

The Trails End Way

January 2018

Message from the Board

We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Welcome back to anyone who went home for Christmas and a very warm welcome to all new people and residents who are just arriving. As always, the park is up and running with all the activities going on. Please check all activity and bulletin boards in the halls and sign up for those that interest you. Again we are all here for a great time and if you have any suggestions or comments, please see any board member or drop a note in the suggestion box.

Manager's Message

Happy New Year to all. We want to welcome all returning and new residents to Trails End whether you are coming for a short time or we are your winter destination. The New Year 2018 is upon us and we wish for good health and good times for all.

We are taking RV reservations for the winter of 2018/2019 so if you want to renew your current site, please stop by the office to secure it. We call this "Closed Season Reservations." Open season (reservations for a different site) will begin March 1, 2018. We ask for a \$200.00 deposit when reserving.

We ask that everyone be aware of their surroundings in the park especially after dark as we have some golf carts without lights being driven at that time. We have stressed this issue before but as a reminder, if you do not have lights on your golf cart, you SHOULD NOT be driving them on our park roads. We don't want to require everyone to have lights and ask for your cooperation in this matter, if you want or need assistance in installing light on your carts, come see the office for recommendations.

The January bills are ready in the office and want to remind everyone that we have a drop box in front of the office for payments made after hours or on weekends. The \$10.00 rent increase took effect January 1, 2018. Bills are due on the first of every month. We do have a grace period of up to the 10th of the month but at 4:00pm on the 10th a late fee of \$25.00 is generated automatically by the computer. If you are ever in question about your account status, feel free to see us at the office.

So far this year, we have not heard any complaints about pet owners not picking up after their loving pets. We want to thank all of you pet owners for you and your pet's cooperation and continued attention to this matter. Please let us know if the pet stations are empty of bags so we can refill them.

Upcoming Events

- Trail Blazers Men's Choir starting January 3rd
- First Cribbage Tournament January 5 and 26. Sign up in Card Hall
- Special Bingo January 6
- First Ice Cream Social January 7
- Variety Show January 21 at 7pm.
- Spanish will begin January 21 from 6-7pm
- Craft Sale January 27. Reserve your table.
- Bible Study to start January 8 after Monday morning meeting
- First fishing trip coming up in January
- Start planning for the Trails End Raffle
- Last chance for Directory pictures in January. Watch for the signup sheet.
- Brunch January 7 and January 21
- All you can eat spaghetti night, January 27
- DEADLINE for February newsletter is January 19

Cribbage Tournaments.

January 5 and 26

February 16

March 9 and 23

Cribbage will be held every Thursday at 1pm.

Variety Show

The annual Variety Show will be held January 21 at 7pm. Get working on your act and remember this is a variety show not a talent show. Sign up forms are available in the hall. Turn forms in to Hank Vanderzyden, the show coordinator by January 10.

Corrections

Bill Cusitar is no longer the chair person for the Computer Club. Please contact Maureen Colburn for further information.

Men's Texas Hold'em is Monday and Thursday at 6pm (not Sundays)

Mixed Texas Hold'em is Sunday at 6:30 (not Tuesdays)

Ladies/Mixed Pool

In the New Year for Ladies Pool starting Wednesday at 3pm throughout the season will be for beginners wanting to learn pool. We can help you out with some instruction on how to shoot pool or we can just play so that you learn a bit more about the game. See you there. Contact Muriel McCallum at #269 for info.

Due to increased interest in Mixed Pool it will be played every Friday starting at 7pm. Please arrive early (6.30-6.45) so that teams can be chosen and the round robin times posted re the number of teams. The couples will go on a rotation list to make it fair for everyone. Contact Muriel McCallum at #269

Canada Day

Canada Day will be held on February 17 in the main hall starting at 4:30pm. The theme is Classy vs Trashy. Happy hour followed by judging of tables and costumes, dinner at 6:00pm (each table provides their own meal), dance 7.00 – 10.00pm with music by Wil McCallum. Prizes will be given out for best table, best female costume, best male costume, and best couple. More details to follow in February.

Corrine Lenz 956-520-7203

Under Stage Storage

The list of items on each dolly has been revised. There are a couple of changes, so check the list before looking for something.

There is a list posted on the south side of the stage to the left of the steps. Make sure all your items on the dolly are in a plastic tote with a secure lid, or a sturdy box that can be closed at the top. Please put totes back in designated spot so it can be easily located by others. If you want something stored under the stage, please contact me and we will try to find some space. Thank you, Corrine Lenz.

Duffers Mixed Golf Tournament

Will be held at Tony Butler Golf Course on Saturday, February 3. Watch Golf Bulletin Board for further information early January.

Barry Knox

USA DAY Saturday February 10, 2018

The Theme is Sports, so decorate your golf carts, bikes and scooters with your favorite team colours and join the parade. A signup sheet is in the card hall. We need 20 park entries by Monday, January 15 for the parade plans to move forward. Buttons are still on sale from any committee member at 2 for \$5.00 or 1 for \$3.00.

Submitted by Linda Wuethrich

Men's Choir will begin on Wednesday, January 3 at 2:30pm. All men are invited! If you are a man and find yourself singing in the shower or whistling a happy tune while doing the dishes, you belong in the choir. Come to the hall. We practice on the stage. Our practice time is usually from 3:30 to 5:00 each Wednesday, but the first meeting will start at 2:30 in order to make some decisions and get the music in the notebooks.

Beginning Bridge Lessons will begin after the New Year but the time and place has not yet been determined. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the library for this, so please sign up. After the New Year, I will call the people on the list and see what we can set up. If you like cards, you will love bridge. It's good for your mind, for you have to think about what you have done, what you are doing, and what you are going to do at the same time. And I promise we do have a good time so sign up!

Intermediate Bridge Lessons will begin on Wednesday, January 3 at 1:00 in the library. If you have played bridge before but it's been a while and would like to catch up on the rules, this is the class for you. If you have had beginning lessons, this is the class for you.

Submitted by Peggy Anderson, 171 South Bermuda

Card game **PHEFFER** is played on Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30pm in the Library. Come and join us.

Submitted by Bob Schneiderhan

SHUFFLE NEWS

The Trails End Tournament is scheduled for January 16, 17, 18, 2018. Volunteer lists will go up in January.

Monday morning shuffle – signup sheets for regular shufflers and spares are posted in the Shuffle Shack. Deadline is December 30th. The first game will be January 8th. If you have any questions contact Orville or Jean Larson.

Congratulations to our December Trophy Winners:

Doubles at Country Sunshine –

³⁵/₁₇ Amateur Consolation 4th place – Ivy Harrison & Ivone Carns

³⁵/₁₇ Amateur Consolation 4th place – Harry Bradford & Rob Puckett

Tuesday Evening Entertainment

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

January 2 Southern Anthem <https://www.southernanthemband.com/home>

Showtime 7:00pm - Admission \$8.00

January 9 Freddie & Sheila Pelletier <https://freddiepelletier.com/>

Showtime 7:00pm - Admission \$7.00

January 16 Williamson Branch <https://williamsbranch.com/>

Showtime 7:00pm - Admission \$7.00

January 23 4 His Glory <http://www.4hisgloryrgv.com/>

Showtime 7:00pm - Admission \$6.00

January 23 The Punches <http://thepunches.net/>

Showtime 7:00pm - Admission \$7.00

Message from Newsletter Team

Due to technical problems, there will be no calendar this month. Please bear with us..