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We, your Board of Directors are committed to serving all the people of Arrowhead.

On Friday, January 20th, each Director made the following pledge:

- ◆ To keep in confidence all sensitive information.
- ◆ To respect the majority rule.
- ◆ To respect all Board members.
- ◆ To serve the whole community.
- ◆ To set aside individual needs and desires.

All Board Meetings (except Executive Sessions), are open to the owners. Please attend, learn what's going on in Arrowhead and meet your neighbors.

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-Colorado Municipal League



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President's Message

Dear Owners,

At our first board meeting of this New Year we selected the new board officers for the AIA. *(please refer to page 1)*

Believe me when I say that I am as surprised as anyone to be your new board president. To be honest, I am a bit overwhelmed. But I take great comfort in the fact that this board is made up of tremendously talented individuals who exhibit a commitment to work together for the good of Arrowhead.

My own commitment to each one of you is to listen attentively to your concerns and issues; carefully consider your input and suggestions for improvements; lead with integrity and transparency; and on that rare occasion when we might possibly disagree with one another, to do so in a spirit of kindness and respect. My personal philosophy is that we can disagree with one another without becoming disagreeable in spirit. My wife and I love Arrowhead and never cease to be awed by its beauty. But above all, we value the people here and our relationship with you all.

In addition to electing new officers, we also selected the board leads for the various committees that serve our wonderful community. They are as follows:

Election Committee – Bridget Isle

Design Review – Becky Stilley

Horse Corrals – Patty Greeves

Heavy Equipment & Maintenance – Jim Matteson

Fish Ponds & Stocking – Becky Stilley

Forest Management – Dick Bloss

Weed Control – Patty Greeves

Patrol – Kim Norwood

Communications – Bridget Isle

Governance Committee – Becky Stilley and Patty Greeves

We also welcomed some new employees. As most all of you know, our snow roads have been wonderfully maintained by, Ron Corder. With his resignation, the board solicited applications from interested parties and hired Curt Strange. He and his wife, Jeanne are new full-time residents at Arrowhead having moved here from Fruita. Curt has an extensive background in heavy equipment operation and maintenance and has seamlessly picked up where Ron left off. If you see Ron, please thank him for his faithful years of service and welcome Curt and Jeanne to Arrowhead.

In addition, we now have a new Communications Liaison. Lisa Ditmore returns as our Communications Liaison following the resignation of Cappi Castro. We are very fortunate to have someone who comes into this position with not just the technical knowledge to handle the job, but someone with a personal knowledge and interest in our community.

Lastly, I want to pass along a couple of important pieces of information that were shared at our last board meeting:

1. **Kathy Koeltzow**, one of our first responders, stressed the importance of having a home address posted so that your property is easily identified. Our first responders have unfortunately been delayed in responding to emergencies because some residents do not have their address posted in front of their homes. And with the advent of winter, the snow now covers many signs that were once visible. If your sign is covered by snow, please make every effort to uncover it so that our first responders can find your home in the event you have an emergency. And if you do not have your address posted, please remember that it is a requirement.

2. **Dave Reddish**, our lead Patrol, reminded us that many vehicle stickers need to be updated. If you purchased a snowmobile or any other vehicle from another Arrowhead resident that already had a sticker on it, you still need to get a new sticker from Patrol so that the vehicle shows up in YOUR name. This will greatly assist them in doing their job.

I think I can safely speak for this entire board when I say that it is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Kim Norwood, AIA Board President

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Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors

Board of Directors 2017 Schedule of Meetings

*Friday, Special Meetings

**Saturday, Regular Board Meetings

JAN: *Friday, 20th & **Saturday, 21st @ Arrowhead Lodge

MAY: *Friday, 19th & **Saturday, 20th @ Arrowhead Lodge

JUN: *Friday, 16th & **Saturday, 17th @ AH Firehouse

JUL: *Friday, 14th & **Saturday, 15th @ AH Firehouse

AUG: *Friday, 18th & **Saturday, 19th @ AH Firehouse

SEPT: *Friday, 15th & **Saturday, 16th @ AH Firehouse

OCT: *Friday, 20th & **Saturday, 21st @ AH Firehouse

*Friday, Special Board Meetings typically include an Executive Sessions beginning at 9:00 AM followed by a board work session, open to all owners, beginning at 1:00 PM. **Saturday, Regular Board Meetings, open to all owners, begins at 2:00 PM

Annual Owners Meeting follows the Saturday, August 19th Board Meeting

Meetings are usually held at the Arrowhead Firehouse. Please watch the posted agendas to confirm dates, times and locations.

