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# The Ranch Wrangler

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## Employee Highlights

Here at the Ranch at Roaring Fork we are able to hike around on our trails and see nature at its finest. The birds are active, the land is perking up to the warmth of spring and the ponds and streams are glistening. Many may not realize all that goes into maintaining our outback property. The bridges, streams and trails are well taken care of by our enthusiastic and energetic ranch crew. Here is a chance to get to know a little bit more about them.

Rick Carsten, our Ranch Foreman, hails from Glenwood Springs. Rick has been involved with the Ranch for five years. Graduating from Glenwood Springs High School, Rick has always loved the outdoors, so parlaying that interest into a job where he can be outside working on a variety of projects and maintaining “things with engines” suits him just fine. His favorite tasks around the Ranch are the waterways and fishing maintenance. You can see Rick driving the ranch equipment, leveling the roads, building an assortment of structures and using the backhoe all over the property. There is always something that needs to be done.

Gustavo “Gus” Amador is originally from Honduras and is our Ranch Hand. He loves living in the valley and has worked at the Ranch for two years. He lives with his wife, Miriam, and Gustavo, Jr., their five-year old son. Gus’s talents are in landscaping, fencing, and maintaining the many pieces of equipment that it takes to keep the property looking great. Making the Ranch look good makes him happy. Between chipping wood, hauling logs and clearing out the streams, Gus is always on the go.

Michele Willey works in the office as an Administrative Assistant. She has been in the valley since the late seventies and lives in Glenwood Springs with her husband, Bob. Now, being here at the Ranch for a year... means that her second day of work was the day of the fire. “Yikes!” She likes the variety and meeting all the homeowners on her travels around the property. Her background is in graphics and photography and she has been able to use these skills on special projects as

well as helping organize the Homeowner's Annual Meeting and working on many office tasks.

## **2009 Survey Results**

The survey was responded to wonderfully and the Noise Abatement Committee and Board of Directors thank all who were able to respond. 118 of the 160 property owners participated in the survey. The Board of Directors has posted the results along with the comments made by you the homeowners on the website.

## **Golf / Tennis**

The Golf course opened on March 21<sup>st</sup> to huge crowds. Only to get closed up shortly due to a week long snow storm. But, we're open again and we're waiting for you!

- Please come to the golf shop and fill out your 2009 registration.
- You may play the hole if the flags are on the greens.
- All owners are requested to start play after checking at the golf shop.
- Owners may purchase a discounted punch pass for guests and tenants.

Please give Tom or Nancy a call if you have additional questions (970)963-4410

And, the tennis, basketball and shuffle board courts are now open for use. To begin the courts will remain for the exclusive use of the Ranch at Roaring Fork resident and guests. Bring your own tennis racket or basketball; we do have shuffleboard equipment available in the golf shop.

## **Condominiums**

Several Condominium owners are taking advantage of the slow construction season to remodel their units. We remind those working and those planning to begin a project to notify the office of their projects and to be mindful of impacts to neighboring units. Any utility work should be scheduled a day in advance so we can notify others of the potential impacts. Please don't put your construction debris in the dumpsters, you can arrange to a special trash receptacle by contacting Waste Solutions (970) 963-1842. Also, please remember that any remodeling the impacts the outside of the condominium or townhouse (such as the installation of new windows or doors) must be approved in advance by the Architectural Control Committee.

## **Common Areas**

The Ranch at Roaring Fork roads have been crack sealed and Lyon Construction is coming back to the Ranch to complete the crack sealing project: At that time homeowners may contact them to seal the cracks, seal coat the drives and install or repair a driveway. Please give Harley Ridgeway (970) 876-5944 a call for an estimate or to schedule the work

## **Fishing Advisory Committee (FAC)**

Please note the 2009 fishing badges are now required. Please send the Ranch office your application and payment and we'll have the badges ready. A call prior to stopping in just to pick would be very much appreciated.

The big fish are here, but be careful with them! Be especially careful when taking pictures! There have been wonderful stories about the fishing this year, wow!

Our hatchery owner gave us these statistics:

1. A fish kept out of water for 30 seconds has a 60% chance of dying within a few days.
2. If kept out for 60 seconds it has a 90% chance of dying.

Keep having fun, but please educate yourself and *your guests* as to proper handling of the fish.

## **Ranch Wildlife**

Please be note that there have been coyote sightings in the common recreational area; we contacted the Garfield County office of the DOW and spoke to Casey 970-947-2920 and she was helpful and would be glad to answer any questions that the notes below do not answer completely.

A few quick notes are:

Coyote's natural predators and human hunting is non existent in this area and they adapt quickly to their habitat.

Coyote activity is greatest at dusk to dawn

Coyote mating is Jan - Mar and pups are born April - May (a female could be protecting a den)

Run with bells, pepper spray or a stick

Don't run from a coyote

Avoid running with a dog, pets are potential prey

This is coyote habitat and the potential of an attack to a human is rare, but they are known to attack dogs and cats.

## **Board of Director Meetings**

The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on May 4th at 4pm. You can check the website or the office front door for meeting times and please remember you are invited to attend. Should you wish to address the Board please contact Doc a week in advance with your topic and he'll work with the Board to place you on the agenda.

## **Remember**

... to check the website periodically, there is always updated information and want ads, there are some new additions to the homes and condominiums for sale, a "hot list" of local phone numbers and current and historical minutes, financial information as well as past Wranglers.

See ya soon,

Doc