NO COOKOUT Sat March 30th





March 21 2024

Rec Director Report March 21, 2014

Well, everyone, another Winter season is coming to an end. This season will be remembered as having the most consistently bad weather anyone can remember, going back to the early 70's. Although the weather was cool and damp, the friendships were warm and cozy.

We saw the return of our outdoor activities, except shuffleboard. All our games returned, and we added an additional night of Texas Hold'em. Square dancing experienced 3 new callers and enjoyed them very much. Line Dancers learned from a second teacher and had fun. Water Aerobic gals withstood the weather and worked out as much as possible. Water Volleyball had 72 players. And set a personal record of a 67-hit volley. The exercise classes continued strongly, and we all became a bit more healthy and fit. Fibers, Fabrics & Crafts, Open art and Cardmaking classes gave many the chance to be creative and social at the same time. Spanish classes were attended by many, and I heard them speaking to each other often. Despite the weather, we were able to party at the beach and enjoy a bonfire.

LKLK, Scarlet Hatters, Church@ORLK were joined by a new group the Long Key Fishing Club. They all enjoyed successful seasons, bringing us together for various reasons and making this park very special. Our Librarians kept us organized and well read. Kay Weeks and the Library are scheduled for updates. All the children's books have been placed in the bookcase on the kitchen wall. A Summer reading program is in the works. There are a few summer fisherman that are hoping to continue with Long Key Fishing Club tournaments.

ALL IN ALL, weather aside, again this was a great place to spend the winter and that's why, THIS IS THE PLACE WE CHOOSE!

The 2024 -2025 winter season is in place and most of what is have is season is planned again .January Dance, Valentines Dance, St. Patrick's Day are in place. Mardi Gras is shaping up, but we need 2 people to organize the parade. New Year's Eve needs a chairperson. With your help we will have Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinner. If you have an idea for a new event or are willing to help, just call us or email us at orlkrec@gmail.com . We check it every few days all Summer.

It is impossible to know where to start to thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy helping us with the Saturday Cookouts. It takes ALL of you every week willing to help to make it work. Our Breakfast club, Bill Dupont, Sandy Schroder and Jan Smith, did a great job keeping people happy at 8am, with good food. The volunteer appreciation gathering is for **EVERYONE**, please join even if you have emptied your pantry. There is always plenty to share. Please take a minute to thank yourself and know that we make a difference in each other's life.

We sincerely enjoyed working with everyone and thank you for your support. We wish you a safe, healthy and fun summer. We look forward to working with you next season.

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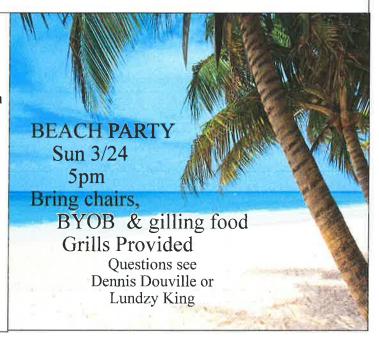
Volunteer Appreciation Gathering.

Tuesday March 26th 5:30pm In park behind Lot 376

This is "MUST GO" gathering. Bring whatever must go from your place before you leave the park.

Tom & I will provide what MUST GO from the ORLK Kitchen.

For sure there will be Enchiladas and Burritos BYOB









ORLK DERBY DAY

PART ONE: FRIDAY, MARCH 22, STARTING AT 3:30, BASKETBALL COURT

Join us for some DERBY fun!! Sign-up sheet in lower rec.

Saddle up, ladies and gentlemen!

Six teams of 3 (chosen randomly) – Teammate #1 throws beanbags into cornhole target until one goes in; then Teammate #2 signals Teammate #3 (jockey) that beanbag has scored; then Teammate #3 (jockey) proceeds to the next marked spot. The goal is to have the jockey of your choice ride his/her horse to the finish line to win the race. Betting is encouraged -- as well as derby ware (fun hats, mint juleps, etc. – you are welcome to borrow a "Scarlett Hatter" hat – see Martha)
We can have as many heats as necessary – 18 participants per heat. Prizes for the winning team!

PART TWO: FRIDAY MARCH 22 STARTING AT 7:00 PM, UPPER REC

More derby fun!! Sign-up sheet in lower rec.

Horse Racing games!

If you haven't had a chance to play this fun board game, you just have to try! Each horse racing game can accommodate 8 people, so participants will be limited by the number of Horse Racing games available. No experience required! Bring coins – some nickel games, some quarters.

BYOB....BRING A SNACK TO SHARE ...BETTING NOT REQUIRED BUT ENCOURAGED REFER QUESTIONS TO MARTHA AND TOM, LOT 263

EASTER DINNER Sunday March 31 5PM UR

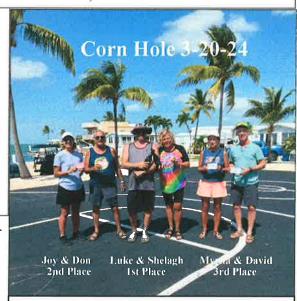
Sign-up sheet for Easter Dinner in the LR. The plan is for Ham and we will share the cost. Everything else is potluck. Please indicate what you want to bring.

