

Cocopah Gazette

November 2021

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 made a major investment in our water system. Previously on some occasions residents noticed a sulphur-like odor from the fresh-water system. Although the fresh-water was perfectly safe to drink, the odor was not pleasant. We have purchased and are installing a new high-end chlorinator that will eliminate this issue.

We have also requested bids to replace the valves in our water mains. Previously when one area of the resort experienced a water leak, maintenance was required to shut-off the water to a large area. The new system consists of 4 sets of valves in a set. This will enable maintenance to shut off water on a zone-by-zone basis. While these infrastructure improvements are not readily apparent to a casual observer, they represent a substantial investment by the Cocopah Tribe in improving and maintaining the resort.

We are still hiring seasonal employees in all departments (Cantina, Golf Shop, Security, and Administration). Residents interested in a part-time position should contact me in the Administration Office. A question I've been asked, "will the Activities Office be fully staffed this season?" Yes, the Cocopah Tribe has approved those line items in the budget and is in the process of making final employment offers. We are also seeking volunteers to assist in Activities.

We are very concerned about safety and the potential spread of COVID-19. The Cocopah Tribe has required all employees to be fully vaccinated. No outsiders are permitted to play on our Pickleball courts or to participate in Zumba classes. 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.

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.

Lastly, I remind everyone that the resort dress code requires that residents wear shirts throughout the resort except for the pool compound. Thank you for your cooperation.

19TH HOLE RESTAURANT

Darren in the 19th Hole has breakfast and lunch ready for you. The 19th Hole currently is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. In addition to the regular menu, Chef Darren has a weekly menu of lunch specials. You'll find the weekly specials posted in the 19th Hole Restaurant and distributed by Cocopah email.

ACTIVITIES

Crystal Duran in the Activities Department has worked diligently for most of the summer to plan and schedule an enjoyable season of entertainment including some new bands and several comedy shows.

SOUP NIGHT

The November Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, November 15th. In the following months, Soup Night will return to its traditional date of the first Monday of the month. 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.

POTATO BASH

The season's entertainment kicks-off on Sunday, November 21st with the ever-popular Potato Bash. Happy Hour begins at 4:30 pm, potato potluck at 5:30 pm, and dance with the Dependables from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. The resort is providing the potatoes and sponsoring the Dependables Dance. Residents should bring a potato topping (cheese, butter, taco meat, chili, chicken alfredo, veggies, etc.), and either a salad or a dessert. BYOB. Remember to bring your own table service. There is no charge. Sign-up in Activities by Tuesday, November 16th so Chef Darren knows how many potatoes to cook and staff can set-up the ballroom.

LOOKING AHEAD:

ROCK 'N ROLL EXPRESS: On Saturday, December 4th 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The New Year's Eve dinner dance will feature Porterhouse and the T-Bones. Tickets will be limited. No non-residents are permitted. To be fair to residents who are returning later than usual, tickets will go on sale on Tuesday, December 7th at 9:00 am in Activities. Dinner and dance cost is \$35.00.

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. On Saturday November 6th, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be December 4, 2021.

AQUA ZUMBA

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

ENTIRE GOLF COURSE OPENS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

GOLF COURSE

Brad Arnn will be “cutting the cups” on the Golf Course this season. He will begin cutting each Monday and Thursday at noon so that when play begins each Tuesday and Friday morning golfers will find the cups in their new location. We’ve instituted this change to take advantage of Brad’s expertise and to reduce the wear on the greens.

GOLF LESSONS

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



GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop sponsored a Glow Ball golf and pot-luck event on Halloween. Forty golfers

participated in the fun event. Based on the enthusiastic response, the Golf Shop plans additional Glow Ball events throughout the season. The winning team for the inaugural Glow Ball Golf was comprised of Jill Bidle, Rick Collins, Drew Kachel, and Jackie Kachel.



GREEN FEES

Cocopah greens fees for the 2021-2022 season: Annual golf pass: \$1570, Annual Trail fee \$375, 9 Holes walking \$27, 9 holes with cart \$35. 18 Holes walking \$42, 18 holes with cart \$52. Special after 2:00 pm 18 holes with cart \$32 or 18 holes walking \$24. Weekends walking \$34 and with a cart \$42. Twenty Round Punch cards: 18 Hole \$700, 9 Hole \$480. 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.

2021 – 2022 RESORT GOLF EVENTS

Resort Golf Tournaments will be held on November 20, 2021, December 11, 2021,

January 15, 2022, February 5, 2022, March 5, 2022, and March 25-26, 2022.

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. Players pick 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 25, 2022 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 25, 2022 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 26, 2022 with the final fun day golf event.

RESORT GOLF EVENT #1

Resort Golf Event #1 takes place on Saturday, November 20th. Sign-up for golf begins Tuesday, November 9th and ends Tuesday, November 16 at 4:00 pm. Event # 1 is a two-person, pick your

partner team combined with another pick-a-partner team creating a 4-person scramble. Flighted – pays net and gross. Shotgun start. Golf tournament cost is \$20 per player, including 1 red ticket. All players must have a verifiable handicap. Special green fee pricing – inquire at the Golf Shop. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

RESORT EVENT # 2

Resort Golf Event #2 will be held on Saturday, December 11th 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 scramble, pick your own partner (within a handicap difference of 7) – flighted, men's, ladies, and mixed. Golf tournament cost is \$20 per player, including 1 red ticket. Special green fee pricing – inquire at the Golf Shop. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, November 30th and end Tuesday, December 7th at 4:00 pm. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

COUPLES GOLF

Each Friday Cocopah Couples golf in a friendly, competitive scramble-type game. 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 couples first week of play and subsequent weeks' handicaps will be determined based on the couples continued play in couples' golf.

The tee times and results will be posted on the Cocopah Golf Events website at: [Cocopah Golf Events](#). 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, click here: [Cocopah RV website](#).

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 507-461-4726.

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

COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

To keep residents informed but not overwhelm email boxes, the Gazette plans to send three resort-wide emails each week. Look for “Weekly Announcements,” “Golf Shop News,” and “19th Hole Restaurant Specials.” The weekly schedule will begin in mid-November. 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