All meeting dates, times and locations may be subject to change.

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The deadline for news articles is the 20th of the month before the next bi-monthly issue. Please email news articles to **Lisa Ditmore** at aiasmokesignals@gmail.com. All letters or articles need to include your name and a daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editors for publication, or as space permits.

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HEALTH on the MOUNTAIN



Most of us have a few days when we experience the winter blahs and cabin fever, especially in April, when we are waiting for the snow to melt. These symptoms are usually short lived and disappear as soon as we have a few sunny days.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a depression that occurs mainly in the winter, but may also occur in the summer. It usually occurs after the age of 20, is more common for older people and more often in northern regions. The symptoms include:

- An increase in appetite, usually for sweet or starchy foods
- Weight gain
- Drop in energy level
- Fatigue
- Oversleeping and irritability
- Difficulty in concentration
- Avoidance of social situations and sensitivity to social rejection

Winter depression is caused, as you would think, by the body's reaction to the lack of light or shorter duration of sunlight. One of the most common treatments is to increase light or sun exposure. It is best to get about 30 minutes of extra sunlight in the mornings. Tanning beds do not supply the light we need and contain harmful ultraviolet rays.

SAD is a serious depressive disorder that requires treatment by a physician. For a diagnosis of SAD, the symptoms need to occur two winter seasons in a row followed by non-depressive seasons. Summer seasonal disorder is the opposite. It has decreased appetite and weight loss with a high energy level.

Most of us on the mountain are not in jeopardy for SAD, as we have lots of sun and beautiful days. We also have a lot of recreational time outdoors. Remember that it is important to use sunscreen during the winter, as well as the summer, to protect your skin from the harmful ultraviolet rays. Exposure to the sun in the early morning or late afternoon is generally safe. About 30 minutes a day is sufficient to keep SAD away.

Other points to remember are watching out and planning for the cold weather. Winter clothing should keep you warm and dry. Also remember you are at about 9400 feet in elevation, shoveling our deep snow should be done with care as muscles need to adjust to the work.

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Design & Review Message

We have added **3 new committee members** this year. They are: **Linda Bloss, Doug Cockes and Barrie Riddoch**. These new members will help us keep track of all the construction in Arrowhead.

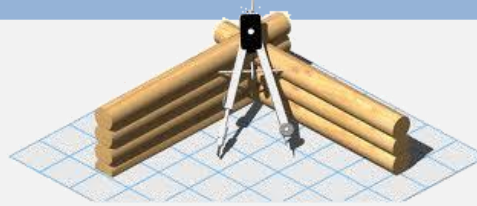
While we have no plans, so far, I am sure we will have some new projects by the March meeting. Here are a few of the requirements that we ask you to follow:

1. Please have your plans to us a week before a meeting.
2. You must turn in actual samples of all the color choices for roof, exterior paint or stain for the siding and door colors or any other color choices.
3. Be sure to call with questions before starting any projects. You can reach me by phone: 970-862-8449 or email: joyce.boulter@gmail.com

Design & Review 2017 Meeting Dates:

*March: 13 th at 10:00am	July: 10th at 9:00am
*April: 10 th at 10:00am	August: 14th at 9:00am
*May: 15 th at 9:00am	Sept: 11th at 9:00am
June: 12 th at 9:00am	Oct: 16th at 9:00am

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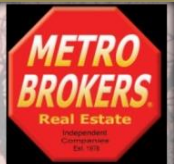
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Forestry Message

by Bill Conway

Many questions come in over the course of a year so this article will be an attempt to answer some of the most common questions about Arrowhead trees. While these answers may be of some help they are not intended to replace an onsite visit by the Arrowhead forester.

What species of trees do we have at Arrowhead? Douglas fir, engelmann and Colorado blue spruce, subalpine fir (commonly called balsam) and aspen. There is one large ponderosa pine and a few seedlings about 100 yards down Columbine road. There are also a few areas with limber pine, primarily on common land, near the far end of Crest.

