

Cocopah Gazette

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NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

Our season has begun with a good start of wonderful weather throughout November. We are happy to welcome more and more of you every week.

Cantina: I'd like to welcome Kathy Schmidt as the new manager of the Cantina. Kathy has a background in bar management and brings considerable skill to her new position. Please visit the Cantina and welcome Kathy. I'd also like to thank Chet Ely for all his work managing the Cantina for the past several years.

Wifi: As I wrote to you last month, the Cocopah Tribe is investing significant resources into establishing the best RV park WiFi system in Yuma. Construction is nearly complete. There are a few locations in the resort where we will be installing additional transmitters. When the system is finished, our WiFi system will be utilizing a dedicated fiber optic cable. In the meantime we have limited bandwidth available without charge. Over the next few weeks our provider will be further testing the system until we are fully operational. I encourage anyone experiencing problems with Cocopah WiFi to call SkyWeb at 844-641-9011. Once the system is fully operational, we will begin offering a premium level of service on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.

Mowing: Several of you asked why we were mowing the golf course tee boxes in circles. Over the summer we tried an experiment to enhance the visual appeal of the tee boxes by mowing the tee box grass in circles rather than as a rectangle. Ultimately we determined that

the circle mowing didn't work and we have returned to mowing in a rectangle.

Site Improvements: I want to remind annual renters that prior to making any site improvements, including in-ground plantings and the placement of a shed, the renter must get permission from management. Site improvement request forms are available in the Administration Office. At the conclusion of a site rental, renters are responsible for removing all personal property including a shed. Any sheds abandoned on a site after the end of a rental period become the property of the Cocopah Tribe. If a renter is granted permission to lay paving stones and wishes to remove the paving stones on termination, the renter must return the site to its original condition.

Oversized Site Rentals: A standard site within the resort is 1925 sq. feet. There are a number of larger sites within the resort. Renters of standard sites currently pay \$3,340 annually including the rural metro fee. In the interest of equity, sites larger than the standard site size are assessed additional rent at the rate of \$1.65 per excess sq. foot (over the 1925 standard). Existing owners of oversized sites are not assessed the additional rent but after the sale of a site, new owners will be assessed the additional rent annually.

Range Balls: Please be considerate of your fellow golfers and remember that range balls and baskets are not permitted to leave the driving range. If range balls don't stay at the driving range, there aren't any available for other golfers to enjoy.

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Park Model Sales and Rentals: The Activities Office is now maintaining the listing of park models available for rent or sale. Owners are encouraged to check with Activities to ensure that their listing is current.

19th Hole Restaurant: Based on your responses to our survey last season, we have expanded the hours of the 19th Hole Restaurant. The 19th Hole is now open Sunday – Wednesday from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm and Thursday – Saturday from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Please stop by and enjoy dinner soon.

Pickleball: We are acquiring portable nets and striping to convert the tennis courts into two additional Pickleball courts that can be easily switched between tennis and Pickleball. I expect that the new nets and striping will be available within the next few weeks.

Sad News: On Saturday, November 17 our lead irrigator Sheldon Durand was killed in a multi-vehicle accident. Sheldon was a dedicated employee for 5 years and will be missed by all of us.

Please know that I enjoy visiting with everyone as I roam the resort. I do like to hear your comments, both positive and negative, as it is the Tribe's and my personal goal to provide you a reasonably priced resort that is full of activities and comradery. We sincerely appreciate your business. Thank you.

--- Gary

19th HOLE RESTAURANT

Come to the 19th Hole Restaurant for dinner on Thursday through Saturday nights. In addition

to the regular menu Darren is featuring dinner entries of Top Sirloin, Hot Beef and Turkey Sandwiches, Meatloaf, and Fried Shrimp. Thursdays feature Steamed Mussels, Fridays feature Fried Catfish & Fried Cod, and Saturdays feature Prime Rib.

THE CANTINA

Kathy Schmidt is the new manager of The Cantina. Look for hamburger night on Tuesdays starting at 4:30 pm. \$5.00 for a burger and chips. Friday nights feature pizza beginning at 4:30 pm. \$2.00 a slice.

The Cantina is hosting a pot luck New Year's Eve party featuring The Cactus Guys. The festivities begin with dinner at 6:00 pm followed by music at 7:00 pm until mid-night.

SOUP NIGHT

The December Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, December 3rd. Each household brings a crockpot of soup, salad, or dessert to share. So that there is enough food for everyone, please bring enough to feed 10-12 people. Bring your own tableware, bowls and plates, glasses, napkins, and drinks. Happy Hour starts at 4:00 pm, Soup & Salad at 5:00 pm. Sign up in Activities so there are enough tables set-up for everyone. No charge.

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ENTERTAINMENT

There are six entertainment events scheduled during December.

