

Trails End Way Newsletter

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January 2015

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year 2015



The Trails End Choir performing their annual Christmas Concert on December 21st

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As you read this January Trails End Way another year will have come and gone. The TE Board of Directors wish all residents a safe, happy and healthy 2015 and we welcome those who are arriving in the new year.

The park again looked very festive this Christmas season thanks to the decorating efforts of Joe, Sue and the baseball team who put up the outside lights, Richard who puts up the light displays at the front entrance and Tootie, Donna and helpers who set up the Christmas tree and decorate the hall. Thank you to all who help brighten up the park so that even without the snow we know that the Christmas season is here.

The Christmas concert took place on December 21st and a big Thank you to Carol Watson, Liz Hercina, helpers and participants who worked so hard to prepare for the concert. The hall was filled and the performances were enjoyed by all. Thank you also to the ladies who prepared the after concert food. As usual the food was delicious and plentiful.

Park activities are well under way thanks to the work and dedication of all the volunteers who help out. The list of activities is long and the list of volunteers is endless and all this work is what enables us to run the park and make the necessary improvements and purchases. Check the activity listings on the board in the main hall to see what activities are taking place. If you have any questions see the chairperson listed on the activity sheet. The TE Board thanks all of you for your contributions of time and talent.

One thing that the Board requests of all is that you read the meeting minutes which are posted on the Board's board and on the Trails End Club website. The minutes cover everything that takes place at both the Board meetings and the General meetings and Donna works hard at ensuring that they are accurate, informative and timely. A few minutes of your time each week will keep you current on what is going on in the park.

Once again a Happy New Year from the Board and enjoy the 2014/2015 season.

Frank Vande Graaf, President TE Club

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

FROM THE PARK MANAGERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. The year 2015 is upon us and our best wishes go out to all our residents and guests. We are hoping the New Year will bring new friends, new experiences, and good health.

We are continuing to pursue our efforts in recycling as much of our trash as possible. Please assist us in "Going Green".

When paying your bills, we ask everyone to please write your lot number on the lower left "memo/for" section of your checks and money orders. This will assist us in ensuring the monies get posted to your account, not someone else's. January bills are available and due by the 10th. These bills reflect January rent and November to December utilities.

You may reserve your RV site for next year now if you want the same site you are currently on. If you want to reserve a different site you must wait until March 1, 2014. We are only taking three months or more reservations. A security deposit of \$200.00 will hold your site for next year.

We are having a **Community On Parade** “Open House” again this year and hope we have better weather than last year. We don’t have a date as yet but will keep you apprised when we do. We will again be asking for volunteers to assist us. We are hoping to generate some new RV visitors and perhaps buyers for the seventeen mobile homes and RVs in the park for sale.

We have blue “comment cards” in the office if you wish to share your thanks or concerns to the owner of the park, Mr. Nodel. He has contributed enormously this past year on updating and new projects and we feel his generosity should not go unnoticed.

We would like to thank all the volunteers in the park that have dedicated their time, expertise, and \$.02 recommendations on the several projects going on in the park this winter. Volunteers are one of the reasons Mr. Nodel is so generous with us.

We would also like to thank all of the residents that are wishing us well this Holiday Season with their cards and gifts.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Dan, Bonnie and Anni



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I've said it before and I'll say it again. Trails End residents are a very giving people. Just hearing about the many kind and generous acts (especially the caroling!) they carried out over the Christmas season is heartwarming. Where but in Trails End Park would you find such a hardworking group of people finding some extra energy after a month of holiday activities and celebrations to prepare meals, make breakfasts, sing in the choir, decorate their lots, and pitching in to prepare and serve a Saturday Morning Breakfast for the residents? We have great folks here and we love every one of 'em! Thank you one and all for being such kind, caring, and giving people. Keep up the great work which makes Trails End the special place we call home. Although we don't always take time to tell them, we truly appreciate all the members of our community.

Again - **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.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 Christmas decorating contest. There were many outstanding displays in both the mobile home and RV categories and each of them represented a significant effort by residents to brighten their places and add holiday cheer and festivity to the season.

