

TRAILS END 2017/2018

From the Board

Hello and welcome to Trails End Park from the Board.

I would like to introduce you to our board members for the 2017/18 season:

President	David Prohar
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We wish you a fun and enjoyable time here at Trails End. If you are already a resident, you know of all the many and fun things that happen around here. If you are new here, please acquaint yourself with all that is offered, and please join in on any activities that interest you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a board member for answers or help.

Again, on behalf of all board members, we wish you a warm, happy and fulfilled winter.

David Prohar

Anniversaries and Birthdays Celebrations

Every year during the months of January through March, Trails End celebrates the year's birthdays and wedding anniversaries of its residents. Events start @ 7:00PM in the main hall. Entertainment for each evening will be announced. Volunteers will be needed . More information to follow.

Aquatic Exercise

Join us for a 45 minute, low impact, cardio workout. Classes will be canceled only if it is raining or when the outside temperature is below 50F. All sessions are held every day except Sunday.

Classes available are:

8AM – Led by Sue Coleman or Sue Walker. They include a variety of stretching and aerobic movements.

9AM – Led by Clayton Zimmerman. *On Mondays only* the session will begin @ 9:30AM, immediately following the Monday morning meeting. This is a moderate aerobic program.

10:30AM – Led by Linda Wuethrich, our Aerobics Chairperson. This is a moderate aerobic program. Come out and join us for fun and better health.

Baby Items Available

We have several items available for you to borrow when you have those special little people come to visit you.

- one table booster seat with tray
- one playpen
- one Graco car seat (20-65 pounds or 9-29.5 kg)” used a couple of times”
- one car seat (20-40 lbs or 10.1-18 kg)

- one older child's booster seat for the car
- two scooters (for 3-6 year olds)
- one plastic peddle tractor (for 2-4 year olds)
- a few beach toys.

Some items are stored in the old kitchen area lockers, and some with Judy Perras-Lenz Please contact her @ 555 Vera Cruz

Beading

Join us Thursday @ 1:00PM in the Main Hall to make jewelery – bracelets, necklaces and earrings. It is lots of fun and not difficult to learn. It is only as hard as you want to make it!! Beginning Nov 30th. Dolores Dame @ 956-968-8572 or Marion Meyers

Bean Bag Toss

There is no organized group for this activity. The equipment is in the Card Hall and is available for your use at any time. For more information, please contact Randy Demyd @956-520-8348 or Ray Martin @ 618-499-4813

Bible Study

Many have asked if we are having Bible Study this year. Yes, but we are starting later than in the past so those who come south after Christmas won't miss any. Our first discussion group will meet in the Library @ 9:30AM after the first Club meeting in January 2018, either the 1st or 8th. We invite anyone who wants to come. Last year we were blessed with several men attending. We welcome them and their friends back this year.

Due to popular request, this year we will be discussing “Spiritual Warfare – Terms of Engagement”, a study by Dr. David Jeremiah. This study is taken from Ephesians 6:10-18.

For questions, please text or call Betty Thompson @763-291-1459 or stop by 546 Vera Cruz.

Bingo

Bingo is played every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Main Hall. We start selling cards at 7:00 PM, 50 cents each.

“Special Bingo” will be held Saturday, January 6th, February 3rd March 3rd. Each player must purchase a minimum of 4 cards for \$3.00, extra cards are 75 cents each. Prize payouts are higher than regular Bingo. For more information please contact Doris Karlstedt @543 Vera Cruz, 956-520-7160

Birding Information Group

Local Birding and Butterfly Links

The Rio Grande Valley has a variety of habitats that support a large number of species of birds and butterflies which in turn provide great opportunities for view wildlife. The following destinations are listed in order of proximity to Trails End Park. Each is somewhat unique and provide a different nature appreciation experience. All of these locations have really great staff and programs so check them out yourself or ask me about these or other prime locations.