How long do these trees live at Arrowhead? While there are many variables, the following are reasonable expectations for the life of a species: Douglas fir – 250 to 400 (occasionally more), spruce – 200 to 250, subalpine fir – 100 to 150, aspen – 100 to 130, ponderosa pine – 200 to 300, limber pine – 200 to 400.

How do I identify the different tree species? Ask Bill Conway

How do I know if Douglas fir beetles are killing my trees? These beetles fly in about mid-June and bore a small hole through the bark. Boring dust can be found in the furrows of the bark. If the trees are healthy than can produce enough pitch to push the beetles out and the pitch streams can be seen on the bark. At this point there is no way to know if the tree will live or die.

How will I know when the Douglas fir tree is dead? The beetles are in the tree for one year and cut off the circulation in the tree which occurs in the cambium layer just under the bark. The tree will stay green through the winter but when it tries to come out of dormancy in the spring there will be no water available to the top and the tree will turn completely red in about three days.

Will the beetles fly to my other trees? Yes, Douglas fir beetles are “short fliers” and most of them will emerge about two weeks after the tree turns red and fly to the largest nearby trees. To prevent this infection of other trees, the dead Douglas fir need to be removed from Arrowhead within 10 days after turning red.

Can I get help to have these trees removed? Yes, Arrowhead currently has a grant from the State of Colorado to pay for removal of beetle infested trees on both community property and private lots. There is a licensed and insured contractor already under contract to do that work this spring. Contact Bill Conway to make those arrangements.

Can I use these trees for firewood? No, retaining the bole of these trees at Arrowhead will result in the death of other nearby Douglas fir.

How can I prevent the beetles from killing my Douglas fir trees? Put up MCH packs at the proper time and spacing. The MCH packs contain a synthetic pheromone that repels the beetles. The timing, number and placement of the packs are all important and there are variations depending on the type of trees and their arrangement on your lot. Contact Bill Conway for additional information.

Do the MCH packs work on spruce, as well as on Douglas fir? The short answer is maybe. The packs were designed by replicating a pheromone put out by Douglas fir beetles when the trees are fully occupied with beetles. This scent causes other beetles to move out of the area. There is some evidence that this works on spruce beetles but maybe not as well as on Douglas fir beetles. (Each species of tree has its own kind of bark beetle).

How do I know if beetles are attacking and killing my spruce trees? Spruce trees have thin bark and woodpeckers like to eat the beetles. Large amounts of bark accumulate at the base of the tree and are especially obvious on the snow. Spruce beetles are in the tree for two to three years before the tree dies. Sometimes the beetles will only attack one side of the tree; called a strip attack. The tree protects itself by putting out pitch. Over time the tree will start looking yellow and the crown will look thin from needle loss. When to remove the tree is a judgement call and Bill Conway can help you with that. If the tree is still beetle infested he may be able to arrange removal at no cost.

Why do I see DO NOT CUT painted on spruce blow down trees? This is a method of removing spruce beetles at Arrowhead. The spruce beetles will go into the blow down trees at 10 times the rate they will into a standing tree because their preferred habit is present but there is no pitch to push them out of the tree. These are called “trap” trees and are removed from Arrowhead with the beetles in August using grant money from the State of Colorado.

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I have a spruce tree that is dying from the top down; is this a bark beetle attack? It is a bark beetle but a different one than the spruce bark beetle discussed above. This attack is from the spruce ips beetle. These beetles start at the top of the tree and work their way down over 3 to 5 years. Sometimes they will kill the whole tree and sometimes they will give up and leave the tree with a dead top. There is a spruce tree behind the Real Estate office and near the road that is a good example. MCH packs do not work on the spruce ips beetle.

Do the MCH packs work on subalpine fir (balsam)? No, this tree is attacked by Western Fir Beetle and there is no repellent available for them. When these trees are killed by bark beetles they usually turn completely red in mid-summer and the red needles will stay on the tree for several years. While it is good to remove these trees for aesthetic and fire reasons, removal will not protect other trees. These beetles are present throughout the forest and attack trees that are old or weak.