Want to know what's going on? Attend the Monday Morning meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Main Hall. Free coffee to all who attend! You'll get all the park info you need straight from the top right down to the individual activity coordinators. I also remind and encourage everyone to check the activity boards in the Main Hall and Card Hall at least once, preferably twice a week for any new, updated, or changed information. Things can and do change after the newsletter is published, and the hall's bulletin boards are generally the first means of broadcasting that updated information.

Check the calendar. For those who didn't notice in last month's newsletter, you can “tear off” the last two sheets of paper and have the whole monthly calendar of events to stick up next to your household calendar. And as an added bonus to those who get the newsletter electronically, you can see (and print) the calendar graphics in color!

A word or two about safety. I'm happy to say Thank You to folks for driving the speed limit and stopping at stop signs. But I almost backed into a bicyclist the other night because they had no headlight, taillight, or reflective gear on. 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.

Get involved. For those of you who would like to become more involved in the park, check this newsletter and check the list of activities and chairpersons posted on the Board's Bulletin Board (North Wall Main Hall). Also check the "Help Wanted" bulletin board in the Main Hall. Volunteer positions need to be filled and we urge everyone to consider getting involved. Volunteering is a great way to have fun and meet people.

*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 Duold 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. 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! 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 Linda Stainer or Gordon Lee by email at linda.stainer@gmail.com
or leave a note at 765 N. Bermuda (Linda) or 805 Yucatan (Gordon)

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

NEW/CHANGED ADDRESSES and/or TELEPHONE NUMBERS

There are many new people, and folks who have relocated within the park, plus many with new phone numbers. This is the best information we have from the individuals. Write it in your current Park Directory or on your personal address/contact list.

NAME(S)	TE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS	EMAIL ADDRESS
Ray Maanika	138 S. Bermuda	906-399-1144	kurtzac@hotmail.com
Ken and Lois Tanula	570 Vera Cruz	956-647-5947	
Glenda Kehoe	817 Yucatan	956-375-2618	
Patricia Karlson	464 Tampico	956-375-2458	
Pete and Sue St. Sauver	1092 Durango		stillh2osuel@msm.com
Gary and Marlene Clews	260 Jamaica	956-647-5398	gmclews@sasktel.net
Dave and Gail Baldwin	711 N. Bermuda	956-375-2229	baldwin@simplyconnected.ca
Rachelle and Gerry Leclerc	263 Jamaica	956-647-5659	rachelle.leclerc@mymts.net
Joe and Alloha Twanow	470 Tampico	956-373-6729	
Bill and Joann Stuck	829 Yucatan	956-246-2009	
Frank and Evelyn Apperley	663 Trinidad	956-375-2743	
Orval and Jean Larson	271 Jamaica	956-375-2552	
Art and Chris Kurtz	563 Vera Cruz	956-375-2661	
Tom and Harriett Lee	140 S. Bermuda	417-838-6262	harlee600@aol.com
Craig Lenz & Judy Perras-Lenz	555 Vera Cruz	956-375-2847	
David Dorman & Nancy Hall	1060 Durango	417-850-5750	

John Debolt	1062 Durango	956-375-2469	
Lois Leitch-Williamson	572 Vera Cruz	956-375-2658	
Gerhard and Ellen Neffgen	766 N. Bermuda		neffgene@hotmail.com
Art and Elaine Lamb	813 Yucatan	956-520-8040	
Bernie and Gloria Kuntz	745 N. Bermuda	956-375-2066	

RECYCLE/COMPOST

A gentle reminder to everyone - please take the lids off plastic containers and **RINSE EVERYTHING OUT**. Note which “number” your plastic is and put it in the correct trash bin. Also please take newspapers out of plastic bags before they go into bins. And, 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.)

A note about recycling aluminum - Please recycle aluminum beer or soda cans only. The recycler is no longer accepting tin foil or aluminum pots/pans or cooking/baking containers. There are four recycle bins for aluminum cans in the Main Hall, two on the east side and two on the west.

We have the best recycling program in the Valley! Congratulations to all for helping us go Green.

Sunday Brunch Dates

Mark your calendars! Sunday brunch dates for the 2015 winter season are 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. Come enjoy a cool bowl of ice cream with your friends and neighbors.

- Submitted by Terry Neal, 925 Leisure Lane



THE SUNSHINE LADY

Lorraine Colford is our Sunshine Lady. Helping her is Kathy Fraser (154 S. Bermuda), the backup Sunshine Lady. 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.

