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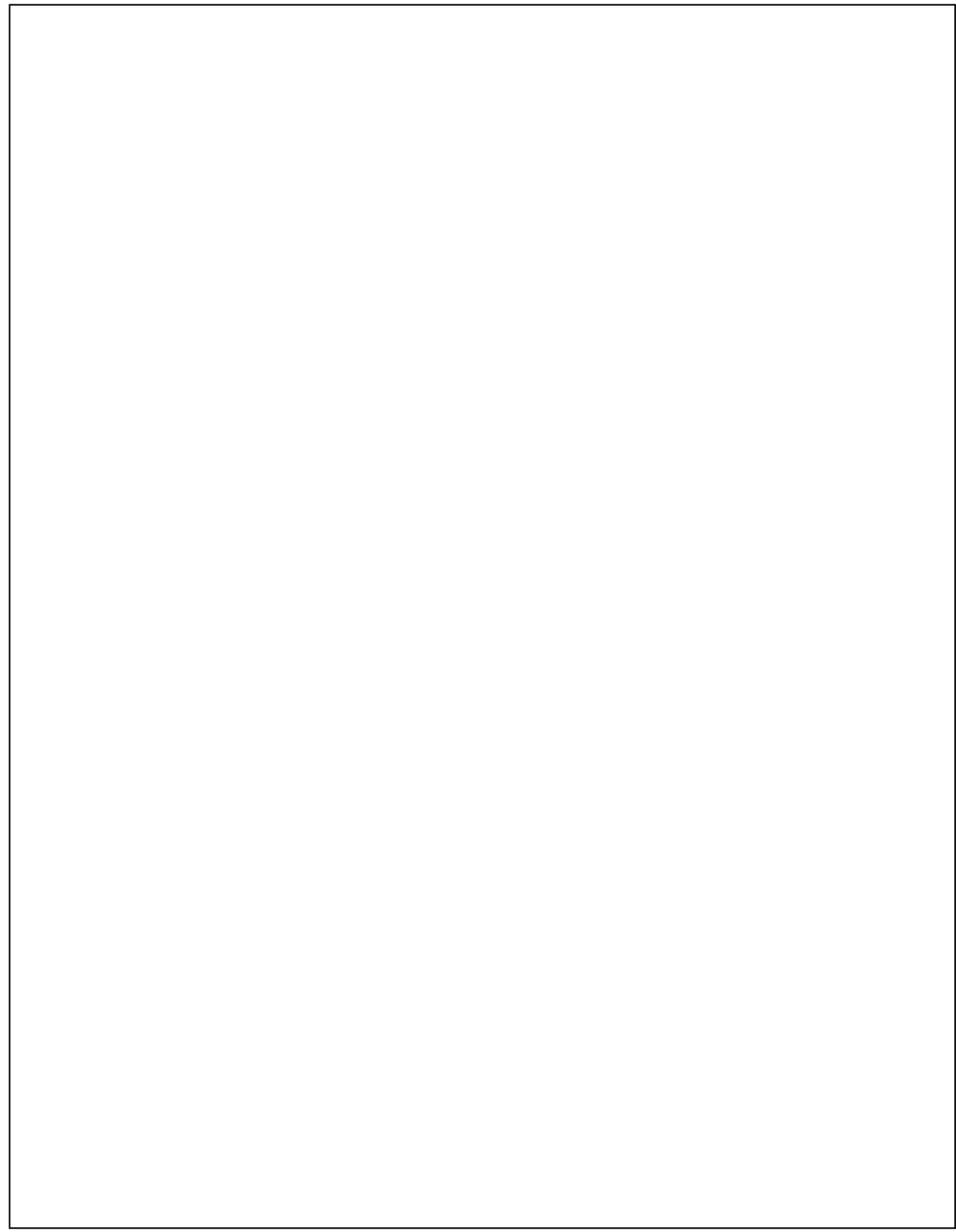
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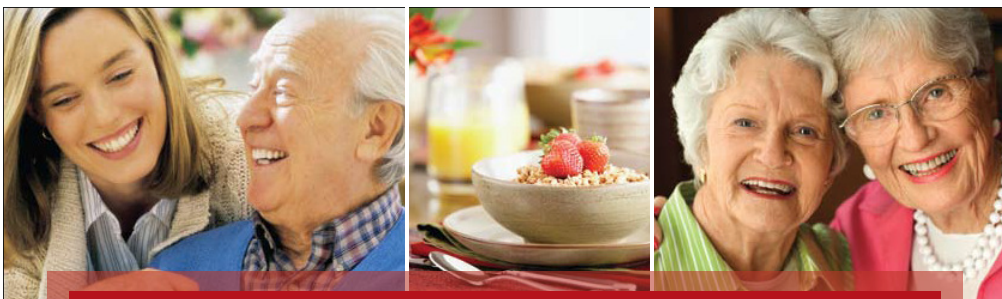
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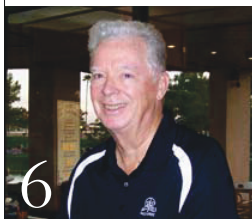
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A LETTER FROM THE HOA

COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
2011 – 2012

Our Association is starting out a new year with two new Board members: Don Hicks and Bob Spruiell. Your Board of Directors for 2012-2013:

- Board President –Kathy Skrei**
- Board Vice President – Mel Rasmussen**
- Board Secretary – Bud Jenssen**
- Board Treasurer – Woody Neiman**
- Director - Don Hicks**
- Director - Bob Spruiell**
- Director - George Thomas**

Our Board has a wealth of experience in various fields of business and has the required talent to keep our Association a growing, vibrant organization providing a well-managed, well-financed base on which we have established our personal living plans.

Although it shows 2011 and 2012 at the top of the article, you have seen or should have seen and used many of the improvements that have taken place during 2011. The future is something we try and discuss at each Board meeting to give the homeowners a glimpse of what is planned and what is already in process.

The upcoming year has two very significant happenings – Replacement of the Administration Building and Planning for the recently purchased lot at Robson Blvd. and Riggs Road. There have been many ideas and suggestions forwarded that affect these projects. We have not established a team to initiate the planning for the unimproved lot. This will require homeowner input and involvement to make sure the right thing is done for the right reason in the right manner and at the right time. Our main entrance into Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes must be done correctly – it will set the stage for new homeowners as well as something for each of us to be proud of. To make sure we get it right is one reason that this issue has not been acted on – it was believed that it was better to provide more “thought time” before acting.

A number of people have felt the Administration Building should be placed on the vacant lot. There are valid reasons why this has not been acted on – the original vote by the homeowners, in approving this building, specifically places it in the Southeast corner of the existing parking lot – close

to where it is currently located. A change in location would require a second homeowner vote. Even more important reasons for leaving it where planned is access for our homeowners who find it more centrally located, close to other amenities they are using and convenient from all directions. In addition, the Staff needs to be close to the action – whether that is to inspect a tennis court, visit any of the activity rooms, the Pro shop or the Cottonwood Grill – they should not be a couple of blocks away requiring a means of transportation to make their daily (or more frequent) visitation to the many areas of involvement in our community.

Current plans are to proceed with the Administration Building to be constructed where it has been planned – the Southeast corner of the existing parking lot at the corner of Robson Blvd. and Brentwood Drive. Currently we are working toward rezoning of the Cottonwood complex which will allow us to proceed with the planned building of the two new pickleball courts and to start work on the Administration Building.

Another issue that you as a homeowner need to be aware of – the Pima Utility rate increase for water and sewer. There have been a number of articles written on this subject to make sure you understand the requested rate increase and how it will effect you – not only as a homeowner with a personal water bill but also the affect it will have on you as a homeowner that ultimately pays the HOA water bills. This requested increase will have a major impact on this particular expense item. Make sure you understand the issues and talking points and then make the decision if you want to have your voice heard.

Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes is a wonderful community. The beauty of our community, the excellent amenities we have, the reasonable rates we pay and the full spectrum of activities would be a challenge for anyone to achieve. Homeowner support for our Board of Directors, our professional Management team, our skilled Staff and our excellent Committee structure will continue to make this a premier community to call home!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on your Board of Directors.
Rich Featherstone

Mission Statement: To provide an active adult country club lifestyle for all homeowners with recreation, dining and entertainment activities, maintained and enhanced in a fiscally responsible manner. To provide a challenging, positive environment for all our employees encouraging them to become long term valued staff members.

Meet Your HOA

Board of Directors

- President – Kathy Skrei
- Vice President – Mel Rasmussen
- Secretary – Bud Jenssen
- Treasurer – Woody Neiman
- Director – Don Hicks
- Director – Bob Spruiell
- Director – George Thomas



Front L to R: Woody Neiman, Kathy Skrei, Don Hicks
Back L to R: Bob Spruiell, Mel Rasmussen, George Thomas, Bud Jenssen

Management Team



Steve Nolan
General Manager



Beth Becker
Executive Administrative Services Manager



Brian Shaw
Controller



Jim Miller
Facilities Manager



Bill Todd
Golf Course Maintenance Manager



Desmond Dakin
Head Pro Cottonwood



Greg Tokash
Head Pro Palo Verde



Linda Caton
Recreation Manager



Chuckie Bains
Palo Verde Food & Beverage Manager



Leigh Torres
Cottonwood Food & Beverage Manager

Phone Numbers

- Administration Office
895-3550
- Catering/Banquets
895-0339
- PV Restaurant Reservations
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- PV Restaurant
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- Cottonwood Bar & Grill
895-9688
- Cottonwood Pro Shop
895-9449
- Palo Verde Pro Shop
895-0300
- Homeowner Services
895-9606
- Patrol
895-9277



A Letter From the General Manager

By Steve Nolan

Spring has sprung here at Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes! It has been a productive spring with the completion of several projects.

The new front entrance fountain at the Palo Verde restaurant looks great! If you get a chance, please take a look at the fountain at night-it really is outstanding.

We are currently in the County permit process for the Palo Verde restrooms. By the time you receive this issue of our magazine, the contractor selection process should be completed for this project.

We are also in the process of selecting an Architect for the new Administration building project.

I would like to welcome two new members to our team. Dallas Hart, a PGA teaching professional, is our new Director of Instruction for both Cottonwood and Palo Verde golf courses. Dallas began his career in 2005 as a PGA Pro at the Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort in Rancho Mirage, California. Dallas has great knowledge of the game and articulates this knowledge extremely well during his lessons. Desmond Dakin, our Head Pro at Cottonwood and Greg Tokash, our Head Pro at Palo Verde are excited to have Dallas join our team.

Our new Controller is Brian Shaw. Brian is from Rio Rancho, New Mexico where he was the CFO of a large realty development corporation. Brian also has a Food and Beverage background, and was Controller for a large restaurant chain based in Chicago, Illinois. Brian graduated from Indiana University and has over 30 years of accounting experience. Management is happy to welcome Brian to our team.

Please read The Flyer, In The Know, and Food For Thought for the latest news and upcoming events. Please make sure you are on our email list. You can register at www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com

We have a beautiful community! Your dedicated management team is always looking for ways to improve our facilities. Feel free to stop by my office if you have any concerns or suggestions.

THANK YOU, RICH!

At the March 28th Annual Board Meeting, the Board of Directors, Association Management and homeowners bid farewell and extended their appreciation to outgoing Board President, Rich Featherstone.

