

# Cocopah Gazette

November 2022

## **NOTES FROM KITZYA RAMIREZ, Enterprise Director of Operations:**

Welcome back to your winter home. I'm excited to share with you some of the many initiatives we have begun to enhance your guest experience. At our 2nd Town Hall meeting, to be scheduled in late November – early December, I'll be able to bring you up to date in more detail. Here is a brief view on some of our projects:

Working with the Cocopah Tribal Council, we are establishing a budget for significant infrastructure improvements to be funded in year 2023. The Cocopah Tribal budget year is the calendar year. I expect that requests for proposals will be issued in early winter with work to commence as soon as contracts are awarded. We plan to remodel the Fitness Center and install new fitness equipment, install new equipment in the freshwater treatment facility, install new pumps for the wastewater treatment plant, upgrade entire wastewater treatment plant, restore the Ballroom and restrooms, install new air conditioning units in all resort buildings, update the irrigation system with "drip-type" lines, and --- this is huge --- repave the asphalt roads throughout the resort. Our plan is to make investments in the resort to provide the infrastructure and facilities befitting a 5-Star Resort. We will get there.

In the immediate term, we have begun resort beautification by trimming the palm trees throughout the resort. Our staff recently completed the overseeding of our golf course and we expect to open all 18 holes within the

next two weeks. Tim Holyk, the former manager of the Cocopah Rio Golf Course who holds a degree in golf course management is providing expert turf management advice to our maintenance staff to assist them in keeping the grass green and lush all season.

We have hired Joey Moraga as Resort Operations Manager. Please give him a warm welcome. Joey comes to us from Tucson, AZ. He is responsible for all operations at the resort and will be announcing additional new initiatives in the coming weeks. It's an exciting time to be at Cocopah RV & Golf Resort.

Thank you for spending your winter with us. We sincerely welcome you as our guests and appreciate your business.

## **WORDS FROM JOEY MORAGA,**

### **RV Operations Manager:**

I am very excited to be joining Cocopah RV & Golf Resort as your Resort Operations Manager. I see this position as a great opportunity for me to take part in a major infrastructure campaign to build the Cocopah RV & Golf Resort into the 5-Star Resort of the next 25 years. We have a lot of work to do, but it will be so satisfying! I have only been here a week, so I am still learning my way around. However, I have had the pleasure of meeting many residents and staff.

I come to you from Tucson, Arizona, where I worked for 22 years at The Highlands at Dove Mountain as a Tournament Coordinator, Assistant Golf Professional, Membership

Director, and most recently, First Assistant Golf Professional. I already have a great feeling of what an amazing community we have here. I truly believe Cocopah RV & Golf Resort is a hidden gem, and I am excited for our future! I look forward to meeting you all!



**Joey Moraga**

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

The Cocopah Tribal Council has developed and issued a new Rules & Regulations booklet dated October 2022 governing the Cocopah RV & Golf Resort. Please familiarize yourself with the contents.

## **WOODSHOP**

The WoodShop Club is gearing up for the upcoming season. There will be a schedule posted on the WoodShop door on November 16<sup>th</sup> for times it will be open during November and December. During January through March the WoodShop will be open Monday through Friday from 9-12 and 1-4pm. The WoodShop Club seasonal membership fees will also be posted on the door.

## **CARD BINGO**

Card Bingo begins on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Entry fee is \$5.00 (\$1 bills help in arranging the prize money; Please, no coins.) The payout is determined before the start of play. The payout depends on the number of people playing. The more people that play, the bigger the payout. Games 5, 10, and 15 are double the usual payout. There is a “Jackpot” that someone can win if they Bingo before a set number of cards has been called.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Paula Freeman, Ulyssa Burney, and Stephanie Ringer are planning an exciting year of new and old activities. Look for dances, The Neil Diamond show, game shows, the rodeo, family theater, and more. The Activities Department staff is always open to hearing new ideas from residents.

## **CRAFT FAIR**

On Monday, November 14 from 8:00 – 12:00 in the Ballroom local artisans will be selling their crafts. This is a great opportunity to do holiday shopping. There will be raffles, coffee, donuts and beautiful work to appreciate.

## **WINE AND PAINT**

Wine and Paint will be held in the Cantina once each month in November, December, January, February, and March. Cost is \$5.00 for supplies needed to paint the week’s piece. Participants get to keep their masterpiece! Drinks can be purchased from the bar in the Cantina. The instructor for November is Sue Spicer.

## REX & SHELLI DANCE

Join local band Rex & Shelli for an evening of dancing on Friday, November 18th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the Ballroom. Tickets cost \$13.00 per person in advance at Activities or at the door.

## GOURDS

Come join in the fun of decorating gourds each Thursday from 9:00 – 12:00 in Room 115. The gourd group provides gourds and decorating supplies for a \$5.00 supply fee plus the nominal cost of the gourd. Come become a gourd-head!

## 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. The next opportunity will be December 3, 2022.

## AQUA ZUMBA

Join Darla Schofield in the pool every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 9:00 am for Aqua Zumba. \$40 punch card for 10 classes or \$5 drop-in fee. **Fridays are FREE!**

## GOLF COURSE

Please remember that the 90-degree rule is always in affect. The only way to maintain the fairways is by reducing golf cart traffic. Your treatment of the golf course makes a difference!

