

# *The Trails End Way*

## *February 2020*

**From Connie**

Here is your February newsletter. Hope you are enjoying the endless activities offered at Trails End. A reminder to refer to The Activity Booklet, the December and January newsletters, the website and all the many bulletin boards throughout the Park. They all provide a list of events and details on dates, times and locations. Come on out, get involved and have fun!

### **Manager's Report: February 2020 Newsletter**

Just a reminder that Rent is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. WE MUST RECEIVE PAYMENT NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

RV Reservations – Now is the time to make your reservations for the 2020-2021 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, 2020. 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 \$1430.00 for one month, \$1330.00 per month for two months and \$1230.00 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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> as well.

Thank you for sharing your winter with us, Dan & Rosa.

### **Activity Director Report**

There is a Casino Bus Trip planned for February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> starting in our Park. The cost is \$125 per single person or \$180 per couple. (\$90 each). \* There are still a couple of seats left.\* Each person will receive \$40 for Casino play upon arrival. Lots of fun on the Bus and at The Casino.

**Come Join In!!** Val @ 754 .

## **Annual Bridge Tournament**

Trails End Annual *Dessert* Bridge Tournament will be held February 11<sup>th</sup> 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the Library, or contact Cliff @554 to enter.

## **Bingo**

Special Bingo will be held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. Minimum number of cards is 4 at \$3.00 per person with extra cards at 75 cents. Contact is Doris @543 Vera Cruz.

## **Canada Day**

The annual Canada day Party will be held in the main hall on Saturday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The theme is Rock and Roll. (Table decorations and costumes are optional.) Admission is \$2.00 at the door to help cover costs. All Canadians and Americans are invited to our celebration.

5:00 Sing-a-long Happy Hour with Eugene and Jackie .

6:00 Supper. Each table is responsible for their own supper

6:30 Margarita Contest: sign up with Nick & Linda  
@745 (See Posters)

7:30 Dance – Music provided by Wil

**Note:** Chips will be provided at the dance but bring your own snacks along with your favourite beverages of choice.

## **Crafts**

Check the bulletin board in the Card Hall for details of upcoming crafts. Please sign up in advance so our instructors know if there is interest.

We are interested in what you would like to do, so please contact Yvonne @ 148 or Brenda @ 857.

## **Entertainment**

This is a complete list of the February shows along with links to the artist's websites where you can learn more about each of them by (Ctrl + click) on the links.

*February 11, 2020:* William Florian: Singer/song writer, lead singer for The New Christy Minstrels. William will perform his Neil Diamond Show. [www.florianmusic.com](http://www.florianmusic.com)

*February 18, 2020:* The "Hot RODZ": 50's-60's classic rock, plus classic country music. This band consists of music teachers from schools in the Weslaco and surrounding communities. Admission \$8.00

## **Game Lending Library**

Interest has been expressed in a game lending area. I found a closet in the card hall that could be used for this purpose. Trails End residents could donate a game for all to use for an evening and return it when finished. These games could be taken home to provide different opportunities to learn new games. Many often-used games can be found at the Goodwill Texas Thrift or other sources. A sign-up sheet will be in the closet for borrowing and returning a particular game. If you are interested in participating, you can drop the games off at 734 and I will see that they are marked as belonging to Trails End and put away in the specific closet.

Kitty

## **Golf Trip to Laredo**

A golf trip is planned for February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to the Max Golf Course in Laredo, TX. Included is a Motor Coach ride, 2 rounds of golf, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 breakfast, and one nights stay at a hotel. Cost is \$175 for golfers and \$125 for non golfers. Please contact Dan @108

## **Happy Hour**

This year Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is on a Friday. Our Happy Hour will have a Sweetheart Theme so please dress in red and white. We will have guitars, we plan to sing love songs and we may even have a few prizes.

## **Health**

Blood Pressure will be taken twice a week: 7:30 to 8:30 on Monday mornings in the Library and 4:00 to 5:00 Thursday afternoons in the Card Hall. Terry .

## **National Rules Mah Jong**

If you are interested in learning to play this great tile game of luck and strategy, I will be teaching classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, for 3 weeks. Classes will be held in the Card Hall at 9:30. Sign up sheet is in the Card Hall, on the craft board. Cost is \$8 per person, in advance to cover the cost of the card.

Regular group play is Thursday mornings 9:30 in the Library.