Submitted by; Lewis Cocks lcocks@mymts.net

- 1) Frontera Audubon is a 15 acre sanctuary two blocks north of Trails End just off 18th Street. There are quiet trails that meander through the ponds and lush vegetation on this property. <http://fronteraaudubon.org/>
- 2) Valley Nature Center at 301 Border Street here in Weslaco has a new interpretive center and many trails within this original south Texas mesquite habitat. <https://www.valleynaturecenter.org/>

- 3) Estero Llano Grande State Park off 1015 Hwy on the East side of Weslaco is a premier wetland birding location in the RGV. Their staff have regularly scheduled bird and butterfly walks and tram rides by appointment.
http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/estero-llano-grande/park_events
- 4) Quinta Mazatlan World Birding Center in McAllen is located on a gorgeous restored property. They have regularly scheduled presentations and walks.
<Http://theworldbirdingcenter.com/Quinta.html>
- 5) Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge on military hwy to McAllen has trails and ponds for walking or taking a tram ride with interpretive staff.
https://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa_ana/
- 6) Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife on the gulf coast provides tram rides and walking trails that cover a very large tract of coastal habitat.
Http://www.stateparks.com/laguna_national_wildlife_refuge_in_texas.html

Bocce Ball

Wednesday 6:30 pm

With just one court available, the aim for this season is to introduce the game of Bocce to Park residents.

All skill levels are welcome, so come down to the Bocce Court. We will make up teams that consist of more experienced and less experienced players. This format will enable the less experienced players to learn the game and the rules of play while actively participating.

To accommodate as many players as possible, and to reduce waiting time, games will be limited to 9 points and hopefully we will have enough participants to have 8 players (2 teams of 4 players each) playing at a time.

Residents are welcome and encouraged to use the court at will. Game balls are in the Shuffle Shack; please return them to the Shack when finished playing.

If less experienced players would like some instruction, they can put together a small group, call Dave, and we will do our best to arrange a time to meet.

Bring your enthusiasm, refreshments, etc, and have fun!

Dave Baldwin 956-520-7403

Bunco

Bunco is a dice game played every Wednesday in the Main Hall. It costs \$2.00 and starts at 12:30 in the afternoon. Prizes are given for Most Bunco's, Most wins and Most Losses. The rest of the money is for the \$2.00 draws. At half-time, we have desserts. For more information, please call Warren Hart @ 956-854-4361

Canada Day

This year's theme is Classy vs Trashy! Mark your calendars for February 17, 2018. More information to follow. Corrine Lenz @ 956-520-7203

Card Games

The following is a list of card games played here in the park. These games are routinely played as shown.

In the Card Hall

Hand & Foot – Monday, Friday and Sunday @ 1:00PM

Men's Texas Hold 'Em – Monday and Thursday @ 6:30PM

Mixed Texas Hold 'Em – Tuesday @ 6:30PM

Ladies Texas Hold 'Em – Wednesday @ 6:30PM
Sticks – Tuesday @ 6:30PM
“65” - Saturday @ 6:30PM
Bid Euchre – Saturday @ 7:00PM
Ten Point Pitch – Sunday @ 7:00PM

In the Main Hall

Mixed Contract Bridge – Wednesday @ 7:00PM

In the Library

Duplicate Bridge – Monday @ 12:30PM

Euchre – Wednesday @ 7:00PM

Cribbage – Thursday @ 1:00PM

Mixed Contract Bridge – Tuesday @ 12:45PM & Saturday @ 7:00PM

Beginner Bridge lessons will start in the new year. Look for the sign up sheet in the library. Peggy Anderson @ 171 S Bermuda

Christmas Concert

The 2017 Christmas program will take place Sunday December 17 @ 7:00PM. If you love to sing, please come out to sing in the choir. Practices will be held @ 3:00PM, Nov 29th, and 3:30PM Dec 6th, Dec 10th and Dec 13th. Please contact me for information @ carolwatson@gmail.com or 956-375-2592

Church Service

Non-denominational church services are held every Sunday morning, starting December 3rd @ 8:30AM in the Library. Deacon Bob Waters will be our worship leader. Everyone is welcome. Submitted by Cliff Lenz

Computer Club

The computer club meets in the Library each Wednesday morning @9:00AM and is open to all Trails End Club members. Whether you are a novice or a experienced user you are welcome to attend. Please arrive early enough to set up prior to start of meeting @ 9AM sharp!
Contact person: Bill Cusitar @ 902 or 956-472-8879

Crafts

We are putting together a team of leaders who are willing to lead a craft session once or twice throughout our busy season on Thursdays in the Card Hall @ 1:00PM. We will make announcements at the Monday Morning meetings. If you are interested in leading a craft, or would like more information, please contact Rosa Collier @ 705 or 956-684-5458

TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Tuesday night entertainment begins on the first Tuesday evening in January and continues through to mid March with a variety of great shows for you to enjoy. Shows are presented in the Main Hall at 7:00 PM and admission is from \$6.00 to \$8.00 per person depending on the individual show. You will find posters advertising the next scheduled performance on the “Entertainment” bulletin board in the Main Hall and other locations around the park. There will also be a listing of the Tuesday Evening Entertainment Schedule on the club website at <http://www.trailsendclub.com/> . The list on the club website will include links to the artist’s websites where you can learn more about each of them by (Ctrl + click) on the links.

