



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Finn

espite bad knees and shoulders, I've had a great season on the Hill and want to tip my hat to the guys in operations - especially grooming - which becomes more important to me with every passing year. And I've had a great season in the Village. For that, I want to thank all of you, my friends and neighbours, who make my life richer and more interesting in every way.

One of the high points for me was the Community Association membership drive. I visited about half the cabins in the resort and had the opportunity to hear your hopes and dreams for this community. Your enthusiasm is infectious and your support was generous. I came home after every foray into the community excited and more certain that we're on the right track. Thank you all. Almost all households renewed their memberships in the Community Association for this year, enabling us to surpass our fundraising goals for the year. I think we got to every dwelling but if we missed you, it's not too late. If you live here or work here or just love to be here, we want you as a member of our community association. Please join.

One of the things we asked this year was that you sign off on our privacy policy. With that done, we are starting work on a community telephone and email directory. We hope to have it finished soon and will publish it as part of the Residents' Guide. It's a living document so I urge everyone to print and file a new copy at least annually and

make sure your information is up to date. The current guide can be downloaded at: www.castlemountaincommunity.org /community-residents-guide

A note on government initiatives: the Province has published its Strategy for Support of Tourism Development in the Castle Region. I found it by searching Castle Region Tourism Plan and following the links. It's an interesting read and Castle Mountain Resort figures prominently in the plan.

The last item on my list is WEEDS. Our community is set in a municipality where the primary industry is agriculture and we are surrounded by ecologically sensitive Parklands. In both environments, WEEDS are a really, really hot button issue. Last summer I saw daisy, blueweed, mullen, thistle and other invasive species around most of the properties in this community. WEEDs are enough of a concern that both the MD of Pincher Creek and the Alberta Parks have asked us to clean up.

The Community Association has applied for a grant from the Oldman River Watershed Council to cover 50% of this year's WEED cleanup costs. If we are awarded the grant, we plan to contract a licensed company to hand spray infestations on residential lots with two applications of a broadleaf herbicide, followed by community weed pulls. With credit for volunteer hours, the grant would cover most of the spraying costs; CMCA will be accepting donations to cover the balance. If you do not want your lot sprayed, make sure it is weed-free in advance of both applications, and post a sign. We will confirm dates well in advance.

I am looking forward to enjoying what's left of this great season on the hill and hope you all are too!

SEE YOU AROUND THE MOUNTAIN!

CALENDAR OF **EVENTS MARCH Torchlight Parade Check** 2 in 6:30 Parade 7:15 Casino Royale in Main Lodge Games Night in the 4.11.18.25 T-Bar Pub 7pm **IFSA Junior Big Mountain** 8 - 10 Regionals Alpenland Demo Days Live DJ in the T-Bar Pub 9 Beats in the Base - Live 9/10 16/17 Music in the Base Area 23/24 30/31 Earle & Coffin - Home 11 Routes Concert 7pm #3 St. Patrick's Day Lodge 16 **Party** Full Moon Snowshoe & 22 Fine Dining **CMCA Community** 23 Potluck 6pm Tom Tataryn World's 30 **Longest Slalom LSA Spring Fling Fiesta** 30 **APRIL** Games Night in the 1 T-Bar Pub 7pm

Slush Cup & Cardboard

Canoe Race

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BELLA: THE CUTEST WEASEL EVER!!!

By Judy Clark

eet Bella! This little critter found a renovation mistake that allowed her to spend some time with me this winter. This is a Long Tailed Weasel and it must be a "She" because she is so cute! They are classified as "May be at Risk" due to a decline in their habitat. Considering this, how do you discourage sharing your cabin with this little beauty? I used a large catch and release mouse trap! I got up my nerve and set the trap with sausage (weasels are meat eaters). The next morning, she was in the trap! After much excitement, Bella was released outside. Success! But later that night, Bella said, "Hi" from the kitchen cupboard! I set the trap again and Bella (perhaps not the smartest Weasel) was back in the trap. The next morning the trap was placed in a bag, in a box and in a sled and taken down to Pebble Beach. As I said goodbye, there was a little



harshness in my voice as I warned Bella of the repercussions of returning. Well, 2 nights later Bella was back! As she was being chased out, we saw where she was getting in; blocked it and set the trap again. Happily we have not seen her since. My apologies if she has moved into your place! Some interesting things: she left no trace of being there, no droppings etc. She can carry a piece of steak about 2 inch square. Impressive for her size! We got close to her and she showed no aggression. In the summer she is brown; in winter she is white with a black tip on her tail. Weasels mate in August and have four to eight young born in April.