Name Tags

Anyone needing a name tag please print your name, Lot # here at Trails End, where you're from, phone number, and if this is your first name tag, on the name tag sheet in the Main Hall, south wall. First name tags are free, subsequent ones cost \$2.00

- Submitted by Jo-Ann Higgs, 831 Yucatan

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



Thank you to all the little elves who contributed to our CHRISTMAS program. There was much joyful music from the 40 member choir (wow!), some good laughs, a very tasty lunch and a visit from a jolly man dressed in red. It was a wonderful way to share the feeling of family, our Texas family, while being away from home at Christmas time. Thanks again to the many people who volunteered their time. It is appreciated.

- Submitted by Carol Watson, 540 Vera Cruz

Trails End Variety Show

The Trails End talent variety show is scheduled for January 24th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Purpose of the event is to showcase the broad 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. There is a sign-up sheet on the south wall of the Main Hall for entertainers.

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, see or contact Betty Gross at 612-802-1627.

- Submitted by Betty Gross, 809 Yucatan

Golf Schedule

Beginning December 26th, the tee off schedule for will be 8:55 a.m. for Monte Cristo and 9:30 a.m. for Los Lagos. This time alternates every Friday between each golf course. I also have five tee

times starting December 19th at Los Lagos. If interested, sign up on the sheets in the Card Room.
Cost is \$32.00 for golf and cart. Questions? Call Roger Okerstrom at 219-6134-5393

- Submitted by Roger Okerstrom, 133 S. Bermuda

Non-Denominational Church Services

Non-Denominational church services are held every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the 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.

Thank You to the Trails End Board

On behalf of all Trails End residents, we want to thank the Trails End Club Board and all those who are leaders of the many many activities that go on in the park. Your contribution of leadership, time and effort is very much appreciated. Our best to you in 2015.

- Trails End Residents



VETERAN'S RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Did you know the 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 also included. Please pick up a form on the south counter in the Main Hall, complete the form, include a 5x7 or smaller picture of yourself, and 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.

Trail's End Cookbooks

The Trail's End Cookbook that was completed in 2009 by Diane Mehtala and Verna Boss is available. Many of you contributed recipes - there were 982 recipes from approximately 211 contributors, making this a fun successful project. Quantities are limited so for 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.

- Submitted by Verna Boss, 827 Yucatan

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who gave for our missions. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Submitted by Gene and Kay Markes, 847 Yucatan

Card Games

Other than Bridge, the following is a listing of all the card games played here in the park. Because these games are routinely played on the days of the week shown, they are listed here rather than in the calendar at the back of this newsletter. The information below is also listed on the “big board” in the Main Hall.

Hand and Foot - Friday & Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Euchere - Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Bid Euchere - Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
“500” - Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Texas Hold-Em - Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Mixed Texas Hold-Em - Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Mens Texas Hold-Em - Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
“65” - Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
Ten point pitch - Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Evening Dinners

Thursday Evening Dinners are put on every Thursday by a pre-designated Trails End Park street. The event is planned and staffed by volunteers from the host street and consists of an entrée, sides of potatoes and vegetables, a salad, bread or roll, and a desert. The cost is \$5.00 per person and coffee is provided and served by volunteers. For what you get, it’s a bargain! Sign-up for the dinner is on the clipboard by the kitchen and water fountain in the Main Hall. Visiting family members and guests are welcomed. Specify the number attending by your lot number on the sign-up sheet. Your host streets for the month of January are:

January 8th - Trinidad/Acapulco
January 15th - Durango
January 22nd - No Dinner due to Shuffle Tournament
January 29th - Yucatan

RGV Killer Bees Hockey 2015 Home Game Schedule

January 1st and 2nd - Corpus Christi
January 9th and 10th - Amarillo
February 5th and 6th - Amarillo
February 12th, 13th, and 14th - Lone Star
February 27th and 28th - Corpus Christi
March 13th and 14th - Lone Star
March 19th and 20th - Wichita Falls
March 27th and 28th - Odessa

All games are played at State Farm Arena near Hidalgo (for directions, see <http://statefarmarena.com/directions/>) and start at 7:30 p.m. The January 1st and 2nd games are part of Winter Texan Appreciation Week. Tickets for these two games only are buy one for \$7.00, get one free. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Main Hall near the entertainment board. For more information on the RGV Killer Bees, visit <http://killerbeeshockey.com/>.

