History

In the years 1871 and 1872, two men came to the "Retreat", one to stay forever, and one to return many times. They both left their names on the land that has become home to some of us.

On May 17, 1871 Charles D. Miller and his close friend Charles W. Dennison, were hunting deer, when Dennison's gun accidentally discharged, fatally wounding Miller. In those days there were no roads and few trails into this area, and it was impossible to remove the body, so his dear friend layed him to rest near the spot where he died.

Miller thereby became one of the first recorded deaths in the Estes Park area, buried near our own Retreat. In 1929, Harold Marion Dunning and Lucus Brandt of Loveland, located his grave and erected a monument to Miller's memory, on the Brandt property, described as "about five miles above the Forks Hotel" (Drake). This historical site is on private property at the Streamside Drive entrance to the Retreat. Miller Fork Stream and Miller Fork Road live on in his memory.

Another early Retreat resident, was Windham Thomas Wyndham Quin, better known as Lord Dunraven of County Limerick, Ireland. In 1872 he came to the Estes Park area, and in what many think was a fraudulent scheme, acquired nearly 15,000 acres for his private hunting reserve. In 1877 he built a cottage, which still stands about one mile up Fish Creek from Hwy 36, and a fifty room English Hotel nearby, which burned to the ground in 1911.

He is reported to have built his personal hunting lodge, his own Retreat, along Dunraven Glade in 1874. Local history records a rumor that he also built a whiskey cellar (cave) next to his lodge. Some describe the site as being near where the Deserted Village is found today, however Joseph G. Knapp in his book The Glen Haven Story, reports that his uncle took him on hikes along Dunraven Glade, and pointed out where the lodge had once stood. Knapp's map on the back of the book, places the site in the area of the parking lot at the end of the road. For years local folks have been trying to find the "Whiskey Cave", but no one has ever recorded a find. It's possible that the Knapp map is not accurate, and that a Retreat landowner may uncover or discover this historical site, while hikeing, or while building their own "Retreat".

In 1877 Dunraven was run out of the area by mountain men and settlers contesting his land claims. He returned briefly in the early 1880's to sell his remaining holdings to F.O. Stanley and B.D. Sanborn.

Lord Dunraven left his name on our beautiful glade, and on a mountain and lake at the end of the North Fork, and on a pass in Yellowstone National Park.

Duke Sumonia

# Candidates For Board

Duke Sumonia- Lots 33 & 34, Filing 1.

Jewell and I retired from Prairie Village Kansas, to the Retreat, July of last year. We purchased our lot in 1972, and camped here each year since 1974. We fell in love with Colorado in 1969, when our family visited the YMCA of the Rockies. Jewell and I met in kindergarten, and will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary this June. We volunteer at the Elizabeth Guild Thrift Shop and at the Crossroads.

I retired from the Defense Mapping Agency after 34 years of Federal Service. I currently serve on the boards of the Glen Haven Volunteer Fire Department and the Estes Park Historical Museum. My hobby is Western History, and I am studying the history of the Estes Park area. I am a graduate of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, with a B.S. in General Engineering, and a Masters in Public Administration. We have two married daughters and one grandson in the Kansas City area, and a son here in Colorado.

Timothy Stolz-Lot 18, Filing 2.

My good friend and wife Linda, and our two sons, became year round residents of the Retreat last August. We "Owner Built" our own home, " Wind Song" on Copper Hill Road and Black Creek Drive.

I am 35 years of age, a native of Lincoln Nebraska, and a resident of Colorado for the past 28 years. I am a seven year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service, and hope to become the next Postmaster of Glen Haven.

I have served as Public Relations Director for Trout Unlimited, Greeley Chapter; as Executive Director and Chief of Investigations for the Colorado Humane Society; as Board Member for the Lucky Star Cat Shelter of Denver; as a past president of Be Kind To Animals, Colorado Chapter; as an EEOC student council representative at Colorado State University; and as Vice-President At Large, Clerk Craft Director, and Chief Steward of the Denver Local- American Postal Workers Union.

As your representative on the Board of Directors, I would utilize my mediation and negotiation skills to enforce our by-laws and covenants, and to offer an environmentalist viewpoint towards the rapid growth we are now experiencing in the Retreat.

I respectfully request your consideration and support for my intention to serve on your Board of Directors.

Dice McKnight was born and raised in Colorado. He and his wife Charlene have three children, and have lived in the Greeley area for nearly three decades.

Dice was self employed for twenty seven years as a Land Improvement Contractor, and has been employed for Weld County as a bridge supervisor, for the past nine years. His wife Charlene has worked in the payroll department at UNC for eighteen years.

Dice and Charlene have owned property at 100 Fisherman's Lane for two years , and enjoy our wildlife and nature. Dice is interested in road and drainage related problems, and natural landscaping. Dice is an avid Bronco Fan!

# Volunteer Fire Dept

The Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Dept., has had a year of significant progress. Improvements have been made in our equipment, communications, protective gear, and training. The 1980 Chevrolet purchased from the Town of Estes Park, has been repainted, repaired, and outfitted with a flatbed, 350 gallon water tank and pump. This truck is our fastest and most able to respond due to it's maneuverability, and will be stationed at the Retreat Fire House. Further improvements will be made to the unit in the form of equipment, tool boxes and racks, as our budget will permit.

Half of the firemen have portable pagers, tuned to the Estes Park Dispatcher, who receive all 911 emergency calls for our district. The communication by radio from truck to truck and to the firemen with hand held radios, has been vastly improved thanks to the donation of time and equipment from Earl Runnels, however we still need to purchase additional pagers for the rest of our volunteers.

John Marshall has become certified in the types of fires most likely to be encountered in our district, and is a qualified training officer. Another area volunteer is reviewing our medical emergency response capabilities and equipment, and will offer a CPR course next spring.

We have fought three brush fires west of the Retreat; two near Dunraven Trailhead, and one well away from the road along the Miller Fork Trail, this past year. We have assisted the Estes Park Department with two structure fires, and have provided much needed backup at their station. They have assisted us in our efforts and fires, and have provided training opportunities for our Volunteers.

A reminder here that the Ninth Annual Fire Fair will be held in Glen Haven on August 8, 1987, so please plan on attending and bring a donation for the bake sale. We always have a lot of FUN, and we need your financial support. A second volume of the famous Fire Belles Cookbook is being prepared, so send your recipe to Carol Martin P.O. Box 88 Glen Haven, Co. 80532.

