

Cocopah Gazette

March 2020

NOTES FROM DARRIN FIELDS

March is upon us and we are starting to see warmer weather. Soon the nights will be warm enough for grass seed on the golf course to germinate enabling us to fill in the bare spots that have developed over the winter season.

I'm pleased to report that the Fish Nights at the 19th Hole Restaurant under Chef Darin have been well-received by the residents. If consumer demand supports more evening meals, we may experiment with dinner service of a more limited menu next season.

Everyone should have received a 2020 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 6th. If you have lost your original survey, there are extra copies in the Activities Office. I will use the survey responses to petition the Cocopah Tribe for the allocation of resources over the next year, so your responses really matter! I will report the results of the survey in the April Gazette.

I understand that many of you have been frustrated by the limitations of our former email system. In the next week or so we will be launching a new email system to enable us to communicate with you better. The Cocopah Tribe has purchased a sophisticated mass email system dedicated to the RV Resort. Please look for notices informing you of how to subscribe to receive the emails you desire.

I'm pleased to announce that Cocopah Pickle Ball players have joined an intermural Pickle Ball league. Please come out and support our teams!

I want to personally thank those of you with great throwing accuracy who played the dunk-tank game on Mardi Gras – as a “dunked one” – it was warmer in the water than sitting on the post!

I wish those of you who are departing in March safe travels. We look forward to your return next season. We appreciate you sharing the good news of Cocopah with your good-natured friends and family over the summer. We'd love for them to join us as well.

--- Darrin

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 page. 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.

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**Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, March 24th
1:00 pm
Ballroom**

19th HOLE FISH FRY

Enjoy the Fish Fry at the 19th Hole Restaurant on Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 13th from 4:30 -7:30 pm. Three pieces of fried fish, fries, and coleslaw for \$9.00. Eat-in or carry-out.

SOUP NIGHT

The final Soup Night potluck of the season will be held on Monday, March 2nd. 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. 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, March 7th, 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 9th 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 who is interested in being a vendor or has questions regarding the Craft Fair, please call Paula Freeman at 805-423-3180.

ARTISIAN FAIR

The original artists of Cocopah will display their creations on Sunday, March 8 in the Ballroom from 12:00 -3:00 pm. Come and see the amazing work they have created this season.

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BARBERSHOP CHORUS CONCERT

The Yuma Barbershop Men's Chorus, Mixed Choir, and Quartets will perform on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. No charge but donations will be accepted.

FOOD DRIVE

Clean out your pantry before you leave for the summer. Donate non-perishable food to the Yuma Community Food Bank. Donation boxes are located in the Administration Office and the Activities Office lobby. Yuma typically has the second highest unemployment rate in the United States (after El Centro, CA). The unemployment rate reached a low of 16.9% in December 2019. There are a lot of hungry children, especially in the summer.

~~BERNIE AND RED SHOW~~

~~Bernie and Red are on their Farewell Tour. Come enjoy the final Bernie and Red Show on Friday, March 6th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Check out <http://www.bernieandred.com>. Tickets cost \$10.~~

Cancelled by performers. See Activities for Refunds.

OLD TIME ROCK AND ROLL BAND



On Saturday, March 7th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm the Old Time Rock and Roll Band will perform for the final time this season at Cocopah RV. Steve Yarborough, the lead guitar player, and John Metzger, the saxophone player, started the band 11 years ago. They play 30 performances each winter season. The Old Time Rock and Roll Band is always the most popular band to play Cocopah and draws attendees from throughout Yuma. Come listen and dance to classic rock and roll music. Cost \$8.00 at the door.

LINE DANCING

Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm join Liz Walter 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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HOWLING AT THE MOON

On Monday, March 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. No charge.

WOODSHOP

Members of the Wood Shop will hold a General Meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Wood Shop.

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Join the ever popular Dependables band for a 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 and dance tickets cost \$25.00 in advance at Activities (dance-only tickets \$8.00).



DAKOTA PLAYERS DANCE

The Dakota Players will provide country dance music on Saturday, March 14th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$8.00 at the door.

