

MRR Newsletter

Madison River Ranch Association

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From the President's Corner John Clark

As summer rapidly approaches Montana, the Madison River Ranch is in good shape to enter another season. The northern Rockies had a very good snow year and the snow pack is still above 100% going into the spring runoff. Word has it that the Madison will be running high for the early part of the season to give it a good flush which hasn't happened for several years. The Hebgen Dam repairs are finally completed so the release will return to normal and lower the water temperature by ten degrees. All these factors should lead to improved health of the Madison River and hopefully even better fishing.

This spring saw the Bylaws and CC&Rs review committee swing into full action. I was able to listen to a few of the conference calls discussing the revisions. The amount of time and consideration the committee has put in on behalf of the Association is commendable. Through discussion and thorough research, the committee came to a consensus on the revisions to all sections of the Bylaws. These are the original Bylaws from almost 30 years ago that have never been amended. Currently, they are being reviewed by our lawyers. Hopefully by the time you read this you have had the chance to review the suggested revisions. The committee continues to work on reviewing the CC&Rs and hopefully all the work will be completed prior to the annual meeting. To accept the revisions and amend the Bylaws and CC&Rs, it will take a positive vote from 51% of the entire membership (73 yes votes). It would be a shame if all the work this committee has put forth goes to waste because of apathy in the Association's

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Enjoy!



Gate Code 1004#

We hope to see you

at the

**MRR Property Owners
Association Meeting**

Saturday, June 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Cliff Lake Village Schoolhouse

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voting. Please take the time to review the revisions and vote in favor of the amended Bylaws and CC&Rs. If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please send your proxy before the deadline so that a valid vote can be taken at the meeting.

Restoration and maintenance of our roads continue with the addition of another half mile of road base on Flatiron Trail. All owners are asked to keep their driving speeds down to 25 MPH to help maintain the road base and lessen wash boarding.

The final section of Ranch perimeter fencing was completed late last fall, from the common area gate to the river. This was the last section of original perimeter fencing to be replaced in projects that started over 20 years ago. Fortunately, we have great neighbors and were able to cost share most sections with \$3 Ranch and Sundance Bench.

There are a few projects and basic maintenance of the Ranch that can be accomplished with volunteer work from the Association such as common area mowing, weed eating and restoration of the common area barn. More will be discussed at the annual meeting. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please let me, or any board member know.

We continue to have more new owners so please take the time to introduce yourself and get to know each other, as being good neighbors enhances everyone's experience in our special place. I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Association meeting and on the Ranch this summer. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact any board member via our web site:

<http://www.madisonriverranch.org>

Association Potluck Picnic Social

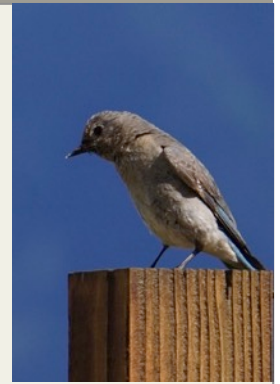
There will be a MRR Association Potluck Picnic Social in the Common Area on Saturday, June 30, immediately following the conclusion of the meeting. The Association will be providing sandwiches and drinks, owners are encouraged to bring along a side dish or dessert.

Please join us!

Cooking With Martha

Prosciutto Wrapped Pork Tenderloin with Herb Pan Sauce

Martha Crawley



This is a delicious and elegant dinner, worthy of company. It's easy too! The prosciutto sticks to the tenderloins by itself, but a non-stick skillet is essential for the browning. Serves about 6.

2 pork tenderloins

6 oz. Prosciutto, or enough to completely cover tenderloins (this is the secret to success in this recipe)

2 T. vegetable oil

1 T. all-purpose flour

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 t. minced fresh thyme

1 ¼ c. low-sodium chicken broth

¼ c. lemon juice (about 2 lemons)

3 T. minced fresh chives

1. Heat oven to 450. Position rack to center. Pat tenderloins dry with paper towels and season with pepper. Wrap each tenderloin with prosciutto. If the tenderloins have a real skinny end, fold that under to make the whole tenderloin about the same thickness.

2. Heat 1 T. veg. oil until just smoking. Cook pork until browned on all sides, 5-7 minutes. Use tongs to turn it. Transfer meat to baking sheet. Bake until meat registers 140-145 degrees, 15-18 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, heat remaining 1 T. oil in same skillet until shimmering. Add flour, garlic and thyme and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in broth and lemon juice and cook, scraping up any browned bits, until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and add chives. Season with salt and pepper to taste.* Slice pork and serve with sauce

*The prosciutto is salty, so be careful salting the sauce. Tip: Put parchment paper on the baking sheet under the pork to make cleanup easy.

Enjoy!