Two additional sources of entertainment information are the Winter Texan Times website at <http://www.wintertexantimes.com> or Winter Texan Info website at - <http://wintertexaninfo.com> .

If you have any questions regarding the Tuesday Entertainment program, please feel free to contact me.

Brad Magnusson
439 Tampico St.
email - bjmaggie@sasktel.net
Ph. (956) 351-5701
cell (306) 540-4004

Exercise/Rehab Room

The Exercise/Rehab Room is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It has both cardio and strength training equipment.

- Please sign in so we can track usage, which is helpful for funding.
- Please wear clean shoes and wipe sweat off of machines.
- Since the next person might not be as strong as you, please return weights to the rack when you are finished.
- Remember that stretching and balance exercises are also important.

Contact Hank Vanderzyden for help, or leave a message on the white board.

Fishing

There will be three fishing trips from January to March. Announcement of dates to follow.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Card Hall and we must have 25 signed up for the trip to proceed.

Carpooling will be arranged. The cost is \$100 per person per trip, and that includes the fish fry which is generally planned for the day following the fishing trip. For more information, please contact Karl Monaghan, Ken Seipel or Dennis Higgs.

Friday Happy Hour

Happy Hour will be held each Friday in the Main Hall from 3:30 to 5:30PM. Bring your own beverages and snacks if you wish and enjoy the company of friends.

For questions contact Floyd & Ellen Neal @ 956-375-2804 or Eugene Smith @ 956-351-5395

Genealogy Group

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Library from 9-11AM. Bring a laptop if you have one.

Possible topics: Internet sites, Non-tech research, DNA, Brick Walls, Using Facebook, Lineage groups.

There will be a board in the card hall with further information.

Kathy Anderson @1057 or 763-486-3708 kmanders55@msn.com

Golf

Tony Butler – Course is located at 2640 South M Street, Harlingen. Trails End have 8 tee times, starting @ 11:00AM Monday. We may start earlier depending on the Park ahead of us not filling their slots. Rates for 9 holes walking is \$14; 18 holes walking is \$17; 18 holes with cart is \$28. Sign up sheet is in the card hall on the golf bulletin board. It is picked up Thursday pm for the following Monday. Contact Keith Wellock or Therese Cadotte @ 956-351-5636

Tierra Santa - 9 Holes every Tuesday starting @ 7:50AM. Cost is \$24 with cart We do the back nine holes. Everyone is welcome. Sign up sheets on the golf bulletin board.

For more information, contact Frank Vande Graaf @ 956-351-5945

Tierra Santa – 18 Holes every Tuesday Once again we have 12 four person tee times. Five-somes are allowed. Eight tee times from 8:45 to 9:34AM and four tee times from 11:05 to 11:26AM. The cost is \$39.72 + tax = \$43.00 for 18 holes, with cart. Winter passes are available and cost \$350.00 for 10 rounds.

Dress code: Collared shirts, *no* denim jeans.

The sign p sheet is in the card hall and you must sign up by the preceding Friday evening. If you have questions, contact Lou Stang at 631 Trinidad or call 956-520-8222

Executive Ladies – every Wednesday. We meet at the course @ 8:45 for a 9:15 tee off. This is a fun league only. Everyone is welcome. Sign up sheet is in the card hall. For more information please call Sue Brown @ 956-373-4879

Tierra Santa – 18 Holes every Thursday. We have 4 tee times – 8:31, 8:38, 11:19 and 11:26. This is a mixed league and open to everyone. The cost is \$43 including cart. You can purchase a players card for reduced per game cost. Sign up sheet is in the Card Hall. The deadline is Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. For more information, please call Maurice Gaudet @ 780-436-2884

Llano Grand Golf Course – 9 holes mixed every Friday starting at 8:56AM. We alternate between the front and back nine holes. Cost is \$14 walking or \$20 with cart, per person. Every week you and your spouse will be paired up with a different couple to make new friendships. Majority of us then go to the clubhouse for a snack and refreshments. Sign up sheet on the golf bulletin board.

