

# The Original Ranch



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- New Leaseholders
- The Injured list

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## Round-up 2002



### Round-Up Plans Begin

Howdy Ranchers and Rancherettes,

Are you ready for a good time?? We have a good start but everyone will be needed to make a successful Round-Up and a fun time for all of us and our visitors. **The dates will be November 7 – 11, 2002**, which means it will follow the semi-annual meeting.

Long ago and right here (not far away) when a bunch of SKPs settled in these parts they began having an annual party around the time of the fall semi-annual business meeting. For nearly a week every year their Co-op turned into the town of Raunchy. In fact, I'm told there was a Round-Up in conjunction with both the

spring and fall business meetings.

They were each a week of working together, playing together, meeting new friends who stopped to see what SKPs were doing over in this part of New Mexico. From some of the things we've heard and some videotape available in the Ranch House, it would seem that the folks taking part had a Real Good Time! Now, as we're sure it was then, one of the reasons for Round-Up is to help build up the corporate bank account. The more visitors we have, the more money in the bank account. That helps make for smaller maintenance fees for all of us.

In the past each Round-Up had a theme. Most of them were very crea-

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## From The President's Corner

February 26, 2002  
Dear Leaseholders,

It is a very busy time at the Ranch. The Ranch House Committee is organizing the kitchen and pantry, the Video Library Committee is moving things about, the Lot Drainage Committee is about to dig holes, the Highway Sign Committee will soon have the signs completed, the Storage Area Committee is working

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tive and all of them included lots of good food. Some traditions never change! You can count on the food aspect this year as much as in the past IF someone volunteers to be in charge of those food events. The theme will be a western one again this year.

We have a list of the committee possibilities, see page 4, with the volunteers that we know at this time. It's not necessary to have attended a previous Round-Up to help with this one. There are a lot of you that are new to this whole thing and we need your help, too.

You might give us all some new ideas. Wouldn't that be fun? Why, yes it would!

We're looking forward to a great time and hope you are, too. We can hardly wait to see what you are planning to help with! Let us know ASAP so we can keep moving forward. So long for now, pardners. We'll be keeping you informed by way of the Escapees Magazine and this newsletter.

Hugs, Leah Coley, Lot 26  
Cecy Neitz, Lot 52

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### **From The President's Corner**

on realignment and policies, the Wait List Committee is attempting to clarify procedures for smoother lot reassignments, the Beautification Committee is writing guidelines for plants, and the Building and Safety Committee is writing guidelines for plants, and the Building and Safety Committee is busy with lot reassignments. There are many people involved in these activities and the BOD thanks all who are giving their time so generously. If you want to play a part in any of these committees, please volunteer.

We have new leaseholders, and new sheds are being erected. Some old sheds have found new homes on different lots. Be sure to get an updated lot list, as there are many changes.

Some leaseholders have had some medical problems and we hope that they are soon well and back with us.

The semi-annual meeting is April 3, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. I hope to see you then. If you can't be there, please send in your proxies so your voice is heard.

*Marilyn Railey*, President BOD

### **The Beautification Committee Report**

By Charlene Tarvin

The Beautification Committee has been busy trimming, planting and thinning plants all over the park. After a major clean up project, headed by Bob O. the thinned out agaves were planted along the front of the park, alongside the large agaves that Bob had planted earlier.

Lou Novy rescued pampas grass from the dumpster and planted them by the storage area and in the boondock area.

Charlene pruned the cactus in front of the Ranch

House, under the watchful eye of the resident mockingbird. She was very careful to leave the heavy part of his favorite cactus untouched and a lot of his favorite red berries on the Christmas cactus.

Lucy Billings found a large horse crippler out in the desert and planted it in a common area in the middle of a large wagon wheel frame. This wheel frame and some very artistic parts of an old wagon were donated by Dave Armstrong after a most successful day at the local auction.

