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ACTIVITIES:

WISHING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY NW YEAR!

What a wonderful way to ring in the New Year 2018 with a very classily decorated ballroom in gold and white with a Photo Gallery that looked like a Winter Wonderland with lighted Christmas trees, lighted sleigh and reindeer, and snowflakes hanging down from the ceiling; beautiful centerpieces of lighted mini white lights and gold ornaments in vases were on the tables. Hats off to my decorating committee managed by Yvonne Morris who helped me. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the decorating Saturday and Sunday. Our New Year's Eve dinner was catered by Texas Roadhouse. It was very delicious and served by our volunteers in record time, 35 minutes for almost 300 Cocopah residents. What can I say? I say "That's the way we roll!". Again thank you to all the volunteers who helped with serving, busing and ticket taking! We danced the night away until our 10 and 12 o'clock New Year's song Auld Lang and Champagne toast into the New Year.



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What a fun and enjoyable way to start the New Year with the Six Feet Up, Laughing Bird, Bethany Owen shows and The Dependables, Big Boss Band and Old Time Rock N Roll band dances.

Also we have the popular Cocopah Downs Horserace in January so get ready for that too for a fun-filled exciting evening. Remember the first Saturday of every month during our winter season is Walk, Talk, Shop. In our resort you can walk or drive thru our park for some great bargains for sale in resident's spaces. You are sure to encounter a great find! Speaking of Finds, there are many at our Craft Fairs which are monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Ballroom. Please check those out also.

Soup night is January 8th this month because of New Year's being on the first Monday. Please wear your favorite Sport Team Jersey to this event. It'll be interesting and fun too.

The Health Fair is January 24th. Please check your January calendar for dates and times of all events this month.

The popular and delicious Fish Fry on Fridays at the 19th Hole restaurant continues on throughout this

season. Effective January 3rd each Wednesday will have our famous Chicken Pot Pie as the Special. Sundays we will be offering you another special other than a Fried Chicken Dinner, so stay tuned.

Our Cantina also had a fantastic New Year's Eve party with delicious pot luck food and great music for dancing. Remember Tuesday is Hamburger Night, Friday is Pizza and the Egg Game night. Try our \$3.50 special Hot Dog and Glass of Beer or Soda every day except Tuesday and Friday. Our Cantina is a great place to relax and socialize with your friends too.

The Valentine's Day Dinner Dance sign up book is in the Activities Center. The Dependables will be the band, tickets are \$25.00.

We want all our Cocopah Family to enjoy life and be happy and satisfied here and we are trying our best to do that. If you have any suggestions, comments, remember we are here for you.

Remember the Love of Family and Friends is Life's Greatest Gift.

Judy Ratajczyk,
Activities Director and Food Beverage Manager

GOLF SHOP:

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

The calendar shows that we are going to be busy this month. The month starts off with Resort Event #3 on January 13th. This tournament is a 4 person, computer pick scramble. Signups will start on January 2nd.

The following Saturday, the 20th we will host the annual Firefighters' Burn Tournament which supports burn victims in the Yuma area. Firefighters will be at Cocopah Friday night to set up American flags in honor of each firefighter lost

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on 9/11. Lights will be cast on the flags throughout Friday night. Saturday morning before the tournament, our Cocopah choir will sing the national anthem followed by fireworks. Signs will be posted around the park and the dog park to remind residents of the fireworks between 7:30 and 8:30.

Our annual Red & Blue Golf Challenge will be held on January 27th. Signup will start on January 16th. This is always a fun tournament, so be sure to sign up.

The Golf Shop is making a change to our Thursday's Skins. Starting in January all men will be playing from the white tees. Handicaps will be adjusted appropriately. This change is consistent with playing in Friday Couples and Resort Events. All ladies will continue to play from the forward red tees.

Update....! New sand has been added to some of the sand traps. I know this personally because I found myself in them last Wednesday in Ladies Club. Thank you to Sergio and Crew.

Tommy Samaha our new golf instructor has been busy with clinics and private lessons. He is at Cocopah every Thursday. Check at the Golf Shop for scheduled clinics and available lesson times. Clinics are \$20 per person and private lessons are \$35 for one person and \$50 for two.

We still have EZ-GO carts available for rent by the week or month.

From all of us here at the Golf Shop we hope you had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year.

MAINTENANCE:

Hello everyone! We are in the full swing of our season here at Cocopah R.V. and glad to have all of you here.

We hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were the best and all that one could hope. There is still a lot of golfing to do along with the other activities available here at Cocopah. It's been great meeting newcomers to our facility and we enjoy all that have returned to join us once again. We will do our best in the maintenance department to help make your stay comfortable and enjoyable.

Thank you for the smiles and compliments, see you around the park!

