

The Trails End Way

February 2018

From Brenda Shearer

I came across a newsletter from 2010 in the archives that Joe Moore passed along to me, and found a format for the Events and Activities Schedule that I thought worked quite well. It is a much more compact version of the lengthy list I put out with the December newsletter, but I feel it gives as much information. Please let me know what you think, as it is only by your feedback that I can fine-tune this publication to meet your needs. Check out the Special Events heading on the Events Board in the Main Hall – a great addition. And have you looked at our website lately – www.trailsendclub.com Linda Stainer has been hard at work creating a very informative and useful website. Kudos to all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to create the opportunities for all of us to keep busy and happy in this wonderful Park. Read on for what is planned for the coming month.

The deadline for submissions for the March publication is February 16th, but earlier is always better! There is a drop box in our Texas room @ 857 or email me @ newsletter@trailsendclub.com

From the Board

As of 1/18/2018, I have taken the presidency for Dave Prohar, as a family emergency has occurred and he has resigned as Trail's End President. Dave will be missed.

I look forward to taking over the reins. The next two months will be busy, enjoy the park and thanks for the help I have received so far. Our jobs are not easy so bear with us.

Kathy Fraser

Board Members – Updated

Kathy Fraser	President
Geoff Walker	1 st Vice President
Jim Frost	2 nd Vice President
Judy Williams	Secretary
Muriel McCallum	Co-Treasurer
Maureen Colburn	Co-Treasurer

Chris Atlakson	Director
Ray Martin	Director
Bill Wright	Director

Check out the Board's Board for a Consumers Report article on protecting your computer.

From the Managers

February bills are available for payment. Rent is due on the 1st of February. WE MUST RECEIVE PAYMENT NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM Friday, February 10th.

RV Reservations – Now is the time to make your reservations for the 2018-2019 season for the site you currently occupy. We call this the “Closed Season”. If you wish to make a reservation for a different site, “Open Season” will begin on March 1, 2018. We require a \$200.00 deposit for all RV reservations which is reimbursable up until your date of arrival. If you have questions regarding this policy, please see the office. Mobile home sites for an RV will cost an additional \$50.00 per month.

Park Model Rental Reservations – The policy is the same as for RV reservations except that we require a \$500.00 refundable deposit. The rates for rentals on Lots 112, 120, 160, 648, 725, 731, 749, 755, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1093, and 1094 are \$1420.00 for one month, \$1320.00 per month for two months and \$1220.00 for three or more months. If you are renting a park model with a washer and dryer, \$50.00 is added onto those prices. These prices include propane for cooking (if you have a gas stove), electricity, water, and trash. They do not include phone or cable.

Storage fees – If you own a mobile home, storage is free. If you do not own a mobile home, the cost is \$40.00 per month.

Recycling – Recycling allows us to keep your monthly rates from increasing due to the savings at the landfill. Composting is also appreciated. We still have quite a few residents not separating their recycle items from their trash. We ask that everyone please join us in saving our environment.

As we enter into February, it is again time for mobile homeowners to begin making arrangements for summer lawn care. The park will maintain your lot for \$20.00 per month but due to liability issues, we do not water. We need a Lawn Care Contract completed from each of you identifying who will be responsible during your absence. If you do not make arrangements, the park will mow and weed eat for a cost of \$50.00 each time we have to do it.

If you are leaving sometime in March, we must know NLT mid-February. This applies to both RVers and Mobile Home Owners. Mobile Home owners that are leaving in March will be charged for trash for April if you don't tell us by March 15th when you are planning on departing. We can only pro-rate for the upcoming April departures for RVers if you let us know by March 15th as well.

Thank you for sharing your winter with us, Dan, Bonnie and Anni

A Note from Ron and Carol Watson

We would like to thank our Trails End Texas family for all your cares, concerns and friendship expressed to us after our daughter Rhonda's passing. Your hugs and love is our comfort. We simply thank you for being here for us.

Anniversary and Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating anniversaries and birthdays for February, May, August and November on February 21st at 7:00 PM In the Main Hall. There is a sign-up sheet for both celebrants and volunteers by the water fountain in the Main Hall. If you are volunteering, please be at the hall by 6:30 PM. For more information, please contact Karen Morley @ 1081 or dmklmorley@gmail.com

Annual Dessert Bridge Tournament

Trails End annual Dessert Bridge Tournament will be held February 13th at 1:00 PM in the Main Hall. Registration starts at 12:30 PM and the cost is \$3.00 per person. You will need to have a partner. Sign-up sheets are in the Card Hall and Library or contact Cliff Lenz at 956- 520-7203 to enter.