Martha Nyman had a very ugly overgrown creosote bush on her lot that she didn't like, but since it is the

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only creosote bush in the park, Charlene did a heavy-duty pruning. Now it is a beautiful creosote bush. Martha and Charlene went out to the BLM cactus digging area and got claret cups, nipples and rainbow cactus to finish up the area the creosote was in. A huge claret cup and several nipples were planted under the creosote bush. Also a very nice desert willow was dug out of the creosote and planted elsewhere on the lot. Mar-

tha and Charlene also ended up with nice sunburns courtesy of our hot weather that week.

Lucy Billings got a little red wagon that will probably haul a lot of cactus to plant in the park.

We still have lots of trimming and cleanup to do. We are looking forward to warm weather.

## Food Handling and Preparation Guidelines Available

By Lynell Arnott

Over recent months there has been much conversation about the "rules" we have to follow for food preparation, serving, and cleanup in our new kitchen. Some of us have started thinking that it is more difficult than it really is! Truly, none of our procedures are exotic or difficult to perform. Except for the fact that all cooking utensils, pans, etc. have to be disinfected prior to use, there is very little else that differs from good common sense guidelines that we probably all use in our own homes. The Ranch House Committee has published a pamphlet for all of us to use. It is available in the kitchen now and will be included in the September issue of

the Palaver. It will take you 5 minutes to read and then you, too, can be an expert. Now there are no excuses to avoid helping out on our spectacular meals.

What is different is that we have a large, well equipped, and beautiful kitchen in which to work! It is now complete and most everything has been assigned a place. The refrigerators are out of the Sun Room and all of the pantry items are also back in the kitchen. I'm too much of a coward to try to list everyone who has helped in the process. It includes just about everyone – in some cases even our visitors. Some folks have put in large amounts of time, though, and we all owe great thanks to them.

Of course, we have already used the kitchen for many meals. In February alone we had a pot-luck dinner coordinated by Pat Bilodeau; several dessert kinds of events; a wonderful Valentine's Dinner prepared by Marilyn Railey and crew; at least one breakfast; and a spaghetti feed by Fran Bilodeau. We do all the eating in order to weight ourselves down for the big winds we have this time of year, so it is very justified and necessary!



### On the Injured List

By Lynell Arnott

Once again, there are Ranch hands who are ailing. Please keep them in your prayers. Larry Foster recently had surgery in Houston. He is recovering now and we wish them the very best. C.T. Hancox continues to recover in Washington and we miss him and Jan here at the Ranch. John Senko is currently in the hospital in Artesia and we sure hope he's better soon.

Is it ever good to see Mickey Burch back in the park! Her knee is healing well and she's back playing poker, so things are looking up! Chuck and Lillian Cowles had to leave suddenly due to the loss of a loved one. Any number of others are dealing with ill parents. And, the good news is that others who have been ill or who had recent surgery are back in play again.

## ROUND-UP, Nov. 7-11, 2002

### Possible Committees/Activities

|   |             |
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| Registration  | MUST HAVE   |
| Coffee  | MUST HAVE   |
| Donuts and Bagels                                       | MUST HAVE ? |
| Hospitality   | YES OR NO   |
| Crafts  | YES OR NO   |
| Decorations   | MUST HAVE   |
| Meals – 1. Pot-luck on Thursday? Something quick & easy | MUST HAVE   |
| 2. Country Rib Dinner (Dave & Pat Armstrong) on Fri.    |             |
| 3. Spaghetti Western? Or meal of your choice on Sat.    | MUST HAVE   |
| 4. Chili Cook-off? Some other kind of meal(?) on Sun.   | MUST HAVE ? |
| 5. Hitch-up Breakfast? On Monday                        | MUST HAVE   |
| Pecos Diamond Hunt – Dave Armstrong                     |             |
| Raffle/Door Prizes – Wanda Johnston                     |             |
| Cash Raffle   | YES OR NO   |
| Accounting – Lynell Arnott                              |             |
| 55 Alive – Tom & Martha McIlvain                        |             |
| Sheriff and Deputies                                    | YES OR NO   |
| Melodrama – Thayer & Charlene Tarvin                    |             |
| Health Fair – Cass Davis & Karen Ogden                  |             |
| Posters and Graphics – Greg Vederoff                    |             |
| T-Shirt Sales – Lucy Billings & Carol Wessman           |             |
| Table Set Up  | MUST HAVE   |
| Tours   | YES OR NO   |
| Games – Gene Sharp                                      |             |
| Photos for LH's album – Dave & Pat Armstrong            |             |
| Clean up (daily)  | MUST HAVE   |
| Lot Decoration  | YES OR NO   |
| Local Vendors/Demos – Gil & Dianne Freeman              |             |

