

Trails End Way Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK WINTER TEXANS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome everyone. The Trails End Board of Directors would like to welcome back all Winter Texans and say hello to the full time Texans who we left behind last spring.

The Board would like to say **Thank You** to Bonnie and Dan, the park managers and the workers Angel, Juan and Martin for work that was done in the park this summer. We welcome Rosa who is doing a great job keeping the halls and facilities clean. The park and facilities are looking great with new paint, new asphalt, new woodworking, extra lighting and all the other improvements that were completed. The pickle ball courts have been started and remain an ongoing project but should be playable some time this season.

The Board has had only one board meeting thus far and although not all nine directors are here we have managed to start getting things done. The kitchen has been stocked and the events have started. The Board welcomes your input and suggestions and ask that you talk to any of the Board members or use the suggestion box. If you have concerns or issues that you want to discuss please bring them up at the General meeting or make arrangements with a Board member to attend a Monday morning Board meeting. There you can express your concerns and the Board can discuss and consider further action.

Volunteers have started to come forward to fill vacancies on the Activity List. We ask that you review the list and if corrections, additions or changes need to be made please do so and an updated list will be prepared in due time.

As this is the December Newsletter the Trails End Club Board of Directors would like to extend our best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and wish everyone a *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

Frank Vande Graaf – President, TE Club

Directors: Jackie Smith, Floyd Neal, Wil McCallum, Donna Stang, Chris Kurtz, Ginger Doherty, Bonnie Moore, Duroid Textor.

FROM THE PARK MANAGERS

Welcome back to all of you. We are looking forward to a wonderful and healthy winter. We ask that you stop by the office to check you in when you return. We may have mail for you and we have a special gift.

The December bills are ready for payment and must be paid by December 10, 2014 to avoid a late fee. If you left a post-dated check for December, please check with Bonnie as there may be additional charges above the normal \$288.00.

Folks with recreational vehicles are welcome to stop by the office for a Reservation Form for the year 2015/2016 to reserve your site for next year. We call this “Closed Season”. “Open Season” (reserve for a different site) begins February 1, 2015.

We have remote gate openers for the price of \$15.00. The vender we purchase from wants cash only.

We are still leading the Valley in our recycling effort and ask that you please separate your items before putting in the bins.

If you are renting a unit in the park from a resident, we need to have some basic information on you so please stop by.

Please drive slowly in the park and try to remember as we ramp up for another busy season that there are bicycles and golf carts using our roads as well as vehicles.

If you purchased a mobile home last season and have not notified the tax office in Edinburgh, you must do so immediately. You will not receive your tax bills until you notify them. We have maps in the office for directions on where to go.

Once again, we welcome you back and thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Dan, Bonnie and Anni.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

GREETINGS ALL! The winter season of 2014/2015 is well underway at Trails End. Each day and every event or activity brings lots of hugs and handshakes as people happily renew acquaintances with “old” friends. Yes, over half of the park’s population is back and it’s great to be starting another year. But sadly, a number of our long-time residents and friends have passed away and others are staying back home this year to deal with serious illnesses or other personal difficulties. We think of them often, remember the good times we shared, and wish well to those at home as they face their own personal challenges.

Welcome all newcomers to Trails End! We hope you’re keeping busy discovering all the activities and features we enjoy here at the park. Please feel at home and enjoy your time here with us.

Looking good! The many improvements throughout the park are really appreciated. The interior of the Main Hall is freshened and looks especially up to date. Thank you to our dedicated managers and workers who were very busy over the summer months. Thanks also to the park owner Mr. Nodel for his support and contribution in seeing so many of the projects on our “wish list” become reality. Thank you to the full-time residents who kept watch on our winter homes during our absence. Trails End has the overall highest occupancy rate of all surrounding mobile home parks and we are proud to call it home. Thanks everyone.

What’s happening? A lot goes on around here and I strongly encourage everyone to attend the Monday Morning Meeting and check the activity boards in the Main Hall and Card Hall at least once a week for any new, updated, or changed information. Things can and do change after the newsletter is printed, and the bulletin boards in the Main Hall and Card Hall generally are the first means of broadcasting that updated information. For those of you who would like to become more involved in the park (i.e., be a volunteer), check this newsletter and check the list of activities and chairpersons posted on the Board’s Bulletin Board on the north wall of the Main Hall. There are several volunteer positions needing to be filled and we urge everyone to consider getting involved. Volunteering is a great way to have fun and meet people.

A word about safety. For everyone who attends evening functions or activities, be especially careful when walking in the streets at night. Automobiles, golf carts, and bicycles also use the same streets. Please obey stop signs and observe the posted speed limit of 15 MPH. For those driving golf carts and/or riding bicycles, make sure you have working headlights and taillights so you will be seen by other drivers.

The Christmas season is at hand. In the true spirit of the season we urge you to give some thought to those who are less fortunate than we are and share some of your time and resources with them. There are opportunities to do that through some initiatives here in our park, or through charitable groups in the Weslaco and surrounding area.

