



■ Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association ■

At the Ranch

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association Members, who could have guessed all that has happened and all that is happening in the world these days. What a blessing it is and will be to be able to escape the madness, if only for a while at the ever-peaceful Ranch. We are all very excited with the coming of the Spring season. We have had a very wet winter at the Ranch and are always grateful for the snow and moisture.

Our decision to engage an independent contractor, Jacobsen Property Management and its owner, Kurt Jacobsen, has been a huge success thus far. Kurt and his helpers, many of whom are Members, have made great improvements to the cleanliness of the Ranch. They have reconstructed the railings on Cabin 7, the deck in front of the Ranch Store as well as many other improvements.

Unfortunately, we have lost another seasoned Member of the Ranch family and full time resident in Lee Bellar. He was well known as a fixture at the Ranch.

As for the Board, we have busily spent the winter months considering ways that the Ranch might be improved. The matters we have anxiously worked on include, but are not limited to:

1. Work to improve the interior aesthetics and functionality of Cabins

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6, 9 and 10.

2. Completing the work of improvement on Cabins 7 and 3.

3. Working on updating and upgrading the Half Moon well to provide cattle and wildlife with continuous water.

4. Work to better manage noxious plants and fences with the hope of some reimbursement of costs through our contractual partner Hunt Cattle Company.

Now a word of caution. We love to have Members visit the Ranch as use the facilities as often as possible. However, we want to remind you that the Ranch is still very rustic and primitive. What this means is that Members should use caution when coming to the Ranch to assure that they have sufficient food, water, fuel and a vehicle suited to current weather conditions. Please think ahead and follow the boy scout motto and "be prepared." Always keep in mind that communications at the Ranch are almost non-existent as there is no cell phone coverage to speak of and communications by radio can be difficult. We want everyone to be safe and to enjoy what nature has to offer.

Due to the current pandemic, we have decided to suspend cabin reservations through April in an effort to keep Members and our staff from

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unnecessary contact as we have been instructed to do by our state and local government. We hope that this does not cause too much inconvenience.

Now with the weather getting warmer, it will not be long until the roadways are dry enough to travel. Then we can all get back to enjoying the fresh air and wildlife the Ranch has to offer. We again invite all Members, especially those who have not been able to come to the Ranch in recent years, to return to the Ranch and to participate in the activities offered there. There is no better place to mountain bike, hike, fish, or just sit and enjoy the natural grandeur of Southern Utah and Deer Springs Ranch.

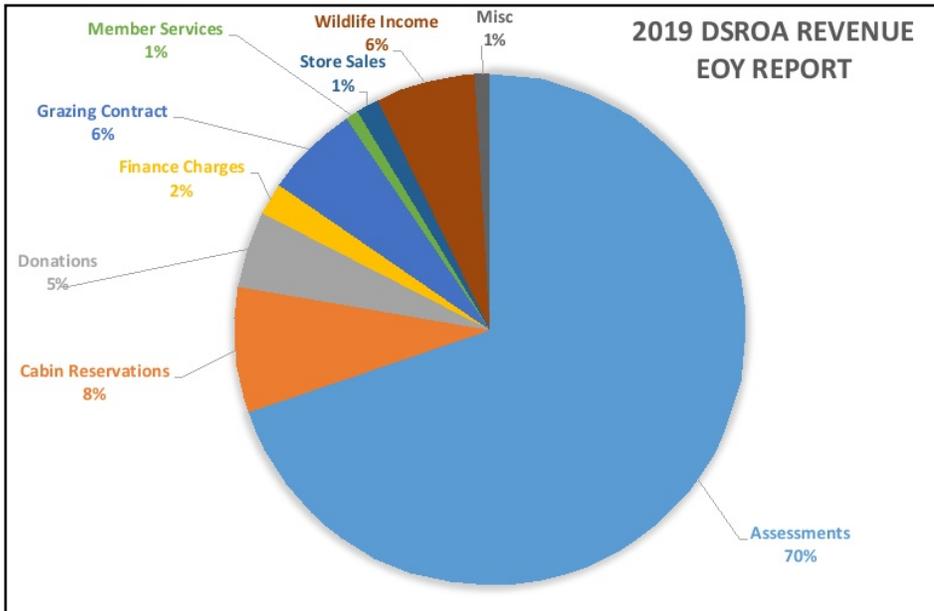
Barry Clarkson, DSROA President

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting scheduled for
Saturday, September 12, 2020

