

Tom Braum, Lot #7

My wife, Marion, and I have owned a lot at Tiger Run Resort for almost 25 years. We have a Phase One lot that we use for our motorhome when there and rent it out thru TR when we are traveling.

Received my commission in the US Coast Guard where I served for 3 years during the Viet Nam war. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Engineering, a Masters of Business Administration, and a Masters of Telecommunications. I spent a total of 9 years in college, full and part-time. My wife did a wonderful job raising our three girls while I was a student and workaholic. We have four grandkids in the Denver area.

Professionally, I spent 13 years in the automotive industry in Detroit working for all the major manufacturers in vehicle design and Plant Engineering. I was responsible for capital budgets in excess of \$40 Million and ran a maintenance department. After being laid off several times when auto sales and/or the economy slumped, I switched my engineering/management skills to the telecom industry, working for MCI Telecom which moved us to Denver. There I was responsible for engineering and construction in 14 Mountain states. I managed capital and expense budgets, as well as the engineering staff, the real estate and IT departments. When Worldcom took over MCI, there was a middle management staff reduction of which I was a victim.

I chose to become a stay-at-home dad to my three daughters, who thankfully had all moved out by then but they still kept me busy. I did volunteer work at our church and helped one daughter start a small business. When Marion retired 14 years ago, we sold the house, bought our coach, and now live in it full-time. We do volunteer work as we travel, most focused around building Habitat for Humanity houses. We both hold offices in FMCA's Habitat for Humanity and the Military Veterans Chapters.

We have been in other HOA's but never held an office. I have held several elective offices in RV clubs, one with membership in the 400 plus range. One thing I have learned with my limited HOA interaction is that different life experiences of individual board members make a functional board more effective. Common sense and a willingness to get everyone involved in the HOA should be the goal of any HOA board.

We spend 4-5 months a year at TR. Most recently that has been during the winter and spring. As our full-time experiences and medical limitations are changing we will be spending more time at TR in the summer months going forward. The best thing about TR in addition to the weather and recreation activities, is the friendliness of the TR owners and guests.

Over the last 20+ years we have seen a lot of changes at TR. We have been more active since the homeowners took over managing the Resort 12+ years ago. I served on the TR architectural committee. Marion & I have been very active in running the winter social activities, including the weekly wine & cheese, the grill nights, and holiday parties/dinners. Through these activities we have always strived to welcome newcomers and get them more involved in our activities. This has had a bonus of getting renters to repeat/increase their TR stays. And occasionally it resulted in a new owner.

I am running for the board because I think we are at a critical time in the history of TR. We have challenging issues still to face, the biggest of which is the maintenance of the aging buildings/infrastructure and most importantly how to pay for this. TR's future and our lot values are dependent on a functioning infrastructure. Because of my technical curiosity and personal nosiness I closely follow all improvement projects and maintenance activities in the park when there. I feel that my business experience in capital budget management as well as facility maintenance will put me at an advantage on these subjects as they come before the Board.

I am level-headed and not running for this position with any preconceived agenda. Before I make any decision, I want to hear ALL sides of the issue and will make my decisions for the betterment of the resort regardless of how that might affect me personally as an owner. I am concerned about the asset we have in TR. I realize the biggest part of TR's value is the community and camaraderie and I want to maintain that first and foremost. We bought at TR to enjoy the mountains and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded RVers, retired RVers, and other resort lot owners.

Finally, I would like to see open communication of board meeting proceedings to all owners in a timely fashion. With completely open communications there is less room for personal interpretations on what was discussed or said at meetings.