Canada Day

The annual Canada Day Party will be held on Saturday, February 17th. The list for tables will go up the beginning of February. You can then sign up your table & have one person collect the money - \$3/person – yes, you read that right! Wil will be providing his time, talent & music at no charge! He asks instead that you bring a tin for the bin. Hand in the money you collect to Corrine Lenz and you can pick up the tickets for your group. Then prepare for this year's theme “Classy vs Trashy”. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated table, best male costume, best female costume, & best couple. Costumes are optional. If you don't want to dress up, dress as you like & come join in the fun! Anyone dressed in red & white will, of course, be considered classy! Each table will be asked to come to the front to be judged for costumes. You can do a short skit, sing a song, or just model for the judges! Wil can play a song for you as long as you let him know ahead of time.

There will be several draws throughout the evening for prizes. Snacks for each table will be provided for *happy hour* which begins at 4:30 pm. Judging of costumes will start at 5:00 pm, with supper (each table provides their own) to be held at approximately 5:45 pm. The dance will be from 7 – 10 pm. There will be a light lunch served at 9:30 pm.

OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THE DANCE (no charge.) Music provided by Wil McCallum.

Submitted by Corrine Lenz 554 Vera Cruz - 956-520-7203

TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The following is a list of the remaining January schedule as well as the February show schedule. Each show date includes a link to the artist's website where you can learn more about each of them by (Ctrl + click) on the links.

January 30, 2018 The Punches <http://thepunches.net/>
Showtime 7:00 PM Admission \$7.00

February 06, 2018 Wade Landry-Swingin Cajun Style
Showtime 7:00 PM Admission \$7.00
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBNyQQAiKis>

February 13, 2018 William Florian-The John Denver Story
<http://www.florianmusic.com/>
Showtime 7:00 PM Admission \$8.00

February 20, 2018 Clayton's Piano Show <http://www.bigclayton.com/>
Showtime 7:00 PM Admission \$7.00

February 27, 2018 Laughing Bird Show <http://www.laughingbirdmusic.com/>
Showtime 7:00 PM Admission \$8.00

Exercise Room

I want to thank the four ladies who put on an exercise demo during the Variety Show. They certainly inspired me to get into better shape and improve my balance. After using the exercise room, please clean up and put away what you use. Also please leave a *detailed* message on the white board if something should be addressed. Thanks.
Hank Vanderzyden.

Attention all Golfers

A trip is being planned for February 12th & 13th (alternate dates February 26th & 27th if inclement weather) to Laredo, Texas. The Package includes bus fare to the golf course and back, 2 rounds of golf at the Max Mandel Golf Course (a Robert Trent Jones Course) , 2 lunches, 1 breakfast and 1 night at the Ramada Inn Plaza hotel, all for \$150.00 per person. Non Golfers are also welcome - \$110.00 per person. The sign up sheet is on the Golf Board in the Card Hall. For more information, please contact Dan Dougherty @218-966-9770

From Bill Cusitar

“Your computer is infected”

“Do not turn off your device.”

“Call 1-800- I want your money now”

Or “Click this icon to fix the 564 viruses” (that only they can fix for the small sum of \$???) or some other such dire warning. This is known as fear-ware.

Whatever you do, never call any phone numbers or take any action suggested by the instructions that appear **in the notice and Under no circumstance give them remote access to your computer.**

Often these scammers claim to be from Microsoft, Apple, a government agency, your bank, etc. **DO NOT BELIEVE IT.** Again, under no circumstance give them remote access to your computer.

Do not click anything on your screen. Simply hold down the power switch of your device for about 10 seconds until it turns off completely. After five minutes re-start it. In most cases all will be well. If not, turn it off again and find someone you trust to help you. Under no circumstance give them remote access to your computer.