I wish you and yours a truly Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year.

*Joe Moore, Trails End Way Editor
903 Leisure Lane, 937-416-5543*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are going to be booking an activity or special event, please remember that **THE ONLY OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR BOOKINGS OF CLUB FACILITIES IS MAINTAINED BY DUROLD TEXTOR**. Do not pencil in your own events on calendars in halls, etc. **Bookings must be cleared with Duroid Textor, 169 S. Bermuda.** For your information and reference, the *Use of Hall Policy* as passed by the Board on November 19, 2012 is posted on the Board's Board.

If you have **relatives or house guests visiting**, feel free to **include them in the park activities** such as meals, entertainment, shuffling, card games, etc. We look forward to meeting your visitors and are happy to consider them part of our Trails End family for the length of their stay here. (Sign up ahead, or purchase tickets or make whatever arrangements are usually necessary for the different events.) If they like it at Trails End they might even decide to move here at some future time!!!



2014-2015 WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee under the guidance of Linda Wuethrich is busy greeting new arrivals and returnees to the park for the 2014-2015 winter season. The committee tries to keep up with the moves and changes but if you know of someone who may not have been officially welcomed, don't hesitate to contact a committee member (list below) or Linda at 621 Trinidad (608-346-6912). There is a packet of helpful information to assist newcomers with the settling in process. (Oldtimers may request this information also.) Don't forget that a trip to the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.weslaco.com/>), 275 S. Kansas, will be helpful -- even for returnees.

Welcome Committee members are:

(South Bermuda)	Cathy Whitney	(Jamaica and Acapulco)	Jackie Smith
(Tampico)	Linda Markert	(Vera Cruz)	Jane Glock
(Trinidad)	Linda Wuethrich	(North Bermuda)	Pat McComas
(Durango North)	Dot Hein	(Mid Durango)	Carolynn Mulock
(Yucatan)	Verna Boss	(South Durango)	Betty Gross
(Leisure Lane)	Bev Buechele		

ANY CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION?

You can update your information at any time of the year – even if you have a change in home (up north) information over the summer! Many people use the Website Resident Directory to input information changes. However, it can only be as current as you make it. So if you have a new Trails End phone number, new Trails End address, or a new e-mail address:

For the newsletter, contact Joe Moore by email at jmooregt@gmail.com
by telephone at 937-416-5543

or leave a note at 903 Leisure Lane

For the printed resident directory,
contact Sue Brown

by email at suedowntown@aol.com
or leave a note at 761 N. Bermuda

For the website resident directory,
contact Linda Stainer

by e-mail at linda.stainer@gmail.com
by telephone at 204-800-8901 or
you can click on “Contact Us” on the TrailsEndClub.com website
home page

We apologize for having what appear to be duplicate repositories of information but until such time that we consolidate all the above information entries and modernize our system with a “one change does all” function that updates the monthly newsletter, printed resident directory, and the website directory all at once, you will need to notify each of these separately. This is something we hope to remedy in the near future.

(Please note there are still copies of the **Guide to the Trails End Club Website** which was issued in March 2011. Newcomers will find it especially helpful.)

NEW/CHANGED ADDRESSES and TELEPHONE NUMBERS

There are many new people, and folks who have relocated within the park, plus many with new phone numbers. The list below is by no means complete or 100% accurate. Some of this information changed after the n(picture) resident directory was published. This is the best information we have from the individuals. Write it in your current Park Directory or on your personal address list.

* - **Information that has changed.** Any information that's listed but hasn't changed is listed solely for clarity. Some information is not shown per individual request.

NAME(S)	TE ADDRESS*	PHONE NUMBERS*	EMAIL ADDRESS*
Muriel and Wil McCallum	269 Jamaica	956-351-5741	muremcc@gmail.com (Muriel) wilbertmccallum@hotmail.com (Wil)
Dennis and Jo-Anne Higgs	831 Yucatan	956-647-5922	johiggs@sasktel.net
Eugene & Jackie Smith	257 Jamaica	956-375-2479	jackiesmith_16@hotmail.com
Bob and Liz Hercina	751 N. Bermuda	956-647-5958	elhero@icloud.com (delete: eahercina@hotmail.com)
Glenn and Sue Harding	718 N. Bermuda	956-375-2641	
Dennis Truelove and Donna Weisgerber	566 Vera Cruz	956-375-2516	donnaweisgerber@sasktel.net
Frank and Evelyn Apperley	663 Trinidad	956-375-2743	eapperley@hotmail.com
Terry and Judy Neal	925 Leisure Lane	--	tandjneal@hotmail.com
Lou and Donna Stang	631 Trinidad	956-375-2639	stang.d@sasktel.net
Phil and Mary Schroeger	116 S. Bermuda		pmschroeger@yahoo.com
Randy and Maureen Demyd	707 N. Bermuda	956-375-2509	rmdemyd@hotmail.ca
Jim andCarolynn Mulock	1055 Durango	956-375-2627	
Joe and Marie Whitney	629 Trinidad	956-375-2533	mom.jmwhitney@gmail.com

RECYCLE/COMPOST

As everyone can tell by the full bins of recycle and big piles of compost, we're getting great response from lots of people. A big thank you to all who continue to help us and the environment.

