

# *ACTIVITY BOOKLET 2019/2020*

*The goal for this publication is to give you an overview of the many activities that happen here at Trails End. Feel free to join in to any and all that are of interest to you. **Please keep this booklet and the Board calendar for the season.** Watch the web page for updates between newsletter publications. Our monthly newsletters will update you at the start of each month, and also the many bulletin boards also provide more details on special events and schedule changes.*

*Note from the webmaster: If you have received the electronic version of this newsletter you will notice that some of your text is blue. These are hyperlinks, meaning if you go click on the blue text you will go to the Trails End Club Webpage at [www.trailsendclub.com](http://www.trailsendclub.com) There is often more or updated information on the web page. Also you can click on the Memory Lane Link, available on most pages to see past pictures or video of club events. Maybe you are there!*

## **Anniversaries and Birthdays Celebrations**

Every year during the months of January, February and March, Trails End celebrates the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of its residents. Events start at 7:00PM in the Main Hall. Entertainment for each evening will be announced. However, this 2019/2020 season we are looking for a new coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering please contact one of the Board Members.

## **Annual Meeting and Election of New Directors**

The Annual Meeting takes place on the 2nd Monday in February with final call for nominations for new directors that day. Elections are held the following Monday. Nominating Committee coordinator is Sharon . Four positions will need to be filled this spring.

## **Aquatic Exercise**

Join us for a 45-minute, low impact, cardio workout. Classes will be canceled only if it is raining or when the outside temperature is below 50F. All sessions are held every day except Sunday.

Classes available are:

8AM – Led by Sue . They include a variety of stretching and aerobic movements.

9AM – Led by Clayton . On Mondays only the session will begin at 9:30AM immediately following the Monday morning meeting. This is a moderate aerobic program.

10:15AM – Led by Linda , our Aerobics Chairperson. This is a moderate aerobic program and runs from Monday to Saturday. The program on Wednesday will be leg stretches and on Saturday it will be arm stretches.

Water Volleyball equipment is available in the small kitchen by the pool.  
Come out and join us for fun and better health.

### **Beading**

Join us Thursdays at 1:00PM in the New Activity Room to make jewelry – bracelets, necklaces and earrings. It is lots of fun and not difficult to learn. It is only as hard as you want to make it! Starting date will be December 5 at 1 PM. For more information, contact Dolores or Marion .

### **Bible Study**

Time is reserved in the Library on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM for bible study, starting January 7th.

### **Bingo**

Bingo is played every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Main Hall. We start selling cards at 7:00 PM, at 50 cents each.

“*Special Bingo*” will be held Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. Each player must purchase a minimum of 4 cards for \$3.00, extra cards are 75 cents each. Prize payouts are higher than regular Bingo. For more information please contact Doris.

### **Birding Information Group**

#### **Local Birding and Butterfly Links**

The Rio Grande Valley has a variety of habitats that support a large number of species of birds and butterflies which in turn provide great opportunities for viewing wildlife. The following destinations are listed in order of proximity to Trails End Park. Each is somewhat unique and provide a different nature appreciation experience. All of these locations have really great staff and programs so check them out yourself or ask me about these or other prime locations.

- 1) Frontera Audubon is a 15 acre sanctuary two blocks north of Trails End just off 18<sup>th</sup> Street. There are quiet trails that meander through the ponds and lush vegetation on this property. [Http://fronteraaudubon.org/](http://fronteraaudubon.org/)
- 2) Valley Nature Center at 301 Border Street here in Weslaco has a new interpretive center and many trails within this original south Texas mesquite habitat. <https://www.valleynaturecenter.org/>
- 3) Estero Llano Grande State Park off 1015 Hwy on the East side of Weslaco is a premier wetland birding location in the RGV. Their staff have regularly scheduled bird and butterfly walks and tram rides by appointment. [http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/estero-llano-grande/park\\_events](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/estero-llano-grande/park_events)

Entrance Fee \$ 5.00

- Wednesday Bird Walks 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- Night Hikes Some Fridays 8:00 to 10:00 PM ( full Moon )
- Friday Butterfly Walk 1:30 to 4:00 PM

-Sunday Bird Walk 8:30 to 10:30 AM

-Tram Tours 2:00 - 4:00 PM

- 4) Quinta Mazatlan World Birding Center in McAllen is located on a gorgeous restored property. They have regularly scheduled presentations and walks.  
[Http://theworldbirdingcenter.com/Quinta.html](http://theworldbirdingcenter.com/Quinta.html)
- 5) Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge on military highway to McAllen has trails and ponds for walking or taking a tram ride with interpretive staff.  
[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa\\_ana/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa_ana/)
- 6) Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife on the gulf coast provides tram rides and 2  
[Http://www.stateparks.com/laguna\\_national\\_wildlife\\_refuge\\_in\\_texas.html](Http://www.stateparks.com/laguna_national_wildlife_refuge_in_texas.html)

For more information, contact Lewis.

