

# Cocopah Gazette

Late Spring 2019

## NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

Since the irrigation changes we made in March, the Golf Course is looking very green. As I announced at the March 20th Town Hall meeting, we hired two new irrigators and doubled down on effective watering. There are 2,900 professional quality sprinklers on our Golf Course. We have cleaned 362 sprinklers and introduced chorine in the water to keep the algae out of the sprinkler heads. Our pumps are now working as designed. We are running the sprinklers for 40 minutes, six days a week. Because April has been unseasonably cool in Yuma, our rye grass did not die off as early this spring as in other years. Golfers who have remained are really enjoying the course. Our greens are looking very good; the course has been aeriated and the tee boxes softened.

This summer we will be installing new electric lines to light the palm trees around the pond next to the Administration Office. The asphalt around the Administration Office and the 19th Hole Restaurant will be repaired.

You may have noticed that the surface of the tennis courts has started to buckle. One of our big capital efforts this summer is to repair and redesign the tennis courts. The new design will include four more Pickle Ball courts and a new gate on the Pickle Ball court side of the tennis courts so that Pickle Ball players have easier access.

Over the next year we hope to implement a computerized on-line tee time reservation system.

Look forward to an improved Woodshop next season. We have rekeyed the locks to the Woodshop. Next season the Woodshop will be run like a club similar to the official Cocopah golf clubs. We plan to invest in some new power equipment and there will be a monitor on duty whenever the Woodshop is open. You will be able to look forward to an enjoyable environment in which to work on your woodworking projects.

For the 2019-2020 season most full-time temporary hourly jobs within the resort will be open first to residents. The hourly jobs pay \$11.00 per hour and require a 40 hour work-week. If you are interested in applying for any of the positions in the Administration Office, Activities Office, the Golf Shop, Security, or the 19th Hole Restaurant, please call the Administration Office and let us know.

We've launched a take-out menu at the 19th Hole Restaurant. Pick up a take-out menu at the 19th Hole and call 928-722-7593 for your meal. It will be ready and waiting your arrival.

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I hope that those of you who have traveled home have arrived safely. We look forward to your return in the fall. We appreciate your referrals of friendly people who would enjoy the lifestyle we offer. As always, the Cocopah Tribe and I thank you for your business.

- Gary

## 2018 – 2019 Year-End Golf Prizes

At the Resort Event #6 on March 22<sup>nd</sup> Gary Magrino awarded \$8,943 in prizes. Barry Jantz was the winner of an annual space rental.



Additional winners were: Rick Collins – annual trail fee pass, Jean Piercy – punch card for 20 rounds of 18 hole golf, Charmaine Bird - punch card for 20 rounds of 18 hole golf, Donald Robertson - punch card for 20 rounds of 18 hole golf, William Hawley – punch card for 20 rounds of 9 hole golf, Larry Lehman - punch card for 20 rounds of 9 hole golf, Kevin Grimm

punch card for 20 rounds of 9 hole golf, and Bob Rafferty, Diana Carmen, Carol Rye, and Lloyd Lancaster each won a \$100 gift certificate to the Golf Shop.

Laurie French won an annual golf pass.



The day was beautiful for golf. Attendees enjoyed a lasagna dinner prepared by Chef Darren and his staff.

## 2019 Survey Responses

At the March 20, 2019 Town Hall meeting Gary Magrino reported on the 2019 resident survey results. 214 residents submitted a survey. Results were divided into five main categories: Management, Golf Shop, 19th Hole Restaurant, Activities, and the Golf Course. Resident comments are in straight text, management response is in *italics*.)

Residents suggested that the administration office should be open on Sunday during the season. (*Our numbers currently do not support*

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*having the office open on Sunday but we will certainly be willing to look into that again next year.)*

The potholes in the asphalt around the administration building and the ballroom parking lot need to be filled. *(We plan to take care of that this summer.)* There were several comments regarding resort beautification, especially with respect to weeds. *(Annual residents are reminded that they are responsible for the maintenance of the site they rent.)* Several people suggested that the washrooms needed an overhaul and that grab bars and higher toilets would be very helpful. A request was made for the installation of an exhaust fan in the washroom near the Pet Park. *(We will be looking into the feasibility of installing grab bars, higher toilets, and the exhaust fan over the summer.)*