Martha

Introducing...the MRRR Property Owners, by Location

This chart represents the number of MRRR property owners that hail from each of these locations

STATE	# Property Owners
Arizona	2
California	26
Colorado	8
Florida	3
Georgia	3
Hawaii	1
Idaho	9
Illinois	3
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	2
Minnesota	2
Missouri	2
Montana	19
Nevada	4
New Jersey	4
New York	1
North Carolina	2
Oregon	6
Pennsylvania	5
Tennessee	2
Texas	3
Utah	4
Washington	11
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	2
United Kingdom	3

Now is the time to become bear aware

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Here are some general tips to stay safe in bear country:

- Inquire about recent bear activity in the area.
- Carry and know how to use bear pepper spray for emergencies.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Travel in groups of three or more people whenever possible and plan to be out in the daylight hours.
- Stay on trails or rural roads.
- Watch for signs of bears such as bear scat, diggings, torn-up logs and turned over rocks, and partly consumed animal carcasses.
- Keep children close.
- Make your presence known by talking, singing, carrying a bell, or other means, especially when near streams or in thick forest where visibility is low. This can be the key to avoiding encounters. Most bears will avoid humans when they know humans are present.
- Use precaution in areas like berry patches where bears occur.
- Don't approach a bear; respect their space and move off.

Anglers also need to practice safe behavior in bear country:

- Don't leave fish entrails on shorelines of lakes and streams. Sink entrails in deep water. If you don't properly dispose of entrails you increase danger to yourself and to the next person to use the area.

Ed. Note: At Madison River Ranch:

- Do not leave garbage outside your cabin, unless it is in a bear-proof container.
- Be aware that smells from barbecues may attract bears.



Learning Opportunities, Roger Stommel...

Last summer, I arranged to have Fred King, former Fish, Wildlife and Parks manager of the Wall Creek WMA, present the history of the Wall Creek area, going back thousands of years. Of particular interest in his presentation was the more current settlement and history during the 1800s and 1900s - the mountain men, trappers, and Indians, followed by the hardy farmers and ranchers who struggled against tremendous odds making a living and raising families. A full capacity crowd filled the Cliff Lake schoolhouse!

I asked Lee Robison, president of the Madison Valley History Association, to present a program this summer of the Upper Madison area, particularly Cliff and Wade lakes and Missouri Flats. Back in the day Lee's dad, Max Robison, used to graze cattle on our Madison River Ranch, with Lee as a youngster tagging along. Over the years, Lee has gained a lot of knowledge of the Upper Madison but is not prepared for a presentation this year. However, he will ask MVHA members if there are any folks still around who could do it. Obviously, most of the descendants of those early families have passed on.

Lee informed me Fred King will again do a tour of Wall Creek WMA in August, pointing out significant sites of Indian battles, old homesteads, geologic areas of interest, etc. I don't have a date so I'll send that information out when I receive it from Lee.

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We need your help!

Writers are needed for the newsletter...about your area of interest ...fish, birds, other wildlife, the MRR area, ecology - whatever you are willing to share.

We also need volunteers for "Introducing..." to write about you, your family and how you became a property owner at the MRR.

Please contact Ann Costello, newsletter editor if you are willing to contribute,

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Have you Voted?

Two people are running for the Madison River Ranch Homeowners' Association Board.

Please return your ballot by the June 23 deadline.

Every Vote Counts

Roger Stommel, continued

If you have never taken the opportunity to drive through the Wall Creek area, you should. Access it at the McAtee bridge and talc mine area. It's very interesting to just go poke around on your own. Roads are rocky so have good tires.

Should we have an Upper Madison Valley history program yet this summer, I'll send an email to everyone, as well.



How to Drive on Gravel Roads, John Clark

- ✓ **SLOW DOWN** – The best thing you can do to prevent rough washboard roads is to slow down. The ideal speed is less than 25 miles per hour. When you drive too fast, the dust trail following you is the smooth part of the road blowing away and leaving washboard and rocks behind. Please limit your speed to save our roads and to protect the people and the animals that live here. If you drive slowly you get to see more of the wildlife and are less likely to run it over. Driving slowly around other vehicles and homes is just good manners. No one wants rocks thrown up damaging their vehicles or their homes. **The slower you go the longer our roads and your tires will last.**
- ✓ Once we have maintained the roads near your property, **please drive on the whole road and slowly.** At lower speeds, your tires compact the road making it more solid and sturdy. If tracks start to form, drive on other parts of the road to compact the rest of it and prevent ruts from forming.
- ✓ If your road is wet and muddy please allow it to dry as much as you can before you drive on it. Driving our roads when they are wet and muddy is one of the best ways to damage the roads. If you let the roads dry naturally the damage will be minimized.
- ✓ Never speed up when you are traveling up hill. Keep a steady and slow momentum going.

If you have moved, or have a new email address, please let us know so that our records can be updated.

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