Saturday, December 1st **Keepin' It Country** will provide country dancing music from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

Saturday, December 8th, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm Kenny Lee will perform “**Elvis Tribute**” for your entertainment enjoyment. Kenny has been a professional Elvis entertainer since 1990. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

Saturday, December 15th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm dance to the **JukeBox Duo**. New to Cocopah this year, the JukeBox Duo comes to Yuma from Seattle, Washington where they are known for a repertoire of over 800 songs ranging from Big Band Standards, Fifties Golden Oldies, to current country and rock hits. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

Saturday, December 22nd from 7:00 – 10:00 pm dance with our own **Dervin James**. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

Saturday, December 29th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm dance with **Cautcheetin**. Cautcheetin plays the hard core honkytonk classic country music of the 60's including Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, George Jones, Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

The most popular event on Monday, December 31st is the annual New Year's Eve celebration.

Enjoy a prime rib dinner and dancing with **The Dependables**. Happy Hour at 5:00 pm (BYOB), Dinner at 6:00 pm, and Dancing from 7:00 pm to 12:30 am. Tickets available at Activities in advance: Dinner and dance tickets \$35.00; dance only tickets \$8.00.

CARE FOR DOGGIES

Please, please, please, dog owners – you are required to pick up dog waste immediately.

If I poop, you gotta scoop!



Never allow me in the agriculture fields, along the canals, or on the golf course.

WALK, TALK & SHOP

Cocopah hosts **Walk, Talk & Shop** on the first Saturday of each month. **Walk, Talk & Shop** is a community sale where residents sell items at their site and shop at other sites in the park – a great big community yard sale. Items are usually put outside either on the driveway or

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deck so that when driving by the items are easy to spot. Larger items such as furniture may be announced with a sign. Sellers should have items displayed by 9:00 am. The sale continues until noon. This is also an opportunity for residents to offer “Free” items to fellow residents. On Saturday, December 1st, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be January 5, 2019.

CRAFT FAIR

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Monday, December 10th in the ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Look for holiday items and unique gift ideas. The December 10th show will have drawings and coffee and donuts will be available for purchase. Anyone who is interested in being a vendor or has questions regarding the Craft Fairs, please call Joyce Prince at 503-307-5982.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Decorate Cocopah! Residents should illuminate their holiday lights and place decorations by Monday, December 3rd. Site judging will occur during the Golf Cart Parade on December 9th.

GOLF CART PARADE

On Sunday, December 9th join in a parade of decorated lighted golf carts as they parade their way on the streets of the resort. At 6:00 pm the golf cart parade will leave from the Administration Building and weave its way along all 6 miles of streets within the resort. The parade will ultimately end up at the pavilion

on the north side of the dog patch where participants will enjoy hot beverages and treats. Residents gather along the route to cheer the parading golf carts.

BICYCLE PATROL

Watch for the Cocopah Security Bicycle Patrol!

RESIDENT PHOTO BOOK

Cocopah has engaged the company “Life Touch” to produce a 2018-2019 resident photo book. Residents should sign-up for a personal photo shoot in the Activities Office as soon as possible. “Life Touch” will be taking resident photos from December 3rd through February 2nd but it is important that residents sign-up for a scheduled time as soon as possible. Each site renter will receive a Cocopah Resident Photo Book and one personal photo at no charge. Additional photos will be available for purchase.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Come make Christmas cards for those special people in your life. Sue Spicer is teaching card making on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec 4, 6, 11, and 13 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in room 114. Participants will make three Christmas cards in each class. All materials are provided. \$5.00 supply fee per class to the instructor. Call Sue at 530-241-8131 to reserve a spot.

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SALVATION ARMY HOLIDAY DRIVE



For more than 25 years the residents of Cocopah have supported the Salvation Army in its Food and Donation Drive and Angel Tree project. On Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 pm resident volunteers will be walking each street of the resort ringing bells collecting food and financial donations for the Salvation Army Holiday Drive. Please place non-perishable food at the end of your site (or on your front porch) for collection by our volunteers. The Holiday Tree in the Ballroom is decorated with "Angel" tags. Angel tags are gift requests for deserving children in our community. Please pick an Angel tag and deliver the unwrapped gift to Larry Plumb at site 334 before December 9th. Make a child's Christmas a happy one. The residents of Cocopah are extremely generous every year and we thank you for that.

WOOD SHOP

Do you know your way around a Wood Shop and would like to contribute to the Cocopah community? Sign up to volunteer as a Wood Shop Monitor! The Wood Shop will be open beginning January 2019 on weekdays from 9:00 - noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The duties of the Wood Shop Monitor include: unlocking and

locking the Wood Shop, greeting users and confirming that users sign in and have a waiver on file, assisting Wood Shop users, supervising tool use for safety, and making sure every Wood Shop user cleans up after use. Volunteering as a Monitor is a good way to meet fellow woodworkers and exchange ideas and techniques of tool and materials usage. Sign up to be a Wood Shop Monitor at the Activities Office in the Wood Shop notebook and/or talk to Graham Shirley (928) 276-3148.