There are hundreds of scams just waiting for you to bite. There are also hundreds of malwares looking for a good productive home on your device where they can monitor your online activity. Help protect yourself as follows:

- Make sure you keep your device’s OS (operating system) up to date. This usually only involves making sure that the automatic updates are turned on.
- Make sure your device OS is still supported with security up-dates. For example, Windows XP and Windows 7 home edition are no longer supported. These devices should be upgraded to the current OS.
- Make sure you have a good anti malware system in place and keep it up to date.
- Backup any important data that you don’t want lost to an external device.

These are the minimum actions you need to **consistently** take to ward off the bad guys. Do not use public networks to do anything you don’t want the whole world to know about. What is a public network you ask? The Wi-Fi in your hotel, airport, McDonald’s or any other restaurant, the grocery store **AND TRAILS’ END PARK Wi-Fi.** You got the idea now?

If you need to use public wi-fi for more sensitive matters you should be using a **VPN** (virtual private network).

I recommend you evaluate the latest Opera internet browser. It is fast, secure and includes a VPN that can be turned on and off easily. This application is free. You can learn more and download it at <https://www.opera.com/>.

None of this is fool proof. The best thing you can do is to educate yourself in the safe use of the internet. Check out the links below for more information.

- <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/scams/common-scams/computer-and-online-scams/top-tips-to-avoid-online-scams/>
- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/safety/online-privacy/avoid-phone-scams.aspx>

- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0060-10-things-you-can-do-avoid-fraud>
- <https://www.thebalance.com/top-internet-scams-a-z-list-2062169>
- <https://www.wikihow.com/Avoid-Scams>
- rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scams-fraudes/index-eng.htm

Health News

Weslaco Fire/EMS Department, Rio Grande Valley Medical Reserve Corps, RGV CERT and the American Red Cross, along with other community members, will be in our Park and would like to offer FREE smoke alarm installations (up to 3 per residence) on February 10, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Sign up with Don Chatterton @907 or on the sign up sheet on the Health Board in the Card Room.

Please remember the Vial for Life program, watch for the blood pressure checks every other week before the Thursday meal, and get your flu shot!!

Jam Sessions

Our Trails End Jam is off to a good start in this new year of 2018.

The first two jams of the year had an average attendance of 145 people, possibly the largest attended conventional jam in the Valley.

The total revenue to our Club for these two dates was over \$900.00 , thanks in large part to Terry's Jam Lunch and the outside people attending the lunch and jam.

The music is attracting people from Port Isabel, Rio Hondo areas to Mission on our west.

The on -stage leaders are Wayne and Jane Uncer from Ontario, Canada. They were residents of Trails End Park many years ago and are still remembered by some here.

Participating weekly are some of the best musicians with their particular instruments in the amateur music field. The type of music played is Folk, Appalata, Blue Ridge Mountain and Gospel. This type of music is generally called Bluegrass. This music is said to be the fastest growing style of music around the world today.

Bluegrass is a style of music in the country music category, and played with stringed instruments.

With only a few Parks in the Valley devoted to this style of music, we have no problem attracting good musicians. Hopefully we can grow and be an asset to our park.

Submitted by Ray Martin

Karaoke Night

We will be having an evening of karaoke on February 24th at 7:00 PM in the Main Hall. Get your singing voices ready and join us for a fun evening.

Wil McCallum @ 269 or 403-638-2954

Ladies Pool

Correction – We have set aside the Tuesday practice time in the Pool Hall for beginners and those wanting some instruction, not Wednesdays as reported in the January newsletter.

Line Dancing Extravaganza at Riverside Inn

Mark your calendars for Monday, 26th February from 12 noon until 4 PM. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and fun with our Trails End Line Dancers on the Rio Grande River. Take a ride down the river with Captain Johnny and learn a little history of the area. D. J. Wil will provide the music and the dance floor is wonderful for all dancers. Great food is available for purchase. For more information please contact Ellen Neffgen @956-969-0298

Show & Tell

To all our talented Trail's End residents, Show and Tell will take place on Saturday, 3 Mar 2018 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Set up will be after Saturday breakfast, no earlier than 10:00 AM. For further information or questions please contact Gail Baldwin at 956-520-7404 or Wendy Montizambert at 956-246-3264.

Shuffle News!

