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NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

Our winter season is in full swing and I'm very pleased with all the fun times I see our residents enjoying.

As I have been reporting monthly, Skyweb, our WiFi provider continues to trouble shoot our system to ensure high-speed WiFi coverage to every location in the resort. As this has taken longer than we anticipated, in order to provide some certainty, I have decided that we will provide the premium service complementary to all our guests until May 1, 2019. Please continue to call Skyweb directly at 844-641-9011 if you have any difficulties accessing our high-speed WiFi service.

The 19th Hole Restaurant with Chef Darin continues to provide excellent food for our residents. In response to your requests, we are now open until 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday to accommodate those of you who prefer a later dinner. I have met with the lighting and design contractor and expect that the new lighting providing superior ambiance will be installed by the end of this season.

I want to thank the Presidents of the Men's and Ladies' 18 and 9 Hole Golf Clubs and all of their members in rearranging the dates of their end-of-year banquets. We are committed to delivering a high quality product from our catering staff. That said, we cannot maintain our high level of quality with multiple large banquets scheduled back-to-back. By scheduling the four large end-of-year golf club banquets over a two week period, we are confident that every club will enjoy a spectacular banquet. Thank you.

As many of you know, I like dogs. My wife Debbie and I own a Border Collie named Minnie. I really enjoy watching the dogs run and play in our dog patch. I do have one special request – while we permit well-behaved dogs under the direct control of their owner to run off-leash in the dog patch, please be aware that not all dogs are sociable with other dogs. If you see a dog on-leash, please be respectful and do not allow your dog to approach the dog that is on-leash. In all likelihood the owner has a reason to keep the dog on-leash and you are responsible for controlling your off-leash dogs. As always, dogs are never permitted on the golf course or along or in the agricultural fields and you must immediately pick-up after your dog.

It is that time of year again as we will be asking you to complete our annual Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Tribal Council and I are very interested in hearing your opinions. We strive to make Cocopah RV & Golf Resort the premiere resort in Yuma. Look for the one page survey in your mailbox the week of February 18th. Please return the survey to the Administration Office no later than February 28th.

Our next Town Hall Meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

--- Gary

RESERVATION DAY

March 1st is coming soon. March 1st begins Open Reservation Season. On March 1st all unreserved sites become available for

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reservation by the general public. You can beat Open Season. If you have paid for at least two months in a site during the 2018-2019 season, you can guarantee your reservation of a minimum period of one month for the 2019-2020 season in your existing site by making your reservation BEFORE March 1st. All sites not reserved prior to March 1st become open and available for one month or longer reservations by the general public on March 1st. If you wish to change sites, call or come to the Administration Office early on March 1st to book your new site. (In an attempt to dispel old rumors, people reserving annual sites have no greater priority than anyone else. March 1st begins Open Season for Every one!) If you wish to reserve a site for a shorter time period than one month, short-term reservations will open on September 1st.

19th Hole Restaurant

On Saturday, February 9th the ever popular Spareribs with a choice of potato, coleslaw and a corn muffin (\$8.95) return to the daily menu at the 19th Hole Restaurant. The restaurant is now open until 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday evenings.

<p>Thursday 19th Hole Restaurant Specials</p> <p>Feb 7th - Oysters Rockefeller - \$14.95 Feb 21 - Prime Rib Shepherd's Pie - \$10.95</p>
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THE CANTINA

Come to the Cantina on Sunday, February 3 to enjoy a Super Bowl pot luck beginning at game time. Chips & Nachos and chicken wings will be available for sale. Based on the positive feedback in January the Cantina will continue to rotate the menu for Friday nights. Each Friday's menu will be posted on the bar by previous Wednesday.

AGRICULTURE = YUMA ECONOMY

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the economy in Yuma County and the surrounding areas. Most of the winter produce available in grocery stores throughout the United States and Canada in the winter months is produced in Yuma. It is extremely important that visitors be aware of the strict rules regarding growing food safely. No unauthorized person or animal may ever enter the agricultural fields. It is illegal! If evidence of unauthorized intrusion is found, the farmer is prohibited from harvesting a specified area around that crop. Breaking the law by entering an agricultural field is a public health hazard. Please do not do it. Do not walk nor allow a dog on the dirt roads along Cocopah Drive or around the 8th fairway or in any agricultural field. Protect our food supply.

SOUP NIGHT & PLAY

The February Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, February 4th. 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,

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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.

After dinner, stay for a free short play, "Meet Miss Stone Age". The 30 minute play starring Bill Lovinger, Bruce Clement, Marie Grumetza, Roy Helman, Sue Nichols, Barb Robertson and Sue Spicer will begin at 5:45 pm. No charge.

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 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, February 2nd, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be March 2nd, 2019.

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Monday, February 11th in the ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The ballroom will be full of vendors. Come and see the interesting crafts the vendors have available for sale. Anyone interested in being a vendor or has questions regarding the Craft Fair, please call Joyce Prince at 503-307-5982.

This will be the last Craft Fair organized by Joyce. Sandy Damien has graciously agreed to take on organizing the Cocopah Craft Fairs. Come to the February Craft Fair to meet Sandy.