We've mentioned it before and we'll mention it again. One thing that definitely helps all recyclers is to please take the lids off plastic containers and **RINSE EVERYTHING OUT**. Putting dirty containers into recycle bins just attracts rodents, ants, flies and it stinks! Rinsing only takes a few seconds. Also please take newspapers out of plastic bags before they go into bins and recycle both in the appropriate containers. Lastly, do not toss plastic bags of compostable refuse onto the compost pile. Please dump the contents in the compost heap and dispose/recycle the plastic bags in their appropriate containers. There are containers marked for Styrofoam in the Main Hall and the Card Hall. Please empty cups and wipe off trays or dishes (don't need to wash them) before putting them in the containers.)

We have the best recycling program in the Valley! Congratulations to all for helping us go Green. Many people from other parks come here to check out our recycling areas. We have something to definitely be proud of so...Thank You everyone.

Sunday Brunch Dates

Mark your calendars! Sunday brunch dates for the 2014-2015 winter season are December 14th, January 4th and 18th, February 1st and 15th, and March 1st.

-Submitted by Dave Pollock, 266 Jamaica

Ice Cream Socials

More dates to mark! Ice cream socials for the 2015 winter season will be held on January 11th, February 8th, and March 8th. More information will be available in the January 2015 newsletter.

- Submitted by Terry Neal, 925 Leisure Lane

PARK-WIDE PATIO AND CRAFT SALE

The annual Trails End park wide sale will be on Saturday, December 6th from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. Come search out some treasures at bargain prices or sell some of your own unique treasures. There will be "garage sale" setups throughout the park and tables for craft sales will be set up in the Main Hall. More details are available from Ken Tanula, Coordinator, 570 Vera Cruz.

Cribbage

Cribbage is played every Thursday afternoon at 1:00p.m in the park library. Bring one penny, two nickels, and one dime. You do not need to bring a partner.

On Friday nights, this coming January 9th and 30th, February 20th, and March 13th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. are cribbage tournament nights in the Main Hall. Bring a partner.

- Submitted by Leo Schueller and Dick Morgan

Name Tags

Anyone needing a name tag, please print your name and where you are from, on the name tag sheet in the Main Hall, south wall.

- Submitted by Jo-Ann Higgs, 831 Yucatan

Pickleball Fundraiser Dance

A pickleball fund raiser dance will be held on December 6th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Main Hall. The cost will be \$5.00 and music will be by "Wil the DJ" McCallum. Advanced tickets can be purchased from Judy Perras-Lenz, 532 Vera Cruz or Marilyn Monaghan, 436 Tampico. Check out the posters announcing this event for more information.

- Submitted by Carol Watson, 540 Vera Cruz

2014-2015 Variety Show

The variety show is scheduled for January 24th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The event is to showcase the talent we have in the park. Numerous volunteers will be needed for the show to be a success. If you would like to entertain or volunteer to help, contact Eugene Smith at 257 Jamaica or call 956-375-2479.

Trails End Logo Clothing

Article of clothing with the Trails End campfire logo are displayed and on sale in the Main Hall before and after the Monday Morning Meetings. Numerous jackets, polo shirts, caps, etc., are available including ladies polo shirts with the logo embroidered or silkscreened on them. It takes about two weeks to get any item so if you know that you want something in particular, contact Betty Gross at 612-802-1627.

- Submitted by Betty Gross, 809 Yucatan

Non-Denominational Church Services

Non-Denominational church services at Trails End have started and are held every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Trails End Library. Deacon Bob Waters will be leading worship each Sunday and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz, 956-351-5351.

Paper Tole

Paper tole starts on December 1st. For further information, contact Dolores Dame at 728 N. Bermuda.

Mah Jong

Mah Jong will start Wednesday, December 3rd, 1:00 p.m. in the card hall. All are welcome to join us. It is a fun game and easy to learn. If you have any questions, call Betty Gross at 612-802-1627.

- Submitted by Betty Gross, 809 Yucatan

Benefit Las Vegas Night for Mabel's Free Clinic

To raise funds for the continuing operation of Mabel's Free Clinic, the association is having a fun afternoon and evening of gambling at Southern Comfort Park on Thursday, December 4th, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. A variety of gaming tables will be available plus a cash bar, live music, and a light supper of sandwiches, chips, and drink are included in the advance ticket price of \$15 (\$18 at the door). For more information or to purchase advance tickets, contact Sandy Robinson at 929 Leisure Lane or call 956-968-0302.

