

# Cocopah Gazette

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## NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

Like much of the hospitality business, labor and supply chain shortages have made this a challenging season. We appreciate residents' frustration that everything isn't the same this year as other years. Please know that our staff is working extremely hard for you. To that end, I am making some mid-season adjustments to better serve our residents and preserve our limited staff.

Effective immediately the 19th Hole Restaurant will cease catering events. The 19th Hole Restaurant will focus solely on serving breakfast and lunch, Tuesdays through Saturday from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm. You can count on this schedule. We will continue to have burger night on Tuesdays and Friday night specials in the Cantina. We are cancelling the previously scheduled Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day dinners; we will hold dances on those evenings. Golf and other clubs that wish to hold lunches or dinners in the Ballroom using outside caterers or self-catering are free to do so as scheduled through Activities. For the remainder of this season, we are waiving the cost of room set-up for those events.

We are quite proud of our Pickleball courts. The Pickleball courts are a resort amenity that is available and open to all residents. As the courts have become more crowded, we are finding it necessary to formulate a fair allocation of those resources. Over the next few weeks, I will be meeting with interested residents and soliciting your ideas for how we can best serve all resident

pickleball players, both Pickleball Club members and non-members. I welcome input from anyone interested in Pickleball.

As those of you who have been here for a while know, I love rumor control (and I despise rumors). I am establishing a system to formally respond to rumors, so you know the truth from me. Look for the box labeled "Rumor Control, Who Has a Rumor?" in the Activities Lobby. Anyone may drop a note in the box relating a rumor or current "hot topic" question. I will review the rumors and questions promptly and post a response on the bulletin board next to the box. If the rumor/question has broad applicability, I will have it addressed in the Weekly Happenings as well.

I met with representatives of the 9- and 18-Hole men's and women's golf clubs regarding the out-of-bound markers along the 18th fairway. The representatives voted that the area between the golf cart path and the new walking trail (and the river) will remain out-of-bounds and marked with white stakes.

As the number of COVID-19 cases in Yuma County are significant, we remain focused and concerned about the health and safety of our residents and staff. We do not want to be forced to cancel all gatherings. Note however, that no large gatherings of non-residents are permitted unless scheduled through Activities and approved by me.

Crystal Durand has resigned from Activities. We wish her well in her new endeavors. Please stop

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by Activities after February 1st to welcome Aleesha Van Horn. Aleesha Van Horn has significant experience as an Activities Coordinator.

Lastly, I need your help. As most of you are aware, we can hold Tuesday hamburger night and Friday night specials in the Cantina due to the collective efforts of the Cantina staff and volunteer cooks and servers. Every one of these people are your neighbors and friends who come together to make this happen. We don't require you to purchase tickets in advance; Sometimes more people show up than we expect – it just happens that way. Please have patience when things aren't going as well as you'd like. Step up and volunteer if you are able. Say "thank you" for all their effort.

## RESERVATION DAY

March 1<sup>st</sup> is Reservation Day. March 1, 2022 begins Open Reservation Season. On March 1st 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 2021-2022 season, you can guarantee your reservation of a minimum period of one month for the 2022-2023 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 Tuesday, 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 Everyone!) If you wish to reserve a site for a shorter time-period than one-month, short-term reservations will open on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## THE CANTINA

Join the Cantina on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm for Hamburger Night. Hamburger and chips for \$6.00.



On Fridays the Cantina features a rotating special menu item for supper beginning at 4:30 pm. Look for the *Weekly Happenings* announcement for that week's special.

Come to the Cantina for a Super Bowl Potluck. On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> the Cantina will open at 1:00 pm. Potluck during the game.

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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 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 5th, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be March 5th, 2022.

## SOUP NIGHT

The February Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, February 7th. 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 (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. Invite someone new to join your table. There is no charge.

## VALENTINE’S DAY DANCE



Join **Old Time Rock ‘n Roll Band** for a special dance on Valentine’s Day. February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets \$8.00 in advance or at the door.

**Troublemakers** will provide dancing music on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets \$8.00 in advance or at the door.

**Alamo River Band** will provide dancing music on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets \$8.00 in advance or at the door.

## CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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who has questions regarding the Craft Fair, please contact Paula Freeman at [paulaspantry32@yahoo.com](mailto:paulaspantry32@yahoo.com).

## JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

Learn to make unique, personalized jewelry for yourself or as gifts. Class meets every Tuesday from 9:00 am - 12:00pm. Limited spots available; call Betti Smith 928-975-4848.

## CARDMAKING CLASS

Join Sue Spicer's popular card-making class each Thursday at 1:00 pm.



Due to the popularity of Sue's classes, this season she has launched a new initiative where she prepares kits with all the necessary supplies for each student to create three unique cards each week. Students may complete the cards either in-person during class or independently on their own schedule. The cost is merely a \$5.00 materials fee. Contact Sue at [suespicer.ss@gmail.com](mailto:suespicer.ss@gmail.com) or call/text her at 530-241-8131 to sign-up so she knows how many kits to prepare.

