

Trails End Way Newsletter

Season 2014/15

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USA Day 2015



US state decorated golf carts and trailers line the street next to the park entrance flag poles for the pledge of allegiance and taps.

Canada Day 2015



Proud Canadians Ellen and Floyd Neal dress up in Red 'n White for the Trails End 2015 Canada Day festivities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The March Newsletter is here which for many of us means we are in our last month of our time together at Trails End. Most of this season's major projects have been completed and our many activities will be winding down months end.

The Trails End Board would like to thank the activity co-coordinators for their work, planning and leadership in ensuring all our activities take place. Also a huge thank-you to all the volunteers who assisted in the never ending list of jobs that need to be done in order to provide social activities, food, meals, entertainment, reading materials and all the work that goes into keeping our park looking good. Without the many volunteers and workers we would not have this great park that we are proud to call home for a big part of our year.

As outgoing President I would like to thank the board members for their work and dedication to the Board, say goodbye to the outgoing board members and congratulate the new members on their election to the Board. After five seasons as President, one season as Vice-President and one season as a Director, my time has come. I can only say that I have enjoyed my time in these positions, have enjoyed working with the many board members and residents and even enjoyed the odd "confrontations" that took place over the years, most of which I believe were resolved amicably. We did not always agree but we resolved the issues and that's what democracy is all about.

As you return to your northern homes we wish you a safe trip, a happy and healthy summer and a safe return to Trails End next season. To those residents who stay here year round, take care and we will see y'all this fall.

Frank Vande Graaf , President

FROM THE PARK MANAGERS...



The time has passed so quickly and in spite of the weather, as usual, we had an awesome winter. Unfortunately, it's almost that time again to think about departing for home. Please stop by the office to complete your Lawn Care Contract Form indicating who is caring for your lawn over the summer. If you are leaving post-dated checks, the amount for mobile home rent and sewer is \$288.00. We also now have the ability to accept credit cards so during your absence, I can process your monthly payments using your credit card. Mobile home owners must advise us of their

departure dates so we can program your account to no longer read your meter(s) and not charge for trash. Rent for permanent on-site RVs is \$180.00 per month and the storage fee remains \$30.00 per month. We also need to know if you would like us to send you monthly statements over the summer.

RV departures are quite different from the mobile homes. Please make us aware of your departure date so we can schedule when to read your meter. With respect to pro-rating RVs, the Home Office has directed us to only pro-rate those RVs that have stayed three months or more. In other words, if you stayed for less than three months, I cannot pro-rate your final month. If you are leaving in March, I cannot pro-rate as the bills are already processed. If you are leaving in April, you still have time to see me so I can pro-rate April's rent. Please stop by the office to confirm your departure dates now.

Open Season for RV and rental reservations begins March 1st. RVers can reserve a different site other than the one they occupied this year for any site that has not yet been reserved.

We would like to remind you to please complete a change of address with the Post Office before you leave. We receive thousands of pieces of mail over the summer to forward to home addresses up north. Since this is the final newsletter of the season, we want to thank you for your patronage. We look forward to serving you in the fall.

Please have a safe and healthy summer!

Dan, Bonnie, and Anni



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We are about at the end of another fantastic winter season at Trails End. In spite of Mother Nature's ups and downs, it has been hectic just trying to keep up with all the activities. As evidenced at the show-n-tell Arts and Crafts Show, it is amazing to see the great things we do here.

We wish everyone a safe trip home and a successful summer with your family, friends, various activities and other involvements up north. As they have done in the past our full-time residents will keep an eye on things here and they will no doubt heave a sigh of relief that calm, peace and quiet will once again reign over Trails End for the next six months or so. Take note – we will be back once the cold winter again threatens our northern homes. Then we will join you again for times of fun, and comradeship as only Trails End can deliver.

Most of us with mobile homes have checklists we follow for “summer-izing” our mobiles before we leave. One important thing for everyone to add to their checklists - please check all the activity and bulletin boards located in the Main and Card Hall to make sure you don't miss something that's happening early next winter season. Some items for next season have already been announced and things can and do change after this newsletter is published so please check the boards before you check out. And don't forget to notify the park managers too.