Food for Friends Announcement

Food for Friends terminated its activities with the last food delivery on Friday, March 21, 2014. We distributed the money that was left in the bank account to four Charities. The books have been audited. The distribution went as follow: Women Together/Mujeres Unidas (battered women) >\$500. Margo School (shoes and clothes for kids in the morning if they don't have proper clothes) <\$500. San Martin de Porres Food Bank \$516.37 and Rainbow Room (where they take the kids before they place them in a shelter or foster family) \$500.00 as well. Through the years we hope we made a bit of difference in their lives with your help. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to all of you who supported our cause.

[signed] Monique and Roland Bourque and their helpers.

- Submitted by Monique Bourque, 909 Leisure Lane

Trail's End Cookbooks

We've had several requests for the Trail's End Cookbook that was completed in 2009 by Diane Mehtala and Verna Boss. We had fun working on the books and we also were thankful for so many of you for your contribution of recipes that made the books a success. There were 982 recipes from approximately 211 contributors. Anyone interested in a cookbook, please stop by Diane's home (548 Vera Cruz) or Verna's home (827 Yucatan) to buy one for \$20.00 each. 200 have been ordered and when they're gone, they're gone.

- Submitted by Verna Boss, 827 Yucatan

Newsletter Calendar

For your convenience, the event calendar on the last three pages of this newsletter are "paged" so that the information starts on an odd-numbered front side sheet of paper, allowing the last several printed pages to be removed and posted near your regular calendars. For those who receive the newsletter electronically, simply print the last three pages of this newsletter's file.

Trails End Activities Under New Management...

- Evelyn Apperley has taken over as secretary and Richard Mehtala will serve as chairman of Trails End shuffleboard committee replacing Pearl and Graham Black.
 - Cheryl Way, Connie Clark, Bev Catalano, and Betty Gross will be the new hosts for Hand and Foot (HF) games, while Bev Buechele and Connie Clark will host Euchre games. Don Matthews, who hosted EF for nine years and Euchre for six years has stepped down for a well deserved rest.
 - Tootie Varone has taken over Thursday afternoon crafts replacing Annette Cress.
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FOR YOUR HEALTH



We have a number of health activities for your info this month. Get your "shots" while you can...a flu shot that will last this winter. While you are doing that you should get a PNEUMONIA SHOT...once every TEN YEARS is a good idea of how often you should consider this. If you have ever had CHICKEN POX you should also think about a SHINGLES SHOT. True, they are expensive (around \$300.00) but worth it if you can afford it. Once in a lifetime is all that's needed. Shingles is a very painful disorder that has NO real treatment: you may get something to relieve the pain if you do get the shingles but there is nothing to relieve the signs & symptoms of the disorder.

This year United Blood Services is holding a Special airlines RAFFLE for donors...a **ROUND TRIP FOR TWO!!!** on Southwest Airlines for blood donors who want to go **ANYWHERE** Southwest Flies!!! They are also holding a raffle that includes accommodations for two to go to the SUPERBOWL!!! See the Health bulletin board for details! UBS will send their BUS to the park so SIGN UP & DONATE!

More health information - BLOOD PRESSURE will be done on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you need any injections or health advice call Kay DeJong @ 956-969-2564. If you need blood pressures taken more than once a month call Kay. There are nurses in the Park that will come to your home to do this.

- Submitted by Kay DeJong -- Health Committee Coordinator, 148 South Bermuda

PARK NEWS and ITEMS OF INTEREST



BIBLE STUDY

We started weekly Bible Study this season on November 10th. This year we are doing things a bit different. We are going to be doing a 12-week video series entitled "Freedom in Christ" (workbooks are \$11.00). Each week we will have a 30 minute video by Dr. Neil Anderson. I am sure most will find the subject matter interesting and enlightening. The video will be followed by a 30 minute discussion time when there will be an opportunity for comments or questions.

Bible Study will be held after the Monday Morning Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Card Room. If you have questions, please call Betty Thompson at 3763-291-1459 or see me at 546 Vera Cruz.

- Submitted by Betty Thompson, 546 Vera Cruz

2014 SUMMER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

We hope you have the chance to tour the park and note the many improvements made over the summer months. Among those improvements were:

- Sealcoating North Bermuda, Trinidad and one half of Yucatan streets.
- Palm trees were trimmed.
- The Main Hall has a new look inside.
- Work on the Pickleball court is underway.
- The tattered green carpeting on the sidewalks to the Main Hall was removed and the cement underneath painted.
- Two new closets were built for the Pool Hall
- Hired a fulltime cleaning gal (Rosa Alvarez).
- Removed overgrown cedar trees on west side of main office, planted bottle brush trees and laid carpet grass over the entire area.
- Eight park models were purchased, installed, cleaned, registered, and rented. One double-wide was purchased and is for sale.

Improvements made in the interest of security were:

- Razor wire installed on top of North Bermuda wall and on a portion of the Leisure Lane wall.
- Gate code was changed. Check with the office for the new code.
- Hired off-duty policemen to help curtail theft.

If you like what you see in terms of these improvements, we have comment cards in the front office to send to the park owner Mr. Nodel thanking him for his generosity.

