



Slovenian Summer Camp - Slovensko Letovišče

SSC Connections

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The Annual General Meeting

The following are the highlights of the meeting held on February 23, 2003:

- The Maintenance Fee for 2003 increases from \$ 525 to \$ 550
- The Camp has initiated a new 3 strike rule. (refer to AGM Minutes)
- There is a formal moratorium on building or renovating any cottages until the farm publishes its new application form which will be available via download from the Camp's web site.
- The non participation fee for people not working in the Kitchen and/or Bar increases from \$ 50/person to \$100/person. (This increase was tabled by the members at the AGM)
- Major upgrades this year include completion of the water system, preventative maintenance to the swimming pool, upgrades to the washrooms in the hall with the installation of water saving toilets and a handicap washroom.

See us on the Web:

www.sloveniansummercamp.com

Message From The President

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to welcome everyone back to the Slovenian Summer Camp for the 2003 season. The leaves have just started to come out on the trees and while everyone's thoughts are just starting to return to the Camp, the Committee has been hard at work for some months now. At the end of March, renovations started in the hall to give the washrooms a new look and feel, as well as the creation of a new handicap washroom. Work has also begun on the water system with the replacement of the well pump and the completion of the electrical and piping systems that were not completed at the end of last year. We will have the system operational by mid May and we hope that we will not have too many glitches in the system once we put it online and test it in "real life" for the first time. At the end of May the swimming pool will be drained for the first time in 10 years to do some preventative maintenance. When this is finished we will have to refill the pool and during this time water may be in short supply for obvious reasons.

But it will not be just all work, in July we all look forward to the 45th Slovenski Dan, which will once again be organized by Kanadska Slovenska Skupnost and will feature the music of Ekart from Slovenia. In addition the sports club has organized numerous sporting events as well as an Adult Volleyball tournament for us "older" folks. A schedule of events is included in this newsletter.

I hope that everyone will participate and help whenever possible and that you will have an enjoyable season once the gates will be officially open for our Mother's Day (SSC) with a lunch.

This spring has not started out dry and hot so lets hope for a long hot summer to balance it out.

On behalf of the Committee,

John Kuri, Jr.



Electricity is going to cost us a lot more this year. Think before turning it on. Try to use energy efficient lights and appliances. Turn off your lights when you go to bed!

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Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus (WNV)

The battle between mosquitoes and humans has been going on for a long time and mosquito-born illnesses have plagued mankind throughout our history.

As per ancient texts, mosquitoes were responsible for the spread of malaria in 500 B.C. Alexander the Great died from malaria and they claim that malaria contributed to the decline of Greek civilization. Thousands of American soldiers in Vietnam were ill from malaria infection and in 1690 British did not attack French Canadians because of yellow fever being spread by mosquitoes.

This summer West Nile Virus is expected to strike again. The Virus was first detected in Canada on August 22, 2001 in a bird found near Windsor Ontario. It is expected that this year it will spread, affecting all provinces in Canada (except Newfoundland) and large part of USA. Last year's figures from Ontario Ministry of Health show there were 359 West Nile cases in Ontario, 211 probable and 148 confirmed. Last year more than 4000 people were diagnosed with West Nile in USA. WNV is spread through the bird-mosquito transmission cycle.

Toronto Councilor Joe Mihevc (Slovenian), chair of the health board said: "We need to take some pretty strong action. The world climate has changed. West Nile virus is here and it is here in full force, and it is a miserable disease".

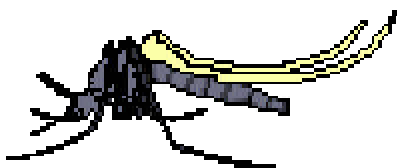
To prevent the virus spreading Canadian cities and towns will attempt to reduce mosquito population by use of larvicide pellets where the reproduction of mosquito's is the highest.

Homeowners should also take action and not allow their yards to become mosquito-friendly zones. Some other protection measures recommended are to wear protective clothing and use of repellent that contains **DEET** - (*diethylmtoluamide*). This product should be used sparingly and is not to be applied to face or hands. Prolonged use and use on children should be avoided. Make sure you follow product use directions. Visit <http://nile.healthcanada.net> for more information.

