

## Introducing Newly Elected President, Mark Nagel



Mark is 46 years old, married with 2 teenagers and is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas with a degree in Accounting. He has worked for Ecolab Inc. in St. Paul since 1989 in various finance and marketing functions

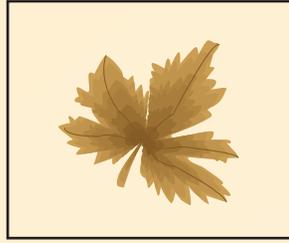
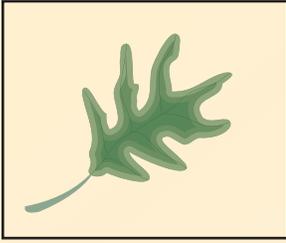
Mark bought at Causeway in 1993, totally not by intention but listened to the sales pitch and decided this was exactly what his family needed for future vacations. He and his family come back to Causeway, almost every year, to enjoy the resort. They love to travel, and been to every “non-polar” continent except Africa which one day he hopes to visit. For all the marketing around getting out of timeshares, he would never give up the property or the flexibility it offers. They have stayed at the typical northern Minnesota resort and currently own lake property that they escape to every weekend. Still, none of those can offer the carefree vacation experience, the amenities and the locale that Causeway does. The fact that they have been able to trade to Hawaii,

Florida, and now a cruise is just an additional perk.

Following are a few of Mark’s thoughts on our resort at Causeway:

- Our resort is in transition. We have been saddled with the issue of unsuccessful developers for so long; we’ve never had the opportunity to be truly independent as a group of owners. Due to the current economy, this has changed – not conveniently, mind you – this is going to require radical shifts in the way we manage the resort and build to 100% independent ownership. Nonetheless, we’re on that path and intend to emerge the winners. In the process, we intend to keep the great things we all love about the resort, improve on them, and make sure Causeway on Gull is always a place people want to come back to.
- Our owners, board and Management Company are part of what makes Causeway on Gull a great place. Always feel free to provide ideas and ask questions!

The Causeway Association Board welcomes Mark as our Association President.



## Great Fall and Winter at Causeway!

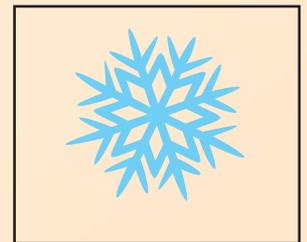
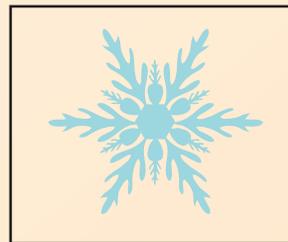
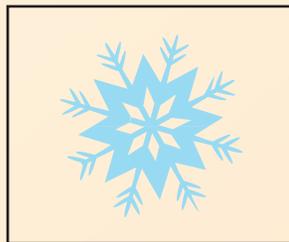
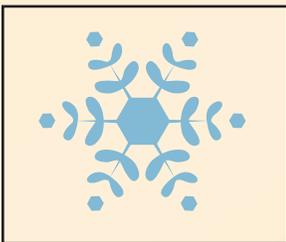
The Fall colors were spectacular at Causeway this past year and the warmer weather continued into October. Sarah, who heads up the craft department, mixed up the regular activities a bit by adding Tie dyed shirts and pillows to the normal schedule.

As nice as it was to have the warmer weather in the beginning of October, it seemed the winter chill had set in by the end of October. It wasn't long before ice began to cover the lake. It looked as though we were going to have a fair amount of snow, and "good ice" for the winter, so Carrie had the skates sharpened and the cross country skis waxed and ready for our guests. Clayton and the rest of the maintenance crew did a fantastic job over the winter of keeping the skating rink shoveled for everyone to enjoy. We were also able to put the ice fishing house on the lake this year.

If it was too cold to be outside, guests could enjoy the activities inside. In addition to the other activities, Sarah added clear, light up glass window boxes to the schedule.

Spring soon arrived. The staff threw an Easter party this year. There was an Easter egg hunt, face painting, races, and a piñata. A great time was enjoyed by all.

Charmaine has kept a scrapbook of the fun times that were shared. Please stop by the front desk to take a look and say hello.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WEEK 53

This article was also posted in the Fall Newsletter, because there was still some confusion regarding how adding week 53 to the weekly calendar may affect owners, we felt it would be beneficial to run it again.

Just a reminder that every four to six years there is a week 53 added to the interval calendar. Unfortunately RCI, Fairfield, and Interval International have scheduled week 53 differently. Because Causeway has multiple exchange affiliations, we have no choice but to choose one calendar for the year, so we will be following the RCI calendar moving forward. Week 53 for Friday to Friday owners will be in 2010 and for Saturday to Saturday owners, in 2011. This should not be a problem for most owners, however, it may affect Interval International owners who own a Saturday to Saturday unit and would like to bank their 2011 week. We have contacted Interval International and it is our understanding that they will honor which ever calendar the resort chooses to follow, so there should not be any problems. However, if you are an Interval International owner and have trouble banking your 2011 week, please call Carrie Elling at 877-963-4855 for assistance

Week 1 will always start on the first Friday or Saturday of the year. Because a 365 day calendar does not divide evenly by 7 day weeks, adding week 53 to the interval calendar is necessary to maintain this consistency throughout the years. Please remember to watch your reservation dates in 2011 and 2012, because adding week 53 will offset normal usage times the following year.

# Kudos to Causeway



“I recently visited Causeway on Gull and noticed how nicely the resort was decorated and how wonderful the grounds looked. Surrounding are some of pictures taken of both the office area and the grounds. Compliments to the staff at Causeway for the fine job they do in maintaining our resort in all areas. It is the little things that make Causeway a special place to vacation.”