John Barlow

## Good Fishing

Each year the Board budgets for stream stocking of the Retreat, and this usually occurs sometimes in early July. Board President Graham Fowler is responsible for arrangements, and in his usual secretive way, cannot remember exactly what day that is to occur! We get reports of nice trout being taken out of Miller Fork each year, as a result of the stocking. Please do not tell every visitor about our stocking, or we will be overrun with anglers from outside of the Retreat.

Suggested summertime fishing for all, can be found hikeing down the trailhead at the end of Dunraven Glade Road, to the North Fork of the Big Thompson. A 2.5 mie nature walk will put you into the Park, and another 4.5 miles to Lost Lake, a 9 acre lake at 10,500 ft. This is fair to good for brook and cutthroat trout. Good Fishing!!!

RETREAT LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1986

CASH RECEIPTS:

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Landowners' assessments      | \$13,820.97     |
| Pay telephone revenue        | 4.55            |
| Interest - checking accounts | <u>1,085.42</u> |

Total Cash Receipts \$14,910.94

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Accounting                      | 180.00        |
| Annual picnic                   | 180.00        |
| Donation - fire department      | 500.00        |
| Dues                            | 110.00        |
| General administrative expenses | 3,397.92      |
| Grader repair and maintenance   | 118.96        |
| Insurance                       | 1,101.00      |
| Legal                           | 3,177.08      |
| Road maintenance                | 3,702.87      |
| Secretarial services            | 760.00        |
| Taxes and licenses              | 157.96        |
| Telephone and telephone cover   | 770.77        |
| Trout stocking                  | <u>650.00</u> |

Total Cash Disbursements 14,806.56

Excess of Cash Receipts over Cash Disbursements \$ 104.38

**JOSEPH E. ODSTRCIL**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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February 16, 1987

To the members of Retreat Landowners Association, Inc.:

We have compiled the accompanying special report for statement of cash receipts and cash disbursements of Retreat Landowners Association, Inc. for the twelve months ended December 31, 1986.

Our compilation was limited to a presentation of receipts and disbursements only. We have not audited or reviewed the above mentioned statement and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance of it.

*Joseph E. Odstrcil*  
JOSEPH E. ODSTRCIL



# Potluck!

Linda and I attended our first annual meeting and potluck dinner just this last year, and I want to tell those of you who did not stay around for the potluck, that you missed a show of a lifetime.

The Mulders and the Fultons put on quite a show, and I'll never forget those shiny Indian heads! Thanks for an evening we will always cherish. The food was great too!

To those of you who have never attended our annual meeting I extend my invitation for you to include a stop in the Retreat on Saturday July 25th, in your vacation plans and stay for our fine meal and show. Remember to mail in your potluck survey, and to bring a covered dish with your dinner setting.

If you have never experienced a good old fashioned country dinner, show and get-together, and always wanted to, here is a great time to be had by all. You'll feel at home no matter who you are, or how far you have come!!!

Timothy Stolz

## Retreat Recipes

### ENGLISH PANCAKES

1 cup flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt  
1 egg  
 $1\frac{1}{4}$  cups milk  
butter  
lemon quarters  
granulated sugar

Sift together flour and salt.  
Beat egg slightly and mix with milk.  
Slowly add milk mixture to flour mixture beating constantly. Continue beating vigorously until batter is covered with air bubbles, about 10 minutes. Cover and let stand in a cool place for 1 hour.

Butter a 7 or 8 inch skillet and heat until piping hot. Add enough batter to cover bottom of pan, turning pan gently so that the batter spreads evenly. Cook over moderate heat until cake is set and golden brown on the under side. Lift edges with a spatula, then flip the pancake and brown the other side. Turn only once. Serve with lemon quarters and superfine sugar. Makes about 8 pancakes. Author unknown 1943.

## Editor

As you have noticed, your newsletter has changed, hopefully to provide you with more articles and something of interest for the whole family. I want to make our newsletter as interesting and diverse as possible, and would appreciate your comments or contributions. I need some stories from the children, on their experiences while enjoying the Retreat, and some favorite recipes for that corner. Mail to Tim Stolz, Box 74 Glen Haven, Co. 80532.

Volunteer Editor

PROXY FOR SIXTEENTH ANNUAL RLA MEETING

July 25, 1987 Glen Haven

Colorado

I will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting; Assign the following proxy; and cast the ballot for board members.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a member in good standing of the Retreat Landowners Association, under by-laws governing said Association, do hereby grant my proxy to (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (You may grant any member in good standing or a board member to exercise your proxy. Board members are Graham Fowler, Tom Fulton, Bill Morris, James Persichetti, James Piersel, and Richard Weinmeister.) This proxy is being executed to the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of July 25, 1987 only, and carries with it full voting rights to the proxy holder, to cast his/her vote as he/she may deem proper on all business that may come before the meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot & Filing# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the proxy and return to Marcella Bicknell, 2315 Fairplay Drive, Loveland Co. 80538 no later than July 23, 1987.

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The Retreat Landowners Association  
2315 Fairplay Drive  
Loveland, Colo. 80538



To:

MEMBER BUREAU  
P O BOX 114  
GLEN HAVEN CO  
80532

FIRST CLASS MAIL! Thanks!

Before you contract with a builder or consider a do-it-yourself project, even an add-on, fence or other property improvement such as a driveway, you are reminded to contact this committee for approval BEFORE you begin, not after. The landowners that do abide by this rule are to be commended, and have realized that money can often be saved, by obtaining the viewpoint and go-ahead for their project, from seasoned veterans. Write to Dennis Bicknell at 2315 Fairplay Drive, Loveland Colo. 80538 for information and applications.

# The **RETREAT** Newsletter

August - September 1987

## Roaming dogs harass wildlife

Instinctively, dogs are predators and most will chase wildlife unless they are kept under control.

This is an acute problem in the Estes Valley because of the abundant wildlife and large dog population.

It is not only unlawful to allow your dog to run loose, but it can end in the death of a wild animal. Most dogs are not efficient killers but can mortally wound an animal as big as a deer or an elk.

Even if a dog doesn't catch what it is chasing, it can cause deer or elk to expend precious energy. This is especially critical during winter when these animals are on poor nutrition and have low energy reserves.

City and county ordinances prohibit dogs running at large.

They must be on a six-foot leash unless they are on the owner's

## Wildlife Window

Rick Spowart, Estes Park manager, Division of Wildlife

property, in which case they must be under positive control.

For a first offense, the fine is \$20 and increases by \$5 with each new offense.

If the dog is impounded, there is an \$8 fee for the first day, and then \$4 for each additional day.

Impounded dogs are kept for five days for the owner to claim them and an additional five days if they are adoptable.

By state statute, it is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$200 fine if a dog is harassing wildlife.

If the dog kills or injures wildlife, the owner is liable for its value.

