

Cocopah Gazette

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NOTES FROM DARRIN FIELDS

Our winter season is in full swing. I continue to enjoy meeting many of you as I am out in the resort. I'm impressed with the variety and number of different interests represented among our residents. Our occupancy numbers are up. Thank you for spreading the word that Cocopah RV & Golf Resort is the best value in Yuma.

The 19th Hole Restaurant with Chef Darin continues to provide excellent food for our residents. In response to your requests, we have resumed the Fish Fry dinners. Join us on Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 21 between 4:30 – 7:00 pm for our Fish Fry dinner.

I'm pleased to announce that we have been able to resume the popular Craft Fairs with vendors from both inside and outside the resort. Look for an article titled "Craft Fair" in this Gazette for more details.

Please – if you have an RV, boat, or trailer in our RV storage lot or the trailer storage area near the maintenance building, come to the Administration Office before February 10th to ensure that your item is properly registered. Soon we will begin taking action to remove unregistered vehicles.

Soon I will be asking you to complete the annual Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Cocopah Tribal Council uses the results of these surveys to guide decision-making. This is your opportunity to make your preferences known.

Look for the one-page survey in your mailbox the week of February 23rd. Please return the survey to the Administration Office or the Post Office no later than February 29th.

We want you to be safe. If you are walking on our streets, walking your dog, bicycling, driving a golf cart or other vehicle after sunset, PLEASE wear headlamps, have reflectors, carry a flashlight, wear reflective gear, and use your head and tail lamps. I have heard numerous complaints from residents that other residents are not visible – that's dangerous! Only you can protect yourself!

Residents are reminded that pet owners are strictly responsible for picking up pet waste immediately. It is not permissible to "open your door and let your dog do his/her business" in the darkness of early morning or late night (or any other time). You are responsible for monitoring your pet at all times. Your neighbors should not find unexpected "offerings" in their site. If your dog is outside, you are required to be closely monitoring him or her and of course, your pet must always be under your specific control. Your neighbors and I appreciate your adherence to our rules.

Please know that I want to hear your comments and concerns. It is impossible for me to be available at all times on a drop-in basis. I am most easily reached via email at fieldsd@cocopah.com. I promise that I will respond to each email message I receive. If you do not use email, feel free to leave a written message for me at the Administration Office

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with your name, site number, telephone number, and concern. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

--- Darin
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RESERVATION DAY

Traditionally March 1st is Reservation Day. This year March first falls on a Sunday when the Administration Office is closed. For 2020 the policies regarding Reservation Day have been extended to March 2nd. March 2nd is coming soon. March 2, 2020 begins Open Reservation Season. On March 2nd all unreserved sites become available for reservation by the general public. You can beat Open Season. If you have paid for at least two months in a site during the 2019-2020 season, you can guarantee your reservation of a minimum period of one month for the 2020-2021 season in your existing site by making your reservation BEFORE March 2nd. All sites not reserved prior to March 2nd become open and available for one month or longer reservations by the general public on March 2nd. If you wish to change sites, call or come to the Administration Office early on Monday, March 2nd to book your new site. (In an attempt to dispel old rumors, people reserving annual sites have no greater priority than anyone else. March 2nd begins Open Season for Everyone!) 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 Fish Fry

Come to the 19th Hole Restaurant on Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 21st from 4:30 – 7:00 pm for Chef Darin’s superb Fish Fry. Enjoy 2 pieces of fried cod, French fries, and coleslaw for \$9.00.

THE CANTINA

Come to the Cantina on Sunday, February 2 to enjoy a Super Bowl pot luck beginning at 4:00 pm. Chips & Nachos and chicken wings will be available for sale.

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 1st, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be March 7th, 2020.

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PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

On Saturday, February 15th Cocopah RV Security Manager Anthony Quintera has organized an Annual Public Safety Fair. Representatives of US Border Patrol, Cocopah Police, Cocopah Emergency Management, the Red Cross, Rural Metro Fire and Safety, helicopter rescue, and 10 other federal and local public safety organizations will demonstrate their equipment and explain their agency's contributions to our area safety. There will be helicopters from the US Border Patrol and Air Care, an emergency transport service. The Cocopah Police will have their Incident Command Center available for tours. Come out on the morning of February 15th around the Administration Building to meet these government officials and see the contributions they make to the safety of the Yuma area. This event will be live-streamed by the Cocopah Tribal Office of Communications. Music will be playing and food will be available for purchase. Look for the grand parade of public safety vehicles at the end of the event.

MARDI GRAS

Cocopah RV and Golf Resort always celebrates Mardi Gras in style. There are day-time and night-time activities.

Day Time -

Fat Tuesday – **Mardi Gras Carnival Games.** Cocopah RV celebrates with Mardi Gras Carnival games. Tuesday, February 25th from 12:30 – 3:00 pm enjoy the carnival games located in the pavilion between the swimming pool and the Golf Shop. Look for the yummy pie-eating contest! Games are at no cost to residents. The Cantina will be serving specialty drinks, Po Boys and Brats.