## GOLF CLUBS

### Cocopah Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club

The CLGC 18 Hole Ladies are excited to begin their 2022-2023 Season. They begin play November 9 and play through March 29 every Wednesday. Players are welcome to join at any time during the season. All levels of play are welcome. Players must join the AZ Golf Association at AZgolf.org. A handicap will be established after 3 games if a player does not currently have one. New players can fill out paperwork at the Golf Shop -but the preference is online. Dues are \$45 for the season. A fee of \$5 is collected each week for prizes and monthly lunches. The Club celebrates the end of the season with a party-don't miss it! Questions? The President, Debbie Rippeteau, can be reached at 206-719-8979 or Debbie@Rippeteau.com

### Cocopah Ladies 9 Hole Golf Club

The Cocopah 9-Hole Ladies play every Tuesday with the first group teeing off at 8:00 am. After completing a round, players check in at the Cantina to turn in scorecards, sign-up for the next week, and grab a snack. The Ladies club provides the snacks and the Men's Niner's provide the beverages. For new players this is a great way to find out more about the league and get to know other players. The club has a

luncheon each month for members, followed by a general meeting.

An information board with information about the club, sign-up sheets for luncheons, and envelopes to sign up for golf the first time or for late sign-ups after the league begins is located in the vestibule next to the women's restroom near the Golf Shop. Weekly sign-ups close each Saturday at 5:00 pm. Visit the Golf Shop to pick up a registration packet. Membership is \$30.00 and the weekly fee is \$5.00.

### **Cocopah Men's 18 Hole Golf Club**

The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club plays each Monday during the season. Sign up in the Golf Shop. Flighted play for all skill levels. For information on signing up, contact Chuck Plumb at space 288 or call 208-631-3382.

### **Cocopah Men's Niners Golf Club**

The Cocopah Men's Niners will begin play on Tuesday November 8th. Registration forms are located in the orange box between the Golf Shop and the men's restroom. Players must sign up prior to playing. Dues are \$30 for the season. A fee of \$5 is collected each week.

For information about the Cocopah Men's Niners feel free to call on a Board Member for additional information. Mark Lawrence-President-410-365-9305, Ray Medina-Vice President – 307-389-4899, Chris Muhleman- Past President- 503-420-1052.

The Men's Niners Play alternates between playing the front and back nine, each week: when the Men play the front, the Ladies play the back.

The Men's Niners establishes a golf handicap for players based on the player's weekly scores. Members must enter scores into the computer in the Ceramics room for additional scores played outside league play.

The first Men's Niners monthly meeting is scheduled for November 16th. Doors open at 11:00 and the meeting is at noon. Members are encouraged to attend.

### **GOLF LESSONS**

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



### **2022 – 2023 RESORT GOLF EVENTS**

Resort Golf Events are held 6 times a season, November through March. This season's events will be held on November 19, 2022, December 10, 2022, January 14, 2023, February 4, 2023, March 4, 2023, and March 24, 2023.

Each Resort Golf Event is a fun day of golf. Participants in the Golf Event days must be:

Resort residents with active verifiable handicaps.

Non-residents who are participating members of one of the 4 golf clubs in the Resort and have established a verifiable handicap.

A verifiable handicap is obtained through two sources: 1. As determined by your 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 in the appropriate club's handicap system. Recording 54 holes of golf is required to get a handicap. 18-hole women scores should be recorded in Ghin. Or 2. Providing a current USGA or RCGA identification number and handicap index.

All events are 2-partner – pick your own partner. Each event costs \$20. All monies from the event go back to the participants in either prizes for the day or as part of the money used to purchase the year-end prizes.

For each event in which a player participates, each player receives a red ticket. This is to saved for the red ticket drawing that is held during the March year-end event. Lucky players win an annual space rental, a yearly golf membership, a yearly trail fee, 18-hole punch cards, or 9-hole punch cards.

Participants who cannot stay until the end of the season should put their name on the back of their tickets and give them to someone who will take them to the drawing. Winners do not need to be present -- but the winning ticket must be! So even if you cannot stay for the entire season, we still encourage you to participate in the Resort Golf Events for which you are here and accumulate as many red tickets as you can!!

Guests staying with residents in the park who have an active handicap are allowed to

participate but will not be given a “Red Ticket” as they are reserved for Resort residents or non-residents who are members of the following clubs: nine-hole ladies, nine-hole men's, eighteen-hole ladies, and eighteen-hole men.

The red ticket drawing is held in the Ballroom after golf on Friday March 24, 2023. The Resort events season ends on March 25, 2023 with a final fun day golf event.

## **RESORT GOLF EVENT #1**

Resort Golf Event #1 takes place on Saturday, November 19th. Sign-up for golf begins Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and ends Tuesday, November 15 at 4:00 pm in the Golf Shop. 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.

## **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, November 4th 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 Perreault at 507-461-4726.

## RESORT GOLF EVENT #2

Resort Golf Event #1 takes place on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Sign-up for golf begins Tuesday, November 29th and ends Tuesday, December 6 at 4:00 pm in the Golf Shop. See details in the December Gazette.

## COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

To keep residents informed but not overwhelm email boxes, the Gazette plans to send one to three resort-wide emails each week. 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](#).

### Cocopah RV & Golf Resort Important Telephone Numbers

Administration 928-343-9300

Activities 928-722-7577

Golf Shop 928-343-1663

Security 928-503-0676