For each bighorn sheep, the fine

is \$1,000, for each elk \$700, and for each deer \$500. For most other species of wildlife the fine is \$50.

In addition, there is a 37 percent surcharge on these fines.

A wildlife officer or any peace officer may capture or kill a dog which is harassing wildlife.

It is tragic to me when a dog has to be destroyed because its master was negligent in controlling it.

If you own a dog, please keep it under control.

If you see a dog running loose or harassing wildlife, please call the Estes Park Police Department at 586-4465.

### Picnic or Potluck?

Once again the question has come up regarding our annual get-together, on the picnic or potluck question. We will bring this up again in one of the Spring newsletters, so we would like to hear from those of you who have an opinion. We are open to suggestions and you can write to the RLA Board at 2315 Fairplay Drive, Loveland Colo. 80538.

# Retreat History

In our previous article, we introduced you to two of our early residents of The Retreat; Charles Miller who is buried here and Lord Dunraven who had a lodge at the end of Dunraven Glade. In an attempt to learn about some of the other earlier settlers, I have searched land records at the Larimer County Courthouse. Six of these early homesteaders were Oscar S. Herron, Theodore E. Bryant, the Goodwin family, Levi Johnson, Mark Bartholf and Jasper Sylvester.

Oscar Herron was the first, and homesteaded 169 acres in 1878 around both entrances to The Retreat, however he evidently did not "prove up" the land or his claim, for the same land was later homesteaded by Frank Goodwin and Theodore Bryant in 1902-1904.

Bryant's Ranch house appears on two maps, one from 1905 and the other from 1910, at the mouth of the Miller Fork. He and his wife each filed for 160 acres along both sides of the county road from the old Dunraven Glade entrance, to past the Miller Fork entrance. Included were the hills south of the junction of Miller Fork and the North Fork. All remains of his ranch have long since vanished.

The Goodwins; Frank, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bryon and Arthur each filed for 160 acres between 1902-1909 and later acquired an additional 80 more acres ( total 880 acres ). They owned about sixty per-cent of what is now The Retreat, from both entrances up both Dunraven and Miller valley. Their main ranch house was just across and to the left of the Dunraven Glade Bridge. The 1905 map shows the ranch along with one or two more buildings up Dunraven. This was the first sales office for The Retreat, but burned in the early 1970's.

Levi Johnson settled around the Copper Hill and Miller Fork junction, while Mark Bartholf and Jasper Sylvester had their 160 acres around the trailhead at the end of Dunraven Glade Road.

There were other homesteaders in The Retreat, but these were accountable for about 90% of the area. One remaining mystery, which is still unresolved at this time, is that I cannot account for about 120 acres covering Elkridge from about the junction of Miller Fork Road and Elkridge Drive to the south end of the ridge. Also, I have yet to find out if there were other settlers, like Herron, who preceeded those listed above. Any help in solving these two questions would be appreciated.

The Homestead Act of 1862, which opened up this land for ownership states:

"That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years...shall... be entitled to enter one quarter section or a less quantity of unappropriated lands, upon which said person may have filed a pre-emption claim... at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre... in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall be surveyed and witnessed that he or she or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for a term of five years... shall be entitled to patent... and shall acquire absolute title... on payment of the office fees and sum of money specified herein.

Duke Sumonia

# Our First Year

This past August marked the beginning of our second year as full time Retreat residents, and for those of you who live "out there" I thought I might share a few moments of this past year.

One thing that I have noticed, is that it's pretty hard to get an accurate weather forecast for our area, since we do not fit into the Loveland nor the Estes Park weather patterns. Live up here for awhile, and you begin to wonder if that cold front is going to dump on Denver, or up-slope the front range and then hit our Retreat. From a city dweller's point of view, that is uncertain and cause for concern. Well we have found out that the attitude to take is to let nature do what it is going to do, and get out the sleds!

Most of the time it's colder in Denver than in the Retreat, and Rock takes better care of our roads than the highway department takes care of I-25 at 120th Ave. So let the seasons change, we have adjusted just fine.

Probably the single most important event of note, is the change our two boys have undergone. Jason turned 12 this year, and Aaron 8. They each advanced one full grade level over and above the grade they were in at Park Elementary School in Estes Park. We had an idea that their atmosphere and teacher quality might be better than the Denver schools, but this was a nice surprise and a healthy one at that.

Winter time is a quiet time up here. We noticed that the Robins stayed here all winter, eating juniper berries and our handouts. We were amazed at the wildlife all year long, and of course those beautiful star filled skys, and the way the moon shines over the mountain to our south, and on and on... They said that you would like it here, and they were right.

Now if someone could just figure out what to do with all of these ticks each spring, we could really enjoy ourselves.

From the magnificent thunderheads we watch grow, to those quick and meek chipmunks, we don't have to watch streetlights come on at night, nor worry about an open window in our absence. It seems like all who pass become friends, and most of our old friends have passed.

Not a bad way to think about your first year, and those that we left behind. To those of you who visit often, you may have thought about "what if we lived here year-round". We often did and still do. It's a drive for groceries and to get the needs of two growing boys, but you know, the television is not as important anymore, and we find ourselves taking more time to play with our boys.

It's been a good year, one that you should enjoy too. By the way, the year upcoming might be a good year for your first year. We would love to take you sledding!

Tim Stolz

## Death of a Friend

Harold Dunkin, of Campion Colorado passed away on August 17th 1987. He was 79 years young, and according to I. B. Muller had just decided to retire from farming, and spend more time in the Retreat. We would like to express our sympathy for his passing and wish that more of us could have shared our Retreat with him.

# Telephone Service

Efforts toward expanding telephone service in filings 2, 4 and 5 continue to be frustrated by conflicting information from sources both inside and outside of Mountain Bell.

My goal has been to expand service availability from lot 15, filing 2, through filing 5, to lot 23 filing 4 via Copper Hill and Miller Fork roads. The latest cost estimates for completing the 3½ mile loop from Mountain Bell engineers in Greeley are \$43,000.00 for buried cable or \$33,600.00 for above ground (hung on existing utility poles). In addition to these costs, Mountain Bell claims they will also have to install a "multiplexer" at an additional cost of \$13,000.00.

In my initial conversations with Mountain Bell, I had understood that if the trench for underground cable was provided by the landowners, there would be no cost for installation. Having investigated the cost of trencher rental (\$860.00/week x 2 weeks) and having received some commitment from persons willing to volunteer time to operate same, I notified Mountain Bell of our intentions. Once again the "story" had changed: If we do the trenching, they will supply the cable at no cost, but they will still charge us 72¢ per foot for engineering, and 40¢ per foot for splicing as well as \$13,000.00 for the multiplexer. At this point I was feeling somewhat defeated.

