

Island Park Village



Resort

2013

Owner's Journal Volume 1

Yellowstone
opens
April 26th!

"Island Park Village Resort provides quality service and recreational experiences for its members and their guests in a safe, ethical and environmentally-friendly manner."

Manager's Corner

Let me preface this newsletter update by saying, "I love Island Park in the winter!" and this comes from a guy who does not own a snow machine or a snow blower. If you haven't been to Island Park in the winter, it is a sight to behold (if only for a day or two, for some). The area has left me awestruck by its majesty and beauty. Below are just a few things that have left me speechless:



- The **majestic white swans** on the North Fork of the Snake River.
- **Mesa Falls frozen from top to bottom** – it is indescribable. Of course, the only way to get there in the winter is to snowshoe, cross-country ski, or ride a snow machine 12 miles in, and that can be an experience in itself.
- The **American Bison** in the snow-covered meadows of Yellowstone. This is something I will never forget. They were using their massive heads and necks to brush away feet of snow to nibble at an inch or two of frozen grass, which has the nutritional value of cardboard, to sustain themselves.
- If you or your family are lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a **red fox** or a **brown wolverine** scurrying under a nearby deck behind the timeshare units, it will not be something they soon forget.

And if the idea of riding a snow machine all day is not appealing, the **heated, guided slowcoaches** are a wonderful alternative.

As a perk for owning at Island Park Village Resort, the timeshare offers BONUS TIME* usage to its owners. Bonus Time is best described as deeply-discounted rental rates for our timeshare owners/members. Within 14 days of arrival, discounts can be as much as two-thirds off public rental rates.



1-Bedroom Rate: \$90.00 for the first night; \$65.00 for any additional nights
2-Bedroom Rates: \$110.00 for the first night; \$75.00 for any additional nights

These are stand-alone reservations and don't have to occur during or with your use time week here at the resort.

*Bonus Time is subject to availability; fees are subject to change. Complete rules and regulations for all reservation procedures are located [here](#).

David Brandt, Resort General Manager

MISSION STATEMENT

Maintenance Week! May 3-9, 2013

Our 2013 annual maintenance week at Island Park Village Resort is rapidly approaching! It is scheduled for May 3-9, 2013.

Skills preferred, but not required! We could use you! Carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, cleaning, and general help are greatly appreciated. It has been a long-standing tradition here at IPVR to use our owners' skills, talents and spirit of volunteerism to off-set some of our maintenance cost. As in the past, even though there is work to be done, we always have an enjoyable time.

For more information about maintenance week and what you can do to help, please contact David Brandt at **208-558-7502**, or email david.brandt@tradingplaces.com.

See old friends and meet new acquaintances. The most important issue is that we save money each year, thanks to your participation in maintenance week. Last year, it's estimated the volunteers saved the resort about \$20,000, and accomplished what would have taken the staff months to accomplish.

So bring a friend, bring your tools, and we'll provide the rest!

We look forward to seeing you in May!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

John Monsour joined the Island Park family in December of 2012. He came to us by way of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Looking for something different, John and his wife simply looked at a map and decided that Island Park was it. With a background in construction and electrical, he has filled a void in the interior maintenance department of the timeshare. He has an infectious smile, a "can do" attitude, and is always up to the challenge of learning a new skill. Most recently, he is being taught how to install tile. John is a huge NASCAR fan and is planning a trip to Vegas for NASCAR week. If you should engage John in a conversation about racing, be prepared to pull up a chair.

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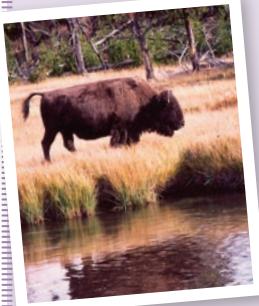


2013 BOARD MEETING DATES

- Board Meeting IPVA (Pocatello, ID): April 3 & 4
- Preliminary Board Budget Meeting IPVA (telephonic): May 15
- Preliminary Board Budget Meeting TSO (telephonic): May 18
- Board Budget Meeting (Idaho Falls, ID): June 14 & 15
- Board Meeting (Island Park, ID): Sept 13 & 14
- Board Meeting (Island Park, ID): Dec 6 & 7

Ask What You Can Do For Your Resort

I want to thank everyone who is involved with Island Park Village Resort. This past year has been very challenging for the boards and employees as well. The boards work hard to balance the increase in expenses each year with the aging population and increased decline in ownership, all while maintaining a quality resort for current owners and new generations.