- Submitted by park managers Dan and Bonnie Sell



SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

Welcome back to another season of shuffling. **New Comers** - please come and join us. Shuffling is fun and a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

Kudos and Acknowledgements

- Congratulations to **Dorothy Textor** for placing 1st in the Amateur Consolation Event at Snow to Sun Singles Tournament.
- Congratulations to **Gary and Marlene Clews** for placing 3rd in the Amateur Consolation Event at Leisure World Mixed Doubles Tournament.
- Congratulations to **Dorothy and Duroid Textor** for placing 4th in the Amateur Main Event at Weslaco Trailer Park Mixed Double Tournament.
- Congratulations to **Brian and Deanna Harris** for placing 3rd in the Amateur Consolation Event at Weslaco Trailer Park Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Monday Morning League starts on January 5th and runs through March 9th. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the shuffle shack December 1st with the dead line December 26th. Those of you who are not here yet or are not able to make it to the shuffle shack, you can email me at eapperley@hotmail.com or phone 956-375-0497 and we will add you to the list. We will be having Scramble Shuffle every Monday after the morning meeting until the regular league starts.

Free Shuffle Lessons are held every Saturday at 9:00 am. Please sign up at the shuffle shack.

Friendly Friday with Weslaco Park at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays. Watch the board at the shuffle shack for location of game. We alternate with Weslaco Park.

Hoss Collar every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and Open Shuffle is every day at 1:00 p.m.

Sign up for the upcoming Weekly Tournaments before noon on Fridays. The Signup Sheets are in the shuffle shack and the dates and tournament location are on the chalkboard on the south side of the shuffle shack.

Referee School will be held Saturday, December 20th, 9:30 a.m. at Country Sunshine Park. It is **free**. Anyone wishing to register call Duroid at 956-854-4075 or Evelyn at 956-375-0497.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all the above events even if you have never shuffled before. Don't forget to watch the boards on the shuffle shack for changes.

There was some great work done over the summer to the shuffle chalkboards and the disk holders. The shuffle court looks great. On the behalf of everyone, Thank You.

- Submitted by Evelyn Apperley, 663 Trinidad

TOURS! TOURS! TOURS!

Hi! I am Jo-Anne Higgs, your Trails End tour director. I have been working on the Memphis/Nashville Tour for March 2nd-8th 2015. It is jam packed with activities and meals for seven days and six nights. Cost with flights for twin is about \$1,475. There is pricing for several different categories.

I have a gambling trip to Wendover Nevada on January 6th for \$229 for three days. Deadline for payment was in late November however; if you have a sincere interest in this trip, please check with me to see if there is any late booking possibility. I'm also working on an Eagle Pass overnight gambling trip in mid-January. Cruises, gambling and Texas trips are posted in the Card Hall south bulletin board. There are trips to Kerrville, San Antonio and Galveston for Christmas lighting. There are also one day trips to Port Isabel for the boat parade on January 6th. King Ranch tours are also available. I am working with different travel agencies to get a variety of tours And I will post a featured tour in the Main Hall every week. Many

trips are posted in the Card hall on the Tour board. Please check it regularly as it does change.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, questions, or comments.

- Submitted by Jo-Anne Higgs, Trails End Tour Director, 831 Yucatan, 956-647-5922



COUNTRY MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

The music jams will run from December 5th to March 20th. They will go every Friday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Come out and play, sing, or just listen to the music.

Inquiries? See Eugene Smith at 257 Jamaica or call 956-375-2479.

- Submitted by Eugene Smith, 257 Jamaica

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CRAFTS

It's **Craft Time** again here at Trails End. Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Card Room, come join in on the fun projects, and get to know your neighbors. Check the craft board for classes each week. Any ideas? Stop by or give me a call at 651-263-3725.

- Submitted by Tootie Varone, 1041 Durango



VETERAN'S RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Trails End Club has an ongoing Veteran Recognition Program for permanent and temporary residents of our park who served for any length of time in the United States or Canadian military services. National Guard and Reserves and RCMP Members assigned to Foreign Service are included. Please pick up a form on the South counter in the main hall, complete the form and include a 5x7 or smaller picture of yourself, return the form and picture to the box provided on the South counter or to a committee member listed on the form. For more information, contact Madonna Johnson, 615 Trinidad, 224-420-2635.



RED TRAILETTES

(Red Hat Ladies)

The Trails End Red Hat Ladies meet each month on the first and third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Card Hall. All park ladies are welcome to join. This is a great way to meet other ladies in the park. The cost of membership is a \$3.00 per person per season. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd, at 8:30 a.m.

Red Hat ladies enjoy many activities including shows, lunches, shopping trips, fashion shows, and special talks, etc. Lots of fun is had by all.

Activities are posted on the RED HAT bulletin board on the north side of the Main Hall. Our first activity is the Christmas party Tuesday, December 9th in the Main Hall. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you there.