Please keep the golf carts off the bocce court. *(We will be re-designing the bocce court over the summer. Yes, please, do not park golf carts on the bocce court.)* Please repair the shuffleboard courts. *(We plan to update, paint, and repair the benches in the shuffleboard courts over the summer.)* Mark the roads with the distance walked or bicycled from a fixed starting point. *(Great idea! Anthony will be working on this project.)*

Security should enforce the dog walking rules. Security officers should be trained in first aid. *(All of our security officers carry first-aid supplies and are trained in modern first-aid techniques.)* Another resident complained that

security sits ready to pounce on speeders. *(Good job Anthony!)*

Residents commented that we should not have signs in the dog park stating that dogs are required to be on leash and not enforce it. *(We've changed the signage in the dog park to say that dogs must be under voice control or leashed.)* Residents asked if we spray the dog park for diseases and requested that it be watered more. *(We do have RAM Pest spray the dog park in the fall just before residents arrive. The dog park will be getting additional water, just like the golf course.)* Several residents asked for warm water in the dog bath. *(Bradley informs me that we do have warm water in the dog bath. Because it is located far from the water heater, you need to run it for a while.)*

Residents requested more larger-sized clothing and lower-priced clothing in the Golf Shop. Other residents responded that they appreciated the lower-priced clothing line that we introduced this year. *(We will continue to try to meet your requests for more moderately priced clothing.)* Residents commented that they wanted to be able to spend Golf Shop script on anything sold by the Golf Shop. *(In order to keep the Golf Shop running, we have to be able to sell a certain amount of hard merchandise. The only way we accomplish that is by you spending your golf winnings in the Golf Shop. At the request of residents, we do allow you to spend script on range balls.)*

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Residents are generally quite happy with the food quality in the 19th Hole Restaurant but feel that we could still improve on the service side. *(We are working really hard on that.)* Residents asked for longer weekday hours, Sunday and Wednesday dinners, a Chinese or Mexican buffet, more gluten-free items on the menu, and beer and wine to be available. Someone else suggested that we sell pizza for take-out. *(These are all good ideas and we'll get it done. It just may take us some time.)* Several people suggested that we post the menu online and on the bulletin board near the Post Office. *(The bulletin board between the Post Office and the Administration Office is our official bulletin board. You can always look there to find current information.)*

Residents are generally happy with the Activities Office but note that we still need better attention to detail. *(We will continue to work on that.)* A number of people commented that the Activities Office closes too early and that they want to be able to buy dance only tickets for the dinner dances. *(Next year we will sell separate tickets for dinner and dance - with the exception of New Year's Eve - and we won't have any more Cornish game hens.)*

Residents asked for more classes, including new classes in Tai Chi and yoga. *(We are looking for a yoga instructor to come to the resort.)* Residents asked for activities for a younger crowd including pool parties, boat races, scavenger hunts, water volleyball, jam sessions, and outdoor music and said they do

not want "Bernie & Red", "old folk's acts", Johnny Counterfeit, Elvis, Cauchetin, "Keeping It Country", and the Juke Box Duo. Residents suggested a movie night in the Ballroom, a monthly Farmer's Market, and woodshop classes. *(We appreciate all your suggestions. We will be going through this in detail.)*

The billiard tables need maintenance. *(We will look into this over the summer.)*

Several residents commented that saving seats in the Cantina on Friday nights is very unwelcoming to new residents. Another resident said that people need to bring more food to Soup Night. *(We would just ask you to be considerate of other people.)*

There were many comments made about the watering of the golf course. *(We have hired two new irrigators, serviced 360 sprinklers, and replaced 27 sprinklers. The golf course watering has now been fixed.)* Several people mentioned that the restrooms on the golf course need attention. *(I've asked Bradley to look into that.)* Several residents who do not play in league golf or are here for a short-term said that they have been unable to make tee times. *(It's important that short-term residents be able to enjoy our golf course. We will be looking into ways next year to ensure some availability to them. We do plan to launch a 7-day in advance on-line tee time booking website over the next year. For those of you who do not wish to use the computer, you'll still be able to call the Golf Shop and reserve a tee time.)*

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## **19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant**

New Take-Out Menu  
Call 928-722-7593  
Order Breakfast or Lunch  
Open Summer Hours  
7:00 am – 2:00 pm daily

## **SUMMER WATER ZUMBA**

Anyone is interested in doing Aqua Zumba this summer, please sign up in Activities. If at least 10 people sign up, Darla will teach Aqua Zumba on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., starting June 4th. The fee is \$35.00 a card for 10 classes or \$4.00 for individual classes.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Activities Office wishes to thank all the residents for a very successful season. We tried some new things, learned a lot, and are looking forward to the 2019-2020 season.

