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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

### ***An Early Start on our Summer Projects***

As you are aware, Natures was hit extremely hard with a huge increase in our property tax. Therefore this year our summer projects will, for the most part, be limited to routine maintenance.

However, one of our scheduled projects, replacing the dance floor, we felt could not be postponed, as the join between the original floor and the expanded floor laid in 2007, was becoming a tripping hazard.

Once again our amazing Natures' family came through for us! First we had a group of people volunteer to pull up the old floor, which reduced the cost of having the floor laid.

A good deal of time was spent painstakingly cutting off the boards that went under the stage and chipping glue that held the transition strips in place off the floor. Many thanks to these volunteers! We greatly appreciate your willingness to devote your time and energy into this unglamorous but important and money saving job.

Then, another group volunteered to lay the new floor! This was a big job as we increased the floor to almost double its size. Working like a team of pros, the job was completed in one day! We thank these volunteers also for doing such a terrific job. It is greatly appreciated.

Having our Natures family volunteer their time and expertise to pull up the old floor and lay the new one saved us two thirds of the cost of the floor! This is yet another example of the amazing volunteering spirit that is alive and well at Natures, and shows that we are a family who work together to keep Natures looking good. We appreciate you all.

### ***Condolences***

It is with sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Bill T, Lot 55. Bill has been a part of the Natures' family since 2007. He used to be an avid Petanque player, and in the summer months could always be found in the pool in the afternoon. He was also a regular at the early morning coffee group. Bill is greatly missed by his Natures family. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bill's family.

### ***The History of Natures Resort***

In 2009 Mary Sue H. Rosenberger wrote an article '*From Nature to Natures Resort – A History*'. We broke this article into three 'chapters' and ran them in the 2010 summer editions of Natures Tales.

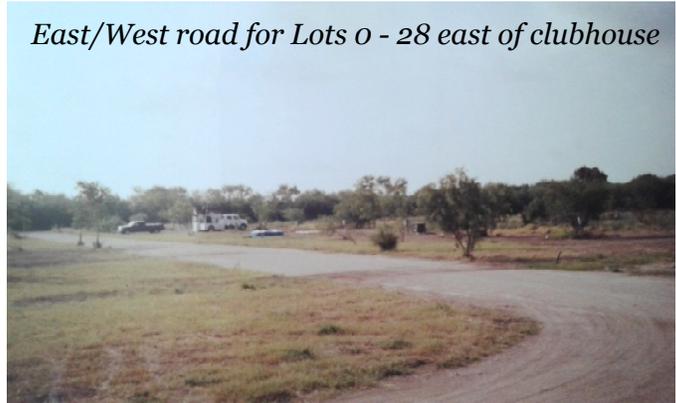
Since that time there have been more improvements plus we have many new members in our Natures family who know little of the history of our park, so this summer we will be running a three part series featuring photos comparing how Natures looked "Then" and how it looks "Now" together with an abbreviated history of the park. In the comparison photos, (taken from approximately the same place and same angle) look for identifying features such as a road or electric meter.

*(Editor's note: It has been interesting hearing all the rumors and speculations as to why Misty has been taking so many photos. Now you know the correct reason which does not correlate with any of the rumors!)*

### ***Then and Now: Chapter 1***

Paraphrasing '*From Nature to Natures Resort - A History*', in April, 2000 Frank Stanley and Rich & Sharon Stalcup bought 17 acres of undeveloped land which was to become Natures Resort. In August of that year Frank, Rich, Sharon and friends Bob & Jean

(who are still at Natures on Lot #5) began the arduous task of taming the land. By that first winter the clubhouse was built, the first two caliche roads were built, and power, water and sewer were hooked up to 5 lots. They were able to host three winter Texans that first season!