Bye Bella, Sorry but we don't miss you!

HOME ROUTES CONCERT

FEATURING EARLE & COFFIN

Home Routes is a Concert Series housed at private homes. Musicians from across Canada travel a pre-organized route throughout the year. We are fortunate to be able to get such great performers at Castle.

Nick Earle & Joe Coffin is a Folk Blues Duo from Paradise, Newfoundland. Last year

they won 2018 Jazz/Blues Artist of the Year from Music Newfoundland and were also nominated for both 2017 East Coast Music Awards Blues Recording and 2017 Newfoundland's Jazz Blues Artist of the Year.

Check them out at: www.earleandcoffin.com For more information call 403-461-2037 **DATE** MON-03-11-2019

Doors open at 6:30pm

COST \$20 All proceeds go directly

to the artists.

VENUE Snowed Inn, #3 Castle

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SKI HILL **YOGI**

By Julie Heinrich

m a self-admitted ski bum... with chronic arthritis and a busy massage therapy business. Contradictory? You bet! Insert yoga here. For years, I resisted being a hippie, saying in my massage therapy business, "All I do is soft tissue," but I've recently given up that facade. Since youth, I've found relief from the chronic pain of Arthritis, and the numerous injuries that accompany being an adrenaline junkie, by doing simple stretching, rolling out and

Yoga. It's been my constant companion and my secret weapon.

Castle has always been a retreat for alpine enthusiasts, but as our market expands and we grow inch by inch, the demand for cross training, non-ski activities, and after dark fun (without a beloved beer in hand) grow too. I am seriously stoked for this year's expansion of Castle's yoga offerings and hope it only grows further. Whether you're an old school diehard or a stiff kid, there's a class for you. Yoga is now a main stream essential for not only its physical benefits but also its zen effects in the crazy world we live in. Whether you're tree posing in the hostel, downward doggin' in staff accommodation or nearly napping in savasana in front of a roaring fire- yoga on, my friends, yoga on!

WEEKLY CLASSES AT CASTLE WINTER 2018/2019



(\$) Optional donation

THURSDAY 8:00 pm Yoga with Julie

FRIDAY 6:00 pm Ashtanga Style Yoga with Mary (All Donations go to CMCA)

SUNDAY 6:00 pm Stretch & Relax and 5 Tibetan Rites with Marquise

WILDR ROUGH RUNNER

By Alecia Williams, Race Director

he WILDR Rough Runner had a successful first year at Castle Mountain Resort last summer and will be back for the 2019 season.

The Rough Runner was a triple threat mountain event. It offered a trail run, 100m vertical sprint, and obstacle course race- all in one weekend. The weekend started with a 100m vertical sprint on Friday night. Saturday morning, a 9km trail run was held. The large snowpack from the 2017/2018 ski season- a blessing for winter, meant that the trail run needed rerouting at the last minute. The trail run brought runners up to the base of Red chair, and down North Road for a stunning view down the valley. Finally, on Saturday afternoon, an obstacle course race took runners over 20 obstacles in 6km. Participants could run in 1,2 or 3 events and scored points for their finish in each event.

Locals Christine Misseghers and Dan Desabrais took home the overall most points and were awarded as Rough Runners of the Year in front of their fellow runners and the 30 volunteers who help man obstacles and cheer runners along.

For this year, Race Director Alecia Williams says 2 key changes will be made to the event. Firstly, the obstacle course race will be shortened to 2000m,

but keep 20 obstacles. The change is a strategic move to make

WILDR RUNNER

Pincher Creek, AB

WESTCASTLE SKI CLUB

By Alecia Williams, Head Coach

n February 9-10th event, the West Castle Ski Club hosted a U14 Provincial Slalom on Whiskey Jack at Castle Mountain Resort. With over 150 athletes in attendance, the event drew families from all over Alberta. Temperatures, which dipped below -30, and stayed below -25 all weekend, created a

weekend, created a challenge for the Race organizing committee.