The Trails End Tournament took place January 16, 17, 18th (well 16th to 19th). There were certainly some challenges with the weather but it was a success never the less. A special thank you to RD Weuthrich and Richard Mehtala for leading this initiative. This was a first time lead for RD with Richard helping and sharing his experience! To Sue Coleman and her kitchen crew for the many meals and hours in the kitchen, awesome job amongst the changing schedule. And the many more volunteers from parking to referees to court maintenance, we thank you for once again for stepping up when we needed you!

Congratulations to our January Trophy Winners!

Singles at Snow to Sun

- Amateur Consolation 4th place - Ivone Carns

Doubles at Pine to Palm

- Amateur Consolation 4th place – Ross Harman & Kevin McBride

Mixed Doubles Trails End

- Expert Consolation 3rd place - Gary & Marlene Clews
- Amateur consolation 4th place – Orval and Jean Larsen

Have fun shuffling!

Sunshine

Karen Macking is our Sunshine Lady while Beth Feckter is away on vacation, from mid January to mid February. Please contact Karen @442 Tampico, or 956-968-0675 if you are aware of need for a card to be sent.

Trails End Club Raffle

We are accepting donations for our annual Club raffle, and any new items are most welcome.

We are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Park events. Draw date is February 26th, after the Monday Morning Meeting. Madeline Skjerpen @ 865 and Marion Meyers @ 863

USA DAY Saturday February 10th 2018 Activities

- 1) 2 contests beginning at 4 pm. Sign up your 4 person team now, win wonderful prizes.
- 2) Meal of fresh grilled Hamburger or Hot Dog for \$6.00 or a single hot dog for \$3.00. Buy your meal ticket by Tuesday, February 6th.
- 3) Dance with music by Wil in the Main Hall. All Park residents are invited.
- 4) Cancellation of the parade due to only 5 entries .

Be there or be square!

Chairpersons – RD and Linda Wuethrich @621

Variety Show 2018

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Variety Show a success. Forty-seven people performed on stage; for 15 of them, it was their 1st time in this annual show. There were 22 acts that included inspirational songs, hilarious skits, stories, jokes, and even a magic act. The Hall was packed as the audience watched neighbours and friends entertain. In addition to the performers, there was a great support staff that arranged the hall, ran sound, provided intermission goodies, and worked the stage. A total of 58 people volunteered to make this show a success.

Thank you. Hank & Susie Vanderzyden.

PS – We already have six acts signed up for next year's show on Saturday, January 19, 2019 so start preparing and practicing ... let the shenanigans begin!

Contact Information Updates

Name	Home Address	TE Address	Phone Numbers	Email Address
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Val Gauthier		754 N Bermuda	956-647-5839 204-792-8885 cell	
Fran & Bryan Jackson	Box 3 Minto, MB R0K 1M0	815 Yucatan	204-534-7391 (B) 204-534-0033 text only	fjacksonmmb@hotmail.com
Amy Kojima (Mickey)		617 Trinidad	956-375-2826	
Vern & Elaine Pusch	Kipling, SK	749 N Bermuda	306-495-7112 (V) 306-736-7325 (E)	
Linda Love & Nick Read	Fort Richmond Winnipeg, MB	745 N Bermuda	204-791-6987 267-792-8755	coalburner@mts.net
Gerda Schneider		923 Leisure Lane	956-405-3065 204-250-4571 cell	gerda.schneider@mymts.net
Connie Senkiw	#6 644 Heritage Lane, Saskatoon, SK S7H 5P8			
Berg & Marg Wopnford		151 S Bermuda	956-647-5388	

Upcoming Events Next Month

- Show & Tell March 3rd
- Special Bingo March 3rd
- Sunday Brunch March 4th
- Cribbage Tournament March 9th and 23rd
- Ice Cream Social March 11th
- Anniversary & Birthday Celebration March 14th
- Trail Blazers Concert – watch for date to be announced

February 2018 Events and Schedule

(Please remember to check all notice boards for updates and changes.)

