

February, 2001

.... From the President's Corner

The new automatic gate for the Madison Trail entrance is currently in Bill Hoolan's garage and will be installed as soon as possible this spring.

Four lots sold within the last quarter of 2000. Elizabeth Gotshall, Lot 48, was sold to Paul Brooks of Shohola, PA; Ken Castelein, Lot 24, was sold to Christine Oschmann of Wayne, NJ; Terry Quirk, Lot 68, was sold to Phillip and Susan McMahan of San Diego, CA; and Jeanne Singleton, Lot 9, was sold to Phillip Botsko of Chester NJ.

I want to remind all of you of the annual meeting date June 23, 2001, 1 PM at the Stage Coach Inn in West Yellowstone. Put it on your calendar and I hope you can attend!

There is no other news to report other than I think we're in for another dry summer and I'm really looking forward to spring. This has really been a cold winter here in Boise. *Jeanne Loughrey*

Hardy's On-The-Scene Report:

Hardy News, Jeanne Writes: "The first week in October Jack had a heart attack. A doctor friend was staying with us at the time and administered medication, we then drove him to the hospital in Ennis. From there he was taken by ambulance to the Big Sky Airport and flown by air ambulance to the Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

There were no alternatives; a quadruple bypass was necessary. He went through the surgery with no complications. We are now concentrating on his rehabilitation."

She adds that their dogs (who Jack dotes on) were allowed to visit him in the hospital the night before his surgery. I am sure that was a boost for him! I know I speak for every homeowner and everyone else who knows Jack in wishing him the very speediest and most complete recovery.

Weather: During November there were many nights where low temperatures ran between 0 and 12 degrees. One night it was minus 8. Several days the high temps. were never above 18. There were a few days of light snow.

In December at night the lows seemed to get lower. We had 5 nights below 0, and one of those was a minus 16. Highs during the day no better than November. We had a few days of snow, which finally put us on our snowmobiles. Not nearly as much snow as in past winters.

January was also cold, but with even more nights below 0. A little more snow, but not much.

So far February has been crazy; colder and windy. Low temps for 4 nights ranged from 0 to minus 22 and highs for a couple of days were never above 4. Yet one night the low was only 24 and high was 32. Now that's crazy!

Wildlife: Jack always maintained the bird feeders, but since I've had to take over his chores the bird feeders were low priority. We've really missed watching our feathered friends this winter.

Several hundred Elk migrated, as usual, thru the ranch. We even had a few stroll through our front and back yards. The deer seem to be staying close by, and the coyote population seems to have increased.

Local: We finally have further hope for the \$3 Bridge replacement. There was a Legal Notice

request for bids in the Madisonian regarding the construction of a new approach for the new bridge.

For Sale: Lot #118, asking \$35,000, negotiable. Pam Campo, 11292 Bobcat Lane, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 (805) 474-4187. email Jcmpfyr513@cs.com

Don't forget, if you have any non-real-estate items for sale that might be of interest to other ranch owners, send info to me and I'll include it. Also don't forget, if you want me to include your for sale info, you have to let me know every time. I can't carry any for sales over to the next newsletter.

Neighbor News:

Jeanne Loughrey wrote that Addie Miller passed away on Oct. 3 of breast cancer. Apparently, she had been in remission, but it came back quite suddenly and she died shortly after. Her family said she had a hard time the last year of Dick's life, and she was really looking forward to enjoying the Ranch. It was so sudden and sad. Again, I am sure I speak for all in sending our condolences to her family.

Gene Welch sent some observations on summer weather (ahh, what a lovely image!) at their cabin, where he's kept track of temperatures and precipitation for most summers since 1992. He says: Temperatures were unusual in 2000, and the summer of 2000 was easily the warmest at MRR in the past nine years. However, 1994 was actually the driest. Precipitation from roughly Memorial weekend to mid-Sept. has averaged between 6 and 7 inches. We received 3.5 inches in 1994 and 4.8 in 2000. Only 1 inch was recorded from July to mid-Sept. in 1994, but we got 3 inches during that time in 2000.

What was noteworthy about 2000 was the consecutive days with a maximum of 80 degrees and above. Previously we'd never had more than 5-6 days in a row of very warm days, and never reaching 90. But in 2000 there were at least 13 days 80 or above, and, for the first time, two days of 90 and above (I say at least because we were away from Aug. 13-Sept. 13). Also of interest, the winter minimum in 99-2000 was an unusually mild zero, while the average low since 1994 has been -17. He goes on to explain that his thermometer is in the shade, so may show cooler maximums than you'd get elsewhere in the summer, and somewhat sheltered, so may show slightly higher minimums in winter.

Thanks, Gene, for this very informative article!

Be sure to send me any family news or anything else you'd like to share with your ranch neighbors.

Ranch Recipes:

Big Sky Spaghetti with Clam Sauce

This is an old family favorite sent to me by my dear mother-in-law many years ago

2 crushed cloves garlic
 2/3 cup olive oil
 1 cup bottled clam juice
 ¼ t. salt
 Fresh cracked pepper
 ½ t. oregano
 2 cans minced clams, do not drain
 ½ c. parsley, chopped
 ½ c. minced green onion tops
 1 lb. spaghetti, cooked
 Parmesan cheese

Sauté garlic in oil – add clam juice, salt, pepper and oregano. Simmer 5 minutes.

Add clams with their own juice. Cook, uncovered, 10 minutes or longer so liquid will reduce. Mix in parsley and onion. Toss ½ sauce with spaghetti and top with other half of sauce and Parmesan.

Thought for the day: “It isn’t the big pleasures that count the most; it’s making a great deal out of the little ones.” *Jean Webster*

Dave and I plan to be on our property during a good part of June. Stop by and say hi if you’re around!

A special thanks to Jeanne Hardy for her excellent single-handed reporting this time, and again we send many good wishes to Jack.

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