All tools in the Wood Shop have been donated by residents. There is currently a lack of any air-power tools, including a compressor. Some current power tools could use replacing such as the aged wood lathe. If you have a tool you would like to donate to the Wood Shop write a note with your contact information and leave it on the Wood Shop notebook in the Activities Office.

--- John Smith

SHUFFLEBOARD

New and returning shufflers are welcome to join in fun shuffleboarding on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Fridays at 1:00 pm. No experience needed.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing begins Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Join Barbie and have some fun. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of dances.

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PICKLEBALL

Join the Pickleball players every morning at 8:30 am at the Pickleball courts. No experience needed. Players don't need any personal equipment – rackets and balls are available. Do wear rubber soled shoes for safety. New players are invited to join in the fun, impromptu lessons, and games. Experienced players will find lots of challenge as well.

DONATION BINS

Two charitable organizations maintain donations bins in the resort: Habitat for Humanity and Precious Treasures. Habitat for Humanity collects only aluminum cans in the pale green shacks. Precious Treasures collects resalable clothing and small household goods in the red bins. Please place only resalable goods in the Precious Treasures red bins. Do not place any donations outside the bins.

RECYCLING

Cocopah has acquired all new dumpsters and lids. We support active single stream recycling. Please place only paper, plastic, cardboard, aluminum and metal cans, and glass in the recycling dumpsters. All trash must be placed in the trash dumpsters. Do not leave trash around the dumpsters – it is unsightly.

PERSONALITIES OF COCOPAH RV

“Learn to Dance, it will improve your GOLF game”

Jeff & Judi Mahaffey explained this is their *lure* to get men and women to join them every

Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in the Cocopah ballroom to learn to dance.

Jeff started a rock n' roll band playing the lead guitar as a 16-year-old in a high school. Music was always part of Jeff's life - eventually subsidizing his income on weekends after he was out of school. Jeff knew Judi was a keeper as she enjoyed his music when she was the ticket taker at the door for the band – and here they are at Cocopah still dancing!

Judi wanted to learn to ballroom dance, so Judi found a local “drop-in” studio in their hometown of Prince George, British Columbia. They attended dance lessons and two years later joined a dance club. The group of “Dance North” couples watched videos to learn new dances, attended professional workshops, and eventually went on dance cruises together.

When Jeff and Judi came to Cocopah in 2011 they wanted to continue dancing and hoped to form a dance club here. They have been teaching dance lessons weekly ever since. They have a wide repertoire of dances; the most popular dances requested at Cocopah are rock 'n roll (also called swing), cha cha, rumba, fox trot, and waltz.

More than 50 couples have taken Jeff and Judi's dance lessons at Cocopah. Each week begins with the basics – so new dancers won't be “behind.” Experienced couples take new dancers under their wing. Learning to dance is a no pressure experience with Jeff and Judi as instructors.

- Candace Wallace

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GOLF



NEW RULES OF GOLF

Beginning January 1st Cocopah will observe the new rules of golf. Be ready for significant changes. Read the [2019 Rules of Golf](#) at USGA.org.

RESORT EVENT # 2

Resort Golf Event #2 will be held on Saturday, December 8th. All players must have a verifiable handicap. A verifiable handicap is obtained through either a player's participation in the local Cocopah golf clubs (9-hole men or women, 18 hole men or women or by providing a current USGA or RCGA identification number and handicap index). The format is a 2-person scramble, pick your own partner (within a handicap difference of 7). Entry cost is \$20 per player. Players will receive two tickets: 1 red for the year-end drawing and 1 drink ticket for use at the Cantina. There is a special tournament greens fee of \$27 per player which includes use of a cart or trail fee. Lunch consisting of a sub sandwich, minestrone soup, and a cookie is available for \$6 (paid in advance) for players and guests. Sign-ups end Tuesday, December 4th. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

GOLF LESSONS

Improve your golf game. Brad is offering golf lessons Monday – Wednesday by appointment. Cost is \$25 for 30 minutes or five 30 minute lessons for \$100. Sign up in the Golf shop.

GOLF RANGE FINDERS

Improve your club selection. Golf Buddy range finders are on sale in the Golf Shop until the end of December.

LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Cocopah Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club issued a warm welcome back to all the returning ladies. The CLGC is a golf organization that strives to make every play day and every tournament a fun and exciting event. Wednesday mornings are the regular "play day" for the ladies to get together. New members are always welcome! In the past month the club has been delighted to welcome the following four new members: Rosmary Brady, Alison Hawley, Deb RippetEAU, and Pam Blackwell.

