

KRRC NEWSLETTER

Ryan's Bench

There will be a nice new place to sit and relax and enjoy the beautiful lake at the Knife River Beach. The family of Ryan Barg has donated this beautiful bench in his honor.

Ryan loved to watch the lake and hike the trails while he lived in Knife River. His neighbors described him as a good neighbor who would play catch, kick the soccer ball, rough house, and play on the beach with the kids along with his dog Trigger. The bench will be installed in the next few weeks. So sit a spell and enjoy the tranquility of the lake.



Greetings!

It is nice to see the sunshine!

As with everything the pandemic is affecting the activities of the rec center.

We had to cancel our last two community interest programs which hopefully means we have a head start on next year's planning! It also means that we are unlikely to hold the summer picnics to which we are accustomed.

While it is sad to not have these activities, we are fortunate to be able to enjoy the outdoors and explore what is in our own back yard! We are grateful to have the beach, the field, the tennis courts, and the trails so close when we want to get out of the house. In this newsletter we will offer some activities to explore our own backyard.!

Enjoy the summer!

Anne Skadberg

PICKLE BALL IS A BLAST!

Are your friends always talking about how much fun Pickle Ball is? Think you may want to give it a try? Please do! The KR courts are now open for two to four players in accordance with social distancing.

The KRRC does not presently have lessons available, or require you to sign up for specific times. If you and your partners show up when others are playing, remind them the time limit is one hour. An hour and a half for doubles. Time limits apply only if others are waiting to play.

So join your Pickle Ball friends and find a new and enjoyable experience while getting some healthy exercise to whatever limits you chose!

Have fun!

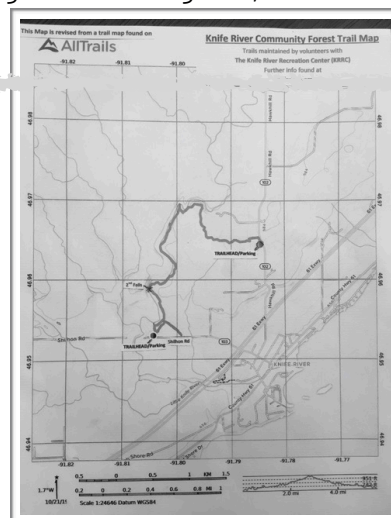


Trail News

Introducing the new Hawk Hill trail registration station! This structure provides a lovely new focal point for the trail. A huge THANK YOU to John Marxhausen for the design and build, with help from Frank Bernhardt, and Alex Comb.

Thank you to Peg Zahorik for management of both trailhead registration stations.

River access has been made easy with last year's trail addition. Enjoy dipping your toes in the water, listening to the flowing river, and watching nature at its best!



LOOKING FOR HELP ON HISTORY OF KRRC

KRRC board member Paul von Goertz is writing a history on the KRRC which dates back to 1953. He is trying to keep it brief and an easy read, but the history has some holes in it that maybe can be filled by a reader of this newsletter. Time frame would be from about when the old skating warming house was built in the late '60s to about 1990. **Can you help?** Paul said there were many civic-minded KR people that provided KRRC leadership and he does not want to overlook anyone's contributions.

Once the history is complete, it will be presented in the KRRC newsletter in segments over several issues. Email Paul at: vongoertzpaul@yahoo.com

Thanks to Bill Berg for patching up the boxes on the bridge and freshening up their stain! Angela Carson and Judy Bernhardt will be planning and buying flowers and will organize planting as the weather allows.

Thanks to all who will help to keep them watered, pinched, and safe from the deer this summer!

Oh Julebyen.... will it happen this year?

As with most things, it is hard to predict what will be happening at that time. What we can say is that our volunteers' and visitors' health and safety is priority #1 and we won't do anything that we think jeopardizes that. Having our usual form of Julebyen therefore seems unlikely but there may be something we can do to infuse some "local Scandinavian" into the Christmas season of celebration.. The folks involved with Julebyen will be thinking and will readdress at our June meeting.

Fourth of July Picnic and National Night Out.

As a community we will likely need to find a different way to celebrate the Fourth this year. We know that we could not trust old and new friends and neighbors to socially distance if gathered and so we are not planning our usual picnic at the rec center. If you have ideas of something we could do as a community at a safe distance let one of us know!

Likewise we anticipate that we will not hold the National Night Out picnic in August.

We will have to plan one big, fun, post-viral party when the time is right!

Things to do in the summer:

Hike the trail! There is a dried up beaver pond with hut and dam on the lower section of the Shilhon trail. It is really fun to see their amazing engineering and building skills up close.

Play Ball! Take a kick ball, your baseball stuff, or soccer ball to the field by the rec center.

Picnic along the river! There is a beautiful spot on the spur trail near the start of the Shilhon trail.

Study rocks! Relax at the beach and get lost in the grandeur of the big lake and all the rocks along its shore.

In an effort for some social distancing fun, we are hosting the first **KRRC Medallion Hunt!!!**

A medallion will be hidden in the area of each of the photos below. 10 total.

Collect the medallions between June 5 - July 5.

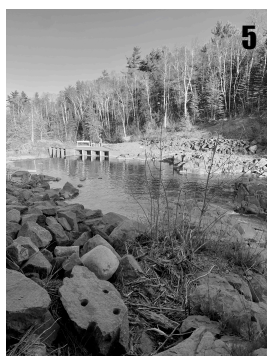
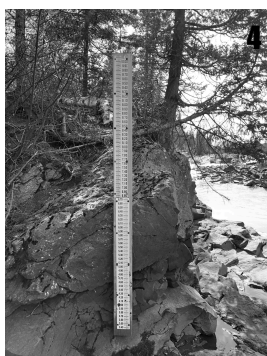
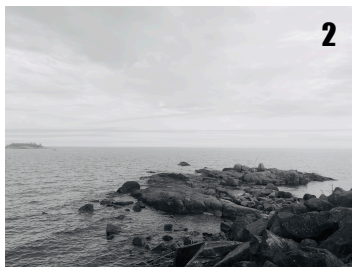
Medallions will be burned with KRRC labeled I-10.

When finding the medallions please leave the "sad face" marker in place to let others know that medallion has been found for that area!

Take a pic of your finds and send them to: damyranovich@hotmail.com

Winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Kendall's or Great Lakes Candy Kitchen... your choice!

Larger colored photos will be emailed and found on the KRRC website: kniferiver.org



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