



The Wolf's Howl

The Voice of Camp Timberwolf—Home of Troop 212 Spring/Summer 2007

Spring Work Parties

Three spring work parties worked hard to get the Camp in order for another camping season. The first work party activated the water system for the season. Jerry Bellows, Rich Holden, and Jeff Koester led this effort.

Scouts and leaders from Troop 212 and volunteers from Grace Community Church in Reno (one of our camping groups) completed a long list of work items over the Memorial Day weekend. Scout leaders Bob Demartino and Don Stephens led the scout activities and Ian Bullard led the group from Grace.

The following week, Directors from the Camp Board and others under the direction of Jeff Koester did larger improvements and maintenance including:

- Grading for two new horse-shoe pits
- Building new entry decks at each of the cabins
- Leveling the outdoor dining area and refurbishing the existing picnic tables.
- Building a boat rack
- Paneling the refrigerator room with fiberglass reinforced plastic paneling
- Stripping and waxing the floors in all the buildings

We received approval from the U.S. Forest Service for these improvements.

Thank you to the volunteers for their hard work.

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Rudi Metzner Retires



We Will Miss You!

Lake Hazard Removal

Last fall, work parties pulled a dead tree and nine stumps from Lower Bucks Lake. Jeff Koester (with wet suit) located the dead tree and hooked a steel cable around it. Rich Holden went into the water with his wet suit and hooked a steel cable on one stump at a time and Chuck Finwick (our good friend and local contractor) pulled out the tree and each stump with his back hoe. A few stumps remain but the beach area at low reservoir levels is much cleaner and safer now.

Don Drennan and Rudi Metzner provided support to the work crew. The project was approved by the U.S. Forest Service and California Department of Fish and Game.

Rudi Metzner Retires

Rudi Metzner resigned as President and Director for Camp Timberwolf due to a recent move out of state. At its April meeting, the Camp Timberwolf Board of Directors accepted his resignation with regrets and elected Rudi as a Director Emeritus. Rudi has been one of the most active and important members of the Board for over 12 years. He has served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Director, Newsletter Editor, Rental Manager, Water Quality Engineer along with several other duties. The Board of Directors thanks Rudi for his service to the Camp and wishes all the best to Rudi and Betty in their new location. Vice-President Don Drennan was elected as President and Jeff Koester was elected as Vice-President. Rich Holden is the new Rental Manager, Bob Green is the new Editor for the Newsletter, and Jerry Bellows, Rich Holden and Jeff Koester will manage the water system.

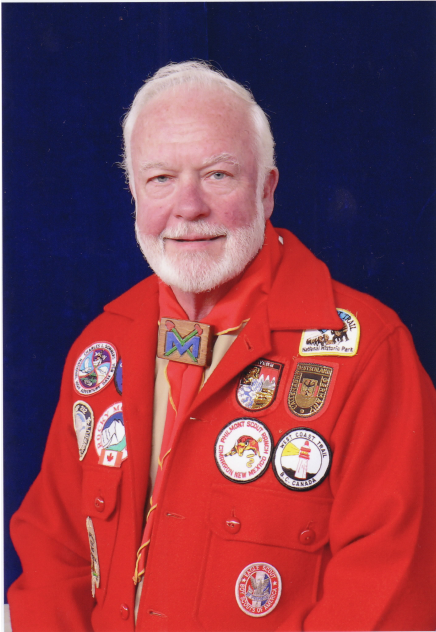
Rudi and Betty were honored at a dinner hosted by the Bellows.

Camp Expenses and Fees

In 2006, the camp expenses were raised to cover increased costs for running the camp including insurance and utilities. The operating expenses and fees were just about equal, so we are pleased to be able to hold the fees at the same rate for 2007.

Awards to Directors

Director Burt Benson was awarded the Silver Beaver from the Boy Scouts of America in February. The Silver Beaver is one of the highest adult awards in scouting.



**Admiral Burt Benson,
USN (Retired)**

Jeff Koester received the Moraga Kiwanis Club's Distinguished Service Award in March.



Jeff Koester (left)

Congratulations to Burt and Jeff on these recognitions of their outstanding service to these organizations and to the community.

President Don's Comments

Our mission statement is "To preserve Camp Timberwolf as a wilderness camp for use by Boy Scout Troop 212, church youth groups, families and other scout and youth groups that are focused on a quality outdoor camping experience". As volunteers, we are motivated to work to provide a safe, clean and well-maintained camp so that young people have the opportunity to experience the peace and beauty of this beautiful place.

