

NAM *Members' Committee*

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"We stand alone and our voice is small. – We stand together and we will be heard." Barbara Mazingo, NAM

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NOVELLI ATTACKS COAST TO COAST

Coast to Coast (C2C) appears to have been sued by Ray Novelli and his cronies in a California lawsuit.

Mr. Novelli and his business associate, David Vopnford withdrew their parks from the C2C system and thus would have deprived us of the use of the C2C parks if C2C had not offered to help us find other home parks that were in good standing.

The actions of Novelli and Vopnford seem curious in light of the fact that use of the C2C system was such a big factor in their sales pitch when we were sold memberships in TAI (or All Seasons, etc.) Remember the big map on the wall in the sales offices when they were telling us how C2C was such a big reason to join their parks?

IOWA TAI BANKRUPTCY

What should we expect from the Bankruptcy of Thousand Adventures, Inc., in Iowa or from the Class Action Lawsuit?

Members remain concerned that the people who bilked us out of our money will go on to do the same thing to others. We want our money back - *and* we want them to be forced to do business in a more decent way.

More than a few of us have lamented that "If I did those things, I'd be in jail by now!"

Neither the Trustee in the Iowa bankruptcy nor Mr. Napier, the class-action attorney working for the members, are likely to file criminal charges even though we believe there is a clear pattern of fraudulent acts against members and possibly other creditors. The Trustee's job is to recover assets that belong(ed) to the bankrupt company, TAI. He has hired other attorneys to help him in this effort. The money he recovers will then be distributed to the legitimate creditors. He has been successful in recovering some of the money, etc., but he is not yet ready to announce the status of his efforts because *he isn't finished*.

Mr. Napier, similarly, is seeking funds to distribute to members and cannot afford to use those funds to do the job of "Punishing the Bad Guys" unless it is the only way to put pressure on them to do the right thing by the members.

On behalf of the members, we say: "Press on – and good luck!"

OFFICIAL IOWA SETTLEMENT NOTICES POSTED ON-LINE!

The Iowa Trustee has asked Judge Jackwig, the presiding judge in the bankruptcy of Thousand Adventures, Inc., to allow him to post official notices of settlements in that bankruptcy on our internet site. Judge Jackwig has agreed and we have started posting the notices. So far, the settlements have been limited to minor settlements of only a few thousand dollars. Several of the more significant recovery efforts are still outstanding. They will be posted on-line and reported in this newsletter when they begin to represent more significant amounts (millions of dollars).

TA OF OHIO OBJECTS TO MEMBERS' CLAIMS — AND "LOSES"

The attorney for the Ohio Debtor (Ms. Daneman) apparently objected to claims of most if not all Ohio members in the bankruptcy of Thousand Adventures of Ohio. She set a final date of October 1999 for members to amend their claims and ask for a court hearing. Most member creditors did not understand what information, forms, etc., were required of them to protect their claims.

The Ohio Members' Committee finally obtained the services of a qualified bankruptcy attorney to help the members protect their claims. His name is Grady Pettigrew. Mr. Pettigrew is a respected bankruptcy attorney in Columbus, Ohio and is a former bankruptcy judge.

Mr. Pettigrew and the Ohio Committee immediately applied for an extension of time (31 Dec 1999) to allow members to protect their claims. Members who took our advice –WON!

SEMINARS HELD FOR OHIO MEMBERS

Notices were mailed to members whose claims had been objected to and seminars were held throughout Ohio to help them prepare their replies to the Debtors' objections and ask for a court hearing. Several notices were returned as undeliverable at the addresses listed in the detailed objection Ms. Daneman filed with the bankruptcy clerk (but not provided to members).

New information will be provided to members represented by Mr. Pettigrew as it becomes available. Make sure we have some Self-addressed, Stamped Envelopes (SASEs) so that we can mail the information to you ASAP. (Our address is on the next page.)

MISSISSIPPI PINES/BUFFALO CORP. FILE BANKRUPTCY

The Buffalo Corporation, owners of Mississippi Pines, other campgrounds in Mississippi, Thorenhaven (Nebraska), etc., has filed bankruptcy in TEXAS. This would seem to have the effect of depriving members of those camping systems of the right to be represented on the unsecured creditors' committee in that bankruptcy since they have few, if any, members and NO CAMPGROUNDS located in TEXAS.

Texas Case #: 99-40876-H4-11; Phone: (713) 250-5115

Members of these parks who are concerned should contact the US Trustee in that bankruptcy for more information. Let us know if you want our help.

NEXT ISSUE:
Novelli Sued in Alabama
TAI (Iowa) and TA of Ohio Updates.

What is the National Association for Members?

(NAM)

NAM was organized to advocate for ALL people who use campground resorts, condominiums, and timeshares. We want to stabilize and improve the rights members should have in their contracts. Many of us, speaking with one voice can make things change for the better. NAM is that voice. We will work with government agencies, campground resort owners/developers, and others to stabilize, improve, and enforce, the rights you get in your contract.

You can help. Join the NAM – Make a Difference

Send us the following information, it will not be provided to any non-government organization and will not be used for commercial purposes by anyone:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

email address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

I am interested in supporting the NAM.

I want to:

- Receive the NAM newsletter. 🖱️ 🖱️ 🖱️
- Reproduce/distribute my copy of the newsletter.
- Make a donation to support NAM activities.
I am enclosing a check for \$ _____
- Report on issues in my state. State: _____
- Attend hearings in my state.
- Join a state team. (See page 1)

We also want your comments and suggestions.

__(Please attach your comments and suggestions.)__

Please send this information to:

NAM
4740 Silver Oak Street
Dayton, OH 45424-4650

Thank you,
Dan Hopper, Chmn

Note: The NAM may "not" obligate you in any way to pay money for any purpose without your explicit consent.

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Fair Treatment for Members of Campground Resorts!

Important – What YOU do COUNTS!

We want to hear from you now. We are collecting information about problems you have had with membership campground systems.

We have many stories about Thousand Adventures. Are they the *only* problem in the membership campground industry? Our experience, so far, suggests that they are not the only bad apples in the bucket.

We have stories about Pride, Elite, American Adventures, 5 Star, Outdoor Resorts, etc.

Mail your stories to:

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or email them to: problems@natlassoc.com

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**NEVER
GIVE
UP !!!**

(Exciting news expected from Iowa)

This is not a solicitation for donations. We need your help.

You have been instrumental in activities that support our goals (protect the rights of campground members) or have made donations to help us in these efforts. You and we have tried to identify problems, recover money from the bad guys, expose fraud, etc.

We have had some success in Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Alabama, and other states - so far.

These efforts have been possible using volunteers and cash donations combined with the interest and efforts of interested public officials and others.

Now we are trying to get industry leaders involved in these efforts.

WHAT WE NEED (This is important):

We could use a letter from you - addressed to:

The National Association for Members (that's us)
4740 Silver Oak Street
Dayton, Ohio 45424-4650

The letter should include any statement(s) of encouragement or appreciation that you can honestly make.

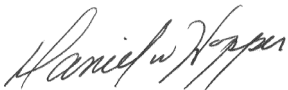
It could also include any recommendations/suggestions or identify additional problems that we should be working on.

Please send us your letter now.

You already know that we don't charge any fees, etc., for what we do to help people. Many people can't afford what it costs to help them. That's why an organization like ours is necessary.

Your letter will be cited in requests to corporate organizations, Grant makers, Foundations, government organizations, etc., to ask them to help fund our efforts.

Thank you,



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