"The Bridge"

Bringing Community Together

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FALL'S GOLDEN COLORS

After several days of significant rain, the first snow capped Wolf Creek, and the crisp morning air, slightly above freezing, has the ranch feeling like fall. The river has finally reached the high water level and is flowing rapidly.



The rains have blessed the island with glory and our grounds are looking prosperous in lieu of the dry brown summer conditions. It rewarded the two island wedding ceremonies with excellent conditions for photos, outdoor events, and warm temperatures for revelry and receptions. Two beautiful days allowed for everyone to celebrate the nuptials in comfort and rejoice in our riverfront setting. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Prairie dog mitigation has remarkably improved through a combination of natural causes, and accurate marksmanship from our members. Apparently most of the population has eliminated itself with an outbreak of the plague, according to our neighbor Casey

Kimbrell. The density proved harmful as they passed the disease to the herd and as a result they have diminished significantly. We will continue to manage and monitor the remaining residents through a carbon monoxide campaign and random sharpshooting.

SAVE THE DATE

A fall cleanup weekend is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th. We will have groundskeeping, debris removal from the riverbank and minor surface cleaning planned for the island, clubhouse and cabins. 9:00 to 3:00 with lunch being served. Please rsvp to Bob and Lis @ 908-868-5567.

Clubhouse and cabin updates include all new toilets in all bathrooms, new keyless entry to the cabins and clubhouse, and a switch from Direct TV to YouTubeTV for streaming services and TV entertainment. We also plan to introduce Starlink as a improvement to our internet signaling. The current line of sight process is hindered by the growth of the tree tops surrounding the clubhouse and is restricting the signal. We hope to improve signal strength to both cabins.

We welcome our newest members Mike and Maggie Brown from Frederick, CO who have purchased two lots, 227 and 228 on Caddis Court and River Island Drive. Please join us and congratulate them on becoming new neighbors.



Member Daniel Lauw was fishing a guided float trip, when they "caught" this special moment on the river just before entering River Island Ranch. Photo compliments of Daniel. capturing a handsome bull elk chasing a harem of ladies across the river.

SOUTH FORK NEWS

The fourth annual ***HOG ROAST FESTIVAL*** took place Saturday, October 3rd at the community center. Almost five hundred guests we're served a compiementary dinner of homemade potato salad, cole slaw, cornbread and pulled pork. The revelry continued outside to the sounds of the live band "Caldera" from Creede. Capped off by a beer garden featuring Spare Keg Brewerks and bonfire sparked by Nate created a special event not to be missed next year.

The South Fork Chili Cook Off will take place next Thursday, October 22nd at the community center. This year will also feature a salsa catergory.

Wolf Creek Ski Area has officially seen its first significant snowfall of the season, dropping several inches and re-aquainting travelers with hazardous conditions driving over the pass.



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