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Happy Campers Have A Lot To Be Thankful For

Posted on Thursday, November 25 @ 01:58:04 PST by [Jerry Isenhart](#)

After 3 years of expensive legal battles, all parties to a dispute over the fate of Mill Bay Resort on the north shore of Lake Chelan near Manson, have reached a 30 year agreement that can allow everyone to move on.



Clearly for all involved - this Thanksgiving takes on special meaning.

GoLakeChelan ask Paul Grondol, a member of the Mill Bay Resort Owners Association, to reflect on the events of Tuesday in Wenatchee - as a settlement motion was entered into the court and signed by Chelan County Superior Court Judge John Bridges.

Paul writes:

The purpose of the hearing was to bring conclusion to our three-year legal fight to keep our memberships at Mill Bay Resort for 30 more years according to contractual agreement with Chief Evans, Inc.

The proposed settlement was the result of 25 hours of mediation with Douglas Lawrence, at law offices of Stokes Lawrence, P.S in Seattle.

Our mediator managed to bring this very complicated dispute to an agreed-upon compromise by all parties.

It should be noted that "all parties" included the following:
 Plaintiffs in the lawsuit (the class members of Mill Bay Resort), representatives of the estate of William Evans, Jr, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, attorneys for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, attorneys representing the defendants named in the lawsuits brought by the Mill Bay Resort Members and attorneys representing the daughter of William Evans, Sandra Evans. As you can see by the size of this list, it

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was a formidable job for our mediator, and what a job he did.

This dispute has involved the Colville Tribal Court, State Court, Federal Court and the State Supreme Court.

Complicated is an understatement in this dispute.

Along the way, the lawsuit filed by myself, Paul Grondal, was declared a Class Action lawsuit that included all members "similarly situated" as members of Mill Bay Resort.

Both sides in the dispute agreed that it should proceed on behalf of all members and Judge John Bridges agreed with both sides on that issue.

Legal filings and counter filings have been the method of attempted resolution for months that soon turned into years - there was literally no end in sight.

We have been told by many who know, that this is a case that could have been litigated for many years and ended up in the United States Supreme Court.

For both sides it has been extremely expensive, and if litigation had continued, the cost would have been beyond imagination.

On Tuesday, November 23rd our legal problems came to an end. Both sides compromised and hopefully both sides will put this in the past and move forward.

Speaking for the members of Mill Bay Resort, we have only great respect for Bill Evans, Jr and will always honor him and his dream of creating this beautiful park.

It's finally over and I can't express the feeling of relief that I personally feel and the gratitude that I have for our attorneys, Frank Smith, Jim Danielson, Pat Aylward and Darren Burchill. Additionally, I would also like to thank the members of Mill Bay Resort for their unbelievable support.

When Judge John Bridges signed the settlement the court room erupted in applause and a few tears were seen in the eyes of the court gallery.

We will now start enjoying his beautiful park "happy campers" for 30 more years.

We love the Chelan Valley.

Thank you,

**Paul Grondal
Class Representative of the Mill Bay Resort Members**

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by hdiho on Thursday, November 25 @ 08:14:34 PST
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November 25, 2004

Dearest Jerry,

First off I wish for you and your family and all the," Go Lake Chelan Family", a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

Yes, we the Members of Mill Bay Resort have so much to be thankful for this beautiful day! As Judge Bridges proclaimed his decision on Tuesday, my daughter Mindy and I could not hold back our cheers and tears! Yahooooooooooooooo!

This day will truly go down in history!

We are so grateful to Members and Neighbors, Paul & Lisa Grondal and Frank & Jill Smith for their endless hours of devotion and hard work on Saving the Park and keeping the late Bill Evans, JR's Dream Alive! I would also like to thank our additional legal council, Jim Danielson, Pat Aylward and Darren Burchill for their outstanding performance!

In the beginning I spent many hours consulting with Clyde Ballard and his staff and I would personally like to thank them for all their support on opening doors for the members and leading us in the right direction.

To the Members of Mill Bay who joined forces to do what ever was needed, I thank you also and look forward to the next 30 years of enjoying beautiful summer days together on the beach we all love so dearly!

Jerry, from the on set of this traumatic ordeal we have faced I have leaned on you for your positive outlook and support. Thank you so very much my dear friend for seeing us all through this and getting the word out to members and the community through your fantastic web site!

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the ABC Event, or the DEF
Event, or about the XYZ
Team etc.

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For Asking.

Submit your stories -
chances are very good
they will be used. It's so
easy.... just click on
SUBMIT above and follow
the instructions. We just
can't be everywhere we
need to be.

But YOU can make a
difference.

Attitude Is Everything

By Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the
more I realize the impact
of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more
important than facts. It is
more important than the
past, than education, than
money, than
circumstances, than
failures, than successes,
than what other people
think or say or do.

It is more important than
appearance, giftedness or
skill. It will make or break
a company ...a church ...a
home.

The remarkable thing is
we have a choice every
day regarding the attitude

we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past ...we cannot change the fact that people will act in certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have; and that is our attitude ...I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes" - Charles Swindoll

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