What to do something more meaningful? For those of you who would like to become more involved in the park next year, check the list of activities and activity coordinators posted on the Board's Board (North Wall Main Hall). Also check the “Help Wanted” bulletin board in the Main Hall or the announcements in the monthly Trails End Way newsletter. Volunteering is a great way to have fun and meet people.

Finally, everyone is expressing their thanks for many things and I'd like to extend mine too. To all the residents of Trails End, for your patience, understanding, constructive criticism, and complements during this year as your newsletter editor...Thank You!

Drive home safely and enjoy your summer. Hope to see everyone again next fall.

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



THE SUNSHINE LADY

Lorraine Colford is our Sunshine Lady. Helping her is Kathy Fraser (154 S. Bermuda or 875 Yucatan), 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. Please help and let Lorraine know of someone who needs or would appreciate a card signed by the folks here at Trails End. You can't begin to imagine what a good feeling such a card brings to its recipient. If you know of someone who can benefit from this, please contact Lorraine Colford at 349 Acapulco.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

This is the last submission for this year. As you go home, stop every 2 hours, smell the roses (or weeds) & think fond thoughts of Trails End.

Thank you for your support of the Health Committee over the past several years. Stay well & drive safely!

Kay DeJong, RN (ret), 956-969-2564

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

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Booking Club Facilities

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.

Visitors Always Welcome

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.

Information Updates

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! Updated information is printed in every newsletter. So if you have a new Trails End phone number, new Trails End address, or a new e-mail address contact Joe Moore:

by email at jmooregt@gmail.com
by telephone at 937-416-5543
or leave a note at 903 Leisure Lane.

NEW/CHANGED ADDRESSES and/or TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Following is a list of changes in individual street addresses, phone numbers or email addresses passed to us by park residents. Please write it in your current Park Directory and/or update your personal address/contact list. Blank spots indicate that the information hasn't changed or the resident requested it not be published.

NAME(S)	TE ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS	EMAIL ADDRESS
Amy (Mickey) Kojima	617 Trinidad	956-375-2357	
Dennis and Karen Nelson	657 Trinidad	204-338-2513	karenanddennis@live.com

Recycling

Just reminding 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. There are several 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 reminder about aluminum - Please recycle aluminum beer or soda **cans only**. Tin foil and aluminum pots/pans or cooking/baking containers are no longer accepted. There are four recycle bins for aluminum cans in the Main Hall, two on the east side and two on the west.

Trail Blazer Mens Choir Concert

The **TRAIL BLAZER SPRING CONCERT** will be held Sunday March 8th at 7:00 pm. Please join the choir for an evening of song and entertainment. Lunch will follow.

- Submitted by Carol Watson

Sunday Brunch Dates

The last Sunday Brunch of the 2014-2015 winter season is March 1st.

-Submitted by Dave Pollock, 266 Jamaica

March Ice Cream Social

Our next ice cream social is March 15th in the Main Hall. Come listen to music and visit with friends. Entertainment to start at 5:15 pm with serving ice cream at 6:15. If you like, bring a banana to put in your bowl and we will put the ice cream on it! Don't forget your spoon . Thank you!

- Submitted by Terry and Judy Neal 956-854-4391

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration

More important calendar dates to remember. Every year during the months of January through March, Trails End celebrates the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of its residents. January's celebration celebrated January, April, July, and October while February's celebration celebrated February, May, August, and November. Following is the date of celebrations for the month of March:

March 18th - celebrating March, June, September, and December

Events start at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. Wil and Friends will be performing. Volunteers are needed -- sign-up sheets will be posted by the water fountain in the Main Hall. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the hall no later than 6:30 pm.

For future reference (and something to look forward to), the Birthday/Anniversaries Celebration dates for the 2015-2016 winter season are: January 20th, February 17th, and March 16th.

If there is anyone in the park who would like to volunteer to entertain for the birthday/anniversaries? We always enjoy Wil & friends but rather than relying solely on them, perhaps there are others who would like to perform for the celebration. If anyone is interested, please contact me at dmklmorley@gmail.com.

