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## "The Great Escape" Newsletter

October 2012

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### Message from LaDonna



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Member's Annual Potluck Picnic!

### Pavilion



**Closed Oct 1, 2012**

### General Store



**General Store  
Closed for Season**

### Trout Haven News



### Winterization has begun

The Fish Cleaning Station,  
General Store

Bear and Deer Cabins  
are now closed for the winter

The 1st week of October we will be winterizing the

Bath House

Pavilion

Angler and Fox Cabins

### REMINDER

As the season comes to an end there are a few things to keep in mind. Security checks will continue to be done on a daily basis as weather permits us access to the roads. If there are concerns with your trailer or campsite, we will contact you. Throughout the winter season, the roads will be maintained up to Sun Lake.

All other roads will **not** be maintained or plowed during the winter months. Enter at your own risk.

Trout Haven will **not** be responsible for towing personal vehicles and/or trailers. At our first significant snowfall, the road leading past Sun Lake will be closed and chained off so that only foot travel is allowed past Sun Lake.

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## Helpful Numbers

Fred's Towing - Woodland Park - 719-687-9313

JET Service - Victor -719-689-2325

Alpine Towing & Recovery- Lake George- 719-748-3331



### Trout Haven General Store is Closed

The General Store is closed for the 2012 season.

The staff wants to THANK THE MEMBERS who helped in supporting the store. It was a successful summer and we hope that everyone who joined us for our Labor Day blowout enjoyed the savings!

If there are any suggestions of items that you would like to see in the store, please let us know. You can call, write or email those suggestions to:

**Lost Dutchman Resort  
382 Trout Haven Rd  
Florissant Co 80816**

719-686-7738 or

[LDR@PKENTERPRISESINC.COM](mailto:LDR@PKENTERPRISESINC.COM)



### Bears and Trout Haven

Last month we sadly reported that DOW had to come and put down the momma bear and relocate her cubs.

We received a copy of this powerful article from the Durango Herald written by Chris Palmer who is the district wildlife manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Gunnison Basin. We felt it was important to share it with everyone.

# Problem bear dies; I hold the smoking gun

By Chris Parmeter

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

It was 3:00 a.m. The acrid smell of gunpowder lingered in the air, mixed with the sweet, sickening smell of bear blood that oozed down the driveway of the home. The blood looked black illuminated in the glow of the porchlight and the wavering beams of our flashlights. The bear was black, too - big, black and now, lifeless.

I wish that it hadn't ended up this way - the bear's final agonized writhing in the driveway, the smoking shotgun, my hands shaking from the rush of adrenaline and emotion. Unfortunately, neither of us had much say in the matter. This tragic end had been decided long ago.

This is part of my job as a district wildlife manager, a part that I despise. Dozens of wildlife officers must perform this same awful duty every year throughout Colorado. Some bears, no doubt, must be killed. But many of these incidents can be avoided if people used some common sense.

I knew this end would come, long before he did. I met him three years ago, when he was just a cub. He was trapped in a dumpster that his mother led him into to eat. I lifted him out with a snare pole and let him go. He was freed from the confines of the dumpster, but he couldn't escape his fate - the end of his story was already being written.

Our paths crossed several times during the next couple of years. He'd pull down bird feeders and I'd give out "**Living with Bears**" brochures to the homeowners. A month later, I'd see the birdfeeders hung again, right against the picture window.

The homeowners would report the bear's "aggressive behavior," how it stood and looked in their window - how it wasn't frightened of people, even as they stood just on the other side of the pane and took pictures of it.

I knew how the bear must have thought, too. Four hours picking berries one by one, versus four minutes munching down birdseed for the same caloric gain. The goofy-looking humans on the other side of the glass had never bothered him, never told him he was trespassing, never tried to stop him, never tried to help him by permanently taking down the birdfeeders. Plainly, that meant the bird seed was his. This side of the window became his turf, not theirs.

Later, we hashed it out over trash cans and dumpsters. He was a good-sized bear by now, handsome and black as the night. In the dark, he was a mere shadow, or more so, a complete absence of light.

He was big enough to up end a dumpster if he felt like it, but more often he just took advantage of the myriad of trash cans left casually, thoughtlessly, out on the street. The complaints would come, and the garbage can owners would all cite the same solution - get rid of the bear.

No one wanted him killed, of course. After all, he had only gotten into their garbage. They just wanted him gone; taken away; moved somewhere else so that they would not have to make any changes in the way they did business. It was convenient for them to put their trash out the night before pickup. Bear-proof trash cans cost \$200 or more.

Then finally one night, inevitably, the old bruin took it too far. Lured by a chain of unwitting and apathetic homeowners, urged on by a string of bountiful successes, he was at last coaxed over the line. It all came down with frustrating irony. Not even the backdrop seemed right: a well-kept, rustically adorned summer home in a forested subdivision. Most ironically though, the homeowners who were his final victims did not feed birds, or leave garbage cans on the street, or feed their pets outside or anything else to draw him in. They did nothing at all to encourage this bloody outcome, but suffered the ugly consequences of their neighbors' neglect and sloth.

In the end, the bear, driven by biology and emboldened by experience, broke through the kitchen window, only to be run back out by the home's rightful occupants. But the bear was determined now, and lingered, and after a while seconded his attempt to hijack the house.