I now have some new hope. Recently my employer, The YMCA of the Rockies, retained a Tele-Communications Consultant, Bob Minor. Bob was able to save the "Y" a substantial amount of money. He knows the phone company inside and out and may be able to assist me in my efforts. I will let you know more in the next newsletter.

Jim Boyd

If you attended the potluck after the annual meeting, and are missing a yellow plastic spatula, or a metal spatula labeled "Federal Land Bank Association", a knife, a serving spoon or a fork with these designs, you may pick it up from Fulton's at 120 Elkridge Court.



Serving spoons



fork



knife

# Covenant Reminders

Section 17 of our covenants states that no animals, livestock, or poultry shall be kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats, and other household pets, and not more than two (2) horses per acre, if confined thereon by fence or other restraint, may be kept thereon provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for commercial purposes; furthermore, no fence or other restraint may be located closer than fifty (50) feet to any boundary line of any lot as defined in these covenants. The RIA Board asks your cooperation by complying with this and our other covenants!

## Guest Guidelines

As the motion was made at the annual meeting to formulate a guideline for our Retreat guests, until the Board completes their research on that issue, members are reminded of section 8 of our covenants. Nothing shall be done or permitted on any tract which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. No noxious or offensive activities or commercial business or trade shall be carried on upon any tract, except that home occupations of professional persons shall be permitted.



Colorado Columbine drawing by Janet Tallman 9 years old

# Environmental

In the late summer and early fall, there are a few tree pest problems the we should direct our attention towards.

Mountain pine beetles emerge from dead trees in late summer, and within 1 or 2 days, may attack live pine trees. Evidence of the attack, includes pitch tubes (globs of pitch resembling popcorn or bubblegum) on the trunk of the tree and boring dust around the base. Trees under stress, such as from dwarf mistletoe infestation, should be closely observed, since these may be more prone to attack. To prevent spreading, beetle infested trees should be cut and removed before the next generation emerges next summer. Note that not all beetle attacks are successful, and the landowner should wait for signs that the tree is dying, before removing the pine.

Dwarf mistletoe in the ponderosa and lodgepole pine start "shooting" their seeds in late summer. Property owners should closely observe young trees growing underneath infested trees, because the dropping seeds could infect this younger generation.

Several foliage diseases of aspen become more noticeable in late summer. Landowners should not be overly concerned because most leaf diseases cause mostly cosmetic damage and do not cause much actual harm to the tree. Most leaf disease fungi overwinter in the fallen leaf litter. Raking up the affected leaves before next spring may reduce the amount of infection next year.

There is a common occurrence in late summer which is often mistaken for a disease problem. On many pine trees, the older needles may discolor and drop from the tree. This is a normal physiological occurrence in pines and should not be taken as a symptom of a pest or a disease.

If you have a question about your trees, please feel free to call on me for assistance. Home phone: 303-586-2577 (evenings).

Jane Ellen Boyd

Ed. Jane Ellen is a graduate student in Forest Pathology at CSU. She and her husband, Jim, are in the process of building their year-round home at 1371 Copper Hill Road!

# Party Lines

## Telephone Party Line Requirements

Mountain Bell would like to remind those of us that have party lines, that Colorado state law requires that you yield a party line immediately when told that the line is needed for an emergency call. It is also unlawful to take over a party line by stating falsely that the line is needed for an emergency. The law defines an emergency as a situation in which property or human safety is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential. Also note that due to special ringing arrangements on party lines, answering devices will disrupt calls for all parties, and should not be attached to your party line. Of course a little bit of common courtesy would prevent party line problems, so when you have the line and you hear someone come onto the line, the polite thing to do is to vacate the line in a minute or so.



# Retreat Recipies

## ROSE HIP TEA

2 small rose hips  
1 cup boiling water

1 tsp honey

Break open the rose hips and cover them with the water.  
Allow to steep 10 minutes  
Strain and sweeten with the honey

Rose hips are the fruit of the rose that remains after the flower withers. They become flask-shaped. Old books on herbs say rose hip tea is a remedy for a long list of ailments which careful examination reveals are all symptoms of vitamin C deficiency. In recent times it has been demonstrated that rose hips are an excellent source of this vitamin. It has been traditionally consumed during winter months in many northern regions. In addition to tea, rose hips can be used to make jam, wine and cordials. Gather the rose hips in early autumn when they have taken on their winter coat of red or orange according to the type of rose.

## Good Fellowship

POTLUCK!!! That one word brings as much warmth to my tummy as any other word I could ever hear. Just sit back for a moment and smell all of those wonderful homemade dishes just waiting to warm your tummy. All of those generation old desert recipies waiting to be put on their own plate, since you already filled up the one your wife gave to you. Oh my!!

Notice is now being given, that if you wish to attend one of these tummy warmings, on Saturday Sep. 26th at 6PM the Glen Haven Community Building will be the place to be. Bring a favorite dish, drink and servings for your family, and we will be treated to a heart warming as well. Bob Easterday is going to tell stories of early Glen Haven, so do not miss it!

To those of you who do not get a chance to come to your cabin or property as often as you would like, why don't you use this as an excuse to get away? Our fall colors will most likely be in their display, and honestly, how long has it been since you had your tummy warmed?

Tim Stolz

# Catamount

In our last newsletter, Graham Fowler wrote about the Catamount or mountain lion, and that someday one of the Retreat residents may catch a quick look at one of nature's more secretive creatures. Well one evening this past August, our two boys got their look!

It must have been about 8:30 in the evening when Linda noticed something running along the saddle to our southwest, and called to our boys to come to the window. There was a deer running into the trees from the saddle clearing. As Linda moved from the front door to a front window to get a better view, it happened. Suddenly there were two deer not one, and something very long and cat like running right next to the deer on the near side. That it had happened so quickly and was so out of the ordinary (we see deer on that saddle all year long), as they were really bouncing high into the air, lends an air of truth to their story. Both boys described the animal or cat the same, although using different words to display their view. Linda had been three short steps away from the window, or she would have seen it too. If she had just for a moment stayed at the door she would have had an even better view!

The next morning after coming home from work, I heard all about their experience. I had no reason to doubt what they had seen, but surely their description was that of a mountain lion, and there was certainly doubt there. It had rained steady for about 30 minutes late the afternoon before, so I knew that any tracks we may find would be fresh. We found very distinctive deer tracks, two sets of them right where the boys said they would be. I noticed that they were deeper than what I usually see, and attributed that fact to the soft soil from the rain. Then we found one! A cat print I think! It was right there in the fresh dirt from a ground-squirrel's diggings, and was as big as a 12 year old's spread out hand. Looking through the grass and weeds you could still see where there had been something running along side of the deer tracks, gently pushing the weeds and grass to one side as he or she went. Only one track and then into the rocks. Deer tracks were gone. Cat tracks were gone.