- Submitted by Karen Morley, 1081 Durango

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.

This coming March 13th and 27th at 6:30 p.m. are cribbage tournament nights in the Main Hall. Bring a partner and have fun.

- Submitted by Leo Schueller and Dick Morgan

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. Due to the lateness of the season, there won't be any orders placed until next fall but if you know that you want something in particular, see or contact Betty Gross at 612-802-1627.

- Submitted by Betty Gross, 809 Yucatan

Cancer Support Group

For those women who would like to join a cancer support group, please contact Kathy Anderson at 1076 Durango. We welcome your input for our group format and focus.

- Submitted by Carol Staffregen, 1071 Durango

Non-Denominational Church Services

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



VETERAN'S RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Thanks to all the park residents who attended the "Meet Our Veterans" night. It was a great time to remember our veterans for their service to our countries. The Veteran Wall is for temporary or permanent park residents who have served in the United States or Canadian Military Services, including National Guard and RCMP assigned to Foreign Service. Deceased veterans whose spouse still lives in the park may also have their photo on the wall. For questions contact Madonna Johnson 615 Trinidad St., 224-420-2635.

Water Aerobics End-of-Season Lunch

The water aerobics end-of-season lunch will be held on Friday, March 20th from noon to 2:00 pm in the Main Hall. Please bring table service and a dish to pass around. Water, lemonade, and tea will be provided.

- Submitted by Linda Wuethrich, 621 Trinidad

➔ **Job opportunity - Breakfast Leader position** ➔

I have taken a new position as Kitchen Coordinator and will be relinquishing my breakfast leader position on Ray & Bev's [Saturday] breakfast team as one of the three teams that do the breakfast for the Breakfast Nook. Jon & Betty Gross and Jim & Carolyn Mulock are the leaders for the other two teams. If you are interested in being a leader for this dynamic breakfast group, please contact me at 952-406-1470. It's a fun challenging position.

- Submitted by Bev Buechele, 933 Leisure Lane

Trail's End Cookbooks

Interested in a Trails End resident-compiled recipe cookbook? The book is an extremely useful reference tool for the most demanding culinary artist down to the average family bacon burner! Please stop by Diane Methala's home (548 Vera Cruz) or Verna Boss's home (827 Yucatan) to check on availability and pick up one for only \$20.00 each.

- Submitted by Verna Boss, 827 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 - Monday, Friday, and 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 most every Thursday by a pre-designated Trails End Park street. The event is planned and staffed by volunteers from the host street.

A Thursday dinner annual schedule exists and is posted on the Trails End Club website. For March, your host streets are:

March 5th - Leisure Lane/Vera Cruz
March 12th - S. Bermuda
March 19th - Special end-of-season Mystery Dinner

- Submitted by the Kitchen Committee

Annual “Show and Tell” Arts & Crafts Show

Our annual “show and tell” Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled for Saturday March 15th in the Main Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This is the event where everyone brings out their finest arts and crafts work to showcase their skills and capabilities. You won’t believe how many talented residents are in this park! On display will be everything from handmade quilts, woodworking items, sewing, stained glass creations, and much much more. Come to the show, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy viewing the many creations made by our own park residents. For any questions or further information, contact Tootie Varone at 651-263-3725 or at 1041 Durango.

- Submitted by Tootie Varone, 651-263-3725

Canada Day Thank You

Thanks to all the Canadians that took part in the Canada Day party. Hope everyone had fun.

Awards:

- Best female costume went to Sue Brown
- Best male costume went to Terry Neal (right)
- Best couple went to Bert and Lori Morissette
- Best table (table #1) went to Cliff and Corrine Lenz, Craig and Judy Perras-Lenz, Vern and Elaine Pusch, Art and Chris Kurtz, Donna Weisgerber and Dennis Truelove, Geoffrey and Susan Walker, Karl and Joyce Lenz, Dannie and Barbara Hood, and Lee and Maureen Black.



