



Tin Cup Civic Association

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President's Message

Once again, I have the opportunity to share some thoughts about our beloved community of Tin Cup. I love this time of year as spring is arriving and that means the weather is getting warmer, the grass is getting green, and it is closer to the time of being able to get back to Tin Cup!

The address project with Gunnison County has been completed and I hope you all received notice of any changes in the physical address of your cabin. The biggest change was truly designating County Road 765 through town back to its original name of Grand Ave. There is a north Grand Ave. which starts at Washington St. and goes north. South Grand Ave. goes south from Washington St. Our hope in this project is that delivery services will have a much easier time finding cabins and, even more important, if there is a need for emergency services to come in they can find the person in need much easier.

We suggest if you had an address change that you post that new number on your cabin and take down any CR 765 number. We will have a big map posted on the wall at the Annual Meeting so you can see all the addresses. If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

In our fall newsletter we made mention of the desire to start a book program whereby TCCA would acquire copies of all the books that have been written about Tin Cup and make them available for community members to borrow. If you have some ideas on this or have any books that you would be willing to contribute please contact Annie Walker or any board member.

You will definitely enjoy Joe's spelling lesson in this issue, but as most things Tin Cup, it leaves no definitive answer.

We welcomed Kelli Shedden to the Board this past summer and you can learn a little about her. Please welcome her to the Board if you see her this summer.

Please make sure you read the section on the proposed By-Law change. This is important, and we will discuss at the annual meeting. This will help in expanding our pool of potential Board members moving forward.

See you this summer in Tin Cup, or is it Tincup!?!)

Tom Carroll, President

Tin Cup Town Hall

Last fall, the entry to the Town Hall was sanded and prepped by Carl Hagans. Joe Grenawalt applied the stain in late October, just before closing the building for the winter. We'll see how it looks this spring!

Reservations for the Town Hall are booked by Janet Grenawalt. Her contact information is available later in this Newsletter. First come, first served – so if you have plans for the Town Hall, please let Janet know as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed

We presently do not have enough people to manage the Friday Family Night/Dance events. We have 2 volunteers that will host a few dances this summer but cannot ensure that we can have a dance each week. If you can help this summer, please let Sally know ASAP. No worries, you will have guidance and training so don't let that stand in the way of keeping the tradition going.

Cottonwood Pass Update

Cottonwood Pass is scheduled to be CLOSED for the entire summer of 2018 to enable paving of the west (Taylor Park) side of the Pass. Some work may also occur on the east side of the Pass during the summer of 2018. The contractor for the project is Old Castle Construction SW. According to Gene Dodd, Project Engineer and Tin Cup resident, the project is estimated for completion by October 2018.

Annual Tin Cup Art Show Scheduled for This Summer

The Annual Tin Cup Art Show will resume again this summer. The tentative schedule is Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, 2018. Please contact Ginger Riffle at gingrif@gmail.com, or 970 641-3149 starting in June, if you are interested in participating.

Board Members Wanted

Three Board positions will be open this summer and we will be having an election at the annual meeting to re-elect/replace them. Please consider your willingness to serve. The success of the TCCA over the years has been because of the dedication of numerous members who have stepped up and been willing to serve. If you have any questions about being on the Board, please contact any of the current Board membership.

One Word, or Two?

by Joe Grenawalt

Tin Cup, or Tincup? Either way, we all know that it is the same place. However, is there a correct spelling? Does it really matter?

I recently ran across a book about Colorado outhouses, of all things. On the page about Tin Cup, the author states, "In 1895, the name was changed to a single word, Tincup". I had not heard of this before, so I contacted the author directly. In our first conversation, he could not remember where he had obtained the information. However, after a couple of days, he called me back, and provided his source – a book called "Colorado Post Offices – 1859 to 1989". He said he did not have a copy of the book, and wished me luck in finding one.

Thank goodness for the internet! I did a quick search, and located the book – at a reasonable cost, no less. I soon was reading the two entries about the post office in our town:

Office	County	Established	Discontinued	Remarks
TIN CUP	Gunnison	Feb. 28, 1880	May 7, 1895	Formerly Virginia City <u>Spelling changed to Tincup</u>
TINCUP	Gunnison	May 7, 1895	Jan. 31, 1918	Formerly spelled Tin Cup

I called the Gunnison County Recorder to see if they have any official record of name changes for Tin Cup. They provided a Town Plat, dated December 12, 1889. The spelling is shown as Tin Cup. However, before the closure of the Tin Cup Post Office in 1918 (from 1904 to 1917), the town itself used both Tin Cup and Tincup.

In Bowling Hitt's book, "A Unique People – The Story of the Tincup Civic Association", the author chose to use the Tincup spelling. He had his reasons – "Most of the early days spelling, though not all, used the two-word version of the name. Even most of the books in the bibliography of this paper use the two-word version. So why go the one-word route. First, every map of the federal or state government that I have seen in the last fifty years show the town as "Tincup". Secondly, the one-word spelling tends to cause people to pronounce it with emphasis on the first syllable rather than the last. Thirdly, "Tin Cup" sounds like a golfing movie. Lastly, that is the way I like it." In addition to Bowling's preference, the Civic Association used Tincup for both the Articles of Incorporation and the Civic Association Bylaws.