Brenda @ 857

## **Open House**

Open house will be held on February 2 and February 16. If you have a mobile to sell make sure your listing is turned in to Rosa at the office. Tie balloons on your "For Sale" sign or on your mailbox. Any questions contact Julie at 667

## **Park Show and Tell**

The Park Show and Tell for all activities is the park will be held on March 7, 2020, from 11 am to 1 pm. in the main hall. Set up will be right after the breakfast on Saturday morning. Please bring all your items to display – wood workers, beaders, jewelers, stained glass, quilters, knitters, crafters, painters, paper toll, etc.

All activities are encouraged to bring items. You do not have to stay the whole time. Drop off your items with your name on each item and return at 1:00 to pick them up.

There will be people in attendance the entire time. For more info contact Yvonne @148

## **Patio Sale**

Our park wide patio sale is Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM until noon. Watch for table sign-up. For more information, please contact Ken @ 570

## **Quilting, Silver Stitchers**

The Silver Stitchers Quilting group is making good use of the MPR (multipurpose room) We have 30 plus ladies coming out on Monday afternoons. Completed projects are displayed at the “show and tell” each Monday at 1:10pm. Some are working the block exchange, some are working on their own UFO’s (unfinished objects) PHD’s (projects half done) and various other projects at all stages of completion. There is lots of chatter and exchange of tips and ideas. Coffee break is always welcomed and the sweet treats are enjoyed by all. The raffle quilt is hanging in the hall and tickets are available from this group at \$5.00 for 3. This would make a great gift for the lucky winner, with all proceeds going to the general funds. Quilting is open to anyone of all skill levels, we get together to share our knowledge and help one another. For more information contact Yvonne @ 148

## **Raffle Update**

It’s time for the Trails End annual raffles. We are having a specialty quilt raffle again; the quilt is on display in the Main Hall. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. Our annual regular raffle is also underway; tickets are still 12 for \$10.00. The draw will take place on March 2, after our regular annual meeting. Donations for the regular raffle can be left on the tables set along the north wall of the Mail Hall, with Sherry @ 709 or with Gail @771. There are index cards available on the tables for you to fill out and leave with your donations. Tickets for both raffles will be available at the Monday morning meetings, Jams, Thursday dinners, Bingos, etc. and from many of our residents and board members. I know we can count on the support of everyone to make this year’s raffle a great success. Thanks. Sherry

## **Red Hat Trailettes**

The year, 2020 has started with a bang. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Wednesdays of the month. January activities have been the HEB Warehouse Tour, Festival of Tables and Christmas House Tour. Our special event in February will be our guest entertainer, Curt James on February 25 which will be open to everyone. Other events are being planned. Come and have fun and join the Red Hats. Information can be found in the Card Hall on the bulletin board. Contact Queen Mother, Verna @ 827 or Delyne @ 1027

## **Red Hats Special Event featuring Curt James**

*Everyone is Welcome! Come one Come All for music and dancing!*

Curt James will be our entertainer for the evening. He will play a twist of country, rock and roll and oldies. Curt entertains throughout the valley for Winter Texans. So let us socialize and “Dance the night away!” The date is February 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 at the cost of \$7.00 per person *Don’t miss the fun. See you all there!!*

## **Shuffle News**

The Trails End Tournament took place January 14, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Finally perfect weather! There were 132 teams this year. Thank you to our mighty leaders:

- ❖ Ross Harman took the lead in organizing and did great!
- ❖ R.D. Weuthrich and Julie Neustaeter ensured the draw ran without a flaw.
- ❖ Marty did a great job on her first year of leading the lunch initiative. And thank you to Sue Coleman and Bev Buechele for being her guiding angels! Thank you to the many kitchen helpers and the many more volunteers from parking attendants to referees to court maintenance. We thank you for once again stepping up when we needed you! We received many compliments on the tournament and the meals.
- ❖ We had some exciting news we were able to announce at the shuffle tournament. Pete and Julie will be added to the Shuffle Hall of Fame. Congratulations! The 2020 Awards Banquet will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm Casa del Valley. Tickets are available!

### **Congratulations to our Recent Trophy Winners!**

#### Doubles Robin Country Sunshine

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Consolation 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Harry and Larry

#### Mixed Doubles Robin Aldridge Memorial

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Main Event 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Ivy and Larry

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Consolation 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Maureen and Ron

#### Mixed Doubles USA NSA

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Main 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Sharon and Harry

#### Mixed Doubles Alamo Palms

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Consolation 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Susan and Ross

#### Mixed Doubles Trails End

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Main Event 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Ivy and Larry

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Amateur Consolation 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Glenda and Kevin

**Watch for** details coming on our in-park Ivan Watts Tournament in early March. Have fun shuffling!

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> **Note:** Richard gives lessons on how to Shuffle every Saturday from 9 to 10 am.