### **Bocce Ball**

Saturdays, 2:00 PM

We have an additional Bocce Ball court. Thank you, Management and Park Staff. We will now be able to have more players participating, more games can be played and less sitting and waiting to play. We have moved Bocce to Saturday afternoon starting at 2 PM. Come on down to the courts, bring your favorite beverage, munchies, etc. and enjoy the afternoon. Our departure from home has been delayed till mid-December. In the meantime, go ahead and use the courts and have fun.

Contact is Dave.

### **Bridge Mixed Contract and Duplicate**

Mixed Contract Bridge is open to both men and women and you do not need a partner. Come to the Library at 12:30 PM on Tuesdays, to the Main Hall at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays and to the Library at 7:00 PM on Saturdays. Please arrive 15 minutes early so play can start on time.

Duplicate Bridge begins on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Library. Contact person is Cliff .

Bridge lessons will begin in January. If you enjoy cards, you will love bridge, so come.

Beginners must sign up on the sheet in the Library. Lessons will only be given if there are 3 signed up. We will arrange a time and place in January. Contact Cliff @956 520 7203

Intermediate lessons will be on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM. in the Library, beginning January 8th. You do not have to sign up, just come. We have a good time and learn at the same time. For more information please contact Peggy.

### **Bunco**

Bunco is a dice game played every Wednesday in the Main Hall. It costs \$2.00 and starts at 12:30 in the afternoon. Prizes are given for Most Bunco's, Most Wins and Most Losses. The rest of the money is for the \$2.00 draws. At half-time, we have desserts. For more information, please call Warren.

## **Canada Day is Saturday, February 15, 2020**

This year's theme is *Rock and Roll*. Costume and table decorations are optional. More details in January Newsletter. Coordinator for this event Fran Jackson

### **Card Games**

The following is a list of card games played here in the park. These games are routinely played as shown.

#### **In the Card Hall**

Hand & Foot – Monday, Friday and Sunday @ 1:00PM

Men's Texas Hold 'Em – Tuesday and Thursday @ 6:30PM

Mixed Texas Hold 'Em – Sunday @ 6:30PM

Ladies Texas Hold 'Em – Wednesday @ 6:30PM

Sticks – Thursday @ 1:00PM

“65” - Saturday @ 7:00 PM

Bid Euchre – Saturday @ 7:00PM

Ten Point Pitch – Sunday @ 7:00PM

#### **In the Main Hall**

Mixed Contract Bridge – Wednesday @ 7:00PM

#### **In the Library**

Duplicate Bridge – Monday @ 12:30PM

Euchre – Wednesday @ 7:00PM

Cribbage – Thursday @ 1:00PM

Mixed Contract Bridge – Tuesday @ 12:30PM and Saturday @ 7:00 PM

Pfeffer – Monday and Thursday @ 6:30 PM

### **Christmas Concert**

Each year our talented residents put on a Christmas concert with wonderful music, singing, skits, and even a visit from Santa. Look for more details in the December newsletter. Contact person is Carol.

### **Christmas Caroling**

There will be caroling in the park once again this season. Watch for dates in the December Newsletter.

### **Church Service**

Starting on December 1st, non-denominational church services will be held every Sunday morning at 8:30AM in the Library. Deacon Bob Waters will lead worship each Sunday and everyone is welcome. Submitted by Cliff.

### **Crafts**

We have time set aside on Thursdays in the Card Hall at 1:00PM for crafts. We will make announcements at the Monday Morning meetings when we have something scheduled. If you are willing to be a contact person for crafts please let a board member know.

### **Cribbage**

Come out to the library on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM to play cribbage. Bring with you: a dime, 2 nickels and a penny. Tournaments will be held in January, February and March. Watch for details in the newsletters. Submitted by Jackie.

