

Members Committee Report

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(TAI Members Committee)

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TAI MEMBERS JOIN CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

An Iowa Judge awarded a 'partial' default judgment of \$283,400 against Thousand Adventures, Inc. (TAI) on 9 July 97 in response to allegations that TAI violated members' contracts and consumer protection laws. TAI was also ordered to turn over the complete membership list so that all members can be notified of the judgment. The Judge will schedule a hearing to determine how much the company owes the members.

It is more important than ever that all members keep in touch with the Members Committee by sending stamped, self-addressed size 10 envelopes to the following address:

Mr. Carl Roland, Treasurer
TAI Members Committee, Suite 1186
779 East Merritt Island Causeway
Merritt Island, FL 32952-3516

Your donations to our operating fund have helped us put out the newsletter and documents that you need. Your donations to the attorney fund will help us perform activities that will aid our attorney. Some of you can't afford to make a donation and you are not required to. Please donate if you can. We still need your support in order to continue our efforts. Don't depend on the "Other Guy" to do it. He's depending on YOU!

The goal of our Committee has always been to get the owners of Thousand Adventures, Inc. to deal fairly and honestly with the members, to get them to live up to the terms of the membership agreements, and to provide the benefits and services that the members paid for.

To quote Mr. Douglas Napier, the attorney for the lawsuit: "It is not our intention to liquidate the company. This corporation has taken in over \$200 million from its members and we want to make sure that they get what they have coming to them."

The lawsuit was initially filed on behalf of Mr. Tony Ross of Hillsboro, Iowa and later expanded to include ALL members of TAI across the country.

TAI subordinate corporations have been sued in nearly every state where they have done business by Attorneys General and by individual members. This is the first time the parent company has been brought to task for its apparent wrongdoing.

This lawsuit is consistent with our charter to "Preserve the value of the memberships as best we can and to require that the contracts be honored as best we can."

— WARNING !! —

Companies are calling members and offering a discount if they cash out by the end of July. Outfits like Travelers Data, TAI, etc., have offered discounts in the past if a member would pay off the balance ahead of time. We are suspicious of their actions in light of the fact that they have received notice of our judgment and were told that any payments collected belong to the members. You are a member. Don't give them any more of your money than you have to.

Members should NOT prepay their contracts at this time. If you intend to pay anything, pay the absolute minimum your contract will allow. We will give you the "all clear" when it is safe. Any money paid now may disappear like the rest.

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QUESTIONS MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED?

by Nancy Gray, Assistant Chairperson

1. Should I pay my dues?

Answer: It would probably be best to continue on making monthly payments but if you choose not to pay, that is your option. We will give you a yes or no answer as soon as the correct option is clear.

2. Is there a merger taking place? What does this mean for TAI members?

Answer: We recently reported that All Seasons was not merging with TAI according to the written statement issued by the attorney who is handling All Seasons' receivership. But recent developments from a judge in California has reassigned the receivership of All Seasons to First Nationwide. There may be a merger. It may or may not last more than a few days or weeks.. We will keep you posted on developments.

3. How do I fill out these Proof of Claims.

Answer: In the June 9th issue of our Newsletter, we enclosed partially completed Nebraska and Ohio Proofs of Claims and showed you what to fill in. If you still have any questions, please contact one of the committee members and they will assist you.

NEBRASKA NEWS:

(Nancy Gray and her Team)

Nebraska Meeting: On July 12th, we held a meeting at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln, Nebraska for all the TAI members that could make it. Unfortunately, since we have no way of notifying members except thru the media and word of mouth not all TAI members were notified. We had over 200 Nebraska members that did come to the meeting. We also had numerous phone calls from all over the Midwest after the meeting due to the Media coverage. Anyone who knows of any TAI member that has not been notified of us, give them our address in order for them to be registered as well as receive the information you are receiving.

We wish to welcome a new couple on the committee. Their names are Mike & Cathy Torske from Lincoln, Nebraska! They will be serving as Secretary for the Nebraska part of the committee.

I wish to thank Ila Brown and Margaret Allen in helping with the mailings. Without them, you would not be receiving your newsletters so promptly.

Next month we will try to include more information in the newsletter about Florida, Kansas, Ohio and other states. We expect to "expose" some of the schemes of the players in this saga.

4. If my home park is not in a state that has filed bankruptcy, should I send the form to that state with the copy of my contract?

