

Cocopah Gazette

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NOTES FROM DARRIN FIELDS

Thank you all for your warm welcome to Cocopah RV and Golf Resort. In the brief time I've been here, you have shown me that Cocopah really does have the Friendliest People and each person I've met has made me personally feel very welcome. I look forward to working with each of you to ensure you enjoy Yuma's best resort to the fullest. To those of you I've yet to meet, I plan to be out and about regularly in our community inspecting facilities and meeting as many of you as possible. If you see me roaming the resort, please stop me to say "hello". Someday soon I plan to play our golf course so that I can appreciate its condition from a player's perspective. If I hit an errant ball, please forgive me. I'm an avid golfer, not a perfect one.

We are pleased to announce that the entire golf course has re-opened on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, with a 90-degree cart rule in effect. Actually the 90-degree cart rule always applies, so we are just back to our standard golf course operating procedure. As serious golfers appreciate, the 90-degree rule is essential to protect the fragile grass on the fairways from excessive wear.

Unfortunately, there are still some areas of the golf course with large brown spots. We have hired an outside consulting firm to perform soil samples on test areas on the golf course and advise us as to the best procedure to get the grass growing appropriately. We are serious about addressing this issue and will work diligently to make the grass grow.



I need to remind each of you that driving across unoccupied sites is strictly prohibited. We are currently replacing three sewer connections that were damaged due to drivers "cutting across unoccupied sites". Even if you do not damage a sewer or water connection, driving across the gravel sites damages resort property by compressing the gravel, requiring the purchase of more gravel and increasing resort costs and therefore your rental costs. Of course, if you are observed damaging resort property, you are responsible for those costs. Please Follow the Rules – Follow the Roads (observing the speed limits and traveling in the correct direction)!

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Judy Ratajczyk, our Activities Director, is taking personal medical leave. We look forward to her returning to her office in the spring.

- Darrin

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

We've all experienced the feeling – pulling into a new RV resort and wondering how to find out what activities are available – how to get involved? On some RV review site we saw the golf course, the spectacular pool, 8 Pickle Ball courts, the card rooms, the crafts, the card games, the shuffleboard court, horseshoes, aerobics, etc. and we thought we'd love to spend the winter there. But now we are here, how do we get involved? It's overwhelming, given the variety of activities available. First stop: -- the Activities Office located in the rear of the Ballroom Building (enter from the Pickle Ball court side of the building). Ask for a Monthly Calendar, a schedule of Entertainment, and a Gazette. The friendly volunteers in the Activities Office can let you know about the details for many activities; Second Stop: If you are here for several months and you'd like to participate in organized golf, stop in the Golf Shop and ask about joining one of the Cocopah golf clubs. If you are here for a short time, ask in the Golf Shop about playing in one of the golf clubs as a visitor. The Golf Shop has the contact information for each of the organized golf groups. Step Three: Come out; join in; come to the Cantina on Tuesday and Friday evenings, come to the monthly Soup Night pot luck dinner, attend a dance, meet new friends, you will find that

Cocopah RV and Golf Resort is home to the Friendliest People.

SECURITY

The Cocopah RV and Golf Security Department is available 24 hours, every day. Security Manager Anthony Quintero wishes to remind residents, "If you see security issue, please call Security at 928-503-0676 immediately." It is of very limited value to report speeders or suspicious behavior days after the event.

SOUP NIGHT

The December Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, December 2nd. 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 8-10 people. Bring your own tableware, bowls and plates, glasses, napkins, and drinks (BYOB). Happy Hour starts at 4:00 pm, Soup, Salad and Dessert at 5:00 pm. Sign up in Activities so there are enough tables set-up for everyone. Make a new friend, invite someone new to join your table. No charge.

19TH Hole Restaurant

Daily: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy Breakfast and Lunch.