### **Entertainment 2020 Schedule for Tuesday Evenings**

Entertainment is presented in the Mail Hall and begins on the first Tuesday evening in January with a variety of great shows for you to enjoy. You will find posters advertising the next scheduled performance on the "Entertainment" bulletin board in the Main Hall, the Laundry Room Hallway and at the Shower Building on Durango St. There will also be a listing of the Tuesday Evening Entertainment Schedule on the club website at <http://www.trailsendclub.com/>. All performances are from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Web sites are provided should you wish to get a preview of the performers.

January 7, 2020: Tom Worth: Grammy nominated Nashville singer /song writer. Admission \$9.00. [www.tomworth.com](http://www.tomworth.com)

January 21, 2020: Jason Coleman: Pianist, recording artist and studio musician. Grandson of legendary. Floyd Cramer. Admission \$8.00 <https://jasoncolemanmusic.com>

January 28, 2020: Naomi Bristow: The Yodelin Cowgirl. Canadian country singer/song writer has recorded with Vince Gill and is a regular on RFD TV's Midwest Country Show. Admission \$8.00 [www.naomibristow.com](http://www.naomibristow.com)

February 11, 2020: William Florian: Singer/song writer, lead singer for The New Christy Minstrels. William will perform his Neil Diamond Show. [www.florianmusic.com](http://www.florianmusic.com)

February 18, 2020: The "Hot RODZ": 50's-60's classic rock, plus classic country music. This band consists of music teachers from schools in the Weslaco and surrounding communities. Admission \$8.00

March 3, 2020: Rusty Rierson: Country singer/song writer. Rusty performed at Trails End last season. He has been invited back because his show was very well received. Admission \$8.00. [www.rustyrierson.com](http://www.rustyrierson.com)

If you have any questions regarding the Tuesday Entertainment program, please feel free to contact Dave.

### **Exercise/Rehab Room**

The Exercise/Rehab Room is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It has both cardio and strength training equipment.

- Please sign in so we can track usage, which is helpful for funding.
- Please wear clean shoes and wipe sweat off of machines.
- Since the next person might not be as strong as you, please return weights to the rack when you are finished.
- Remember that stretching and balance exercises are also important.

Contact Hank for help, or leave a message on the white board.

### **Fishing**

In past years deep sea fishing trips have been arranged during months January, February and March. Advance sign up is needed, and there must be 25 signed up for each trip in order for it to proceed. Carpooling is organized. Watch for future announcements.

### **Friday Happy Hour**

Happy Hour will be held each Friday in the Main Hall from 3:30 to 5:30PM. Bring your own beverages and snacks for the snack table. Come and enjoy the company of friends. For questions contact Floyd & Ellen.

### **Genealogy Group**

A sign-up sheet will be on the board in the card room. It will ask for your name and phone number. Interested people will be contacted by me to determine how we will proceed this year. You are always welcome to contact Kathy.

### **Golf**

There are many organized days and time for golf so please check the bulletin boards in the card hall for more details.

**Tony Butler** – Course is located at 2640 South M Street, Harlingen. Trails End have 8 tee times, starting at 11:00AM Monday. We may start earlier depending on the Park ahead of us not filling their slots. Rates for 9 holes walking is \$14; 18 holes walking is \$17; 18 holes with cart is \$28. Sign-up sheet is in the card hall on the golf bulletin board. The sheet is picked up Thursday afternoon for the following Monday. Contact Keith.

**Tierra Santa – 18 Holes** every Tuesday Once again we have 12 four person tee times. Five-somes are allowed. Eight tee times from 8:47 to 9:36AM and four tee times from 11:00 to 11:21AM. The cost is \$44.00 for 18 holes, with cart. Winter passes may be available – you will need to check this at the course.

The dress code here is *collared shirts and no denim jeans*.

The sign-up sheet is in the card hall and you must sign up by the preceding Friday evening. If you have questions, contact the name on the sheet or Lou.

**Executive** – every Wednesday. We meet at the course at 10:00 am for tee off. This is a fun league only. Everyone is welcome. Sign-up sheet is in the card hall on the golf board. Cost is \$10.00 for 9 holes. For more information please call Sue.

**Tierra Santa – 18 Holes** every Thursday. We have 5 tee times – 8:38, 8:45, 8:52, 11:19 and 11:26. This is a mixed league and open to everyone. The cost is \$44 including cart. You can purchase a player's card for reduced per game cost. Sign-up sheet is in the Card Hall. The deadline is Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. For more information, please call Maurice.