- Contributor:Carolynn Mulock, 1055 Durango

Duffers Golf Tournament

The 11th Annual Trails End Duffers Golf Tournament will be held on January 31st at Tony Butler Golf Course, Harlingen. If rained out, the alternate date is February 7th. Details are:

- Four people per team, one person designated as Captain and at least one has to be of the opposite sex. One form only per team Captain.
- \$25.00 (cash preferred) per person for nine holes of golf c/w cart, prizes, and lunch at the main hall. Hall will be open from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. with lunch served starting at 2:45 p.m.
- Entry forms will not be available until January 3rd, after 9:00 a.m. A maximum of 24 teams will be accepted.
- Entry forms can only be picked up from Barry Knox at 357 Acapulco (956-647-5056), or Ken Tanula, 570 Vera Cruz (956-647-5947). Please submit completed team entry form accompanied by \$100.00 to either Barry or Ken by the entry deadline of January 17th.
- Check on the golf bulletin board (in Card Hall) after January 24th for your tee-off time.

- Submitted by Barry Knox, 357 Acapulco

FOR YOUR HEALTH



There will be a discussion on January 14th on **SKYMED**. This is an insurance that will deliver you to your “home base” should you become ill or injured while in the valley. SKYMED will be here on January 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Card Room. They will bring lunch for you to enjoy while listening. Be aware - this is not a substitute for health insurance. I have NOT HEARD from MASA this year so I have no idea if they will send a representative to talk with you. Please sign up if you are planning to attend the SKYMED presentation.

Blood pressure checks will be taken on January 12th from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the Card Room.

There has been considerable “talk” about this year’s flu shot. If you are considered to be “at risk”, it may not hurt to get a second shot **BUT** talk to your doctor before you decide to do this. A shingle shot is also a good idea, especially if your immune system has been compromised

Any questions? Phone Kay at 956-969-2564 before 6:00 p.m.

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



Holiday Decoration Winners for the 2014-2015 holiday season are:

1st Place RVs - Jim and Carolyn Mulock, 1055 Durango

2nd Place mobile homes, Dennis and Sharyle Peche, 759 N. Bermuda

1st Place mobile homes, Joe and Bonnie Moore, 903 Leisure Lane

PARK NEWS and ITEMS OF INTEREST

Construction on two self-help projects continues at Trails End



Workers power wash surface clean after treating concrete

Pickleball: Work continues on Trails End's newest sport facility for pickleball. Over the summer, conduit and lighting poles were set and concrete poured. The surface has been treated and etched and will be marked and should be painted in the by the time this is published. Additional events will include installing the lighting, nets, and fencing, and completing some minor landscaping. All this work is being done by volunteers.

Woodshop Extension: Construction on the shop extension continues with the recent installation of exterior walls, rafters, and roof. The interior and exterior doors and wiring has been installed and the exterior metal siding is going up. Insulation and interior drywall will be completed in the coming weeks. A significant amount of materials were recovered or recycled for this project which like the pickleball courts, is all being done by volunteers.



Additional woodshop space takes shape as walls and ceiling are built



BIBLE STUDY

Due to so many "late comers", we are beginning a new study on January 5th. 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



SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

- Trails End Shuffle Tournament is being held January 20th through the 22nd. We will be needing lots of volunteers and hope you can help. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the hall and shuffle shack soon.

- Trophy Winners

--**Dorothy Textor** placing 4th in Amateur Main at Casa de Vale Singles Tournament November 24th through the 26th, 2014.

--**Peggy Anderson** placing 4th in Amateur Consolation at Casa de Vale Singles Tournament November 24th through the 26th, 2014. (First time trophy winner)

--**Donna Wersgerber** and **Chris Kurtz** won 3rd in Amateur Doubles Consolation at Siesta Village, December 2nd through the 4th. (First time trophy winners)

--**Harry Bradford** and **R.D. Wuethrich** won 2nd in Amateur Doubles Consolation at Siesta Village, December 2th through the 4th. (First time trophy winners)

--**Duold Textor** and **Frank Apperley** won 3rd in Amateur Doubles Consolation at Country Sunshine, December 9th through the 11th.

