

Cocopah Gazette

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NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

March is upon us and we hope for warmer weather. This certainly has been an unusually chilly February – although we are thankful that we are able to enjoy the Yuma winter where we do not have to shovel that cold frozen matter called snow! While the rest of North America has suffered in bitter cold and record snowfalls, we here in Yuma have merely experienced a more chilly paradise.

As I announced at the February 19th Town Hall meeting, we have been able to limit the site rental price increase for next season to 4%. The site rental rates beginning May 1, 2019 are: standard size annual site - \$3,473, monthly - \$656, weekly - \$309, and daily - \$50. Sites that exceed 1925 square feet are charged an additional \$1.65 per square foot on an annual basis. This charge is not applied to current owners but will be initiated on the transfer of ownership.

Beginning May 1st our WiFi system will transition to the two-tiered structure that I have explained previously. Unlimited basic WiFi will be available without additional charge throughout the resort. Residents desiring premium high speed service may subscribe to that for an additional fee of \$45 monthly; weekly and daily subscriptions are also available.

I'm pleased to report that the 19th Hole Restaurant under Chef Darin continues to improve in both service and quality. We are

hopeful that with increased staff training and a diverse menu we will be able to operate the restaurant on a daily basis over the summer. If we operate the restaurant over the summer, our winter residents will benefit next season from the continuity of well-trained staff and reasonable prices.

The Pet Park and dog behavior occupies an inordinate amount of my time. As I wrote last month, I'm a dog owner and I want all of our resident dogs to enjoy their time here at Cocopah RV and the spacious Pet Park that we offer. Because our signs in the Pet Park did not accurately reflect the behavior we expect of our dog residents, I will replace the posted signs to say: "Pets Must Be Under Voice Control or Be Leashed". This means that unless your pet is on a < 6 ft. leash, it must respond to your voice command at all times. Off-leash pets must be well socialized and "play nice" with their furry friends. I really want your pets to run and play and have a good time – but the Pet Park is like kindergarten – pets must play well with others!

Our Security service is the best in Yuma County. If you have a security issue, first assess whether Cocopah RV Security can handle the issue (barking dogs, solicitors, speeding, etc.), if so, call the Guard Shack at 928-503-0676. If the issue is beyond the capabilities of Cocopah Security, (medical, fire, or other emergency) call 911. The 911 dispatcher will advise Cocopah Security that emergency help is enroute. If you have the time, it is helpful for you also to call our Security staff to alert them that you have requested emergency help. We are all here to

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help you in any emergency. I encourage each of you to store the Cocopah Security number in your cell phone and post the Security phone number on your refrigerator.

Please, as you seek to protect your properties from unwanted pests, either hire a qualified pest control company or use pesticides in the proper manner specified on the container's label. It is extremely important that anyone using pesticides do so in a legal manner. Mothballs are pesticides. Mothballs may not be used outdoors as the ingredients contaminate the soil and water supply as well as contribute to hazardous vapors in the air. Protecting agriculture and food safety is a number 1 priority in Yuma County. It is vitally important that everyone participate in protecting food and water safety.

Everyone should have received a 2019 Resident Survey in their mailbox last week. I am very interested in hearing your responses. Please, if you have not already done so, complete the survey and return it to the Post Office slot for outgoing mail no later than March 5th. If you have lost your original survey, there are extra copies in the Activities Office. I use the survey responses to drive the allocation of resources over the next year so your responses really matter! I will report the results of the survey at our next Town Hall meeting on March 20th at 2:00 pm.

I wish those of you who are departing in March safe travels. We look forward to your return next season. Our new brochure will be

available in mid-March. Please pick one up from the Administration Office before you leave the resort and share it with your friendly neighbors and friends. We'd love for them to join us as well.

--- Gary

MAIL FORWARDING

When you leave us for the summer, please stop at the Administration Office and let us know. This enables our Security personnel to better protect your property. For mail forwarding, please pick-up a mail forwarding white envelope at the Administration Office. Complete the information required and request that the office staff print mail forwarding labels for you. We will print forwarding address labels at \$1 per 30 label sheet. If mail forwarding labels are not submitted, mail will be returned to the sender. You should discuss additional details regarding your mail forwarding desires at the Administration Office.

Safety Begins With You

Residents are reminded to check their fire extinguisher, smoke detector, and CO2 detector to ensure that all items are operational and that the detectors have fresh batteries.

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THE CANTINA

On March 5th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm the Cantina will be serving Po Boys and Hot Dogs. Enjoy lunch during the Carnival. Come to the Cantina on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm for hamburgers. The Cantina will continue to rotate the menu for Friday nights. Each Friday's menu will be posted on the bar by the previous Wednesday.

SOUP NIGHT

The March Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, March 4th. 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. While there is no charge, it is very important that residents sign up in Activities so there are enough tables set-up for everyone.

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, March 2nd, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find.

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Monday, March 11th 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 has questions regarding the Craft Fair, please call Sandie Malcom at 715-493-2600.