Rich has participated on the Board for the past six years. He immediately became an officer upon election, working as the Board Treasurer for the first five years. His final year on the Board Rich has served as Board President. During his tenure on the board, Rich gave his input in many important decisions: the Cottonwood Golf Maintenance building construction, the renovation of the two food and beverage areas, construction of the Cottonwood retaining wall on the golf course, the billiards room renovation, resurfacing of the tennis courts, fountains, bunker sand, fairway sand and rock, rock, rock!!! Approval of the new Administration building and the purchase of the lot on Riggs Road was the perfect end to a busy six years. Rich will enjoy his time now playing golf, enjoying movies, and just relaxing. Last, but certainly not least, our thanks goes out to Rich's lovely spouse, Joyce for her years of patience and support. Thanks Rich, for six wonderful, productive years of service!!!



New Board President, Kathy Skrei and General Manager, Steve Nolan present outgoing Board President, Rich Featherstone with a token of appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

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Keeping in Touch With Your HOA

By Beth Becker

Want to know what's going on? Check out the various ways we communicate information to our CWPV community!



The Flyer is available weekly in the white boxes at entrance gates and Club House areas. You can also get it by signing up for email or by downloading it from our website www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com.

Check out the Association bulletin boards at Cottonwood & Palo Verde for Board news, entertainment, For Sale items, and social and activity opportunities.

Visit our website www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com for current events, HOA information, and more.

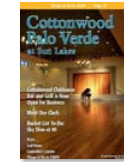
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"In The Know", our e-Letter, is sent each Tuesday to those who sign up to receive HOA email. NOTE: "In The Know" does not replace *The Flyer*, which is published each Friday.

"Food For Thought", our Food & Beverage e-Letter, is sent each Thursday to those who sign up to receive HOA email.



Cottonwood Palo Verde Magazine

The Cottonwood Palo Verde Magazine is published quarterly and distributed to homeowners and surrounding businesses and office complexes.

If you did not receive a copy of the Cottonwood Palo Verde Magazine in the mail, you can pick one up at Homeowner Services or the Administration Office while supplies last.

Individuals or organizations of Cottonwood Palo Verde that would like to contribute a story, CWPV sponsored event, or activity can contact the Office at 480-895-3550. Articles are published on a space-available basis.

If you would like to advertise your business in CWPV Magazine contact Vahalla at 480-634-1708 or visit vahalla360.com.

The Sun Lakes Splash carries preliminary board meeting minutes among other Sun Lakes news. *The Splash* is available at various boxes located throughout the Sun Lakes community. It can also be accessed through our website www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com by going to **Links to Area Information** on the home page.

IMPORTANT HOA PHONE NUMBERS

Administrative Office	895-3550
Cottonwood Bar & Grill	895-9688
Cottonwood Pro Shop	895-9449
Homeowner Services	895-9606
Patrol	895-9277
Palo Verde Pro Shop	895-0300
Palo Verde Lounge & Restaurant	895-1834 or 895-1981
San Tan Gate (staffed 24 hrs)	895-6846

ASSOCIATION ADDRESS

Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes
Homeowners Association
25630 Brentwood Drive
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

HOMEOWNER SERVICES

Homeowner Services is the hub for activities in CWPV. The following are just some of the things that our helpful Homeowner Services staff can assist you with:

- information about upcoming activities and events
- tickets to association-sponsored events
- guest and renter passes
- association information
- recreation events
- some class sign-ups
- vacation watch forms
- payment of association dues

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Normal business hours are:

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Employee Spotlight

By Bonnie Martin, Human Resources

Employee of the Month



JANUARY – Nevarez Ramiro

Ramiro, our selected employee of the month for January was originally hired 18 years ago. He resigned for six months, but returned to Palo Verde invigorated. He missed preparing succulent food for homeowners, appreciative guests and hungry co-workers.

Ramiro is raved about by homeowners, guests, and management because of his stamina, organization, flexibility, creativity, teamwork, customer services skills and talents from his food service experience to creating custom food carvings.