I understand why Bowling felt like he did. However, I also understand why many (including myself) prefer the two-word version. For one, the original newspapers from Tin Cup used names like the Tin Cup Miner and the Tin Cup Record. Did the Post Office change the spelling of the name, while the town itself and Gunnison County used both spellings?

Is one right, and one wrong? Does anyone have further insight on this question? Does the TCCA need to become the TCA? I've had some fun with this research, and I'll be surprised if there is a totally definitive answer. However, I have certainly been "enlightened" before!

New Member of the Board

Kelli Shedden is a 4th generation Tincup resident whose family dates back to 1926 with her great grandparents Roy and Hazel Mathews. She grew up helping her parents, Lyle and Cheryl Rieger, build their family cabin in their favorite place, while spending much of her time outside exploring all Tincup has to offer. In college, she was honored with the "History Student of the Year" based on her senior research paper on the rise and fall of Tincup during the mining era. She currently lives in Glenwood Springs, CO with her husband, Matt, and two children, Roosevelt (3) and Powell (newborn). Kelli is thrilled to join the TCCA board and looks forward to serving her beloved second home.

Cemetery Guidelines – Reminder

In order for anyone to place the cremated remains and/or memorial stone in the Tin Cup Cemetery, the Tin Cup Cemetery Committee must approve your request. Only locations approved and marked will be honored. The deceased or immediate family needs to own property in Tin Cup or Taylor Park. The Guidelines and the Burial Request Form are located under the Document Section of the Tin Cup Civic Association website, or an application can be requested from Cheryl Rieger, the Chairperson of the TCCA Cemetery Committee. Should you need any questions answered, call Cheryl at 303-929-2296 (cell) or 970-641-0260 in Tin Cup. Please note that the \$300.00 fee to the TCCA will be used for cemetery maintenance and improvements. Full body burial is not permitted.

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Other Contact Information

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Drought Potential, and Wildfire Concerns

The current estimated snowpack for the upper Gunnison River Basin is approximately 78% of average, while the value for the entire Gunnison Basin is 57% of median. Blue Mesa Reservoir is currently at 61% of capacity, and Taylor Park Reservoir is at 67% of capacity. (Data from Gunnison Country Times, April 12, 2018, and April 26, 2018.)

For many of us who spent time in Tin Cup over the winter, these numbers are actually much higher than expected. Snowfall in late March and April has improved the situation, which was looking dire as late as early March. For much of the winter, the snow was barely adequate to snowmobile from the Taylor Park Trading Post to Tin Cup. Snowmobiling favorites such as Tin Cup Pass and Napoleon Pass were only passable during the latter part of the winter. This is in contrast to last year, when the snowpack was well over 150% of average.

In addition to the runoff estimates, the weather forecasts for this summer show less than average precipitation. **We all need to be very aware of potential fire danger, and behave accordingly.** Also from the Country Times edition of April 12, 2018, "While no restrictions have been enacted, emergency managers say they're keeping close tabs on the situation. The Gunnison Wildfire Council has had two monthly meetings so far this year and plans to meet again April 18. Additionally, wildfire councils across western Colorado have begun meeting biweekly to share data and concerns."

Emergency Notification

Gunnison County Emergency Management offers notification services in the event of an emergency via recorded message, text or email. To learn more or to register for the notifications, visit www.gunnisoncounty.org/145/Emergency-Management. Please consider signing up – it's free, and it can be very helpful.

Forest Service Announces Forest Health Management Plan

The TCCA recently received a letter from Matt McCombs, District Ranger for the Gunnison National Forest, which describes a plan to address dwarf mistletoe and other tree diseases in Taylor Park. The letter includes a commitment to hold a public meeting to discuss this plan in Tin Cup, sometime this summer. As soon as a date and time are set for the meeting, we will email and otherwise notify the TCCA membership. A PDF of the letter is available on the TCCA website under documents.

Additional project details and supporting documentation can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project?project=53662>
For questions, please contact John Slown, Project Environmental Coordinator, at 406-239-3749; email jslown@fs.fed.us

Wildlife Issues – Comments from Chris Parmeter, Game Warden, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

This article was also provided in the Fall 2017 Newsletter

"Below are some of the laws regarding the feeding of wildlife. While the law makes it illegal in most cases to provide food for wildlife, moral and ethical reasons should guide our choices. Feeding wildlife can: interfere with migration patterns, increase competition, spread disease like wildfire, invite unwanted pest species, decrease vigor, attract predators (lions & bears), lead to malnutrition, inhibit pollination of plants & wildflowers (hummingbirds), increase predation, lead to habituation and human conflicts, which often result in the death of the animal.

The saddest part is that we do it purely for our own amusement, without the least consideration of the impacts to the animals themselves. In my opinion, stealing from them their "wildness" is the most egregious, selfish act that we can commit against wildlife."

