



The Trails End Way

February Newsletter 2022

From Your Editor

Happy February Everyone! There are a lot of things happening in February and I will attempt to give you all the information that was forwarded to me. A reminder that these newsletters are only one of the many ways of keeping informed on the park activities. Please remember to check all the bulletin boards – main hall, card hall, library -- and the Trails End blog site www.trailsendblog -- for a complete list of all activities, their times and locations.

Note: Those without email can pick up their hard copy of the newsletter at the office. Submitted by Connie Senkiw.

From the Board

Greetings! I am pleased to report that all activities are open and functioning. So please join in to participate. Leaders or contact persons are included with each activity listed in this newsletter. In some cases, volunteers are still needed for some activities, so if interested please volunteer.

We will be holding elections for a new Constitution and for the election of Board Members at our Annual Meeting on Monday, February 21st. Copies of the Constitution will be posted in the Card Hall on February 7th and emailed to the residents. Hard copies will be available *only* for those who do not get emails. You must be present to vote (no absentee ballots) and there must be a 2/3 majority of those present in order to approve the Constitution. If the Constitution is approved, it will go into effect immediately, if not approved we will revert to the old

Constitution. As mentioned, election of Board members will also take place. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact either, Judy Lenz, Ron Watson or Lois Tanula from the Nominations Committee.

There has been much interest and discussion regarding the ceiling mounted overhead projector. This projector can only be connected with HDMI connectors and is set up to be used only from the stage or the central control in the hall. Nothing else can or should be connected to it. Joyce Galbraith, liaison to the Board, is responsible for this projector and any activity related to its use must be approved by her. We do have a portable projector which may be borrowed and used in the hall. Submitted by Ron Stark, President.

Park Activities

Bible Study

Weekly Bible studies and discussion will be held in the Library on Thursdays. This year we will be studying the Book of Hebrews. Submitted by Betty Thompson.

Bingo

Bingo is held every Monday and Thursday in the main hall. Cards are \$.50 each and bingo calling begins at 7:00 pm. Come early so you are ready when the bingo balls start rolling. Due to conflicts, there will be **NO** special Bingo in February. Submitted by Doris Karlstad.

Bocci Ball

Bocci Ball court is open and anyone can use the court. There are no scheduled playing times.

Canada Day, February 19th, 2022

Canada Day is taking place on Saturday, February 19th and the theme is *Island Paradise*. All Americans and Canadians are invited to all parts of our celebration. Admission is \$2.50 per person. There will be a *Photo Booth* so bring your camera. Sign-up sheets for tables will be up in the main hall a week prior to the celebration. Table decorations and costumes are optional.

- 5:00 Happy Hour (Bring your own snacks and beverages.)
- 5:30 Supper (Each table is responsible for their meal.)
- 6:30 Pina Colada Contest (Text or call 204 534 0033 to enter.)
- 7:30 Dance with music by Wil McCallum

Chips will be provided during the dance. Bring your own beverages and special treats. Prizes for the evening will be for: Best Decorated Table, Best Female/Male Costume and Best Pina Colada. There will also be Door Prizes and Dance Prizes during the evening. If you have any questions, you can call Fran.
Submitted by Fran Jackson .

Card Games

Annual Bridge Tournament

Trails End Annual Dessert Bridge Tournament will be held on February 8th at 1:00 pm in the Main Hall. Registration starts at 12:30 pm. and the cost is \$3 per person. You will need to have a partner. There is a sign-up sheet in the library or you can contact Cliff Lenz to enter.

Bridge, Contract

Contract bridge is held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. No partner is required. For more information contact Cliff Lenz or Peggy Anderson.

Bridge, Duplicate

Duplicate bridge is held on Mondays at 12:30 pm in the library. For more information contact Cliff Lenz or Peggy Anderson.

Cribbage

Come to the Library on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm to play Cribbage. Bring a dime, 2 nickels and a penny. Contact person is Betty Gross.

Cribbage Tournaments

A cribbage tournament that was held in the Main Hall on January 21st, 2022.