**Llano Grande Golf Course** – 9 holes mixed every Friday starting at 9:44AM. We alternate between the front and back nine holes. Cost is \$14 walking or \$20 with cart, per person. Every week you and your spouse will be paired up with a different couple to make new friendships. Singles are welcome too. Majority of us then go for a snack and refreshments. Sign-up sheet on the golf bulletin board. For more information, contact Dave.

**Treasure Hills – 18 Holes** -- this course is located at 3009 N Augusta Drive in Harlingen (956 425 1700). A sign-up sheet will be placed in the card hall early in the new year. Watch for more details in the newsletter. If you would like to be a contact person please talk to one of the board members.

### **Annual Duffers Tournament**

The annual Duffers Tournament will be held on **Saturday, February 1, 2020.**

Origin and history: The first tournament was held @ Llano Grande golf course in February 2004 and consisted of 22 – 3 person teams. Drinks and lunch followed at the golf course. The size of the tournament grew each year and a new venue was found at Mid Valley golf course. Lunch and handing out prizes were moved to the Trails End hall. When the Mid Valley course closed the tournament moved to the Tony Butler golf course. Sign up teams were always 4 person teams, with one member being female. All teams started at hole number one.

The present tournament is an in-park mixed scramble format, 4 person teams and at least 1 of the opposite sex. It is scheduled for Tony Butler on February 1st, with an alternate date of February 22, 2020. Notices of time line for entries will be

posted in early January.

Last year we changed to couples OR foursome sign ups and we used a shotgun start format. This worked very well as it allowed foursomes to sign up and it also allowed twosomes to sign up and then be paired with another twosome. In keeping with the equal gender attitudes, we no longer required one team member to be female. The shotgun start format allowed all participants to take part in the after-tournament festivities at the same time. This system worked well and will be used in 2020.

Anyone with prizes to donate can see any tournament committee member. We ask that prizes be golf or sport related.

For more information, please contact Frank and watch for further details in the park newsletter.

### **Half A Chance**

This is our newly named 50-50 draw. Funds go into the Club coffers to help support our programs. Look for it at our Monday Morning meetings and at our Thursday evening dinners. For more information, please contact Marilynne or Peggy.

### **Health**

This activity needs a new health chairperson/coordinator. If you are interested please talk to a Board Member.

### **Ice Cream Social**

Ice cream socials are held in the Main Hall once a month starting in January. The dates for this season are January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>. Music starts at 5:15PM followed by the serving of the ice cream at 6:00PM. *Please bring your own bowl and spoon.* The March social is held in conjunction with the Veterans Recognition Program. Please contact Terry & Judy.

### **Jam Lunch**

We serve lunch every Friday from 12:00-1:00PM. Starting date is November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have a variety of foods and our menu is located on the dry board above the water fountain in the Main Hall. Starting date is Friday, November 29. For questions call Terry & Judy.

### **Jam Sessions**

Jam Sessions will be held Fridays and Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the Main Hall but a start date has yet to be determined. Please watch for announcements. Jam will be more of a musical show than a chance get-together. All performers will be scheduled in advance. By doing so, we hope to increase the quality of the singers and song selection. Amplifiers will not be used. ACOUSTIC ONLY. All music will be from the stage. We



will have 10 to 16 musicians on stage each Friday.

The Music played on Fridays will be Folk Music and Appalachian (Old Time Mountain Music). A new Gospel Session has been scheduled for Tuesdays at 1 pm.

Our goal is to entertain the average Trails End resident. We are looking for a sound person please talk to a Board Member. Submitted by Ray.

### **Karaoke**

We will have evenings of karaoke singing. Come out and sing as a single or join in a group singing popular rock & roll and country songs. Dates will be announced at the Monday meetings. Wil.

### **Kitchen**

The kitchen is a happening place. We have [Thursday night dinners](#) starting at 5pm hosted by various streets at the cost of \$5.00. *You need to sign up in the Main Hall prior to Thursday if you plan on attending.* If you live on *the host street of the week* all you need to do is volunteer. This is a good way to get out and meet your neighbours. On Fridays we have [Jam Lunch](#) from 12:00 to 1:00. Friday mornings Ivy is usually in the kitchen busily baking cookies for the event. Come out for lunch and enjoy the free entertainment. [Saturday morning](#), we serve breakfast 8 to 10am starting in December. Just show up and pay for what you order. [Sunday Brunches](#) will start in the new year and they go from 9 till 12. Watch for details in the newsletter. Kitchen coordinator is Bev .