Preparation for the event started at the

beginning of the year with timing and slope preparations. Dan Gallaugher took the lead and created a slope worthy of a world-class event. For ski racing, icy hard slopes are important for a great race. A harder slope means there is less of a difference in the course conditions for the first versus the last racer down the track.

Despite the weather, the collaboration between the ski club, mountain safety, operations, maintenance, race organizing committee and over 60 volunteers led to a phenomenal event. In a weekend that all other races were canceled across Alberta, Castles' tough spirit and passion for skiing shone through.

Looking forward, the ski club is excited to host the King of the Castle and terrain event and continue to grow a passion for skiing and Castle in young skiers. You can contact the club president, Wade Grandoni, or visit the website to learn more about the club.

the weekend better at finding the ultimate mountain athlete and bring more of focus to the obstacles.

Finally, a separate Kids' 40m vertical sprint and obstacle course race will be added. The inclusion of this event is a result of partnerships that the WILDR Rough Runner has formed with the Pincher Creek Family Centre and Alberta Parks.

Our 2019 event will
You can find more information or be held June
7-8th here at
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Wildr.ca/roughrunner, to join in the fun for an event focused on getting participants outside their comfort zones, and into

SKIMO RACE

the wild.

By Brent Harris
Race Director CMR Skimo

anuary 4-6, 2019 saw the 7th annual CMR Ski Mountaineering (Skimo) races go off without a hitch during a small weather window in between snowfalls and some "mild" winds. Skimo racing at Castle is very much a highlight on the winter racing

circuit. Athletes like the route which includes true mountaineering features (think North Peak ascent and boot pack descent). The 2019 edition of the CMR Skimo had the unique distinction of being the Canadian National Championships. Holding the Nationals early in the winter allowed athletes one last window to qualify for Team Canada and the opportunity to race wearing the maple leaf at the World Championships (March 9-16, 2019 in Villars, Switzerland). The Skimo community truly appreciates CMR for many reasons: the up track into Huckleberry terrain, the mountainous features, and the amazing support of the resort staff and greater community. Also worthy of mention is the extent to which the Mountain Safety Operations (MSO) team goes to create a safe but challenging racing route. Also, Skimo is pleased to raise funds that go towards the Wright Stuff award at CMR. It is a good fit, given the critical importance of MSO at Castle.

Dates for the 2020 version of Skimo at CMR: Jan 4 & 5, 2020 Additional information about Skimo in Canada at: skimocanada.org Register for Skimo races at: Zone4.ca

THEY COME FROM AFAR

By Caralee Marriott

or the most part, our staff are international: Young women and men who are taking a year to travel and work in Canada or who have moved away from home. If it wasn't for these workers from away, CMR would not have the staff to run the ski hill and the same holds true for other ski hills. This year, they have come from the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and even Costa Rica but every year brings a new mix of countries. With only 5 lifties who are local to Pincher Creek including our Hug Lady Marie, we are grateful that these internationals and fellow Canadians chose Castle Mountain Resort for their work adventure.

The lifties have a myriad of ski hills to choose from, but there are benefits to joining the Castle Mountain Resort team. First, they have a great mountain to shred or ski for the season. Many of them will be trying the sport for their first time, while others come because they have a well stablished passion for boarding or skiing. Castle Mountain provides all the thrills they need for their mountain adventures. Alpenland also offers a rental program for the season for a nominal cost.

Second, staff accommodations are located at the Resort and there is no bussing or hiking to get from the hill to the living space. Our staff accommodations are new and have a functional 5-pod apartment design that houses 10 staff per apartment. Each apartment has 5 bedrooms, kitchen, living room and 2 bathrooms. They also have clever nicknames: Ambush, Bandito, Centre, Drifter and Express.



