

Cocopah Gazette

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NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

Greetings from Yuma! Welcome to your winter home.

While most of you were enjoying cooler summer weather, we here at Cocopah were improving the resort and preparing for your return. The Cocopah Tribe and I are committed to continually improving the resort facilities. You will be pleasantly surprised at the capital improvements we've made in your absence. I want to thank each of you again who responded to our end-of-season survey. We have acted upon as many of your suggestions as possible. You'll find some hints in this Gazette, others you'll discover over the course of the season.

After an active summer, the golf course is now in its transition mode. The course has been redesigned to increase the challenge. No longer will you feel as if you are golfing in a bowling alley. ☺ You will find some unexpected twists and turns! You may even find that your handicap will rise based on your scores early in the season.

On September 20th we stopped watering the golf course in anticipation of our annual over-seeding. I'll be honest with you; we aren't going to rush to reopen the course prematurely. We are much more interested in firmly establishing the new grass to ensure a beautiful course all season long than rushing to reopen the course before the grass has had a chance to be firmly established. We plan to maintain a high quality course all season long. Currently I

expect we will reopen the front nine holes on November 5th and the entire course by November 12th, but those dates may change depending on the weather and how quickly the course responds to our treatment plan. Watch the Cocopah RV Facebook page, our email blasts, and signs throughout the resort for updates.

You asked for WiFi connectivity throughout the resort. After several years of research, we have selected a contractor to provide basic WiFi service available at each site. The Cocopah Tribe has funded and installed basic WiFi service which is complimentary for all our guests. Sky Web, Inc. a Michigan company, has installed the hardware. More details about our WiFi service are provided in another article in this Gazette. We are proud at having established the best WiFi service at any RV park in Yuma.

We've also been spiffing up around here — we've painted the laundry rooms and replaced the flooring. We had the card tables re-felted. Forty new golf carts will be delivered this week. Ram Pest sprayed the dog patch for fleas and annoying pests. - and last, but not least, our staff members have each taken a bit of a vacation so that they are well-rested and excited for your return. We all wish you safe travels as you travel to your winter home. We'll have friendly smiles and warm weather and be waiting for you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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GOLF COURSE AND GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop has been rearranged and restocked to better accommodate your wishes as shoppers. You'll find that the price range of our golf clothing covers a wider price horizon — hopefully meeting the desires of most of our shoppers. Staff is working on demo days for golf equipment and will be announcing those dates soon.

We've redesigned the golf course — it is more challenging than you remember!

Our greens fees beginning November 2018 are: Annual golf pass: \$1455, Annual Trail fee \$375, 9 Holes walking \$24, 18 Holes walking \$36, Special after noon until 3:00 pm and all weekends 18 holes \$32, after 3:00 pm \$21. Twenty Punch cards: 18 Hole \$620, 9 Hole \$460. Of course, we always honor punch cards regardless of their age.

As Gary Magrino wrote earlier, the golf course is now in its transitional phase. We've engaged a professional greens management company to advise us. Sergio and his staff are working hard to ensure that the course receives the treatments it needs to ensure a lush, green course for the season. We have every expectation that the golf course will exceed your expectations this season. Come golf with us!

**Town Hall Meeting
November 15 at 11:00 am
Ballroom**

19TH HOLE RESTAURANT

Hate to do menu planning; hate to cook? — Darren in the 19th Hole has lunch ready for you every day. Beginning November 12th the 19th Hole will be open every day from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. In addition to the regular menu, Darren has a weekly menu of lunch specials. You'll find the weekly specials posted in the 19th Hole Restaurant and on the Cocopah Bend RV & Golf Resort Facebook page. Beginning November 15th the 19th Hole Restaurant will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm serving dinner. The Friday Fish Fry begins November 9th.

DATE NIGHT

From November through March your date night activity is assured. Cocopah RV has weekly date entertainment.

On Saturday, November 3 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the Ballroom *Keepin' It Country* will return for our first dance of the season. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance, \$8.00 at the door.

Cissy Padgett will perform a *Patriot Salute* on Sunday, November 11th from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Join us to honor and celebrate our veterans. Tickets cost \$10.00

The always popular *Dakota Players* will perform for the dance on Saturday, November 24th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

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Planning ahead, *Keepin' It Country* will return on Saturday, December 1st. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance, \$8.00 at the door.

SOUP NIGHT

Our first Soup Night of the season will be Monday, November 5 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the Ballroom. Soup Night is a potluck dinner that always features lots of tasty treats. 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 is 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.

CANTINA

The Cantina will be hosting Hamburger Nights every Tuesday beginning November 13th. Pizza will return every Friday beginning November 23rd.