FACEBOOK

Check out the Cocopah Bend RV and Golf Resort Facebook page for frequent pictures and updates of sightings around the resort. Click [Cocopah Bend RV & Golf Resort Facebook](#). We appreciate it when you “like” and “follow” us; we want your friends to see all our good times. If you see something fun and interesting – send a picture and information to gazette@cocopahrv.com for possible inclusion on the Facebook page. If you let us know who took the picture, we will give you photo credit. If you send your pictures to the Gazette, we are able to post for everyone to see.

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Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, March 20th 2:00 pm

Ballroom

ENTERTAINMENT

THE ILLUSION OF ELVIS

Come enjoy the Danny Vernon "Elvis" Show on Friday, March 1st at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Check out Dannyvernon.com. Tickets cost \$10.

FAT TUESDAY CARNIVAL

The Mardi Gras Parade will begin at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 5th in the area between the swimming pool and the ballroom. The parade will be lead by the King and Queen of Cocopah escorted by the Jester. Following the walking parade, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm residents will enjoy games of skill. Come join in the Ping Pong Toss, Water Gun Shoot Out, House of Blues Putting Game, and the Bean Bag Toss. There will be prizes awarded for winners of the Ring Toss. The pie-eating contest is back! Contestants will enjoy yummy pies made by Chef Darin! Hip-swinging contestants should enjoy the hula hoop contest. After all this activity, residents will be in fine form to enjoy the Mardi Gras dinner dance

MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

After all the Fat Tuesday daytime activities, residents can celebrate Mardi Gras at the annual Marti Gras dinner dance. The celebration begins at 5:00 pm for social hour and is followed at 6:00 pm with a dinner of jambalaya with chicken and sausage, dirty rice, red beans, corn and red potatoes, seafood gumbo including crawfish, clams, shrimp and mussels, and is capped off with fresh beignets. After dinner residents enjoy the last opportunity this season to dance the night away to the ever popular "Old Time Rock & Roll Band". Dinner-dance tickets cost \$20 in advance at Activities.

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Join The Dakota Player's for a special corn beef and cabbage dinner dance on St. Patrick's Day. March 17th; happy hour at 5:00 pm, dinner and dance to follow at 6:00 pm. Dinner-dance tickets cost \$25.00 in advance at Activities.

DEPENDABLES DANCE

The Activities Office has been able to add a special dance to the season schedule. On Friday, April 5th the ever popular Dependables band will return for an encore performance. Tickets cost \$8 either in advance at Activities or at the door.

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VARIETY SHOW

The 2019 Cocopah RV Variety Show sold out to 300 attendees for both showings. Attendees were wowed by the talent in the resort.



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

AQUA ZUMBA

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

fun. Check out the Aqua Zumba pictures on our Facebook page.

BEAUTIFUL NEW BENCH ON THE GOLF COURSE

David O'Brian, a member of the Men's Niners, scored a Hole-in-One on Hole Number 4 in 2016. In recognition of his accomplishment and in his memory, Dennis and Diane O'Brian donated a beautiful bench located in the "waiting area" at the tee box of Hole Number 4. On February 24th friends celebrated installation of the new bench.



LINE DANCING

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

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BALLROOM DANCING

Join Judi and Jeff Mahaffey on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Ballroom to learn and practice ballroom dancing. Each class begins with the basics so new dancers will not feel out of place.

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for wine, snacks, and conversation on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 pm in the library. The book selection for March is the classic book [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#) by Betty Smith. From the back cover: “The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, Betty Smith's [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#) is a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache, crowded with life and people and incident.” Many have read this classic in high school; now re-read it with adult experience.

BLOCK PARTY

The annual Cocopah Block # 1 (Doral & Torrey Pines) Party Potluck was held on February 10th in the Ballroom. Over 70 neighbors came together for happy hour, introductions and a great dinner. Karen and Craig Beardsley hosted the event with their neighbors, both new and old, and everyone was able to meet, eat and spend time discussing their participation in activities at Cocopah Golf & RV Resort.

GOLF



GOLF SHOP

Residents report that they are very pleased with the new line of less expensive golf clothing available in the Golf Shop. As the winter season draws to a close, look for new items appearing on the 30% off racks.

Demo Day: Come out to the driving range on Thursday, March 7th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm when Cobra, King, and Cleveland representatives will have their new clubs available for you to test. The Golf Shop will offer 10% off any clubs purchased on that day.

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RESORT EVENT # 6

YEAR – END TWO DAY GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA

Our year-end golf tournaments are coming up soon! The dates are March 22 and 23rd. Friday, March 22nd golf is a 2 person pick-a-partner flighted tournament. On Saturday the 2 person teams are combined into a 4 person team for a fun scramble. Cash prizes are awarded each day. Each golf day is followed with a meal in the ballroom. On Friday night we hold the drawing for all of the “Year-End Resort Golf” prizes. These are won by draw of the “red” tickets players have accumulated in each of the 6 resort events. The cost is \$40 for the 2 days of tournaments (including the 2 evening meals and prizes both days). Friday there is special green fee pricing of \$27 including a cart or trail fee; on Saturday green and trail fees are FREE (carts available for rental). Sign up will begin on Monday, March 11th and end Monday, March 18th. There will be both morning and afternoon shotgun starts both days. Resident participants will receive both a “food” and a “red” ticket on Friday and a “food” ticket on Saturday. Non-residents are not eligible for a “red” ticket unless the participant is a member of one of the Cocopah 9 or 18 Hole Golf Clubs. If you have any questions, please call Rich or Deb Perreault at 507-201-4785.