Answer: Yes. Ohio and Kansas forms have been sent to you. Please complete the information and send it in immediately. Volume shows the courts that there are a lot of us out here and that we are not a small group.

5. What does this Class Action judgment mean?

Answer: See our attorney's letter on the next page.

6. How can I help?

Answer: If anyone has time to assist with phone calls, mailings, access to a photo copy machine, please contact a committee member immediately! We have so much to do that any help would be appreciated. Donations for expenses are always welcome. And don't forget if you wish to contribute \$25.00 to the attorney fund, please send that immediately.

7. How do I continue on the mailing list?

Answer: Make sure you continue sending stamped, self-addressed, size 10 envelopes to a committee member.

8. What TAI tells me. Is it all True?

Answer: If they tell you that "TAI is okay and doing well, don't worry" or "The National Committee for Members is stirring up nonsense", ask them for documents. What we put out in the papers are all documents either from the Courts or Attorneys. We will not issue rumors. We publish proven facts.

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- **Fill out the last page right away –while you are thinking about it!**
 - **We are winning.**
 - **Don't give up.**
 - **Don't let the con-men lie to you any more.**

A Letter from Doug Napier *the Attorney Processing Our Class Action Lawsuit*

Dear Members:

As I am sure that you are now aware, we have initiated a class action lawsuit on behalf of all TAI members from across the country against Thousand Adventures, Inc.. The time seemed right to finally make this company account for its actions in a lawsuit whose sole purpose was to protect the members and ensure that they receive what they paid for. While the Attorney Generals have tried hard to prevent unfair marketing practices, they are limited in what they can do as far as requiring proper management of the campgrounds. They also can only seek remedies for residents of their own state. Hopefully, the class action effort will result in a uniform solution for all members in every state. In light of all the state actions and the class actions, many of you have questions. I will try to answer the most common questions.

. **Do I have to continue to pay my dues or contract payments?** At this point, unless you are covered by a separate judgment through the attorney general in your state, I cannot advise you not to pay your dues. I encourage you to pay the smallest amount required (quarterly dues) to keep your membership active. Otherwise, you run the risk of not being able to use your membership or having your membership canceled. If TAI is effectively reorganized, your membership will then be in good standing. I hope we will be able to escrow the payments with a receiver so that we can make sure the money is being handled properly.

. **If the attorney general of my state requires TAI to cancel my membership if I make a request, should I cancel?** Only if you know that you will never use your membership again. Don't "jump ship" because you think it is hopeless. We hope that a new organization will rise up that will give value to the memberships and will certainly want you to have the opportunity to stay on as members.

. **So you got a judgment, what does this mean for me?** The judgment against TAI on behalf of the class means that everyone who chooses to remain as a class member has a voice representing their interests speaking loudly trying to get TAI to change its ways. The judgment gives the class of members a lot of leverage in negotiating a reorganization of TAI.

. **Can I expect to get any money out of this lawsuit?** Frankly, you probably won't see any cash, unless you were a member that sold your membership through TAI but were never paid. We know that there is not enough assets to refund everyone's membership amounts nor even come close. Our main goal is to force TAI to manage with integrity and maintain the campgrounds and use the members' money for the benefit of the members.

. **How long will this process take?** It will probably take at least a year to unravel all that TAI has done. Please be patient with our effort and know that we are doing all that we can.

. **What if TAI files bankruptcy?** TAI should be in bankruptcy to stop the constant "leaking" of assets. Bankruptcy is probably an inevitable route to an effective reorganization. So if you read that TAI has filed bankruptcy or been put in bankruptcy, don't panic. This is probably for the best.

. **What can I do to help?** Support the Member Committee by donating time and resources. I know that a few people have done a tremendous amount of work and need a rest. Thanks to these volunteers we have seen some great success so far. Come join the team.

We have seen some great successes so far and will continue on this course. I thank you for your support and confidence. I hope that the managers of TAI realize that we can be their best friends or worst enemies - they can choose. If they want to know the way out of this mess, they simply need to cooperate with us.

Douglas H. Napier
NAPIER, WOLF & NAPIER

Chairman's Report

I just returned from a trip to Fort Madison, Iowa, where I met with Mr. Doug Napier, the attorney who was representing a member in Iowa against TAI of Iowa. We discussed the situation with all the rest of the members and agreed that ALL members have been gyped by this company and should be part of the lawsuit. We also agreed that the lawsuit should be against the parent company, Thousand Adventures, Inc.