WIFI THROUGHOUT THE RESORT

The Cocopah Tribe has made a significant investment in providing WiFi access throughout the resort. SkyWeb, Inc., a company from Michigan, has installed our system. The WiFi system is designed so that basic WiFi access is available at every site. The network is a secured password protected system. Residents may obtain the current password at the Administration Office. The Cocopah Tribe is

providing this basic WiFi service as an amenity to all of our residents. From an engineering perspective, our WiFi transmitter will beam a signal from the top of the Cocopah RV water tower to re-sending transmitters located approximately every 200 feet throughout the resort. The basic WiFi service has sufficient speed for checking email and basic communications. Residents who desire higher speeds to enable video streaming will have the opportunity to purchase that enhanced service. Until November 19th, we will provide the enhanced service without additional cost to all residents. More details on the enhanced WiFi service will be discussed at the Town Hall meeting on November 15th.

COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

We want to communicate with you. Help us help you. 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”. In either event, we have a solution.

In response to many concerns from residents not receiving the email Blasts sent by Activities last season, Cocopah worked with a consultant to correct errors in the existing database and to establish set procedures for management of the email system going forward. We have gotten rid of errors introduced by handwritten entries.

New Subscribers: The only method of signing

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up to receive Cocopah RV blast emails is for the individual to send an email **from the email account** where they wish to receive the blast emails to activities@cocopahrv.com providing their **First & Last Name(s), Site Number, Telephone Number**, and the **request to be added to the Blast email list**. The subject line of the email should say, "**Blast email request**". Usually this is all you need to do. Staff will check your email against the list of "unsubscribed" emails. If your email is listed as "unsubscribed" you will receive an email directing you to personally contact our email service provider to be re-subscribed to the Cocopah RV email system.

Prior Subscribers: There are some residents who have received emails from the email Blast system in the past but have unsubscribed (either through their own action or perhaps due to a glitch in the system). If your email address was ever subscribed to the Blast email system and became unsubscribed, due to privacy procedures maintained by our email provider the Activities Office cannot add that email address to the system. The individual owning the unsubscribed email must personally contact our email provider to reverse this action.

1. The individual who is unsubscribed must personally send an email from the account where they wish to receive the email blasts to: support@verticalresponse.com

2. The email must provide your full name (first and last names), site number and email address.

3. The email must state: I want to be "re-subscribed" to activites@cocopahrv.com

4. Include activites@cocopahrv.com as a CC (carbon copy).

5. It may take a day or two for this to take effect.

WALK, TALK & SHOP

Shopping, Shopping, Shopping – and Selling, Selling, Selling.

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. Items that are used at Cocopah (patio furniture, golf items, etc.) tend to sell better early in the season. On Saturday, November 3rd, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be December 1st.

CRAFT FAIR

Our first craft fair will be November 12, 2018 in the ballroom. The hours are 8:30am to noon. Anyone interested in being a vender at this show, please call Joyce Prince at 503-307-5982. We furnish the tables for you. The cost is

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\$5.00 per table for in-park residents and \$10.00 per table for vendors outside the park. There are five shows during our 2018-2019 season of November through March. Looking forward to our upcoming season!

- Joyce Prince

GOLF EVENTS

COCOPAH COUPLES

Cocopah Couples golf (9 and 18 hole) starts for the season on Friday November 9th. On Nov. 9th only, participants will play the 9 open holes once. We encourage all couples (9 & 18) to play in this 9 hole competition. Please sign up each week at the Golf Shop. The sign up for the following week starts at noon Friday. You must be signed up by 4:00 pm Tuesday of the week of play. The cost is \$5.00 per couple. You do not need a handicap to participate. An initial handicap will be determined based on your first week of play and subsequent weeks' handicaps will be determined based on your continued play in couples.

The tee times and results will be posted on the Cocopah Golf Events website. They will also be posted on the bulletin board on the east side of the Golf Shop.

The Cocopah Golf Events website can be accessed as follows: Go to [Cocopah Rv website](http://www.cocopahrv.com) (www.cocopahrv.com). Click on Daily Golf Updates, scroll to the bottom of that page and click on the Cocopah Golf Events link.

If you have any questions, please call Deb and

Rick Perreault call at 507-201-4785. They are planning a variety of games for Couples. The goal for the games is to make play enjoyable for all of the participants.

Post-golf fun in the Cantina begins at 4:00 pm for golf results, prizes, the Egg Game, announcements, and other things to add to the fun.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of couple's golf. Come join the fun.

PARK GOLF EVENTS

What are the PARK GOLF EVENTS? Cocopah Park Golf Events occur 6 times a season, November through March. Dates for the 2018 – 2019 Park Golf Events are: Nov. 24, 2018, Dec. 8, 2018, Jan. 12, 2019, Feb. 2, 2019, March 2, 2019, and March 22, 2019.

Each Park Golf Event is a fun day of golf designed to allow participation of anyone in the park. However, participants must have a **verifiable** 9 or 18-hole handicap. A verifiable handicap is obtained through two sources:

1. As determined by a player's participation in the local Cocopah golf clubs (9-hole men or women, 18-hole men or women). **All** scores for rounds played any day of the week must be recorded on the appropriate club's computer in the ceramics room. Ten 9-hole rounds and five 18-hole rounds are required to be issued a handicap. 18-hole women's scores should be recorded with the Arizona Golf Association.