Here are the winners:

- 1st Place: Jon and Betty Gross
- 2nd Place: Leo Schueller and Dick Morgan
- 3rd Place: Craig & Judy Lenz and Floyd Neal & Jim Frost

There will be two tournaments held in the month of February, the first on February 11th and the other on February 25th. The cost is \$6:00 per team and begins at 6:30 pm sharp. The tournament signup sheets are posted in the card hall on the south wall. Submitted by Derek Webber.

Eucher

Eucher is played on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the library. Submitted by contact person Cindy Frost.

Bid Eucher

Weekly Bid Eucher will begin on Saturday, January 8, at 7 pm. Submitted by Wilma Martin.

Church Services, Non-Denominational

Weekly service is held on Sundays at 8:30 am in the library. Deacon Bob Waters will be our worship leader. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Cliff Lenz

On-line church service from Asbury United Methodist Church is at 10:00 am each Sunday in the Main Hall. During the month of February, Pastor Nick will be focusing on the book of Jonah, with the Sermon Series, “The Reluctant Profit”. Please join us. All are welcome! Submitted by Candy Spiker.

Crafts

Crafting is held Thursdays from 1 – 4 pm in the card hall. Swim Suit Coverups and Foot holders (for hand and foot) are on the list. There is lots of space on the calendar for new projects.

If you would like to teach a craft or learn how to make something – sign up in the card hall or tell me your ideas. Yvonne Bamlett or see Chris Pearce. Submitted by Yvonne Bamlett.

Darts

We meet on Wednesday at 4 pm in the card Hall. Contact Hank Vanderzyden.

Directory, New

I have been busy working on the new directory and have decided that there has to be a firm deadline date. **Tuesday, February 1**, will be last day for getting your picture taken. I will be in the MPR at 1:00 pm. on February 1st. If you are not in the park, you can text your information in to me if you have a picture, you may send it to me and I will see if I can make it usable. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this new directory possible. Submitted by Deon Spangle.

Entertainment

Musical entertainment for February is as follows:

February 8, 2022 *Spittin Image*, \$8.00 per ticket

February 22, 2022 *Kenny Ray*, \$9.00 per ticket

Exercise Room

The exercise room is open 24/7 and is there for everyone's use.

Friday Jam Sessions

Friday Jam sessions are being held in the Main Hall every week from 1 to 3 pm. This is a by invitation only Blue Grass Jam. Approximately, 15 chosen musicians will be on stage each Friday. These talented people will put on a good show. Audience is welcome. See you there! Submitted by Ray Martin.

Golf

All golf courses in the area are open and in good condition.

Tierra Santa

We have 7 tee times for Tierra Santa on Tuesdays and 4 tee times on Thursdays.

They are as follows:

Tuesdays at: 8:50 9:00 9:10 9:20 9:30 9:40 and 9:50.

Thursdays at: 8:30 8:40 10:40 and 10:50.

Submitted by Wil McCallum.

Disc Golf

Those interested playing Disc Golf, should meet us Tuesday at 8 am outside the pool hall. We play at the course located on Bridge Street and 6th street (under the water tower). Contact Hank Vanderzyden.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour occurs every Friday in the main hall between the hours of 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share and come and enjoy the music and some good fellowship time. Edith and Diego performed on Friday, January 29th. A good time was had by all.

Health

Serenity Massage has a sign-up form in the card hall and they will be returning to the library to administer treatment on February 2nd at 8 am.

Health Equipment

If you need health assistance equipment like, walkers, crutches, etc. there is some that you can borrow from the park. Also, if you have any equipment that you would like to donate, we will take it. Contacts are Hank Vanderzyden or Don Harper.

Ice Cream Social

Ice cream socials will be held on Sunday, February 13 and March 6. Ice cream will be served in the Main Hall from 6 to 7 pm. Please bring your own spoon and bowl. Terry or Judy Neal can be contacted.