### Thank You Fran and Pat

We want to say a big “Thank You” to Fran and Pat Bilodeau. They gave us so much help as we were settling in to our new jobs as Managers. They are always willing to go beyond their job description even if it means hanging wallpaper. We have enjoyed having them as our Assistant Managers.

Thanks to Fran for the meals he has prepared. We have feasted at every one of them. Pat took a turn as activity coordinator and always volunteered to help with events including Roundup. They have been real assets to the park.

Fran and Pat will soon be leaving us. We wish them well on their travels and hope they will come back to visit us. Again we say a big THANK YOU with many hugs.

Chuck and Nettie Haase

## Hello from the Trockels

By the time you read this we will be back in AZ or NM after 3 wonderful months in Mexico. Days are filled but little gets done. Estuary tours to Bird Island have been wonderful. Thousands of comerants are nesting, Caracara (the national bird of MX) steals their eggs and eats the yolks. Other birds seen include: osprey, black crowned night heron, great blue heron, little blue heron, magnificent frigate bird (yes, I saw the red throat mating coloring), blue footed booby, long billed cerlew, willets, and many others.

Here are a couple of ideas we have learned from the Mexicans. Next time you have hard-boiled eggs, squeeze a little lime juice and add some hot sauce on the egg. Season your grill for cooking fish - cut an onion in half crosswise, stab with long handled fork, dip cut surface in olive or vegetable oil and rub repeatedly on hot grill.

We are looking forward to seeing our "Ranch family" upon our return in mid to late March.

Miss you all,  
Hugs,  
Ede & Bob

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What is the Subject  
By Cub Reporter

Boy! I am sure beginning to appreciate all those other Reporters that are working to make the Palaver a great success. Now, back to deciding what is the subject? This Cub reporter stuff is tougher than I thought. You know what they say, "if you don't succeed try, try again."

It looks like I will have to try again and see if this Cub reporter can succeed.

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## The Schuberts Check In

We are in Texas and it is ridiculously cold! San Antonio had record lows this week – 17 degrees in late February just doesn't happen here, but it did, and it is supposed to be 20 tonight. We're still keeping our Texas citizenship, though.

We spent Christmas in the Dallas-Ft.

Worth area with our three daughters, their husbands, and the six grandkids, then returned to Canyon Lake to bring in the New Year with our friends at Lake Pointe RV Resort, including Larry and Adele Foster. Did some work on the condo, and returned to Bedford to babysit while our oldest daughter and husband celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> with a ski trip to Red River, New Mexico. Our 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary and my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday (Jennie, of course, Rudy is MUCH older) was coming in February, and with access to the internet at our daughter's house, we booked a cruise to the Caribbean out of New Orleans to celebrate both. A week later we were snorkeling in Jamaica, Grand Caymens, and Cozumel. We returned to New Orleans, and continued on to Atlanta to visit daughter #3 and family for a few days.

Valentine's Day was spent in Houston at a great party with many old friends, including the Novy's. We are now back at Canyon Lake, getting tax information together and resuming remodeling work on the condo, which will be our lifetime hobby since the "gypsy in our soul" won't let us stay here long enough to finish. Guess that's why we're RV'ers!

We are hoping to be at the Ranch for the April meeting. See you then. Hugs, Jennie and Rudy

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Hello all:

I thought it was time I checked in with you since it has been so long. I sure miss everyone at the Ranch and am happy to hear from many of you during my travels. I am currently spending my time between Key West, Florida, at the Fort Zachary Taylor State Park (where I keep my RV) and the Dry Tortugas National Park, which is a small group of islands about 70 miles out in the ocean from the Florida Keys.