Ramiro always demonstrates pride in his job and his love of food. Ramiro maintains a positive attitude and excellent work ethic. We are grateful for your dedication!



FEBRUARY– Antonio Morales

Antonio Morales is February's Employee of the month. Antonio works for Golf Maintenance and has been employed with the Association since September 8, 2005.

Antonio helps keep the grounds at Cottonwood Palo Verde attractive and well maintained. Antonio is motivated, pays attention to details, is efficient, works well independently, and is always willing to provide a hand to his coworkers. He shows 100% commitment to his work, and is very knowledgeable in his skill set.



MARCH – Shaun Decker

The month of March blows in and springs Shaun Decker as our selected employee of the month. Shaun was initially hired as Assistant Pro in April of 2007 and was

recently rehired after being away from the Association a short period of time. Shaun is a self-starter, fast learner, polite, friendly, easy going, and gets along well with everyone.

Shaun is well-organized and accurate in performing a variety of tasks to assist homeowners and visitors in the daily operations of the Cottonwood Pro Shop and golf course. Shaun, welcome back and keep up the nice work!

Years of Service – Larry Orton – 15 Years of Service



Congratulations to Larry Orton for 15 years of dedicated service. The Association values his contributions to making Cottonwood Palo Verde a special place and helping to achieve our mission and vision.

Prior to coming to work at the Cottonwood Pro Shop, Larry lived in San Diego and worked for 33 years as a waterjet cutting expert in the sales department at Ingersoll Rand, an international supplier to transportation, manufacturing, construction and agricultural industries. Waterjet cutting is a tool capable of slicing into metal or other materials such as granite, using a jet of water at high velocity and pressure. Larry's expertise provided him the opportunity to live in countries such as Canada, India, and Japan.

Larry is from Canada. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Idaho in Metallurgical Engineering. He has been married to his wife, Marie for 50 years. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren who live from Australia to Canada to Japan.

Larry stays busy by house watching in the summer months. He enjoys the game of golf, playing cards, watching his favorite TV shows, and listening to great music. Larry states his longevity and commitment to Sun Lakes is due to living here, the beautiful climate, and our "world-class" facilities.

Thanks to our Homeowners!

Since the inception of the Voluntary Contribution Fund in February 2008 there have been 17 different donations totaling \$41,735.22 contributed for various purposes, ranging from TV's to monument signs.

When you sit back and reflect on the generosity of our homeowners, it is not surprising that this is a beautiful community to live in. Not only are the grounds and

facilities well-maintained and clean, the people are the friendliest, nicest neighbors anyone could ask for. The proof is in their kindness, both monetarily and of their time donated for volunteer work. It is no wonder why many of our residents call this "Paradise".

As of this publication date, the tally for the patio furniture for Cottonwood and Palo Verde stands at \$10,000!

What's Cookin'

By Chuckie Balnis

PROPOSED

NEW PATIO FURNITURE FOR PALO VERDE AND COTTONWOOD

You may have noticed that throughout the winter months Palo Verde and Cottonwood Clubs have been actively collecting funds to add NEW furniture to the patios. The Clubs have sponsored a "Martini Madness" event as well as a Golf Tournament and various raffles which raised approximately \$10,000 toward the furniture!

The remainder of the funds came from donations from various civic groups, golf associations and homeowners. A special THANK YOU to the Food and Beverage Committee for all of their support and efforts that contributed to the success of this project.



Thank you so much for your contributions to the community and we hope to see you on the patios enjoying the furniture.

Cottonwood Palo Verde New Friends Ambassador Program

By Barry Mostovoy

In 2002, the General Manager of the Homeowner Association along with members of the Association's Board of Directors and members of the Phase 2 (Cottonwood Palo Verde) Forum initiated the New Friends Program. Melaine Rasmussen, Jean Luchtel and Patsy Powers were the original chairpersons.

