



# The Firestarter

## Spruce Sands RV Resort

*Celebrating over 50 years at the lake*

“There's nothing more beautiful than watching trees getting dressed up for Spring and Summer”

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful winter and we are looking forward to an even better summer!! Most of our staff this year are veterans. So they should be used to all of our quirks by now, but just in case feel free to joke around with them anyways! We are looking for a couple of part-time employees for the summer. If you know anyone, send them our way.

Next week from May 23- May 28 is the third annual Canadian RVing and Camping week. This year the theme is a nationwide marshmallow roast. On Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, around dusk we will gather as many campers as we can to simultaneously roast marshmallows in support of the make-a-wish foundation! We encourage you to purchase wish stars at the store for \$2.00 each. This event is coast-to-coast and is a great way to start our camping season.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Arnes Farmers Market:** Saturday 9:00-2:00, Sunday 10:00-2:00 on hwy 222, just south of us is open every weekend.

**Winnipeg Beach:** May 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am- 3:00pm Winnipeg Beach Farmers Market, 32 Hamilton ave. Indoor craft and vendor market, pancake breakfast, silent auction and more.

**Ship & plough gastropub:** 42 Centre street May 19 at 5:00pm live music featuring Kendall Patrick, 8:00pm Mise en scene: new album listening party  
May 20<sup>th</sup> The Ugliers @ 10:00pm

*Check the bulletin board for more info on any events.*

### WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

**Last week's question:**

**This week's question:** What is the sunniest city in Canada?

### THE WOOD BOX

Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans. It is lovely to be silly at the right moment.

**Gimli Movie Theatre** will be playing King Arthur: Legend of the Sword May 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### YOU DON'T SAY

**Manitoba Danish Princess:** There is a lonely grave in a Riverton field of which a local family of descendants claim is a Danish princess. The grave lies alone with only a weather-worn picket fence marking her final resting place. Frith Rika died August 8, 1884 at the age of 35, only a couple of weeks after her son's birth. There is a film company currently making a documentary of her story as it dates back a few hundred years to King Frederick the VI. A bit of a royal soap opera right here in our Interlake!

### THE COOKIE SHEET

**Australian cheese, garlic and chive damper (bread)**

Serves: 4

2 cups self-rising flour, sifted, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 ounce butter, in small pieces, 1 cup sharp tasty cheese, 2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese, 1 garlic clove, 2 tablespoons chives, ½ cup milk, ½ cup water, 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit

Sift flour and salt together in a large bowl. Using fingers rub in the chopped butter until it is the consistency of breadcrumbs. Add cheeses, garlic and chives. Mix well. Combine milk and water. Make well in flour and pour in all the liquid, reserving a little for glaze. Mix quickly into a soft dough, using a knife or the hands.

Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead lightly. Press into a round. Place onto a grease baking tray. Glaze with leftover milk and water mixture and sprinkle with extra cheese.

Bake 15- 20 minutes in 425 F oven, and serve sliced with butter or olive oil.

Individual dampers can also be shaped and baked for the same time and temperature.

### **The Sands Beach Café and Bakeshop**

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# Spruce Sands Community Association

Spring at the lake this year has been a bit cool. Although the grass is green, leaves on the trees are starting to sprout and the park has come alive with the camping season, back for another year. May long weekend will be a great time to see Lake neighbors and friends, while welcoming all the new people to the park. Welcome back everyone! We've got a great year planned for events THANKS to all the TEAM LEADERS who have already committed.

We've begun the planning process for the summer events at Spruce Sands Resort. Part of your yearly site fees includes a \$20 association fee. That means all events throughout the season are open to you and your weekend guests. Our mission is to provide "Family fun activities while enjoying the great outdoors" and is also a great way to socialize and meet new people.

The association functions/events are based on a little bit of leadership and a whole lot of volunteers with "can do attitudes" – we "can do" anything we put our minds to – even during or after the rain in the great outdoors!! We organize functions with different groups of volunteers to make those events happen – THANK YOU for making it happen year after year. It seems to be the same people every year.....if you would like to join in and help out please drop by my site C54 – Cheryl and we will figure out what works for you! Every little bit of help, makes it all come together! Have a new event idea? We can make it happen together!

We have a wide range of events that gives every member of the park an event to participate in, from June to September. Last year's events with refreshments, treats, prizes and a whole lot of fun included:

Kids - Two craft events, Halloween in August, Walk About Bingo, Frisbee Golf, Bouncers & Movie Night  
Adults - Monthly Horseshoe Tournaments, Community Craft & Garage Sale and a Golf Tournament  
Family – Charity Tie-Dye & Hot Dog BBQ, Silent Auction, Dinner/Dance with Fireworks & Family Olympics

This year we will be delivering to your trailers a CALENDAR OF EVENTS – great for posting on the fridge. We've kept all the above events, added back in Baseball, and will also try to get Karaoke and Friday night Darts going! We'll be celebrating CANADAS 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 1<sup>st</sup> with "Bubble Soccer" for the kids, a Hot Dog Lunch BBQ and Horseshoe tournament.....something fun for everyone!

Watch the COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD by the phone booth or back of the washroom building in A Bay for upcoming events or simply read the weekly newsletter in the "Firestarter" which can be found either on line or pick up a copy at the store (near the cash register). Check out the large ROAD SIGN as you drive into the park too!

## **Charity Fundraising Weekend – "MAKE A WISH" for the kids May 27<sup>th</sup> 9-11pm**

Spruce Sands Resort once again this year is excited to be participating in Canada's RVing and Camping Week, by helping to make wishes come true for children facing life threatening illnesses. The Canadian cross country goal is to raise \$20,000 – all for the kids! We will gather around a huge BEACH BONFIRE, write our wishes for loved ones on STARS and participate in the longest consecutive nationwide marshmallow roast ever done in the country! Bring your own lawn chairs if you prefer to sit and your money to buy STARS!

Join us at the Beach starting at 9pm to write out our wishes and at 10PM local time we will gather together to roast marshmallows – we'll have sticks, hot chocolate, coffee & cookies. And perhaps a few beach games! Here's where the fund-raising part comes in - purchasing a "Make-A-Wish" STAR:

- \$2 per Star..... or \$5 – Star plus 4 raffle tickets
- \$10 – 2 Stars plus 10 raffle tickets..... \$20 Family pack – 4 Stars plus 30 raffle tickets

Come out and see what kind of cool "spring clean up" items we'll be raffling off!

As our park is so well known for GOLF CARTS, let's see how many carts we can get out to the Beach Bonfire, we'll display the STARS around the carts. This will make for a great SPRUCE SANDS RESORT picture, to be at 10 pm. The photo's will then be submitted to Twitter & Instagram for GoRVing Canada.

*Looking forward to another great Summer at Spruce Sands!*

*Cheryl Bartos C54 Association President*

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