

The Trails End Way

March 2019

From Brenda

This is my last edition of the Trails End Way as Editor. I knew taking it on that I could never fill the shoes of your previous editor, Joe Moore. His publications were amazing but required more time than I was prepared to give to this endeavour. The great thing about this being a volunteer position is that I was given the leeway to make the changes I wanted, and I sincerely hope that my newsletters have given you timely, accurate and usable information.

Sincere thanks to Maureen Demyd for putting out the January editions while Jim and I returned home for the holidays, and to my delivery crew, always available at a moment's notice. I appreciate all your help.

Connie Senkiw will take over as Editor and I am certain that you will give her your full support and cooperation as she navigates the workload and makes her changes to the format.

Many events will wind down this month so please watch for announcements.

Have a wonderful summer, wherever life takes you.

From Your Board

Once again it's time for the last Newsletter of the current season. Overall it has been a very successful time. Our new Multi-Purpose room is near completion; and has already been used by the new activity, Zumba, with great satisfaction.

Your board wishes to thank all the activity chairs for their hard work in making this season successful, volunteers are still needed so please consider joining our volunteer group next season.

USA day and Canada day were both a complete success, let the camaraderie continue it was a lot of fun.

I wish to thank those board members who are stepping down from a 2 year term, Bill Wright, Chris Atkinson, Ray Martin, and Judy Williams for a job well done, all your hard work it is much appreciated by everyone in the park. We welcome aboard, Ron Stark, Terry Neal, Jackie Smith, Roger Mommer and Muriel Mccallum who was re-elected for a second term.

Please note that the last Monday morning meeting of the season, will be held on March 18th at 8:30 a.m.

Soon the snowbirds will be heading North back to their homes for the summer months, please drive carefully, enjoy your summer and we'll see you back here in the fall.

Yours Truly

Geoff Walker

President.

Annual Bridge Tournament

We had 37 tables take part in the bridge tournament, with 20+ parks from the valley represented. Ron and Ann Stark from our park finished in 3rd place. A big thank you to all helpers that made this tournament such a success.

We realized a profit of \$214 for the Trails End Club. Also a special thank you to the ladies who made the desserts (a definite highlight of the event) and thanks also to the ladies that served them. Submitted by Cliff Lenz

Canada Day

A big thank you to everyone who helped organize and plan our Canada Day Party this year.

The Caesar tasting competition was a great success with table #6 (Carol Watson & Eleanor Gauthier) winning the prize.

The best costume for a male was won by Geoff Walker, and Dianne Allen won for best female costume.

Roger Granger won the door prize of a \$25 Olive Garden gift card.

Many thanks to Wil McCallum for providing the music for the dance.

The theme for next year, Feb. 15, 2020, is "Rock & Roll". Fran Jackson will be the new Canada Day coordinator. Submitted by Corrine Lenz

Crafts

Sign up in the Card Hall to make your very own chicken. These silly critters are sure to bring a smile to anyone and everyone. The Club has some sewing machines available if you don't have one you can bring, but please indicate that on the sign up so I can make sure everyone has a machine. We will meet on Thursday, March 7th & 14th, at 1 PM and if you are willing to do a bit of homework between the classes, you can complete the project on the 14th.

Duffers

The 16th annual Duffer's Tournament was held at the Tony Butler Golf Course on February 2nd. 74 residents of the Park took part in the event which started with a shotgun start and had everyone back at the Hall in Trails End by 12:30 pm. The afternoon event consisted of prize awards, putting contests, perfume draws and live auction. A lunch of brats made by Dennis Truelove and all the fixings were enjoyed by all. A thank you is extended to our m/c Ellen Neffgen and to all the volunteers who helped in setting up, taking team entries, cooking, bar tending, clean up and all the small jobs that need to be done to make the event a success.

Next year's tournament will be Saturday Feb 1 and sign up will be by foursomes OR twosomes. Watch for details in next year's newsletters. See you in 2020.

Duffer's Tournament Committee:

Frank Vande Graaf, Barry Knox, Wil McCallum, Randy Demyd, Ken Tanula, Brad Magnusson and Gary Johnson.

From Gene & Kay Markes

A “BIG” thanks for all the donations to St. Vincent de Paul and to Mexico. We would like to get things together if you have any by *March 1st* as we will be leaving. Please drop off at 847.

From Bob & Geri Morley

We would like to thank everyone who brought food and stopped to visit while Geri was healing from her back problems. God bless you!

