

Cocopah Gazette

January 2020

NOTES FROM DARIN FIELDS

I wish a Happy New Year to each of you! May you enjoy good health and happiness in 2020 and beyond.

Our escorts will be very busy over this holiday. We are happy to welcome 41 residents arriving on January 1st and 2nd. If you see someone you've not yet met, be sure to greet them and welcome them to Cocopah RV & Golf Resort, home of the friendliest people.

For updates on what is happening at the resort, be sure to join me for the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 2:00 pm in the Ballroom. I can report now that the laundry room in the pet area is open. We have a contractor evaluating the breaker panel for a possible upgrade or replacement. I hope you enjoyed the lighted palm trees around the Administration Building during the holiday season. We can change the colors of the lights to match the occasion. Work has begun on installing lighting around the new welcome sign at Strand Ave and Miller Circle. The utilities have been marked and the electricians will begin work shortly after the holiday.

Our storage lot is becoming increasingly crowded. There are several rigs in the storage lot that are not registered with Administration. If you have a rig in storage, please stop by the Administration Office no later than January 15th to complete the registration form. Unregistered rigs risk impoundment.

I'm pleased to report that on December 24th I had the opportunity to play our golf course. (I proudly scored a 45 on 9 holes.) I intend to play the course several times a month so that I can appreciate course conditions from the perspective of a golfer. Bradley and I are launching a program to enable our maintenance employees to play golf on our course. We hope that by playing, our employees will get a fresh perspective on the value their work contributes to course conditions. If you see any of our workers playing, please encourage their golf game. Many are brand new golfers.

I look forward to seeing many of you on January 14th.

EARLY ARRIVALS

The staff in the Administration Office ask that residents who plan to arrive prior to the first scheduled day of a reservation please call Reservations at 928-343-9300 at least one day in advance so that they can ensure that the electric power is available at the site.

Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, January 14
2:00 pm, Ballroom

GORDY AND DEBBIE SHOW

On Friday, January 3, live from Branson, Mo, nine-time musical duo group of the year Gordy and Debbie presents their *Country Legends Musical Journey* in the Ballroom at 7:00 pm. Tickets cost \$10 in advance at Activities or at the door.

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SOUP NIGHT

The January Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, January 6th. 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. 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.

HOWLING AT THE MOON

On Thursday, January 9 join the celebration of Howling at the Moon.



The event begins at 4:30 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.

OLD TIME ROCK 'N ROLL BAND



Saturday, January 18, the **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band**, the most popular band to visit Cocopah, will provide rock dancing music in the Ballroom from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

RODEO

Come join in the first Cocopah Rodeo! Gather cowboys and cowgirls in your best western wear. On Sunday, January 19, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm the Cocopah Ballroom and Bocce Court will be transformed into a Rodeo. Residents will participate in a "Piggy Round-Up", "Corn Hole Toss", "Barrel Racing" and "Calf Rope'n". Come as a participant or an observer. No charge to residents and guests. The Cantina will be selling hotdogs, popcorn, and drinks.

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NEIL DIAMOND SHOW BY JACK POWELL

On Friday, January 24 at 7:00 pm, Jack Powell will perform his popular Neil Diamond Tribute Show. Jack Powell performs for 2 hours singing more than 20 Neil Diamond hits mixed with those of other notable artists. The show includes song factoids, trivia, humor and a very entertaining fun time. Tickets \$10.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.

HORSE RACES

The first Horse Races potluck will be held on Monday, January 13 beginning at 5:00 pm. Gather a group for a potluck table and sign up in Activities. No charge.

BUNCO

Join an easy card game of Bunco on Mondays from 12:30 – 3:30 in Room 104. The Bunco playing ladies enjoyed a fun holiday party.



CANTINA

Every Sunday enjoy live music in the Cantina from 12:00 – 3:00 pm.

VARIETY SHOW

The Cocopah Variety Show will take place on February 20 at 3:00 pm and at 7:00 pm. Anyone wishing to perform must submit a registration form to Stephanie Ringer no later than January 15th. No acts will be added after January 15th. Participants are reminded that they are required to participate in a mandatory dress rehearsal, in full costume and make-up, scheduled the week before the show. For more information contact Stephanie Ringer at 502-639-1318 or Site 555.