Next season, with the exception of New Year's Eve, the Activities Office will be selling separate tickets for the dinners and dances. That way attendees may attend the dinner or dance or both, as they chose.

The entertainment schedule for 2019-2020 is nearly complete. Anyone with ideas of bands or shows, please contact the Activities Office as soon as possible. Currently there are 9 new entertainers scheduled for next season.

The Activities Office plans to try out some new ideas of pot-lucks, ice cream socials, theme dinners, etc. over the summer. Look for announcements on the official bulletin board outside the Post Office.

## **Town Hall Meeting**

**Look for an Announcement on the Post Office Bulletin Board for the Town Hall meeting and ice cream social in May.**

## **COCOPAH ISO**

Cocopah RV is In Search Of (ISO) qualified teachers. Anyone interested and qualified to teach Tai Chi, Yoga, or Ballroom dancing next season? Please contact Judy in the Activities Office.

## **VARIETY SHOW**

The 2019 – 2020 Cocopah Variety Show is scheduled for February 20, 2020. Anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to contact Ronay Hanson at 612-239-0305.

- Judy R.

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## Let's Talk Shop (The Wood Shop)

Woodworkers, has someone told you that you should sell some of your work, that a lot of people would be interested in it? You will have an opportunity to test that idea at the Cocopah. Start preparing wood creations over the summer and be ready to market them. Starting in November all Woodworkers are invited (encouraged) to be a part of the fun. Spread the word to other woodworkers.

The Wood Shop at Cocopah is operated and maintained by residents in the park. All woodworkers at any level of expertise are encouraged to come to the shop and check it out. Hours are Monday - Friday from 9am-noon and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Shop monitors are present to oversee the shop and assist as needed. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved as a monitor in the Wood Shop or willing to help support the shop in another way, please email John Smith at [jsmith6194@gmail.com](mailto:jsmith6194@gmail.com).

- **John Smith**

## SUMMER GOLF



The weather is warm, the crowds are diminished, come enjoy summer golf at Cocopah RV.

Every Tuesday at 8:00 am the Golf Shop hosts a nine hole "Shoot-Out". \$5.00 per player all of which is returned in prize money. No green fees!

Every Thursday at 8:00 am the Golf Shop runs a 3 or 4 person team shotgun 9-hole scramble. \$5.00 entry fee towards prizes. Discounted summer green fees.

The Shoot-Outs and Scrambles will be held as long as a sufficient number of people sign-up. Participants must sign up at least one day in advance.

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## Summer Golf Rates (April 1 – September 30):

### Prime Time

9 Holes with cart - \$19.00  
18 holes with cart - \$29.00

Summer Punch Card – 10 rounds with a cart - \$150.00

### After 2:00 pm

9 Holes with cart - \$19.00  
18 holes with cart - \$19.00

### Walking - Anytime

9 Holes walking - \$15.00  
18 holes walking - \$15.00

Bucket of Range Balls - \$4.00

## 2019 - 2020 GOLF RESORT EVENTS

Resort Event 1 November 23, 2019  
Resort Event 2 December 14, 2019  
Resort Event 3 January 11 2020  
Resort Event 4 February 1 2020  
Red / Blue Tournament - February 22, 2020  
Resort Event 5 March 7, 2020  
Resort Event 6 March 27, 2020

End of year fun Golf - March 28, 2020.

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

Deb and Rich celebrated the end of the Golf Resort Event season.



## LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

March was a busy and fun month for the 18 Hole Ladies Golf Club (CLGC). No one wanted to miss out on all the season's end festivities!

On March 9th the Ladies held the Open Invitational Golf Tournament; 96 players attended. Dianne Plumb and all her volunteers organizing the event and made it a huge success. Many compliments were given for the great dinner, decorations, prizes and friendliness of all those who participated.

On March 6, the Ladies held the Ace of the Year & 4th Medallion golf tournament, followed with a luncheon and the election of officers for the following year. The 2019 – 2020 officers are: President - Deb Perreault, Vice-President - Louise Cook, Secretary - Sharon Duncan, and Treasurer - Becky Hazen.