This program grew from a subgroup of the Forum called the Friendly Greeters. They were a welcoming group for new homeowners from 1995 to 2001. The Association's administrative assistant at the time, Gloria Combs, assisted the group to design a book for training new Ambassadors. The Forum selected and trained interested individuals to be designated as Ambassadors to host tours, provide information and have a yearly cocktail party for all new homeowners.

Barry Mostovoy was selected to supervise the Ambassador Program in 2004. The number of Ambassadors varied from as many as 20 to the present number of 10. The work load changes each month, depending on home sales and those new homeowners interested in the tour and complimentary meal. In 2011, approximately 64 new homeowners were taken on tours. The total number of households being introduced to the community since the inception of the program is over 678. Not all new home buyers request a tour for various reasons: owning a second home in the area, longtime renters before buying, etc.

This year we have had 30 requests and 25 tours conducted

as of the end of February, 2012.

In 2010, a new program of orientation was instituted by the General Manager and his staff. The staff orientation team member meets with new homeowners prior to referring them to the Ambassador Program. This program has been very informative and encourages more new buyers to request tours.

The New Friends Ambassador Program is ever changing in order to provide the best information available to new homeowners in our community.



New Friends Ambassador, Jean Luchtel gave a tour on January 19th, 2012 to new homeowners. Pictured L to R: Don Howell, Nonie Porter, Jean Luchtel, Carla Benedetto, John Benedetto, Teresa O'Connell and John Hartigan.

ARCHITECTURAL COMPLIANCE

The ACC meet the 1st Thursday of each month in The Phoenix Room at 8:30 AM to review Exterior requests.

Exterior Paint, Landscape rock, Satellite dishes, Dumpsters, Driveway coatings, Same size A/C units, Flag poles, Mailboxes, Same size window replacement are reviewed and approved between meetings.

Refer to the current copy of the Architectural Compliance Guideline Book (REV.9/11) for details on your project. If you have any questions about needing a permit or the process, please contact the Administration Office in person or by phone at 480-895-3550 x305.

REMINDERS

- All exterior additions or changes in the structure or landscaping must have a permit with a Plot Plan or drawings showing dimensions, 5ft RTU area, colors, position etc. (See Guideline Book)
- Nothing except rock is permitted in the 5ft RTU area. Vegetation close to this area should be kept trimmed and away from the wall and adjoining house.
- For Palo Verde residents please inform the Gate Personnel of the Contractor/workers name and dates they will be there.
- Satellite installation is governed by Federal Law and Solar Energy devices are governed by an Arizona Revised Statute. The ACC requests that the Satellites & Solar Panels be put in an area that is least visible. The ARS 33-1816 states (B) An Association may adopt reasonable rules regarding the placement of a solar energy device if those rules do not prevent the installation, impair the functioning of the device or restrict its use or adversely affect the cost or efficiency of the device.
- Wire, Cable & Conduit must be hidden to maximum extent possible. When mounted on the house it must be painted the color of the part of the house it is mounted to.
- Garage doors, gables, masonry walls, posts, pillars and mailboxes must be painted the same color as the Base of the house.
- Tile, slate or shingle roofs can be replaced with the same type of material and should match as closely as possible the former material in texture and color.

Sloped or peaked roofs cannot be painted or covered with foam of any kind or color.

- Foam material and rolled roofing and tar are permitted as replacements on FLAT ROOFS. Visible foam materials cannot be white or any other color that might cause a reflection.

When work is completed the Gold Approved permit form must be returned to the Administration Office.

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WORK DESCRIPTION _____

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APPROVAL DATE _____
REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE _____

IT IS REQUIRED THAT THIS FORM BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE UPON COMPLETION OF WORK. DROP BOX AVAILABLE NEXT TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

ARCHITECTURAL COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
480-895-3550 X305

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CALLING ALL SUN LAKES CENTENARIANS!