FACEBOOK

Check out the Cocopah Bend RV and Golf Resort Facebook page for frequent pictures and updates of sightings around the resort. Click [Cocopah Bend RV & Golf Resort Facebook](#). We appreciate it when you "like" and "follow" us; we want your friends to see all our good times. If you see something fun and interesting – send a picture and information to gazette@cocopahrv.com for possible inclusion on the Facebook page. If you let us know who took the picture, we will give you photo credit. While you can post on the Cocopah RV Facebook page as a Visitor, only your own friends will see that post. If you send your pictures to the Gazette, we are able to post for everyone to see.

PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

On Saturday, February 16 Cocopah RV Security Manager has organized a Second Annual Public Safety Fair. In 2018 representatives of US Border Patrol, Cocopah Police, Cocopah Emergency Management, the Red Cross, Rural Metro Fire and Safety, helicopter rescue, and many other local public safety organizations demonstrated their contributions to our area safety. Come out on the morning of February 16th around the Administration Building to meet these officials and see the contributions they make to the

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safety of the Yuma area. This event will be live-streamed by the Cocopah Tribal Office of Communications.

ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday, January 19, the **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band**, the most popular band to visit Cocopah, provided rock dancing music to 240 resident dancers! Good News! The **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band** is returning on Saturday February 2 and Saturday February 16th, both from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$6.00 each in advance or at the door.



JOHNNY COUNTERFEIT SHOW

On Friday, February 8th the ever popular Comedian and Impersonator of famous musicians Johnny Counterfeit will return to Cocopah. Cost \$10.00.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Join country music players Cautheetin' for a loving dinner dance on Valentine's Day.

February 14th, happy hour at 5:00 pm, dinner and dance to follow at 6:00 pm. Cost \$25.00.

TREVOR BAKER

On Friday, February 15th Trevor Baker will perform from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Ballroom. No charge.

HORSE RACES

The second round of the Horse Races will be held on Monday, February 11th beginning at 5:00 pm. Gather a group for a potluck table and sign up in Activities. No charge.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Fun Shuffle

It has been a busy month for shuffleboard with as many as 32 shufflers using all the courts. It is a pleasant way to spend a morning or afternoon. There are both experienced and new players with the equipment provided by Cocopah. Come out 15 minutes early to sign up. Fun Shuffle is Monday and Wednesday 11:00 am and Friday at 1:00 pm.

Shuffleboard League Play

There are several teams that participate in various leagues and tournaments. During the week of January 21st, 2019, one team comprised of Art Bugni and Marie Bajovich participated in the Country Roads Mixed Doubles tournament and placed 4th in the consolation round. For more information contact Bruce Clement at site 510.

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PICKLEBALL

Early Riser -- Join the Pickle Ball players every morning at 8:30 am at the Pickle Ball 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. Sack Rat -- Nocturnal Pickle Ball players gather at 6:30 pm. The courts are well lit for evening enjoyment.

AQUA ZUMBA

Join Darla Schofield in the pool every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 am for Aqua Zumba. The water is warm and the exercise is fun. Check out the Aqua Zumba pictures on our Facebook page.

LINE DANCING

Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm join Barby Vangness and Ronay Hansen in the Ballroom and have some fun. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of dances.

BALLROOM DANCING

Join Judi and Jeff Mahaffey on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Ballroom to learn and practice ballroom dancing. Each class begins with the basics so new dancers will not feel out of place.

VARIETY SHOW

Cocopah residents are performing a Variety Show on February 21, 2019 however at press time tickets to this event are sold out.

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for wine, snacks, and rousing conversation on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the library. The book selection for February is The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by James Hammer. "To save ancient Arabic texts from Al Qaeda, a band of librarians pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven in this "fast-paced narrative that is . . . part intellectual history, part geopolitical tract, and part out-and-out thriller." The Washington Post.

GOLF



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GOLF SHOP

February is very busy in the Golf shop. Cocopah is hosting a golf tournament every Saturday. Inside the shop there are lots of new clothes and shoes available for purchase.

The Arizona – Wyoming Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd. Check with the Golf Shop for sign-up details.

RED – BLUE GOLF CHALLENGE

The annual 18 Hole Red-Blue Golf Challenge will be held on Saturday, February 16th. The event is a two-person scramble, match play, limited to 144 players. The team captains for the Red Team: Sue Nichols and Russell Morse, and for the Blue Team: Janet Morse and Craig Beardsley. Teams for match play are picked by the captains. Play will be a morning shotgun start. Challenge fee of \$20 includes prizes and lunch of a Carolina BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, and a Corn Muffin. Half of participants will win prizes of Golf shop credit. Sign up February 3 – February 10 in the Golf Shop.