PHOTO CREDIT TO CARALEE MARRIOTT

Most staff get here because somehow they met someone who has worked here previously and recommended our mountain for its great community. This community goes beyond the various departments at CMR to the extended community of families who live here. Special events and massive staff dinners hosted by CMR give everyone a warm welcome to our winter community. As well, several residents on the ski hill have welcomed CMR staff to their parties and potlucks, creating fun and relaxed opportunities for different community members to get to know one another.

On those bitterly cold days, Lift Operator Manager, Wendy Ryan, gives them tips on staying warm: use felt liner pads in boots, stand on the mats to insulate against the cold snow, use foot and hand warmers. The many newbies to the cold are likely experiencing -30 C for the first time.

The leader of the lifties, Wendy Ryan, has spent the past 30 + seasons working at the mountain in a variety of positions but it is the role of Lift Supervisor that she has found so rewarding. "They work hard, they

persevere and they are a pleasure to work with." It is Wendy who initiated the many theme days that are a part of the season: Australia Day, Hawaiian Day, Western Day, Retro Day and Hockey Jersey Day, to name a few. These special days create a camaraderie between the lifties and the public, that sparks up conversation. Some days end with games or events associated with them which gives our lifties the full Canadian experience.

Our skiers enjoy the fun of skiing a lap and then meeting up with a familiar face and a friendly greeting at the lift. This season, local families created an initiative that involves inviting staff over for dinner, particularly staff members who are far from the comforts of their family and friends. It's been well received by both staff and residents as they each gain a new perspective from one another. If you are interested in extending an invitation to a staff member for a visit or a dinner sometime, please contact Marquise at CMR's front office or call 403-627-5101 X 302.

66 THE LIFTLINE NEWSLETTER IS LOOKING ??FOR A PUBLISHING ADDITION TO OUR TEAM



We are looking for team members to help the CMCA Liftline, keen to share their techno-wizardry and collaborative skills in getting stories pulled together into print four times a year. The ability to connect with folks, format & publish is all part of the gig! Get your creative juices flowing, add your voice, engage in community and create the vibe that is so unique to Castle!

Experience is an asset but enthusiasm and a willingness to be a part of the team is required.

CONTACT: Caralee at cmarriott8@gmail.com or Caroline at ckwright@shaw.ca

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NEW FOR YOU AT

THE BEAVER MINES GENERAL STORE & CAFE

By Jeff McLarty

nside the green doors you'll find a fresh floor, new paint, improved lighting, completely rearranged layout and significantly increased seating in the café. Over the last year, many new services have been added including an espresso machine, a license for liquor service in the café and expanded options for bakery

treats. Over the next year, the plan is to expand the food menu further (including deep fried goodness for those that have been asking) and to continue to improve the look and feel of the café.

Outside, you may have noticed little changes like the old, blue pergola has gone, there's a shiny new roof, the gas pumps

and doors have had a new coat of paint and some new picnic tables have been added to the scene.

There's always something new coming to the store so stop in and share what you'd like to see — whether it's a certain grocery item, a special bakery treat, or just to check out the changes.

No matter what the reason, you'll be glad you stopped by.



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YOUR CAMPING OPTIONS

FOR SUMMER 2019 AT CASTLE PARKS

by Caralee Marriott

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located in Beaver Mines Lake Campground. These cabins offer a serene and rustic cabin camping experience.

Castle Falls Campground is located next to the Falls and is less crowded than other mountain campgrounds. There is direct access to fishing and mountain trails.

Lynx Creek Campground is less popular and an excellent option for busy weekends and gives great access to the Flathead mountain range and the North Kootenay Pass.

Castle River Bridge Campground is located right next to the Castle River allowing easy fishing and and access to 774 Hwy. It also has 5 Comfort Cabins available to rent as well as regular camping sites. The

Comfort Cabins offer a serene and rustic cabin camping experience.

Syncline Campground is a group camping site with direct access to Castle River and directly off the paved road.

Back Country Camping is permitted only in the Wildland Park area and campers must follow traceless camping practices.

The Castle PP Visitors Centre will open July 15-September 3 10am- 4pm. The Centre will offer information as well as free brochures & trail maps about the area. Fat bike rentals will be available as well as firewood for sale. There will be on site First Aid & a Public telephone.