Inquiries? See Queen Mother Jo-Anne Higgs (831 Yucatan, 956-647-5922) or Eleanor Seidlik (671 Trinidad, 956-351-5666).

- Submitted by Jo-Anne Higgs, 831 Yucatan

TIE QUILTERS

The tie quilters were so excited about all the new fabric and others supplies you delivered to us that we have already started making quilts to share when the next cold snap comes. We gather on Wednesday mornings in the main hall. If you'd like to help, we'd welcome you and of course we welcome all your donations. One item we could really use right now is some neutral colored thread. You don't have to know anything about sewing to help as we have all kinds of jobs other than sewing (cutting, sorting, tying, etc.) on our assembly line. We had saved quilts last spring and thanks to Kay and Gene they were shared during the cold snap. Thanks to all for your generosity.

-Submitted by Donna Stang, 631 Trinidad



USA DAY IS COMING !!!

The parade will be held on the streets of Trails End on Saturday February 21st, at 2:00 p.m. (Oh just can't wait for all the fun.) The theme will be "**Our 50 States**" Decorate in the style of the state of your

choice, but not your own state. States spoken for are Wyoming, Colorado, Louisiana, Florida, Alaska, Hawaii, and California. If you know the state you want to do just let us know. Decorate a cart, bike, animals, or even yourself in red, white, and blue. The buffet is about the same as last year and any suggestions are welcome. Ray and Wilma Martin are here now and we have already started work on the program. It will be surprise, surprise but oh so interesting. :) :) More to come next month.

- Submitted by Bev Buechele, U.S.A. Day Committee, 933
Leisure Lane



CHRISTMAS CONCERT on

December 21st

The CHRISTMAS Program will be held on December 21st at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. The Christmas choir is open to all who wish to sing and entertain the guests attending the program. Sign up sheets for choir, set-up and clean-up will be posted on Help Wanted bulletin board.

Choir practice days will be held at 3:30 Wednesday's December 3rd, 10th, and 17th with optional December 20th. If you will have small children visiting, please bring a present for your child that Santa can give to them.

Felix Navidad to all,

- Submitted by Carol Watson (540 Vera Cruz)

MONDAY AFTERNOON QUILTING

The Monday quilting group meets every Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Main Hall. For the month of December, we will continue making our rag quilts. If you are just joining the group or haven't picked out a pattern yet, please purchase a pattern and the required materials for the one you want to make. There are several rag patterns available and some good ones are available from <http://www.saginawstreetquilts.com/store.php?cat=2>. Search for "Oh Christmas Tree", "Frosty", or "Old Saint Nick". Flannel works best for these quilts.

Looking forward to January 2015, we will be making a "Turning Twenty" quilt. There are several varieties of this popular pattern available. Determine if you would like to make a lap, twin, queen, or king size. All sizes are "fat quarter" friendly. I have a book for ideas on the variety of

quilts available. Bring in your ideas and projects to share with all.

-Submitted by Bonnie Moore, 903 Leisure Lane



PETER PIPER PIZZA BUFFET LUNCHEONS

Join Trails End friends for lunchtime pizza buffet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Peter Piper Pizza, 3101 E. Expressway 83, Weslaco TX 78596. For December, the pizza dates are December 2nd and December 16th. Sign up ahead on the kitchen sign-up board (next to the Thursday night dinner sign-up sheets) and arrive at Peter Piper at 11:45 a.m. For information, contact Ray Maanika at 138 S. Bermuda, 906-399-1144.

TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

I hope you are all looking forward to an exciting new season of Tuesday night entertainment. We have some great shows lined up to kick off the schedule on the first Tuesday in January. Shows start at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall at a cost no more than \$6.00 per person.

The shows scheduled for January are listed below along with links to the artist's websites where you can learn more about each of them by (Ctrl + click) on the links:

- January 06, 2015 / Gold Wing Express / 7:00 PM / \$6.00 (<http://goldwingexpress.net>)
- January 13, 2015 / John Sager / 7:00 PM / \$6.00 (<http://www.johnsager.com>)
- January 20, 2015 / Patsy Cline Tribute with Rainy / 7:00 PM / \$5.00 (<http://wintertexaninfo.com/Bands/Rainy.html>)
- January 27, 2015 / J. C. Harrison / 7:00 PM / \$6.00 (<http://www.jc-harrison.com/home.html>)

Information about other entertainment occurring in the valley can be found on the Winter Texan Times website at <http://www.wintertexantimes.com> or Winter Texan Info website at - <http://wintertexaninfo.com>.

- Submitted by Brad Magnusson, 439 Tampico

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics will be held at 9:00 a.m. beginning Tuesday, December 2nd. There will also be a 10:30 class each Tuesday and Thursday. Classes will be held if the air temperature at the pool area reaches 50 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.

Classes will not be held if there is heavy rain or lightning and thunder in the area.

See you at the pool!