Bob and Geri Morley

Monday Quilters

We would like to thank everyone who comes out to Monday Quilters, bringing the beautiful items they have made to show and inspire us to expand our skills and develop our “fabric art”.

It has been a great winter and the classes are continuing, this seasoned group is very good at offering help and tips to new quilters, and we thank them for this information.

If there are any methods or techniques or patterns you would like to try, let us know and we can make arrangements.

There will be a “Challenge” again this year, cost is \$5.00 to be completed and shown next season. Please sign up at Monday quilting if you are interested. These will be available for pick up at the “Wind Up” Monday, March 11/19 at 1:00 pm in the main hall.

Please bring finger food or snacks to share at the wind up, plates etc.

Yvonne Bamlett

Sewing/Multipurpose Room Report

Good News! Construction of the new building started in mid November and was completed by mid February, except for the storage area. The project was completed well ahead of schedule and well ahead of budget. The original estimate was for \$10,000 and did not include the AC/Heater, light fixtures, ceiling fans and storage area costs. The actual cost for the above project came in at \$7,500. We were then able to buy the light fixtures and fans for an additional \$2,000 bringing the total to \$9,500. In addition to the above, Action Air donated a 4 Ton AC/Heater unit to the park. Installation costs were \$2,000 of which Mr. Nodel paid \$1,000 and the Trails End Club paid \$1,000. This brings the total project cost up to \$10,500 excluding the storage area cost.

The storage needs are presently being addressed and hopefully some of this work can be done before the end of the winter season. The original budget called for expenditures of

up to \$6,000 from club funds and \$4,000 to be raised through fundraisers. The fundraisers were initiated by Sherry Rogers and the Quilters and consisted of a Spaghetti Supper, Shepherd's Pie Supper, as well as, a Quilt raffle and the coordination of the Club Raffle. I do not have the exact number, but I believe the fundraisers along with private donations will exceed \$5,000. What a fantastic achievement! Way to go ladies! Also, a big thanks to our two chefs Dennis Slack and Geoff Walker.

The construction of the new building could not have gone any better. There are just so many people that need to be thanked. I want to thank Mr. Nodel and managers Dan and Bonnie for being so supportive of this project. Also, a big thanks to our board for working so well with us and yes, they were holding us accountable and doing their due diligence as they should. My committee consisted of Craig Lenz, Tom Dame and Kurt Gagnon. These guys were totally committed to this project and they never waived with their support and goal to do the best job we could and keep costs under budget. My hat is off to you guys. You did a fantastic job and I am very thankful for your support and dedication to the project. Another key player to this project was Ray Martin who took responsibility for the electrical component of the job. It was a pleasure for all of us to work with you Ray. Your contributions were immeasurable. I have a list of some 20 -25 names of people involved and I thank each one of them. I also would like to thank all the ladies who provided us with goodies from time to time. They were delicious! Thank you.

I think it is safe to say all of us who worked on this project enjoyed the challenges of the job and the camaraderie developed with one another. In addition, all Trails End Club residents have contributed to this project by raising general club revenue and we can all be very proud of what we have accomplished.

Cliff Lenz,
Project Chair

Red Hat Trailettes

Many, many thanks to all members. It was another "WOW" year. Our membership grew – welcome to all new members. Let's double it next year. Everyone worked together and very hard to make this year another very very busy and fun year.

Thanks for your support and trust for voting us to be your leaders next year.

Our March schedule continues to be busy:

- March 6th Meeting, 8:30 AM Card Hall
- March 7th Thursday Dinner
- March 12th Mexican Snack Factory Tour, 9:00 AM
- March 13th Lunch Tea with Friends
- March 16th Breakfast – Hall 8:00 AM
- March 20th Last Meeting until the fall

Verna Boss, Queen Mother Delyne Schultz , Sec/Treas

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the dance for this season. Hopefully we will be able to schedule one for next fall. Thanks to Wil for offering his services. Submitted by Sherry Rogers

Styrofoam Recycling Reminder

Colored Styrofoam and small packing chips are NOT recyclable. Thanks for taking extra care to ensure these do not end up in the recycling bin.

Shuffle News!

It has been a great shuffle season and once again many new shufflers! The Trails End Shuffle annual meeting will be held after the March 4th Monday morning games are complete. The meeting will be followed by a wind-up pizza lunch with a small fee collected to cover the cost of the pizza. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up in the shuffle shack.

