## **Caretakers Corner December 2019**

April of 2020 I will be proud to have my 5 year mark here at LTRVP! When Mary called me for an interview and the 2015 LTRVP board hired me I formulated a 5 year plan to bring this park up to date, with the help of many board members and my partner Rick D. it has been becoming a reality. The owners here at LTRVP are supportive both verbally and helpful in the field donating many hours to improving and maintaining our park. I cannot thank you enough for supporting and welcoming my family and I to this beautiful park. I married Jean Mae on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 and I ask all of you to come by and introduce yourselves to my wife. Ziya has 1.5 more years at school here then is off to college and Trinity starts school in 2020. One of my boys ended his enlistment and heading back to Idaho, the other will be reassigned in 2020.

As 2019 comes to an end I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years!

This fall we collected over 600 garbage cans full of leaves, fell and trimmed many trees and with the early snow there was a lot of limb/branch damage to our park. Also generally speaking in the fall we mitigate the tall grass and cat tails in the ponds as we did this year. During the earlier part of the year we installed a new vault and drain to the front of the clubhouse to make it more serviceable. Some have enjoyed the fire pit we installed earlier this year also. When the trees were removed by the power company contractor we replaced them with Grass and installed irrigation in the area on the right side as you enter the park. We worked on opening the large pond and installing the bridge with the help of many and the board has allotted the funds for us to complete the installation in 2020. As an FYI one of the unexpected cost increases was the mosquito spray price increasing over 200%, the other chemicals that came out of China also saw an increase but very minor in comparison. The property owned by Gossi just north of LTRVP along the river was cleaned up this year and is now for sale!

On a side note I wanted to pass on the owners that both Idaho Power Company and Frontier Communications have been asking for people not to attach ropes, cables, satellite dishes or any other fasteners not originally intended to be attached to their property. They have also asked for us not to plant vegetation or put dirt, rocks or any other material that may obstruct their equipment. Frontier was purchased by Wave Division Capital who hopes to change many of the copper lines to fiber. This would tremendously improve the speed offered currently in the park if they chose to invest in this change for us.

Key cards will be replacing the current locking system for the clubhouse and my understanding is Riverside will be managing this for LTRVP, the camera security system should be up and running soon on the internet with a link here on the LTRV online website.

Thank you all and have a blessed 2020, Bill McFarlane