### **Library**

We have a great assortment of books available in our library. Please feel free to come and browse for something that interests you. Do not put returned books back on the shelves. Instead, place them on the shelves by the pool door or the green table by the mystery shelves. I do not keep any hard-covered fiction, mystery or romance books. I do not keep catalogs, maps or most fiction more than 10 years old. Books I don't keep will be donated to the Public library. Thank you. Betty .

### **Line Dance**

If you like to move to music come out and learn a few line dances, meet some new people and have some fun. Everyone is welcome!

Beginners and those with 2 left feet every Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 9 am.

Advanced and fleet of feet every Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 10 pm.

Contact is Ellen .

### **Mah Jong**

Mah Jong is played on Tuesdays in the Card Hall at 1:00PM. We welcome anyone wishing to learn. If you have any questions, please call Betty.

### **Mah Jong National Rules**

Mah Jong using National Rules and card is played in the Library on Thursdays at 9:30 AM. We will be playing with the 2019 card for this entire season. Please arrive at 9:15 so that we can set up the appropriate number and size of tables.

This method of playing differs from the Chinese way although a very similar set of tiles is used. If you would like to learn this fun and challenging game, I will be offering a class again in February 2020 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3 weeks. You will be ready to join the bigger group at the end of these sessions. Sign up in January and the cost will be \$8 per person. This will cover the cost of the current year's card. We had a very enthusiastic group learn the game last season and we would love to have you join us! Please contact me if you have any questions: Brenda

### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

We play Mexican Train dominoes every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30pm in the Card Hall. Rules are available. No money needed, just bring a smile. For more information please contact Connie.

### **Monday Morning Meetings**

Meetings are held in the Main Hall on Monday mornings at 8:30AM. Club business, activities and events are reported and discussed. Come for coffee, chat with friends, old and new, and keep informed.

### **New Year's Eve Dance**

Put your dancing shoes on and come out to the New Year's Eve Dance. Music by "Dr J" this year. See Marie, Floyd, or Terry

### **New Year's Eve in the Card Hall**

Many Park residents get together to play cards and share a meal amongst friends as we ring in the new year. Snacks and refreshments are shared at 6:00 PM with cards to follow.

### **Nextdoor**

New for the park this year is "*Nextdoor*". *Nextdoor* is a private social network for neighborhoods. *Nextdoor* is the best way to stay in touch with what is going on in our neighborhood—whether you are looking for someone to recommend a reliable mechanic, a place to list a lost pet or to hear firsthand when the park water will be turned off. We urge you to go online and download the app today. Information is available at the office.

### **Painting/Art**

Painting/Art is done in the Card Hall at 9AM on Fridays. Coming together as artists helps to develop skills and creativity. The Club has books, brushes, paints (water, acrylic and oil) and drawing supplies. You are also encouraged to bring your own art

supplies. Several painting project/lessons are planned. Whether you are experienced or a beginner, you will benefit from these projects/lessons. Contact Hank.

### **Paper Tole**

Paper Tole is a wonderful way to make a 3D effect. Your pictures turn into beautiful 3D pictures and small gifts. Mondays at 1:00 PM in the Main Hall if there is interest. Please contact Dolores.

### **Patio Sales and Craft Sale**

We generally hold two park patio sales a season. The first is in December and the second sale may be held in the spring, date to be determined. Tables will be available and sign up information will be announced at the Monday Morning Meetings. For more information, please contact Ken.

**Our annual craft sale** will be on January 25, 2020, from 8 am to noon. This is an ALL craft sale with tables for home crafted items only. In hopes of filling our hall with a variety of sellers, we have opened our sale to allow outside crafters to come in and reserve a table. All tables for this sale have been booked. There are some awesome and talented crafters lined up for this year and it will be an exciting sale. For more information please contact Shelley.

### **Peter Piper Pizza Buffet Luncheons**

Trails End residents and friends meet for a lunch time pizza buffet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Peter Piper Pizza, 3101 E Expressway 83, Weslaco. Come enjoy the fun and friendship! Sign up ahead on the kitchen sign-up board (next to the Thursday night dinner sign-up sheet) and arrive at Peter Piper between 11:30 and 11:45. Ray .