Over 300 young people stay with us each year. About half of these youth are from the inner-city and whose camping fees are paid by our Campership Fund. We know that lives are touched by these days spent in the mountains close to God and nature.

I want to thank Rudi Metzner for his valued participation. Rudi has served as President and Vice President and has taken care of our water system from the beginning. Well done Rudi! We all hope that you enjoy your move to Washington State.

Fire Safety & Reporting

This is a very dry year in the forest. Please exercise extreme care regarding fire safety. Use our campfire area carefully with small campfires that are watched and completely extinguished. For any fire incident get help immediately by going to the nearest telephone and dialing 911. Always notify us at Camp Timberwolf and the proper authorities as required. If any safety issues arise or you have suggestions for improvements, please call me at (925) 283-4082.

We hope that you have a safe and meaningful camping experience at Camp Timberwolf.

Don Drennan

Map Links on Camp Timberwolf Website

The Camp Timberwolf website at <http://camptimberwolf.org> has added links to Google Earth, Google Maps, and Yahoo Maps to the location page. These links can provide directions to the camp from any location. Always check directions from any online service as they may not provide the best route or take into account current road conditions.

Spring Work Parties

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Pictures of some of the improvements are shown below.



New Level Picnic Area



New Boat Rack



Cabin 2 Porch in Progress

Thanks to the 2006 Board of Directors

The board members not only provided leadership but also put in countless hours of work including most of the manual labor hours at Camp Timberwolf. The 2006 directors were Jerry Bellows, Burt Benson, Don Bonander, Joe Cunningham, Don Drennan, Bob Green, Rich Holden, Frank Jackson, Jeff Koester, Tom McIntosh, Rudi Metzner, Fred Nielsen, Jim Stoutamore, and Chet Wittenborn.

Camp Timberwolf 2007 Board Elections

Elections for officers and directors were held at the January meeting of The Camp Timberwolf Improvement Committee Board of Directors. The following officers were elected:

- Rudi Metzner – President
- Don Drennan – Vice President
- Bob Green – Secretary
- Jerry Bellows – Chief Financial Officer
- Jeff Koester – Chief Engineer
- Chet Wittenborn – Fund Raising

Tom McIntosh, Rudi Metzner, Frank Jackson, and Bob Merson were elected to the board for 3-year terms. Chet Wittenborn was elected as a Director Emeritus.

In April, Rudi Metzner moved away and resigned as President and Director (see article on page 1). His resignation was accepted by the Board in April with regrets and he was elected as a Director Emeritus. Don Drennan was elected as President and Jeff Koester was elected as Vice President.

County Boating Restriction for Lower Bucks

The Plumas County Code includes the following limitation:

Lower Bucks Lake. No person shall use, operate, or navigate any motor-propelled boat greater than fifteen (15) horsepower upon the waters of Lower Bucks Lake. [Section Sec. 10-1.12. Motor-propelled boats. Paragraph (e)]

<http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=13824&sid=5>

Please plan your boating activities accordingly.



2005 Camp Timberwolf Donors (as of Dec 31)

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President's Club *

Jerry Bellows	Ken Lyons
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*Donors of a cumulative of \$1,000 or more as of Dec 31.

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2007 Reservation Schedule

Date	Group	Contact
May 14 – 25 (Fri)	Open water system	
May 26 – 28(Mon)	BSA Troop 212 work party	Don Stephens
Jun 2 – 8	Opening work party	Jeff Koester
Jun 9 – 16	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 16 – 23	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 23 – Jun 30	McHugh Family	Cheryl McCarthy
Jun 30 – 6(Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones
Jul 6 – 12(Thu)	MVPC Family Camp	Tom & Linda Gilson
Jul 12 – 14	MVPC Dads' Adventure	Tom Dabasinskas
Jul 14 – 21	Graves Family	John Graves
Jul 21 – 27(Fri)	Robak Family	Laurie Blackstone
Jul 27 – Aug 4	BSA Troop 212	Tom McIntosh
Aug 4 – 10(Fri)	Harbor House	Sara Miramontes
Aug 10 – 17(Fri)	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Aug 17 – 24(Fri)	Travis Air Force Base Youth Center	Sandra Latchford
Aug 24 – 31(Fri)	Camp Timberwolf Board & Friends	Don Drennan
Aug 31 – Sep 3(Mon)	Robinson Family	Tim & Heidi Kinsinger
Sep 3 – 8	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Sep 8 – 21(Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones
Sep 21 – 26(Wed)	Closing work party	Jeff Koester