

## **SVRA Assessment Dollars at Work**

**Projects completed in 2011:** Passage by 73% of members in favor of the single version of the new DCC&Rs; expansion of the Cedar Creek Park area after resolution of a dispute concerning the use of SVRA lots; pool bathrooms and changing rooms renovated; new pool cover cutting heating costs; new tables and seating at the pool and pavilion, tennis courts resurfaced; new cart path project continues; profitable lounge operations.

**Projects planned in 2012:** Buy snow groomer to groom tracks for x-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and sledding; new tables, umbrellas, bike rack for pool area and deck runners for pool changing rooms; resurface and restripe basketball court; renovate volleyball court and horseshoe area; add concrete to south side of grill/park area; improve driving range and cart paths; develop RV parking area.

**What happened to our community center?** Although members of the Town and Association worked many hours researching and writing applications for more than \$2,000,000 in state grants to remodel the barn and silo complex, the state would not allow a long term lease, but required that the Town own the property. Unfortunately the guidance we had received was inaccurate.

**Is there another way to build a year-round facility?** SVRA's Board believes that to move toward our vision of well-maintained facilities and affordable recreation and social activities, continued work towards a smaller, perhaps staged, year-round, multi-use building that we can afford without grants is a primary goal. A new plan will be developed and presented to the Association members in 2012.

**How can we afford it?** SVRA has reserves saved from the sale of assets to the Town. However, the research done in 2011 makes it clear that our reserves will not cover the cost of this project. In order to add to our reserves, the Board has voted to raise the annual assessment to \$350 per lot — \$44 per lot will be placed into the capital reserve and designated to the new SVRA center project. Member input is important to this project. Call the SVRA office if you would like to be involved.

The Board will not meet in December. The SVRA office is open except for Christmas and New Year's. We wish all members a happy, healthy holiday season.