

NATURES TALES

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A Recap of Last Month's Activities!

A group went on a bus tour to Old Guerrero, Mexico. By all counts it was an interesting and informative trip.

Cat & Greg – PT6 - organized a silent auction to raise funds for the children in Haiti. In addition to the silent auction, Greg did a wonderful job of auctioneer selling a set of sculptured ants created by Bill S. Total funds collected for Heiti was \$1,009. Many thanks to Cat for donating haircut money to the Haiti fund, and to Cat & Greg for the organization of the auction. Thanks also to everyone who donated items for the auction and to all those who took part in this worthy charity event.

The Luau dinner and dance with Ronnie Furr was enjoyed by many. The hosts did a great job with the food, and the fantastic balloon decorations plus the luau decorations added a festive air to the clubhouse!

Our Spring Yard sale on March 9th and 10th was another success. Sales inside the park amounted to \$252.50 and sales on Monte Cristo Road were \$335.85 making a total of \$588.35 which will go to the Fun Association. Many thanks to Petra – Site #65 – and ALL her helpers for the work that they put into this project, and thanks also to everyone who donated items for the sale.

Once again we had our annual Doggie Parade. We were blessed with a bright sunny day, and 21 dogs, dressed in their finest, brought their owners to the parade. Prior to

the parade, a photo was taken of each dog, and they also received a bag of doggie treats.

Smallest Dog: Baby Doll (Mel & Randy # 21.
Largest Dog: Oscar (Greg & Cathy PT9)
Youngest Dog: Rusty (Stan & Sue #69)
Oldest Dog: Sasha (Pat & Barry PT9)

During February we had a number of dances with a variety of entertainers, giving a good mixture of Rock 'n Roll and Country. Many thanks to the hosts of these dances as well as their helpers and those who helped with clean up after the dances.

Karaoke came back! Lori – PT #7 – bribed people into the clubhouse with her wonderful baking, and Cassandra - #59 – coerced people up on the stage. There were a number of new faces behind the mikes, and we all enjoyed an entertaining evening.

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

I'm sad. My Winter Texan friends are starting to leave, and are heading for their homes up north. I'm really going to miss them.

- The ladies at Natures took a trip to the "Ropa Outlets" and spent a couple of hours scavenging through the piles of clothes. I didn't know times were that tough!
- The blood mobile was back! 31 people signed up to donate, 27 people were eligible to donate, giving a total of 29 units.

- Mike & Karen – Site #73 – added a Texas room – with special windows so that Lucy can wave to me when I walk by. It all looks great!
- Greg – PT 6 – makes awesome balloon decorations! They scare me when they sometimes go “Bang!”
- Every week there is a new stack of Winter Texan Times in the clubhouse. Did you ever wonder how they got there? Jim – Site #11- gets them for us each week! Thanks Jim!
- First it was fancy new windows, and now its new paint! Check out Dave & Evie’s house – Site # 83. It looks so nice!
- A peaceful, breezy, beautiful day was interrupted by a loud ‘crack’ that made all of us jump – and the big tree in the dog run fell over! Perhaps now we will have to get a fire hydrant for our puppies!
- Connie has fantastic news. She is all healed up – that’s why she has such a big smile when she rides around the park! Way to go Connie!
- Ellis – Site 108 – was in a nasty motorcycle accident. He spent about 10 days in the hospital while they put his pelvis back together. Now he is back with his Natures family again. It is going to be a long time before he will be able to put any weight on his leg. Keep smiling Ellis and Barb. All your friends here wish you well.
- It was scary! A swarm of bees visited Natures. First the whole swarm was hanging off a branch on Hans &

Hermine’s site - #58, then they moved to another tree near the pull throughs, and finally the next day they all flew away to find another home. I’m glad they are gone!

That’s all from me. Have a purrrrfect April.



4th Annual Fun in the Sun Weekend

What a busy weekend we had at the beginning of March! The Fun in the Sun activities started on Friday afternoon first with a horseshoe tournament, then a Petanque tournament followed by a good turnout of people for the free hotdogs around the campfire. In the evening there was an Eight-Ball tournament as well as Texas Hold’em and Bingo.

After a delicious breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits on Saturday morning, the Petanque tournament continued

During the day there was a craft sale featuring a number of our very talented Natures family, which gave everyone the opportunity of buying their beautiful hand crafted merchandise. There was everything from painted glass to jewelry to hand woven rugs, cloths and placemats.

A delicious lunch got the afternoon off to a good start for the shuffleboard tournament and water volleyball tournament both of which had a good size gallery cheering the players on.

Dinner on Saturday evening – Shrimp Alfredo – was followed by the Awards

Ceremony and a Dance with live music by Dean Cato. It certainly was a busy but fun day!

On Sunday the pace slackened, and after the breakfast buffet people were free to relax and enjoy the pool, hot tub and other amenities of Natures Resort.

Our winners are:

Pétanque:

- 1st Jim M., Laurent, Randy
- 2nd John S., Leonard H., Mike M.
- 3rd Ken, Carmen, Bev L

Shuffleboard: Jan O & JohnPaul

Water Volleyball: Ken, Mel, Dave, Bob & Mike

Horseshoes:

- Singles: Randy
- Doubles: Randy & Mike M.

Eight-Ball:

- Singles: Cassandra
- Doubles: Cindy & Rocco

Euchre:

- 1st Robin
- 2nd Pam H.
- 3rd (tied) Betty S, Pam K. & Ed S.
- Booby Prize (tied) Brad & Linda H

Texas Hold'em: Bob B

Many hours of planning and hard work went into making all the activities run smoothly over the weekend, and we would like to thank the Fun in the Sun committee and all of their many helpers for a job well done. Each of the tournaments was well organized, and the food preparation and service was great. Our guests from Sandpipers and from clubs further north have told us that they are looking forward to

the 5th Annual Fun in the Sun which is already being planned.

Mark your calendars now for the expanded 2011 Fun in the Sun which will start on Thursday, February 24, 2011 and run through Sunday, February 27th.

Travel Safely!

We are coming to the end of the busiest season we have ever had. A number of people enjoyed themselves here so much that they extended their stays. Others booked for a week or a month, and then chose to stay for the whole season. Natures Resort was bursting at the seams, and there were times when we had to turn people away because every site and every guest room was full. The majority of people who visited us for the first time this season have made reservations for next season which means that our Winter Texan Family has expanded. We welcome all these 'new' friends to our Natures Family. It has been a joy to see you blend in, find your own niche, and become one of us! We have enjoyed having you with us, and it has been a delight for us to get to know you.

Sadly for us, it is now that time of year when our Winter Texan family begins thinking of their homes up north, and one by one they will pack their rigs or vehicles and disappear down the driveway for a final time this season.

Prior to you leaving, we want to thank each and every one of you for making this such a fun and successful season. Although we are looking forward to the quieter summer season, we are sad to see you leave, and wish you a safe journey north and a wonderful summer. We look forward with eager anticipation for your return next season.