Regulation #021 - Feeding or Attracting Wildlife

- A. Except as provided in subsections (A)(1-4) of this regulation, no person shall place, deposit, distribute, or scatter grain, hay, minerals, salt, or other food so as to intentionally constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement for big game not lawfully held in captivity.
 - 1. Crops and crop aftermath, including hay, alfalfa and grains, produced, harvested, stored or fed to domestic livestock in accordance with normal agricultural practices shall not be subject to the regulation.
 - 2. When the Director determines it necessary to authorize feeding to prevent damage to private property.
 - 3. When the Director determines it necessary to authorize feeding to mitigate the population loss anticipated by a predicted mortality that will exceed 30 percent of the adult female segment of a big game ungulate population in any one Game Management Unit.
 - 4. When the Director determines it appropriate to feed big game as a part of a research or management program.
- B. It shall be unlawful to place or deposit minerals or salt in an area so as to constitute a lure or attractant for wildlife. Nothing in this regulation shall restrict the use of salt or mineral blocks in normal agricultural practices.
- C. Except as provided in subsections (A)(1-4) of this regulation, no person shall place, deposit, distribute, or scatter any food or other substances so as to intentionally constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement for coyotes or fox in an area where the discharge of firearms is precluded by law. This regulation shall not apply to any person using any bait or other attractants for the purpose of luring coyotes and fox for take or otherwise authorized by law.

Regulation 33-6-131 - Knowingly Luring Bears

- (1) Unless otherwise permitted by commission rule, it is unlawful for any person to place food or edible waste in the open with the intent of luring a wild bear to such food or edible waste.
- (2) (a) This section shall not apply to acts related to agriculture, as defined in section 35-1-102 (1), C.R.S.
(b) For the purposes of this section, "food or edible waste" shall not include live animals or food that is grown in the open prior to such food being harvested.
- (3) Any person who violates this section shall be given a warning. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this section, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed:
 - (a) One hundred dollars for a first offense;
 - (b) Five hundred dollars for a second offense;
 - (c) One thousand dollars for a third or subsequent offense.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Chris Parmeter, Game Warden for Gunnison / Crested Butte, at (970) 275-2409. Email address is chris.parmeter@state.co.us

Proposed By Law Change

At the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Tin Cup Civic Association, a suggestion was made to allow family members of property owners to serve on the TCCA Board of Directors. Based on that suggestion, the Board has researched and discussed several ideas about how to expand the eligibility to become a Board member. Please read the information below and be prepared to offer your opinions and ideas at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

The TCCA was formed as a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation in 1950. The Articles of Incorporation state in Section 6:

"That any record title owner of real estate within the former Townsite of Tincup shall be entitled to become a member of this Corporation."

The By Laws of the TCCA in Article 4, Section 1 state:

"The business, property and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a "Board of Directors" composed of seven persons who shall be members of this Corporation. Each Director shall hold office for a term of three years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified."

While the Articles of Incorporation cannot be changed to add non-property owners as members of the TCCA, the By Laws could be changed to state "...a Board of Directors composed of seven persons who shall be members of the Corporation, or..... (add a definition of other eligible people).

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, we will discuss the definition of other eligible people. We want the definition to be very specific and not open to multiple interpretations. Here are some the ideas floated so far:

- Direct descendants of members
- Natural, adopted, or step children of members
- Natural, adopted, or step children or grandchildren of members
- Spouses of members
- Any of the above adding: recommended by a member/property owner who has paid membership dues at the time of the Annual Meeting.
- Or, any of the above adding: when the person is recommended by a family member/property owner who has paid dues at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Another addition to the By-Laws may be advisable in order to clarify voting rights. Members defined by the Articles of Incorporation must pay dues to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. There is no provision for non-members to vote. The By-Laws could include the following:

Non-member Directors are eligible to vote on all matters brought before the Board of Directors, but are not eligible to vote at an Annual Meeting except when holding a proxy for a member whose dues have been paid.

Return address:

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Attention new, old, and prospective members of the Tin Cup Civic Association: the Annual General Meeting this year will be held at the Town Hall in Tin Cup on July 28th, 2018, at 1 p.m. If unable to attend, please send your proxy to the Secretary naming WHO will represent you, and your address in Tin Cup. You must be listed ON THE DEED to be a voting member, and MUST pay the \$25/year dues of the Association before the meeting comes to order.

TCCA Dues and Proxies

Payment of dues and voting proxies may be mailed any time up to 2 weeks BEFORE the Annual General Meeting to: TCCA, P.O. Box 501, Almont, CO 81210. After that, please bring dues and proxies to the meeting. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. (Proxy form is below.) **Sally Kuisle, Secretary and Joe Grenawalt, Treasurer**

PROXY

Be it known, that I, _____, the undersigned Member of the Tin Cup Civic Association, hereby constitute and appoint _____ as my true and lawful representative and agent for me and in my place and stead, to vote as my proxy at the Annual Meeting of the Tin Cup Civic Association, to be held on July 28, 2018 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Signed _____

Tin Cup Address: _____