

Cocopah Gazette

January 2022

Notes from Gary Magrino:

Where is Waldo? The real question is where is Gary Magrino? Answer: My wife and I traveled to Lodi, California to spend the Christmas holiday with family. It was a long and arduous drive. On our return, we both felt as if we were coming down with some illness. Out of an abundance of caution, we were both tested by the Indian Health Services. Although we are both fully vaccinated, the test confirmed that we had both contracted COVID-19. We have been in quarantine since the day after our return. We are slowly recovering from our symptoms. I plan to return to the resort on Monday, January 10th after a negative COVID-19 test. In the meantime, I am managing things from home.

Remember, “only YOU can prevent speed bumps”? The speeding has not diminished. I have asked Bradley to obtain cost estimates for five speed bumps to be installed along Strand Ave, Miller Circle along the 17th fairway, and Cocopah Drive. We must slow traffic before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Calling all gardeners! I am working with the Cocopah Environmental Protection Office to develop plots for a community garden near the boat ramp. We hope to provide the tools and materials to grow healthy vegetables. Any residents interested in participating, please leave your name at the Administration Office.

You will see construction progress this month on the river park that the Tribe is developing along the Colorado River from near the 18th tee south to the curve in the river. Soon there will be a nice walking path and benches at each end.

The golf course continues to remain in excellent condition. Thank you for your understanding and respectful treatment of the course following the huge rainstorm. Later this week we will be fertilizing the greens. We plan to treat the greens every 2-3 weeks for the remainder of the season.

--- Gary

SOUP NIGHT

The January Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, January 3rd. 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. Make a new friend, invite someone new to join **your** table. There is no charge.

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.

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. The next opportunity will be February 5, 2022.

ENTERTAINMENT

ROCK ‘N ROLL EXPRESS: On Saturday, January 8th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm Cocopah will host “Rock n’ Roll Express” to perform for the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or at the door.

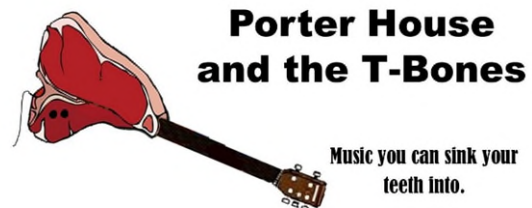
OLD TIME ROCK N’ ROLL BAND: On Saturday, January 15th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm Cocopah will welcome the ever popular “Old Time Rock n’ Roll Band” to perform for the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or at the door.



HORSE RACES: Come to the Cocopah Horseraces on Monday, January 17th and February 23rd. The Cocopah Horse races are a combination pot-luck dinner, costume party, and horse race. First – the pot-luck dinner – sign-up in Activities for a place at a specific table and indicate the dish you will contribute. Happy hour starts at 4:00 pm (BYOB), dinner at 5:00 pm (bring your own table

set). And then, ... the horse races. At the horse races, six people dress up as jockeys and “race” on a stick horse. Attendees bet on any of the horses with the winners determined by the luck of the wheel. Bets are \$1.00 per wager. Pay-outs are based on the “odds”. There will be three races on January 17th. After the three races, the horses are auctioned off to establish horse “owners”. After the three standard horse races on February 23rd, there is a grand final race for the “Owner’s Cup”. The various owners (or owner groups) compete against each other (based on the luck of the wheel) with the winning owner/group taking the pot. Come to the Cocopah Horse Races – decorate your table and yourself for the event. It’s great fun! More details about the costume party will be revealed next month.

PORTERHOUSE & THE T-BONES: On Saturday, January 29th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm Cocopah will welcome back the “Porterhouse & the T-Bones” to perform for the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or at the door.



LINE DANCING: Line dancing returns to the Ballroom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm beginning on January 11th. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of line dances. No charge.

AQUA ZUMBA: Join Darla Schofield in the pool every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 9:00 am for Aqua Zumba or land-lubbers Zumba on the grass. Cost is \$5.00 drop-in fee or

\$40 for a 10-class punch card. The water is warm and the exercise is fun.

BOOK CLUB: The Cocopah RV Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 2:00 pm in the library to discuss The Last Flight by Jules Clark. Kim Otto will lead the discussion. The paperback version of the book is available for approximately \$10.00 on Amazon. For participants who want to read ahead, the February book will be First: Sandra Day O'Connor by Evan Thomas.

PICKLEBALL: Welcome to all who want to play the fastest growing sport in the ENTIRE WORLD! The Cocopah Pickleball group offers all levels of play typically starting at 8:30 am. (They start earlier once the weather gets warmer.) Look for more information on the dry erase board located at the pickleball courts. Several of the Cocopah “once beginners” are playing at Bullhead City January 16-28 in the Senior Games. You can learn this too! In February, the Yuma Senior Games draw all levels of play. Everyone is welcome to join the Cocopah RV Pickleball Club, cost is \$25, which includes informal lessons, round robin play, balls, food, and more.

SHUFFLEBOARD: Come play Fun Shuffleboard. Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am and Friday at 1:00 pm – show up 10 minutes early to sign up for teams.

CARDMAKING CLASS: Accomplished crafter Sue Spicer is returning to teach her popular card-making class each Thursday at 1:00 pm beginning January 6th. Sue provides all the necessary supplies for a materials fee of \$5.00. During class each participant will make three cards. Due to space constraints, there is a participation limit. Contact Sue at

suespicer.ss@gmail.com or call/text her at 530-241-8131 to sign-up.



GOLF SHOP

Golf Carts: The Golf Shop has long-term gas-powered golf carts available for rent. The cost is \$75/week, \$270/month when renting for one or two months, or \$205/month when renting for three or four months. The Golf Shop provides all the gas.

Attire: New Cocopah RV logo Antiqua golf shirts have arrived for men and women. **Come shopping.**

Range Balls: Only yellow range balls purchased from the range ball machine located at the starter shack may be used on the Cocopah driving range. Other balls are prohibited! It costs labor for a staff member to spend time separating the junk balls from the good yellow balls – that in turn will cause the cost of range balls to increase. Please cooperate.

GOLF LESSONS

Brad Arnn is offering golf lessons. Look for his schedule posted in the Golf Shop.

RESORT EVENT # 3

Resort Golf Event #3 will be held on Saturday, January 15th 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 modified best-ball, pick your own partner (within a handicap difference of 7) – flighted, men's, ladies, and mixed. In Modified Best-Ball format each player hits on every drive. Partners choose the best drive and each player plays his or her own ball from that spot. Both player's scores are recorded for every hole. For scoring purposes, the computer will select the best score of the two players on a hole-by-hole basis. Golf tournament cost is \$20 per player, including 1 red ticket. Special green fee pricing – inquire at the Golf Shop. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, January 4th and end Tuesday, January 11th at 4:00 pm. Sign up in the Golf Shop. Food is available to both golfers and non-golfers. Chef Darrin is making a baked potato with chili and all the fixings plus a cookie. Food cost is \$7.00. Food tickets must be purchased in the Golf Shop no later than January 11th. No food tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event.

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. Either your email address was never subscribed or at some point your email address became "unsubscribed". 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. 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