Draw for Applebee’s Gift Card, courtesy of Ontario Travel Insurance, went to Verna Lee. Door prize winner gift basket went to Sonya Smith. Gift cards went to Bruce Lee and Judy Perras-Lenz.

Mark your calendars - next Canada Day will be February 13, 2016. The theme will be any sport.

Thanks to our music man Wil and our judges Ellen Neffgen, Peggy Hulteen, and Verna Boss. A special Thanks to my wife Judy and all those who helped prepare a light lunch that evening.

Thanks again for making our Canadian Day party a great success and Thanks to our American friends that joined us for the dance.

- Submitted by Terry Neal, Canada Day Coordinator

USA Day Thank You **Red, White, & Blue**

A big Thank You to everyone who took the time to participate in our U.S.A. Day parade, trivia program, and street dance. It was great to see everyone working together at Trails End.

Thank you to Sandy Robinson and Carolyn Buswell who were coordinators for the buffet and all the helpers who helped from setting up and cooking, to serving and cleaning up.



The trivia program put on by Ray Martin went very well and everyone got to play along with the panelists. It was fun, fun, fun and we all learned a few things.

Thank you to our coffee maker Gene Markes and the coffee servers. And a big thanks to Terry Neal who gave us placemats that had both the American and Canadian national anthems on them.

Thanks to our Canadian judges Mickey Kojima, her friend Sandy, and Gord and Sue Lee. Thanks to our Canadian friend Ross Harman, who drove our mystery rider behind him on his Harley. And of course, a big thanks to **Kay**

Markes for being **our mystery rider**. It was so much fun guessing who she was. Cheers to Madonna Johnson who correctly guessed who the mystery rider was.

Thanks to Roger Andrews for keeping the parade line going down the street. Thanks to Wil for providing the music for the evening's street dance.

And Thank You to our Grand Marshalls Bob and Cathy Whitney (right) for leading our parade.



- Submitted by Bev Buechele, 933 Leisure Lane

Dessert Bridge Tournament Thank You

A big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make the Annual Dessert Bridge Tournament on February 17th such a success. We had a total of 38 tables (152 players) from across the Valley and realized a \$226 profit for the TE Club. A special Thank You to the ladies who made the desserts and to the ladies who served them. They were a definite highlight! Gord & Bruce Lee from Trails End won 3rd place and Gary & Carol Gindlesburger also from our park won 6th place. Congratulations!

- Submitted by Cliff Lenz, 554 Vera Cruz

Duffers Tournament Thank You

The 12th annual tournament was held at Tony Butler Golf Course in Harlingen TX with 104 participating in golf, drinks, and lunch. Prizes draws and an auction were also included.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Village Executive Golf Course, Tierra Santa Golf Course, Monte Cristo Golf and Country Club, Tony Butler Gold Course, Los Lagos Gold Course, Cortinos Italian Restaurant, Sprouts Groceries, and H-E-B. Thanks also to the many Trails End residents who generously donated some unique door prizes.

Last but not least, thanks to the volunteers and committee members who gave of their time and expertise to make the tournament a success. Hope to see you all next year.

- Submitted by Barry Knox, 357 Acapulco

Important Information for Canadians

This item was in last month's newsletter and since this is the last newsletter of the season, it's important enough to be included again. A comment was made in a January Monday Morning meeting regarding legislation being implemented that allowed US and Canadian governments to track the number of days their citizens spend in neighboring countries. Research on this subject revealed that this implementation did **NOT** occur as it was thought to have happened on June 30, 2014. In a news release dated January 21, 2015 and posted on the Canadian Snowbird Association (CSA) website, the CSA clarified US travel rules by stating:

- In a recent article which appeared on CBC News' British Columbia website, it was suggested that Canadian citizens are only allowed to spend 120 days in the United States each year. For clarification purposes, the Canadian Snowbird Association would like to remind travelers to the U.S. that this information is incorrect.
- Under current policy, eligible Canadian citizens may spend up to **six months less a day**, in the United States, in any 12 month period. From a tax perspective, long-term visitors who typically spend four or more months in the U.S. each calendar year may be deemed resident aliens for tax purposes. In order to be treated as a non-resident alien, these individuals need to claim a "closer connection" to Canada by filing the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 8840 annually.
- Further, the CBC News article also discussed the Entry/Exit Initiative, a bi-national border program in which entry and exit data will be shared on individuals travelling between Canada and the United States. While this initiative was scheduled to be expanded on June 30, 2014, to include Canadian and American citizens, the necessary legislative and regulatory changes have not been implemented. At present, the Entry/Exit Initiative is not fully operational.

