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### \*\*\* 2016 DUES \*\*\*

Are now due & payable. Your membership support is appreciated and necessary. The funds are used for maintenance and improvements to our trails, supplies and upkeep of the pavilion, as well as potlucks and music events. A membership form can be found on our website <http://www.sprucecreektrails.com> at the bottom of the page.

### Letter from the President

The daffodils are blooming and the horses are shedding those winter coats – time to turn some attention on our SCTA activities. Please be sure to send in your membership dues....and other donations are always welcome. **The 2016 Membership Form is attached and also available on our web site: [www.sprucecreektrails.com](http://www.sprucecreektrails.com)**

**2015 was a busy year:** we cleaned up after the major ice storm in the spring, re-rocked the Tee Pee Loop down to the creek crossing, made major progress on the re-route of Wild Cat Den trail, fixed the step down beside Bonnie Glasser's property, purchased and placed many new trail signs, and replaced the badly leaking roof at the pavilion. Of course we did not leave out the "fun", with great turnouts for our Pot Lucks and Music Events. We ended the year with \$925 in the bank and 105 members.

**2016 looks to be an even better year.** We will kick off the season with a hot dog roast Pot Luck on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring your friends, neighbors, and relatives to the pavilion for a great opportunity to meet and mingle. SCTA will provide the dogs and fixin's. We have also planned music events around the major holidays during the summer, so shine up those dancing shoes. Everyone is welcome at all our events.

We have scheduled trail work days to address the completion of the Wild Cat Den re-route, as well as maintenance of all of our major trails. Please feel free to remove trees and brush if you are able. If not, give one of the board members a call/e-mail. We have pre-scheduled trail work days, so mark your calendars and plan to come out and join us. We can use folks of all levels. See later article for dates and times.

We owe Danny Hatcher a giant Thank You for his service on the SCTA Board and as our trail coordinator for the past five years. Due to his business responsibilities, Danny has asked to resign, but not without providing us with an awesome replacement. Max Traven has agreed to fulfill the remainder of his term. Please join me in welcoming him.

We also have a new webmaster, Roger Bertch. He has the task of keeping our act straight on the web. Yeah Roger. We will have an annual meeting and election of 3 Board positions prior to our May 29<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck and Dance. The neighborhood is growing, property seems to be moving again, and it looks to be a warm spring and summer. If you would like to be a part of the Board, or on a committee, we certainly welcome your participation. Just talk to any of the board members about your interest.

**Here's to a fantastic SCTA 2016!**

## **POTLUCK SCHEDULE 2016**

### **April 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

Membership Drive, SCTA to provide hot dogs. No music. Announce the vacancies that will be open for the May meeting and encourage new blood.

### **May 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Memorial Day is Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. SCTA Elections, 3 positions open. Music TBD.

### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July is Monday. Music TBD.

### **September 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Labor Day is Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Music TBD.

### **October 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Columbus Day is Monday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Music open jam/open mic with Roger & The Spruce Creek Ramblers

In the past there has been some heartburn about using "trail money" to pay for music. Not a lot, but some. So this year we will contract with the bands (three SEPARATE bands for the three big holiday weekends) and put out a donation jar so that those who stay and enjoy the music can chip in. SCTA will make up the difference if the tips don't cover the bands' cost. If the tips exceed the cost, the bands did well and keep the difference.

The April potluck will have no band; it will be all about meeting new neighbors and membership issues. The October potluck will be followed by a neighborhood jam session led by the Spruce Creek Ramblers. Bring your instrument of choice, your great singing voice, and have a great time.

We're also looking for volunteers to "own" the pavilion on potluck weekends: do table wipe down, set out the sign, general pickup before and after. If you like to help out, but trail work is not your style, perhaps this might be.

## TRAIL UPDATE

We've decided to have "fixed" trail work days and rain dates, set for the entire year. This will eliminate the last-minute e-blasts. Meet at the pavilion at 8:30 CST. Schedule below:

<b>WORK DATE</b>	<b>RAIN DATE</b>
Wed. March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed. March 30
Wed. April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. April 20 <sup>th</sup>
Wed. May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Wed. June 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat. June 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed. July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Wed. Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>
Wed. Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat. Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed. Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>

We will also explore a Trail Advisory Committee to help with prioritizing tasks and trails based on need. An "Adopt-A-Trail" program may also be adopted. Board will explore sending Max to an NPS workshop on trail maintenance.

## MISC AREA HAPPENINGS

Best Friend's Sanctuary is having their annual Spay-ghetti fund-raiser on Saturday April 2nd at the Methodist Church in Jamestown from 4-8pm. Spread the word and let's all meet in Jamestown that night! Raffles & Silent Auction items!!!

Big South Fork Spring Planting & Music Festival will be Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. An all-day affair, there will be live music at Bandy Creek Visitor's Center, Lora Blevins' home place and Oscar Blevins' farmstead. Spruce Creek Ramblers are rumored to be playing again!

Cumberland Back Country Horsemen is a new BCH Chapter being started on the north side of the park (our neighborhood). Ed & Teresa Elam are heading up this effort, but it will take many more volunteers and hours. They've already had meetings with the NPS and Wally Linder, so the groundwork is laid.

## FOR SALE



Boz saddle for sale. Used and in good condition, no rips in sheepskin, very lightweight and comfortable. Boz saddles fit a wide range of horses they are supposed to be a one size fits most. This is a true 15" saddle. Saddle has original stirrups, it was made in 2002. \$950. Call Ginger: [931-752-8347](tel:931-752-8347) or text [615-403-2488](tel:615-403-2488).

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