## PICKLEBALL CLUB

With the approval of the Cocopah RV logo, the resident Pickleball Club is now official.



Cocopah Pickleball Club members have already scored some impressive medals in the 2021-2022 season. Many of Cocopah residents are playing in the Yuma Senior Games in February.

Volunteers will be giving free beginner lessons Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm with equipment provided. Bring your own paddle (sold in Golf Shop with excellent selection of pickleball bags,

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too) or some will be provided. Wearing court shoes is recommended. No need to sign-up in advance; just show up.

## HORSE RACES

The second round of the Horse Races will be held on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Hour at 4:00 pm, potluck dinner at 5:00 pm, the races begin at 6:00 pm. There will be hat contests for both men and women, a prize for the best decorated table and fun galore.



Sign up in Activities beginning February 2nd. No charge.

## SHUFFLEBOARD

The Shuffleboard players meet every Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 am and Friday at 1:00 pm for fun shuffling. Everyone is welcome. Arrive 10 minutes in advance to sign up for teams.

## LINE DANCING

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

## BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for conversation on Tuesday, February 22 at 2:00 pm in the library. The book selection for February is First: Sandra Day O'Connor by Evan Thomas. The book chronicles Justice Sandra Day O'Connor life from growing up on a cattle ranch in Texas to serving as the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court. Elaine Marsh will lead the discussion.

## WOODSHOP

The woodshop, located in a building between the Maintenance Yard and the 11th Tee on Inglewood Street, is open January through March, Monday through Friday mornings from 9:00 -12:00 and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1:00-4:00. The WoodShop Club maintains all the tools and equipment, provides monitors for safety and advice while the woodshop is open, and both encourages and enables a wide range of woodworking interests.

The Woodshop will have craft items for sale at the Walk, Talk & Shop on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and shop!

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A small fee to use the woodshop is paid directly to the WoodShop Club to cover tool maintenance and replacement costs. Memberships are \$25 for the full season, \$10 for a month, \$7 for a week, and \$3 for daily use.

All the tools and equipment in the woodshop have been donated by current and past residents of Cocopah park. Club members recently met to plan for future tool acquisition and the layout of the woodshop tools. Subsequently, members held a work party on January 15 to rearrange tools and benches to improve the layout and working space.

The members identified tools that need replacement. Since all the tools have been donated, some replacement parts have become very difficult to find or are simply no longer available. The club is working to build a tools replacement budget and members decided to both raise funds for the tool budget and help residents' environmental efforts by collecting and recycling aluminum cans. Residents can help by collecting beverage cans and dropping them in any of the can recycling barrels around the park and in the Cantina.

Tool donations have been instrumental in building the club and are important to its future. If you have woodworking tools that you no longer use or know someone who is ready to retire theirs, please let the WoodShop Club know.

Interested in woodworking? Stop by and talk to the monitor on duty or pick up a WoodShop Club brochure at the Woodshop, in Activities, or the Administration office.

- John Smith, President

## GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop has new Jamie Sadock and Nivo apparel for women and Antigua shirts for men. Stop by and Shop!

## Demo Day

February 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 – 2:00

Cleveland, Cobra & Ping

10% Discount on Clubs all day

Bags & Push Carts on Sale

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## GOLF



### RESORT EVENT # 4

Resort Event #4 will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022. It is a two-person “pick-your-partner” team combined with another two-person “pick-your-partner” team. The best score of the two teams will be used to determine the four-person team’s best net and gross scores per hole. The teams will be assembled from similar handicap groups. Thus, players will play with and against other players with similar handicaps. The two-person partners will be adjusted to be within 7 strokes: flighted net and gross awards. Entry cost is \$20 per player. Each player will receive one red ticket for the year-end drawing. Sign-ups began Tuesday, January 25th in the Golf Shop and end Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 4:00 pm. There are special prices on Resort Event Golf Green Fees. Food tickets are available and must be purchased by February 1st in the Golf Shop.

## RED – BLUE GOLF CHALLENGE

The annual 18 Hole Red-Blue Golf Challenge will be held on Saturday, February 19th. 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 \$10 includes prizes. There will be no food or post-golf gathering. Half of participants will win prizes of \$20 Golf Shop credit. Sign up Sunday, February 6 – Sunday, February 13 in the Golf Shop.

### RESORT EVENT # 5

Resort Golf Event #5 will be held on Saturday, March 5th. 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, not a scramble); pick your own partner (within a handicap difference of 7); flighted net and gross awards. Entry cost is \$20 per player. Players will receive one red for the year-end drawing. There is a special tournament greens fee – inquire at the Golf Shop. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, February 22nd and end Tuesday, March 1 at 4:00 pm.

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## COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

To keep residents informed but not overwhelm email boxes, the Gazette plans to send one to three resort-wide emails each week. Look for “Weekly Announcements” in your inbox. If you did not receive an announcement of this Gazette via email, you are not subscribed to our current email system. If you wish to receive official Cocopah RV emails, sign-up by clicking here: [Cocopah Rv email subscription](#).

## 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](mailto: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