For more information, contact Randy Demyd @ 956-520-8348

Treasure Hills – 18 Holes every Friday. Course is located at 3009 N Augusta Drive in Harlingen. Tee times start at 9 AM. Cost is \$25 with cart for 18 holes, Veterans rate is \$20. Sign up sheet in the card hall is taken down Thursday morning for Friday golf. For more information, please contact Ron Stark at 903-870-8095

Annual Duffers Tournament

Origin and history: The first tournament was 22 -3 person teams held @ Llano Grand golf course. Roger Emeott, convenor of the Wednesday Men's league @ Llano (9 holes) was the originator. It was held on Feb 28, 2004, Drinks and lunch followed at the golf course. The size of the tournament grew and a new venue @ Mid Valley golf course became home. Lunch & prizes were held @ Trails End hall. When Mid Valley was closed, the tournament was moved to Tony Butler golf course.

The present tournament is an in-park mixed scramble format, 4 person teams and at least 1 of the opposite sex. It is scheduled for Tony Butler on February 3rd, 2018. Notices of time line for entries will be posted in early January.

Many Park residents are involved in facets of running this tournament, from solicitation of donations, purchase of prizes, food & drink, organization & preparation of the meal, draw & tee times, organizing & running the bar, M.C., prize draws etc.

For more information, please contact Barry Knox @ 357 Acapulco

Half A Chance

This is our newly named 50-50 draw. Funds go into the Club coffers to help support our programs.

Look for it at our Monday Morning meetings and at our Thursday evening dinners. For more information, please contact Marilynne Martin @ 643 Trinidad or Peggy Hulteen @ 715 N. Bermuda.

Health

The chairpersons for this are Donald Chatterton @907, 509-939-1709 and Shelley Grandstaff @ 572, 574-702-0103

- Loan of medical equipment including wheel chairs, crutches, walkers, raised toilet seats, and shower chairs
- Blood drive twice a year, usually early December and March
- Vial for life, emergency information for Ambulance and Hospital
- Blood Pressure checks twice a month before Thursday night dinner
- Automatic defibrillators located in library and Main Hall on south side
- CPR classes as needed
- Other programs as desired or come available. Possible disaster preparedness this year
- Possible free smoke detector program this year
- Stroke prevention ultrasounds for a fee
- Emergency phones located in Main Hall, Exercise Room, Card Hall and

Ice Cream Social

Ice cream socials are held in the Main Hall once a month starting in January. The dates for this season are January 8th, February 11th and March 11th. Music starts at 5:15PM followed by the serving of the ice cream at 6:00PM. **Please bring your own bowl and spoon.**

Contact information is Terry & Judy Neal @ 925 or 956-647-5252

Jam Sessions

Trails End Jam Sessions will begin with their first jam session on December 1st @1:00PM in the Main Hall. This seasons Jam will be more of a musical show than a change get together.

All performers will be scheduled in advance. Amplifiers will not be used. ACOUSTIC ONLY. All music will be from the stage. We will have 10 to 16 musicians on stage each Friday.

The Music payed will be:

- 1) Folk Music
- 2) Appalachian (Old Time Mountain Music)
- 3) Gospel

By scheduling the performers in advance, we hope to increase the quality of the singers, and song selection.

Our goal is to entertain the average Trails End resident.

Submitted by Ray Martin @918 or 618-499-4813

Jam Lunch

The jam lunch times have changed for this year. We serve every Friday from 12:00-1:00PM. We will have a variety of foods on our menu that is located on the dry board above the water fountain in the Main Hall.

For question call Terry & Judy Neal @ 956-647-5252

Karaoke

We will have evenings of karaoke singing and music designed to test your singing ability and your capacity to read lyrics off a small computer monitor while standing under the lights in front of your peers. Sound like fun?? Dates will be announced at the Monday meetings.

Wil McCallum @ 269 Jamaica or 403-638-2954

The Kitchen Scoop

The kitchen has been a busy place, restocking for the Winter Texans.

Bev Buechele Kitchen Coordinator. I put orders to Sysco, food supplier.

Tom Dame The food stocker who stocks the shelves. Helps with supplies for the Sunday Brunches.

Crews that make up Saturday Breakfasts (8-10AM) : 3 teams under directions of Ray & Bev Buechele
Ron & Ann Stark, Jim & Carolyn Mulock.

Terry & Judy Neal They are giving you the Friday Jam Luncheons. The menu is located on the erase board above the water fountain. (Not necessary to sign up, just come up on Friday.) There is a charge.