RESORT EVENT # 5

Resort Golf Event #5 will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. 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

best-ball (best score of the two partners); pick your own partner (within a handicap difference of 7); flighted net and gross awards. 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 that includes the use of a cart or a trail fee. Food consisting of Chicken Fajitas with Spanish RICE and a Cookie is available for \$6 (paid in advance) for players and guests. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, February 19th and end Tuesday, February 26th at 4:00 pm. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

COCOPAH LADIES INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

An Open Golf Tournament will be hosted by the Cocopah 18 Hole Ladies Golf Club on Saturday, March 9th. All ladies with a Handicap and GHIN # are welcome to enter. The theme is "I play like a girl, so.....Try to keep up! The cost is \$85.00 per person including prizes and lunch. The entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2019

For more info and entry forms please check out the 18 Hole Ladies bulletin board or call Dianne Plumb at (208) 631 - 7166.

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We are range balls. We live at the driving range in our community of range balls. We are not allowed to ride in golf carts or go home with golfers.



Please don't take us away from the driving range.
We get lonely away from our friends. Thank you.

LADIES RED HAT GOLFERS

Cocopah hosts a unique group of women golfers – the Ladies Red Hat golfers. The Red Hat Golfers is a non-competitive group of women (not affiliated with the Red Hat Society) who meet to play 9 holes of informal golf on Thursday afternoons. The women meet on Thursday afternoons at 12:00 pm outside the Golf Shop to form teams for informal play. No handicaps are required and some participants don't even keep score. The goal of the Red Hat Golfers is for everyone to have a good time and learn golf rules and etiquette. Historically playing with the Red Hat Ladies has empowered many women to feel comfortable playing in competitive leagues. Thursday afternoon golf is followed by a Happy Hour. Sign up for Ladies

Red Hat Golf on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Ladies' Restroom by Sunday at 2:00 pm for that week's Thursday golf. All are welcome.

LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

January was a great month of golf and laughter with the fun loving ladies of the 18 Hole Cocopah Ladies Golf Club. The monthly tournament for the Net & Gross Ace of the Month was held Jan 9th followed with Pizza and a meeting in the ballroom. The Gross Ace of the month was Nancy Rebkowich and the Net Ace of the Month was Denise Bona. Most improved player was Anita Rentas.

The Club welcomed two new members that joined the club this month, Doraine Empson and Lori Rolfson. Larie Hash and Becky Hazen played in the Arizona Women's Medallion Tournament at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Goodyear, AZ. There were a total of 146 teams and the CLGC is very proud to announce that they placed 5th in their flight of 17 teams.

The club participated in the 18 Hole Men/Ladies Mixer on January 28th hosted by the Men's Club. The Ladies will host the next mixer on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. For more info and pictures please go to the CLGC web site at: <http://web2.golfsoftware.net/11803>

- Marie Grumetza

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MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club will hold an out-of-park golf outing Monday, February 18 at Desert Hills Golf and Country Club. It will be a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$65 including golf, cart, range, dinner.

There were 150 players participating in the Fundraiser with 18 Hole Ladies' "Club Roll The Dice" scramble.

Congratulations to Rick Collins, the winner of the 18 Hole Men's Club match play competition.

- Steven Senvold

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The January Luncheon was held on January 8th with 85 members in attendance. The new USGA rules were reviewed and there was plenty of discussion. The Player of the Month for December was Debi Hale; Donna Skiles and Nancy Mellinger received Honorable Mention. Members earned twelve Chip-ins and three Birdies in January. Linda Tuggle scored three Chip-ins in one round!

The 9/18 Hole Mixer was held on January 19th.. Good weather allowed both clubs a chance to play and have some fun on the course.

The Men and Women's 9 Hole Classic is February 5th and 7th with a lunch and prizes on February 9th in the ballroom. The cost is \$25 plus green fees. Players must commit to playing both days.

The election of a new Executive board will be held on February 12, 2019. Please notify Joyce Johnson Site 198 of any nominations; nominations will also be taken from the floor.

- Michelle Chuchmuch

MEN'S 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Cocopah Men's Niner's Golf Club hosted their annual BBQ luncheon on Wednesday January 16th. The meal was catered by Texas Roadhouse and was attended by 187 members and guests.

This years Away Day Golf Event was at Coyote Wash Golf Course in Wellton on January 28th and saw 95 members sign up. Next year's venue is yet to be determined.

Preparations are finalized for this years Mixed Classic Golf and Banquet with teams comprised of Men's and Ladies Nine Hole Golf Club members. Teams are computer picked by handicap for this 2-day golf event with 9 holes on Tuesday February 5th followed by 9 holes on Thursday February 7th. The banquet will be on Saturday February 9th. Participation and FUN levels are always high for this annual event.

Men's Niner's Golf Club membership is currently at 142 including 24 new members. The next General Membership meeting is Monday February 4th.

- Dave Allar

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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”. See the Activities Staff for a one-page hand-out of instructions on subscribing to the Cocopah RV email blasts.

<p>2018 - 2019 Winter Season Hours</p> <p>Administration Office Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Mailroom Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Saturday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Activities Lobby Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Golf Shop Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm</p> <p>19th Hole Restaurant Sunday – Wednesday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm Thursday – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Friday – Saturday 7:00 am – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Cantina Sunday – Saturday 10:45 am – 7:00 pm or later Tuesday - Hamburgers at 4:30 pm Friday - Various Menu Items at 4:30 pm</p>

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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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