



# RIMROCK RATTLER

Rimrock Meadows  
Douglas County, Washington

July 2009

## Greetings from Rimrock

Summer is officially here! The weather in late May and most of June has been fabulous with a few thunderstorms but no rain beyond that. Memorial weekend was perfect with an incredibly huge crowd anxious to get out after a prolonged winter. We estimate that we hosted as many as 400 people in the campground and on their lots. Whew!!

The dry conditions prompted the Board to establish a total burn ban earlier than normal. We expect that to be in force until October.

We are happy to announce that

we will have the boffer sword fighting again for the kids on Labor Day weekend. We will also have our annual yard sale on Sunday, Sept. 6.

The highway to Rimrock just south of US-2 is under construction similar to what was done just south of our main entrance last year. Be careful!

Our basalt columns were moved to our main entrance earlier this year and give a great landmark to tell your friends where to turn. We expect to do new signs in the off-season. The old signs have suffered from age.

## Tentative Dates

- **July 17-18, Basin Summer Sounds, Free Music Festival in Ephrata**
- **July 25—Summer Potluck BBQ, 2PM**
- **Sept 5—Labor Day Potluck BBQ, 2PM & Horseshoe Pitching Contest 5:30PM**
- **Sept 6—Annual Yard Sale in Campground**
- **Sept 13—Pool Closes**
- **Oct 19—Winter RV Storage Begins**
- **Oct 26—Showers Close**

## Things to Remember

1. We have been told that the Health District has changed some regulations and intend to enforce them. We believe they are now requiring that wells be 50 feet away from any lot line. A well must always be 100 feet away from any drain field. Please contact the Chelan-Douglas Health District with any questions.
2. We are actively selling lots again. Please contact the office if you are interested.
3. We will have a summer BBQ/Potluck on July 25 at 2PM. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a salad or a pasta dish, I-P, please bring a veggie or meat dish, and Q-Z, bring desserts or snacks. Same rules apply for Labor Day.
4. We will likely need a new camp host for next season as Bob and June are retiring. We wish them well.
5. As a reminder, the County is now only allowing one structure per lot if you do not have a residential dwelling and a maximum of 2 trailers per lot. This is not a Rimrock issue but a county-wide code.
6. As of July 1, if you have not paid all or a por-

### *Things to Remember Continued...*

- tion of your dues, you are no longer considered a member in good standing. That means that you no longer have any campground privileges of any kind.
7. There are no fires allowed of any kind. There has been an official county-wide burn ban in effect since the 15th of May.
  8. There will be a Horseshoe pitching contest Labor Day weekend on Saturday, Sept 5 starting at 5:30 PM. Adults only/2 person teams, double elimination. Trophy awarded for 1st place. Signup sheets will be in the clubhouse. See Wenda if you have questions.
  9. We are also working on having live music geared for the younger generations on Sept 5, weather permitting.
  10. Portable toilets are available from Basin Septic, call 509-765-4002 for details.

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## **Manager's Report**

I believe it is time to review our guest policy at Rimrock. In order for a guest to stay in the campground, the member must be present at Rimrock. What is a guest? Any adult not legally on your property deed. This does not apply to guests staying on your lot. This policy has been in effect since the 1990's and is in place due to the limited space the campground has to offer. We want to have room for dues-paying members in good standing and not fill the RV sites and tent campground with "guests". Even if a guest is properly hosted, that guest can be "bumped" by a member if space dictates. I am sure the policy was more liberal in the 1980's but we have grown a tremendous amount since then.

One of the primary reasons for more activity at Rimrock is due to the number of owners from the past that have sold/transferred their lots to younger people excited about coming to Rimrock. This increases use of the campground. We were completely full Memorial weekend for only about the third time in the past 10 years but I foresee that happening more often on future holiday weekends.

All the more reason to maintain and enforce our reasonable guest policies. I know this might seem a bit harsh to our aging members as they do not travel anymore but we have to have simple, legal guidelines for defining what constitutes membership. For those of you unable to use Rimrock anymore, you might consider transferring your lot to your children or grandchildren. Again, this does not apply to guests who stay on your lot. I believe the original intent of Rimrock ownership was to develop your lot. There is no practical way that can provide space in the campground for 1100 members and their guests. The RV sites and tent area are here as a convenience and as available. The campground was never intended to be the sole destination of choice. I am sure that most of you understand and agree with what I am saying. I also understand that those who purchased in the 1970's and 1980's might have a difficult time understanding this, particularly if you have not been here in several years.

Thank you and have a great summer!  
Kevin