Night-Time -



The **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band** is returning on Tuesday, February 25 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm to celebrate Mardi Gras. Get out your Mardi Gras beads and mask and join in the fun. The Old Time Rock and Roll Band is the most popular band that regularly performs at Cocopah. Tickets cost \$8.00 each in advance or at the door. Ballroom.

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GORDY & DEBBIE SHOW

The musical duet Gordy & Debbie from Branson, Missouri will perform their tribute to George Strait on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Tickets cost \$8.00.

HANSON FAMILY SHOW

The Hanson Family will perform western swing, yodeling, rousing fiddle tunes and blazing harmony combined with humor and audience participation on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Cost \$8.00.

DAKOTA PLAYERS DANCE

On Saturday, February 8 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm the husband and wife duo “Dakota Players” will provide country dance music. Ballroom. Cost \$8.00

BARBARA FAIRCHILD

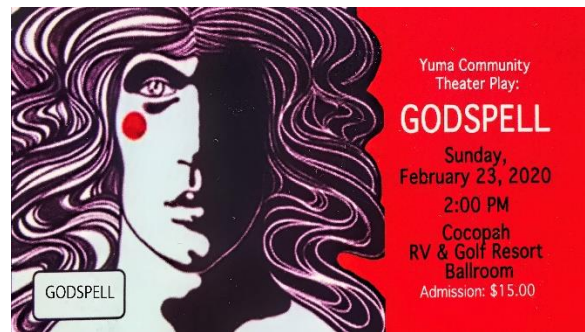
Barbara Fairchild will sing country and gospel music on Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Cost \$10.00

PORTER HOUSE & THE T-BONES DANCE

Friday, February 21 at 7:00 pm come out and dance to the new 3-piece band, “Porter House and the T-bones”. Their tagline is “Music with meat!” This new band features musician alumni from some of the most notable bands

performing in Yuma. Band leader and bass player Bob Pallansche said their plan is to perform songs familiar to a younger retiree generation. In addition to some oldies, they will perform music from the 70’s and 80’s and some original pieces. Look forward to a fun evening of modern music, outlaw country, and some line dances thrown in the mix. Ballroom. Cost \$6.00

GODSPELL LIVE THEATER



Live theater returns to the Cocopah RV Ballroom with the 1970s Broadway musical production of *Godspell* performed by the Yuma Community Theater. Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 pm. Tickets cost \$15.00 in advance at Activities.

JERRY AND JUDY PRUNTY SHOW

Jerry and Judy will present their “Back to the Sixties” show - a flashy and fun tribute to the music of the early 60’s on February 28th at 7:00 pm. Cost \$10.00.

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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE



Join *The Dependables* for a special dinner dance on Valentine's Day. February 14th, happy hour at 5:00 pm, dinner and dance to follow at 6:00 pm. Dinner consists of Chicken Francese, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, and Asparagus with Strawberry and Cheese Crepes for dessert. Cost \$25.00. (Dance only cost \$8.00 if space is available.)

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Monday, February 10th 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 who has questions regarding the Craft Fair, please contact Paula Freeman in the Activities Office.

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.

Mid-day Non-Competitive Pickle Ball – Enter the Sweet Pickles! On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm meet the “Sweet Pickles” at the Pickle Ball Courts. The Sweet Pickles are men and women interested in playing non-competitive Pickle Ball. Keep score or not, your choice. Laugh a lot! Newcomers and new players are especially welcome. Join this fun group and get hooked on Pickle Ball!

Sack Rat -- Nocturnal Pickle Ball players gather at 6:30 pm. The courts are well lit for evening enjoyment.

HORSE RACES

The second round of the Horse Races will be held on Monday, February 10th beginning at 5:00 pm. Gather a group for a potluck table and sign up in Activities. No charge.

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HOWLING AT THE MOON

On Sunday, February 9th join the celebration of Howling at the Moon.



The event begins at 4:00 pm at the 18th Hole Pavilion down by the Colorado River. Bring a chair, dish to share, your own tableware, and BYOB. Enjoy camaraderie and music by Cocopah residents. Weather permitting, there will be a campfire. Join to watch the full moon rise. Dress warmly as the temperature drops after the sun sets. No charge.

LINE DANCING

Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm join Ronay Hansen and Liz Walters in the Ballroom and

have fun. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of line dances.

VARIETY SHOW

Cocopah residents are performing a Variety Show on February 20, 2020 at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. in the Ballroom. This event typically sells out. Tickets cost \$5.00 in advance at Activities.

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for wine, snacks, and conversation on Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 pm in the library. The book selection for February is Educated by Tara Westover. The book chronicles Tara's journey from a child born to survivalists in Idaho in a violent household through her quest for knowledge ultimately at Harvard and Cambridge Universities.

