

# NATURES TALES

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## *The Pool Tables have a new Home*

Moving the pool tables was not something that we wished to tackle, even though we had many volunteers who offered to help move them. Instead we hired a professional to do the job for us. These folks not only move pool tables, but they build and repair them too. This was the ideal time to have the pool tables looked at and repaired where necessary.



*One Pool Table heads to the New Pool Hall*

The movers, a husband and wife team,

arrived at about 2 p.m. and, after going over the tables, told us that the felt was in excellent shape, but that all the bumpers needed to be removed, repaired and re-installed. They chose to do the repair work prior to moving the tables, keeping us in suspense as to how only two people plus their rather crude looking moving contraption would be able to get the tables to their new location. It seemed like an impossible task!

The repair job took about 7 hours - far longer than we had anticipated - but they did an excellent job. Eventually, at around 9 p.m. the repairs were finished and it was time to move the tables.

After all the anticipation of how difficult it would be, the moving was an anticlimax! They rolled the moving contraption (There is no other word for it!) over the tables, and attached it to each end of the table. Then using ratchets they cranked the table up, flipped it onto its side, and with little effort wheeled it from the dart room across the pool deck and into the new pool hall where they flipped it back with feet pointing down and ratcheted it down again. Almost effortless! It took less than a half hour to move both tables.



*Setting the Table Down in its New Home*

Getting the tables set up was neither quick nor effortless. It took them a couple of hours to get them completely level, and to ensure that the tension on the tables was exact so that the surface of the tables was completely flat.

Now that it is all done, Natures Resort can boast that we have a pool hall. We will enjoy seeing people using it and having fun!

### ***Natures Loses a Dear Friend***

With a heavy heart we have to let you know that Connie passed away in mid November. Although a lady of few words, Connie was loved, admired and respected by all who knew her. She befriended every dog in the park, and the puppies are lost without her, wondering where the smiling lady with the treats has gone. Connie and Richard have been 'beacons of light' at Natures, known and loved by everyone in the park. One beacon of light has moved on to a better place and will be greatly missed. We are so grateful to still have the remaining beacon of light with us. Our heartfelt condolences go to Richard and his family at this sad time.



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

What fun we are having. There are so many activities and special events that I am worn out from rushing back a forth checking to see what is going on around here!



- The bloodmobile came to visit us again. There were 22 people who registered to donate blood. Eighteen eligible donors gave 21 units (3 were double reds) of life saving blood for our community. Many thanks to everyone who came to donate.
- Have you seen the beautiful new 5th wheel that Deb & Don, Lot 130, bought? It's awesome. So is the news that Don is doing very well after his surgery. I'm looking forward to when they get back to Natures.
- It was a beautiful day and many people attended the Beer & Brats Festival! There were many different beers and wines to taste, the food was delicious and the music great. Everyone had a great time! Ken & Janet and all their helpers did a terrific job to make it such a successful event. Thanks for all your hard work!
- Ron, Lot #53, gave up half of the deck so that Lynne could have a new sewing room to work on the beautiful quilts that she makes. The way it is set up you'll still be able to wave to Ron as you go past their lot.
- We had a great block party in the north/west corner of the park to celebrate new houses and new pads. It was a cold day, but we still had a large crowd who enjoyed DJ Steve's good mix of music as well as many tables of tasty munchies. Many thanks to all our hosts for a fun afternoon.

- I don't know where it all comes from, but once again we had tables and clothing racks loaded with stuff for the garage sale. Rainy and Sue and all their helpers did a fantastic job of organizing, pricing, and selling everything. They collected \$453.31 on the first day selling in the clubhouse, and \$548.60 selling out on Monte Cristo Road, making a grand total of \$1,001.91 for the Fun Association. Many thanks to everyone who donated items, bought items, and helped with setting up, pricing, selling, and clean up.
- We have a large number of bikers in the park who have taken advantage of sunny, warm days going on rides as a group.
- Jay & Lee, Lot 305, have added a new room to their house - a studio where they will be able to work on the beautiful jewelry that they create.
- What talented crafters we have at Natures. We had another Craft & Vendor Fair which gave everyone an opportunity to get a jump on Christmas shopping.
- Now that the old billiard room has been converted into a dart room there are two more dart boards and room for more players. A lot of noise comes out of that room on Saturday night, so if you're looking for a fun thing to do, go check it out!
- We have more people who are putting down their roots here. Richard & Ruth, Lot 233, Mark & Janice, Lot 118, Bev & Pam, Lot 303 and Don & Lynne, Lot 18, have all poured new slabs. Don & Lynne also bought a new

5th wheel to go on their slab. Mike, Lot 16, poured a pad and is getting canopy for his van. Bill, Lot 78, and Jim & Judy, Lot 11 enlarged their pads. That cement truck has certainly been busy!