KIP ATTAWAY COMEDY SHOW

On Friday, March 20th Kip Attaway will perform the final show for the 2019-2020 winter season at Cocopah RV and Golf Resort. Come enjoy clean comedy and lots of fun! Cost \$10.00 at the door.

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PICKLEBALL

Pickle Ball lessons and group play from 8:00 – 11:00 am daily. Round Robin play on Thursdays at 11:00 am open to all levels. Round Robin Pickleball winners for January are Lorne Enright, Leonard Larsen, Bill Deith and Robbie Williams. Winners for February are Dwayne Sherstianko and Bill Burer.

The first Yuma Pickleball League begins at the end of February. Games are Mondays: Feb 24, Mar 2, and Mar 16 at Cocopah beginning at 2:30. Travel to the Palms Resort on Mar 9th. Contact Bill Deith or Di Plumb, 208-631-7166 to join in the fun. Come out to support the Cocopah players.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for wine, snacks, and conversation on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 pm in the library. The book selection for March is *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* by Wamariya and Weil. “Sharp, moving... Wamariya and her co-author, Elizabeth Weil... describe Wamariya’s idyllic early childhood in the Rwandan capital,

Kigali, and the madness that followed ... Wamariya is piercing about her alienation in America and her effort to combat the perception that she is an exotic figure, to be pitied or dismissed....” Alexis Okeowo, New York Times Book Review.

GOLF



GOLF LESSONS

Brad Arnn is offering golf lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment. Cost is \$25 for 30 minutes or five 30-minute lessons for \$100. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

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GOLF SHOP

1st Saturday Sale: On Saturday, March 7th 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.

Cocopah will host two charity golf tournaments in March: March 14 Immaculate Conception Church and March 21st Crossing Rotary. Cocopah residents are welcome to play in both tournaments. See the Golf Shop for details.

RESORT EVENT # 5

Resort Golf Event #5 will be held on Saturday, March 7th. 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 no later than March 3rd. Sign-ups began

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. Food will be Chef Darin's famous meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

RESORT EVENT # 6

YEAR – END TWO DAY GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA

The year-end golf tournaments are coming up soon! The dates are March 27 and 28th. Friday, March 27th 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. The drawing for all of the "Year-End Resort Golf" prizes takes place on Friday night. These prizes 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 \$29 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 16th and end Monday, March 23rd. **Non-player food tickets must be purchased in the Golf Shop by March 23rd.** 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

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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.

LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The 18 Hole Cocopah Ladies Golf Club enjoyed another great month of fun and golf. The two-day annual Ladies Golf Championship and President's Cup Tournament was held on Feb. 24 and 26th. Gwen Failler won the Championship and Judith Anderson won the President's Cup.

March should be an awesome month as well. The Ladies Year-End Banquet will be held in the Ballroom on Thursday, March 19th with the theme of "Margaritaville". On March 25 there will be a "Wine & Cheese Farewell" where the ladies will celebrate the end of another successful year at Cocopah RV & Golf Resort and wish everyone a happy summer & safe journey home.

- Marie Grumetza

MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF

The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club announces that Phil Curran has won the Club Championship and Paul Jones the Net Championship.

- Steven Senvold

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The club's February luncheon was well attended. The golfer of the month for January was Karen Foreman. The Golden Girl golfer of the month for December was Mary Ann Braddock and the Golden Girl golfer of the month for January was Shirley Laird. The present Executive was reelected by acclamation.

After two delays the Nine Hole Men's and Ladies Classic finally was completed. There was a total of 99 men and 64 women participating. The luncheon on February 15 saw 15 teams receive prizes for scores of 75 or less for 18 holes.

The Annual Banquet is fast approaching, March 12, 2020. The organizers would like to remind members to sign up in the vestibule if you plan on attending. The theme is "The 70's".

- Michelle Chuchmuch

Cantina Hamburger Night
Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Every Tuesday in March

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COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

Cocopah is in the process of implementing a new mass email distribution system. Look for flyers in the next two weeks that will provide instructions on subscribing.

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette newsletter is a publication of the Cocopah Tribe. The Gazette is published monthly during the winter season and occasionally during the summer months. 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

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

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Daily: 24 hours

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