The first Ace of the Month tournament was held on Wednesday, Nov. 14th. The gross Ace of the Month winner was Cindy Joel and the net Ace of the Month winner was Mary Card. For more information on this extraordinary group of ladies go to the CLGC website at: [CLGC](#).

- Marie Grumetza

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MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Cocopah Men's 18 Hole Golf Club issued a warm welcome to the 2018 -2019 season. The Men's club has organized golf play every Monday and encourages men in the resort to join as new members. Members can establish a temporary handicap by submitting scorecards from five rounds of golf. The membership fee is \$35. The membership fee also pays for the fabulous prime rib dinner and complimentary beverages at the end of the year banquet. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

New Officers for this season are: President: Bob Craigue, Vice President: Russel Morse, Treasurer: Phil Curran, Secretary: Drew Kachel, Handicap: Bob Canart, Scoring/Rules: Chuck Plumb, Fundraising: Roy Smith, and Audit: Pete Rouleau.

On December 10th the men will play "1-2-3 Best Ball Waltz" with balanced team handicaps. It will be a shotgun start. Golf will be followed by a general meeting. On December 31st the men will play a "5 Man Scramble" with balanced team handicaps.

- Steven Senvold

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Nine Hole Ladies Golf club started the season on November 13th. The club would like to acknowledge Jane Parrent. Jane was part of the club initially as a member and more recently involved with the Executive board. Jane has not returned to Cocopah this season and will be missed. The Nine Hole Ladies have found a very capable replacement in Terrie Allar.

On a sadder note club members bid a fond farewell to Ida Sweeney who passed away this summer. Ida was one of the founding members of the Nine Hole Ladies Club. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.

The first general meeting was held November 13th and a light lunch was served. The next meeting is the Christmas luncheon. The theme this year is "Old Fashion Christmas". The attendance sign-up sheet is in the Ladies restroom vestibule. Members should sign-up as soon as possible.

As most golfers know, there will be new USGA rules in effect as of January, 2019. The new rules can be reviewed at www.USGA.org. It is each player's responsibility to know the rules. The Executive board will be reviewing some of the changes at the next general meeting.

- Michelle Chuchmuch

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COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

If you did not receive an announcement of this Gazette via email, you are not subscribed to our current email system. Either your email address was never subscribed or at some point your email address became “unsubscribed”. In either event, we have a solution.

New Subscribers: The only method of signing up to receive Cocopah RV blast emails is for the individual to send an email **from the email account** where they wish to receive the blast emails to activities@cocopahrv.com providing their **First & Last Name(s), Site Number, Telephone Number,** and the **request to be added to the Blast email list.** The subject line of the email should say, “**Blast email request**”. Usually this is all you need to do. Staff will check your email against the list of “unsubscribed” emails. If your email is listed as “unsubscribed” you will receive an email directing you to personally contact our email service provider to be re-subscribed to the Cocopah RV email system.

Prior Subscribers: There are some residents who have received emails from the email Blast system in the past but have unsubscribed (either through their own action or perhaps due to a glitch in the system). If your email address was ever subscribed to the Blast email system and became unsubscribed, due to privacy procedures maintained by our email provider the Activities Office cannot add that email address to the system. The individual owning the unsubscribed email must personally contact our email provider to reverse this action.

The individual who is unsubscribed must personally send an email from the account where they wish to receive the email blasts to: support@verticalresponse.com

The email must provide your full name (first and last names), site number and email address. The email must state: I want to be “re-subscribed” to activites@cocopahrv.com Include activites@cocopahrv.com as a CC (carbon copy). It may take a day or two for this to take effect.

2018 - 2019 Winter Season Hours

Administration Office

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Mailroom

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Activities Lobby

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Golf Shop

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

19th Hole Restaurant

Sunday – Wednesday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday – Saturday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Cantina

Sunday – Saturday 10:45 am – 7:00 pm or later
Tuesday Hamburgers at 4:30 pm
Friday Pizza at 4:30 pm

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GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette newsletter is a publication of the Cocopah Tribe. Contributions are welcome to the monthly newsletter. Contributions must focus on the Cocopah Tribe, Cocopah RV & Golf Resort, or its residents. The Tribe has generously issued an independent email address to the Gazette for residents to submit news and potential articles. Contributors should submit materials in MS Word or text format, without any special characters or formatting, to gazette@cocopahrv.com. Pictures or graphics should be submitted in jpg format (medium size) as a separate attachment. We cannot use submissions in pdf format. Submissions should be between 150 – 225 words, written in third person, newspaper-style. Submissions must be received no later than the 25th of the prior month for consideration in the following month's Gazette. All articles are subject to approval and editing.

Leslie Woodruff, Editor

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