

Cocopah Gazette

November 2019

Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 19, 2:00 pm, Ballroom

NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO:

Welcome Back to your winter home. It's been a busy summer here at Cocopah RV Park. We've made a number of improvements large and small to enhance your experience.

We've installed four new Pickleball courts that are co-located with the tennis court. We now have a total of eight courts so that 32 individuals can play Pickleball simultaneously. We are very proud of our facilities. A question I've been asked many times, may outsiders play on our Pickleball courts? The clear answer is "no". The Cocopah RV facilities including the Pickleball courts and the swimming pool are for residents and their individually invited guests. Others who wish to use our facilities are welcome to rent an RV space.

We've upgraded the computer systems in the Golf Shop and now offer golfers the ability to make on-line tee times. Look for our new "Welcome" sign at the corner of Strand Ave and Miller Circle. Will soon be installing electricity in order to light the sign in the evenings and provide decoration for the holidays. We've also completed the installation of electricity around the pond at the Administration building.

Our Security force is the best of any RV park in Yuma. We take your safety seriously. This summer two of our Security Officers became certified to administer Narcan, the antidote to an opioid drug emergency or possible opioid overdose. In the past a resident with an opioid

drug reaction had to wait for the arrival of Rural Metro for help.

Thinking about safety, I'd like to remind all residents to update their emergency contact information at the Administration office. Also, please change the batteries in your smoke detectors and check the status of your fire extinguishers.

We have re-organized our maintenance departments to better utilize our personnel and equipment. In the past we had separate golf course and facilities maintenance departments with separate staff and equipment. This summer we re-organized the two departments into a single maintenance department under the management of Bradley Massey. This enables Bradley to deploy personnel and equipment more efficiently and should result in a more streamlined approach to both golf course and facility maintenance. In addition, Tim Holyk, the General Manager of Cocopah Rio Colorado Golf course who has vast experience in Golf course management and working with the PGA on course management is advising Bradley on the golf course.

We've expanded the hours in the Administration Office and the Mail Room to serve you better. Both offices are now open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. All our seasonal positions have been filled and nearly all employees are residents.

After two enjoyable years juggling my position as Director of Business for the Cocopah Tribe and acting as General Manager of Cocopah Golf and RV Resort, I have been called back to Tribal Headquarters. I will be leading the Tribe on several new business development endeavors. I

want to thank each of you for the support and guidance you have given me. I will still be in the chain of command and will be in and out of the Park on a regular basis, mainly to keep up with the rumors which was the best part of this job! I am happy to welcome Darrin Fields as the new General Manger. I am sure you will make Darrin feel welcome as Cocopah hosts the “Friendliest People on Earth”.

Darrin Fields grew up around hospitality. He worked as a hotel manager for 17 years and has managed two corporate-owned parks in Yuma for the past seven years. Darrin holds a Business Management degree from Arizona State University. He’s an avid golfer. Darrin and his significant other, Sharon, act as unpaid staff to their two cats.

19TH HOLE RESTAURANT

Hate to do menu planning; hate to cook? — Darren in the 19th Hole has breakfast and lunch ready for you every day. The 19th Hole is 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.

WIFI THROUGHOUT THE RESORT

Basic WiFi: In 2018 the Cocopah Tribe made a significant investment in providing WiFi access throughout the resort. The WiFi system is designed so that basic WiFi access is available at every site. Residents may obtain the current password at the Administration Office. The basic WiFi service has sufficient speed for checking email. Residents who desire higher speeds to enable video streaming have the opportunity to purchase that enhanced service.

Enhanced WiFi: The 2018-2019 season was a test of the system’s capabilities. Cocopah can report that SkyWeb is consistently providing 15 mb download speed and 10 mb upload speed with the enhanced service. Rates for up to three devices are: \$6.00/day for 1-4 days, \$5.00/day for 5-9 days, and \$45/month, paid in advance at the Administration Office.

Technical Support: SkyWeb provides free technical support at 1-844-641-9011.

ACTIVITIES

From November through March your date night activity is assured. Cocopah RV has almost weekly entertainment. The Activities Department has scheduled a truly enjoyable season including twenty-nine events with new shows and bands and two new live theater performances by the Yuma Community Theater. Residents may pick up a copy of the Entertainment Schedule for 2019-2020 at the Activities Office.

Live Theater: On Sunday, November 10th more than 160 residents enjoyed the live production of “Murder on the Orient Express” performed by the Yuma Community Theater on-site in the Cocopah Ballroom. The Yuma Community Theater will return with a live production of the 1970’s classic musical “Godspell” on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

Rock ‘n Roll Express: On Saturday, November 23rd from 7:00 – 10:00 pm Cocopah will welcome “Rock n’Roll Express” to perform for the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance or at the door. This is the first time Rock n’Roll Express has performed at Cocopah, but they will be returning for the New Year’s Eve dinner dance.

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Looking Ahead: On December 7th the ever popular “Old Time Rock and Roll Band” will play for the Saturday night dance.

Resident Directory

Residents who had their pictures taken last season for the Resident’s Directory can pick up their free copy of the Resident Directory in the Activities Office. An announcement will be made if there are extra copies after all participants have picked-up their copy.

CARD BINGO

Join the Card Bingo players 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. They play 18-20 games of “Card Bingo” each evening. The size of the pot is dependent on the number of people participating. The cost per game is determined by the spin of the wheel and is either \$.20, \$.25, or \$.50. There are always three \$.50 games, but no more than three. Winning Bingo’s get 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. Again, this year there will be a progressive pot. An evening of entertainment playing “Card Bingo” costs around \$5.00.

Come and enjoy!

CANTINA

The Cantina will be hosting Hamburger Night every Tuesday beginning November 19th. The Cantina will continue to experiment with the menu for Friday nights. Each Friday’s menu will

be posted on the bar by the previous Wednesday.