- Submitted by Linda Wuethrich (608-346-6912)

PICKLEBALL

Saturday, Nov. 22, the fundraiser cleared over \$900 to help the club cover the expenses of the new Pickleball courts. Merle Nikodym (left) and Marilyn Monaghan (right) were the winners of the raffle for the graphite



paddles.

The materials for surfacing the courts have arrived and volunteers will start work as soon as possible. They are hoping to complete the courts by the beginning of January. The nets, posts, paddles and balls are here as well so everything will soon be ready for the games to begin.

- Submitted by Judy Parris-Lenz, 532 Vera Cruz

LINE DANCING



Ever wanted to line dance? If the answer is yes, this is your opportunity. If you want a little exercise and love music, come to the Main Hall and go from being a “toe tapper” to a “boot slapper”. Beginner classes are from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, advanced classes are from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., same days. You’ll have a great time. See you there!

-Submitted by Ellen Neffgen, 458 Tampico

BINGO

Bingo is held every Monday and Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. Cards go on sale for 50 cents each beginning at 7:00 p.m. An average of 18-20 games are played plus there is a winner-take-all special game at the end of each evening. There are also several 50/50 drawings. **Be sure to wear your name tag.**

Bingo will be played this year on Christmas and New Years day. If you have family or relatives visiting, bring them along as they are welcome to play. Children get free ice cream at intermission.

- Submitted by Doris Karlstedt, 118 S. Bermuda

BUNCO



Bunco is underway again this year. We started playing in November on Tuesday night in the Main Hall and had a great turnout. Next games are scheduled for December 2nd and December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall. Bring yourself and \$2.00 in \$1.00 bills only. Sign in and get a score sheet and you’re ready to go.

Warren hart and Wilma Martin will be your hosts for the December 3rd game. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Card Hall on the cards bulletin board. See you there.

-Submitted by Bev Buechele, 933 Leisure Lane

BRIDGE

Bridge is one of the best card games out there. If you like cards, you’ll love Bridge. It’s good for the brain. I invite all of you to join me for lessons.

I will be giving three advanced lessons in December. They are: December 3rd - Weak Twos, December 10th - Strong 2 club bid, and December 17 - Transfers and a review of the Stayman Convention.

Beginning and intermediate lessons will begin in January on Wednesdays, specifically January 7th. Intermediate lessons will be at 1:00 p.m. and you do not need to sign up, just come. Beginning lessons will be at 2:30 p.m. on the same days but I would like you to sign up on the sheet I have placed in the library on the bulletin board so that I can be prepared with enough materials. The lessons all take place in the library.

- Submitted by Peggy Anderson, 171 S. Bermuda

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Contract Bridge begins for the season on Wednesday, December 3rd in the Main Hall while Saturday Night Bridge will be held in the Library. Arrive by 6:45 to be ready to start play at 7:00 p.m. No partner is required. For more information, contact Cliff Lenz at 554 Vera Cruz.

- Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 956-351-5351

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate bridge begins for the season on December 1st at 12:30 p.m. in the Library. A partner IS required. Duplicate is similar to Contract bridge

except in Duplicate the hands are dealt and placed on boards which are then played and rotated from table to table. With everyone playing the same hands, this gives you a good comparison of skill levels between partners. For more information, contact Cliff Lenz at 956-351-5351 or Peggy Anderson at 218-343-4053.

- Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz

COMPUTER CLUB



The Trails End Computer Club will meet in the Library on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 9:30 a.m. with a presentation intended to be of interest to all computer users. Following the program, an allotment of time will be available for one-on-one help to those who want a better understanding of the presentation.

The Computer Clubs web site: www.tecc.apcug.org is loaded with Bulletins, Lessons, Downloads, websites and links to educational classes and videos. A weekly e-mail may be requested at tecomputerclub@gmail.com.
- Submitted by Harold Buechly, 144 S. Bermuda

TRAILS END FISHING CLUB



Deep sea fishing trips are planned once a month for January, February, and March. These trips leave from Port Mansfield. Types of fish caught include Red Snapper (minimum 15" long, 4 per person), grouper, shark, trigger fish, etc. Fishing licenses are required and can be purchased at Wal-Mart, Weslaco Borderland Ace Hardware, or Academy. Each trip is limited to 25 fishermen/women with a minimum of 20 persons required. The cost is \$100 per person and is payable in advance. A fish fry is planned after each trip for those persons who want to donate a part of their fish to the fry, or you may opt to keep your entire catch and forgo the fish fry. This decision is made prior to leaving port.

The first fishing trip will be January 11th so look for sign-up sheets in the Main Hall, south wall near the center doors. Anyone wanting to go please put

your name on the list (even if it is full) in case someone cancels out.

For more information, contact Dennis Higgs (831 Yucatan) at 956-647-5922 or Richard Mehtala (548 Vera Cruz) at 956-969-2965.