I’m a bucket of range balls. I’m not allowed off the range over night. I’ve violated my curfew. I’m in trouble and I don’t perform well when I’m in trouble. Please send me home.



LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Ladies of the Cocopah Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club have enjoyed a season of fun and golfing.

February started with the monthly tournament for Ace of the Month on Jan. 30th followed with a luncheon held in the ballroom. The Gross Ace of the Month was Sharon Duncan and the Net Ace of the Month was Marie Grumetza. The Most Improved Player award was earned by Becky Hazen.

On February 18th and 20th the Club held the Annual two day Club Championship and President's Cup Tournament. Kathy Schmidt won the 2019 Club Championship (Gross Winner) and Denise Bona won the 2019 President's Cup (Net Winner). The Club

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welcomed their newest member, Mary Faye LaFaver.

Every year the CLGC hosts a fund raiser. This year the campaign was organized by Janet Morris. The Club raised \$1,000 and food donations for the Yuma Community Food Bank.

The CLGC looks forward to this year's Open Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 9th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The tournament includes breakfast and lunch, a round of golf and much more. At the lunch there will be entertainment and many prizes. The entry deadline is Friday, March 1st. Call Dianne Plumb for more info at (208) 631-7166.

On Tuesday, March 19, is CLGC will host its Annual Year-end Banquet. The theme is "There's No Place Like Home". Each table will showcase members' home state or province.

- Marie Grumetza

MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The results of Desert Hills Outing are as follows: First place (75) Curran/Plumb; Second place (78) Klotz/Robertson; Third place (78) Bona/Rouleau.

The winners of the Men's/Ladies Mixer are (63) Doyle Williams, Kathy Schmidt, Robert Young, Gwen Carson, and Lee Hall. Nice going folks!

An election of officers was held, and it was determined that they should stay right where they are for the next season.

The CAN/AM Challenge will occur during normal Monday play on March 11. It's a match play event. The 18 Hole Men's Club banquet is March 12.

The Greens Committee is floating an idea that would allow for volunteers to "adopt" certain holes from tee to green, kind of like an "Adopt a Highway" program. Volunteers would fill divots, flag broken sprinklers, etc. Hopefully other Cocopah golf clubs would participate, as well as the park itself. The Greens Committee is looking for more volunteers, and there is a sign-up sheet on the 18-Hole Men's Club bulletin board.

- Steven Senvold

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Nine Hole Ladies monthly luncheon was held on February 12th. The 19th Hole Restaurant served an excellent hamburger meal. The new Executive Board was elected. Lila Pierrard – President, Debi Hale – Vice President, Michelle Chuchmuch – Secretary, and Karen Beardsley – Treasurer. The new Executive Board is looking for a volunteer for Hospitality Chairwoman.

There were 19 chip-ins and 9 birdie pins handed out. The player of the month was a tie with Donna Skiles and Cec Foster taking the honors. The Golden Girl of the month was Gemmy

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Helder. The Annual Banquet date has been changed from March 13th to March 14th. The Banquet attendance sheets are now available so please sign up.

- Michelle Chuchmuch

MEN'S 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The 2019 Mixed Classic golf and banquet was held on February 5, 7, and 9. There were 165 golfers making up 5-person teams of Men's' and Lady Niner's. The format was a drop-out scramble with the 33 teams divided into 2 flights by total team handicap. The winning team in the "A" flight was comprised of Larry McGown, Roy Legge, Steve Fitzpatrick, Terrie Allar, and Jessie Bunn shooting a 69. The "B" flight winning team also shot 69 and their members were Myron Chuchmuch, Charlie Young, Lidia Senecal, Barbara Miller, and Shelly Davies.

The monthly General Membership meeting was held on February 4th and 83 members attended. Emotions were high as the ceremonial bell was rung as each name was read of former Men's' Niner members who had passed away since last season. This year's membership finished at 150 members including 26 new members.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on March 11th in conjunction with the Annual Banquet. The club members will also elect officers for the next year.

- Dave Allar

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. We cannot use submissions in pdf format. 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

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2018 - 2019 Winter Season Hours

Administration Office

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Mailroom

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Activities Lobby

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Golf Shop

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am

19th Hole Restaurant

Sunday – Wednesday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday – Saturday 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Cantina

Sunday – Saturday 10:45 am – 7:00 pm or later
Tuesday - Hamburgers at 4:30 pm
Friday - Various Menu Items at 4:30 pm

New 2018-2019 Contact Information & Important Numbers

Security:

(928) 503-0676

Administration Office:

(928) 343-9300

19th Hole Restaurant:

(928) 722-7593

Golf Shop:

(928) 343-1663

Activities:

(928) 722-7577

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