

# CHCH

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## Board Members

**President:** Kathy Lopeman

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- Freddie Pollard
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- Bob Walker
- Rory Byrd

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**Gaming:** Russ Rosin



Winter 2016-17

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**❖ How do you want to receive the newsletter?**  
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- **Email and or**
- **Through Post Office (hard copy)**
- **CHCH website/Freddie's website only**
- **Please let Kathy Rice know either at [chchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:chchsecretary@gmail.com), send to PO Box 375 Clam Gulch, AK 99568 , or call 503-910-4175**

## Upcoming Events for the Club


- **October 28, 2017** Saturday 2-3pm Kenai Visitor Center, Sweat, Support, Rock. Benefits the WOW. Contact number Wendi Dutcher 398-1748 (exercise class)
- **October 30, 2017** Board meeting. 6 pm Caribou Family Restaurant
- **November 4, 2017** Saturday 6pm 2017-18 Kickoff Party and General Board meeting.  
Where: Sports Center, Soldotna  
Cost: Free members  
\$8 Non-members  
Menu: Main Dish provided by Dinty Moore's BBQ (Ribs, Pulled Pork & Chicken)  
Last Name A-O please bring side dishes  
Last Name P-Z please bring a dessert  
No Host Bar  
New sled will be on display  
Sportsman's Warehouse – Wall of Guns!  
Everyone Welcome!  
[Anyone interested in helping setup and cleanup, please](#)

contact: [Sylvia 398-4247](tel:398-4247) and/or [Jeff 398-4293](tel:398-4293)

**Please attend and let's Plan some fun for the Snow season!**

- **November 13, 2017** WOW Planning Meeting. Don Jose's Soldotna 6pm. Theme to be decided that night
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- **February 23, 24, and 25, 2018** – WOW Ride, Freddie's Roadhouse

## Current News

- ❖ A newsletter will be coming out every month or every other month starting this season.
- ❖ We would like to have input from all members on what they would like to see in this newsletter and if you have a story, please submit.
- ❖ Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers are in need of a volunteer to take over the **Adopt Oilwell Road** program, maybe if we post it someone will step up!
- ❖ We are also in need of a **Snowplow Company** to get some bids to Plow the Parking lots.
- ❖ Kathy Hoskins's has stepped down as the club's Secretary and Kathy Rice will be taking her place in the interim.
- ❖ For those of you who may not know, there is a medical team in the hills that will be working directly with the Ninilchik Fire Department. They are Bill and Kathy Lopeman and Mark Syska and Kathy Rice. Anyone interested in joining this team please let Kathy Rice know. Both teams will have medical supplies at their cabins. If you have a medical emergency please call 911, the Roadhouse or contact the team members.
- ❖ If you would like to share birthday wishes please submit the person's name, date of birth, and a photo if you have one. 
- ❖ [Please share your best photos to be published each month. We will choose as many as possible and insert in the newsletter.](#)
- ❖ **To all members who are business owners, please feel free to let me know if you would like an ad placed in the newsletter for you. Business cards had been included in the past and I can include them if you send one to me.**

**If you know of a business that would like to place an ad, and they are not CHCH members, there will be a fee, but we would be happy to insert their ad.**

## President's Notes

The last couple of years as president of the Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers has been a real learning experience. I have been involved with this organization for over 20 years. Being your president is different. I would like to thank Rick and Jay Northey for their years of service and their many projects for the Cabin Hoppers. Also, Kathy Hoskins who is stepping down. It has been a pleasure to work with Kathy. Thank you for the work you have

done for us. Welcome to Kathy Rice! I am always open to comments, positive or negative. I can be found full time in the hills on the Straight inn trail. Stop by for coffee. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Kick Off (see Calendar of Events). I'll try to put names with faces, but you may need to help me. See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Think snow 

## **Freddie's Roadhouse**

Don't forget Dinner Specials every Saturday night at the roadhouse, starts at 5pm. Also the roadhouse serves breakfast every Sunday morning. Great food! Great Service! Great beverages!

## **Ninilchik Fire Department**

NES had a fund raiser on October 21 and had a desert silent auction, door prizes, and drawings for 7 guns. Dinner was \$10 and they served beef stroganoff and homemade bread. We hope to have any future events in the monthly newsletter. It was a lot of fun and it would be great to support the fire department.