I would like to take the opportunity to ask all owners to please continue to do your part by paying your annual assessments. The maintenance fees from each and every owner are needed to maintain the resort and to make necessary improvements. When someone does not pay their share that means there is more that the rest of us must contribute. It also means that by getting new dues paying owners we have more assistance in paying these costs. So spread the word, as we currently have a large inventory of association owned units

that we need to get back into the hands of new contributing owners. Contact Trading Places or call the resort for information on buying extra units or having friends buy one. It's a great place to unwind and relax.

I've been involved with the resort since 1986 and have served on both boards since 1994. I am a firm believer in the resort's "MAINTENANCE WEEK". A number of owners come to the resort for a week and volunteer their talents to make repairs, which saves ALL of the members' money. Call the resort office and sign-up. You'll meet new friends and get a first-hand experience on the operation of the resort. The IPVA and Timbers boards are considering having a second maintenance week around the middle of October. If we can get enough interest for the October week, we'll publish it and get it out to you, the members. Remember, this is YOUR resort. Anything you can do will be helpful. In the words of a great president, "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR RESORT CAN DO FOR YOU. ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR RESORT!!"

I have enjoyed my time at Island Park and my service on the Island Park Village Resort and The Timbers Condominium boards of directors, having been elected by the members of each. Your support in the financial obligations to the resort will undoubtedly be well taken and can make the resort operate on a better level. Thank you for your support and I'll see you around the resort.

- Earl Cluff



Weeds Reminder!

Believe it or not, spring will be here before we know it. Although weeds are not permitted to overrun a property, many owners over the years have questioned what constitutes a weed versus a flower, as they plan on maintaining their yards in compliance with the resort requirements.

The county weed department clearly defines this for us all; for more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

RESORT UPDATES

Cable

In December, as a part of our approved reserve upgrades, the resort contracted with MMC Communications to rewire all timeshare buildings cable infrastructure and amplify the signal strength to improve the picture quality to our satellite system. Additionally, as a part of this upgrade, we changed satellite providers from Dish TV to Direct TV. This switch allowed the resort to add three additional channels (Discovery, History, and ESPN 2) and a resort information channel at no additional charge.

Fireplaces

The resort is in the process of replacing 10 fireplace inserts. The new inserts allow us to side vent the exhaust, and, in the years to come, we will be removing the chimney stacks above the roof lines. The constant temperature fluctuations from the fireplaces cause the snow and ice to melt and refreeze. This process leaves the units vulnerable to water penetration and has damaged several units over the year. The boards and management, as part of the reserve replacement schedules, have chosen to change the style of inserts to address possible future water damage that occurs because of the roof chimneys.

Maintenance Vehicle

We have also replaced our interior maintenance vehicle as the '89 F250 truck finally gave up the ghost. This was a scheduled replacement and the resort purchased a 2004 Astro Van, all-wheel drive that had approximately 34,000 miles on it.

Parking

Please remind your family, friends, guests, and renters that there is no street parking permitted in Island Park Village Resort at any time, trailers included. Should you need extra space to drop trailers or park extra vehicles, there is a designated trailer drop area on Grandview (near the clubhouse, next to the tennis courts).

Monday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast is from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and is currently \$8.00 for adult and \$5.00 for children under 12. It is a great place to find out what exactly is going on in the area and when. Not interested in breakfast? Feel free to join us for a cup of coffee and we will be glad to explain how you may better utilize your timeshare and what additional benefits are available to you. Before your trip to Island Park, check out our calendar of events at www.islandparkvillageresort.com/resinfo/calendar



ISLAND PARK VILLAGE RESORT EARNS 2013 RCI SILVER CROWN RESORT® DESIGNATION!

Resorts that have provided **outstanding vacation experiences** for RCI exchange guests are honored with this prestigious award. These resorts have met quality and service standards based on ratings from RCI subscribing member comment cards. RCI presents this award to Island Park Village Resort in recognition of its outstanding resort facilities and services and has selected Island Park Village Resort to receive this award based on a 12-month compilation of exchange guest assessments, which include resort quality, service delivery, and overall vacation experience.

- THANK YOU -

to our fantastic on-site resort staff for their dedication to the values recognized by this prestigious award!

We hope you return to Island Park soon and experience the resort's first-rate hospitality for yourself!

Happy Member Comments

"We love it here and always have a great time!" – K.P. Arimo, ID, Owner/Member

"We truly enjoyed our Christmas holiday so very much at the resort. The kitchen was extensively equipped, VERY impressive. Was a beautiful condo, our friends couldn't compliment enough!!" – E.G., Livonia, MI, Timeshare Exchanger

"Thoroughly enjoyed our week. The accommodations were nice. The bed was very comfortable. The unit was very clean - high on our list! Towels, paper products, and dishwashing supplies were all replenishable at no extra cost, a big plus! Laundry facilities on-site were nicer than at other resorts." – A.A., Longmont, CO, Timeshare Exchanger

"Could not have been any nicer." – P.E., Fallbrook, CA, Timeshare Exchanger

Tell Us Your Story!