How many more years will I need to keep putting up MCH packs? The short answer is there is no way to know. Douglas fir beetles have killed about 35 mature trees per year the last two years at Arrowhead. Larger numbers of Douglas fir trees continue to die on private and BLM land to the north and east of Arrowhead. A large scale die off of spruce is occurring to the south of Arrowhead on BLM and Forest Service land, that is expected to continue for several years. The only good news is that significantly fewer beetles were caught in traps in 2016 than in the previous two years. Is that significant? Too early to know.

Will a cold hard winter reduce the bark beetle problem? Maybe

What are the green worms hanging from my trees? These are the larvae form of spruce budworm. The small form of the larvae are spending the winter inside a small “cocoon” on your conifer trees: douglas fir, spruce and subalpine fir. When the buds start to open on the trees the larvae emerge and start eating the new growth. After morphing several times, larger larvae continue to eat and if they run out of new growth they will start eating the older needles. The grey “miller” moths that you see flying around are the moth version of this insect.

Will spruce bud worms kill my trees? At the level of infestation that we have had the last few years, most trees are not killed. Some small trees under 6-feet tall may die and the tops of larger trees will be deformed; frequently forming multiple tops in the future.

Are there ways to treat trees to prevent spruce bud worm damage? Yes

- Wash the worms off of small trees with a straight stream from a garden hose
- Spray small trees with commonly available insecticides such as seven, malathion, or “Raid”
- Use ACE caps on medium to large trees.
 - o ACE caps can be purchased at a hardware store or on the internet. Small holes are drilled every 4” around the tree near the base and the ACE cap is inserted. The chemical will be carried throughout the tree killing the spruce bud worm. Expensive, but may be feasible on a few trees.
- Aerial spraying of an insecticide that will kill all insects that have a larvae stage (includes butterflies)
 - o This method would have to be coordinated with the State of Colorado Forestry Dept and at this time they think that the current infestation will soon peak and aerial spraying will not be necessary.

Where does this information come from? Coordination with the Colorado State Forest Service, entomologists and foresters with the US Forest Service, and the developer of the MCH packs at the Synergy Semiochemical Co. in Canada.

Next Issue will address questions on hazard trees, tree cutting permits, mitigation, defensible space and insurance. If you have questions concerning the items presented here or other forest related topics please contact Bill Conway.

Closing date for MCH pack orders was January 30th, but orders can still be accepted for the next few weeks. Please contact Bill Conway directly 541-729-6259 or at Arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com.

Message from Patrol



Read the Smoke Signals or visit our AIA Facebook page anytime, from anywhere. Get the latest information and stay up-to-date on everything Arrowhead!

This holiday season brought family gatherings, party revelers, and lots of snow to Arrowhead. This combined to occasionally produce those unsightly tracks through the pristine snow known as "ghost tails," or snowmobile tracks made by cutting across open ground off the filing roads.

Patrol is often asked what is going to be done to stop these ghost trails? Unfortunately, one officer patrolling 17 miles of roads and hundreds of acres of land puts us at a disadvantage in catching a violator. But on those occasions that Patrol does catch a violator, they are initially given a verbal reminder/warning to respect the rights of all Arrowhead property owners and informed that driving off the roads is trespassing and subject to a fine.

In situations where the snowmobiler(s) are blatantly violating Arrowhead regulations, an Incident Report is written up which can result in a fine being assessed on the property owner.

Remember, AIA property owners can do same things mentioned above. The Incident Report form is posted online. It starts with understanding AIA regulations and educating family, friends, and anyone else enjoying Arrowhead and the area around.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it will take the entire community to eradicate "ghost trails".

David Reddish
AIA Patrol Lead



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Heavy Equipment

Snow, Snow, Snow!!!

First, I'd like to thank the Arrowhead Community for being so cooperative on the last parking lot plowing effort. It went off pretty good and Will and Ron were able to get the lot cleared in short order. As we're in the middle of winter, there will be more of this activity so your continued support is appreciated.

The mini-truck continues to be a challenge in regard to long term operation. We've had several of the very bright mechanical minds working on the overheating problem and we think a solution may be close at hand.