Check Out the New Menu.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, December 7th The **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band** will return for their first appearance at Cocopah RV & Golf Resort this season. The **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band** performances are almost always sold-out. Join in the dancing from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

Saturday, December 14th, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm **The Dependables** will perform for the Saturday night dance. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

Saturday, December 28th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm dance with **Ann 'N' Dean**. Ann 'N' Dean have a large song list and offer a variety of dance specials. These include 50's and 60's music, new country or old country, or tasty old rock. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance: The most popular event of the season on Monday, December 31st is the annual New Year's Eve celebration. Enjoy dinner and dancing with **The Rock 'n Roll Express**. Happy Hour at 5:00 pm (BYOB), Dinner at 6:00 pm, and Dancing from 7:00 pm to 12:30 am. For dinner choose between Prime Rib or Dover Sole stuffed with Scallops, twice baked potato, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, salad, bread, and cheesecake. Tickets available at Activities in advance. Dinner and dance tickets \$35.00 (no separate dance only tickets are sold for this event). **Anyone who purchased a ticket before December 1st must go**

to the Activities Office to make their dinner menu selection before December 15th.

New Year's Eve in the Cantina: For a more casual affair, on New Year's Eve join in the festivities in the Cantina. On December 31st at 6:00 pm enjoy a potluck dinner followed by dancing to **The Cactus Guys** from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 which includes 1 drink and champagne at 10:00 pm. (No BYOB in the Cantina.) Sign-up in advance at the Cantina. This event always sells out very early!

CARE FOR DOGGIES

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

When I poop, you gotta scoop!



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

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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 8:00 am. The sale continues until noon. This is also an opportunity for residents to offer “Free” items to fellow residents. On Saturday, December 7th, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be January 4, 2020.

CRAFT FAIR

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Monday, December 9th in the ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This is likely the final Craft Fair with outside vendors for the 2019-2020 season. At press time, 52 vendors had reserved tables. That’s huge! There should be a lot of interesting merchandise. Look for holiday items and unique gift ideas. The December 9th show will have drawings and coffee and donuts will be available for purchase.

DECORATORS WANTED

Do you miss decorating your big house for the holidays? Come and join the Cocopah Decorating Volunteers. Men and women are welcome. Volunteers will meet at the Activities Office on December 10th to decorate the Ballroom for Christmas and on December 26th to decorate the Ballroom for New Year’s Eve. Check with Activities for the exact time.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Decorate Cocopah! Residents should illuminate their holiday lights and decorate their homes by Sunday, December 8th. Site judging will occur during the Golf Cart Parade.

GOLF CART PARADE

On Sunday, December 8th join in a parade of decorated lighted golf carts as they parade their way on the streets of the resort. Meet with your decorated and lighted golf cart (or scooter) at 4:30 pm in front of the Administration Building. 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. You will hear them coming!

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SALVATION ARMY HOLIDAY DRIVE



For more than 27 years the residents of Cocopah have supported the Salvation Army in its Food and Donation Drive and Angel Tree project. On Sunday, December 8th 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 10th. Make a child’s Christmas a happy one. The residents of Cocopah are extremely generous every year and we thank you for that.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Not enough room in your RV or park model to gather with your friends for Christmas dinner? Book a table in the Ballroom to be part of the annual Christmas dinner gathering where friends

collaborate to host a small pot-luck type holiday dinner within the community of friends and neighbors. Ask for more details in Activities.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing begins Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Join instructors Ronay Hansen and Liz Walter and have some fun. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of dances.

PICKLEBALL

Join the Pickleball players every morning at 8:00 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.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND KEEP THE OLD, ONE IS SILVER AND THE OTHER IS GOLD

Remember that Girl Scout song, “Make New Friends and Keep the Old, One is Silver and the Other is Gold,” that’s Cocopah RV and Golf Resort. Let’s each of us bring a new friend into our “Happy Hour”, “Wednesday Supper”, “Sunday Golf”, and “Movie Night” group this season. In retirement it’s difficult for some

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people to make new friends; let's each of us make the initiative to be a new friend. You never know who you might meet, perhaps your new best friend.