Mr. Napier impressed me with his credentials, his confidence, and his energy. If the case can be won I am convinced that he can win it.

I continued the trip to Nebraska, Kansas, then back to Iowa and Ohio to explain to teams of members how they can help the attorney. This trip was required to solidify our participation in the class action lawsuit on behalf of all members and to help Mr. Napier get the ball rolling. I plan to ask for reimbursement for the expenses for this trip. It was a necessary expense to secure the attorney for our cause and to support his efforts.

The biggest problem I have is trying to keep you informed. I just don't have time to return the hundreds of phone calls to the Hotline and to my home as soon as I would like to. I am placing priority on people with problems who need immediate help.

It has become clear that we have to find a more efficient way to distribute the newsletter. The job is getting just too big for the volunteers we have. Those folks are under almost unbearable pressure from the workload. (I just work on hugs from the Missus [Mrs.]

Dan Hopper, Chmn

\$\$ What is "RELOADING"? \$\$

If you don't know what this means as applied to membership campgrounds, you are spending \$\$-> wasting \$\$->

getting ripped off of thousands of dollars!!

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This document is published by the TAI Members Committee. It is provided for information and educational purposes. We will continue to present documented information and to identify opinions as such. If you have information you believe will be useful to other members, please send it to the address where you sent your envelopes:

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SHOULD I PAY TAI OFF EARLY?

— PAY MY DUES?

— JOIN ANOTHER CAMPING CLUB?

The following is extracted from a letter from Carla Stovall, Attorney General of Kansas and her assistant Shelly Welch. My comments are in brackets [].

[The answers are NO! — The Minimum amount absolutely due! — and Maybe! Read on.]

We realize that you are being solicited by as number of different parties to transfer your membership to their club or to buy additional opportunities to use an extended network of parks. [and that TAI is pressing you to give them cash in advance of the time it is due.] We caution you as you consider investing any more money in the camping/resort industry. Remember your past experience. Your driving motivation to purchase [or cash out by paying TAI money before it is due] SHOULD NOT be because "you have nothing and you want to save what you've already spent" or because it is "your only way out." As far as we know, if you signed a contract with TAI, they still consider you a TAI member and will hold you liable until a court determines that you're not. Our only advice is don't pay a lot of money, [pay the minimum amount due,] do not commit to [any more] long term or lifetime dues obligations, determine if you're even going to use a camping/resort membership, and don't buy for your future generation. Remember there is no guarantee that the company or the campground will be in business tomorrow.

What is Fraud? Have You Been Gyped?

Did the TAI representative lie to, deceive, or conceal information from you when you made your purchase decision to join TAI? Did you believe them? Did you act on those representations? Did it cost you money?

If your answers are 'Yes', you are a victim of a criminal act and deserve to be compensated.

Were you promised that they would resell your membership if you wanted them to? Did they promise you a gift that you never received? Did they promise to "Freeze" your dues? Did they promise you "Free" camping in a certain number of parks for 21 days at a time - "Never a charge?" Did they sell you a "Lease" and later say that it is only an "EXTENDED STAY" contract. If the answer is yes, you are a victim too of the management of this company. Turn the page to see what you need to do now...

Thousand Adventures, Inc. – Class Action Information Sheet

Date: _____

Please fill this form out and mail it to:

Napier, Wolf & Napier
TAI Class Action
607 Eighth Street, Suite One
Fort Madison, IA 52627

Name: _____

Street : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Date Membership Purchased ____/____/____ Type of Membership _____/_____
(6/10/99 year, Pioneer/Trial/Centennial, etc.)

Is your membership still active?

If YES: Annual Dues = \$ _____

Where do you send dues (and membership payments?)

If NO: Sold? Selling Price: \$ _____ Did Thousand Adventures Sell it? Yes ___ No ___

Transferred? To whom? _____ When? ____/____/____

Date sold, transferred, dropped, etc.?: ____/____/____

Problems with Thousand Adventures:

___ Didn't honor resale agreement

___ Was told that I couldn't sell membership

___ Sold membership but didn't pay

___ Sold membership but didn't get all of my money

___ Didn't receive promised prizes/discounts

___ Didn't receive promised services - Campground Facilities

OTHER _____

Important — ASAP: Copy this blank form and — HURRY !
Give it to other members and former members

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Tape Closed
and
Mail

(2nd) Fold Here

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Stamp
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Fill out the other side first
then
fold, tape, stamp and MAIL

If we work together
and hang in there
WE CAN WIN!