WOODSHOP

The Wood Shop is open with a Monitor present Monday through Friday 9:00 am - noon and 1:00 pm pm-4:00 pm. The Wood Shop is closed Saturday and Sunday.

Have you noticed new wooden bike racks at the Cocopah? One is at the Wood Shop, another at the Administration Office, and a third outside the card room. They were designed and constructed by resident woodworkers.

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Cocopah Woodworkers show and sell their creations at the Craft Show. Stop by to see their handiwork.

Maintenance and operation of the Wood Shop relies solely on the support from Cocopah residents. Donations of tools in good working condition as well as monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to become involved with the Wood Shop stop by during open hours or contact John Smith #370 or call (360) 410-4042.

- John Smith

RECYCLING

Recycling is alive and well in at Cocopah RV. Please place well-rinsed and drained cans, glass, jars and cardboard, paper, plastic, and paper/cardboard food containers with the inner bag removed in the well-marked recycling bins. Please do not put garbage in the recycling bins. Thank you.

- Mary Routt

BLOCK PARTY

Block 5 – Mission Hills & Augusta

Meet your neighbors at the Block #5 Block Party on Sunday, February 16th in the Ballroom from 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Bring snack finger foods, appetizers, desserts, your own table service and beverage. Contact John & Cindy Smith #370.

GOLF



GOLF SHOP

1st Saturday Sale: On Saturday, February 1st from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm the Golf shop will hold its monthly Patio Sale. Come look for special pricing on a variety of items.

Grand Demo Day and Sale: It's leap year! The Cocopah Golf Shop is excited to announce a *Grand Demo Day and Sale* on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Callaway, Cleveland, Cobra, and Ping representatives will have new equipment available for you to try on the driving range from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Receive a 10% discount on any golf clubs purchased on February 29th! Curious if your choice of golf balls impacts your golf score? Cleveland will be fitting their Srixon golf balls during this event. Come to the Golf Shop anytime between 8:00 am – 3:00 pm to find other special Leap Year discounts.

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RED – BLUE GOLF CHALLENGE

The annual 18 Hole Red-Blue Golf Challenge will be held on Saturday, February 22nd. The event is a two-person scramble, match play, limited to 144 players. The team captains are representatives of the Cocopah 18 and 9 Hole Men's and Ladies' Golf Clubs. Teams for match play are picked by the captains. Play will be a morning shotgun start. Challenge fee of \$20 includes prizes and lunch. Half of participants will win prizes of Golf Shop credit. Sign up February 9 – February 16 in the Golf Shop.

RESORT EVENT # 5

Resort Golf Event #5 will be held on Saturday, March 7nd. 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 better-ball (better 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 \$29 per player that includes the use of a cart or a trail fee. Food will be available for players and guests paid in advance at the Golf Shop. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, February 25th and end Tuesday,

March 3 at 4:00 pm. Sign up for golf and food in the Golf Shop no later than March 3rd.

LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

January was another great month of golf and fellowship with the 18 Hole Cocopah Lady's Golf Club. The "Men's & Ladies' Mixer" was held on January 29th hosted by the Ladies. The winners were announced following a delicious luncheon along with the presentation of door prizes. The winning team members were: Bob Canart, Phil Curran, Cec Failler & Marian Marston. On January 15th, the Ace of the month winners were Cindy Joel for Gross and Becky Hazen for Net. The ladies are all looking forward to more golf in February especially the two-day Club Championship & President's Cup to be held on February 24th & 26th. Good luck to all.

- Marie Grumetza

MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The 18 Hole Men's Club annual "away" tournament is February 24 at Desert Hills Golf Course. Golf, cart, meal, prizes--\$55, which includes a \$10 subsidy by the Men's Club. The Annual banquet is March 10th featuring prime rib and adult beverages.

The winners of the Pick Your Partner tournament are: A flight - Gross: Steve Krasovetz and Mark Shearon; Net: Norm

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Hinkley and Don Jorgensen. B flight - Gross: Roy Smith and Dennis Knelsen; Net: David Fauske and Tom Rolfson. C flight - Gross: Scott Barnes and Bob Rutschman; Net: John Kimbrel and Oren Skiles. D flight - Gross: Wayne Poirier and Lloyd Lancaster; Net: Ron Meola and Gary Thoman.

- Steven Senvold

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The 9/18 Hole Mixer was held January 18th. All participants had a great time. Thank you to the 18 Hole Ladies for hosting the event. The Nine Hole Ladies January luncheon included a raffle for a handmade quilt donated by one of club members. The lucky winner was Su Carpenter. Sixteen ladies who managed to get a birdie or a chip-in were recognized with pins. The Nine Hole Club golfer of the month for December was Pam Huft. The 9 Hole Mixed Classic is coming in February. The cost is \$25 for the two-day tournament that includes the luncheon on February 8th and prizes. Golfers must commit to play both days.

- 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”. 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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