The work we had performed on the motor grader this past Fall is paying off with great success. Will tells me his job in keeping the Alpine Plateau Road in good condition is much easier now that the grader is operating better than it has in years.

With the work being done with the heavy equipment as always be sure that as you approach the grader, loader or groomer performing their tasks, be sure the operators are aware of your presence and intentions before trying to pass them. Be sure they acknowledge you before making a move toward them as they have some limited vision and can't hear you or your machine approaching.

With the recent new members on the Board of Directors, we have a chance to get more folks involved with activities in the community. Our new Vice President, Dick Bloss has volunteered to assist with my tasks in the Heavy Equipment role. Dick has a very strong background in heavy equipment as well as management so he'll be a great addition to the team.

Finally, I'd like to introduce Curt Strange. Curt is our newly hired groomer operator. Curt has a terrific background in equipment and maintenance so he should be a great addition to our already fantastic crew.

Stay safe and enjoy winter in Arrowhead.

Jim Matteson,
Heavy Equipment and Maintenance Liaison



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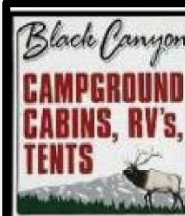
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- Jul. 7th *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
- Aug. 4th *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
- *Sept. 8th *China Dolls* by Lisa See
- Oct. 6th *Deception Point* by Dan Brown
- Nov. 3rd *Discuss one of your favorite books!*

*We usually meet the 1st Friday of the month, at the Lodge at 11:30am; exception marked with **

For more information or to be put on the email list, please call **Linda Dysart 970-862-8287**.

2016-2017 Snowfall Report *by Linda Dysart*

(measurements taken on deck at 504 Snowshoe Lane)

Comparison:						
Snowfall for December 2015 = 61"						
Snowfall for December 2016 = 46"						
Cumulative snowfall at end of Dec. 2015 = 99"						
Cumulative snowfall at end of Dec. 2016 = 84 1/2"						
DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BASE DEPTH	CONDITIONS
Jan. 1	4:30 PM	28 deg.	1"	85 1/2"	27"	snow has stopped
Jan. 3	8:00 AM	20 deg.	1 1/2"	87"	28"	lightly snowing
Jan. 5	9:30 AM	24 deg.	2 1/2"	89 1/2"	30"	snowing & blowing
"	4:45 PM	17 deg.	6 1/2"	96"	36"	snowed all day; less wind now
Jan. 6	7:30 AM	0 deg.	5"	101"	39"	clear
Jan. 8	10:00 AM	24 deg.	1"	102"	36"	overcast
"	5:00 PM	30 deg.	1/2"	102 1/2"	36"	overcast
Jan. 10	8:00 AM	26 deg.	1/2"	103"	35"	overcast
Jan. 12	8:30 AM	23 deg.	1 1/2"	104 1/2"	36"	overcast
"	11:30 AM	24 deg.	1/2"	105"	36"	lightly snowing
Jan. 13	8:00 AM	25 deg.	2 1/2"	107 1/2"	38"	overcast
Jan. 14	8:00 AM	25 deg.	1/2"	108"	38"	lightly snowing
"	12:00 PM	29 deg.	1 1/2"	109 1/2"	39"	overcast
Jan. 16	9:30 AM	25 deg.	2"	111 1/2"	39"	high overcast
Jan. 20	8:00 AM	20 deg.	2"	113 1/2"	38"	high overcast
Jan. 21	4:00 PM	23 deg.	2"	115 1/2"	39"	lightly snowing
Jan. 22	8:00 AM	15 deg.	4"	117 1/2"	43"	clear
Jan. 23	8:30 AM	24 deg.	3"	120 1/2"	44"	mostly clear; windy
Jan. 24	8:00 AM	19 deg.	5 1/2"	126"	46"	snowing
"	12:00 PM	21 deg.	2"	128"	47"	snowing
"	5:30 PM	17 deg.	2"	130"	48"	snow has stopped
Jan. 25	8:00 AM	13 deg.	4 1/2"	134 1/2"	50"	lightly snowing
"	5:00 PM	14 deg.	1/2"	135"	50"	overcast
Jan. 26	8:00 AM	10 deg.	3 1/2"	138 1/2"	51"	lightly snowing