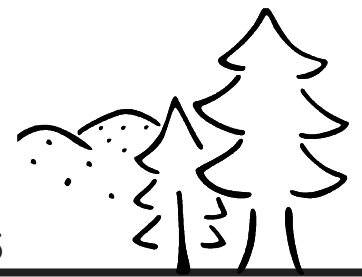


Spearfish Canyon Owners Association

Spearfish Canyon News

June 2015



Spearfish Canyon Owners Association Members,

Summer is back and the tempo of the Canyon has taken off for the season. Welcome back to all. It is that time where we chase out the winter residents of our cabins (mice, marmots, etc.) and reclaim sovereignty over the territory. Cabin and yard cleanup is always a chore but once done, it's Canyon enjoyment time.

As we work on the yards and cabins make sure attention is paid to proper usage of fertilizers, pesticides and other yard and grounds chemicals. The County has specific recommendations on what is acceptable so take the time to get the proper ones. Also when a remodel is in order contact the ARC and get the plans approved. Our SCOA covenants give guidelines on many aspects of cabin and landscape changes. Take the time to study the covenants before starting a project. It saves the ARC time and you also.

Last edition of the newsletter we included articles by several folks about different aspects of recreation and what is in the Canyon. The point of including these is two fold. One is to show the variety of activities available and natural beauty of the Canyon but secondly to heighten awareness of why we need to protect the Canyon. All of what we see and do in the Canyon is enhanced by careful stewardship of our own properties as well as the balance of the Canyon land. That's why Homestake set up SCOA, and we on the Board, along with all Canyon residents adhere to those covenants. It's to protect this

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beautiful place. That said, we all have a role from not only taking proper care of our own properties to picking up litter, adhering to speed limits, riding ATVs in designated areas (on the road in the Canyon) and generally respecting the public lands that surround us.

The annual meeting is set for July 11 at the Lead Country Club with social hour starting at 5:30. Dave will serve picnic fare this year. Be sure and attend if you are available. Also if you are interested in being on the Board let us know and write a short bio if possible to introduce yourself.

On a more business note we are still selling the highly successful cook books and using the funds for Mountain Pine Beetle control efforts by the County. They make great Canyon gifts. Also the Deadwood Standard Mine project is still alive so keep aware of that. It is quiet at this time but still being planned in some form. As we hear and know more we will inform you.

Well I have rattled on long enough for a message. Welcome back to those who have returned, enjoy the summer and we will meet at the annual meeting.

Steve Paula, President

Pay Your Dues! SCOA dues are very inexpensive. Our deeds specify that we belong to SCOA. Our organization exists to keep the environment clean and property consistent with the intent of Homestake Mining Company when it was sold to us. Give our treasurer, Pam Haugland a pleasant surprise and less work. Pay your dues ASAP!!!!!!

Cookbook Revenue Helps Fight Beetle

By Beverly Shaw

Two years ago on behalf of SCOA, we took a risk and ordered 300 copies of "Spearfish Canyon Cuisine," a cookbook featuring 400 favorite recipes of canyon residents.

The book had a specific purpose: to raise money to help fight the onslaught of mountain pine beetles in Spearfish Canyon. More than 65 families contributed recipes and full-color photos to enhance the book's appeal to potential buyers.

Today, two years later, we have ordered four reprints of "Spearfish Canyon Cuisine," and more than \$20,000 in cookbook proceeds have been given to Lawrence County for pine beetle mitigation in Spearfish Canyon.

Gene and I especially want to recognize the following who have been invaluable in promoting and selling our cookbooks: Dave Brueckner and his terrific staff at the Cheyenne Crossing Store, who have sold more than 1,000 books; Linda Ahlers, who keeps the cookbooks on the shelves at the Spearfish Canyon Lodge and Latchstring gift shops; and Someone's in the Kitchen in Rapid City for making our books available to the southern Black Hills residents and visitors.

I continue to send press releases to a number of newspaper, radio and television outlets across the state, and have appreciated their positive responses, many of which have yielded numerous mail orders for the cookbooks.

Finally, huge thanks go to Linda Christensen and Pam Haugland, who helped input the recipes at the cookbook's inception, and have continued to advise and assist me as this effort has progressed.

This amazing run has far exceeded our original expectations and we can only wonder how much longer it will last!

Those Little Green Birds

One Is More Visible; the Other Is More Audible

You have seen them. You have heard them. Those little green birds which grace our summers here in the canyon. The former is that little sprite the Cordilleran Flycatcher and the latter is the big voiced Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

It is easy to get up close and personal with Cordilleran Flycatchers as they like to build their nests under eaves and canopies, close to human activity. This is the bird you have probably seen. Ruby-crowned Kinglets tend to stay high in conifer trees, where they sing one of the most ubiquitous of forest melodies. Unless perched at the apex of a pine or spruce, kinglets can be very difficult to observe. This is the one you have heard.

Both of these species are small and full of nervous energy, constantly moving about with wing and tail twitching. The flycatcher weighs in at slightly more than a third of an ounce and measures five and half inches from bill to tail tip. Kinglets are second only to hummingbirds as North America's smallest birds - just over four inches and close to one fifth of an ounce.