Recommendation? Everyone review their situation very carefully. If needed, the IRS Form 8840 is available for download from www.irs.gov or www.snowbirds.org. If you have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the CSA office toll-free at **1-800-265-3200** or by email at csastaff@snowbirds.org.

RGV Killer Bees Hockey 2015 Home Game Schedule



March 13th and 14th - Lone Star Brahmas
March 19th and 20th - Wichita Falls Wildcats
March 27th and 28th - Odessa Jackalopes

All games are played at State Farm Arena near Hidalgo (for directions, see <http://statefarmarena.com/directions/>) and start at 7:30 p.m. For more information on the RGV Killer Bees, visit <http://killerbeeshockey.com/>.

- Contributor: Carolynn Mulock, 1055 Durango

RGV St. Urho's Day Dinner

Join Finns and friends from across the Rio Grande Valley for the annual RGV St Urho's Day Dinner at noon on March 16th at Harold's Country Kitchen, 2111 E. Business 83, Donna TX. Celebrate the legend of the Patron Saint who drove the grasshoppers out of Finland! Winter Texans wear your park badge. Buffet is \$9.95 each (tax included) with program to follow.

PARK NEWS and ITEMS OF INTEREST



BIBLE STUDY

We are having a wonderful year in our study of "Freedom in Christ". We have some new participants this year which has added some depth to the teaching and exciting discussion times. We will begin to start losing some of our Winter Texans as they prepare to go home but Bible Study will continue for another 4 to 6 weeks. Which means it's not too late to get involved! Questions can be directed to Betty Thompson 546 Vera Cruz.

- Submitted by Betty Thompson, 546 Vera Cruz



SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

Trails End Tournament was held January 20-22/15. We had 72 amateur entries and 78 expert entries.

Net profit from this tournament (Registration fees, Lunches and Thursday Night Dinner) was \$2,456.25

Thank you to all the volunteers: Chairperson, Draw Masters, Carol Watson on piano and Peggy Hulteen for singing for the opening of the tournament, Kitchen Help, Pie Donations, Referees, Parking and Maintenance and the Shufflers for hosting the Thursday Night Dinner.

Trophy Winners:

--**Ron Geiger** and **James Cromwell** placed 4th in amateur consolation event @ Magic Valley Doubles Tournament January 27-29, 2015.

--**Bill and Jean Heinkel** placed 3rd in amateur main event @ Rancho Village Mixed Doubles Tournament February 17-19, 2015.

- Submitted by Evelyn Apperley, 663 Trinidad

TOURS! TOURS! TOURS!

The 2014-2015 season is winding down. The Memphis/Nashville tour leaves march 2nd and the Wendover NV trip leaves march 11th.

I have posted several March trips in the Card hall. If you are interested in any tour, please call me. There are tours to King Ranch, Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio, Louisiana, and into Mexico.

I will be posting a show of interest sign-up sheet in the Main Hall under my feature tours. If there is something you want to do such as a tour of cruise next year, put your name, e-mail address and phone number on the list and what you would like me to watch for. See you in the fall!

- 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 is served before the jam from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. The last jam session and Friday lunch for this season will be on March 20th. 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

Thursday afternoon crafts for this season ended with the last class on February 26th.

I would like to thank all who helped make this year a great success. I'd like to thank my helpers DeeAnn Hnaak for taking time out to help set up and clean up, Lila Matthews for helping run for supplies, for all those who helped teach a class- Ginger Dougherty, Jennie Potter, Carol Schneiderhan, Elaine McLean, Connie Clark, Andy Rassier, Jon Gross, Bonnie & Joe Moore, and the guys in the woodshop-and all who took part in our classes, Thank You. Without all of you, crafts could not have happened. Thanks again and have a safe and healthy year.