On March 19 eighty ladies and guests at the year-end banquet shared a lovely meal together made by Darren and his staff. The

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Gross Ace of the year & State Medallion winner was Nancy Rebkowich, the Net Ace of the year & State Medallion winner was Marie Grumetza. The most improved player of the year award went to Sharon Duncan.

On March 27th, the Ladies celebrated the last "Big Hurrah" for the year with a round of golf followed by a wine and cheese party.

- Marie Grumetza

## LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Nine Hole Ladies Annual Banquet was held March 14th. Oscar Night was the theme and members came dressed for the occasion. The 19th Hole provided an excellent meal. A big hand to Liz Walters and all the committees from food, decorating, beverage and entertainment for a job well done. Chip in and birdie pins were presented to qualifying members; the Golfer of the Year was awarded to Paulette Dowden.

The Club Gavel was officially presented to President – elect Lila Pierrard by outgoing President Sue Nichols. Entertainment was provided by the Cocopah RV Drums Alive group and the Dancing Queens.

- Michelle Chuchmich

## MEN'S NINERS GOLF CLUB

The Cocopah Men's Niners had their annual 4-man scramble on March 5th. "A" Flight winning team was Jim Johnson, Ray Peterson, Mel Smith, and Jake Solovyov shooting a score of 33. "B" Flight winning team was Bob Thurston, Dale Gesner, Steve Fitzpatrick, and Leroy Roberts shooting 34. "C" Flight winning team was Rob Foster, Bob Lamons, Ken McIntosh, and Stan Chuchmuch shooting 34. "D" Flight winning team was Galen Demello, Ceasar Gutierrez, Mike Cole, and Max Sweeney shooting 39.

The Club had their final general membership meeting and banquet on March 11th. Agenda for the meeting included election of officers for the 2019 - 2020 season. The 2019 – 2020 officers are: President - Chris Muhleman, Vice-President - Mark Lawrence, Secretary - Dave Allar, and Treasurer - Steve Brown.

- Dave Allar

## COCOPAH RV EMAIL UPDATE

Staff and consultants have worked very hard this season to ensure that residents who have subscribed actually receive Cocopah RV blast emails. Each season there are a number of email addresses that for unknown reasons "bounce". In late May we will be sending a "Cocopah RV email subscription test" email to every email address that "bounced" from our system during the 2018-2019 season. We are

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attempting to “unbounce”, i.e., put the address back on our email list. If you receive a “Cocopah RV email subscription” email, please read it and respond appropriately. If your email addresses “bounces” in response to this test message, we have no way to contact you. We will maintain a list of these “bounced” addresses but will remove them from our database. If you think you have subscribed to the Cocopah RV email system but do not receive any emails from us between May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, please send an email to [activities@cocopahrv.com](mailto:activities@cocopahrv.com) letting us know your names (first and last), site number, and email address. Staff will check our database and let you know the next action you might need to take.

**Please, please, please**, do not “unsubscribe” from Cocopah RV emails for the summer if you plan to return next season. If you do so, due to privacy rules of our email provider, you will have to take a fairly convoluted process to be re-subscribed next season.

We want to communicate with you; we need your help in subscribing to our email system.

## GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette newsletter is a publication of the Cocopah Tribe. Contributions and story ideas are welcome to the newsletter. Contributions must focus on the Cocopah Tribe, Cocopah RV & Golf Resort, or its residents. The Cocopah 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](mailto: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. The Gazette is published monthly from November through March and occasionally during the summer months. Submissions must be received no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the prior month for consideration in the following month’s Gazette. All articles are subject to approval and editing.

Leslie Woodruff, Editor

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## 2019 Summer Hours

### Administration Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Mailroom

Monday – Friday 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

### Activities Lobby

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

### Golf Shop

Sunday – Saturday 6:00 am – 3:00 pm

### 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

## New Contact Information & Important Numbers

### Security:

(928) 503-0676

### Administration Office:

(928) 343-9300

[reservations@cocopahrv.com](mailto:reservations@cocopahrv.com)

### 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant:

(928) 722-7593

### Golf Shop:

(928) 343-1663

[golfshop@cocopahrv.com](mailto:golfshop@cocopahrv.com)

### Activities:

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