We took a picture of the one track that we located, but the focus was not right. Did our boys see a Catamount or not? Only the two deer know for sure, and they were really breaking wind!

Tim Stolz

## Note

As a result of the motion passed at the last annual meeting, that the RLA Board appoint a committee to study the feasibility of erecting our own community building, the board appointed our capable and distinguished resident I. B. Muller as chairman. Members of this committee are Don Hayden, Jim Persichetti, John Barlow, Bill McDonald and Ron Bachelli. All of our members are urged to support their efforts, and if asked, to assist in this initial phase of the study.

# New 4-H Group

From the switch-backs to the end of the school bus route, all children ages 4-18 are invited to join a new 4-H Club being organized for The Retreat and Glen Haven. Call Linda Stolz at 586-6804 afternoons, or Vicki Alkire 586-8802 to have names added to the charter membership list. An organizational meeting will be held this November. With more and more families moving to our area, this educational and recreational opportunity needs your support!

## From The Editor

Special thanks to those of you who submitted articles for our newsletter. This issue is a little late getting to press, but I had to get that brown trout out of the North Fork before he moved. I tried, and he moved!

We here in The Retreat have definitely noticed an increase in seasonal usage of the properties this summer, but more interesting is the steady influx of folks who will live here year-round. The RLA Board is observant of this change, as evidenced by the new committee to study the feasibility of building our own community building, and there's talk of working on making the area a township or something like that.

Times are changing, and to those of you who are concerned that these times may not be what you had expected, growth and year-round residents, would be well advised to carefully re-think your position. The coming growth is going to occur. It is up to each of us to voice our opinions and to work together in a democratic way, to insure the will of the majority is followed, while protecting the rights of the minority. I see this issue as one that may very well be most difficult to work with, yet with leadership and fellowship, we will make The Retreat a very special place on our earth.

I encourage viewpoints that may reflect different thinking, and as space is available, will publish them for all to enjoy.

Our October-November and then December-January newsletters are coming up, so why don't you send me a good story about some Halloween or Thanksgiving get togethers of the past in The Retreat or some of those seasonal recipes. If we don't have room to print all of them, I'll pass them out at a future potluck!

Janet Tallman, special thanks for your drawing of the Colorado Columbine!

Write to: Editor, Retreat Landowners Association, P.O. Box 74  
Glen Haven, Colo. 80532

PS Be sure to take down the hummingbird feeders, to encourage our friends to head south before it gets any closer to winter.

To the President & Board Members of the RLA

Although our committee has not yet been able to get together for it's "wrap-up" meeting, the following, I believe is a consensus of the committee:

First, we want to thank the Board for their co-operation in the production of the pot-luck supper and the program following. Our committee had a number of regular meetings as planning progressed with increases in meat and drinks as additional reservations came in. (for your information, there were no drinks or meat used as door prizes as was the case last year) Thanks should go to the Fultons, Sumonias, MacDonalds and Tallmans for all their work and effort put into planning and actions. We as a committee, really enjoyed doing it for the Association.

On the whole, we believe the dinner and program was succesful and enjoyed by the majority present. We as a committee, especially the MC, saw flaws in it, probably not seen by others.

For your information we were able to identify 102 as being in attendance for the potluck, although the heat and other factors lowered attendance for the program. This caused some last minute scrambling to get substitutes for the skits, co-operation was forthcoming from all who were requested to fill in. As a matter of fact, 27 people took part in the skits and your committee was composed of 10 people.

As evidenced last year, the great spirit of co-operation and community was again seen, from the planning all the way to the clean up for the church service the next day. Everybody pitched in with "gusto".

With thanks for the opportunity to serve, "The Committee"  
I.B. Muller Chairman

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# The RETREAT Newsletter



## DECEMBER 1987

Seasonal changes are surely mother nature's way of telling us that we should be getting prepared for the next season, be it fall or a late winter. We have been treated to an extended Indian Summer here in the Retreat, and to those of us lucky enough to call this home, we have added reasons to be thankful this year.

Our summer storms were welcome relief and not so severe as to cause us great alarm. The rains came when the forest was dry, and we escaped the season without a major forest fire. The weather has prolonged the stay of some of our seasonal residents, and has also caused some of those outdoor chores to be put off a little longer.

The fishing was better this year; those spur of the moment hikes seemed more enjoyable, and if I'm not mistaken, everyone was a little more tolerant of their neighbors and visitors, even under some trying times along Black Creek and Miller Fork.

The neutral viewpoint here at the editor's desk, seems to reflect the opinion that our Retreat is growing up, and that we should be thankful that it appears to be one of planning and order, for if we were to let progress run it's course, The Retreat would soon lose the quality of life some of us take for granted.

We have a lot to be thankful for, and it should not go unspoken that a special thankyou to our Retreat board is in order here, and to the Glen Haven Area Fire Department folks as well. We all will include you in our holiday blessings, and ask for your continued good guidance and wisdom.

There is talk of organizing committees to look into making the Glen and the Retreat area one community. There are very definite viewpoints on both sides of this issue, which is the nice way of saying there is disagreement on this matter. Again I would remind each resident and property owner, that change is ever upon us. Only our participation in discussing these issues at hand, or volunteering to help with various community projects and thereby becoming an involved and educated member of the community, can each of us be sure that the change is positive and good for the community.

We are going through seasonal changes right now, so all of us must be prepared to voice our views, and work to keep our Retreat the special place that it is!

The Retreat Landowners Association Board of Directors would like to extend our warmest holiday wishes to you and yours, and may each of you share your warmest moments with your family and friends in our Retreat this New Year!

# Letters

Dear Editor:

On October 10th, our five year old Sheltie, Katie, was attacked by Tony Besson's three dogs, a malamute and two wolves. As a result of this attack, Katie had to be put to sleep, and Tony has given his dogs away. Both families are feeling a great loss--and it needn't have happened.

There is a leash law in Larimer County which can and should be enforced. If anyone is harassed by an animal which is not on its owners property or under direct control of its owner, that person should call the Larimer County Control Office at 326-3647. An officer will be sent out to issue the necessary warning or citation. If the residents in the Retreat will take a stand on this issue, we can make the Retreat a safer and better place in which to live.

Bill and Maggie McDonald

Ed. The Colorado Division of Wildlife would also appreciate our residents notifying them if wildlife is observed being harassed by dogs off of their property. Our local DOW officer is Mr. Rick Spout at 667-2984. Also the Sheriff wants to be notified of roaming dogs at 669-4840.