- Ice cream and cake is a good way to celebrate all our birthdays and anniversaries. I wish I knew when my birthday was - Perhaps someone would give me a bowl of ice cream.
- There are wonderful smells coming out of the clubhouse on Saturday morning. When I checked it out, I found that Rick & Margie and a gang of helpers are doing breakfast on Saturday mornings. If you want to have enjoy these delicious meals, don't forget to sign up in the three ring binder.
- Rick & Margie put in a lot of hours compiling a cook book with recipes from our Natures Family. The proceeds will go to the Fun Association so we can have even more fun! Thanks Rick & Margie for all your hard work! If you would like a cookbook, see Rick, Margie or anyone on the Fun Association Board.
- have DJ Steve did a wonderful job at the Veteran's dance providing a good mix of music as well as a very touching tribute to all the veterans. Thanks Steve!
- Our Thanksgiving dinner was amazing! I'm thankful for Greg & Rainy who did such a fantastic job of organizing everything, and for all their helpers who played such an important part in making the event such a success. All the food was

delicious, and if anyone went home hungry it was their own fault!

That's all from me. I wish you all a purrrfect Christmas!



### Weekly Activities

#### **Aerobics/Exercise:**

8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Bible Study:** 10:00 a.m. Monday

**Bicycle Ride:** 9:00 a.m. Thursday. See bulletin board for details of each ride.

**Bingo:** Friday 6:15 p.m. Signups  
6:45 p.m. Signups end  
7:00 p.m. Bingo starts

**Campfire:** 5:00 p.m. Friday

**Bridge:** 12:00 noon Monday

**Darts:** 7:00 p.m. Saturday

**Euchre:** 7:00 p.m. Thursday

**Hand & Foot:** 1:00 p.m. Thursday

**Happy Hour:** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday at Sandy's

**Line & Country Dance Lessons:** Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Beginners

7:00 p.m. Intermediate

7:45 p.m. Partner Dances

8:15 p.m. Country Western

**Men 's Breakfast out:** 8:00 a.m. Tuesday  
Meet outside the clubhouse

**Mexican Train:** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Petanque:** 2:00 p.m. Every day

**Pickle Ball:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday thru Friday

**Poker:** 6:30 p.m. Monday

**Shanghai Rummy:** 1:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Texas Hold'em:**

10:00 a.m. Saturday

7:30 p.m. Every Day

**Water Aerobics:** 10:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

**Water Volleyball:** 2:00 p.m. Every day

**Wii NUDE Bowling:** 3:45 p.m. Tuesday

**Yoga:** 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Beginners

9:30 a.m. Thursday

Intermediate

7:00 a.m. Monday Advanced

### ***December Special Events:***

For more information, on special events, check the electronic bulletin board.

**4th:** 4:00 p.m. BBQ Cookout

**4th:** 7:00 p.m. Karaoke

**6th:** Breakfast Sign-up required

**6th:** 11:00 a.m. Trim-a-Tree

**8th:** 4:15 p.m. Hidalgo Lights

**10th:** 2:00 p.m. Carols in the Clubhouse

**13th:** Breakfast Sign-up Required

**14th:** 6:30 p.m. Join us for Cake & Ice Cream as we celebrate the December birthdays and anniversaries

**15th:** 7:00 p.m. Dance - Hello Ball with Ruthi

**20th:** 9:00 a.m. Fun Association Members Meeting. If you are at Natures, you are a member and are encouraged to attend. Complimentary Coffee & donut.

**21st:** 7:00 p.m. Karaoke

**24th:** Cheese and Wine Party

**25th:** Christmas Dinner

**27th:** Breakfast Sign-up required

**31st:** 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Dance

**Jan 1st:** New Years Day Br