We can hang and party after. Looking forward to being together on this special day. Belle

Well, the weather finally cooperated. We had a great turnout. Sold all bananas last time. Actually sold a banana split with-

out a banana . Thank you to all my helpers. It was an extremely busy day we kept the lines moving. Thanks goes out to all who purchased ice cream either for themselves or their puppies. See you all on the 24th. Come carly this is the last onc.

When ice cream is gone window goes down. Ellen Kuhl



Thank you Suzie Robertson



for the sausage gravy and
Homemade biscuits for the
seasons last breakfast.
It was delicious.

It takes the whole "village" to achieve our AMAZING "PIECE OF PARIDISE"

Beach Party-Dennis Duvall, Lundzy King

Billiards – Scott Trickett

Bingo – Susan Dupont, Becky Huffman, Vi Jacobs, Don James, Debi Loeffler, Sally Matney

Card Making – Cheryl Silvey, Abby Camp

Chair Exercise - Carol DuBerry, Barb Reid

Church @ ORLK – Don James, Debbie Schmidt. Becky Huffman Pam Parr

Contra Dancing - Sylvia Kaplan

Corn Hole – Mike & Lori Montague

Euchre - Joan Kick, Peter Keyzers Toning - Sylvia Kaplan

Fibers, Fabrics and Crafts - Angie Corbet

First Friday/Happy Hour—Debi Loeffler

Full Moon - Dennis Duvall, Lundzy King

Ice Cream Social - Ellen & Ron Kuhl

Librarians—Jan Smith, Sonja Barningham

Line Dancing - Sylvia Kaplan, Johane Beaudet

LKLK - Karen Baird, Susan Brown, Debi Loeffler, Machelle Elmore

Long Key Fishing Club - Dave Matney + Committees

Open Art – Dottie McFarland, Barb Reid, Maddy Paulson

Pickleball - Don James, Perry Guitard

Scarlett Hatters – Martha Heltsley, Joan Kick

Show me the Money – Patsy Rainier Shelagh Czuprenski

SOS – Sandi Roy

Spanish Class Johanne Handfield

Square Dance - Katherine Currier, Sylvia Kaplan

Step Aerobics – Nancy Keyzers

Stretch and Relax – Nancy Keyzers

Sunday Movies - Ron & Ellen Kuhl

Tai Chi – Susan Brown

Tennis – Bill Gills, Ed Adkins

Texas Hold'em - Steve & Pam Parr, Johanne Handfield

Texas Hold'em Rebuy – Parry Guitard, Debi Loeffler, Al Vanderwhip

The Breakfast Club – Bill Dupont, Sandy Schroder, Jan Smith

Water Aerobic – Glenda Grunder Patsy Rainier,

Water Volleyball – Deb Loeffler

Wine & Cheese - Ellen Kuhl

Zumba – Sylvia Kaplan

All the above people, *on a regular basis up to 5 times per week*, give of their time and talents to lead/teach us in activities that make us healthier and more importantly happier in our lives. Tom & I love working with them all and are blessed and truly grateful for each of them.

Our Party/Dances were hosted by:

New Year's Eve Dance – Jeff & Bec Haley
Party like a Pirate Party - Beth DeYoung, Cindy Jahn
Valentines Dance – Sandi Roy
St Patrick's Day Dance – Kathee Straube



The ORLK Book Club meets
December through March.
Our final meeting of the season
will be March 21, 10:30 AM in
the Kay Weeks Room.

Our book for the month is
The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

At this meeting we will decide on the 4 books for next season.

Book selections for the 24-25 season will be posted in the library in the last part of March. Join us for lively discussion, and don't forget to bring your book recommendations



St Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Thank you Kathee and Gary Straube for the wonderful Celebration. Everyone really enjoyed the food and the music. Kudos to the 3 P's ,Perry, Peter and Pat for the corned beef IT WAS FANTASTIC!! Special thanks to Barb Szlanzynski for managing the kitchen, the food was delicious. thanks to Rock'n Rob who keep everyone on their feet until 10pm.

Mark your calendar The Straube's are in again for next year!!



BOCCE BALL HAS ARRIVED AT OUT-DOOR RESORTS!

Additional LKLK funds are being spent to provide two benches – one at each end of the court and umbrellas mounted in cement to give shade. A score board, previously ordered will be mounted on a post with an attractive metal rules sign.

Players can check out the park's set of balls from the guard house. If you have an unofficial home set, you may enjoy playing with lighter,

smaller balls.

To get the "ball rolling" the committee has planned a cocktail party to "Have some BOCCE BALL fun" and learn all about the game on Saturday March 23rd from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Bring a drink, chair and a snack if you wish. Cart parking will be available in front of the office on week-ends and any day after office hours.

Information and demonstrations will be provided to acquaint those who are new to the game, please see the

sign-up sheet in the lower rec. bulletin board.

COME SEE WHAT BOCCE BALL IS ALL ABOUT!

Additional information available from Barb Reid and Glenda Grunder