

# Members Committee Report

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## CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT: UPDATE

The following is a brief overview of where we are on the class action lawsuit:

On August 5, 1997, Mr. Napier, the attorney representing the TAI members, filed an involuntary petition against Thousand Adventures, Inc. forcing them into a Chapter 11 reorganization. The petition was filed in Des Moines, Iowa and it is Mr. Napier's goal that all of the subsidiary bankruptcies (Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan and Florida) will be consolidated into one proceeding in Iowa. All of the TAI assets and liabilities as well as the interest of all the TAI members can be addressed at once when this is accomplished. TAI, of course, is expected to oppose this action.

Although hearing that a company is in bankruptcy normally incites feelings of hopelessness and loss, in this case bankruptcy is the necessary vehicle that will transport this company and all of the members to a renewed and vital campground organization - one that is run by the members and for the members.

An additional benefit of the bankruptcy is that TAI should not be permitted to sell off any more campgrounds or assets without first obtaining court approval. This would stop the bleeding and preserve more campgrounds for members use.

Members can expect to receive some notification from the bankruptcy court regarding the bankruptcy and also with further instructions as to what to do (e.g. file a proof-of-claim, what to do about contract payments and dues, etc.).

It will probably take at least 6 months to a year before a plan can be worked out that can be submitted to the court for approval. Of course, the conditions and terms of the members will be integral to the plan of reorganization.

In the meantime, members should continue to make the minimum payments necessary to keep their membership alive.

## SCAMS ?

We have had calls from several campground owners who want you to join their campground. No initiation fee, just pay their annual dues. The dues range from \$250 to \$320. The people who have called are known to have their own version of a larger membership campground system. We are not convinced that these generous folks are not going to hit you for an "upgrade" once you get committed to their program. If we are made aware of what appears to be a genuine offer we will gladly pass the news on in this newsletter.

## DEADLINE

The last date for filing a proof-of-claim in Ohio is:

— 19 Sep 1997 —

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU HEAR FROM AN ATTORNEY

*about  
Your TAI Contract or Membership*

Remember this: You are represented by legal counsel (as are all TAI members in every state). His name is:

Mr. Douglas Napier, Esq.,  
Napier, Wolf & Napier  
607 Eighth Street, Suite One  
Fort Madison, IA 52627

Just tell them to contact your attorney about the matter.

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# Chairman's Report

I cannot thank you enough for your confidence and your support. Your donations to the attorney fund have made it possible for us to obtain Mr. Napier's services and will now help us assist him in doing his work on your behalf. Your donations to our operating fund have helped us publish the newsletter and to provide the documents that you need.

We must now depend on your ability to inform other members of our efforts and our goals. We will continue to publish newsletters when we have information that you need, we just won't be able to do it as often.

Thousand Adventures has taken your money and your hopes for their own selfish purposes and are now on notice that we will not be pushed around any more! The MEMBERS are fighting back!

Dan Hopper, Chairman  
TAI Members Committee

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As Chairman, I need to pass this important message on to you:

"Either we ALL win, or we ALL lose!" We will not be intimidated or divided in our efforts. We must work together for the benefit of each other. Don't let TAI, or anyone else, divide us against each other. Now, at this time and in this effort, we must be our brothers keeper - and he, ours. — Dan

## Information Needed

If you can shed some additional light on a Thousand Adventures program called the "Result Program", please contact the Committee ASAP.

- **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.**

## We are Trying to Help

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:

TAI Members Committee, Suite 1186  
779 East Merritt Island Causeway  
Merritt Island, FL 32952-3516

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.

## THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO

**"Hmmm...."**

(Editorial)

Who is running TAI? Steve Alleman, former TAI VP of Operations, clearly works for RV Holdings interests. Who is negotiating the alleged merger?

How does TAI think they can attempt a merger if they continue to sell/give away all of the state subsidiaries and campgrounds?

We know about Dave Vopnford, but just who is Ray Novelli, alleged kingpin of All Seasons, First Nationwide, President's Club, and other companies - all in bankruptcy; and what is his character? He claims to own the companies that TAI plans to merge with. Can you trust this man? What is his record?

Who are the other players in the quiet shadows of this drama who are directing Novelli, Alleman, and others who have not yet taken center stage?

It will soon be time to shine a spotlight on the "Cloud" that looms over this play and to understand why TAI is standing "Pat" on their alleged merger scheme.

Don't give them one nickel more than you feel you are required to until you are convinced by the facts that they can be trusted to use your money properly and wisely.

## MICHIGAN BANKRUPTCY

The meeting of creditors in the Michigan bankruptcy (341 Hearing) was postponed from 22 August 1997 to 12 September 1997 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. One of the two parks in Michigan has already been sold and is not involved in this bankruptcy. The remaining park is valuable to TAI as a place to sell memberships and to all TAI members as an attractive destination in a beautiful state.

Most members don't know that they have a right to file a proof-of-claim in the Michigan bankruptcy of Thousand Adventures of Michigan. Only a few claims have been filed so far. TAI again recognized the members as an asset but did not recognize the TAI obligation to provide the contracted services.