## Fire Department

In order to do an effective job of fire fighting, our department must have available at the scene of the fire, a good water supply, an adequate supply of the proper type of fire equipment, and enough well trained fire fighters to properly operate the equipment.

At the present time our equipment can carry 1400 gallons of water to the scene of a fire in our area, with an additional 1400 gallons available from the Estes Park Fire Department. As our area develops and grows, a greater water supply will be needed. We have started the ball rolling to obtain an additional tanker truck equipped with an additional portable tank. With this apparatus, we would be able to shuttle a continuous supply of water to the fire.

The biggest improvement from the past year has been our ability to communicate with the Estes Park 911 system. We now have 4 pagers, 2 hand held radios, and mobile radios in each vehicle. A special thanks goes out to Earl Runnels for his expertise in establishing this link with Estes Park, and to those who donated for this expense. Our future goal is to have a pager for every volunteer.

At the present time we have 12 active members. I feel that 12 qualified active members is the minimum number of personnel needed to provide the emergency protection we need in our area. In addition to qualified fire fighters, our department depends on a wide area of support. From our summer Fire Days to our annual fund drive, to bake sales to our Fire Belles efforts, all help is welcome. If there is any way that you feel you could help, please feel free to call Larry Boehme at 586-3815. Remember to call 911 in case of an emergency!!!

John Marshall  
Training Officer

# Retreat History

The 1910 Burlington Map (see center foldout) is one of the earliest maps of our area, to show so much detail, even at a scale of approximately 1:200,000 (i.e. approx.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches per mile). *miles per inch*

In comparing maps of different dates to what is known about our area today, you often find differences in names, spelling, position of the landmarks, features, accuracy of elevations and relief portrayal. The latter two are functions of technology, from the earliest sketch maps to today, highly precise measurement methods and equipment and new source material. Some of the other differences are due to actual changes in place names as a result of change of ownership, change in the local usage, correction of a prior mistake, new name for a previously un-named feature, differences in scales of maps, and finally just plain old mistakes by the cartographers.

Some of each of these occur on this map in the area of Glen Haven and The Retreat. For instance:

Dennis Hotel It no longer exists, but was located just to the left of the road leading from County Road to West Creek. The Hotel was built in 1907 and was torn down in 1937. Bunnie Batie and Bob Easterday's parents attended church there on their 1910 honeymoon. The Glen Haven Scrapbook has pictures taken of the Hotel in 1910 and later in the 1920's.

Lester's Hotel Is near the top of the switchbacks and was originally the Rustic Hotel (1905 USGS map) opened by Shep Husted in 1901, who sold it to Lester in 1910. Lester then sold it to Livingston around 1940 when it became the H Bar G Ranch, and finally resold to become the American Youth Hostel.

Tallen Just across the head of the switchbacks from Lester's Hotel is an example of a mis-spelling. It should be Tallant, for R.H. Tallant who was an artist that settled here around 1898.

Spragues Is shown at the end of Dunraven Glade and is better known as the Deserted Village. Fred H. Sprague purchased a sawmill there from the Simonds brothers in 1909 and built a resort. He sold it in 1914 and then later it passed in to Dr. Maitland's hands. Bunie Batie said "We loved Deserted Village, an abandoned resort as the 11 cabins were in good repair and what fun to explore them and the hugh barn and dairy house". She continues, "No one knows who first called Sprague's Resort the Deserted Village. When I was growing up in the 1920's, we called it the Spragues. Although at that time, it really was a deserted village".

Some people say that this was the area where Dunraven's hunting lodge was located, but other evidence indicates the area at the end of the Dunraven Glade Road as the site. The 1905 USGS Mt. Olympus Quad shows a number of buildings there and is labeled Dunraven Park. This same term also appears a little further east on the Burlington map. We'll talk more about Dunraven's lodge in a future article.

Bryant's Ranch The two previous newsletters introduced us to the Bryants who homesteaded the area around 1901. However the article in the June-July 1987 newsletter incorrectly identifies the Bryant place as the "Brandt property". This is the place where Miller's grave was located. Sorry about the error.

The Orchard This one is still a mystery to me. The Burlington map shows this about where Piper Meadow is located, and the same for the 1905 USGS Quad and Enos Hills 1905 map. The fact that it is not labeled as Pipers Meadow is understandable as he did not arrive on the scene until about 1913, but I can't determine where the term "The Orchard" comes from. F.P. Clatworthy's 1907 map does not label it as such. Bob Easterday has seen the name on maps, but says he is also unfamiliar with the origin. The only other reference I've found to date is an article in the Trail Gazette, Nov. 22, 1985 by Madeline Franson in which she says, "Enos Mills 1905 Estes Park area map and other records indicate this place was earlier called "The Orchard" and was settled by two Scandinavian families the Kalmberg's and Erickson's, each owning 160 acres. They ran a dairy supplying milk for Estes Park, hauled by Fred and Edgar Hyatt".

Can anyone help with more information?

The Burlington map is reprinted in this issue, and copies may be purchased at the Estes Park Area Historical Museum for 25 cents. The other maps may be viewed at the Museum and the Estes Park Library.

Duke Sunonia

## Retreat Recipe

This issues recipe, comes from the kitchen of Linda Stolz, and is a real treat of seasonal get-togethers and potlucks. This also happens to be Tim's favorite bean recipe, and is easy to make and even easier to eat!

### BAKED BEANS

- 1/2 pound bacon, cut into 1/4 strips (length)
- 1 chopped white onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- T dry mustard
- C vinegar
- C brown sugar  
(16 oz. size)
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can butter beans
- 1 can lima beans
- 1 (large) can pork & beans

Fry bacon strips, chopped onion and garlic cloves together. In a medium saucepan, add mustard Vinegar, brown sugar and cook slowly for 20 minutes. In a large pan or crockpot (best idea), add beans and cook over medium heat 4 to 8 hours. Serve hot and enjoy! Tim enjoys the leftovers as a coldplate to his brown bag. Either way, your seasonal guests will enjoy this fine bean dish! Send your favorite Christmas recipe to Editor, Box 74, Glen Haven Co. 80532 before Dec. 10, so our next issue can be devoted to sharing new dishes with our friends.



## ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - Jim Persichetti

I have been asked to write an article for the Newsletter explaining the infestation problems in the trees within the Retreat. At the risk of sounding like a broken record I will use information provided in past Newsletters and minutes of the annual meetings since 1984. This will attempt to outline our past, current and probable future problems, plan of treatment and control as well as access and trespass complications to implement these controls. We will also emphasize the cost of these controls and the limited funds available through our assessments.