FOOD - AUCTION ELECTION - FESTIVITIES





2019 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

There were 20 lots with membership changes in 2019. DSR welcomes these new friends: Don Ray, Lot 63; Aaron Long, Lot 218; Tony & Julie Hymas, Lot 225; Danny Culmer, adding Lot 253; Mark Wheatley, Lot 83; Brad Pierce, Lot 144; Marc & Jennifer Schaerer, Lot 38 & 39; Reva Bowen, Lot 303; Ryan Silver, Lot 302; Averett Family, Lot 3; Dean Rohwer, Lot 178; Mitchel & Michelle Allen, Lot 162; Tom Mead, Lot 96; Jerome & Christina Logan, Lot 51.

INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR DSR MEMBERS

Keep up-to-date on Ranch news at the official Deer Springs Ranch website:

www.deerspringsranch.org

Share opinions, meet other members, discuss current events at the online DSR Facebook page:

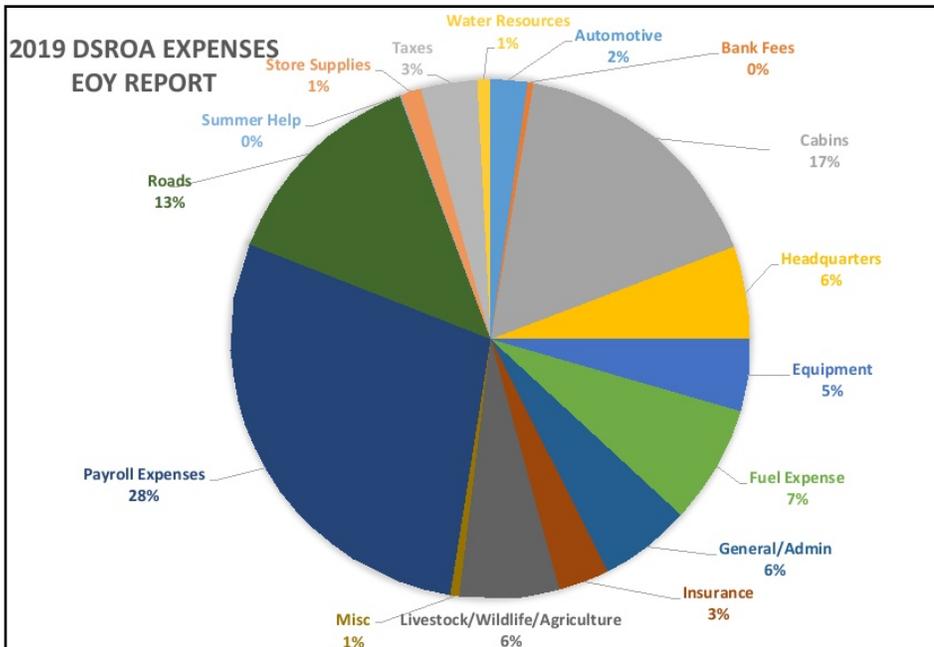
https://www.facebook.com/deerspringsranchhoa?ref=stream&hc_location=timeline

Whenever possible, Board meetings are teleconferenced. Instructions for participating via teleconference are here:

<http://www.deerspringsranch.org/board/teleconference.php>

Check for upcoming Board meetings at:

<http://www.deerspringsranch.org/board/nextmeeting.php>



2019 Deer Springs Ranch Cabin Usage Report

	# of Usage Nights in the Month												TOTAL USAGE	Total Possible Usage Nights	Percent Usage
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April (18th)	May (15th)	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct. (18th)	Nov. (26th)	Dec.			
Cabin 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8	21	26	15	19	16	Closed	Closed	105	154	68%
Cabin 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	7	19	20	28	13	10	Closed	Closed	97	154	63%
Cabin 3	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	Closed	Closed	0	154	0%
Cabin 4	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	4	16	21	13	7	6	Closed	Closed	67	154	44%
Cabin 6	Closed	Closed	Closed	8	30	18	12	7	4	9	Closed	Closed	88	185	48%
Cabin 7	Closed	Closed	1	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	0	0	1	256	0%
Cabin 8	Closed	Closed	Closed	19	4	23	30	14	9	14	5	0	118	256	46%
Cabin 9	Closed	Closed	Closed	Reno Crew	4	24	29	16	5	3	Closed	Closed	81	185	44%
Cabin 10	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	3	10	15	9	5	10	Closed	Closed	52	185	28%
Garden	Closed	Closed	Closed	5	17	19	30	27	20	19	11	Closed	148	206	72%
															Average 41%

FROM KATHY PIERCE - DSROA BOARD MEMBER

I, for one, am ready for spring and summer and to be at the ranch. We are getting ready for opening of the cabins and ready for use. I hope that you will all take the opportunity to stay in the cabins and enjoy your time out here this summer. Remember, we are owners of these cabins and hope to take great care of them. Please report any problems, broken items, etc. that you see while you are there to Mariah or Kurt so they can be address before the next reservation. We have a great Ranch Manager and when you come out, you will see a lot of the improvements and changes at the ranch headquarters. Kurt has been a busy boy.

We will be taking reservations again hopefully in May. We have put off taking reservations due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We all pray that this has come to an end by then. We hope that you are all taking the precautions needed and staying safe. It's great to see family and friends enjoying the ranch. I hope to see you at the ranch

NEWS AT DSR -

Hello from Ranch Headquarters,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kurt Jacobsen. I was elected to the DSR Board of Directors, last fall. But most recently, I have been hired by DSR to serve as property manager of Deer Springs Ranch Headquarters. I have an extensive hospitality background in restaurants, hotels and guest ranches. With over 40 years in the business, I like to think every step of my life has led me to where I am today. I have had great support from the Board, Brent Fullmer, Vance Green, Dale Clarkson and many others this winter, while I have been getting oriented to ranch life. I look forward to adding some fresh perspective and fun

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projects focused on creating memories and improving your time at the ranch. And I look forward to meeting more of you. To contact me by phone, please call (435) 644-5044 – service is limited. For best contact, email me at:

propertymanager@deerspringsranch.org.

Just a mention about my dog Gus. He is a one year old mix; very intelligent and friendly. He is a watch dog and knows his job. He barks when people pull up, but don't miss that friendly tail wagging a hundred miles per hour. Once he meets you he will quickly become your best friend. Just ask Brent and the Collins.

Spring Things At DSR Headquarters.

Community Garden: We are planning a community Garden at the HQ in the fenced area with the playground. We have a bunch of seeds we will be starting for mid to late May planting. This is a project for boots on the ground volunteers who want to come, when available, and pull weeds, water, build fence, or whatever needs to be done to reap the harvest in Fall. We will also be planting corn and other items that need more space, behind the Ranch House. Please email me and let me know that you wish to participate.

Fresh Eggs: I purchased some chicks and Chickens and while egg production from the ranch will be minimal this year, I have a great source for eggs locally and they are available at 3.00 per dozen, 4.50 for 18 pack.

Country Store: You may notice several new face lifts around headquarters, but one notable one would be the County Store. Currently under renovation, I look forward to offering you a much broader spectrum

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of items in the store. Also being developed is a new information board.

Memorial Weekend Celebration: Starting Memorial weekend, birdhouse kits will be available in the store for \$10.00 each. These are very simple-to-assemble kits, with small nails and glue. A table will be available outside for construction, including paints and stains for finishing the projects. Great for the kids.