Hugs and God Bless, Tootie.

- Submitted by Tootie Varone, 1041 Durango

TIE QUILTERS

The tie quilters have had a productive year and have made and given away over 100 quilts in the 2014-2015 season. They have been donated to missions, churches, birthing centers, and to families that needed warm blankets. We hope you will think of us as you clean out your closets or visit yard sales over the summer. Hopefully you can find a corner in your vehicle to help us replenish our supplies of fabric, sheets, bed skirts, mattress pads, pillow cases, thread, crotchet cotton, etc. for next year. Thanks to all for your generous donations and have a great summer.

- Submitted by Donna Stang, 631 Trinidad



RED TRAILETTES

(Red Hat Ladies)

The Red Trailettes have had a fun-filled 2015-2015 season so far with more activities scheduled in March. March 7th is the Raab Plantation tour, leaving the Main Hall at 9:00 am.

Additional events:

- February 28th, Red Trailette breakfast in the Main Hall
- March 8th is Evita at UTPA

We have had a very successful season with 63 members, the highest ever recorded! Thank You ladies!

Ellie Scott is the new Queen Mother for the 2015-2016 season with Verna Boss serving as her assistant.

I would like to thank all the Red Trailettes who made my two year reign a real pleasure. Everyone made my job easy, and I would like to thank Eleanor Seidlik for her two years of being my assistant.

I look forward to seeing everyone next fall/winter.

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

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics continues in full swing with 9:00 (9:30 am Mondays) and 10:30 am classes each Monday through Saturday through the month of March. 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

March 15th will be the Trails End "show and tell" in the Main Hall. Please bring any of your quilting projects (quilted or not) to share with others. Please have the name of the pattern and your name on the items.

During March we will be working on UFOs (unfinished projects) and finalizing plans for the 2015/2016 season.

Time to plan ahead for next year:

November – December 2015, we will be looking at a couple of placemats or table toppers.

January – March 2016, we will be studying some new techniques. We will be working on a paper piecing project. This can be a good beginner's lesson. The finished product can be used for a table topper or hot mat. We will also work on an applique quilt block that can be used as a wall hanging when finished. If you have a technique that you would like to share with the quilt group, please contact Jeanette Andrews or Bonnie Moore.

We are considering doing a service project and learn how to make novelty pillow cases. If each of you can bring in 1 yard of material (soft cotton or flannel) we will make pillow cases for the cancer unit at the local hospitals. You will also learn how to use a serger if you have not done so before. You do not need to be a quilter to participate in this project (we need people to iron too) – just come and join in the fun. The date will be determined next fall.

- Submitted by Bonnie Moore, 903 Leisure Lane and Jeanette Andrews, 869 Yucatan



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 March 3rd and 17th. 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 am. For information, contact Ray Maanika at 138 S. Bermuda, 906-399-1144.

TUESDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

We have three more great shows scheduled for March to round out the 2015 entertainment season. The shows are listed below however only Southern

Anthem has a website which you can access by (Ctrl + click) on the link.

The Golden Era Rock Band
March 02, 2015 - 7:00pm - \$ 6.00

Denim and Diamonds
March 10, 2015 - 7:00pm - \$ 6.00

Southern Anthem
March 17, 2015 - 7:00pm - \$ 6.00
(<http://wintertexaninfo.com/Bands/PausitiveBand.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

Pickleball is picking up in our new courts. It is a great game and those of us who have been out are really enjoying it. Please come and play. There is a chalk board there now so if you want others to join you, just put your name up for a time and others will come. Paddles and balls are in the court area. Please wear proper footwear and know your limitations.

Craig and I are leaving next weekend but please continue to play. Next fall when we return I will set up a time for lessons. Hopefully others will help so we can get you out on the court. It is great exercise and lots of fun.