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2. Providing a current USGA or RCGA identification number and handicap index.

Some of the Park Golf Events allow participants to choose their own partner, while others let the computer pick partners. Each event costs \$20 per person. All monies from the events go back to the participants in either prizes for the day or as part of the money used to purchase the year-end prizes.

Each park resident player will receive a red ticket for each Park Golf Event. This ticket is to be saved for the red ticket drawing that is held during the March year-end event. A player could win an annual space rental, an annual golf membership, an annual trail fee, 18-hole punch cards, or 9-hole punch cards. If you cannot stay until the end of the season, put your name on the back of your tickets and give them to someone who will take them to the drawing for you. You do not need to be present to win, but your ticket must be! So even if you cannot stay for the entire season, we still encourage you to participate in the Park Golf Events occurring while you are here and accumulate as many red tickets as you can!!

Guests of Park residents, with verifiable handicaps, may participate in Park Golf Events but will not be given a "Red Ticket" as red tickets are reserved for Park residents.

The red ticket drawing is held in the ballroom after golf on Friday, March 22, 2019. The Park Golf Events season ends on March 23, 2019 with our final fun day golf event.

WORDS WITH WINE COCOPAH RV BOOK CLUB

The Cocopah RV book club has announced their book selections for the 2018-2019 season. For those of you who like to read ahead, in January the group will discuss The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown, in February The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by James Hammer, and in March the classic, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. Each person is responsible for finding a copy of the book as the group does not have extra copies to lend.

WOOD SHOP

Calling all woodworkers; past, present and future! The Wood Shop offers the opportunity for residents who are interested in woodworking projects large and small. From replacing worn-out trim on a cabinet, creating a game board, turning a bowl on the lathe, to building a rowboat are just some of the projects that have been completed in the Wood Shop. Woodworking hobbyists to licensed woodworking master carpenters use the Wood Shop for their individual creations.

All of the tools in the Wood Shop have been donated by individuals throughout the years, as have the purchase of new blades for saws, belts for sanders and other essential supplies. There has not been a charge for anyone to utilize the tools in the Wood Shop, although donations are appreciated and every cent goes towards maintaining Wood Shop equipment. Donations

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of woodworking tools are also greatly appreciated as there is a current need to upgrade existing tools (such as a wood lathe, router/table, saber saw, drill bits, claw hammers, hand saws, corded drills, and more.) If you happen to have power tools that are not being used back home or know of someone who has some, consider donating them to the Wood Shop where they will be appreciated and maintained for years to come.

- John Smith

CARD BINGO

Card bingo for 2018-19 starts on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Join us for a good time and a chance to win some cash. "Card Bingo" is on Sunday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm through the end of March. We play 18-20 games of "Card Bingo" per session. The size of the pot is dependent on the number of people participating and the individual game entry fee that varies from \$.20, \$.25, and \$.50 per game. Game fees are determined by the spin of the wheel. There are always three \$.50 games. The player winning "Bingo" gets the full amount of money collected. If fifty people attend and the game is for \$.50, then the prize money for that game would be \$25.00. The greater the number of participants the bigger the pots won. An evening of entertainment playing "Card Bingo" costs less than \$5.00.

Again, this year we will have a progressive pot. The last game of the evening will be for \$.25. If somebody goes "Bingo" before 30 cards are called, they win the pot. If nobody wins within

30 cards the pot rolls over to the next session and we will call 31 cards for the last game of that session. The pot will continue to roll over and the number of cards called will increase by 1 each week until we have a winner. Once we have a winner we will start a new progressive pot. The last progressive pot will go to the first Bingo with no card restriction on the fourth Sunday of March.

Come and enjoy!

PASSING OF OUR FRIENDS

Ken Banach: Ken Banach, a long-time Cocopah RV resident and former Lead Escort, passed away suddenly in May 2018. Ken's wife Jean sent the following note to the Gazette:

I would like to thank all our wonderful Cocopah friends for the concern and well wishes to our family and me. The loss of Ken was not only a shock to us but to all our friends. Thank you all for being there for us with such loving care and support.

- Jean Banach

Scott Planche: Scott Planche, a former President of the 9'ers Men's Golf Club, passed away in August 2018. Scott's wife Pat has written thanks for the outpouring of support from their Cocopah friends.

The Cocopah RV Family fondly remembers all our friends who have passed before us.

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GAZETTE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Gazette is a publication of the Cocopah Tribe. We welcome contributions to the monthly newsletter. Contributions must focus on the Cocopah Tribe, Cocopah RV & Golf Resort, or its residents. All contributions are subject to editing and approval. Please submit contributions in plain text or MS Word format (no special fonts, characters or formatting please) no later than the 25th of the prior month. Please attach any logos or pictures in jpg format (medium size) as a separate attachment. We cannot use submissions in pdf format. You may request a writer's guide at gazette@cocopahrv.com.

Submissions should be 150 – 250 words, written in the third person, newspaper-style.

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