

## **The Trails End Way December 2018**

### **From Brenda**

You should have received the Activity booklet for 2018/19 either delivered to your door or by email. *Please keep this for the season.*

These newsletter publications are only one way of keeping informed on Park activities. We are striving to provide up to date and accurate information, but please remember to check all the bulletin boards in the Main Hall, Card Hall and Library as well as the Club website for more details and updates.

Thanks to Maureen Colburn for instigating the Board Calendar which you received with your Activity Booklet. A December special events calendar is included with this newsletter. The two together should give you a thorough listing of our busy, busy schedule of events. We will try this method and will need your input to determine if this works!

From our house to yours, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noel! Happy Holidays!

### **From the Board**

#### **Welcome Back!**

After many miles of travel we Canadians join our northern American snowbird friends here at our winter home in Trails End. To all permanent residents - it's nice to be back and see you all again.

I hope you all had a safe and happy summer, no matter where you spent it. It's that time of year when we join each other for five months of friendship and camaraderie.

As we gather again I'd like to take a moment to remember those who have left us.

Condolences to all those family members who have lost loved-ones.

To all newcomers to our park, welcome. Please take time to look around and view our notice boards in the main hall and card room etc. We have many activities and I'm confident you will find more than one of interest.

The festive season is once again fast approaching. As we all enjoy this time please remember those less fortunate.

Happy thanksgiving everyone, and a very Merry Christmas.

From all your 2018-2019 Boards of Directors.

Geoff Walker, President

### **Blood Drive**

Please watch for announcement of our first blood drive and come out and donate.

### **Blood Pressure Checks**

Start on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 4:30PM before the Thursday evening meal. We will be doing these checks every other week thereafter, until spring. Watch for the sign outside the Main Hall every other Thursday, and come into the Card Hall - we'll be waiting for you.

### **Christmas Concert**

The Christmas Program will be held Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Local artists will be featured. If any of you have little ones attending the program who would like a present from Santa, please bring a wrapped and labelled gift. It will be put under the tree for Santa to call their name. Lunch will follow. Please come out to share the Christmas spirit with your Texas family. Everyone is welcome to join the Christmas choir. Practices will start at 3:00 each Wednesday beginning November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact coordinators Peggy Anderson @ 171 S Bermuda or Susie Vanderzyden @ 741 N Bermuda for more information.

### **Christmas Decorating Contest**

Once again we see wonderful holiday displays popping up in yards around our Park. Judging will take place on the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be announced at our Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Cash prizes to be won. Let's all get into the holiday spirit and light up our Park.

### **Church Services**

Beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 AM in the Library.

### **For Sale**

Quilting Fabric \$4.00 per yard. See Julie @ 447 Tampico 712-779-0685

### **Genealogy**

The Genealogy Group will have their first meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM in the Library. Primary emphasis will be “DNA, What do I do Next?” but all are welcome. A second meeting in December will be scheduled at that time if desired. Watch the Bulletin Board in the Card Hall for further information. Kathy Anderson @ 1057 or 763-486-3708 [kmanders55@msn.com](mailto:kmanders55@msn.com)

### **Mah Jong - National Rules**

If you are interested in learning and/or playing Mah Jong using the National Rules, I would be interested in leading a class in the new year and setting up a group to play. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Shearer @ 857 or [basnowbirds@yahoo.ca](mailto:basnowbirds@yahoo.ca)

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

Anyone wishing to play cards or games is welcome to join us in the Card Hall. Coffee and punch will be provided. Bring a snack to share and any other drinks you wish. We will eat at 6:00PM.

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

Put your dancing shoes on and come out to the New Year's Eve Dance. Music by” Dr J “ \$10.00 per ticket. See Marie Mackey @ 639 Trinidad; Floyd Neal @ 660 Trinidad; Terry Neal @ 925 Leisure Lane

### **Paper Tole**

Will start in December if there is interest. Please contact Dolores Dame 956-968-8572

### **Patio Sale**

The first park wide patio sale is Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact Ken Tanula at @ 570 Vera Cruz

### **Red Trailettes**

Our meetings this month are December 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Card Hall at 8:30AM. Hope to see you all there.

### **Shuffle News!**

We have tournament winners already! Congratulations!

Leisure World Nov.8<sup>th</sup>

- Consolation – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dorothy and Duold Textor
- Consolation – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Ivonne Carnes and Joe Hinnenkemp

Alamo Palms Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

- Main Event – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jean and Orval Larson
- Consolation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chris Kurtz and R.D. Weuthrich

Referee school will be held at Country Sunshine 9:30 on December 15, 2018. We are in need of volunteers at Trails End so please consider this. Register with Chris at 306-570-5513 or R.D. 608-346-6912

The Trails End Shuffle Tournament will be January 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. Further information and volunteer lists will be posted in December.

If you did not receive a shuffle update email from me in November and would like to receive shuffle updates please record your email address in the shuffle shack or email [kurtzac@hotmail.com](mailto:kurtzac@hotmail.com). *Have fun shufflers.*

## **Sunday Brunch**

Our first Sunday Brunch is December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM to Noon in the Main Hall. Our many volunteers will be hard at work to serve tasty meals for you and your friends. The next brunch will be January 6, 2019.

## **Texas Hold'em**

Schedule is slightly changed until more players arrive in the Park. For now, it will be mixed on Monday and Wednesday.

## **From a Concerned Group in the Park**

### *How to Control Cats in Trails End Park*

Due to excessive rain and flooding this past summer, rats began looking for higher ground and so their population has increased in our Park. We know of at least 3 rats that were caught and killed by feral cats during the summer.

Cats are the natural enemy of vermin so this makes cats a necessary inhabitant of the park. So what can be done?

Trap and destroy, or trap, neuter and return to the colony (also called TNR). Unfixed feral cats are a big nuisance with their howling, spraying and fighting. That's why the second option, TNR, is preferable. 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 behaviours cease. Studies show 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 euthanizing would be a simpler solution but with the estimated 250,000 feral cats in the Valley, this would be very time consuming and almost impossible to catch them all, even with an army of volunteers. TNR works because of volunteers who trap, neuter and return cats to their community. It also works because of generous people who donate to 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 costs rather than destroying them. We are placing a jar in the office and ask that you please put your spare change in it. We can get a cat altered for \$50.00. For more information, please contact Susan Heywood @ 764 or Sue Brown @ 761. All monies donated will be for neutering and placing collars on neutered cats.

We have had 5 cats fixed. *Please do not have them sent to Animal Control where they will be killed. If you insist on trapping, then please check with us before you send them to be killed.*

Susan Heywood & Dennis Slack @ 764; Susan Brown @ 761; Rick @909; Sharyle & Dennis Peche @730

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday Evening Entertainment beginning in January, watch for details.
- Painting/Art starting in January, watch for details
- Trail Blazers starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Intermediate Bridge lessons start January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- First cribbage tournament will be January 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for sign up in the Card Hall.
- Special Bingo January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Brunch January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bible Study in the Library January 7<sup>th</sup> Watch for details.
- Slo Pitch league starts January 8<sup>th</sup>
- Variety Show entry deadline January 9<sup>th</sup>
- First Ice Cream Social will be January 13<sup>h</sup>.
- Shuffle Tournament 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>
- First Anniversary/Birthday Celebration January 16<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details.
- Variety Show January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Craft Sale will be January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- First fishing trip may be coming up in January. Watch for details.

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