*** **Congratulations All!** ***

- TSSA Top Ten Point Achievers in Amateur Shuffling for the 2013-2014 Season: Trails End had 6 players that achieved enough points to be in the Top Ten. They are:

Ruby Habbing, Evelyn Apperley, Chy Habbing, Lasby Lowes, Duold Textor and Frank Apperley.

The Hall of Fame Banquet is being held at Llano Grande Park January 23rd. Tickets are \$10.00. If you would like to attend, contact Dorothy Textor as she has tickets.

- Free Shuffle Lessons every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. 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., everyone welcome.

- Open Shuffle every day at 1:00 p.m., everyone welcome.

- TSSA Tournaments: Sign up weekly before **Friday noon** inside the shuffle shack.

- Submitted by Evelyn Apperley, 663 Trinidad

TOURS! TOURS! TOURS!

Hi! I am Jo-Anne Higgs, your Trails End tour director. I have several tours working that you may be interested in.

The Eagle Pass Casino trip is coming up on January 14th. Money for the trip was due back on December 11th and if you still owe money for the trip, please pay Madeline Skjerpen as I had to go home earlier than anticipated.

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. Last day to sign up for this trip is January 12th. I have modified last year's sheets for this trip and have posted them in the Card Hall. You can take one to help you decide about the trip. Just remember that air fare is extra.

I have a gambling trip planned to Wendover Nevada on March 11th. This trip includes flight and three nights in the Casino Hotel. In past years, you also got a coupon booklet to use at three of the casinos. Trails End is allotted 16 seats. It would be nice if could fill them. It is a great time.

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

Friday afternoon jams start at 12:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. Lunch before the jam is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Eugene Smith at 257 Jamaica or call 956-375-2479.

- Submitted by Jackie Smith, 257 Jamaica

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CRAFTS

The holidays are over and crafts are going well. We have a few projects coming up in January and February we hope you will enjoy, so come over to the Card Room on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and join in on the fun. Check the crafts bulletin board for sign-up sheets and lists of materials required. For any questions, see Tootie at 1041 Durango or call

651-263-3725. Have a blessed and Happy New Year!

- Submitted by Tootie Varone, 1041 Durango



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 meetings are January 7th and 21st 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 and they are also announced at Monday Morning meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Thanks to everyone who has brought us items like fabric, sheets, pillow cases, bed skirts, mattress pads, thread, etc., etc. from you homes in the north. If you like visiting ROPAs or garage sales over the winter and you come across some of these items, please think of us. We have made and given away quite a few blankets already this year to service clubs, churches, birthing centers and other places where Kay and Gene Markes found a need. We gather on Wednesday mornings in the main hall. 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. If you'd like to help, we'd welcome you. We hope you all had a great Christmas and wish everyone a happy new year.

- Submitted by Donna Stang, 631 Trinidad



USA DAY IS COMING

Once again the planning is underway to make U.S.A. Day (February 21st) a star spangled day. If you know a state you want to represent, let us know. You can even walk in the parade with a sign of one of our 50 states..... the longer the parade the better, oh yah!!! Ride a bike with a state on it.... oh yah. Drive your car with a state on it oh yah..... get the picture, lets all do something in the parade..... bigger and better than last year.... get a horse and dress as a state, oh yah!!!!..... lets have fun in the sun. Sign-up sheets will be in hall about the end of January for participants and helpers, lots of helpers.

We have been looking into organizing a Trivia event during our program this year. We would like to get 40 people. They will be arranged into panels of 4 for a total of ten panels. Some have already decided and marked on sign-up sheet as a panel of 4 already. There will be 1 leader and 3 panelists with each leader and you determine the answer together. The audience should have fun too and guess if they are answering the way they would answer it. Check out the sign-up sheet in the Card Hall, it's right inside the door to the right from the Main Hall. We will have fun, fun, fun....oh yah!!!! Ray Martin will be the MC for asking the questions of the panelists. Check it out as the categories for the questions are listed on the sign-up sheet. It is filling up fast so get your name on it.

And we will have the street dance again this year. It will start at 6:30 p.m. and feature Wil the DJ playing the tunes. When AMERICANS and CANADIANS get together, it can be a wild and crazy time.... oh yah!!!!