**ENTIRE GOLF COURSE
OPENS MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 18TH**

GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop now carries Pickleball clothing and equipment! Look for new golf and Pickleball fashions weekly.

This month the Golf Shop is featuring a new line of golf clothing from Bermuda Sands. Due to the Cocopah Golf Shop’s exceptional negotiations, the Cocopah Golf Shop can offer these items to our customers at a price of 50% to 55% of the MSRP. Many items in this very reasonably priced line are made from recycled plastic bottles. Grab them while they’re available! Bermuda Sands is saving the environment one garment at a time. Look for the green tagged items and enjoy the savings that Cocopah has negotiated.

The Golf Shop staff is working on arranging demo days for golf equipment and will be announcing

those dates soon. At press time Cobra and Ping have confirmed to demo their new equipment at Cocopah on December 12th. Other manufacturers may attend as well. Look for an update in the December Gazette.

GOLF COURSE

Bradley Massey and his staff have nurtured new baby grass on the golf course. The grass needs to be treated gently while it gets established. In order to protect the new grass, for the time being no golf carts are permitted in the fairways. All carts must remain in the rough – no one may drive on or cross any fairway in a golf cart.

Temporary local rule: Golfers receive free relief for large dirt and muddy areas throughout the entire course. No golf carts or players are permitted in these areas.

GREEN FEES

Cocopah greens fees are unchanged from last season: Annual golf pass: \$1455, Annual Trail fee \$375, 9 Holes walking \$24, 18 Holes walking \$36, Special after 2:00 pm and all weekends 18 holes with cart \$32 or 18 holes with cart and breakfast or lunch \$39. Twenty Punch cards: 18 Hole \$620, 9 Hole \$460. Of course, Cocopah always honors punch cards regardless of their age. There are a limited number of golf carts available for long-term rental. Inquire at the Golf Shop.

GOLF LESSONS

Brad Arnn is returning to teach golf lessons. Look for his schedule posted in the Golf Shop.

ON-LINE TEE TIMES

Book a golf tee time at any time of the day or night with the Cocopah Golf new on-line tee times. Go to www.Cocopahrv.com, scroll down on the homepage and click on the box “Online Tee Times” or go to the tab “Daily Golf Updates” and click on the box that says “On-line Tee Times” at the top of the page.

As the season begins, on-line tee times are available three days in advance. To enable residents a preference in tee-time selection, residents are still able to book tee times in the Golf Shop seven days in advance.



2019 – 2020 RESORT GOLF EVENTS

Resort Golf Tournaments will be held on Nov. 23, 2019, Dec. 14, 2019, Jan. 11, 2020, Feb. 1, 2020, March 7, 2020, and March 27, 2020.

Each Resort Golf Event is a fun day of golf for any park resident having a verifiable 9- or 18-hole handicap. Players obtain verifiable handicaps from the Cocopah 9- or 18-hole Cocopah Golf Clubs or the USGA or RCGA.

All Resort Events are 2-partner events – on November 23rd the computer creates partner teams. In the remaining events, players pick

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their own partner. Each event costs \$20 per player. All monies are returned to the participants in either prizes on the day of play or as part of the money used to purchase the year-end prizes.

Each player is awarded one red ticket time for participation in each Resort Event. After golf on Friday, March 27, 2020 red tickets are drawn for the huge year-end prizes. Prizes include an annual space rental, a yearly golf membership, a yearly trail fee, an 18-hole punch cards, and a 9-hole punch card.

Ticket owners do not need to be present on March 27th to win, but the ticket must be present. Ticket owners are free to leave their ticket with a friend who may claim a prize on their behalf.

Guests of Cocopah residents, with a verifiable handicap, may participate in Resort Events but will not receive a red ticket. Red tickets are only granted to Cocopah residents or non-residents who are a member of one of the official Cocopah Golf Clubs.

The events season ends on March 28, 2020 with our final fun day golf event.

RESORT GOLF EVENT #1

Resort Golf Event #1 takes place on Saturday, November 23rd. Sign-up for both golf and food ends Tuesday, November 12 at 4:00 pm. Event # 1 is a two-person, computer-pick, flighted scramble. Shotgun start. Golf tournament cost is \$20 per player, including 1 beverage ticket and 1 red ticket. All players must have a verifiable handicap. Special green fee pricing of \$27 includes a cart rental or resident trail fee.

Food tickets for two chicken fajitas and rice are available at a cost \$8.00 per person and must be purchased at the Golf Shop no later than Tuesday, November 19. No late food purchases will be available.

COUPLES GOLF

Each Friday Cocopah Couples golf in a friendly, competitive scramble-type game. Both The sign-up for the following week starts at noon Friday in the Golf Shop. Players must be signed up by 4:00 pm on Tuesday of the week of play. The cost is \$5.00 per couple. Players do not need a verifiable handicap to begin playing. An initial handicap will be determined based on a player's first week of play and subsequent weeks' handicaps will be determined based on the player's continued play in couples golf.

The tee times and results will be posted on the Cocopah Golf Events website at : <https://cocopahgolfevents.wixsite.com/cocopahgolfevents>. They will also be posted on the bulletin board on the east side of the Golf Shop.

To access the website for Cocopah Golf Events, take the following steps:

Logon to the Cocopah RV and Golf Resort Website, (www.cocopahrv.com).

Click on the Golf tab.

Click on the Daily updates tab and scroll to the bottom of the screen.

Click on cocopahgolfevents.

If you have any difficulties, please call Deb or Rich Perreault at 507-201-4785.

Participants meet after Couple golf on Fridays at 4:00 pm in the Cantina for the results, prizes, the Egg Game, announcements, and other things to add to the fun. Join in the fun

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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