As the name suggests, Cordilleran Flycatchers inhabit higher elevations and they catch flies and other annoying pests of summer. Not only do they catch them, but best of all, they eat them! It is great entertainment to watch them dart about catching their dinner, often returning to the same perch, before snatching another morsel. So, in addition to being social guests they provide a valuable service. They are aided by other insect eating birds such as their close relative the Dusky Flycatcher. More of a greenish-gray than the Cordilleran, these flycatchers prefer an open dry habit and can be found throughout the Black Hills. Both of these flycatchers



Cordilleran Flycatcher

leave in the fall, overwintering in the southwest or, in the case of the Cordilleran, as far south as Mexico and Central America. They return in late May with the Dusky usually arriving several days earlier than the Cordilleran Flycatcher.

The Ruby-crowned Kinglet may seem inappropriately named, for the color is not usually visible. It only raises the brilliant red feathers of its crown during courtship display or when agitated by the presence of an intruder or predator.

Perhaps the most remarkable characteristic of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet is its big, as in BIG, song! If you are close enough, you will hear a series of short notes before the bird breaks into full song, like a small engine sputtering to reach full throttle. The reason such a small bird can have such a big voice has to do with the anatomical structure common to all birds. Unlike humans, a bird's voice box, called a syrinx, is located very close to the lungs. This allows them to use more of the air pressure exhaled from the lungs, with much greater amplification. Additionally, this organ is used as a resonating chamber to tumble air over elastic vibrating membranes – the equivalent of our vocal chords. Birds can control the tension and position of these membranes which allows them to change pitch. By changing the pressure exerted by the lungs they



Ruby-crowned Kinglet

can control volume. If this were not enough to shame us, the air entering the syrinx from each lung can be modulated, in essence allowing birds to sing in stereo.

To listen to the Ruby-crowned Kinglet song, check out the McCauley Library at Cornell University at www.allaboutbirds.org. Bird vocalizations are categorized as notes, calls, or songs, with most birds being capable of all three. You will want to listen to the song. Also, be aware that birds have regional dialects. You will want to select a recording from close to South Dakota.

Ruby-crowned Kinglets also have a close cousin, the Golden-crowned Kinglet. Though equally small, Golden-crowned Kinglets have a very thin, weak, almost inaudible song. This species is also more cold tolerant than the Ruby-crowned which leave us in the fall. Many Golden-crowned stay with us year round, but most move to lower elevations in winter.

Now go out and enjoy those little green birds.

– D George Prisbe

D George Prisbe is a resident of Hanna, at the upper end of the Spearfish Canyon Travel Management Area. To share your bird stories and observations, please feel free to contact George Prisbe at przybysz@hughes.net or visit him at Cheyenne Crossing.

Going Home

The road lay as a ribbon
draped across the open country

A smooth narrow band
Rolled through grassy draws
Stretched over soft hills

Space
Lack of traffic
Wind rushing over the mirror
Cows scattered in the distance

Alone in the good company
of the western plains

Lost in the pastel colors
Seeping into the landscape

Arm hanging loose in the wind
Wheels rolling silently

Going Home

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Building Permit Procedure

The Architectural Review Committee has a packet for people who want to obtain a building permit in Spearfish Canyon. The packet contains the SCOA building permit application and copies of the building rules and pertinent covenants. You can also get it on the SCOA website at <http://www.canyonowners.org>.

Before any kind of external work is done, the home owner or their builder may fill out the application, and supply the necessary drawings to the any ARC member so that the committee persons may begin a review of the project.

When they approve the project, ARC members sign the application and drawings, and return it to the owner or builder. The owner then refers their project to Lawrence County with the completed L.C. building permit application for approval.

Be advised that the LC Planning and Zoning office is not responsible for explaining or enforcing SCOA covenants. Their only concern is that the SCOA permit process has been followed before they take action on a L. C. building permit.

Is it Occasional?

The rental of lodging accommodations or camp-sites is subject to state sales tax, tourism tax, and the applicable municipal sales and municipal gross receipts tax. Some individuals may occasionally rent their home, cabin, a room in their house, or allow someone to camp on their property. An instance of this could be rental of property in the town of Sturgis during the annual motorcycle rally.

If the occasional rental is for 10 days or less in a calendar year, no tax is due on the rentals. Please review the Hotels, Motels and Campgrounds Tax Facts on the S.D. Department of Revenue's website at: <http://www.state.sd.us/drr2/businesstax/publications/taxfacts/hotels.pdf> or contact them if you have questions regarding the tax on lodging. 1(800)829-9188.

According to the **Third Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservations for Homestake Cabin Lot Sales In Spearfish Canyon:**

1. (b) *Rental Use.* No Lot or Dwelling Unit shall be rented to non-family members for more than 14 days during any calendar year. Owners are obligated to insure compliance by Renters with this Declaration and all Spearfish Canyon Rules

"The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain the beauty, serenity and attractiveness of the Spearfish Canyon, and monitor and protect the water quality and flow of Spearfish Creek and its tributaries and to preserve in perpetuity the covenants and conditions placed upon said property by Homestake Mining Company of California."

(Section A, Article III, Articles of Incorporation. Spearfish Canyon Owners' Association)

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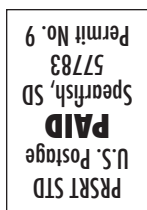
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