The boat ride to the Dry Tortugas takes about 4 hours but it is a wonderful experience although at times can be quite rough but therefore, also exciting. We always see so much wildlife on these boat trips such as dolphins, various sea turtles, manatees, numerous nesting birds on the isolated islands, etc., that the trips themselves are quite an adventure. The snorkeling is

amazing out there but my favorite activity is simply star gazing since it is so very far from any artificial light source that the view is quite remarkable.

Key West, in case you are unfamiliar, is an island about 150 miles off the coast of Miami (but only 90 miles from Cuba) and is connected by a series of bridges to the mainland. When in Key West, I volunteer at the state park doing various interpretive duties as well as grant writing. The park here is a "day use only" park, closing at sunset (which is always a daily celebration) so I have the 55-acre park to myself from then until 8:00am each day. Since Key West is a relatively small (2 miles by 4 miles) island and therefore tends to be crowded, the living arrangement is quite appreciated. I purchased a small Yamaha Zuma Scooter for my main form of transportation here since driving my big diesel truck on the island is quite a challenge on a daily routine basis, and besides, the scooter is quite fun! I have grown to love the island here, which offers so many diverse opportunities, both in offshore underwater adventures as well as the well known cultural and various entertainment activities. I have also been somewhat involved in our local hospital and hospice organizations, which has been very fulfilling.

I hope this finds everyone well either at the Ranch or wherever your travels are taking you and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Steve Lightle

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Hello from Ginny & Cowboy:

Well, we finished our doll house Tuesday morning. It looks beautiful. We leave March 12 to go to work at Beaver Creek Recreational Area, 40 miles south of Flagstaff, AZ, IH 17, 12 miles, North Camp Verde. We will be Hosts there for the summer. If any of our friends come that way, please stop & visit with us. It is a beautiful area. If not send us an email & let us know where you are.

Happy Trails, Ginny & Cowboy

Hi all (from Mickey):

I've been back almost two months. I can't thank everyone enough for doing so much at a time when I was healing from my knee surgery. What a grand place to be when one is recuperating. They not only brought food. One couple had been in the park only 1 hr. when they brought me a full dinner meal. Also those who helped me do laundry, take me to church, Drs. and shopping. This co-op is a true example of S.K.P.'s. Thank you each and all who helped and supported, and for all those wonderful Hugs. Love to all. Mickey

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Ranch Folks,

We are going to move out to Abilene in the early part of next week. We just need a change. We went to school in Abilene so we know and like the town - three universities and a lot of activities associated with them. Looking forward to a change in restaurants too! It is about a two-hour drive from Abilene to Mineral Wells where Dad's nursing home is located. We will probably drive over every two or three days. We made the drive about three times a week for two years when we were in school there!

We were hoping to get back to The Ranch for a short stay but that does not appear in the cards just now. We may run out to Lakewood from Abilene to pick up the cargo trailer and unload the furniture in it into our storage shed here. We have decided to rent a large truck and haul all our "stuff" to Sequim, Washington, in one trip! Anyway, it appears that we have a buyer for most of our pottery equipment so we will need to bring the trailer back here, unload the furniture, then return to Lakewood to load up the pottery "stuff" now filling our new metal shed. After that we will need to return the trailer to here to unload the pottery stuff into the pottery storage unit in Gordon. Then the trailer will have to go back to The Ranch. Gad, how could anyone not retired have time for this kind of merry-go-round?

Dad is doing well and responding to thera-

py. He seems to enjoy just having someone spend time making him work a bit. He is having trouble with his feet. He has a bad spur and is considering surgery. We take him to his physician next Tuesday. Sure hate to see him have any surgery at his age!

We took the Buick to a local old-timer body man today. He is going to take out the dents including the hail damage, then paint the affected parts along with the bumper. The bumper finally got so bad looking that we could not stand it any longer. A lady wanted to buy the Buick the other day but we told her that she would have to look a long time to find a 1988 with only 43,000 miles on it. Obviously, we are planning to keep it for a while. It will stay our New Mexico car.