We'd love to hear from you! Will you share your comments and vacation photos with us? Please send your story and fun & pretty (high-res) vacation shots to:

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ron Keats

Ron Keats was hired in January of 2013 and has quickly adapted to clubhouse operations. He has lived in Island Park and West Yellowstone for the past six years. From 2007 to 2012, Ron owned a small successful business in West Yellowstone. His business experience and entrepreneurial spirit are quickly making him an integral part of Island Park Village Resort. In his spare time, he likes to hunt and fish. He may be the ideal person to seek out if you are looking for "the" secret fishing spot.



CAUTION RESALES

Use Caution when Dealing with Resales Information

You should be very cautious of telemarketing activities directed at you as an owner at the Island Park Village Resort. It has come to our attention that several owners have been contacted by outside marketing groups intent on "selling" you a new opportunity, or offering resale options with upfront costs and no results.

None of these offers are approved by the board of directors or TPI management. We do not know where these organizations obtain owner contact information. They are making false and misleading claims to convince you to contact them and work out a deal with them. Please do not be misled.

We encourage and advise you to tell these people to remove your name from their calling list if they contact you. We apologize, but there is nothing that can be done to control these marketing companies from contacting you. As always, please use caution and do your due diligence when working with any outside company for rentals, resales etc.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

IPVR Beautification Program

The board acknowledges all of the effort and benefits of last year's volunteers as the beginning of an on-going program to continue improving the conditions of our resort.

Last year, volunteers pruned trees, hand-watered dry spots, stained the entrance, planted flower beds, and picked up trash.

Please let us know if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to help with this season's projects.

Current projects planned for this summer and fall:

- Re-siding the Clubhouse this October
- Increase grounds keeping around the condos
- Noxious weed control on common and private grounds
- Improved storage for off-season equipment
- Timbers condo enhancement committee
- "Octoberfest" project being considered as an additional "maintenance week" for volunteers.
- Increased communications on needs for beautification

Reason why Beautification is important:

- Landscaping increases property market value an average of 7.5 percent, and reduces the time on the market by five to six weeks, plus investments are recovered fully, and sometimes doubled, by the increased home value.
- Landscaping increases community appeal as well landscaped grounds and places for taking walks are among the most important factors considered when individuals chose a place to visit.
- Nature increases provides a sense of rest.

- Al Morrison



TIMBERS: SECURITY DEPOSIT REMINDER

We are often asked why a credit card is required at the time of check-in for the \$100 security deposit.

The answer is: **to ensure any damages or incidentals occurring during any owner or guests stay can be promptly and efficiently collected.**

This reduces the further expense incurred by the association by having to collect on or repair the damages at its own expense, etc. This is just another way to help protect each of our owners from incurring unnecessary increases in expenses.

Please note that if you provide a debit card at the time of check-in, the deposit funds may be restricted by your banking institution until several days after your departure; so plan ahead or consider using a credit card instead depending on your personal preference.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities • Island Park

*TPI & IPVR are not responsible for events operated by and information provided by third parties. The information is provided as a courtesy to help our guests and owners in planning their vacation experience while at the Island Park Village Resort. For participation, updates or additional information regarding activities or events, please contact the provider directly.

Apr-May: West Yellowstone Historic Walking Tour

FREE! Follow this informative self guided tour and relive early West Yellowstone. The green Bear Paw Trail that's painted on the sidewalks will lead the way! Pick up your map at the Chamber of Commerce or at one of the 21 site locations! For more information: West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce: 406-646-7701



Apr-May: Thursday Night Knitting (or crocheting)

Locals and visitors come together every Thursday night at Send it Home, to knit, crochet, cross stitch, and chat about all kinds of things! Hosted by local knitter Dristy Davenport, who has been knitting for 30 years, you can come by and learn to knit or bring a project with a question, or just sit and socialize. Come join us! 30 Madison Avenue. Contact: (406) 646-7300 or visit our website at www.send-it-home.com

April 25-27: Earth Day Celebration

The West Yellowstone 4th annual will host a weekend packed with free green activities for community members and visitors alike. The celebration weekend will kick off on Friday evening with an opening reception, various speakers discussing sustainable practices and recognizing award recipients from 5 to 7pm at the West Yellowstone Holiday Inn Conference Center.