- Submitted by the U.S.A. Day Committee

CANADA DAY IS ALSO COMING



This year, the Canada Day Party is scheduled for February 14th. The theme for this year is RED AND WHITE so let's make everything we do, wear, and work with Red and White. Advanced planning is currently in the works and those interested in helping or need more information can contact Terry Neal at 956-854-4391.

- Submitted by Terry Neal, 925 Leisure Lane

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics is in full swing with 9:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Mondays) and 10:30 classes each Monday through Saturday. 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)

MONDAY AFTERNOON QUILTING

The quilting group meets every Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Main Hall.

In January we will start making our "Turning Twenty" quilt. There are several varieties of this popular pattern available. All are "fat quarter" friendly. There is also open quilting for those that would like to finish projects or require help or inspiration for their UFOs.

There will be a special quilt class on January 26th taught by a local quilter. This class is for quilters with an intermediate knowledge of and experience with quilting. There will be a \$10.00 charge - payable to Bonnie Moore **no later than January 19th**. A list of supplies and materials will be provided with payment. All items on the list will need to be **purchased and cut BEFORE class on the 26th**. It will be a very fast paced class and there will be no time to prep or cut during class. This class is limited to 15 people. Due to popular demand, there will be a waiting list. If requested, I will see if there can be a second class.

-Submitted by Bonnie Moore, 903 Leisure Lane

MEN'S TRAILBLAZERS

The Trail Blazer Men's chorus will start the new season on Wednesday January 7th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. We will meet every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for practices. All men interested in singing are welcome.

- Submitted by Carol Watson, 540 Vera Cruz



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 this month, the pizza dates are January 6th and January 20th. Sign up ahead on the kitchen sign-up board (next to the Thursday

night dinner sign-up sheets) and arrive at Peter Piper at/about 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-harrisson.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

PICKLEBALL

Our Community has been working hard to prepare two Pickleball Courts for us which will be completed shortly. It is a great game and I know, once we get started in the New Year, it will become one of the many popular sports in the park. I am planning on giving some quick lessons to get us started but you can watch some of the videos on You Tube to learn more about the game yourself. Here is a link to the Pickleball Channel that can help you get started:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6TT2cahqls&index=1&list=PLJUf3asPVB_DR0R9yCrxBckc0KEMNu78I.

- Submitted by Judy Perras-Lenz, 532 Vera Cruz



LINE DANCING

Do you think you'd like to line dance but haven't the foggiest idea how to get started? Thought you were Good but wanted to be REALLY GOOD? If the answer to either question is yes and if you could use a little exercise (we all could!) and love music, especially country music, come to the Main Hall and go from being a "toe tapper" to a "boot slapper". Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings each week with beginner classes from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and advanced classes from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. You'll have a great time. See you there!

-Submitted by Ellen Neffgen, 766 N. Bermuda

BINGO

Bingo is played 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. Typically, 18 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 just before the intermission. **Be sure to wear your name tag.**

Bingo **will** be played this year on New Year's Day. And there will be special bingo games played on January 10th, February 7th, and March 7th. For those games, cards will be sold at a special price with potential for bigger winnings. 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



We have had a great time this year with Bunco. It has been played in the hall, twice a month but as entertainment will start we will be moving to a yet to be determined time and day. It will be posted and it will be announced in early January. I want to thank the ones that helped host it this year. A big thank you to Jeanne Rooney, Warren Hart and Wilma Martin. Don't forget to Shake, Rattle, & Roll. See you in 2015.

-Submitted by Bev Buechele, 933 Leisure Lane

BRIDGE LESSONS

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.

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 the beginners 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 is played on Wednesday 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 is played on Mondays 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 each Wednesday 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. A minimum of 25 persons is 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 catch 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 and a sign-up sheet has been posted 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.

SHUFFLEBOARD LUNCH

Lunch will be served on Tuesday January 20th and Wednesday January 21st. We ask that park residents come about 11:00 a.m. so that it will be easier to accommodate the shufflers who will usually start to finish up around 11:30 a.m.

The menu will be as follows:

BBQ Chicken, baked potato and salad	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese or Egg Salad Sandwich	\$2.50
Salad or Chips	\$0.50
Pie	\$1.50

Coffee or Ice Tea is included with lunch

Pop is available out of the machine

We will need many volunteers for prep in the morning, serving, pies and clean-up. Sign-up sheets

will be posted after the 1st of the year. We are looking forward to working with all of you on another successful project.