- Submitted by Judy Perras-Lenz, 532 Vera Cruz



LINE DANCING



Thanks to all the Trails End folks who came out to support the line dancers at the Riverside Club on

February 17th. It's always fun for the dancers to show off their dance skills at a time other than the 8:00 am dance hour in the hall! A special thanks to the exceptional guys and gals that show up week after week and allow me to torture them... I mean TEACH them lots of fun dances. I look forward to dancing with you until our last dance day of the season which will be Thursday April 3rd.

- 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, 18-20 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 just before the intermission. **Be sure to wear your name tag.**

One last time this month, there will be special bingo game played on March 7th. For this game, cards will be sold at a special price with potential for bigger winnings. If you have family or guests 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 so far this year with Bunco. The next game is scheduled for March 4th with games also on March 11th and 18th. Thanks to all who have helped me make this a success. Everyone come out on the 4th and have fun with us!

- Submitted by Bev Buechele, 933 Leisure Lane

COMPUTER CLUB



The Trails End Computer Club meets in the Library each Wednesday at 9:30 am 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.

TRAILS END DEEP SEA FISHING



The February 15th fishing trip was very successful; the boat limited out on red snapper. The last trip of the season is scheduled for March 15th and as of the time this article was written, all spots were taken. Standby spots were still available so sign up on the sign-up list in the Main Hall. If you are called, payment is then due to Richard Methala or Dennis Higgs.

These fishing trips depart from Port Mansfield. Types of fish caught include red snapper (minimum 15" long, 4 per person), grouper, shark, trigger fish, red drum, 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 24 required. The cost is \$100 per person and is payable in advance. A fish fry is planned for the Monday after the trip for those persons who want to donate a one 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.

Thanks to all the fishermen/women and their spouses/friends who help with the fish fry. Your help is greatly appreciated. Richard Methala will

not be on the organizing committee next year and we would like to thank Richard for his years of dedication to the trips and the fish fry. Ken Seipel and Brad Magnuson have volunteered to help with the deep sea fishing.

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

- Submitted by Dennis Higgs, 831 Yucatan

LADIES POOL



The Trails End Ladies Pool plays on Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:00 to 5:00 pm and on Wednesdays at 6:30 to 8:00 pm until the end of the season. 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

Feral Cats in the park

What works - trap and destroy, or trap, neuter, and return to the colony? Unfixed feral cats are a big nuisance with their howling, spraying, and fighting. That's why Trap, Neuter, [and] Return (TNR) was developed to reduce the population of cats. Feral cats are trapped, neutered, and returned to the park. Once the cats are fixed, the undesirable behaviors often cease. Studies have shown that the population of cats that were TNR'd, decreased by 36% while the unaltered feral cat population increased by 50%. Other studies at college campuses showed that the effect of TNR, plus adoption, dropped the cat population by 67%. Some would suggest that trapping and mass euthanization would be a simpler solution but with an estimated 250,000 feral cats in the valley, it would be very time consuming and almost impossible to catch them all, even with an army of volunteers.

TNR works because of volunteers that trap, neuter and return cats to their community. It also works because of generous people that donate and sponsor the program. Sterilization is the most effective and permanent method of reducing the cat population. Help control the cats in the park by donating to their neutering rather than destroying them. For more information, contact Susan Heywood at 764 N. Bermuda or Sue Brown at 761 N. Bermuda. All monies donated will be for neutering and placing colors on the neutered cats.

- Submitted by Dennis Slack, 764 N. Bermuda

EVENTS and calendar highlights for March 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.)*