The time between dusk and dawn is riskier. If you go out, wear light-colored densely-woven material and recommended repellent. Slovenians are out-doors people and love to spend a lot of time at their cottages, picnic grounds, summer camps, fishing and hunting. Mosquitoes are everywhere make sure you protect yourself and your children.

West Nile and mosquitoes are here to stay. The battle lines have been drawn. It is us versus the mosquitoes and West Nile. Lets make sure that we win the battle.

Compiled by Stane Kranjc



You can make your own mosquito larvicide. This home brew is called 'Garlic Oil'. Garlic has shown success as a fungicide on crops, and as a mosquito larvicide. To make your own spray, soak 10 to 15 finely chopped garlic cloves in 1 pint of mineral oil for 24 hours. For more information on this method and other items check out : www.earthday.ca

Sandy O'Riordan

Dragi clani in članice.

Zopet se je prikazala pomlad in z pomladjo se je tudi odprlo delo na našem letovišču. Z čiščenjem in obnavljanjem WC v glavni dvorani smo že zaceli. Delo se bo nadaljevalo, upam da se boste tudi letos, kakor prejšnja leta odzvali v lepem številu. Že v naprej se zahvaljujem članom ki prihajajo na letovišče in neprestano delajo za dobro nas vseh, brez da bi jih klical. Hvala Vam še enkrat. Upam de se Vam bo v bodoce pridružilo še več naših upokojencev in si z tem tudi zagotovilo telesno kondicijo v NARAVI.

Tople pozdrave, se vidimo na letovišču.
Ivan Marentic

Kitchen And Bar Schedule 2003

MAY 18 MOTHER'S DAY	MAY 25	JUNE 1	JUNE 8	JUNE 15	JUNE 22 PROCESIJA	JUNE 29
KITCHEN T. Sevsek G. Gomboc A. Novak A. Muhic M. Sibenik E. Muhic B & I. Ulcar K. Prelec BAR/GATE J. Muhic G. Gomboc	W A L K A T H O N	KITCHEN L. Davis B. Krmelj K. Turk BAR/GATE P. Davis F. Krmelj	KITCHEN M. Grdodolnik M. Gustincic M. Sorsak BAR/GATE J. Grdadolnik C. Sorsak	KITCHEN L. Svetina K. Hull L. Koncan BAR/GATE L. Svetina V. Koncan	KITCHEN M. Svab S. Edsid V. Flegar K. Scrbic T. Ritlop A. Sabel BAR/GATE S. Sorc J. Flegar J. Scrbic	KITCHEN M. Tratnik M. Koncan M. Dimperio A. Bandelj BAR/GATE L. Tratnik T. Koncan
JULY 6 SLOVENSKI DAN	JULY 13	JULY 20	JULY 27	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 10	AUGUST 17
KITCHEN S. Ljubcic S. Erjavec O. Litrop A. Zizek K. Flegar M. Koscak Mrs. I. Kastelic BAR/GATE I. Litrop K. Zizek F. Koscak	KITCHEN T. Stajan L. Trebec S. Blatnik BAR/GATE F. Trebec	KITCHEN M. Bojc R. Gorenc E. Ferko BAR/GATE A. Gorenc F. Bojc	KITCHEN M. Rossi M. Sajovec S. Kosec M. Kovce BAR/GATE F. Sajovec	KITCHEN M. Prsa M. Lamovsek D. Resanovic J. Klancic BAR/GATE J. Klancic M. Resanovic	KITCHEN F. Kure V. Hocevar A. Milavec BAR/GATE P. Kure J. Hocevar	KITCHEN E. Kranjc J. Bancic P. Hribar BAR/GATE S. Kranjc T. Hribar
AUGUST 24	AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 14	SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 28	OCTOBER 5
KITCHEN M. Zigante Klavdija Kuri M. Kersnik BAR/GATE J. Kersnik	KITCHEN R. Jelen M. Rozman M. Pepelnak Kati Kuri BAR/GATE J. Rozman J. Pepelnak	M I D L A N D	KITCHEN S. Ljubcic S. Erjavec S. Kumar BAR/GATE Z. Ljubcic A. Kumar	KITCHEN E. Petrovic F. Fortuna N. Zigante BAR/GATE J. Zigante U. Petrovic	KITCHEN A. Blas J. Blas A. Blas BAR/GATE Blasovi	KITCHEN P. Grmovsek E. Bobnar S. Jelen BAR/GATE J. Grmovsek
OCTOBER 12 THANKSGIVING	<p>NOTE: Members are obligated to help out otherwise pay \$100. Please call Marica Komavli (905-238-5710) or Mario Ulcar (416-626-1755) if you need to re-schedule</p>					
KITCHEN M. Ulcar M. Resnik M. Marentic S. O'Riordan D. Podobnik BAR/GATE I. Marentic W. O'Riordan						