Memorial weekend we will be doing a pot luck, meet and greet, so new members and get to know their neighbors and old members and get reacquainted. It's great to get to know one another to share experiences and reveal the talents our fellow members have. There is a ton of knowledge to be shared, particularly from those who have been here for a while. The potluck will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 5pm at Ranch Headquarters. Of course all of this pending relief from the COVID-19 virus. Let's get to know one another!

Fourth of July Celebration: I hope you will join us for future planned events, such as the upcoming fishing derby to be held around the Fourth of July. The fishing derby is for kids and a separate derby for adults. Prizes will be given! Also offered will be a culinary BBQ. I hope you will join me.

Take care and see you at the ranch!

2019 SPECIAL PROJECTS - COMPLETED

Cabin 7 Renovation
Cabin 3 Renovation/Landscaping
New Refrigerator for Ranch House
New Refrigerator for Cabin 7
Propane Fire Pits Cabin 1, Cabin 2 and Cabin 4
New batteries for Ranch House Solar
Lawnmower for Headquarters

Fellow Springers,

There is so much to report it is difficult to reduce it down so it will fit above the fold. (Newspaper talk for news that is at the top of the front page.)

For those of you who are not aware Lee Bellar over on Lot 22 passed away. Over the years he and I used to compete for who could be the most abrasive person at DSR. It was pretty one of those races where one or the other of us would win by a nose in a photo finish.

I was the one to discover that Lee had passed when I tried to contact him via the radio network and he didn't answer. I made an early morning trip out through the axle deep mud to check on him. I then called Kurt, who called the Sheriff, and they responded. He will be missed.

I am sure you are all wondering how the Covid-19 is impacting DSR? You are probably aware that the Board has put a hold on Cabin occupancy as we have no real way of sanitizing the cabins effectively. In addition the Kane County Covid-19 task force is enforcing an ordinance restricting all recreational activity to residents only or owners of real property within its boundaries, including hiking, boating, rafting, or off-highway vehicle use. In addition, any part time residents and their entire household who have returned to the county between now and May 1 will be required to self isolate.

Does that mean you can't or shouldn't come to DSR? Of course not. Does that mean you just have to hunker down in your cabin, trailer, or tent? Of course not. The only way the authorities will ever find out if you did go off your property is if someone squeals on you. We full-time residents do have a modest "Snitch fee!" We will accept payment

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in cash, but would prefer, ammunition, toilet paper, paper towels, 5/20, 10/30, & 15/40 motor oil, non-ethonal gasoline, road and off road diesel fuel, or autographed pictures of Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall, Rebecca Ferguson, or Rosamund Pike.* Surprisingly we are not in the need of any food. There are like 10 or 11 longhorns here and who they belong to is anyone's guess? I would like to say my prayers were answered. But as a non-believer that would simply not be possible. I would prefer to think it was simply luck. Good for me, bad for them.

Whilst we are in this Covid-19 limbo we have plans to work on the following projects.

1. Extend the Lower Ranch water system blow out line and add a water loading J-Station.
2. Remodel Cabin 6.
3. Adjust propane pressue in all the cabins so as to facilitate better gas appliance performance.
4. Repair water leak to Cabin 4.
5. Develop and maintain a community garden and orchard.
6. Repair leaking yard hydrants.
7. Extend waterlines to garden and orchard locations.

If any of you plan on coming out and want to participate in any of the above activities. You are welcome assuming you have either self isolated for the appropriate amount of time or paid the "Snitch fee!"

We, and by we I mean me, have become a little paranoid as to visitors we don't recognize. So if you come out and are stopped be prepared to answer three questions. "What is your name?" "What is your Lot#?" "What is the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow?" You should know the answers to the first two questions. The last one you phrase in the form of a question yourself. "African or European?" That is the pass code.

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Anyway life here is good. Come on out and enjoy. Leave the Covid 19 at home. And don't forget to bring any one of the above mentioned items.*

Brent Fullmer
Lot #117
African or European?

(editor's note - if the weird references to velocity of sparrows have you scratching your head, "watch Monty Python and the Holy Grail")
