

# NATURES TALES

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## ***We're on the Web!!***

Trying to accommodate people's requests, Natures Tales has been sporting some photos in the last few issues. However, this has caused complications for folks who have a size restriction in their email accounts. Thanks to the wonderful world of the web, we can have the best of both worlds. Each month you will be emailed a 'bare bones' copy of Natures Tales (one with no photos) together with a link that will take you directly to the 'deluxe version' (one with photos) which will be posted on the web. Also available on our web site is an archive with previous Natures Tales. To view these, go to:  
<http://www.naturesresort.net/news.html>

## ***Fantastic February!***

What a month we have had! Mardi Gras was an outstanding success. The decorations were great, and the Cajun, Creole & Caribbean potluck a gourmet delight. Our congratulations go to Janice and Art for the two best costumes. Our very own Cindy provided the first hour of music, followed by Ruthie who also did an awesome job. This event was cited by some as the best dance and best evening's entertainment ever at Natures Resort. We thank our hosts and all the volunteers who helped make this such a success.

The Valentine's Dance was also a huge success with over 100 people in attendance, and a great mix of music provided by The Fenders. Those who have been taking dance lessons with Peg and Jim had the opportunity to try out their new steps while also being able to dance to the oldies. The decorations were awesome, and added greatly to the festivities. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the dance such a success and to those who helped with the clean up afterwards. Having so many "impromptu volunteers" makes hosting an event less overwhelming. Thanks for your help!

There was an outstanding turnout for the Fun Association meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks go to all five candidates who were willing to run for office and willing take on the responsibilities of serving on the Fun Association Board. We appreciate your volunteering spirit and your willingness to give of your time and yourselves for the benefit of the residents and guests at Natures Resort. Our congratulations to go Maurice and Keith who won the election and our thanks go to everyone who took the time to come out and vote.

Using the new outdoor kitchen, the new board provided a wonderful cookout, with an abundance of side dishes and desserts provided by all in attendance.

## ***Wedding Bells at Natures Resort***

On Valentines Day, Natures Resort had its first Wedding Ceremony. It was a perfect warm and sunny South Texas afternoon for the Bride and Groom, Cassandra and Jack, to exchange their wedding vows in the Valentines Day decorated Clubhouse with over 120 guests in attendance. The Wedding Reception followed immediately after the ceremony with a delicious Texas BBQ Brisket dinner. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bazhaw on their new life together.

## ***Marvelous March!***

Regular March activities:

- Bicycle Ride: 9:00 a.m. each Thursday. See bulletin board for details.
- Billiards: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday, Sunday – Billiard Room
- Bowling: 9:00 a.m. Fridays at the Flamingo Lanes in McAllen.
- Campfire: 5:00 p.m. Saturdays – Campfire pit.
- Country Western Dancing: 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays – clubhouse

- Euchre: 6:00 p.m. Mondays – game room.
- Karaoke: 7:30 p.m. some Fridays – Clubhouse. Check bulletin board.
- Morning Exercise: 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – clubhouse.
- Petanque: 2:00 p.m. every day – petanque courts
- Poker: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays – game room.
- Shuffleboard: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday – shuffleboard court
- Soup & Salad: 5:00 p.m. Monday – Clubhouse. Sign up required.
- Trivial Pursuit: 6:30 p.m. Thursday – game room.
- Water Aerobics: 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday - Pool
- Western Dance Lessons: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday – Clubhouse

Remember to watch the Impromptu Board (located next to the noodle barrel in the pool area) for any changes and additions to the schedule. See the Bulletin Board in the clubhouse for additional details on all these activities.

#### March Special Events:

- February 29 to March 2: Fun in the Sun weekend. Remember to show up for the tournaments and meals that you have signed up and paid for! This should be a fun filled weekend.
- March 6 – Luau Dinner (5:30 p.m.) and Dance (7:00 p.m.): Pork, Chicken, Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Punch provided. There is a \$2 donation to defray the cost. Any money over will go to the Fun Association. Sign up and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Music by Ronnie Furr.
- March 14 – Dance: 7:00 p.m. \$2.00 per person. Music provided by Ruthie. Ruthie is donating her time and talent. Total proceeds go to the Fun Association.
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Potluck (5 p.m.) and Dance (7:00 p.m.) Sign up, put on the green and celebrate the Luck of the Irish.

- March 23 - Easter Dinner: Hams provided. Sign up and bring a dish to share.
- March 29 – Farewell Cookout – 3:00 p.m. Fundraiser – Pies: \$1.00 per slice.

#### ***Tidbits from Natures Cat, Speckles!***

There is always so much going on here at Natures that it is difficult to keep track of everything.

- On February 7<sup>th</sup>, in lightening speed of less than one hour, I saw the women beat the men at Trivial Pursuit. Way to go Ladies!
- Super Bowl Sunday was awesome. Lots of fun, lots of chili and lots of munchies. Go Giants Go!!
- Our first ever Jam Session. Ruthie and Reid were great! Randy, Cindy and Margaret also added to the fun.
- I watched from outside the clubhouse ... The CPR/AED training class went very well. It’s great to know that we now have a number of ‘first responders’ in case I have an emergency.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Booya dinner made \$70 for the Fun Association.
- I heard that the Killer Bees Hockey game and Tailgate Party was fun. Wish I could have been there.
- Can you believe someone stole one of our new palm trees outside the front gate?
- There’s a beautiful baby boy kitten and a mommy cat looking for a good home. Please contact Kat on lot 71.
- The office is really busy with people making reservations and booking annual lots for next season.

That’s all for me!



#### ***March Birthdays and Anniversaries!***

2	Ann S	4	Robin & Danny B
6	Chuck M	6	Judy H
10	MarySue R	14	Craig B
18	Jackei A	19	Tony O
19	Mike & Robin D		
22	Pam K	22	Roger C
27	Gerda B	30	Bill Rose
31	Danny N	31	Pierre T