

## Eight Day Discount Sale

Commencing at 9:00 a.m. on September 21, 2015 and ending at 4:00 p.m. on September 28, 2015, you, your friends and family will have an opportunity to purchase an ownership for \$1500.00. Included in this price are the maintenance fees through the end of this year. Full payment must be made

with cash, check or any credit or debit card excluding American Express. Purchases can be made by telephone or in person. All business will be conducted as usual, including reservations.

First come, first served. Be sure to have all of your information ready to assure your purchase before they are gone. You will

be given your new "U" number immediately and can make reservations on your new ownership daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The price of an ownership returns to \$3500.00 on September 29, 2015. There are no incentive bonuses for this special sale.

## How Can That Site Already Be Booked??????

The conversation starts out something like this: "I need to make a reservation for June 30<sup>th</sup> for 14 days." (*It's April 30<sup>th</sup>...the earliest this reservation can be made.*) "Where would you like to stay?" "I'd like Site 270, 271 or 273."

would you like me to look? "HOW CAN THAT BE...THIS IS THE FIRST DAY SOMEONE CAN MAKE THAT RESERVATION????!!!"

For those of you who have asked that question or even entertained the thought, here are the reasons. Using the dates mentioned above as

your example, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the earliest someone can BEGIN a reservation with is June 28<sup>th</sup>. However, the day or week before, a reservation could be made that would encompass and flow through the latter part of June, essentially removing those availabilities from the time frame that begins with June 28<sup>th</sup>.

"I'm sorry, those sites are not available for these dates, where else

## Notification of Passage of By-Laws Changes

The votes have been tallied and the Unicoi Springs By-Laws have been approved with the changes effective Friday, July 17, 2015. The prerequisite forum was met with a total of 662 votes received. Of that number, there were

609 votes FOR the changes versus 53 votes AGAINST the changes.

Sincere appreciation to the committee who labored for the four years prior to this day and also to each and eve-

ry owner who attended the meetings, submitted their thoughts and suggestions and ultimately voted to bring these changes for the benefit of the Resort and every owner.

## Permanent Storage Procedures

We have recently experienced situations where owners have taken their storage campers or golf carts without signing the green book, nor have they spoken to anyone in the Office about it.

for repairs or a special trip, etc., you are required to sign either vehicle out in the green book on the counter in the Office under "Taking RV Storage Camper Out".

If you no longer want the storage space and want to cancel your contract, you must submit that request in writing 30 days in advance so

that your space can be made available to those on the waiting list. Without formal cancellation of the storage spot, you will continue to receive monthly invoices and be responsible for payment of same.

If you are contracted in permanent storage and need to remove your camper or golf cart temporarily



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## You're Invited...

The 2015 Annual Owners Meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Each board member will address the owners in regard to their area of responsibility and discuss any

future plans for the Resort. During this meeting, the results of the election will be announced introducing your new Board. All ballots submitted by the deadline of 11:00 a.m. that morning

will be verified, certified and tallied by the Election Committee. After the new board goes into session following the meeting, they will post the new directors and areas of responsibility.

## Candidates Announced

The terms of David Stover, Gary Bryan and Aileen Connor, who stepped up to fulfill the remaining term of Ricky Carter, will expire this year. Article III, Section 7 of the By-Laws states that any owner in good standing may apply to be nominated.

selection of directors who will represent you and your resort with wisdom and integrity.

addressed envelope are provided for your convenience in returning your votes to the Resort. Ballots must be submitted by 11:00 a.m. on September 19, 2015.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a personal resume on each candidate running for a position on the Board.

Each of the applicants for the Board will address those attending the "Meet The Candidates" meeting scheduled for August 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Each candidate will be given about five minutes to tell about themselves and why they would like to serve on the Board. The purpose of this meeting is strictly to meet the candidates. No other business will be transacted. Make plans to attend this very important meeting.