We converted from VHS to VHS/DVD on our video machine. The increase in quality from the VHS tapes to the DVD is really dramatic! We purchased both seasons of the "Sopranos" on DVD so we have been watching them all again.

Aloha,  
John & Judy

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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!!!!

On our first trip to Lakewood 6 yrs. ago we came down HWY #285, it was then a 2-way road. Then out of nowhere appeared a little "oasis", and as we came closer we got our first glimpse of "The Original Ranch." As we drove up to the office the sound of a big bell was ringing and people came out to welcome us and warm hugs were exchanged.

It made a big impression on us. We had intended to spend two, or three days, but the people, and the activities, stretched our stay to three weeks. After our departure, approximately 2 months later, we became the proud leaseholder of lot 43, on Coyote Rd. (which later became the street of the ELITE)!!! When we were not traveling on the road, THE RANCH was our "home."

We have many wonderful memories, the friends we made and shared good times.

Some events just stick with you forever. Like meeting the McGee's - who changed our lives forever. As Ken's knees started to deteriorate, Floyd had several talks with him about seeing a doctor at the VA. Hospital. The VA in Long Beach CA rejected Ken for surgery. But Floyd insisted, so we took a trip to Albuquerque and after seeing several doctors' they decided to do the surgery. Both knees were done and after a month or so when Ken was walking around the park with a cane, McGee yelled at him: "Throw away that cane." Ken laughed and threw it down the street. McGee was always there to support & encourage him. Because of Floyd, he can now walk.

There is another person that comes to my mind. John Barnes, who got up every day before dawn. While everybody else was snuggled under the warm blankets, he got on his motorcycle and picked up trash along the road and highway.

Another special person is our postmaster Eleanor Johnson, who always greeted you with a smile. Also, Pearl who let us stay in her motorhome, when we last visited the Ranch, while she was in Denver.

My personal favorite memories are: Line dancing with our instructors Bob O., the late Lynn Leistikow, and Charlene Tarvin. Another great memory is Gladys Patzer teaching us how to create greeting cards with dried flowers. Or, building a snowman with Dorothy Stevens and also being her deputy at Round-Up. The year after I was promoted to sheriff with the help of deputies, Lillian Cowles & Lew Leistikow, and did we kick .....(you know what)!!

Then, there were the Chili Chapter Rallies, the book club discussion & lunches, which Pat Armstrong organized so well. Not to forget the Thrift shopping, us gals had a ball. The daily, peaceful walks with Mary Jordan, Pearl and our four legged friends. I can go on and on, but you might get bored.

As for Ken he had long philosophic talks with belated Richard Loy, and he helped Judy with her time of sorrow. And with Harry Schuessler reminiscing about the beginnings of The Ranch, as Harry is one of the pioneers who helped build the park. Not to forget our friends, managers Jim &

Ann Harrison and assistant managers Bill & Donna Walkers, we ended up working with them as "workcampers".

It was a special day for me when my sister Josie and my niece Claudia and Scott from Amsterdam came to little Lakewood. The Ranch is a unique place, so many new people with new ideas and so many improvements. It's a good thing; it's like turning a new page. As for us a leaf has turned and we will be living at the Saguaro SKP Park in Benson AZ. It's more convenient for us to LIVE closer to California, where family and children live. Having an International Airport at Tucson TO FLY FROM, in case of an emergency, since all my family lives in Europe. As we are getting a "little" older we have to think about these matters. The last 2 days at the park I was "ding-a-ling" and when you sang "Happy Trails" to us, I got a little choked up. But we will visit you and don't forget to stop by when you're in the neighborhood. PS. I enjoyed doing all the Hairdo's!!! Thanks again for all the joy you gave. So for now we will sing: "UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN"!!!!!! Love & Hugs, Ken & Nicole Munger. SKP's #37672.