Ron Watson He coordinates the Sunday Brunches. It is a must to come up for one when they are held to see poetry in motion. (Actually amazing) The food is good too.

All streets do volunteer to do a Thursday night supper (\$5.00) . Must sign up. List is located by water fountain.

Any questions, please call Bev Buechele @ 956-684-7221

“Bon Appetite”

Library

We have a great assortment of books available in our library. Please feel free to come and browse for something that interests you. When returning books, or making donations, please place them on the tables in front of the old shelves, and not on the green table. Thank you. Betty Gross @ 612-802-1627

Line Dance

Come down to the Main Hall and shuffle your feet to music both old and new. Never danced before? Beginner line dance is just for you. It's all about having fun and maybe even learning your left foot from your right. If you've got a bit more experience, and are still quick on your feet, the advanced class is what you're looking for!

We dance twice a week on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8-9AM for beginners & 9-10AM for advanced

Please contact Ellen Neffgen @766 N Bermuda or 956-969-0298

Mah Jong

Mah Jong will start Tuesday, December 5th in the Card Hall @ 1:00PM. If you have any questions, please call Betty Gross at 612-802-1627

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play Mexican Train dominoes every Wednesday evening starting @7:00PM. in the Card Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early so tables of 4-8 players can be assigned. You can bring your own board, marker and tiles if you want, but we can provide everything you need. Rules are available. For more information please contact Vickie Chatterton @ 907 or 509-218-6207

Monday Morning Meetings

Meetings are held in the Main Hall on Monday mornings @ 8:30AM. This is where Club business, activities and events are reported and discussed. Come for coffee, chat with friends, old and new, and keep informed.

New Year's Eve Dance

See the December newsletter for details on this year's special activity.

New Year's Eve in the Card Hall

See the December newsletter for details on this year's special activity.

Painting/Art

Painting/Art is done in the Card Hall at 9AM on Fridays. Coming together as artists helps to develop skills and creativity. The Club has books, brushes, paints (water, acrylic and oil) and drawing supplies. You are also encouraged to bring your own art supplies. Several painting project/lessons are planned. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you will benefit from these projects/lessons. No experience is necessary. The beginning date will be announced at a Monday Morning club meeting. Eleanor Gautier is the contact for this group.

Paper Toile

Paper Toile is a wonderful way to make a 3D effect. Your pictures turn into beautiful 3D pictures and small gifts. Come out and see what you can do using this technique! Monday 1PM in the Main Hall, beginning Dec 4th.

Dolores Dame @ 956-968-8572

Park Beautification

Anyone who is interested in helping take care of the habitat in front of the Park, please call Betty Gross @ 612-802-1627

Patio Sales & All Craft Sale

Patio Sales

Our first Park wide patio sale of this winter season will be held on December 9th 7AM to 11AM. Please sign up in the card hall if you would like a table delivered to your patio the day prior to the sale. The 2nd Patio sale will be held on February 24th 7AM to 11AM.

For questions or concerns contact Jim & Shelley Grandstaff @ 572 or 574-702-0103

Craft Sale

Our annual craft sale will be on January 27th. This is an ALL Craft sale with tables for home crafted items only. In hopes of filling our hall with a variety of sellers, we have opened our craft sale to allow outside crafters to come in and reserve a table.

For questions or concerns contact Jim & Shelley Grandstaff @ 572 or 574-702-0103

Pickleball

Regular pickleball playing times each day are 10AM, 2PM, & 7PM, weather permitting. Simply show up at any of these times to play. Everyone is welcome, even if you are a beginner.

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about beginner lessons, please contact Judy Perras-Lenz @ 555 Vera Cruz or 306-529-7012. See you out at the courts!

Ping Pong

Currently, there is not an organized group for this activity. The board liaison is Chris Atlakson.

Peter Piper Pizza Buffet Luncheons

Trails End residents and friends meet for a lunch time pizza buffet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Peter Piper Pizza, 3101 E Expressway 83, Weslaco. Come enjoy the fun and friendship! Sign up ahead on the kitchen sign-up bard (next to the Thursday night dinner sign-up sheet) and arrive at Peter Piper between 11:30 and 11:45.

Ray Maanika @ 138 S Bermuda or 906-399-1144

Pegs and Jokers

Watch for announcements about practice sessions for this game. A tournament will be held sometime in the winter. Contact Judy Perras-Lenz @ 555 Vera Cruz or 306-529-7012.