A second roust, more confrontational than the first - involving thrown objects and much yelling - put the bear out again. But he wasn't going to leave until he got what he wanted. This is when I met this bear for the last time. Our final encounter, considerably less pleasant for both of us over any previous ones, involved two slugs fired from my 12-gauge shotgun into his chest. As he gasped his last breath and his blood oozed out onto the driveway, I only wished that all those people we had met along the way could have been there to share this moment with us. Maybe then ... well ...

<http://durangoherald.com/article/20120823/NEWS06/708239972>



**What can we do to protect ourselves and the bears?**

First off we would like to thank Joe, from DOW, for all his attention , respect and

efforts that he has and continues to show to our bear problem here at the resort.

Unfortunately Joe can only do so much.

The Resort needs every member's participation to do their part in bear prevention.

Remember to clean out your campers everytime you leave, including items such as scented candles, garbage and canned goods, which are not safe in air tight containers.

Also if you have a grill, keeping it clean will help keep the bear from your site.

If you as a member decide to build bear boards, we are asking you to have no more than 1 inch of nail in the boards.

Our goal is *not* to injure the bear.

For other preventative measures against bears, hanging moth balls in nylon stockings or cheese cloth from your doors and windows are effective measures.

Bears do not like the smell.

Bear spray and bear horns, are also effective.

We are concerned not only with the bears but also with the safety of all of our members.

Please note that firearms are *NOT* allowed on the resort.

Please contact the office if you have any encounters so that we may contact Joe from DOW.

If we all do our part we can all safely cohabitating with our wildlife here at the resort..



## *"Summer" Fishing Contest*

*Our "Summer" Fishing Contest will come to an end September 30th.*

*Let's get out there and catch some fish*



*Cathy caught this 17 in beauty on Sat. Sept 8th at Sun Lake*

*"I actually caught another one even bigger after this but it broke my line just as I was pulling it up on the bank. I had the guys jealous! haha! "*

*Entry submitted by member Cathy Kent*



*This beautiful 25" long trout was caught by Eldon at Summer Lake on August 28th. He caught it on Gulp Smelt bait!!!!*

*Entry submitted by member Eldon Leff*



*Grace Kent caught this 21 incher at Sun Lake on 9/16. So fun!*

*Entry Submitted by member Cathy Kent*



*My Grandson, Camden Russell, caught a big trout,  
18 inches, 3 lbs, on Labor Day,  
09-03-12 at Buffalo on a worm.  
Witnessed by myself, wife, Camden's Mother and Father.*

*Entry submitted by member Kenya Russell*

*DON`T FORGET TO EMAIL US A PICTURE TAKEN AT THE LAKE WHERE  
YOU CAUGHT IT WITH YOU HOLDING YOUR FISH.  
(both you and the fish must be together in the photo)  
TELL US WHICH LAKE YOU CAUGHT YOUR "TROPHY" FISH ALONG WITH  
MEASUREMENTS, DATE YOU CAUGHT YOUR PRIZE FISH AND DON`T  
FORGET THE STORY!!!!*

*SEND TO [LDR@PKENTERPRISESINC.COM](mailto:LDR@PKENTERPRISESINC.COM)*



## REMINDER



### COME JOIN US SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH FOR OUR ANNUAL MEMBER'S POTLUCK PICNIC !

It will be from 1pm - 3pm at the Events Pavilion. We will be grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs so bring your favorite sidedish or dessert. We will be announcing the "SUMMER" fish contest winners so don't miss out. Also, Joe from DOW will be there to speak to us about bear safety. Deer and Bear Lake will be available for all day fishing so bring those poles and enjoy the day !

Please **R.S.V.P.** and let us know what you will be bringing, 719-686-7738 or email [ldrandi@gmail.com](mailto:ldrandi@gmail.com).

Mark your calender and we hope to see you there!

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### Member's Storage Unit Discount

One of the benefits of being a member of Trout Haven is that you can receive a  
35% discount on a 10x10 storage unit in Divide,  
which is \$45/mo (regularly \$70/mo).  
For more information on renting a storage unit please call  
Tracy at 719-687-6011 ext 20.

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### **"Mr. Potts" Portable Toilets** 719-748-3537

Mr. Potts will pump a 40-gallon tank for \$45. Either online or at an RV store, members can obtain a "Portable Tank for Waste". Rent a personal port-a-potty from Mr. Potts for \$95/month.

Tell them you are a member of the Lost Dutchman Resort and they will waive the \$25 delivery fee.



### Rent a Picnic Table

Since we will no longer be maintaining the wooden picnic tables, we are offering all members a beautiful green metal mesh picnic table available to rent for \$100.00 per year. We purchase these picnic tables for \$600.00 so they are top quality!

If you are interested in renting a new picnic table for your site, please call Christine or LaDonna at 719-686-7738



### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

What would you like to see in this newsletter?  
We are on the lookout for  
new ideas, tips, recipes, helpful hints that you would like  
to share with other members?

We want to hear from you.

Email us at [LDR@APKENTERPRISESINC.COM](mailto:LDR@APKENTERPRISESINC.COM)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PROMOTE YOUR  
BUSINESS ON OUR WEBSITE,  
PLEASE CONTACT US AT (719) 686-7738



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