## In Memoriam

James Branan  
Loraine Crawford  
William P. Dodd  
Mary Jane Eason  
Joseph P. Carmichael  
James Hammett  
Howard G. Hansen  
Mary C. Hansen  
Robert J. Kilpatrick  
Shirley Miller  
William M. Morris  
Robert Owen  
Vickie Phillips  
William H. Pound  
Russell "Al" Sanders  
John Stoner  
Richard Wells  
Jack O. Williford

*You will be missed...*

The candidates for this year's election are Michael Bowman, W.R. (Bob) Harber, Arlon Maddox, David Stover and Frank Ward. Kathy Davis, whose application was approved via petition, submitted her formal withdrawal stating that she would prefer to use the time volunteering on the Covenants revisions now that the By-Laws changes have passed.

The single most important way that you, as an owner, can add your voice to the operation of the Resort is by voting and electing competent directors. The By-Laws and Covenants provide for the Resort to be operated by a Board of Directors, crucial and vital positions when you consider that our annual budget exceeds one million dollars.

The responsibility of running for the Board is not taken lightly, nor should yours, as an owner, in the

Also enclosed in this newsletter is the Notice of the Annual Meeting, Ballot and Certification Form. Complete instructions and a self-

*The future of Unicoi Springs belongs to each and every owner. Don't give up that privilege.*

**PLEASE VOTE.**

## Gentle Reminders

♦“Meet The Candidates” Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on August 8th at 10:00 a.m.

♦Your election ballots must be submitted by September 19th at 11:00 p.m.

♦Check the Rental Rules when you come to stay in one of the units. Please DRY the dishes before putting them away. Putting them away wet compromises the cabinets and is not sanitary. A fine will be levied if they are put away wet.

♦For the safety of all swimmers, the enjoyment of those wanting to use the facilities and the adherence to health and safety regulations, protective swim diapers “swimmies” must be worn by toddlers in the pools.

Please be aware that any accidents occurring in a swimming pool will result in that pool being closed so that chemical shocking can take place until the correct balance is maintained. This is not an arbi-

trary action on the part of the Park—this is the law. Disregard for these mandates would result in monetary fines and closure of the pools.

♦The same government agency governing the safety of our swimming pools also mandates certain health rules in the Activity Building with regard to the cleanliness of the equipment, the building and the storage of food. While you may consider Unicoi Springs your home away from home, the safety of our owners and guests is governed by the laws of the Health Department. Infringement of these mandates can result in a shut down of the Resort.

♦Temporary parking permits expire at 9:00 a.m. the morning after they are issued. It is imperative that your vehicle is removed unless the permit is renewed with the Office.

♦A trip to the Laundry is not the most enjoyable task to interrupt

Time Out Group. Formerly known as the Unicoi Red Hat Ladies, they want to include everyone and try some new ideas and adventures. If you want to join in the fun and have some ideas for activities and themes, you are more than welcome. The early morning Workout group and the mid-morning Water Aerobics group faithfully meet to burn calories so they can enjoy the ice cream socials, karaoke, Brown Bag Bingo and the weekly lunch get-togethers.

We are fortunate to enjoy numerous gospel groups and entertainers, as well.

Sandra Walker and Bobbie Lanier

your time here at the Resort, but if you do it, please do not leave your laundry unattended. You must be there to take your clothes out of the washer or dryer immediately as there is always someone waiting to get that job done too. If you have loaded the equipment, you must remain there until it stops and your clothes are removed.

♦Turn off excess lights in Clubhouse if empty when you leave to save on electricity.

♦When the entrance gate was replaced some years ago with a new electronic gate, each owner was given one free gate card for each ownership. If you need additional gate cards, there is a \$5.00 charge. If your gate card stops working, there is a \$5.00 charge for a replacement. The only exception would be if the card does not work at the time it was issued. At that point, a free replacement would be given for a defective card.

have sparked an interest in beading classes that is slowly gaining momentum.

The billiard tournaments and card games are a nightly ritual as are the quiet corners filled with internet surfers, puzzle experts and the “Kindle Kids”.

