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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

### *Tidbits from Cally, Natures Proud Cat*

I'm excited to be Natures new cat, and I promise to do my best to keep up with everything going on in the park. Please be patient with me if I forget something because I'm still learning my new job.



- Frank & Ruthi hosted the Valentine video. They did an excellent job of setting music to photos of various couples from childhood to today, and everyone had fun trying to guess who they were until suddenly, as the faces matured, they could be recognized. In the evening Ken & Terry hosted the Valentine Dance with music provided by The Coins. Thanks to everyone for making Valentine's such a special day.
- In years past Connie was the most faithful of all the people who enjoy the fire and hotdogs every Friday evening. She was always the first to arrive, and greeted everyone with a smile. In her honor there is now a sign hanging at the entrance to the fire circle "Connie's Fire". Many thanks to Dean & Doris and Richard & Linda for acquiring and hanging the sign.
- Tamara did a terrific job of organizing the Mardi Gras Parade as well as the Mardi Gras dinner and dance. Big Bill's 1928 Model A headed the parade followed by Renaissance Queen Doris, decorated golf carts and bikes, and dressed up people and pets. It was quite a parade! On Fat Tuesday we had the traditional gumbo, jambalaya, etouffe and King Cake plus a great selection of side dishes for a delicious

Mardi Gras dinner. This was followed by DJ Steve's good mix of music for dancing. All in all a fun event for everyone and a great start to Fun in the Sun!

- We have some very talented people here at Natures. The Annual Mission Historical Museum Quilt Show is a small show with high quality quilts on display. This year two of our own Godiva Quilters won prize ribbons. Lynne, Lot 53, won First and Jane, Lot 209 won Second! Congratulations!



*Our  
Talented  
Ladies*

- It's the first time that I've ever seen such an exciting thing! A trailer totter came through the gate with a big house behind it,

and they delivered it to Pete & Becky, Lot 228. Congratulations on your new home. It's beautiful!



*A tight corner for the New House!*

It is so much fun being "The Cat in charge of the News"! I will be reporting again next month, but in the meantime, have a purrrrrfectly wonderful March!



### ***Fun in the Sun***

What an exciting two weeks we had! The kick-off for Fun in the Sun was the Mardi Gras parade on February 8th which was followed by two weeks of competitions. Some of the games became quite competitive, but even in the most serious of times, there were smiles and jokes. Others, although fun to participate in, were hilarious to watch. Bottle Bob, raft and noodle races and in particular the blind golf cart race left us with sides splitting from laughter.

These two weeks in February are the highlight of the season, but we need to remember that without a FITS coordinator as well as coordinators for each of the events we would not have these two special weeks. We thank all of the event coordinators for the great job that they did as well as special thanks to Tom for overseeing the whole thing. Once again we see the awesome volunteering spirit that exists at Natures. A big thank you to all our volunteers!

Below are the results of all the competitions as well as photos taken by Natures' Photographer, Julia:

### **Shuffleboard**

- 1st: Jeannot & Lorraine, Lot #28 (They did not lose a single game!)
- 2nd: Alain & Martine, PT #4

### **Pickle Ball**

- 1st: Dave, Lot #124
- 2nd: Rob, Lot #308

### **Petanque**

- 1st: Fern, Lot # 70; Carmen, Lot# 24; & Edgar, Lot#216
- 2nd: Dean, Lot #201; Dolores, PT #6; & Alain, PT #4
- 3rd: John, Lot#218; France, Day Visitor; & Nan, Lot#46A

### **Golf:**

- 1st: Bill & Laura F., SP; & Tom & Louise B., SP
- 2nd: Randy; Lot #9; Al, Lot #13; Annie W., SP & Joan H., SP



### **Horseshoes:**

- 1st: Terry, Lot #232
- 2nd: Rick, Lot #72

### **Raft Race:**

Winners: Steve & Sue, Lot #312

### **Volleyball:**

- 1st: Dave, Lot #124; Dave, Lot #63; René, Lot #70; Bob, Lot #236 & Dave, Lot #58
- 2nd: Steve, Lot #300; Roger, Lot #313, Steve, Lot #312; Beckey, Lot #228 & Jack, Lot #59
- 3rd: Pete, Lot #228; Greg, Lot #36; Steve, Lot #37; Dave, Lot #39 & Craig, Lot #106
- 4th: Julie, Lot #300; Ken, Lot# 56; Steve, Lot #71; Edgar, Lot #216 & Rick Lot #72

### **Euchre:**

1st: Sue, Lot#124  
2nd: Tie: Maryann, Lot# 77  
Robin, Lot #54

### **Mexican Train**

Winner: Mary, Day Member

### **Bottle Bob:**

1st: Jacque & Fabienne, Lot#26  
2nd: Dave & Sue, Lot #124  
3rd: Rainy & Greg, Lot #36

### **Wii Bowling:**

Winning team: Butt Tox.  
Janet, Lot #56; Leroy Lot #1; Jim, Lot #77; Lynne, Lot #18 & Jim, Lot# 11

### **Darts:**

Team winners: Ken, Lot #232 (Captain); Rick, Lot #72; Maryann, Lot #77; Robin, Lot #54

Highest Score:  
Tamara, Lot #67 with a score of 123

### **Ladder Golf:**

1st: Jim, Lot #11; & Fern, Lot #70  
2nd: John & Delores, PT #6  
3rd: Ken & Terry, Lot #232

### **Cornhole:**

1st: Jim, Lot# 11 & Willie, Rm 4  
2nd: Fern, Lot# 70 & John, PT 6

### **Noodle Derby**

1st: Trent & Donna, Room 3  
2nd: Mark & Janice, Lot #118

### **Bingo:**

Winner: Patty, Lot212

### **Billiards:**

1st: Jeannot, Lot #28  
2nd: Roger, Lot #313

### **Texas Hold'em:**

Winner: Tim, Lot #311

### **Blind Golf Cart Race:**

1st Greg & Rainy, Lot #36 (4:01)  
2nd: Cat & Linda, Lot #65 (4:05)  
3rd: Ken & Terry, Lot #232 (4:06)

### **March Special Events**

**3rd:** BBQ Hamburger & Hot Dogs  
**7th:** Owners Appreciation Dinner & Dance

**9th:** Craft Fair

**8th:** Viper's Basketball

**12th:** Talent Show 7:00 p.m.

**15th & 16th:** Garage Sale

**16th:** Ken & Terry's Wedding Vows Renewal

**17th:** St. Patrick's Day dance

**26th:** Final Dance of the Season.

**27th:** Easter Dinner.

### **Weekly Activities**

**Belly Dance Lessons:** 7:00 p.m. Thursday

**Bingo:** 6:15 p.m. Signup begins  
7:00 p.m. Bingo starts

**Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd and 4th  
Saturday & 3rd Sunday. Sign-up  
required

**Bridge:** 11:00 a.m. Monday

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

**Cards:** 10:00 a.m. Saturday  
7:00 p.m. Every Day

**Crafting:** 1:00 p.m. Friday.

**Country Club Dance Practice:**  
7:00 p.m. Monday

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

**Exercise:** 9:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday

**Happy Hour:** 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Ladies Day:** 1st & 3rd Thursday of the  
month.

**Mexican Train:** 6:45 p.m. Wednesday

**Petanque:** 1:00 p.m. Every Day

**Pickle Ball:** 9:00 a.m. Every Day

**Water Aerobics:** 1:00 p.m. Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

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

**Yoga (Advanced):** 10:00 a.m. Thursday

**Yoga (Beginner):** 10:00 a.m. Tuesday