*East/West road for Lots 0 - 28 east of clubhouse*



*First two support beams going up in the clubhouse*



*Completed clubhouse with blacktop roads*



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*The start of the Big Pool*



*Volleyball Pool in Foreground - Looking West*



*Big Pool Completed, Sunshade, Billiard Room & WiFi Tower added*

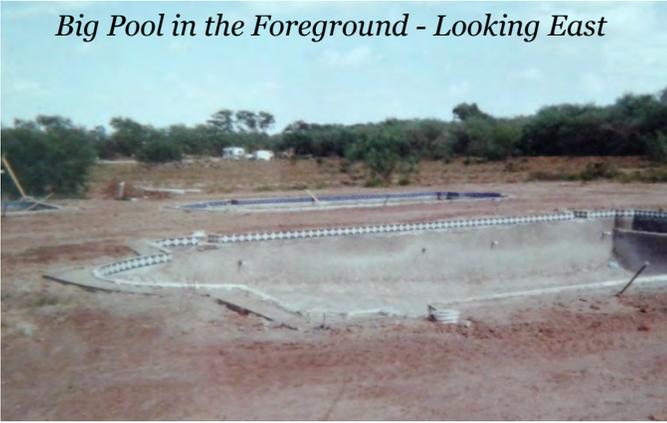


*All pools complete plus Billiard Room added*

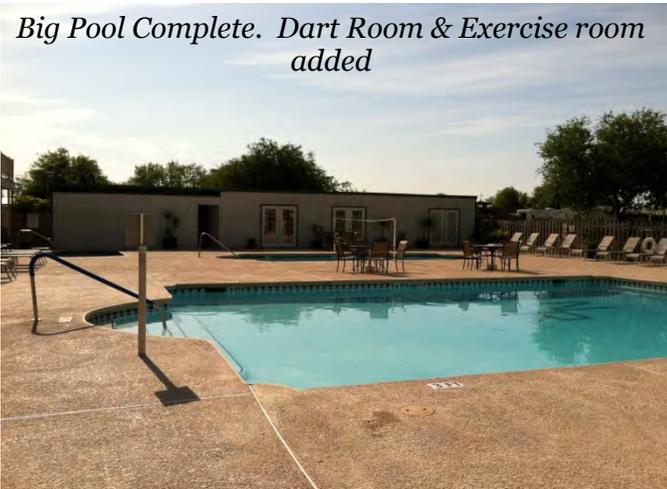
By the 2001/2002 winter season construction of the pools had been completed,

four petanque courts were built, 40 RV sites were available and 23 were rented. This was the completion of Phase 1.

*Big Pool in the Foreground - Looking East*



*Big Pool Complete. Dart Room & Exercise room added*

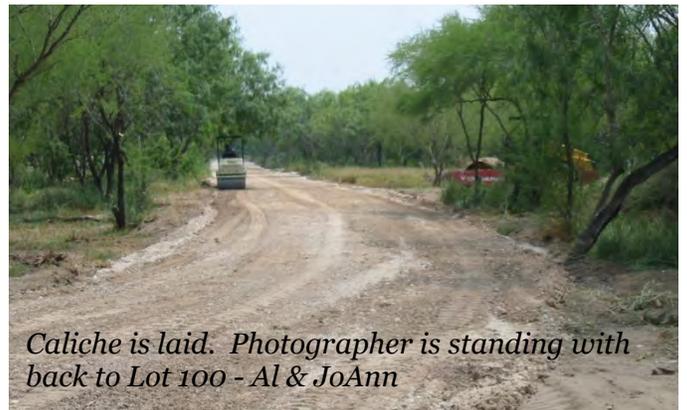
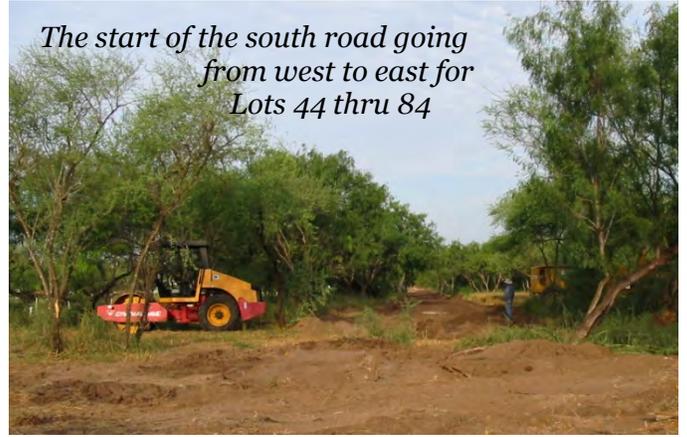


Development continued at a rapid pace as Phase 2 started, and in the summer of 2003 the land on the south edge of the property had been cleared, an additional 60 sites were completed, connecting caliche roads were built to make a rectangle around the park, 2 shuffleboard courts and a horseshoe pit were added, the Gazebo was built, the Memorial Garden was laid out and in the fall the Fun Activities Association was formed.