PUBLIC SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA

Security Manager Anthony Quintero has announced that Cocopah will be hosting a Public Safety Extravaganza on Saturday, February 15 from 9:00 am – noon. More than ten public safety agencies are committed to participating. More information will be released in early February but put this event on your calendar. Look forward to speaking with public safety officials from the US Border Control, Cocopah and local police departments, US Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Fish and Game, among others. Residents will have the opportunity to view the high-tech equipment that security professionals use to keep the public safe.

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CARE FOR DOGS

Calling all dogs! Please instruct your owners that they must ensure that dogs are never on the golf course or in the vegetable fields and that they must pick up dog waste immediately.

CALLING 911

In the unlikely event of a medical or other emergency requiring a call to 911, please follow the instructions below to get help to you as soon as possible. It may be useful to fill in your site information and post this box in a conspicuous spot.

Calling 911 from Cocopah RV & Golf Resort

1. Call 911 and tell the operator you need help in Yuma, Arizona. Your location is 6800 S Strand Ave., Yuma at the Cocopah RV Resort Site _____, on _____ Street.
2. After the emergency operator has all your information, call Cocopah Security at 928-503-0676.
3. At night, turn on your outside lights.

THE WOOD SHOP

The Wood Shop organization is a volunteer organization of Cocopah residents. The Wood Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 - noon and 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The Wood Shop is open only when a monitor is present. Monitors try to answer questions. Wood Shop members are working on updating the facilities and equipment. A bicycle rack was installed, the unused closet was removed, and the wood lathe was 'retired' as it was deemed unsafe and unreliable. Members are plugging gaps and holes in the building to reduce the dust and critters from entering, especially over the summer months.

All the tools in the Wood Shop have been donated and maintained by resident woodworkers. Many tools are nearing the end of their functional lifetime and will need to be replaced. Members are asking residents to consider donating woodworking tools in good condition.

Members are evaluating establishing a fee for Wood Shop usage to defray the costs of maintaining tools. Please direct any questions concerning the Wood Shop to John Smith (#370), phone/text #360-410-4042, email; jsmith6194@gmail.com.

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

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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, January 4th, walk or drive your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be February 1, 2020.

PICKLEBALL

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.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing resumes Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Join Ronay Hansen and Liz Walters and have some fun. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of dances.

GOLF CART PARADE

The winners of the Golf Cart Parade held on December 8th were: 1st Place with “Milk and Cookies for Santa” – Don and Barbara Robinson, 2nd Place with the “Candy Cane” – Candace Wallace, and 3rd Place with “Santa Climbing Down The Chimney” – Jesse Bunn and Stephanie Ringer. Winners were awarded gift certificates to the 19th Hole Restaurant.



Don and Barbara Robinson

AQUA ZUMBA

Join Darla Schofield in the pool every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 9:00 am for Aqua Zumba. The water is warm, and the exercise is fun.

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SALVATION ARMY HOLIDAY DRIVE THANK YOU

As always, Cocopah residents were extremely generous in donating food, angel gifts, and financial contributions to the Salvation Army Food Drive. In less than one hour, our volunteers collected a truckload of food. Resident Larry Plumb, who has led this Food Drive for more than 25 years, said that the Cocopah RV and Golf Resort contributions are likely to be the largest food contributions the local Salvation Army receives this season.



Larry Plumb's truck full of food.

This year the Quilting Ladies made and contributed six home-made quilts to the Salvation Army drive. The Salvation Army and

the needy of Yuma County thank you for your generosity.



The Quilting Ladies showing their contributions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Bible Study group for women meets on Thursdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm at space #388, beginning January 9th. The group will focus on the Book of James. For more information contact Penny Lancaster at 509-922-4825 (Space 435).

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for wine, snacks, and rousing conversation on Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in the Library. The book selection for January is *The Lemoncholy Life of Annie Aster* by Scott Wilbanks. On February 7th the Book Club will discuss *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. From an on-line review: Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of her older brothers became violent.