You are encouraged to join in and even lead some of these activities, including helping with the cooking and baking, if you are so inclined. The Grill Masters can always use another set of tongs, the Garden Club welcomes your green thumbs and the kitchen volunteers will never turn you down!

## Volunteers Deserve More

Like the shoemaker’s elves, our volunteers frequently work in the background while doing things for the benefit of others.

Volunteers work for free and with the best of intentions, yet they get little thanks—nor do they expect it—and, in fact, are frequently criticized and sometimes publicly insulted when

things don’t go well. Doesn’t seem like a fair trade for the time and effort expended just to make the Unicoi experience a good one for all of us.

The owners who set aside valuable time deserve our praise, respect and appreciation for the things they accomplish every day. If you are so moved, take a moment to thank a vol-

unteer and let them know they made a difference.

If you feel the need to criticize, come to them with a solution and the offer of your own time to make it better. *“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”* Henry Ford We are all in this together.

## Unicoi Springs Stills Shining in Our 34<sup>th</sup> Year

In the March newsletter, we shared the exciting news that Unicoi Springs Camp Resort was recognized as one of the “20 Top Destinations To Visit”. (If you are a Coast to Coast member,

check out Page 17 of your new 2015 Directory to read the story .) On April 23, 2015, an impromptu visit from the Good Sam Resort Rating team garnered the following scores out of a pos-

sible perfect 10 point system in the following areas: Visual – 9.5 Bathhouses – 8.5 Facilities – 9 .

## Are We There Yet?

That famous question is just synonymous with vacations. From our first trip as a “word forming” toddler, this is one of our first questions because we just want to “hurry up and get there”.

That same desire, understandably, never changes. Here, at Unicoi, the question becomes “How soon can I have my camper moved?” For those of you in permanent and, sometimes, temporary storage who are on the daily moving list, this concern colors your entire morning on the designated day as you try to plan your schedule for that day. As you know, during the peak season, moving day can be very hectic for everyone. Unless, you have an emergency or special situation, we request that you refrain from stopping the Maintenance moving crew with questions about your move and that you address those issues with the Office prior to your move so they can be

noted on that day’s moving report.

By the time you see them pass your camper, they have already been on a reconnaissance mission where they have made extensive notes on their list as to which campers are ready to be returned to storage, which sites are open and available for the moves on their list and those who have requested Maintenance to do a full hook-up and break-down.

In an ideal world, everyone is packed and ready to go first thing in the morning, rather than taking their time to leave just in time for the noon or 1:00 p.m. check-out, as is their right. In an ideal situation, every owner makes sure that their camper is in top condition – batteries charged, tires filled, jacks operational and brakes are working. It is your responsibility to make sure that your camper repairs are current so that precious moments

are not wasted by Maintenance having to do “on the spot” repairs just so the camper can be moved. In the real world, any one of these things can stall the process, including the stops to answer questions. Please know that our Maintenance Staff has specific procedures in place to provide the most efficient manner of moving campers on and off site. To date, they have moved more than 1,520 campers this season. We ask for your understanding and patience in assisting them in this effort.

In regard to your fellow owners, please remember that check out is noon or 1:00 p.m. on Sundays and check in is 2:00 p.m. Everyone has the right to occupy their site until those times. Be courteous and understanding to other owners by allowing them this time at the Resort. Please give them the same consideration that you would expect.

## Design Your Own Unicoi Springs Gear

Unicoi Springs is the proprietor of its own on-line store with many Unicoi Springs themed products already in stock. You can easily order on line and have the products shipped directly to your home. Satisfaction is guaranteed, so if you are not happy with the prod-

uct, there is a generous return policy. If you want to have a personalized shirt, cup, bag, phone case or even pajamas created, just contact the Office with your images and ideas. The product will be designed and created just for you. Once approved, it will

appear in the on-line store for you to purchase from home.

To visit the store, go to the home page of our website [www.unicoisprings.com](http://www.unicoisprings.com) and click on the Unicoi sweatshirt.