- Submitted by Betty Gross, 809 Yucatan

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 those interested in Mixed Pool, it is played every 2nd or 3rd Friday. Sign-up sheet is in the pool hall with the date on it. Ten pairs is the maximum. Contact Muriel McCallum at 956-351-5741.

- Submitted by Muriel McCallum, 269 Jamaica

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

January 11th is the date for our first ice cream social. The event is held in the Main Hall. Come and enjoy the evening with your friends and neighbors. Please come out at 5:30 p.m. to be entertained by John and his musical talents. At 6:15 p.m. we will start to serve the ice cream so don't forget to bring your bowl and spoon. For additional information contact Terry or Judy Neal at 956-854-4391.

- Submitted by Terry & Judy Neal, 925 Leisure Lane

MEN'S 8 BALL POOL

The 8 ball pool league is played on Mondays 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 January 2015 (tear off):




*(*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.)*

January 1 st -- (Thursday)	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015 NO Line Dancing Classes NO Craft Classes NO Thursday Night Dinner Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 2 nd -- (Friday)	Friday Lunch 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
January 3 rd - (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
January 4 th -- (Sunday)	Sunday Brunch at Trails End, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Main Hall
January 5 th -- (Monday)	Monday Morning meetings resume, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 6 th -- (Tuesday)	Pizza Buffet Luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Peter Piper Pizza Tuesday night entertainment featuring <i>The Gold Wing Express</i>. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall, cost is \$6.00
January 7 th -- (Wednesday)	Red Hats meeting, 8:30 a.m., Card Hall Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Library
January 8 th -- (Thursday)	Craft Class, 1:00 p.m., Card Hall Thursday Night Dinner hosted by Trinidad/Acapulco, 5:00 p.m., Main Hall Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 9 th -- (Friday)	Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall Cribbage Tournament, 6:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 10 th - (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall Special Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 11 th -- (Sunday)	First deep sea fishing trip of the season Ice Cream Social starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Hall

January 12 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
January 13 th -- (Tuesday)	Tuesday night entertainment featuring <i>John Sager</i> , show starts in the Main Hall at 7:00 p.m., cost is \$6.00
January 14 th -- (Wednesday)	Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Library SKYMED Presentation, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Main Hall
January 15 th -- (Thursday)	Craft Class, 1:00 p.m., Card Hall Thursday Evening Dinner hosted by Durango, 5:00 p.m., Main Hall
January 16 th -- (Friday)	Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
January 17 th - (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
January 18 th -- (Sunday)	Sunday Brunch at Trails End, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Main Hall
January 19 th -- (Monday)	Martin Luther King Day (US Federal Holiday) 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
January 20 th -- (Tuesday)	Shuffle Tournament Pizza Buffet Luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Peter Piper Pizza Tuesday night entertainment featuring <i>Patsy Cline</i> <i>Tribute with Rainy</i> . Show starts in the Main Hall at 7:00 p.m., cost is only \$5.00
January 21 st -- (Wednesday)	Shuffle Tournament Red Hats Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Card Hall Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Library
January 22 nd -- (Thursday)	Shuffle Tournament Craft Class, 1:00 p.m., Card Hall No Thursday Night Dinner (Shuffle Tournament) Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 23 rd - (Friday)	Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall

January 24 th - (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall
January 26 th -- (Monday)	Deadline for inputs to the February newsletter Monday Morning meeting, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall Special Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 27 th -- (Tuesday)	Tuesday night entertainment featuring J. C. Harrison. Show starts in the Main Hall at 7:00 p.m., cost is \$6.00
January 28 th -- (Wednesday)	Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Library
January 29 th -- (Thursday)	Craft Class, 1:00 p.m., Card Hall Thursday Evening Dinner hosted by Yucatan, 5:00 p.m., Main Hall Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall
January 30 th -- (Friday)	Friday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 p.m., Main Hall
January 31 st -- (Saturday)	Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Main Hall

Upcoming Events in February

February 1 st -- (Sunday)	SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	
February 2 nd -- (Monday)	 GROUNDHOG DAY 	Monday Morning meeting, 8:30 a.m., Main Hall
February 16 th -- (Monday)	Ellen's Line Dance Extravaganza, Noon - 4:00 p.m., Riverside Club	