BOOK CLUB

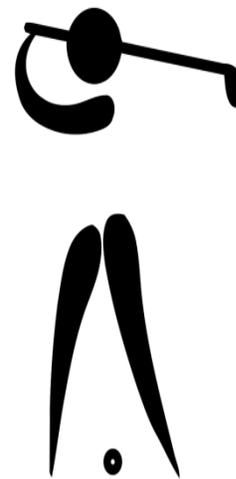
The Cocopah Book Club has announced their book selections for the season. On Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 pm in the Cocopah Library the club will socialize and discuss *The Lemoncholy Life of Annie Aster* by Scott Wilbanks. From Amazon: "Annabelle Aster doesn't bow to convention-not even that of space and time-which makes the 1890s Kansas wheat field that has appeared in her modern-day San Francisco garden easy to accept. Even more peculiar is Elsbeth, the truculent schoolmarm who sends Annie letters through the mysterious brass mailbox perched on the picket fence that now divides their two worlds." The club organizers, Candace Wallace and Carolyn Kimbrel, have arranged for copies of the book to be available to Cocopah residents from the Yuma Public Library. Contact Carolyn (#265) before December 4th or Candace (#285) after December 4th for more information.

On February 7th the Book Club will discuss *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover and on March 8th *The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After* by Wamariya and Weil.

Agriculture is the Business of Yuma

Please stay out of all agriculture fields; human and animal footprints contaminate the vegetables, forcing the farmer to forgo harvesting a large portion of the field. Entering an agriculture field is a criminal offense. Please advise your visitors of this important issue.

GOLF



GOLF SHOP DEMO DAY

Ping and Cobra will participate in Demo Day at the Cocopah driving range on Thursday, December 12th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come and try out their new clubs.

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GOLF SHOP CHRISTMAS SALE December 14 & 15

RESORT EVENT # 2

Resort Golf Event #2 will be held on Saturday, December 14th with a morning shotgun start. Afternoon shot-gun start may be added if sufficient people sign-up. 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 \$29 per player which includes use of a cart or trail fee. Lunch consisting of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and a cookie is available for \$8 (paid in advance) for players and guests. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, December 3rd and end Tuesday, December 10th. No food will be sold after December 10th (including the day of the event). Sign up in the Golf Shop.

JOIN A GOLF CLUB

Cocopah hosts four competitive golf clubs and a Ladies' informal golf group. Each club offers the opportunity for a scheduled weekly tee time,

organized play, prizes, group comradery, and other social events.

Golf Club	Play Day	Annual Fee	Weekly Play Fee
Men's 18 Hole Club	Monday	\$35	\$5
Cocopah Ladies Golf Club	Wednesday	\$40	\$5
Men's 9 Hole Club	Tuesday	\$30	\$5
Ladies 9 Hole Club	Tuesday	\$30	\$4

For more information on the golf clubs, see the bulletin boards located between the laundry room and the Golf Shop.

In addition to the competitive golf clubs, Cocopah hosts the Red Hat Ladies group (not affiliated with the Red Hat Society) that meets for informal golf on Thursday afternoons. For information, see the bulletin board located in the vestibule of the Ladies restroom located between the laundry room and the Golf Shop.

GOLF LESSONS

Brad Arnn is offering golf lessons on Mondays by appointment. Cost is \$25 for 30 minutes or five 30-minute lessons for \$100. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

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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.

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. 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

2019 - 2020 Winter Season Telephone Numbers and Hours

Administration Office & Mailroom

928-343-9300

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Activities Lobby - 928-722-7577

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Golf Shop - 928-343-1663

Daily: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

19th Hole Restaurant – 928-722-7593

Daily: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cantina

Daily: 10:45 am – 7:00 pm or later

Security - 928-503-0676

Daily: 24 hours

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