### **Spanish Lessons**

Spanish lessons will start in the Library at 1:30 Friday.

### **Sunday Brunch 2020**

Thank you to ALL the volunteers. Linda

## **Trails End Club Members Contact Information Updates**

I have taken on the task of updating the Club's computer records which contain the contact information for our Park residents. Linda Stainer, our WebMaster, established and maintained this data base over several years and has a comprehensive vision of how it can be utilized by the Club.

My guidelines from the Board are for the Club to keep contact information as up to date and relevant as possible, while maintaining our members' privacy.

I have begun the process by accessing the information that our hardworking Directory group have collected so far for the upcoming directory, and this has been entered into our data base. The immediate impact of these changes is that you may or may not receive your newsletter electronically as you have in the past. You will have to notify either myself or Connie, Newsletter Editor, and we will get it sorted out.

Going forward, I do need to collect updated information from each resident unit in the Park, so if you have *not* had your picture taken this year for the upcoming directory, *I need to hear from you*. There are forms beside the suggestion box in the Main Hall for you to complete. Drop it in the box and the Board will see that it gets to me. You can always send me an email to [trailsendclub@gmail.com](mailto:trailsendclub@gmail.com) or stop by 857.

This will be an ongoing project so at any time your information changes, please make sure you let me know. Thank you for your co-operation. Brenda

## **USA Day**

USA Day is one week away, February 8<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't done so yet, there are three assignments.

1. Buy your ticket for the luncheon meal. \$5.00 for Arbys meal or \$6.00 for Chick-Fil-A meal.
2. Get together a team and sign up for "Name that tune" and/or "Trivia", or both
3. Sign up to participate in the USA Day Parade, which starts at 10:00.

Tickets will be sold before and after Monday, Feb. 3 meeting. Tickets must be purchased by that date.

Sign up sheets for Trivia/Name that Tune Contests and Parade participation are in the Card Hall.

Additional information will be posted there with the schedule for the day.

Remember, all park residents are welcome to participate in all the activities.

We hope to have a good turn out to celebrate the day!

## **Water Aerobics**

Water aerobics has 3 classes:

8:30 am Tuesday to Saturday led by Sue

9:15 am Monday to Saturday led by Clayton

10:15 am Monday to Saturday led by Linda

A BIG THANK YOU to Frank and Bonnie for the new boom box.

Here is a follow up on a pool conversation: My Granola Recipe.

Mix 4 cups of uncooked oatmeal and any quantity of cocoanut, flax seed, almonds, wheat germ and any other nuts or seeds. Mix, heat, and pour over mixture:

1/3 cup canola oil, 1/2 cup honey, 1 tbsp. vanilla, 1 1/2 tsps., cinnamon and 6 tbsps., brown sugar. Roast mixture at 250 degrees F. for 1 hour on a jelly roll pan. Stir after 30 minutes. Enjoy

## February Events

- Special Bingo Feb 1st
- Sunday Brunches Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and Feb 16<sup>th</sup>
- Casino Bus Trip is Feb 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Mah Jongg with the card – classes start Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
- USA Day Feb 8<sup>th</sup>
- Ice Cream Social Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:1
- Friendly Shuffle Feb 7. and Feb 21
- Duffers Golf Feb 1<sup>st</sup> alt. date Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Bridge Tournament Feb 11<sup>th</sup>
- Valentine's Day Happy Hour Feb 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cribbage Tournaments Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- Canada Day Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
- Open House Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>
- Red Hatters Dance featuring Curt James Feb 25 cost \$7
- Three Amigos Supper Feb 22
- Final call for nominations for new board directors Feb 10th
- AGM (Annual General Meeting) Feb 17th
- Park wide Patio Sale Feb 29<sup>th</sup>
- Laredo Golf trip Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events for March

- Raffle after the Monday Morning Meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Park Show and Tell March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Special Bingo March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday Brunch March 1 and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Cribbage Tournaments March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Ivan Watts In Park Shuffle Tournament March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- Trail Blazer's Concert March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00
- Friendly Shuffle in our Park March 11<sup>th</sup>
- St. Patrick's Day Dance with the Classics, March 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm \$7.00
- Veteran's Program and Ice Cream Social March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30