March 1 st -- (Sunday)	- Last Sunday Brunch , 9:00 am - Noon, Main Hall
March 2 nd -- (Monday)	- Monday Morning Meeting, 8:30 am, Main Hall - Paper Tole, 1:00 pm, Main Hall - Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall - Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall
March 3 rd - (Tuesday)	- Pizza Buffet Luncheon, 11:30 am, Peter Piper Pizza - Sing-along, 3:15 pm, Main Hall - Tuesday night entertainment featuring <i>The Golden Era Rock Band</i> . Show starts at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall, cost is \$6.00
March 4 th -- (Wednesday)	- Red Hats meeting, 8:30 am, Card Hall (check bulletin board) - Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Library - Bunco, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Main Hall - Trailblazers Choir practice, 3:30 pm, Main Hall
March 5 th -- (Thursday)	- Beading, 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Main Hall - Thursday Night Dinner hosted by Leisure Lane/Vera Cruz , 5:00 p.m., Main Hall - Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall
March 6 th -- (Friday)	- Friday Lunch, 11:30 am, Main Hall - Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall
March 7 th -- (Saturday)	- Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 am, Main Hall - Red Hat Raab Plantation Tour departs Main Hall at 9:00 am. - Special Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall - (Optional-check bulletin board) Trailblazers Choir practice, 3:30 pm, Main Hall
March 8 th -- (Sunday)	Daylight Savings Time begins - Trailblazers Men's Choir concert, Main Hall, 7:00 pm
March 9 th -- (Monday)	- Monday Morning Meeting, 8:30 am, Main Hall - Paper Tole, 1:00 pm, Main Hall - Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall - Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

March 10th - (Tuesday) - Sing-along, 3:15 pm, Main Hall
- **Tuesday night entertainment featuring *Denim and Diamonds***. Show starts in the Main Hall at 7:00 pm, cost is \$6.00

March 11th -- (Wednesday) - Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Library
- Bunco, 1:00 pm, Main Hall


March 12th -- (Thursday) - Beading, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Main Hall
- **Thursday Night Dinner hosted by S. Bermuda**, 5:00 pm., Main Hall
- Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

March 13th -- (Friday) - Friday Lunch, 11:30 am, Main Hall
- Country Music Jam Session, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall
- Cribbage Tournament, 6:00 - 11:00 pm, Main Hall

March 14th -- (Saturday) - **Last Saturday Morning Breakfast**, 8:00 to 10:00 am, Main Hall

March 15th -- (Sunday) - Annual Trails End "Show-n-Tell" Arts and Crafts Show, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Main Hall
- Ice Cream Social, 5:15 pm, Main Hall

March 16th -- (Monday) - Monday Morning meeting, 8:30 am, Main Hall
- Shuffle Party, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
- Paper Tole, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
- Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
- Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

March 17th - (Tuesday)  **St. Patrick's Day** 
- Pizza buffet luncheon, 11:30 am, Peter Piper Pizza
- Sing-along, 3:15 pm, Main Hall
- **Last Tuesday night entertainment featuring *Southern Anthem***. Show starts in the Main Hall at 7:00 pm, cost is \$6.00

March 18th -- (Wednesday) - **Last Red Hats meeting**, 8:30 am, Card Hall
- Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Library
- Bunco, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Main Hall
- Birthdays/Anniversaries Celebration, 7:00 pm, Main Hall

March 19th -- (Thursday) - Beading, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Main Hall

- **Last Thursday Night (Special Mystery) Dinner hosted by ???**, 5:00 pm, Main Hall
- Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

March 20th -- (Friday) **VERNAL EQUINOX (First day of spring)**
- **Last Friday Lunch**, 11:30 am, Main Hall
- **Last Country Music Jam Session**, 12:30-3:00 pm, Main Hall (starts again on December 4, 2015)

March 23rd - (Monday) - **Last Monday Morning Meeting**, 8:30 am, Main Hall
- Paper Toile, 1:00 pm, Main Hall
- Quilting, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Main Hall
- Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

March 24th - (Tuesday) - Sing-along, 3:15 pm, Main Hall

March 25th -- (Wednesday) - Computer class, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Library

March 26th -- (Thursday) - Beading, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Main Hall
- Bingo, 7:30 pm, Main Hall

March 27th -- (Friday) - Cribbage Tournament, 6:00 - 11:00 pm, Main Hall

March 29th -- (Sunday) **Palm Sunday**

March 31st -- (Tuesday) - Sing-along, 3:15 pm, Main Hall

Upcoming Events in April

April 1st -- (Wednesday) **April Fools Day**

April 5th -- (Sunday) **Easter Sunday**

April 15th -- (Wednesday) **Income Tax Returns Due (U.S.)**