Bradley Massey
Maintenance Supervisor

SECURITY:

Please be aware of your speed while driving within the Resort; speed limit signs are on each street. Security is using radar and has made 151 stops for speeding this season.

Those stopped include:

58 Residents
36 Vendors
50 Visitors
7 Employees

The highest speed caught was 46 mph in a 15 and 10 mph zone.

Suspicious incidents need to be reported to Security right away; do not wait until a later date to report.

If you call 911, please make certain you also contact Security; sometimes Rural Metro advises Security they are in route, but the caller needs to make the call to Security.

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2018-2019 ROOM RESERVATIONS:

If you would like to reserve a room for next season, we have a room sign up book for you to enter your information. Do NOT assume you will have the same room or any room for that matter if you do not sign up. There are many activities here at Cocopah and rooms will go to those that have signed up.

NEWSLETTER:

People who do not have internet access, let the Activities Office know so we can put information in your mail box.

EVENTS:

WALK, TALK, SHOP:

Cocopah hosts **Walk, Talk & Shop** on the first Saturday of each month. **Walk, Talk & Shop** is a community sale where residents either sell items at their site or shop at other sites in the park – a big community yard sale. Items are usually put outside either on the driveway or deck making items easier 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. On Saturday, January 6th walk, bike or drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find.

Stop by spaces 169, 84 & 648 for special sales.

CRAFT FAIR:

Mark your calendars for the next Craft Fair January 8th in the Ballroom. Hours are 8:30 to noon. We are looking for a full ballroom, 64 tables have been booked already. We will be having the drawings for you along with coffee and donuts to purchase. Also, thank you to my helpers Ronda, Kathy, and Elaine. I would like to mention the majority of our vendors are coming from the foothills, please join us in support and welcome them to our park. Thank you!
Happy New Year,
Joyce Prince

HORSE RACES:

The first round of the Horse races will be held on Monday, January 15th beginning at 5:00 pm. Gather a group for your potluck table and sign up in Activities. No charge. The second race is scheduled for February 19th.

LIP SYNC:

Lip Sync will be held Thursday, February 22 with two shows; one at 2:00 and the other at 7:00. If you are interested in performing please contact Judie Ely at 702-882-7930.

ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES:

NINE HOLE LADIES' GOLF:

December has come and gone with it comes a New Year. I hope the holidays were all you were hoping for. Any new golf gear this year? I know I was hoping Santa would turn me into a golfer but I guess I was on his naughty list!! Our Christmas luncheon was a great success. Thank you Jane Parrent for all the hard work. The 19th Hole did a great job on our meal and again the 18 Hole Ladies were gracious enough to serve for us. There were 8 Chip ins and 1 Birdie pin handed out. The Golfer of the month for November was Debi Hale. She improved her handicap by 2 strokes.

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On December 13th we had our “ACE of the Month” Tournament followed by a delicious Christmas luncheon served in the ballroom. Thank you to Denice Heblich and all your volunteers for the decorating, hosting, and organizing the luncheon. Another big thank you goes to our 9 Hole Ladies for an excellent job of serving us and the clean-up. After play the best scores were determined and the winner of Gross Ace of the month of December was Dianne Plumb and the Next Ace of the month winner was Louise Cook. Way to go ladies!

Great things are happening again in January as we have an 18 Hole Men’s & Ladies’ Mixer hosted by us on January 17th. We will also be having a 9 & 18 Hole Ladies’ Mixer on January 20th.

Now with cooler temperatures the tee times are starting at 8 a.m. It will be lighter out as well. As you already know, the Year – end gift is a Wind Jacket. For the next few weeks, sample jackets will be available for members to try on and mark down your sizes. We recommend everyone try the jacket on and don’t just write down a size.

The next luncheon is January 10 and if you can volunteer to help please contact Ronay Hanson Site 281 or Liz Walter Site 195. There will a 50/50 draw as with all our luncheons.

The luncheon in February is the Hamburger BBQ. The Annual Banquet is in March and raffle prizes will gladly be accepted. Contact Karen Beardsley Site 56.

Golf is a game in which you yell ‘fore,’ shoot six, and write down five. – Paul Harvey

Michelle Chuchmich

EIGHTEEN HOLE LADIES GOLF:

We are continuing to help sell “Chase the Ace” tickets which are getting more exciting all the time as the pot continues to grow. Tickets can be bought in the Cantina after the Men’s Play on Monday, Tuesday Hamburger evening and after the Lady’s Play on Wednesday. Draw is made on Fridays at 4:00p.m. Football Boards will also be starting soon.

We want to wish Margaret Lowenberg and Dianne Plumb all the best as they represent our club at the Arizona Women’s Golf Assoc. Annual Medallion Golf Tournament near Phoenix on January 13th.