Kitchen Highlights

January has been a very busy month in the kitchen, including a Thursday night supper which fed about 200 people, the shuffle tournament luncheon hosted by the Red Hatters, a breakfast luncheon hosted by the Quilters and an Ice-cream social with John Kudja entertaining on the accordion. Lots of cookies and popcorn have been served during Friday jams, movie nights and Tuesday entertainment. A delicious, hot pork sandwich luncheon was served by the Quilters on January 29th. A total of 108 guests were served. There will be a Saturday Breakfast served on February 5 from 8 am to 10 am. You can have either breakfast tacos or pancakes for \$4.00. Anyone interested in hosting an event or meal contact Patricia Karlson. Keep checking the posters and bulletin boards for upcoming events. Submitted by Patricia Karlson, Kitchen Coordinator.

Library

The library is open 24/7. The library is for everyone's use. You do not need to sign out material. Borrowed materials, when returned, are placed on the large circular table. Note: The library's magazine collection is going to be eliminated due to lack of circulation. Thank you. Submitted by Betty Gross.

Line Dancing

If you like to move to music, please join us in the main hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Beginner class runs from 8 am to 9 am followed by Intermediate class from 9 am to 10 am. Everyone welcome. Please remember to wear your mask until further notice. Thanks. Instructor and contact person is Susie Vanderzyden.

Mabel's Free Clinic

Sandy Robinson and Char Kerelko from Trails End attended a dedication ceremony on January 28 at Mabel's Free Clinic in El Progreso, our sister city in Mexico. It was the opening of a new facility on the grounds of the new clinic. The clinic is as busy as ever and always happy to receive the support of its friends, the Winter Texans. If you would like to make a donation, see Sandy. Thanks for helping our neighbors! Submitted by Char Kerelko.

Mahjong

Mahjong is played every Tuesday and Saturday at 1 pm in the Card Hall. For more information or to join contact Betty Gross.

Mahjong, National Rules

We play Mahjong, National Rules in the Card Hall every Thursday, at 9:30 am. Submitted by Connie Senkiw.

Men's Choir

Peggy Andersen is once again looking for male voices to join the Men's Choir. Practices will begin in January 5th at 3:15 pm in the Main Hall. This choir has been around for close to 50 years. If you are interested contact Peggy Andersen.

Movie Nights

Because of other Club activities in the Main Hall this month, there will only be one Movie Night, Feb. 5 at 7:00 pm. We will be showing "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray. It is a wonderful story of a self-absorbed TV weatherman caught in a

time loop. Only when he realizes that individuals with free will can choose goodness, does his life change for the better. Submitted by Candy Spiker.

Painting/Art

We meet Friday at 9 am in the Card Hall. People paint, draw, talk etc. We have supplies or you may bring your own. Contact Hank Vanderzyden.

Pickleball

Please come out and play. If you don't know how to play pickleball, we will show you. We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00, 1:00 and 7:00 depending on the weather. Please give your phone number to Judy Perras and she will share it with other players. That way if you want to play and no one is out you can contact another person. Submitted by Judy Perras.

Pool Room

Ladies Pool: The Trails End Ladies Pool times are Tuesdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm and Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 pm. You can play or just practice if you like. This is very informal and all are welcome. We will help you get started, learn some rules and have fun.

Mixed Pool: Mixed Pool is held every Friday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that I can make up the mixed teams. Because of the popular interest, mixed pool players are on a rotation list. Maximum of 12 teams play on a Friday evening. I email the list of players one week prior to the actual date. If you are new in the park and want to play, I have a contact sheet on the bulletin board requesting your name/s, telephone # and email address. For further information on the above two activities, contact Muriel McCallum.

Quilting

Silver Stitchers

The Silver Stitchers Quilting group is making good use of the MPR. On Mondays from 1-4 pm. we have 20 plus ladies joining us. Completed projects are displayed at the "show and tell" at 1:10pm. The *Warmth of our Stars* quilts are almost completed and they are beautiful. Others are working on their own UFO's (unfinished objects) PHD's (projects half done) and various other projects at all stages of completion.