Pickleball

Regular pickleball playing times each day are 10AM, 2PM, & 7PM, weather permitting. Simply show up at any of these times to play. Everyone is welcome, even if you are a beginner.

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about beginner lessons, please contact Judy Perras-Lenz @ 555 Vera Cruz or 306-529-7012. See you out at the courts!

Pool Room

Ladies/Mixed Pool

The Trails End Ladies Pool play on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. You can play or practice if you like. This is very informal and all are welcome. We will help you get started, learn some rules, and have fun. Those who want to participate in league play with other parks on Wednesday mornings can do so.

Mixed Pool will again be held on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM every couple of weeks, depending on Park activities. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the pool hall.

For further information, contact Muriel McCallum @ 269 Jamaica or 403-638-2954

Men's 8 Ball Pool

The 8 ball pool league is played on Mondays @ 6:30 PM. Players need to arrive 15 minutes early to make up teams. Players will be categorized as either A or B, based on skill level, and then matched up with a draw that pairs an A or B player together. This method of making teams, along with the alternate shot rule, makes for a pretty even playing field. A round robin format followed by playoffs determines the winner. This is a popular and fun night for the men. For more information contact the pool coordinator, George Dame, @ 659 Trinidad.

Quilting

Tie Quilting

The tie quilters meet Wednesday morning in the Main Hall. We make and donate quilts for anyone in need and mainly use items the people of Trails End donate to us. We welcome fabric, sheets, crochet cotton, bed skirts, pillow cases, etc. etc. Currently our greatest need is thread for our sewing machines. If you have donations or questions, or know of someone in need, contact Kay Markes @ 847 Yucatan or Donna Stang @ 631 Trinidad.

If you would like to help, you can show up on Wednesday morning. You don't have to be a sewer. We have jobs for one and all.

Monday Afternoon Quilting

Monday Quilting is held in the Main Hall 1:00PM-4:00PM. Everyone is invited, bring your work in progress and enjoy the afternoon with seasoned quilters!

Raffle

Stay tuned in December for more information on our Park's yearly raffle. As usual, we will be looking to the residents for donations of new articles to add to the prizes. We will also appreciate help to sell tickets at Park events. Madeline Skjerpen @ 865 and Marion Meyers @ 863.

Recycling

We can no longer take any Styrofoam that is colored or has any colored design on it. Any recyclables can be put in the containers for plastic bottles.

Foil pans and tin foil cannot be recycled, they must go into the trash.

There are separate containers for Styrofoam – white only as noted above, for aluminum cans, and for glass. All other recyclables go into the main bin. That includes tin cans, paper and plastic.

Please save your drink can tabs and bring them to the container in the main hall. They will be collected and donated.

Forrest Zemlica and John & Betty Gross

Red Trailettes

Calling all Trails End Ladies!

This group is organized for the sole purpose of holding fun events of special interest to ladies.

Membership is extended to all Park ladies. We meet twice monthly (first and third Wednesdays in the Card Hall, at 8:30 AM with coffee hour) to plan events of social, educational, cultural, historical, and general interest for the ladies of our Trails End community. Shopping and eating out get high ratings!!

Some events are held “in Park”, most are in Weslaco or nearby valley area, and occasionally we venture out farther. We have even had an overnight at South Padre!

You do not have to attend all events – *choose what is of interest to you* – but we know you won't want to miss too many. Our group has a bulletin board in the Card Hall on the west wall which keeps you informed of coming events. Usually the sign up lists for events is circulated at a meeting and then posted on our bulletin board. Some events have a limited participation so sign up early.

You will enjoy meeting new people and making friends while working on small committees to plan events, or while attending the various planned functions.

This year, “Queen Mother” is Verna Boss @ 827 Yucatan. Secretary/Treasurer is Linda Wuethrich @ 621 Vera Cruz. Feel free to just come out to a meeting or find a neighbor who is headed to a meeting, and join her! (There is a yearly membership fee of \$3.00)

We hope to see you at our Red Hat meetings!!!! You'll enjoy our fun-loving group!!!

Show & Tell

Show & Tell, held in early March, is an opportunity for our talented residents to display their many talents. Open to all sewers, knitters, crafters, quilters, wood workers, painters, carvers, builders, etc.

Show & Tell allows the rest of the Park residents to ooh & aah in appreciation! Date and times to be announced in the new year. For information or questions please contact Gail Baldwin @ 956-520-7404 or Wendy Montizambert @ 956-246-3264

Shuffleboard

Welcome back to another fun filled season of shuffling. Newcomers please come and join us, it's a great sport and a great way to meet new people and make friends.