THE SUNSHINE LADY

Lorraine Colford is our Sunshine Lady. Kathy Fraser (154 S. Bermuda) is the backup to Lorraine. Lorraine will have cards available in the Main Hall (south wall) for us to sign which she will forward to our friends. It is important to let Lorraine know of someone who needs or would appreciate a card signed by the folks here at Trails End. If you know of someone who benefit from this, please contact Lorraine Colford at 349 Acapulco.

LADIES POOL



The Trails End Ladies Pool play on Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. You can play or practice earlier if you want. 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. For further information, contact Muriel McCallum at 269 Jamaica or 956-351-5741.

- Submitted by Muriel McCallum, 269 Jamaica

MEN'S 8 BALL POOL

The 8 ball pool league starts on Monday December 1st at 6:30 p.m. 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. Come out and join us. For more information, contact the activity coordinator George Dame at 659 Trinidad.

- Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz

EVENTS and calendar highlights for December 2014 (tear out):

*(*Remember to check the regularly scheduled activities on the big "Trails End Events" board in the Main Hall and to read all bulletin boards throughout the club facilities periodically during the month. Keep in mind that holidays and some other one-time events may alter the routine. This list may not be complete as things sometimes do change.)*

December 1st -- (Monday)

Monday Morning Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall

December 2nd -- (Tuesday)

Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Main Hall
Peter Piper Pizza, 11:45 a.m.
Sing-a-Long, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., Main Hall
Bunco, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Main Hall

December 3rd - (Wednesday)

Red Hats meeting, 8:30 a.m., Card Hall
Computer Class, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Christmas Choir practice, 3:30 p.m., Main Hall
Contract Bridge, 7:00 p.m., Library

December 4th -- (Thursday)

Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Main Hall
Thursday Night Dinner hosted by S. Bermuda, 5:00 p.m., Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall

December 5th -- (Friday)

Friday Lunch 11:30 a.m., Main Hall
Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall

December 6th -- (Saturday)

Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
Park wide patio and craft sale, 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Pickleball fundraiser dance, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Main Hall

December 7th -- (Sunday)

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (US)

December 8th -- (Monday)

Monday Morning Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall
Blood pressure checks, before 8:30 meeting, Card Hall
Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall

December 9th -- (Tuesday)

Red Hat Christmas Party, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., see bulletin board for location.
Sing-a-Long, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., Main Hall

December 10th - (Wednesday)


Computer Class, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Christmas Choir practice, 3:30 p.m., Main Hall

December 11th -- (Thursday)

Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Main Hall
Thursday Night Dinner hosted by Jamaica/Tampico, 5:00 p.m., Main Hall
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall

December 12 th -- (Friday)	Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
December 13 th -- (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
December 14 th -- (Sunday)	Sunday Brunch, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Main Hall Hand and Foot, 1:00 p.m., Card Hall
December 15 th -- (Monday)	Monday Morning meeting, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
December 16 th -- (Tuesday)	Hanukkah Begins at Sundown Peter Piper Pizza, 11:45 a.m. Sing-a-Long, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., Main Hall Bunco, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Main Hall
December 17 th - (Wednesday)	Red Hats Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Card Hall Computer Class, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Christmas Choir practice, 3:30 p.m., Main Hall
December 18 th -- (Thursday)	Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Main Hall Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall Thursday Night Dinner hosted by N. Bermuda, 5:00 p.m., Main Hall
December 19 th -- (Friday)	Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
December 20 th -- (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall (Optional) Christmas Choir practice, 3:30 p.m., Main Hall
December 21 st -- (Sunday)	WINTER SOLTICE (first day of winter)   Christmas Concert , 7:00 p.m., Main Hall
December 22 nd -- (Monday)	NO Monday Morning Meeting NO Monday afternoon Quilting Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
December 23 rd - (Tuesday)	Sing-a-Long, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., Main Hall
December 24 th - (Wednesday)	 CHRISTMAS EVE 

- December 25th -- (Thursday)  **CHRISTMAS DAY** 
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
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- December 26th -- (Friday) **Kwanzaa Begins**
Boxing Day (Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and others)
Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall
Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
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- December 27th -- (Saturday) Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
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- December 29th -- (Monday) **NO Monday Morning Meeting**
NO Monday Afternoon Quilting
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
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- December 30th -- (Tuesday) Line dancing classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Main Hall
Sing-a-Long, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., Main Hall
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- December 31st -- (Wednesday)  **NEW YEARS EVE DANCE AND PARTY**, Main Hall, music by Wil the DJ, times and cost TBA. Contact Marie Mackey at 639 Trinidad for details.
Board games and card party in the Card Hall.
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Upcoming Events in January

- January 1st -- (Thursday) **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015** 
NO line dancing classes
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
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- January 2nd -- (Friday) Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall
Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
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- January 3rd -- (Saturday) Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
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- January 5th -- (Monday) Monday Morning Meetings resume, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall
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- January 6th -- (Tuesday) Tuesday night entertainment featuring the **Gold Wing Express**.
Show starts at 7:00 p.m., cost is \$6.00
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- January 11th -- (Sunday) First deep-sea fishing trip of the season. See bulletin board for details.
Ice Cream Social, time TBA, Main Hall