To complete the development of phase 2, in the summer of 2003 all the roads were blacktopped.

It is amazing to see how much was achieved in the first three years of Natures history, and great credit should be given to Rich and Sharon for the superb job that they did in designing and building the park. They created the backbone of what Natures is today.

*The start of the south road going from west to east for Lots 44 thru 84*



*Caliche is laid. Photographer is standing with back to Lot 100 - Al & JoAnn*

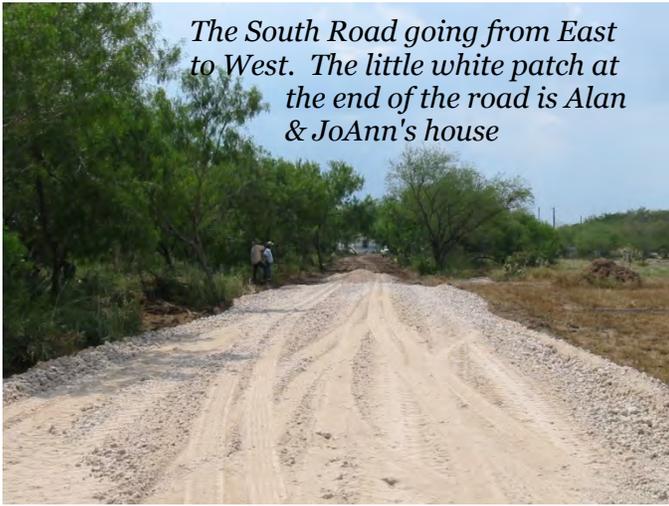


*The Completed & Developed Road*

*Lot 83*

*Lot 80*

In 2007 Rich & Sharon sold their 50% interest in Natures to Little Bill & Misty and Big Bill & Sandy and a new partnership with Frank was formed. Because Natures Resort already had a sound infrastructure, it was the goal of the new partnership to add the finishing touches. Lights were added to the clubhouse and along the paths, a dog park was developed, tables, chairs, sunshades and plants were added to the pool area, palm trees and decorative wrought iron work was added to the entrance, and because the park was fully booked for the winter of 2007/2008 four more sites were created.



*The South Road going from East to West. The little white patch at the end of the road is Alan & JoAnn's house*



*The road in the foreground is the east/west road for Lots 44 thru 84. The electric transformer on the right of the photo is behind Lot 55.*



*The Road is Blacktopped*

The following are some more "Then and Now" photos that you may find interesting:



*The clubhouse was originally designed as an open building with no doors.*



*The Completed and Developed Road*

*Lot 48*

*Lot 51*



*Because of the wind and birds building nests in the clubhouse, the openings were first closed with big folding doors, which were later replaced by the doors and windows that you see today.*

The following is a "Then" photo that you may find interesting even though we have not been able to take a corresponding "Now" photo:



*No development behind Gazebo*



*Fully developed south of Gazebo*

*Cement Path plus Stone paths in Memorial Garden.*

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

The park has been so quiet, that I decided to take a vacation, but forgot to tell Misty who was worried about me! However, I still know what is going on around here!



- There has been so much moving around going on:  
 Mike & Karen bought Lot 132  
 Diane & Henry bought Lot 10  
 Don & Peggy bought Lot 313  
 Dan & Kelley bought Lot 82  
 Joann bought Lot 104  
 Jim & Helga bought Lot 50  
 Pat & Renee bought Lot 205, and  
 Luc & Helene bought Lot 310. Let's see if you can keep all that straight!

- Tony, Richard & Little Bill have been busy, first cleaning the ceiling and walls of the clubhouse, and then cutting down and spraying all the brush along the Llano Grande side of the fence. Two hugs jobs to tackle in our summer heat.



*Tony hard at work!*

- Once again we have started our summer Ice Cream socials. Many thanks to Al & Jean who have volunteered to host them. Please note - they will be every Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- It was nice to see everyone for our Memorial Day Lunch which was hosted by Ken & Terry. Delicious subs followed by a game of Corn Hole. Many thanks to our hosts and their helpers for making this a special day for all of us.

That's all from me! Have a purrrrrfectly wonderful summer!