Free shuffle lessons every Saturday @ 9 am given by world famous expert shuffler - RICHARD BOSS. Please sign up in the shuffle shack.

Chair person for this season is Ron Gieger, Vice chair is R.D. Wuethrich, Secretary is Chris Kurtz.

Hoss collar has already started every Sunday at 7 pm thanks to Ivy Harrison for stepping in until Ross Harman arrives.

Orval and Jean Larson will be organizing MONDAY MORNING IN PARK LEAGUE which will start January 8th 2018. Sign up sheets will be posted in the shuffle shack.

Open shuffling is every day at 9 am and 1 pm. Come and join the challenge.

Sign up for the upcoming weekly tournaments must be done before noon on Friday in the shuffle shack. The fee is posted on the weekly flyer (usually \$3 p/p). Please put your money in the envelope provided and write the players names on the outside of the envelope and place it in the drop box.

Due to the loss of a sponsor, a fee of \$5 per person per season needs to be collected to cover the cost of trophies and other supplies. Please give R.D. the \$5 before you play in your next tournament.

DO NOT PUT THE \$5 IN THE TOURNAMENT FEE ENVELOPE. Thank you.

Life time membership in The Texas State Shuffleboard Association (TSSA) is now \$10. Membership is required if you want to play in the weekly tournaments.

The Trails End Tournament is scheduled for January 16,17,18. Volunteers will be needed for parking cars, food service, court and equipment maintenance, referees, and misc.

Referee school will be held at Country Sunshine on December 16, 2017. Please register with Chris Kurtz at 306-570-5513.

Hall of fame banquet is February 18, 2018 at 6 pm at Texas Trails Park.

Volunteers for weekly court maintenance are needed. Please sign up in the shack.

Spring meeting will be held March 5, 2018 at 1:30 at Country Sunshine.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all the above activities even if you have little or no experience.

Sing-a-Long

We will meet on Tuesdays in the Main Hall, beginning Nov 28th from 3:30 to 4:30 to just enjoy singing! We will be starting with Christmas carols. It is very informal, and we are not preparing for any concert, just singing for our own enjoyment. It is open to one and all so please come out and join us. Peggy Anderson @ 171 S Bermuda

Soft Ball Slo Pitch

Trails End Bulldogs slo-pitch team. Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday @ 9:00 AM at Isaac Rodriguez Park (hospital diamonds) off 6th Street. League will start January 2nd, and games are played every Tuesday and Thursday, (game times have not yet been determined) at Harlon Block diamonds. For more information, call Sue Brown @ 956-373-4879

Spanish Lessons

Spanish will start in January, date to be announced later.

Ginger Dougherty 218-966-9771

Special Events

There are many special events happening in our Park, including but not limited to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and New Years Eve galas. More information will be made available as the events are approaching.

Stained Glass

Have you ever thought about doing Stained Glass? We have a Stained Glass group that meets on Tuesdays @ 1:30PM in the Card Hall. Watch for start date.

For questions contact Karen Morley @1081

Sunshine

I will have cards available as needed in the Main Hall (south wall) for everyone to sign. Generally, sympathy cards are sent to current and recent residents who have lost a close family member; get well cards are sent to those who have been in the hospital or are seriously ill; birthday cards are sent to those celebrating 80 years of age or older. Please help me by letting me know of anyone who needs or would appreciate a card signed by the folks here at Trails End. You can't begin to imagine what a good feeling such a card brings to its recipient.

Beth Feckter @ 349 Acapulco, 651-792-5798

Tours – Tours - Tours

Our interim Activity Director is Val Gauthier for Joanne Higgs.

All tours, gambling trip dates, and any pertinent information for travel destinations are posted in the Card Hall on the bulletin board.

Any inquiries – cell 204-792-8885 or 956-647-5839. Email gauthier22056@gmail.com

Trail Blazers Men's Choir

The Men's Choir will meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 starting January 3rd. We are look for able-voice (and even some not so able-voiced) men to fill the stage in the Main Hall. Come have a good time and stretch your lungs.

In March, we will show off our talents with a concert.

Please contact Peggy Anderson @ 171 S Bermuda, 218-343-4053

Trails End Logo Clothing

Clothing articles with the embroidered Trails End campfire logo are displayed and on sale in the Main Hall next to the kitchen before and after the Monday Morning meetings. Numerous jackets, polo shirts, caps, etc are available with the logo embroidered or silk screened on them. Contact Betty Gross at 612-802-1627

Trails End Directory

Trails End Directory is a work in progress. Pictures are being taken for the directory as well as addresses and phone numbers are being updated.