### **Pickleball**

Regular pickleball playing times each day are 10AM, 2PM, & 7PM, weather permitting. Simply show up at any of these times to play. Everyone is welcome, even if you are a beginner. If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about beginner lessons, please contact Judy. See you out at the courts!

### **Pool Room**

#### **Ladies Pool**

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

#### **Mixed Pool**

Mixed Pool will be held on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM every week,

starting Nov 15, 2019. Please arrive 15 minutes early to make up the mixed teams. Because of popular interest, mixed pool players are on a rotation list. Maximum 12 teams will play on a Friday evening. Contact Muriel to get your name/s on the list. For further information, contact Muriel.

### **Men's Pool**

There will be Men's Pool every Saturday at 1:00 PM. Contact Derek.

### **Men's 8-Ball Pool**

The 8-ball pool league is played on Mondays @ 6:30 PM. 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. For more information contact the pool coordinator, George.

## **Quilting**

### **Tie Quilting**

The tie quilters meet Wednesday morning in the New Activity Room from 9 am to 4 pm. We make and donate quilts for anyone in need and mainly use items the people of Trails End donate to us. We welcome all donations of thread, fabric, sheets, crochet cotton, bed skirts, pillow cases, etc. etc. If you have donations or questions, or know of someone in need, contact Kay or Donna.

If you would like to help, you can show up on Wednesday morning 8 am to Noon. You don't have to be a sewer. We have jobs for one and all.

*We completed 256 quilts last year, each one a blessing to make, a blessing to give and a blessing to receive. Of those made 127 were given to Ronald McDonald House in Harlingen. The rest were donated to various local charities. Kudos to each and every one of you who helped make this happen.*

### **Quilting**

Quilting will be held in the New Activity Room on Mondays from 9 am to 4 pm and from 6 pm to 10 pm, on Thursday evening from 6 pm to 9 pm and on Fridays from 12:30 pm to 4 pm. Everyone is invited to bring their work in progress and enjoy quilting with seasoned quilters! Contact is Donna.

### **Quilting Fabric**

Quilting fabric for sale at \$4.00 per yard. See Julie.

## **Raffle**

Each spring the Park hold its annual raffle which is an excellent fund raiser for our club. The raffle prizes are all donated and include many new items donated by our own Park residents. Watch for more information in the new year. Coordinators are Gail and Sherry ,

### **Recycling**

New cabinets with labels are in place in the Main Hall for recycling. Styrofoam has to be all white. Foil pans and tin foil are NOT recyclable. There are baskets under the window on the north side for batteries, plastic lids, glasses and pop can tabs. A container for glass bottles is under the table where the baskets are. Please let us all try to recycle as much as possible. For more information contact Jon.

### **Red Hat Ladies – Red Trailettes**

Calling all Trails End Ladies! This group is organized for the sole purpose of holding fun events of special interest to ladies. Membership is extended to all Park ladies. We meet twice monthly (first and third Wednesdays) in the Card Hall, at 8:30 AM with coffee hour to plan events of social, educational, cultural, historical, and general interest for the ladies of our Trails End community. We have lots of activities for all. You do not have to attend all events – *choose what is of interest to you* – but we know you won't want to miss too many. Our group has a bulletin board in the Card Hall on the west wall which keeps you informed of coming events. Usually the sign-up lists for events is circulated at a meeting and then posted on our bulletin board. Some events have a limited participation so sign up early.

You will enjoy meeting new people and making friends while working on small committees to plan events, or while attending the various planned functions.

This year, “Queen Mother” is Verna , secretary/Treasurer is Delyne . Feel free to just come out to a meeting or find a neighbor who is headed to a meeting, and join her! (There is a yearly membership fee of \$3.00) New members are always welcome. You'll enjoy our fun-loving group!!! Hope to see y'all there!

### **Shuffleboard**

Welcome back to another fun filled season of shuffling. Newcomers please come and join us, it's a great sport and a great way to meet new people and make friends.

Residents are welcome to use the shuffle courts at any time. There are some organized times and activities as well.

### **ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES**

***Shuffle Lessons*** - Free shuffle lessons every Saturday at 9 am given by world famous expert shuffler - RICHARD BOSS. Please sign up in the shuffle shack.