Pickleball daily at 10, 2 & 7, weather permitting

Open Shuffling daily at 9 & 1

<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>
<p>Water Aerobics 8:00, 9:30 & 10:30 AM Golf Trip February 12th & 13th Monday Morning Meeting 8:30 AM Main Hall Raffle Draw after Morning Meeting Feb 26th Bible Study 9:30 AM League Shuffle 10:00 AM Shuffle Courts Tony Butler Golf 11:00 AM Line Dancing Extravaganza February 26th Duplicate Bridge 12:30 PM Library Mixed Contract Bridge 12:45 PM Library Hand & Foot 1:00 PM Card Hall Paper Tole 1:00 PM Main Hall Quilting 1:00 PM Main Hall Ladies Pool 3:00 PM Pool Room Men's 8 Ball Pool 6:30 PM Pool Room Men's Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 PM Card Hall Pheffer 6:30 PM Library Bingo 7:30 PM Main Hall</p>	<p>Water Aerobics 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Line dancing 8:00-10:00AM Main Hall Monte Cristo Golf 8:30 AM Tierra Santa Golf 8:45 & 11:05 Geneology 9:00 AM Library February 13th & 27th Peter Piper Pizza 11:30 AM on February 6th and 20th Mixed Bridge 12:45 Library Beginner Bridge Lessons 1:00 PM Library Dessert Bridge Annual Tournament February 13th 1:00 PM Main Hall Mah Jong 1:00 PM Card Hall Stained Glass 1:30 PM Card Hall Ladies Pool Beginners 3:00 PM Pool Room Sing-a-long 3:30 PM Main Hall Sticks 6:30 PM Card Hall Spanish Lessons 6:00 PM Library Tuesday Evening Entertainment 7:00 PM Main Hall</p>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Thursdays</i>
<p>Water Aerobics 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Red Trailettes 8:30 AM Card Hall Feb 7th & 21st Tie Quilting 9:00 AM Main Hall TE Computer Club, 9:00 AM Library Bunco 12:30 PM Main Hall Executive Ladies Golf 9:15 AM Intermediate Bridge Lessons 1:00 PM Library Men's Choir 3:30 PM Main Hall Ladies Pool 6:30 PM Pool Room Bocce Ball 6:30 PM Bocce Court Ladies Texas Hold'Em 6:30 PM Card Hall Mexican Train Dominoes 7:00 PM Card Hall Mixed Bridge 7:00 PM Main Hall Anniversary/Birthday Celebration February 21st Main Hall 7:00 PM Eucre 7:00 PM Library</p>	<p>Water Aerobics 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Line dancing 8:00-10:00AM Main Hall Tierra Santa 8:31 AM & 11:19 AM Beading 1:00 PM Main Hall Crafts 1:00 PM Card Hall Cribbage 1:00 PM Main Library Sticks 1:00 PM Card Hall Thursday Night Dinner 5:00 PM Main Hall Men's Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 PM Card Hall Pheffer 6:30 PM Library Bingo 7:30 PM Main Hall</p>

Fridays

Water Aerobics 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Painting/Art 9:00 AM Card Hall
Treasure Hill Golf 9:00 AM
Llano Grande Golf 9 hole 9:00 AM
Veggie Truck 11:00 AM to Noon
Jam Lunch Noon to 1:00 PM Main Hall
Jam Session 1:00 to 3:00 PM Main Hall
Hand & Foot 1:00 PM Card Hall
Beginners Bridge 3:00 PM Library
Happy Hour 3:30-5:00 PM Main Hall
Mixed Pool 6:45 PM Pool Room
Cribbage Tournament 6:30 PM Main Hall
February 16th

Saturdays

Patio Sale 7 - 11 AM, Parkwide, *February 24th*
Water Aerobics 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Saturday Morning Breakfast 8:00 to 10:00 AM
Main Hall
Free Smoke Alarm Installation *February 10th*
Duffers Tournament Shotgun Start, Tony Butler
Course on *February 3rd*
Free Shuffle Lessons 9:00 AM
Mixed Bridge 12:30 PM Library
USA DAY *February 10th*
CANADA DAY 4:30 Main Hall on *February 17th*
"65" 6:30 PM Library
Bid Euchre 7:00 PM Library
Karoake 7:00 PM Main Hall *February 24th*
Special Bingo *February 3rd*, 7:00 PM to purchase
cards

Sundays

Church Service 8:30 AM Library
Sunday Brunch 9:00 AM to noon Main Hall on
February 4th and 18th
Hand & Foot 1:00 PM Card Hall
Ice Cream Social 5:15 Main Hall on *February*
11th
Mixed Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 PM Card Hall
Hoss Collar 7:00 PM Shuffle Courts
Ten Point Pitch 7:00 PM Library