For questions concerning the directory contact Joyce Kujda @ 353 or 651-592-9094

Trails End Newsletter

Your newsletter team, comprised of Rosa Collier, Brenda Shearer, Denyse Webber, and with help from Maureen Demyd, are making some changes in the format. We welcome your input. Firm deadlines for submissions to the monthly newsletters will be announced at the Monday Morning meetings. We now have an email address to simplify newsletter submissions – newsletter@trailsendclub.com or you can drop off at 857 Yucatan to the box in the Texas room.

If you are interested in providing a monthly column, eg the Cook's Corner, we will be happy to include it.

We would like to keep resident name, address, and phone numbers up to date and will include any changes that you submit for yourself. These can be sent via the email or address above.

We will do our best to provide accurate information, but please check the appropriate board in either the main or card halls, or in the library, and of course, attend the Monday Morning meeting for announcements and updates.

Rosa Collier @705 or 956-684-5458 and Brenda Shearer @857 or 204-730-4338

Trails End Website

Please check out www.trailsendclub.com for a wealth of information on all aspects of our Club, and much more. Linda Stainer is our Webmaster.

USA DAY FEBRUARY 10, 2018

This year's theme is sports.

We encourage all Trails End residents to start thinking of decorating their golf carts, trucks, bikes or motorcycles for the parade. There will be "Name that Tune" and Trivia competitions, so get your teams of 4 members together. The dance will be in the Main Hall, entertainment by Wil. All park residents are invited to the dance. There is a 1st annual USA Day Button sale going on now, 2 buttons for \$5.00.

Year 2018 USA Day committee members are:

RD & Linda Wuetherich – Chair

Ron & Ann Stark – Meal

Dan & Ginger Dougherty – Parade

Richard & Verna Boss – Dance

Ray & Wilma Martin – Program

Volunteer opportunity sign up sheets will be available in January.

Variety Show

The annual Variety Show will be held January 21, 2018 @ 7:00PM. Past shows were well attended and contained a variety of music, skits, readings and jokes. Remember this is a variety show, not a talent show so start working on your act now. Sign up forms will be available in December. Turn the forms in to Hank Vanderzyden, the show coordinator, by January 10, 2018.

Veggie Truck

The vegetable truck from Weslaco Farmers Market will be in the Park on Fridays from 11AM to noon. See them by the shuffle board courts.

Veteran Recognition

Trails End Club has a Veteran Recognition program to honor United States and Canadian residents residing at Trails End. If you served in the armed forces of the USA or Canada, you may have your picture and information posted to the wall. The Veteran Wall is for temporary or permanent park residents who have served in the United States or Canadian Military Services, including National Guard and RCMP members assigned to Foreign Service. Deceased veterans whose spouse still lives in the Park may have their photo on the wall. There is a form available in the Main Hall, in a black mesh box on the counter next to the newspapers, that you may fill out, and with a 5x7 or smaller picture, deliver to Madonna Johnson @615 Trinidad.

2017/18 Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee, under Linda Wuethrich, is a very active greeting newcomers and returnees to the Park. Each newcomer receives a Welcome packet with useful park and community information. Name tag information is obtained at the initial visit.

Committee members are:

South Bermuda	Ellie Scott
Jamaica & Acapulco	Jackie Smith
Tampico	Karen Morley
Vera Cruz	Jane Glock
Trinidad	Linda Wuethrich
North Bermuda	Yvonna Stapleton
Yucatan	Verna Boss
Leisure Lane	Carol Schneiderhan
Durango (north)	Joyce Galbraith
Durango (mid)	Carolyn Mullock
Durango (south)	Ellyn Auchampack

Contact Linda Wuethrich @ 608-346-6912 if you have any questions or concerns.

Wood Shop

The wood shop is open to *all* members (residents) of the Trails End Club regardless of gender. If you have a wood working project or would like to become a wood worker, our wood shop is the place to do it.

The shop is open 9:00AM to Noon and from 1:00PM-4:00PM Monday through Friday. There is a Monitor on duty each shift to assist you as required. The Monitor will also make sure the shop is kept clean and tidy and that safe work practices are followed.

Should you be new to Trails End or have never been to the shop, please drop in for a tour of the facility and more information.

We hope to see you there.