Every TAI member who joined in Michigan and every TAI member in other states who was told they had a right to use the TAI parks in Michigan should promptly fill out the Michigan proof-of-claim form in the back of this newsletter and send it *AND A COPY OF YOUR CONTRACT* to the address on the top of the form.

## HOW ABOUT THAT WONDERFUL MERGER?

The alleged merger with All Seasons is unlikely. A previous Chapter 11 abolished all of the stock in All Seasons. The Trustee in the All Seasons bankruptcy is very familiar with Ray Novelli and his dealings. Creditors in that bankruptcy were given an opportunity to put together a plan to keep the company going, but failed to do so. (Where have we seen that before?) There may already have been a hearing to convert the All Seasons bankruptcy from an 11 to a Chapter 7. That would mean no corporation, no stock, and no merger.

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*Hotline Phone: (407) 254-4815*

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## VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED

You must know that the dedicated hard work of the Committee members in Florida, Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Michigan, and elsewhere have made it possible for us to continue our work on your behalf. Thanks to each of you for giving this your best and most generous effort.

People who are not on the Members Committee have also volunteered by helping with projects, providing information, hosting meetings, and other important activities. Thank you too for pitching in.

## OHIO BANKRUPTCY

**The final date for filing a proof-of-claim in the Ohio bankruptcy is 19 September 1997.** Have you filed yours yet? Better do it today!

The Ohio bankruptcy is not moving along very quickly. The Unsecured Creditors Committee has not had very good luck at finding a local attorney to represent them. There are persistent stories about TAI employees not getting paid and resigning (River Bend). Financial schedules, required at the outset of a petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, are in the process of being amended - again! At some point, other creditors are likely to decide that the delay in this case is prejudicial to their interests and will ask the court to intervene in some way.

*TAI still fails to communicate in earnest with the Unsecured Creditors Committee, with the TAI Members Committee, nor with Mr. Napier, the class action attorney.*

## KANSAS BANKRUPTCY

TAI of Kansas continues to lose parks. Only two parks remain in the TAI system there: Sycamore Springs and Crescent Lake. The bankruptcy court in Kansas has granted "lift-stay" motions to the mortgage holders of the other parks.

## NEBRASKA TEAM EXPANDS

Our Nebraska team has a new helper. Her name is:

Cathy Torshe of Lincoln

Welcome Cathy. Glad to have you on the team. You are a good person to be so concerned about the well being of others. Thank you for pitching in.

<b>United States Bankruptcy Court</b>		<b>PROOF OF CLAIM</b>
Western District of Michigan		
In re (Name of Debtor) <b>Thousand Adventures</b>		Case Number 97-06225
NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case. A "request" for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503.		
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property) <i>Your name from Contract</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case. <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.
Name and Address Where Notices Should be Sent		
Telephone No. <i>Your Name, Address and Telephone Number</i>		
ACCOUNT OR OTHER NUMBER BY WHICH CREDITOR IDENTIFIES DEBTOR:		Check here if this claim <input type="checkbox"/> replaces <input type="checkbox"/> amends a previously filed claim, dated: _____
<b>1. BASIS FOR CLAIM</b> <i>Select One:</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Goods sold <input type="checkbox"/> - Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Services performed <input type="checkbox"/> - Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) <input type="checkbox"/> Money loaned <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (Explain)      Your social security number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury/wrongful death      Unpaid compensation for services performed from _____ to _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes      (date)      (date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe briefly)		
2. DATE DEBT WAS INCURRED <i>Contract Date:</i>		3. IF COURT JUDGMENT, DATE OBTAINED:
<b>4. CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM.</b> Under the Bankruptcy Code all claims are classified as one or more of the following: (1) Unsecured nonpriority, (2) Unsecured Priority, (3) Secured. It is possible for part of a claim to be in one category and part in another. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX OR BOXES that best describe your claim and STATE THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM AT TIME CASE FILED.		
<input type="checkbox"/> SECURED CLAIM \$ _____ Attach evidence of perfection of security interest Brief Description of Collateral: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe briefly) Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim above, if any \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4000), * earned not more than 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier—11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan—11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1,800* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use—11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6) <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child—11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7) <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties of governmental units—11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8) <input type="checkbox"/> Other—Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a) _____ *Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/11/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.
<input type="checkbox"/> UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIM \$ _____ A claim is unsecured if there is no collateral or lien on property of the debtor securing the claim or to the extent that the value of such property is less than the amount of the claim.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIM \$ <b>TBD</b> Specify the priority of the claim.		
<b>5. TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIM AT THE TIME CASE FILED:</b>		
(Unsecured)      (Secured)      (Priority)		<b>TBD</b> (Total)
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all additional charges.		
<b>6. CREDITS AND SETOFFS:</b> The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim. In filing this claim, claimant has deducted all amounts that claimant owes to debtor.		THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY
<b>7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:</b> Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, or evidence of security interests. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.		
<b>8. TIME-STAMPED COPY:</b> To receive an acknowledgement of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed enveloped and copy of this proof of claim.		
Date	Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any)	

*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**

Tape Closed  
and  
Mail

Fold Here

Place  
Stamp  
Here

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Fold Here



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

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