During the past four years the RLA Board of Directors has undertaken a plan of forest management to control the various pests that attack, defoliate and kill the trees. Our goal is to improve the quality of our forest, to encourage new growth, to provide habitat for the various species of bird life as a natural control of forest pests, and to reduce the potential for forest fire.

As our funds will allow we will either aerial spray for Western Spruce Bud Worm, or cut and treat. On those lots where owners have given us permission, we will remove trees infested by the Douglas Fir Beetle or the Mountain Pine Beetle. Our limited funds do not allow us to accomplish all of these controls throughout the Retreat each year. Therefore, the forest management program will be ongoing and probably take from three to four years to catch up with the Douglas Fir Beetle and the Mountain Pine Beetle.

Prior to 1984 the Western Spruce Bud Worm defoliated and killed many of our spruce and fir trees. This pest, and its effect on our forest was difficult to detect. It started slowly and became an alarming killer of our forest. In May, 1985 approximately 264 acres were treated by aerial spraying. We had researched a number of pesticide and thurocide products and met with representatives of the Colorado State Forest Service and several commercial aerial spraying advisors. We evaluated the products' overall effects on wildlife, birds, fish and beneficial insects in the Retreat. As a result, we chose to use B. T. Thurocide. A great deal of detailed information on this product was sent to all members by way of the Newsletter. The product was very effective in the Bud Worm control and we have not received a single negative comment or been made aware of any problems from its use.

In late 1984 we asked the Colorado State Forest Service to conduct an egg mass count in three locations within the Retreat. The count was the third highest in the state. Without the 1985 aerial spraying the Forest Service estimated 85% defoliation and tree kill would occur in the infested areas and then spread to other areas not yet infested. The 1985 aerial spraying was so effective that we required no further control for 1986 nor 1987. We will evaluate the Forest Service's 1987 egg mass survey and recommendations to determine what may be needed for 1988. There is a possibility that a small area near upper Miller Fork may need aerial spraying this coming year. This will be done only after careful consideration, and again would use only B. T. Thurocide.

The Douglas Fir Beetle is very active throughout the Retreat and in the past two years the Mountain Pine Beetle has begun to reappear. These pests came along with the Spruce Budworm attacking trees under defoliation stress and have gradually increased in activity since 1985. The trees infested by the Douglas Fir Beetle can be identified as the needles turn a rust-red color. This color change can occur by late fall the year they are infested, and more so by February or March of the following year. The trees infested by the Mountain Pine Beetle will generally tend to be more of a straw yellow. This color change is usually evident by March or April following the year the tree is infested. With both the beetles the pitch tubes or sap bleeding at the area of boring is evident by late summer and early fall the year the tree is infested. More information on these two beetles from the Forest Service follows this report.

A number of new infested trees have been evident since early March. These pests are far more difficult to control since the pesticides strong enough to kill them would also be harmful to wildlife including the fish in our streams. Therefore, aerial spraying is not acceptable in controlling these pests. Since volunteer help to cut and treat these trees is very limited, and many of these trees are on very steep and difficult areas, we have not had much success in controlling them. In early 1987 we entered into an agreement with Rod (Rock) Tallman, a resident Retreat landowner, to cut down, treat, and, wherever possible,

remove the beetle infested trees. This will be a very difficult task for Mr. Tallman. He proposes to use his two horses to drag trees out where possible so as to minimize damage to the existing grass and shrub growth areas. We intended to cut down, treat and remove as many of these trees as our 1987 budget would allow. For 1987 we were able to cut, treat and remove 140 infested trees at a cost of \$485, or \$3.46 per tree. We cut, treated and removed infested trees on twenty-nine of the thirty-nine lots whose owners had given us permission for access in the 1986 Newsletter survey form. We had budgeted \$750 for this for 1987 but, because of other pressing expenses, decided not to spend the balance. We have been working with Mr. Tallman exclusively since early spring of 1987 so as to reduce the confusion of who has permission for access and cutting of trees in the Retreat. Several lot owners have given permission for others to cut on their lots and have informed us by way of the survey forms who has permission to do so, thus making it possible to better prevent illegal wood cutting and trespassing on Retreat lots.

At the 1987 annual meeting the question of what to do about dwarf mistletoe was discussed. Jane Boyd explained that as the mistletoe matures it has a seed that explodes and travels as fast as 60 MPH. This propels the new seeds to adjacent trees. The seed is also sticky and birds and small animals can carry the seeds beyond the host tree to other areas. The Ponderosa mistletoe is a large orange mass and the Lodgepole mistletoe is a greenish mass. The best treatment is to cut off the branches with the mistletoe clusters. Further control to keep the seeds from spreading would be to scrape the mistletoe cluster off before the seeds mature around the first of August. The mistletoe by itself will probably not kill the tree, but when the tree is under stress from heavy mistletoe clusters it will then attract the Douglas Fir Beetle or the Mountain Pine Beetle and these will kill the tree.

The response from RLA landowners to our 1986 and 1987 tree cutting survey questionnaire has not been very encouraging. Of the lot owners who responded, 55 have given us permission to access, cut, treat and remove Beetle infested trees. These lot owners have also given us permission for removal of most, not all dead trees from the Spruce Budworm. Forty-six lot owners have indicated they will cut and treat their own trees from the Beetle infestation and Spruce Budworm as they wanted them for firewood. Several of these lot owners have requested that we cut and treat, but leave on the lots trees infested by the Douglas Fir Beetle and the Mountain Pine Beetle.

Please let us know if any other lot owners want us to cut and treat, but not remove Beetle infested trees. Fourteen lot owners responded that they have no problems on their lots or that they want them left as is. One hundred forty-six lot owners have not replied to either survey and at this time we do not know what, if anything, these owners want. We have no plans for any pest control on these lots at this time since permission for access and treatment is needed. These lots are listed below. Those with an \* are in a high risk infestation area. This does not necessarily mean that these lots have Beetle infested trees, only that they are in an area where there are other infested trees.

Filing 1: 3\*, 4\*, 7, 13\*, 17\*, 18\*, 22, 23, 24, 28, 32, 35, 36\*, 37\*, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53\*, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 77\*, 78\*, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92.

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Filing 3: 1\*, 2, 3, 4, 5\*, 13\*, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38, 59, 40, 41, 42.

Filing 4: 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11\*, 12\*, 13\*, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23\*, 24\*, 25\*, 26\*, 27, 28\*, 29, 30, 31\*.

Filing 5: 1, 2, 4, 5\*, 7\*, 8, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23.