### **From: Dave Bear, Fire Chief**

As the snow starts to fall and everyone looks forward to another good old fashioned Alaskan winter, we would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season of recreation. We encourage everyone not to hesitate in case of an emergency and call 911. Our response time to the Caribou Hills can be lengthy, but we are fortunate to add to our roster 4 Emergency Trauma Technicians that live full time in the Hills. Kathy and Bill Lopeman, Mark Syska, and Kathy Rice you probably know from their involvement with the Hill Hoppers and now they have agreed to lend us their time and talents as first responders. Delay of BLS care to critically ill or injured patients can be deadly and your new ETTs will be able to get to the scene of an incident sooner and provide that care, as well as providing important information about how to access the patient and get them to the hospital. They have already assisted on one incident and their knowledge of

the area and the people who live and play there will be a great asset. Thanks guys!

## **Grooming**

The Grooming crew Gary Eoff, Ken Coleman, Steve Calbrese and Bob Walker have been hard at it this summer getting the Groomers ready for all the snow we are going to have. When you see them please tell them "Thank You" for all their volunteer hours of maintenance during the summer when most of us aren't even thinking about those fabulous Groomed Trails.

PB400 - Performed all recommended preventative maintenance, lube, oil and filter changes as required. Everything was good. Replaced defective hydraulic oil level sensor. Installed auxiliary fuel tank and pump. Drilled out and installed larger bolts in hitch assembly, tighten numerous nuts and bolts, replaced broken grease zerks and etc. Replaced broken rear turn signal and flasher light as well as burned out bulbs in front lights. Replaced flag on light whip & inspected machine from top to bottom. Cleaned cab inside and out. Machine is ready for winter.

PB200 - Still being worked on. Serviced machine as required. Trouble shot and repaired defective cold weather starting system on engine, including coolant temp sensor and 100 amp fuses. Replaced O-Rings on hydraulic cooler hose and sight glass that were leaking and ordered 5 new hoses, one that was leaking and 4 drive motor hoses with blisters that are getting ready to fail. Installed all electrical wires & switch and pump in fuel line for auxiliary fuel tank. Relocated rear drag hydraulic control valves and moved storage box

back to provide more deck space. Replaced instrument light bulbs, missing bolts from radiator shroud, labeled all switches in cab, replaced flag on whip, and miscellaneous other minor issues. Still have to replace front axle & rear drive sprocket. Will repair broken track band and install aux fuel tank which is being modified at Nicks Welding.

Limb Beaver - We have built a new hydraulic cylinder guard and purchased new hose that Steve will make and it should be ready to go.

Tucker is "For Sale" - see add on CHCH Website and Facebook (soon)

Fall Trail maintenance still needs to be done! Please call us to help out.

## Cabin Living

If you have questions about living in a cabin and would like some advice. Please submit them and we will put out queries to find some answers for you.

## Editor's Note

Please be patient as we get the format of the newsletter down.

Your comments would be greatly appreciated and valued.

Sections such as "Highlights from Board Meetings", "Treasurer's Report", "Featured Member", etc. could be added in future letters. If you have suggestions for sections to include monthly please let me know. We may not be able to include them all but would still appreciate your thoughts.

Please keep them as positive as possible. Remember everyone who works with the club are not paid employees and we need to show our respect for all their hard work.

## Thank you

**To:** Freddy and his family for operating the Roadhouse and to Chris, Steve, and Sam for their service at the Roadhouse and for all their hard work to make it a place where we can all meet and enjoy great food.

**To:** all Board members past and present.

**A BIG Thank you to: ANDEAVOR LOGISTICS AND SCOTT ROSIN** for donating an AED to the Club.

It will be located at Kathy Rice and Mark Syska's cabin and we are working on getting one for Kathy and Bill Lopeman. We want to cover both ends of the hills.

**To:** Kathy Hoskins for her time as the club Secretary.

**To:** Randy's Glass: Thank You for your give back program Donation! Every quarter Randy's Glass merchant program donates a percentage back to CHCH. Think of Randy's Glass when you need a new windshield for your Side by Side or Vehicle.

❖ [If you have someone to thank please submit for next newsletter](#)

**Please have any comments in before next newsletter deadline November 15, 2017 to have them published.**