# Banff Rocky Mountain Resort

# Newsletter – December 2024



# Make The Best Of Your Vacation Week

- Contact our office in advance to confirm attendance or guests for your week.
- ✓ Pay or pre-pay your maintenance fees before attempting to bank your week.
- ✓ Contact our office to check the dates when your week occurs so
  as not to miss or lose it.
- Don't forget that it is your responsibility to arrange for the use of or banking of your week.

# **SPECIAL ROOM REQUESTS**

When pre-booking your week with the Customer Service (Marla), you must advise if you plan to make any special room requests. Some policies have changed and requests are to be made in advance and are based on availability. The current upgrade policy would be supplied by Marla. When you arrive at the Resort for your confirmed reservation, you are guaranteed a certain unit size, but never an actual unit number. You must advise Customer Service at least a week prior to check-in if you require a Pet Friendly Unit; Allergy-Free Unit or Feather Allergy. If you have any other special requests, please mention to Marla at time of booking to receive the current policies. Extra fees may apply.

# \*\* RESALE and CONTRACT \*\*

It is <u>imperative</u> that you review the current Resale Guide from our website: <a href="https://banffrockymountainmembers.com/">https://banffrockymountainmembers.com/</a> and click on MEMBER and then on RESALE GUIDE.

There is NO company authorized to act on BRMR's behalf.

We <u>DO NOT</u> recommend any so called companies to handle with any resales, or 'trade-ins" or the 'get out of your contract' as these companies take money and never follow through. Unfortunately there is little legislation to protect the consumer – so it is *Seller Beware*.

If you have questions or concerns about your contract, you need to contact our Customer Service office directly.

Remember - If it sounds too good to be true, it generally is.

# **Email vs Mail**

To reduce postage costs, we will be migrating to more correspondence by email. Please make sure we have an email address on file for you. As well, if you are signed up for email, you would receive more emailed updates regarding the program (reminders, information, etc). **BRMR** is not responsible for delays in case of any Postal Strike or other delays.

# **Pet Policy**

Small pets are allowed at the resort for a fee of \$25CDN per pet/day up to a maximum of \$75CDN per pet/week (plus taxes) for the Timeshare Units. No more than 2 pets per room. **No Exceptions**. You must advise the resort at least 1 week prior to check-in if you are travelling with pets, and allergy-free units are not available to guests travelling with pets.

# **Attending or Guest Attends**

In order to make check-in run quicker and smoother, if you are attending your Fixed Week or sending a guest, <u>you must</u> advise Customer Service in advance so we can pre-register you and confirm the dates of your week.

### **Privacy Law**

With the new Privacy Laws in Canada, we are only able to give out information or perform bookings on a package to the legal members. Those are the names on the Contract and Certificate of Ownership. Please do not have other parties contact us regarding your program, you the owner must be the contact person. The names on your Invoice/Statement are the only authorized people allowed to call about your account, unless you have sent in written authorization.

# Year/Week Calendars

We have included a copy of the 2025 year in this mailing.

You <u>must</u> ensure you are aware of the proper dates for your week, based on <u>our</u> Calendar, and not another Exchange Company's. Please note – the resort runs Sunday to Sunday. Check-in is 5:00PM and check-out is prior to 11:00AM.

# **LAND LEASE**

Pre-Paid Vacationers must vote on whether to a) Continue on with PPV use for an additional five years to June 30, 2030 or b) End PPV use on June 30, 2025. If a majority of PPV holders vote to continue for an additional five (5) years, all PPV agreements will remain in effect until the end of June 2030, after which all PPV agreements will cease. If a majority of PPV holders vote not to continue for an additional five (5) years, the PPV agreements will be in effect until June 30, 2025 after which all PPV agreements will cease. Details on the vote will be provided in January 2025, with the vote taking place in February 2025.

# **Maintenance Fees**

#### **General Policies**

Due to the Land Lease renewal vote scheduled to happen February 2025, only invoices for PPV weeks up to and including June 30 will be sent out. If PPV use continues pn beyond June 30, 2025, invoices will be sent out accordingly after the vote has been concluded.

Maintenance Fee billings are normally mailed in the Fall (November/December) for the following year. If you are eager to get your vacation request started for any particular year, or in order to bank your week in advance of the banking deadlines as implemented by your chosen exchange company, you may prepay your fees in advance of the billing. You will be charged according to the current year fees and will be billed for any difference once the budgets are completed. BRMR is not responsible for any delays with post/mail service

Maintenance Fees can be paid as follows:

- Phoning Customer Service and paying with major Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express)
- Secure online in the Maintenance Fees section of the website

 $www.banffrockymountainmembers.com/member\_maintenance.html\\$ 

The following policies are in place regarding the 2025 Maintenance Fees:

- Maintenance Fees are due January 31, 2025
- Payments not received by the due date are subject to a late charge of 2% per month of the amount past due
- Maintenance Fees must be paid in full prior to being able to bank your use week, attending your use week; using bonus days
- Please be sure to contact the Customer Service Office to discuss Payment Plan Options

To ensure a smooth arrival experience we must be notified of any change in your arrival and departure dates. This assistance is an expected part of our partnership and necessary for us to run a successful business. Additionally, please ensure that our records include updated contact information including an email address and cellular telephone number. This information can be sent to me by email <a href="mailto:mlawlor@bestofbanff.com">mlawlor@bestofbanff.com</a> or by calling 1-877-663-6332.

