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What a Season We Had!

It is hard to believe that the "official" season is over. And what a season it was! It started quietly as we enjoyed greeting old friends who were returning to their Natures winter home, then the real kickoff to the season was a wonderful Halloween Dance.

It seemed no time at all before we were sitting down to a big Thanksgiving dinner and then the holiday season was upon us. Christmas Dance, a gift exchange, Christmas Dinner, New Year's Eve Dance and a brunch on New Year's Day. Time continued to rush by and then we were celebrating Valentines with a dance and video and this led straight into Fun in the Sun which was an extremely busy and fun filled ten days. March continued to rush by with the Talent Show, a Barbeque, St. Patrick's dance and the Owners Appreciation Dinner/Dance. Added to all these events we had additional dances, some with bands, and some with our talented DJs. We also had breakfasts, pot lucks, dinners, craft & vendor shows, movies, Super Bowl and Datona 500 events, and our first ever block party. And just in case that isn't enough, there was the usual full slate of daily activities. With so much to do, we suddenly find that the end of the season is upon us. Time flies when we're having fun!

Besides having a season full of fun activities and special events, there are other highlights as well. Always special is meeting and making new friends as our Natures family continues to grow and this season was no exception. We have added a number of wonderful people to our family. We also reached a milestone this season. On February 22nd every site, big or small and every room was occupied. We even had people camping in tents because that was all that was available. We reached our maximum capacity!

Many people have thanked us, the owners, for the fun time that they had, but we need to pass those thanks right back to YOU! We had a wonderful season because YOU made it so! You chose to come to Natures with a positive attitude and a desire and expectation of having a good time. Then you stepped forward and volunteered to host, coordinate or help with various activities or events. You introduced some new ideas, games and events to Natures, and you participated in everything that tickled your fancy. With so many people predisposed to making the most of everything and to enjoying themselves we HAD to have a great season!

We never take our Natures family for granted. We appreciate each and every one of you. We thank you for your help, kindness and encouragement and are grateful that you have chosen to be a part of Natures. YOU are what makes Natures special!

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

I'm really sad because the season is winding down and soon I will have to say goodbye to some of my Natures family. But I have to say that, in spite of some cold weather, it has been a fantastic season and I know that they will be back. We have all been very busy having fun, so I'll try to remember everything that has been going on.



- The Blood Mobile visited us again. Although they don't want my blood, 24 members of our family gave 28 units of life giving blood. (4 donors gave double red cells). Next season's blood drives will be November 3, January 5, and March 2.

- At the end of the Fun in the Sun Blind Golf Cart Race, out came an adult size tricycle! People had so much fun riding it around the golf cart race course that next year it is going to be included in our FITS competitions!
- What amazing talent we have at Natures. There were 30 acts at our talent Show that included many good singers, musicians and even a skit or two. Thanks to Pete and Hans for organizing the event, and to all the performers who shared their talents with us.
- After Richard & Linda poured a cement slab, they had a roof built over their 5th wheel and the west side of their lot. What a wonderful excuse to have a party - a slab/roof warming party. It was a hot day, so we could all celebrate the shade that the roof provided.
- There was a "Toga and Feathers" dance with music provided by Frank & Ruthi. What imaginations some people have! Connie & Richard were crowned King and Queen, and Jay & Lee were judged the "Best Costume". Great organization, great music, and fun for all. Thanks Frank & Ruthi for a wonderful evening.
- Once again the craft show was a huge success. The talent at Natures continues to grow as we gain more crafters at each new show. We also had four crafters from Sandpipers, as well as many shoppers from Sandpipers.
- Mark & Patti did an awesome job hosting Mardi Gras, and many people went all out with their costumes. We even had guys hanging over the balcony throwing beads!
- A good meal and a fund raiser for the Fun Association. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, plus chips, cookies and a drink. Thanks to everyone who made this such a successful event.

- Celebrating their new garage and additional cement, Art & Terry provided hot dogs and Happy Hour was moved to Lot 10. Thanks Art & Terry!
- Once again the owners treated everyone to an Appreciation Dinner and Dance. Greg & Cat shared their decorating talent with us by making the clubhouse beautiful with awesome balloon decorations, Don Carlos Catering provided a delicious meal, and Ron O'Neil, 'Party of One' kept the dance floor hopping.



Don Carlos Catering

- The guest rooms were spruced up with some new loungers. Next thing we have people playing in the boxes. Some folks never grow up!
- Thanks to John for hosting the St. Patrick's dance, and to Ken for giving all the ladies a green carnation. A lovely tradition enjoyed by all.



A Green Carnation for Valentines Day!

That's all from me. For those heading north, have a purrrfectly safe trip!

