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2017 DUES

Are due & payable on the 1st of January, 2017. Our membership year runs from January thru December. If you are receiving this newsletter, you were paid and current for 2016. You may or may not be for 2017. A membership form can be found on our website <http://www.sprucecreektrails.com> at the bottom of the page.

SCHEDULE for 2017

SCTA Board Meetings are open to the members. They're usually held at the Pavilion, weather permitting. April 5 May 3 June 7 July 5
August 2 September 6 October 4 November 1
Work Days March 29, April 19, May 10, May 24

Potlucks are scheduled for:

Saturday, April 29th
Sunday, May 28th (Memorial day is Mon. May 29th)
Sunday, July 2nd (4th of July is Tuesday, July 4th)
Sunday Sept 3rd (Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 4th)
Sunday Oct. 8th (Columbus Day is Monday, Oct. 9th)

There are NO BANDS scheduled, although members are welcome to hire one at their own expense.

MEETING MINUTES

SCTA Board Meetings are open to members, and the meeting minutes are on our website. Check them out. Most announcements come via E-Blast. P.S. **The primary method for the latest information from SCTA is email.**

Letter from the Board of Directors

To our Members,

Hopefully we have seen the last of the frosty mornings so we can get on with all the activities spring will bring. We thought this to be a good time to provide a “state of the association” update.

You may have noticed there seems to be fewer properties for sale. We have a number of new residents to welcome to Spruce Creek Acres. We hope that they will love our beautiful piece of Tennessee and quickly make friends and riding buddies. For those of us who have been here a while, please make a point to meet your new neighbors and invite them to the ***first pot luck on April 29th***. Membership numbers are up with 80 already on the books for 2017. For those who may have forgotten: the membership form, 2017 events, work days, board member contacts, as well as other useful information can be found on our website: www.sprucecreektrails.com A special thanks to our web master, Roger Bertch, for his hard work and expertise.

For a number of years, the board has been keeping a master list of trail problems. A copy of the current Maintenance Log is attached to this newsletter and we will also put it out on our website along with the Board Meeting minutes. The Board members value your insight and observations. Please feel free to call or e-mail any of us with concerns or suggestions on trails that may need attention.

With \$7,000 in the bank, we are financially on solid ground to tackle a number of trail related issues this year. The good news is that we have more horse traffic on our trails in the past few years and the bad news is that increased activity means additional maintenance. Last year we made good progress in addressing the trails along Spruce Creek Drive, Crockett Creek, the Pavilion Trail, and the Tee Pee Loop. The heavy rains this winter will, of course, mean reviewing our “every year headache areas” again for needed rock and grading. Some of the most expensive challenges we face for this year are the completion of the Wildcat Den re-route, the erosion problems on both ends of the Evergreen Trail, and the wash out areas of Indian Rock Road/Spruce Creek Trail. These 3 projects are estimated to cost approximately \$6,000 in materials and equipment. We can all be proud of the wonderful support from our members for our fall fundraiser, donations, memberships, tee shirt, sweat shirt and hat sales which have provided the funds for a successful 2017 season.

But, we need your help on Trail Work Days too. It is a great way to spend a morning with your neighbors and you get to say “I helped make that look goooood” every time you pass a spot we have fixed. All those who are willing to work are welcome. No special job skills are required! The work day dates for the first part of the year are on Wednesdays: **March 29, April 19, May 10, and May 24. Meet at the pavilion @ 9:00 am.** We also hope to have a big Spruce Creek turnout for the National Park Service annual trail volunteer day, Saturday, June 3rd. Mark your calendars

and plan to join us.

Have you seen our new “you are here” trail signs? Fantastic! Sue Bertch designed the map, Brenda Goett had them made, Dave Duchon constructed the frames, Bob Hawkins & Joe Coriaggio helped put them in, Joe Goett noted the “You Are Here's” and the 3 area campgrounds (BSF/Hitchin’ Post, Saddle Valley, True West) helped pay for them. Now that is team work.

Speaking of volunteers, elections to fill three (3) board positions will be held before the Pot Luck on May 28th. **We need a few good men/women to consider running for our SCTA Board of Directors.** The only requirement is that you own property in Spruce Creek and attend a monthly meeting. This is truly a way to give back to the community. Believe it or not, it is also fun and a great way to meet many wonderful folks. New people means new ideas, talents and enthusiasm. Please contact any board member to ask questions and throw your hat in the ring.

Regards,
SCTA Board of Directors

T-SHIRT AND HATS

T-Shirt sales were brisk and quite a hit for the “I’m Not Lost” Spruce Creek Trail Map tees. We placed ONE FINAL ORDER and there are limited sizes left (2 Mens' L & XL, some Ladies S, M L & XL). Call Brenda Goett (879-4994, 397-4999) to see if she has your size. Short sleeve Tees are \$20, long sleeve are \$25, crew neck sweatshirts \$30 and hoodies \$35. We've also got a few RealTree camo ball caps, \$20 each.



MISC AREA HAPPENINGS

Spring Planting Festival at Bandy Creek – Saturday April 29th (Spruce Creek Ramblers will be playing!!!)

Keep an eye out for the Spruce Creek Neighborhood Yard Sale. Details to come!!!!

FOR SALE

For sale 15 acres in 5 tracts joining creek. About half is cleared and in established pasture. Has excellent gas well for possible free heat. 931.397.4626

Coming soon extension on to Spruce Creek Drive. Tracts from 3 up to 50 acres available. Joins park for over 4000 feet. Owner financing as low as 5.25 percent. A three acre tract can be bought with clearing included as low as \$300 a month.

931.397.4626

Spencer Bailey has firewood for sale. 879.7723 He also found a 4 foot long piece of metal on the trails, may belong to someone....

12-year Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse, mare. Very fast walk, smooth gait. \$2500. Could also part with the Circle Y saddle she's been under for the past 8 years. 931.397.4996



Also, various firearms: 12 ga shotgun, 30-30 rifle, 40-cal sub-compact pistol 397-4996

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