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When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University.”

- Candace Wallace & Carolyn Kimbrel

WOODWORKERS PROVIDE NEIGHBORLY ASSISTANCE

Imagine being stuck inside for a full week, completely unable to get out and visit friends or participate in any activities in the park. This was the case for one of the senior residents after the lift for his wheelchair broke and the only other access to his home was stairs that he cannot manage.



On November 5, six woodworkers got together and built an access ramp so Cocopah neighbor Don Weaver will never have to depend solely on a mechanical lift.

Residents John Smith, Nelson Anderson, Trent Desaulniers, Ray Down, Bob Osborn, and Neil Johnson made the morning and the sawdust fly to the great delight of Don Weaver, who was finally able to go out for breakfast the next day!

--Ken Smith

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GOLF



GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop will host a Patio Sale on Saturday, January 4 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Come check out the new merchandise. Looking ahead, on February 29th (It's Leap Year) the Golf Shop will host a Grand Demo Day with representatives from Cobra, Callaway, Cleveland and Ping demonstrating their new equipment. Look for more details in the February Gazette.

RESORT EVENT # 3

Resort Golf Event #3 will be held on Saturday, January 11th. 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 modified best-ball (choose the best drive and each player plays their own ball from that spot; the best score of the two partners is used for competition); 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. Sign-ups begin December 30th and end Tuesday, January 7th at 4:00 pm. Food consisting of Minestrone soup with a 4" sub and a cookie is available for \$8 (paid in advance) for players and guests. All food must be paid for no later than January 7th. There will be no food available for purchase the day of the event. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The 18 Hole Cocopah Ladies Golf Club is in full swing with golf, fun & friendship. There have been a couple of Ace of the Month tournaments followed with lunch & a meeting. On November 20th, the Gross Ace of the month was Kathy Schmidt and the Net Ace was Margaret Lowenberg. On December 11th, the Gross Ace of the month was Gwen Failler and the Net Ace was Judith Anderson. Congratulations ladies! There are 82 members at present and the Club warmly welcomes women who would like to join. The newest members are; Sheri Cotner, Terrie Allar, Faye Spearing and Breanna Buchner. Welcome aboard ladies! January should be

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another great month with regular play every Wednesday morning including: January 15 - Ace of the Month, 2nd Medallion followed by lunch & meeting, January 18 - 9/18 Hole Ladies Mixer with a 12:30 Shotgun start, January 29 - 18 Hole Men & Ladies Mixer.

- Marie Grumetza

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.



If you see our friends, the towels used to wash the golf carts, please return them to the Golf Shop. They were left drying in the sunshine and someone thought they were abandoned and took them home. Thank you.

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Nine Hole Ladies' Golf Club consists of women who like to play golf nine holes!

Registration is \$30.00 payable at the Golf Shop. Members who wish to play on a succeeding Tuesday pay a \$4.00 play day fee to the Golf Shop each week no later than the prior Sunday at 4:00 pm. Each week the Nine Hole Ladies' Golf Club and the 9 Hole Men's Golf Club switch between playing the front and back 9 holes of the Cocopah RV and Golf Resort course. From November through March, the Ladies' 9 Hole Club has a monthly general meeting and luncheon. The next meeting and luncheon will be January 20, 2020. In March the club holds an annual banquet. The theme this year is "The 70's". On January 18 the Nine Hole Ladies and the Cocopah Ladies Golf Club (18 holes) will combine to have a fun day of nine holes of golf and a luncheon. Sign-ups before the event will be in the Cantina after golf on Monday for the Cocopah Ladies Golf Club (18 holes) and after Tuesday golf for the 9 Hole ladies. The cost is \$5. Please sign up, it is always a fun day.

- Michelle Chuchmuch

RESORT EVENT # 4

Looking ahead – because the Gazette is published at the beginning of the month and our New Year's resolution is to plan ahead, we are taking this opportunity to give you an early alert for February. Resort Event #4 will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Sign-ups will end on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Look for signs around the Golf Shop for more details.

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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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