Hi Guys,

Greetings from the lovely coastal bend of Texas. We have spent the winter here at a lovely RV park in Portland, across the bay from Corpus Christi. Lots of activities to keep us busy but we are finding out there is a lot involved in designing and building a house. Seems like things have been going slowly but are now starting to speed up. We are able to enjoy our property even before the house goes up and we reworked the water and sewer pipes this past winter. They ran under the barn, of course. Now, we have water in the barn and a cleanout for the sewer line right outside. So, Dave was able to hook up my washer. It's great to be able to do the laundry at home again. The pear trees have already bloomed around here and other trees and bushes, including our orchid tree, are starting to show off too.

Dave has been accepted for evaluation at the Joint Institute in LA and has an appointment there April 10th. Hopefully, we'll be at the Ranch starting about the

middle of March until we have to leave for his appointment, so hope we get to see some folks before everyone heads out for the summer. Our summer plans are on hold right now since Dave may have no choice but surgery.

Take care, travel safely and Big Hugs, Beth and Dave

Tom and Roxy Share the Wilderness with Us

We were delighted to hear from several of you since we left the Ranch and disappointed that no one stopped by to see us. This is a great place to sit and relax or take a hike. Right now I am sitting in our rig at the dining bar Tom and I built while at The Ranch. The sun is shining brightly (between small rain showers) and I'm looking out at lush grasslands, many mesquite trees and about 30 mule deer which just finished drinking from a large water vat. I can see the beautiful Baboquiveri Mountains in the distance. The quiet is usually only broken by the sound of the TV set or the coyotes singing us to sleep at night. In addition to mule deer and coyote we also have pronghorn, javelina, whitetail deer, rabbits(including the antlered jackrabbit), 4 species of quail, hundreds of bird species, and lots of space (116,000 acres). Occasionally we also get mountain lion, jaguar, black bear, Mexican wolf and other animals. Of course, one needs to be observant and diligent to see most of them.

We started doing volunteer work on Jan 6 here at the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge near Sasabe AZ and expect to be here until the end of March. If you would like to visit there are almost 100 primitive campsites (just a clearing and a fire ring) available on a first come first get basis. No reservations, no sign-in, no fee, and no water so be sure to have a full tank. Take State Rt 86 west (Ajo Way) from Tucson or east from Ajo, Sells, or Organ Pipe Cactus National Park. At Three Points take State Rt 286 south about 35 miles to the refuge entrance between mile markers 8 and 7. It is a long way from anywhere but a with a really nice natural beauty.

If everything goes according to plan we will spend the spring and summer at North

Ranch (Rainbow Park) working as hosts and none of you need directions for that, then home to the Ranch hopefully in time for the Chili Chapter Rally and definitely for the Round-Up.

Hopefully Tom will be getting his hip replacement sometime between June and Sept but only God knows when we will be getting a car (or truck hopefully) since every time we get some money something happens to the motor home.

Till we see you all again, Luvya Roxy Colomb  
PS Needed to add this as Tom and Joan Feller just stopped by, joined us for dinner and was it ever great. So nice to spend time with friends from home.

## Classifieds

### HOME FOR SALE

Desirable two bedroom home at Rainbows' End. Great room has cathedral ceilings with wooden beam and adjoins open kitchen. Ideal location with access front and rear of one-third acre lot. 128 Peterson Loop Tele: 936-327-9325  
E-mail: ccchart@samlink.com"  
Hope to see you all soon,

Hugs,  
Ches and Carole  
Schart SKP#4077 Ranch lot #85

### GOT STUFF ?? NEED SOME ??

We have some for sale!

- 1 - Apt. size refrigerator
- 1 - Computer desk
- 1 - TV Cart
- 2 - 12 ft. surf rod and reels
- 1 - 10 ft. surf rod and reel
- 1 - RV Portable water softener
- 1 - Blue swivel desk chair

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## Win Some, Lose Some

We offer a great big SKP hug to our new leaseholders. Let's make sure we all meet:

Richard & Susan Redd, Lot 24  
Robert Handel, Lot 87  
Earl & Shirley Culpepper, Lot 64  
Fred & Sharon Hammond, Lot 10

At the same time, there are others we have to say Happy Trails to:

John & Libby Veach  
Bob and Marjorie Gravenow  
Jerry & Rhea Ballew  
Ken & Nicole Munger

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## Trockels' Tips

By Ede Trockels

Greetings from wonderful, warm and windy Mexico. Lakewood does not have a corner on the wind market!