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For more information on our club member's individual successes and coming up events please visit our web site:

<http://web2.golfsoftware.net/11803/>

Submitted by: Marie Grumetza – CLGC Publicity Chair Person

NINE HOLE MEN'S GOLF:

The Cocopah Men's Niners are off to a great start. Membership is up to 110 and counting with great expectations for increasing our numbers in January and February. So nice to see the abundance of orange across the course on Tuesday mornings!!!! Our monthly meeting was held on December 6th in the ballroom followed by a pizza lunch. A special thanks to the Executive Committee's wives who helped with serving.

The next general meeting will be held on January 3rd at 11:00 in the ballroom. Coming events include the BBQ Lunch catered by Texas Roadhouse on January 17th. Sign-up sheets are in the Cantina after Tuesday golf; this is an opportunity to treat wives and significant others to a great lunch. Also in January is the Away Golf Day on the 22nd at Yuma CC. Sign-up sheets are also available after Tuesday golf; cost is \$40.00 which includes 18 holes, cart, and lunch.

Future events include the much anticipated Mixed Play Classic and Banquet with the Nine Hole Ladies Club in early February.

Membership Applications for the Niners are available in the Golf Shop. Weekly play is every Tuesday.

Enjoy,
Dave Allar

18 HOLE MEN'S

Happy New Year! Ben Hogan was always grateful for the patronage of the pros that used his clubs, and he took their support personally. Gary Player, who had known Hogan for years, was playing erratically in the 1973 Brazilian Open. Between rounds, Player called Hogan for some advice. Ben said, "Gary, what clubs do you use?" "Dunlop," said Player. "Then ask Mr. Dunlop," said Hogan as he hung up the phone.

I suppose these professional golfers need to use every trick in the rulebook to win because it is sooooo important and is soooooo lucrative these days. Thank goodness we don't have pressures like that around here! I mean, we're on an Indian Reservation in the middle of a desert, for crying out loud. Let's have fun!

But then again...on **JAN 17** men's club members are invited to play on **LADIES DAY** to support their **FUNDRAISER**. We should do it, guys. There

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is a sign-up sheet in the pro shop. How's that for pressure? No, I don't know if we get to hit from the ladies' tees—I'm new to this, and there is a deadline for this newsletter, so, "Que Sera, Sera." Guys, let's be real men and support our ladies!

Robert Trent Jones was never the pro golfer's favorite architect because many pros felt that Jones had something against a golfer being able to shoot par. Jimmy Demaret, one of Jones's severest critics, ran into him once and said, "Saw a course you'd really like the other day, Trent. On the first tee, you take a penalty drop."

Ouch. But did you know that *every Friday* after Couples' play, there is a **CHASE THE ACE event IN THE CANTINA?** It's pretty cool. Buy some raffle tickets and you could win some serious cash. I won't bore you with the details, but just to say that we've had some winners:

Open to ALL PARK RESIDENTS!

NOV. 17, 50-50 winner for \$335.

NOV. 25, 50-50 winner for \$375

DEC. 1, 50-50 winner for \$462...what could you do with that?

DEC. 8, 50-50 winner for \$425

DEC. 15, 50-50 winner for \$520...like I said, serious cash.

DEC. 22, 50-50 winner for \$457

DEC. 29, 50-50 winner for \$510...so come on over and join in the fun!

Now then, if someone happens to win the Chase The Ace (see the rules at the pro shop or Cantina, or Men's and Ladies club bulletin boards) **THERE IS SOME EXTRA SERIOUS MONEY—right now it's up to \$1450.** It's progressive and getting bigger. Buy tickets in the Cantina.

Just a couple more items and were done. Sign up for the MATCH PLAY tournament on **JAN 8** with **CHUCK PLUMB.**

And on **FEB 5th**, don't forget the 18 HOLE MEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER with the LADIES' CLUB. Big fun. 50-50 drawing, food, drink...

So that's it for this month. Thanks for reading so far, and just let me say this: Ken Venturi was having lunch at Winged Foot with member Jack Whitaker, and they decided to play a round. Since Venturi had neither clubs nor clothes, Whitaker borrowed some clubs and found him a tattered sweater and a ratty old hat. On the ninth fairway, Venturi was 2 under and had just hit a spectacular shot for an easy eagle putt. His caddie looked at him wide-eyed and said, "I don't know who you are, mister, but if you come back here tomorrow dressed like that, we can make a lotta money!"

Steve Senvold
18 Hole Men's Club Communications

PICKELBALL:

Sign up in Activities to participate in a fun gathering of Pickelball players. Meet weekdays at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm at the Pickelball Courts to engage in open play and informal lessons.

WOODWORKING SHOP:

Shop monitors are in attendance to keep the shop open:

January 2nd to March 31st
Monday through Friday
9:00a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

Volunteers (regular or stand-by) are needed, if interested contact Graham Shirley at 928-318-2865.