The mystery project starting in January is done and it turned out to be a large bag! Thanks to all who participated. The color selections are pleasing and this also makes a great gift.

There is lots of chatter and exchange of tips and ideas. Coffee break is always welcomed and the sweet treats are enjoyed by all.

Quilting is open to anyone of all skill levels, we get together to share our knowledge and help one another. If you are a beginner or even considering trying out quilting, join us, we have tools, and machines and patient guidance to get you started. This does come with the disclosure that quilting is addictive, can be done in a group or on your own and you will have something to show for your efforts. People like to see items that are made in North America!

The raffle quilt tickets are still available from this group. 3 for \$5.00. This King Size Blue and White quilt complete with pillow shams which is hanging in the Main Hall would make a great gift for the lucky winner. All proceeds are going to the general funds. **Get your tickets now** as the draw date is quickly approaching – Monday morning meeting on **February 14, 2022**. For more information contact Yvonne Bamlet.

Quilting, Tye

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the MPR. Come out and donate your time and meet new ladies. The quilts are made and donated to those in need or stored for a crisis. If you have fabric or any sewing notions to donate, please see Kay Markes.

The Krauth family has donated items to this group, and the ladies finished a Sudoku quilt top in a flamingo theme that Julie had planned out. Chris Pearce crocheted a cute flamingo to go with it. These items will be sent to Jim Carnes to be quilted and then given to Julie's daughter.

Thanks also to the ladies for serving the lunch on Jan 29/22. Together, a lot can be accomplished! Submitted by Yvonne Bamlet.

Red Trailettes

I would first like to thank all the ladies that worked at the luncheon we hosted on January 8th. It was a great success thanks to you! We are continuing our meetings

on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is a schedule of dates in the card hall. We have had several outings and are looking forward to a few more!! Everyone is welcome! Just join us on our meeting dates for coffee, treats, conversation and planning for upcoming events. Submitted by Annette Bradford.

Shuffleboard Courts

Monday Morning Shuffle

Monday morning shuffle began on January 3, 2022. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the shuffle shack. Sign up and join in the fun. If you have any questions contact Orval Larson.

Shuffleboard games are scheduled every day at 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 8:pm. The games are open to all. Beginners are welcome. Everyone meets at the courts at the scheduled time. Teams are chosen by draw.

Hoss Collar Shuffling

We meet Sundays at 7 pm sharp. All beginners welcome. Contact Hank Vanderzyden.

Shuffle Tournament

The Trails End Tournament took place January 18, 19th and 20th and it was a success once again. There were 90 teams registered this year. Thank you to our mighty leaders:

- ❖ In Ross Harman's absence Maureen Colbourn took the lead as the tournament Manager and did great!
- ❖ R.D. Weuthrich ensured the draw ran without a flaw.
- ❖ A thank you to Terry Neal and the many volunteers for preparing and serving lunch being mindful of a safe environment for volunteers and shufflers.
- ❖ Thank you to the many helpers: desserts prepared, parking, referees, court maintenance, etc. We thank you for once again stepping up when we needed you!

Congratulations to our Tournament Winners so far this season!

Doubles Dec 2nd, 2021

- Amateur Consolation 1st Place – Sharon Bradford and Ivy Harrison

Mixed Doubles Dec 9th Country Sunshine

- Amateur Main Event 2nd Place – Sharon Bradford and Ivy Harrison
- Amateur Consolation 3rd Place – Derek Weber and Wilbert McCallum

Mixed Doubles Leisure World Dec 30/21

- Amateur Consolation 4th Place – Annette Koons and Buster Bradford

Doubles Jan.13/22 Pine to Palm

- Men's Amateur Consolation 4th Place - Kevin McBride and Ron Geiger
- Women's Amateur Main Event 3rd Place – Ivy Harrison and Sharon Bradford

Mixed Doubles Jan. 20/22 Trails End

- Amateur Main Event 2nd Place – Sharon Bradford and Derek

Some “good to know and common mistakes” seen on the shuffle courts:

- **HARD SHOOTING** – This is defined as shooting hard enough to consistently cause a shot or object disc to leave the court and fly onto an adjacent court. This can cause injury and disturb other players. A referee can provide a warning and is followed by subsequent point deductions from the score.
- **CUE CONTROL** – Following your shot you are to step to the back of the shooting area and hold your cue upright.
- **TIE GAME** – Should you have a tie game in a tournament an additional 2 frames will be played and will continue until a winner is determined.
- **STEPPING ON THE COURTS** – can result in a penalty by the referee.