***Open Shuffle*** - Shufflers are welcome to gather daily for open shuffle. Teams will be created based on who attends. Weather can sometimes dictate how many

turn out so a few daily times are available – 9:00 am, 1:00 pm and 8:00 evenings (except Sundays due to Hosscollar)

***Hosscollar*** – For all levels of shufflers! Just a lot of fun. Every Sunday at 7pm. Bring a dollar to join and you will likely take it home again once the scores are tallied!

***Monday Morning League*** - Orval and Jean Larson will be organizing MONDAY MORNING IN PARK LEAGUE which will start January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020. Signup sheets will be posted in the shuffle shack. Experienced shuffles will be paired with inexperienced for the season.

***Friendly Shuffle*** - Trails End is part of a new "Friendly Friday" group consisting of Rancho, Country Sunshine, Southern Comfort and Siesta Village. There will be a schedule posted in the shuffle shack along with a sign-up sheet each week if you plan on attending.

***Referee school*** will be held at Country Sunshine at 9:30 am on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please register with Chris or R.D. . Additional referees are needed in our park.

**CARE OF THE COURTS AND EQUIPMENT** – There are shuffle sticks available in the shuffle shack for anyone’s use. Please return them when done. The disks are available and are ready for use. Please wax the disks once you are done play. Ask for assistance if you are unsure how. Please DO NOT walk on the court surfaces other than at the ends where it is required. Volunteers for weekly court maintenance are needed. Please sign up in the shack.

**COSTS** – There is no cost to play within the Trails End Park. Life time membership in The Texas State Shuffleboard Association (TSSA) is now \$5.00. Membership is required if you want to play in any tournaments. Contact R.D. to submit your fee. Should you decide to enter some Texas State Shuffle Association (TSSA) tournaments you will be required to pay \$5.00 each season. This covers insurance costs, stationary and other expenses no longer covered by sponsors. Please put the \$5 in the envelope of the first tournament you play each year. Thank you.

**TOURNAMENTS** - Sign up for the upcoming weekly tournaments must be done before noon on Friday in the shuffle shack. The fee is posted on the weekly flyer (usually \$3 p/p). Please put your money in the envelope provided and write the players’ names on the outside of the envelope and place it in the drop box. The Trails End Tournament is

scheduled for January 14, 15 and 16th. Volunteers will be needed for parking cars, food service, court and equipment maintenance, referees, and misc.

EXECUTIVE AND VOLUNTEERS for 2019/2020 season are:

Chairperson	Ross
Vice Chairperson	R.D., Maurenn , Juli
Secretary	Chris
Tournament Draws	R.D. , Maureen, Dorothy
Referees	Marlene
Hoss collar	Ross and Ivy as back-up
Monday League	Orval and Jean
Sat Instruction	Richard
Ivan Watts	Bill
Maintenance	Richard
Friendly Friday	Ivy
Sweet Treats	Ivy

**See you on the courts!**

### Sing-a-Long

Please contact Peggy if you are interested in a weekly sing- a-long. If there is enough interest the sing-a-long will continue.

### Soft Ball Slo Pitch

Trails End Bulldogs are our slo-pitch team. Practices are every Tuesday @ 9:00 AM at Isaac Rodriguez Park (hospital diamonds) off 6<sup>th</sup> Street west of Knapp Medical Centre. It will be decided at the park if there will be Thursday practices. League will start in January. Cost per player will be determined. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Sue or Jim.

### Spanish Lessons

Spanish lessons may be offered starting in January if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Ginger.

### **Special Events**

There are many special events happening in our Park, including but not limited to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and New Year's Eve galas. There is a Christmas decorating contest, and a Christmas concert complete with a visit from Santa. More information will be made available as the events are approaching.

### Stained Glass

Our Stained-Glass group has wowed us in the past with their beautiful creations. Please

watch for announcements. Time is reserved on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM in the Card Hall.

### **Sunshine**

I will have cards available as needed in the Main Hall (south wall) for everyone to sign. Generally, sympathy cards are sent to current and recent residents who have lost a close family member; get well cards are sent to those who have been in the hospital or are seriously ill; birthday cards are sent to those celebrating 80 years of age or older. Please help me by letting me know of anyone 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. Beth .