Again, let me emphasize that we can only access and treat trees on those lots where the owners have given us permission on the survey forms. Also, we can treat only as many lots as our yearly budget has set up funds to do so.

Each lot owner should make him or herself aware of the needs for forest management on their own lot and do whatever they can for themselves. The overall problem is too great to quickly clean up all the problems with our limited resources and funds. The plan that we are underway with will take several years, but without access to each lot, or information from the lot owner on what is being done on his own, our progress will be even slower.

Attached is another tree cutting or treating survey form. If you have already replied, there is no need to complete this form again. If you wish to give permission for access, cutting and treating only the beetle infested trees and want them left on the lots, please fill in the appropriate column and mail the survey form.

Attached is a copy of a Forest Service bulletin on the Douglas Fir Beetle and the Mountain Pine Beetle. This is provided for your information for the lot owners who want to take care of this problem on their own lots.

\* **Mountain Pine Beetle**

Dendroctonus ponderosae (Hopk.)

**APPEARANCE:** Adults - Cylindrical, stout bodied beetles, brown to black in color and about 1/4 inch long. Larvae - Yellowish-white, legless grubs with dark heads; about 1/4 inch long. Eggs are pearly white.

**HOSTS:** In Colorado, ponderosa, Scots, lodgepole and limber pines are the primary hosts. A similar species, the Douglas-fir beetle (D. pseudotsugae), attacks Douglas-fir, and emerges June - August.

**DAMAGE:** Attacks may extend from near ground level to tree top. Characteristic globs of resin called pitch tubes form at the attack points. Trees already weakened by budworm defoliation are common targets. Weakened trees over 6 inches in diameter are most susceptible to attack, and once infested the trees usually die. A blue staining fungus which turns the sapwood grayish-blue and clogs the vascular system is introduced into the tree by the beetles.

**LIFE HISTORY AND HABITS:** Overwinter as larvae under bark, continue feeding in spring, then pupate. Adults emerge from mid-July until September, fly to other trees, bore into the bark and lay eggs. Peak emergence occurs in August.

\* **Douglas-Fir Beetle**

Dendroctonus pseudotsugae (Hopkins)

**APPEARANCE:** Adults - Beetles resemble mountain pine beetle, about 1/4 inch long. Some individuals are all black, others have black head and thorax with reddish brown wing covers. Larvae - White grubs with brown heads.

**HOSTS:** Douglas-fir.

**DAMAGE:** Gallery construction and feeding on the inner bark of trunks usually kills host trees. Large groups of Douglas-fir may be killed during multi-year outbreaks.

**LIFE HISTORY AND HABITS:** The Douglas-fir beetle appears to occur in two situations: apparently healthy host stands where isolated, infested dead-tree groups increase to 15-20 trees over a few years and then decrease; and in seriously stressed stands such as those suffering from spruce budworm defoliation. In the latter, dead trees may number in the hundreds per group. The largest diameter trees are preferred, but these beetles may attack stems as small as 6 inches in diameter. Adults and large larvae overwinter. The adults emerge to attack new trees in early summer. The larvae do not mature and emerge until later (July-August). Attacking beetles bore under the bark, mate there and the females lay eggs in small groups along a vertically-oriented gallery. These attacks result in accumulations of reddish boring dust at the tree base and streams of clear pitch running down the bark. The larvae feed outward in the inner bark area killing the tree. The needles of infested trees turn red a few to several months after initial attack. There is one generation per year, but more than one developmental stage often occurs in any one tree, because the attack period can extend over 3-4 months.

# FIRE!

It was about 7:10 AM on a recent Sunday morning, when I was awakened by the sound of smoke detectors and screaming kids yelling FIRE! FIRE!

I opened the door of the bedroom to a dining room filled with light colored very smelly smoke, and observed that the wood stove was going full blast with the screen on, but the doors ( and draft ) wide open. The inside pipe was giving off that odor. I ran outside to the front deck and watched as flames came shooting out of the chimney pipe. Oh God we were having a chimney fire, and it must be running through the roof rafters right this minute towards the upstairs bedrooms. Linda was taking her morning shower and did not know that her small kindling fire would have ignited a much hotter fire in the chimney. I took the boys outside and then called the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department at 911.

The very next weekend had been scheduled for chimney sweeping, but that buildup of creosote did not wait another week. I quickly closed the damper and closed the doors in an attempt to slow down the draft up the chimney, and thereby reduce the oxygen to the fire. It worked, and in eleven minutes were heard the volunteers coming. They had been half way to Estes Park to help with a structure fire when they were turned around and sent to my home.

After their arrival and determination that the fire had indeed burned out, and that no structural damage had occurred, did I realize how lucky we had been. All summer long that chimney buildup had been drying out from the previous winter, just waiting for a hot kindling fire to ignite. My schedule was just my cleaning schedule, nothing to the ravages of mother nature and her dry chimney.

The lesson to be learned, and passed along to each of you, is to clean out that chimney pipe before the heating season begins, and if a fire is started in your chimney, take a bundle of newspapers and thrust them into the toilet until wet, then toss them onto the fire and close the doors. It will make a mess, but it may save your home or cabin.

A special thankyou to our fire department is in order here, and to those of you who responded. By the way you can also get a chimney fire flare extinguisher ( we got one the next day ) to keep in the room, to toss into the fireplace or woodstove in case of a fire. We got ours through our fire department.

One final note. The fire chief told us that if we burn a good hot paper or kindling fire once a week, we will help keep the buildup from accumulating, by actually igniting a small and harmless chimney fire each week. Remember that story about an ounce of prevention?

Tim Stolz

## Notice

Please be advised, that the property owner assessment for 1988 has been set at \$85.00, at the board's November meeting. The modest rise will enable your association to maintain an adequate reserve account, and repair and maintain our road equipment. You are encouraged to remit this assessment upon receipt of that notice. Thankyou!

# Covenant Reminders

Our covenant reminders for this issue concern the parking of trailers or motor homes on your lot, and clearing of trees. Remember that " No structure of temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, or accessory building shall be used upon any tract as a residence, temporarily or permanently, provided however, said structures may be used during the construction phase of the dwelling and these temporary dwellings may be used for short periods for vacation camping and use, not to exceed 60 days in any calendar year". So it may be time to move that motor home or trailer to an outdoor storage area, or back to the valley in order to comply with this covenant.

Regarding the clearing of trees, "Approval shall be obtained from the architectural control committee to cut down, clear, or kill any trees on any tract except those trees which are located on that portion of a parcel or tract of land which will be occupied by a dwelling which is approved by the architectural control committee. Please remember that most of our beautiful trees are 50 years or more of age, and this protective covenant is just that, protective of our natural resources and beauty of our Retreat!



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