# **Exchange Companies & Banking**

NOTE: Maintenance Fees need to be paid or prepaid prior to banking your week with an Exchange Company.

There are a number of agencies that do Exchanges. <u>Each company is different so please verify with your chosen exchange company on their banking deadlines / policies / promotions.</u> Here are some of the companies with whom you can bank your weeks:

**RCI** (Resort ID # 1637) 1-800-338-7777 <u>www.rci.com</u>

Interval International (Resort ID : BRM) 1-800-828-8200 <u>www.intervalworld.com</u>

7Across (formerly DAE -Dial An Exchange) 1-800-468-1799 www.7across.com

**Trading Places International**1-866-219-3367 www.tradingplaces.com

Once your banking has been processed and confirmed, you should receive a Banking Confirmation Letter, from your chosen exchange company, which acknowledges that your week is banked and provides you with an expiry date for that banking. If you do not receive such proof within 2 weeks after your banking request, please contact your chosen exchange company to verify your banking.

#### FIXED TIME

You have the option to either attend the resort or bank it with an exchange company for future use. Failure to do either would result in the loss of your week. *Each company is different so please verify with your chosen exchange company on their banking deadlines / policies / promotions.* Also, the farther in advance you bank your week, the more trade value your banking will receive.

#### **FLOATING TIME**

Your program entitles you to the use of one week, either every year (annual) or every other year (biennial—odd/even years), to be booked at the Banff Rocky Mountain Resort, based on availability. If you choose not to attend your ownership week, you must bank your week with an exchange company or you risk losing your week. It is your responsibility to bank your week — it is not done automatically. To guarantee your season of ownership for banking, the current banking deadlines are as follows:

- Red Week deadline is July 31
- White Week deadline is August 31
- Blue Week deadline is September 30

Please contact Customer Service to have your banking processed with your chosen Exchange Company.

\* Christmas

On behalf of the Staff and Management at Banff Rocky Mountain Resort and Banff Lodging Company, we wish to offer Seasons Greetings for the Holidays and all the best for the year 2025!

# Bonus Days - effective January 1, 2025

Bonus Days are based on extra availability. It comes from unused inventory, and its availability is likely to increase during the off-season. The availability is based on hotel occupancy levels, and are more limited during the high demand times. Room types available range from standard hotel rooms to studios, to one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units.

Season (January 7<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>; October 14<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>) Requests may be submitted 30 days, prior to your requested travel dates

Black-out Dates for 2025 (pending Land Lease Renewal Vote)

From December 20, 2024 to January 4, 2025

All Holiday Long Weekends, Spring Break Week, Easter Week Summer from May 16<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Season between December 19, 2025 and January 3, 2026\* \*subject to revision, based on school holidays

#### MEMBERS (those listed on the Contract only)

- You must phone 403-259-9862 or 1-877-663-6332 or you may email: <u>mlawlor@bestofbantf.com</u> during hours listed below
- The Bonus Day Member Rate is not offered at Front Desk
- Hotel Room Rate and 1-Bedroom Rate is currently:
  - \$100.00 plus taxes, per night Sunday thru Thursday
  - o \$130.00 plus taxes, per night Friday & Saturday
- 2-Bedroom Rate is currently:
  - o \$180.00 plus taxes, per night Sunday thru Thursday
  - o \$210.00 plus taxes, per night Friday & Saturday
- Member Rate is only available at the Banff Rocky Mountain Resort
- · Based on availability, and subject to blackouts

#### FRIENDS & FAMILY

- A friends and family discount is available when booking online at <u>www.bestofbanff.com</u>
- Choose the Add Code link on the Reservations Check Availability window
- Use Promo Code
- FFRMR25
- Room discounts off the best available rate are available at:
  - o Banff Rocky Mountain Resort
  - o Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa
  - Banff Ptarmigan Inn
  - o Fox Hotel & Suites
  - Hidden Ridge Resort
  - o Tunnel Mountain Resort
- All discounts are subject to availability and subject to blackouts. See Black-out Dates listed above for 2023.

#### **How to Contact Us**

#### Hours of Operation - Mountain Time

Monday – Thursday8:00AM – 4:30PMFriday (October thru May)8:00AM – 4:30PMFriday (June thru September)8:00 AM - NOONClosed for Lunch between12:00PM – 1:00PM

#### Mailing Address

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