The Shop may be opened outside of monitored hours by appointment. Please see or call first:

Graham Shirley: 928-318-2865
Joe Gavasso: 360-621-9913

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John Smith: 360-410-4042

Recommendation: If operating any power tools an additional person should always be present in the building with you.

BOOK CLUB DATES:

January 18th Room 114
February 13th Room 104
March 22nd Room 114

All meetings are at 7:00p.m.

SHUFFLEBOARD:

Fun Shuffle:

Well, the Recreational Shuffleboard has been getting more players each day. They play on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Please come 15 minutes early to get ready to play. Participants pull a number to determine their team and court. No experience required and equipment is supplied. Come and check it out.

League & Tournament Play:

With league play we get to interact with the various parks as they come to ours to play and we go to theirs Wednesday Afternoons. On Tuesdays there is the Don Tracy League which Cocopah as representative that plays here and other parks.

On the tournament circuit we have teams participating at the various parks. Cocopah was represented at the tournament held after Christmas.

Submitted by
Bruce Clement

SCRAPBOOKING:

Scrapbooking meets each Monday in Room 114 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

We have had a wonderful patron Irene Gavasso donate a Big Shot and paper to scrapbooking. We now have embellishments, paper, a big shot, miscellaneous stamps and stamp pads. If you want to try it out without extra costs or have some small or big projects you want to tackle come join us. You work at your own pace and to your own designs and time frame. We can share ideas on what we have done. Once a month we are looking at doing a structured course; the first one is January 8th as identified below. We welcome suggestions as to what you would like to be taught. Please come and join us.

Debbie Clement

SCRAPBOOKING COURSE “Making an Altered Composition Notebook”

This little book uses many different techniques and will be taught by Dominique. She has a table at the Craft Show with all the beautiful handmade books. She will supply kits including the glue. You will need a cutter, ruler (if you have it), eraser, scissors, or we can share. Course is limited to the first 10 who sign up. For registration or additional information email dbclement@shaw.ca, stop by Debbie Clement’s site 510, or drop by scrapbooking on Mondays at 1 p.m.

Date: Monday, January 8th

Place: Room 114

Time: 1p.m. – 5p.m.

Registration closes January 3rd.



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COCOPAH QUILTERS:

Welcome back! Every Tuesday and Friday Rooms 115 and the ceramic Room are reserved for the use of the quilters and sewers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants spend their time working on their own projects, on charity projects, helping each other, or visiting and having fun and laughing a lot. In addition to the comradery, having more room to work, many of the basic tools setup and available to use adds to comfort and productivity. All are welcome whether beginner, long-time sewers/or quilters and are encouraged to take part. You do not have to commit to any time lines. Come as you are able. Remember if anyone wants to sew and does not have a machine; the park has machines that can be used.

For more information, contact any quilt member or Nancy Shirley at 928-318-2865, site 662.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

The Activities Office welcomes contributions to the monthly newsletter. Contributions must focus on the Cocopah RV & Golf Resort. All contributions are subject to editing and approval. Please submit contributions in text or MS Word format no later than **the 25th of the prior month.** Please attach any logos or pictures in jpg format (medium size) as a separate attachment.

Email to Activities@CocopahRV.com
Contributors unable to email may drop off a neatly written form at the Activities Office.

RESORT SECURITY:

Calling for Emergency Help

While we hope you will never need this information, if you need to call for emergency medical, fire or police help, it is very important that you provide this information to the 911 Call Center operators. Residents have reported that

occasionally calls initially reach emergency call centers in California or even Mexico. You may want to post this information in an easy to find location:

Call 911:

I have an emergency in YUMA, Arizona. I am located at 6800 S Strand Ave, Site _____, Yuma, Arizona.

After calling 911, it is helpful if you call Cocopah RV Security at 928-503-0676 and tell them that you have help on the way.

Contact Information & Important Numbers

Security:
(928) 503-0676

Office:
(928) 343-9300

19th Hole Restaurant:
(928) 782-0807

Golf Shop:
(928) 343-1663

Activities:
(928) 343-1061

Visit our website:
www.cocopahrv.com

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January Events:

- 6th Walk, Talk, Shop**
- 6th Six Feet Up**
- 8th Craft Fair**
- 8th Soup Night**
- 13th Resort Evet #3**
- 13th The Dependables Dance**
- 15th Horseraces**
- 16th Laughing Bird Show**
- 20th Bethany Owen**
- 23rd New Broom Presentation**
- 24th Health Fair**
- 26th Bar D Wrangler Entertainment**
- 27th Red 7 Blue Golf Challenge**
- 27th Big Boss Band**
- 30th Sky Med**