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MOUNTAIN MOMENTS OF THE PAST

he most notable event in the West Castle Valley during the first half of the 20th Century was the 1936 forest fire that swept through the region leaving utter devastation and creating the large amount of standing deadwood still seen at Castle Mountain Resort today, particularly in the higher alpine area.

The fire report prepared for the Department of the Interior shows the fire, named the Pass Creek Fire started west of the

Flathead Valley in BC sometime in the latter half of June. By July the fire had jumped to the Alberta side through the Middle Kootenay Pass and ran through almost the entire length of the West Castle Valley until it was extinguished in late October 1936. Seven hundred thousand acres of land in Alberta, British Columbia and Montana were burned in the fire.

Three hundred men worked on the blaze which was noted as "one of the most

devastating fires to ever hit Southern Alberta" due to the vast tracts of valuable timber that were lost.

The forest did recover and the game returned to the valley within a few years.

It was against this backdrop that the West Castle Ski Resort originated.

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REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN

RCMP RADAR ON 774

MARCH MOMENTUM

AT CASTLE PARKS

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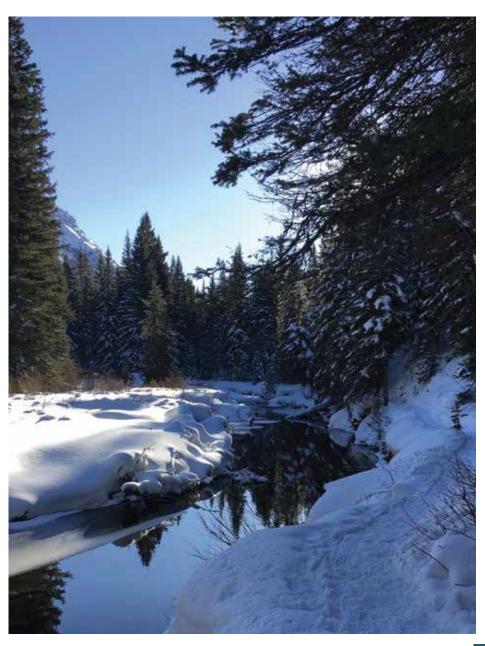
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www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/news-events Or call: 403-627-9642



CONTENTED COWS AND GREAT SNOW AT THE HILL A GOOD START TO 2019

By Bev Everts, Councillor

ere is a short Division #3 MD update: The Beaver Mines Water and Wastewater project has made good progress with water now to the metering station. The Beaver Mines Community Advisory Group (BMCAG) has provided administrative assistance in ensuring the project maximizes efficiency and minimizes disruptions. Wastewater options are under review.

The fully funded provincial Castle Area Regional Water Supply — Contract 1 pipeline project was recently tendered to L.W. Dennis Contracting Ltd. As the 2019 ski season wraps up and spring thaw begins, construction should be under way.

The other MD/Castle Mountain specific work Council has been doing is a continual review process of the MD's Area Structure Plan for Castle Mountain Resort, MD administration and an appointed committee from CMR have continued to work very hard to find resolution. The draft plan is nearing completion with hopes of being presented to Council for the required bylaws first reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

Council is pleased to announce that Troy

MacCulloch has accepted the position as the new Chief Administrative Officer for the MD beginning March 4, 2019.

Happy spring skiing and hope to see you on the slopes.

For current announcements and updated news:

WWW.mdpinchercreek.ab.ca

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You can contact Councillor Bev Everts at: 403 627-4983 (home) 403 627-3130 (MD office)





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e part of the CMCA community, we welcome all Castle enthusiasts regardless of where you live. If you love Castle Mountain Resort then we invite you to join us in our commitment to making Castle a great community to visit and reside. Adding your email address to our Contact list gives you regular updates on Castle Mountain Community Association's activities as well as an email copy of this newsletter 4 times a year.

Send your name and email to: castlemountaincommunity@gmail.com

You can also check out our website at: castlemountaincommunity.org

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LOOK FOR THE NEXT LIFTLINE JUNE 1, 2019

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