Slovenian Day 2003



It is with great pleasure that I would like to inform everyone that this year's 45th Slovenski Dan will be on July 6th, 2003. This year we will have EKART from Slovenia playing. Although the planning is still in the preliminary stages, the day should be memorable and we hope that everyone will set this day aside to attend this exciting event.

Important Dates to Remember in 2003

Event	Date
Mother's Day Lunch	May 18th
Dom Lipa Walkathon	May 25th
Telovska Procesija	June 22nd
Lifeguard starts and pool opens (depending on weather)	June 29th
Slovenski Dan	July 6th
Youth Volleyball Tournament (ages 18 - 25)	July 12 - 13th
T-ball (ages 6-9) & Softball (ages 10-13)	July 19—20th
High School Softball (ages 14 - 19)	July 26—27th
Poletni Vecer	August 2nd
Adult Softball Tournament	August 2 - 3rd
Soccer Tournament Squirt (ages 5 - 9) & Peewee (ages 10 -19)	August 9 - 10th
Adult Volleyball Tournament (ages 18 - 50+)	August 16 - 17th
Balananje (Bocci) Tournament (ages 18 +)	August 23 - 24th
Pool closes for swimming, lifeguard stops	September 2nd
Pool closing (winterizing)	September 7th
Vinska Trgatev	October 12th
Water shut off	October 13th
Power shut off to cottages and hall	November 1st

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Help and comments are always welcome.

If you are interested in having something published or wish to submit an article please contact any Committee member.
This is strongly encouraged!



There was a Province wide re-assessment last year and as a result the asset value for every cottage increased by 12.33% (more if you recently done renovations). We will not know the actual tax rate until late June, but we are optimistic that the net increase will not be more than 3%. Any differences between actual and estimated will be reflected in next year's bill.

Garbage Garbage Garbage Garbage

As mentioned at the AGM, over the last year we have seen an increase in the amount of garbage that the Camp has had to dispose of as well as additional work placed on the grounds keeper. In order to keep the grounds looking clean we ask that all the members;

- Only use the garbage containers around the grounds when necessary.
- If you are on your way out from the grounds drop your garbage off on the way out rather than leaving it in garbage pails. This keeps the area cleaner, the smells down and frees the groundskeeper up for other duties.
- The garbage bin is for household (food) waste only. Items such as propane cylinders, BBQ's, refrigerators, chairs, sofas, doors, windows, construction waste and other items that we find by the bin that are not appropriate, will be returned to their owners.
- Please do not throw your garbage over the fences onto neighbouring properties, so there will not be any complaints against us.

Every year the camp has to pay extra to dispose of these items, as mentioned at the AGM we are not a garbage service. If you have items to dispose of take them to your local municipal waste site. We can only cut down on this inappropriate disposal of items with your help.

Recycling

Bolton Community Recycling Center is located on 109 Industrial Road off Regional road #50 or Nuniville Rd. going South, 2nd street past the tracks. Hours are 8.30 am - 4.30 pm, Tuesday to Saturday. They accept many materials. For more information call 905-584-2216. Taking materials to this center will minimize SSC waste removal costs and will keep our camp clean.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a nice Summer.