Congratulations to our Recent Trophy Winners!

Men's Doubles - Magic Valley

$\frac{35}{17}$ Expert Consolation 3rd Place – Ken Tanula and Russ Godfrey

Mixed Doubles – Llano Grande

$\frac{35}{17}$ Amateur Consolation 3rd Place – Peggy Anderson and Buster Bradford

Mixed Doubles Ranchero

$\frac{35}{17}$ Expert Consolation 3rd Place – Rita Norlander and Jim Carnes

$\frac{35}{17}$ Amateur Main Event 3rd Place – Susan and Ross Harman

And finally, thank you to the many willing volunteers that made our shuffle season successful. So give yourselves a pat on the back or a celebratory toast! Your efforts were appreciated.

Tours – Activity Director

Thank you to park residents who made enquiries for Tours offered from our park. The trip to the Casino at Eagle Pass was well attended and was lots of fun!! I want to thank Floyd Neal for his help to make the trip even more fun.

Looking forward to next year and hope we can get a Cruise going with park residents or a trip to Mexico – All Inclusive.

Safe trip home & have a fun summer everyone. Val Gauthier

Trailblazers Concert

Sunday, March 10 at 7 o'clock. Come hear lots of new songs from many venues. The men have been working hard for several weeks so they can entertain you. Come show your support and see and hear what they have accomplished

TUESDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

There is one show this March. Information is listed below, along with link to the artist's website where you can learn more him by (Ctrl + click) on the link.

March 5, 2019 Kainoa Kamak Showtime 7:00 PM Admission \$7.00
<http://www.KainoaKamaka.com/>

USA Day

USA Day for 2020 will be Saturday February 8th with a noon lunch and lots of fun! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this year such a success. Congratulations to the contest winners.

We are looking for a chairperson for 2020. Please contact RD or Linda Wuethrich at 621 Trinidad.

Veteran Recognition Program

Trails End Veterans Program will be Sunday, March 17 at 4:30 in the Main Hall followed by the ice cream social. Ellen Neffgen will present the program. All park residents are welcome. Veterans and their partner are asked to sit in the front half of the hall. Park veterans who have not submitted a photo for the wall display are asked to do so if they wish. Contact a member of the veterans committee. Forms are in a black mesh box in the Main Hall south counter or Card Hall north wall by tours.

Wood Shop

Help Wanted

The woodshop is looking for a few good men and/or women to serve as active and backup woodshop monitors for the next winter season (2019-2020). Woodshop monitors are volunteers who work a three hour shift once a week. We need people who can use a variety of woodworking tools and be able to instruct others in the proper way to use them. If you are an innovative person who enjoys working through and developing woodworking solutions, and has a reasonably thorough knowledge of power tools as well how to use them effectively and safely, we want to talk to you. If interested, see me in the woodshop from 9:00 am to noon any Wednesday morning. Joe Moore

New Activities:

Mah Jongg - National Rules with the Card

A very enthusiastic group of men and women have completed the classes for the new Mah Jongg group and regular play will be Thursday mornings, 9:30 in the Card Hall, beginning March 7th. I am willing to continue offering classes if there is more interest. We will be playing with the new 2019 card (available in early April) starting in the fall and you will need to have one in order to participate. Please contact me if you need any more information. Brenda Shearer @ 857 or 1 204 -730-4338

Zumba

Come and check out the Zumba classes held in the Multi Purpose Room on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:15. It is \$3 per class, roughly 50 minutes long. We are planning to continue until April 1st or 4th, hoping that the committment does not wane. We hope to restart in mid November when everyone returns. For more information please contact Monique Blahitka @ 354.

March Events

- Special Bingo March 2nd
- Show & Tell March 2nd 11 am – 2 PM (*Not* 10-2 as previously reported)
- Last Brunch March 3rd
- Shuffle Annual Meeting and lunch, March 4th
- Last Tuesday Entertainment March 5th
- Craft classes, March 7th & 14th
- Cribbage Tournaments March 8th and 22nd
- Ivan Watts In Park Shuffle Tournament March 9th and 10th
- Trail Blazer's Concert March 10th
- Friendly Shuffle in our Park March 15th
- Veteran's Program and Ice Cream Social March 17th (*Note corrected date*)
- Last Monday Meeting March 18th
- Birthday & Anniversary Celebration March 20th
- Karaoke March 23rd