When taking a green salad to a potluck or picnic. Add a cup of frozen green peas to the salad and they will keep it cold and crisp. Cover tightly, by serving time peas will be thawed, but salad is still nice and cool.

When making guacamole, a handy trick to keep its garden-green fresh color last longer is to just leave the avocado pit in the bottom of the bowl along with the dip.

A handy way to serve deviled eggs: Place in paper cupcake liners, then in muffin tins to serve. They stay upright and neat and the eggs in paper cups won't slide around on people's plates.

The best way to chop onions with NO tears is to place the cutting board on top of the stove & turn the vent fan on.

Mix your pancake batter in a measuring cup or pitcher and pour onto the griddle.

To clean grill rack, put it in a clean trash bag and generously spray with oven cleaner. Tightly close bag & leave overnight. Next day washing the grate is a breeze.





Dear Leaseholders,

Hello from the Nominating Committee. At the November 2002 business meeting we will be electing four new members to the Board of Directors. Each term is for a two-year period. It is an excellent way to learn how our Co-op operates.

We are looking for a few good people to serve the Co-op in this way. It's a service that can be rewarding, challenging, frustrating, but above all, necessary. Without nine people to serve on the Board our Co-op cannot legally function.

That being said, we are asking for each of you to give serious thought to running for one of these positions. Please return this form, with your response marked below or email your response to the office. If your answer is "Yes" we must have your response with a short resume telling us about yourself and why you would like to be a Board member. The deadline for receipt of the resumes is August 1. Besides this notification, we will be contacting some of you personally.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'm interested \_\_\_\_\_ No, I'm not interested

Mail to SKP Co-op/Retreat of NM, Inc., P.O. Box 109, Lakewood, NM 88254  
OR Email the office at [skpranch@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:skpranch@pvtnetworks.net)

Thanks for your consideration and your reply to this letter.

Your Nominating Committee: Leah Coley Gladly Patzer Ruth Tait



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**In the Kitchen with Mary**

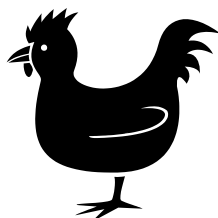
Mary Irons, Food Editor

**Chicken Essex** (from Bettie Marquardt)

- Serves eight (240 calories per serving)
- 2 cups cooked and boned chicken
- 2 cups dry macaroni
- 1 – 10 oz. Can cream of mushroom or chicken soup
- 1 soup can of milk
- 1 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 1/3 cup shredded cheese (hold for top)

- green pepper (chopped)
- celery (chopped)
- small onion (chopped)
- 1 can water chestnuts (drained, chopped or sliced)
- salt and pepper to taste

- Grease 9x13 inch pan or casserole
- Lay dry macaroni on bottom
- Place chicken on top
- Mix soup, milk, chicken broth, green pepper, celery, onion, water chestnuts and pour over chicken.
- Top with cheese
- Cover with foil and refrigerate over night
- Remove foil, bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour.



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# In The Kitchen with Mary

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## Sweet & Sour Chicken Wings

- 10 chicken wings
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- ¼ cup catsup
- 1 tsp. Each Accent and garlic powder
- 1 Tbs. Soy sauce
- 2 eggs (beaten)
- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup corn starch

Cut tip ends off of chicken wings and cut the wings in half.  
Sprinkle with Accent and garlic powder and let set about 1 hour.  
Mix the sugar, water, vinegar, catsup and soy sauce together and set aside until last.

Dip chicken wings in the beaten eggs then in the flour and corn starch. Brown in frying pan, then put in baking pan. Pour sauce over the chicken and bake 40 minutes in 350 degree oven.

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