Have fun shuffling! Submitted by Chris Kurtz.

Sunshine Lady

Karen Macking is our sunshine lady. Karen buys a variety of greeting cards, sets them out to be signed by park residents and then mails them to the designated recipients. To be able to do this Karen needs us to inform her when one of these cards are needed. Karen is usually at the Monday morning meeting.

Thursday Suppers

After some discussion at the meeting, it was decided that Thursday night suppers would return to Trails End. Their frequency and who will spearhead the suppers will need to be decided. For more information or to volunteer contact Pat.

Trails End Logo Clothing

Trails End clothing line will be discontinued and remaining stock will be sold at reduced prices at our weekly Monday meetings.

USA Day, February 26th, 2022

The USA Day Committee has met and we are putting together the schedule of events for the day. The theme is “Celebrate Home” and everyone in the park can be part of the fun by decorating your yard/home to highlight the state or province you call home.

The day will begin with lunch at 11:00 in the main hall. Hotdogs, chips, cookies are on the menu. At approximately 11:45 we will have a short program, which will include the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem and recognition of some special Trails End residents.

A Parade will follow at 1:00, which will include, golf carts, bicycles, walkers, etc. We'd like the carts to also be decorated to suit the theme of the day.

Trivia contest will follow at 3:00 for teams of 4. This has been a favorite part of USA day for many years. Hope you will put this on your calendars and join in the fun! Submitted by Candy Spiker.

Variety Show

Our annual Variety Show date is quickly approaching - February 12th at 7 pm. Please register by this Friday. Come see your neighbors perform skits, songs, jokes, etc. This is a variety show not a talent contest. Come early as seating is usually filled by show time. Sign up with Susie or Hank Vanderzyden.

Veggie Truck

The Veggie Truck visits our park every Friday from 10:00 to 12:00 and is located on the north side of the main hall, Trinidad Street, next to the Shuffleboard Courts.

Veterans Program

Trails End Park 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 Veteran Wall in the main hall. Temporary or permanent park residents who served in the United States or Canadian Military Services, including National Guard and RCMP members assigned to Foreign Service are eligible to participate. Deceased veterans whose spouse lives in the park may have their picture on the wall. Forms are available in the black mesh box on the North wall by the travel trips info. A 5x7 or smaller picture is needed. It does not need to be in uniform. Complete the information and return to Madonna Johnson.

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics sessions are held Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 am, 9:30 am. and 10:30 am. Monday sessions are 9:30 and 10:30 am. If the outdoor temperature is below 60 F or it is raining, that day's session will be cancelled. Submitted by Linda Wuethrich.

Wood Shop

The Wood Shop is open daily and Ken Thompson is the monitor. If you are interested in woodworking, you can contact Ken @ 546 or check him out in the woodshop. "*The Infinity Table*" ticket was drawn on January 4th and the winner was Judy Lenz. Submitted by Ken Thompson.

Coming Events

- February 5 Saturday morning breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 am
- February 5 Movie Night, 7 pm
- February 8 Annual Bridge Tournament
- February 8 Entertainment, *Spittin Image*, 7:00 pm

February 11 Cribbage Tournament, 6:30 pm
February 12 Variety Show, 7:00 pm
February 13 Ice cream Social, 6:00 pm
February 14 Valentine's Day
February 19 Canada Day, 5:00 pm
February 21 Annual Meeting, 8:30 am
February 22 Entertainment, *Kenny Ray*, 7:00 pm
February 25 Cribbage Tournament, 6:30 pm
February 26 USA Day