Saturday will feature an Earth Day fair at the Holiday Inn conference room with crafts, games, face painting, storytelling and hands-on activities for children of all ages. The fair will start at 10:00 a.m. and run until 1:00 p.m.

A free campfire program will include hot chocolate, s'mores, a ranger program, and sing-along. The campfire will start at 5:30pm, weather permitting.



Sunday will feature a guided bicycle ride (or snowshoe hike) into Yellowstone National Park with the West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation. More information and schedule available at www.kidsnsnow.org



April 26: Yellowstone's West Entrance roads will open

Staggered schedule as follows:

- April 26: West-side roads open to motor vehicles. Visitors will be able to travel through the park's North & West Entrances to Norris, Madison, Canyon, & Oldfaithful.
- May 17: The road linking Canyon, Fishing Bridge, & the East Entrance opens to wheeled vehicles.
- May 24: Travel from the South Entrance to Grant, West Thumb, Fishing Bridge, & Lake over Craig Pass to Old Faithful and Tower Junction to Tower Fall. The road from Cooke City over Colter Pass to Chief Joseph Scenic Highway intersection to the Long Lake gate shall open as soon thereafter as possible.
- TBA: Dunraven Pass (Tower to Canyon). Long Lake Gate over the Beartooth Highway to Red Lodge, Montana.

May 11- Jun 14: Fishing Contest

For Mothers and Fathers who love to fish. Starting on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend through Father's Day, bring your biggest fish caught out of Hebgen Lake to Kirkwood Resort to enter the contest. Enter each time you catch a bigger fish during the contest timeframe. Prizes awarded on Father's Day, along with special prizes for fish caught that day.

May 17: Summer Season Kick-Off

Hosted by the Island Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

May 23: Island Park Quilt Guild

The guild meets at 1:00 pm at Diane's cabin for a demo and show and tell. Please call Marty at 558-9007 or Diane at 558-7609 for more information.

May 24: Free Fisherman's Breakfast

The 58th annual breakfast from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm at Clyde Keefer Memorial Park in St. Anthony.

May 18: Yellowstone Historic Center Museum Open



Join YHC on opening day at the museum as we begin the start of our summer season. See how early adventurers and tourists made their way to Yellowstone National Park and how the changes in transportation over the years have effected how we enjoy the world's first national park.



May 27: Memorial Day Ceremonies

American Legion Post 89 honoring

veterans. Members place a U.S. Flag on each veteran's grave, leave a wreath honoring all the vets, play TAPS, and fire a 21-gun salute. Schedule: Schultz Cemetery, 9:00 am; Squirrel Cemetery, 9:30 am; Ora Cemetery, 10 a.m.; Pineview Cemetery, 11:00 am; Island Park Community Cemetery, 1:30 pm; Targhee Cemetery, 2:00 pm. Your presence would be greatly appreciated.

May 27: Memorial Day Service

West Yellowstone at 11:00 a.m. Fir Ridge Cemetery, 9 miles north of West Yellowstone on US 191.

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

As your management company, Trading Places is dedicated to making your property the best it can be. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

A message from your Owner Services team...

We want to remind you that 2014 owner use time reservation requests are currently being accepted and we don't want you to lose out on your opportunity to utilize your week(s). Below are a few tips to help you get the most out of your Island Park Village Resort timeshare.

- If you are a **float week owner**, you can call TPI Owner Services to reserve your owner use week in the same unit size and season you own, based on availability, 12 months in advance to the day (Example: 6/28/14 is available to book beginning 6/28/13)*.
- **Space books up fast!** For best availability within the unit size and season you own, you are encouraged to book as early as possible.
- ***Blue/Swing season owners:** Please call ASAP as the majority of your 2014 weeks are only available from the end of October through November 2013. Once those weeks are booked, there is a strong chance there will NOT be a week available for you to secure your 2014 owner use time.
- Are you a **fixed week owner**? If so, please contact us to reconfirm your travel dates and to request a confirmation be mailed to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Owner Services department at 888-290-2740 ext. 1 or e-mail ownerservices@tradingplaces.com. You may also visit www.islandparkvillageresort.com/owners/reservationrequest to make a 2013/2014 reservation request.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Your Vacation Specialists in the Owner Services Department



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Username: **ipvr** Password: **island**

and log-in to find the latest newsletters, contact info for your board of directors, to pay your maintenance fees online, read rules & regulations, and much more! It's easy... and saves time!

"No Pet" Policy

We love pets too, but for safety and health reasons, pets or animals of any kind are not allowed in the units or on the resort common property. Service animals required to perform some of the functions or tasks that cannot be performed by the individual guests are not considered to be pets.



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