### **Tours – Tours – Tours**

Our Activity Director is Val Gauthier. All tours, gambling trip dates, and any pertinent information for travel destinations are posted in the Card Hall on the bulletin board. Val.

### **Trail Blazers Men's Choir**

This is open to all men in the park. We are always looking for new members. If you find yourself singing in the shower or when you're doing the dishes please share your talents and come join us. We will begin practices on stage in the Main Hall on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at about 2:45. Normal practice will be each Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:00. We'll start early the first week to get music and put in our books. Please contact Peggy.

### **Trails End Logo Clothing**

Clothing articles with the embroidered Trails End campfire logo are displayed and on sale in the Main Hall next to the kitchen before and after the Monday Morning meetings. Numerous jackets, polo shirts, sweatshirts, caps, etc. are available with the logo embroidered or silk screened on them. Individual items are not ordered unless you wish to pay the shipping. Contact Betty if you need a specific item.

### **Trails End Directory**

Trails End will be putting out a new edition of the Directory this spring. The cost will be \$11.00 per book. There will be a sign-up sheet later this month for 3 picture taking days in December and more days in January. Contact is Joyce.

### **Trails End Newsletter**

The newsletter is a monthly publication during the winter season. All submissions for the newsletter can be forwarded to [csenkiw@sasktel.net](mailto:csenkiw@sasktel.net), dropped off at 714 or emailed to [newsletter@trailsendclub.com](mailto:newsletter@trailsendclub.com). There is a drop box just outside my Texas room door. The deadline for each publication is *generally* the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month. I am happy to have your submissions as early as possible. I will publish name, address and contact information changes as needed.



There are many other ways to stay informed about Park activities – come out to the Monday Morning Meetings, check out the many bulletin boards in the main or card halls and the library and check the Club website regularly as updates are posted there. Your feedback is very important. Since the newsletter and activity booklet are for your benefit, I will strive to include the information most important and useful to you.  
Connie.

### **Trails End Website**

Please check out [www.trailsendclub.com](http://www.trailsendclub.com) for a wealth of information on all aspects of our Club and much more. Linda is our Webmaster.

### **USA Day February 8, 2020**

USA day has been set for February 8. Candy is now chairing the committee and would like to get input from everyone on just how they would like to celebrate the day.

Also anyone interested in being on the planning committee are welcome.

### **Variety Show**

The annual Variety Show will be held on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 7 pm. Past shows were well attended and contained a variety of music, skits, readings and jokes. Remember this is a variety show and not a talent show so start working on your act now. Sign up forms will be available in December. The show coordinator is Hank.

### **Veggie Truck**

The vegetable truck from Weslaco Farmers Market will be in the Park on Fridays from 11AM to noon. You will find them on the North side of the shuffle board courts.

### **Veteran Recognition**

Trails End Club has a Veteran Recognition program to honor United States and Canadian residents residing at Trails End. If you served in the armed forces of the USA or Canada, you may have your picture and information posted to the wall. 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 members assigned to Foreign Service. Deceased veterans whose spouse still lives in the Park may have their photo on the wall. There is a form available in the Main Hall in a black mesh box on the counter next to the newspapers. Fill out the form and along with a 5x7 or smaller picture deliver it to Madonna. Veteran Recognition is a once per season program to honor our veterans. It will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Main Hall.

### **2019/20 Welcome Committee**

The Welcome Committee is an active committee that greets newcomers and returnees to

the Park. Each newcomer receives a Welcome packet with useful park and community information. Name tag information is obtained at the initial visit.

Committee members are:

South Bermuda	Ginger
Jamaica/Acapulco	Jackie
Tampico	Karen
Vera Cruz	Jane
Trinidad	Linda
North Bermuda	Suzie
Yucatan	Verna
Leisure Lane	Carol
Durango (north)	Joyce
Durango (mid)	Kathy
Durango (south)	Carolyn

Contact is Linda if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Wood Shop**

Welcome back to Trail's End for another season. The wood shop is open to all members of the Trail's End Club. If you have a wood working project, the shop is the place to do it. There is a monitor on duty each day to assist you should help be required. Should you be new to Trail's End or have never been to the shop, please drop in for a tour of the facility. It's located at the east end of the Main Hall. The shop is open for your use from 9:00 AM to noon and from 1:00 – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Hope to see you there. Contact person is Cliff.

### **Zumba**

Zumba will be held in the Main Hall on Mondays at 10 am. Contact is Monique.