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From the Pros



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CW & PV Summer Schedules for 2012 Spring Season:

Cottonwood

Men's Club Champion- Rex Wilson
Men's President's Cup Champion- Don Minor
Men's Member/Member Champions-
Chick Garifo & Len Rosati
Ladies Club Champion- Nadine Sanders

Palo Verde

Men's Club Champion- Jack Hill
Men's President's Cup Champion- Craig Currie
Ladies Club Champion- Paddy Newton
Ladies President's Cup Champion- Kathy Komishke
Couples Champions (Gross)- Dick & Nancy Howell
Couples Champions (Net)- Ron & Eva Gunnoe

Cottonwood & Palo Verde had many programs going on this spring, offering clinics every Wednesday & Saturday. The clinics presented one hour instructional guidance which included rules, etiquette, and technique.

Summer Season:

Both Cottonwood & Palo Verde have Twi-Lite Couples. Cottonwood holds their Twi-Lite on Wednesday 4:30 p.m. and Palo Verde on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Twi-Lite offers a variety of games conceived by the devious minds of the golf professionals. The intention of Twi-Lite Couples is to promote camaraderie, fun, food and laughs. The Grande Finale for Twi-Lite Couples will be the annual Night Golf Tournaments with Cottonwood's being held on Wednesday, September 26th & Palo Verde's on Thursday, September 27th.

Upcoming Events:

PVMGA- Match Play- May 19th
CMGA/PVMGA- CottonVerde- June 16th
Firecracker Open (CW)- July 1st

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER SEASON!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FALL!

Golf Maintenance Summer Update 2012

By Bill Todd,
Golf Course Maintenance Manager

Summer is just around the corner. Before the hot weather arrives, our golfing members need to know what to expect throughout the season. I have been here for nine summers, and it is safe to say that no two transitions have gone the same. From extreme heat, drought and even microbursts, Mother Nature always challenges this Arizona Golf Superintendent.

During late June, July and a few weeks in August, the golf courses will be going through transition. Transition simply put is when temperatures rise, cool season grasses like ryegrass, poa trivialis and bentgrass die off and the warm season grasses take over. This process takes four to six weeks under ideal conditions: early monsoons and high temperatures. Less than ideal weather conditions contribute to less than ideal playing conditions due to thinning grass in some areas.

In order to produce the best playing conditions on our fairways, especially Cottonwood, it is necessary to begin an aggressive fairway topdressing program during our transition. This is a procedure that will be continued annually.

Brian Whitlark, Agronomist for the Southwest Region, USGA Green Section, has toured our golf courses. The following observations were made based on his visit.

We have very heavy clay soils that were added to the back nine fairways during the renovation period in 2002. This has caused severe compaction due to heavy play, cart traffic, increased salts from our irrigation water and very poor drainage. By topdressing these fairways, all of the above will gradually improve. Most important, we will establish a healthier root system.

Topdressing of fairways is becoming popular throughout the industry. Several valley golf courses have been on the program and found it to be very successful in promoting better playing conditions.

The Board has approved our topdressing program for summer 2012. I am excited with this decision and looking forward to better playing conditions for our next golf season.



Arnold Morales
topdressing the
fairways

The Palo Verde Men's Golf Association

By Dick Nelsen,
Publicity

If you are a novice golfer or an experienced one, Palo Verde Men's Golf Association is the place for you. This par 62 executive course offers a challenge and a place for a lot of fun. There are two long par 5's, four par 4's, and twelve par 3's. This could increase your opportunity for a hole-in-one.

PVMGA is noted for its fun yet challenging approach to golf. Major 36 hole tournaments are the President's Cup low net, the Club Championship honoring the overall gross score champion and the popular Member Guest tournament. There are also Home & Home events with other country clubs in the area. Our annual Fun Day of golf raises money for a local charity, providing a lot of laughs for a group of generous members. We don't forget the ladies either with our annual Sweetheart tournament followed by a gourmet lunch around Valentine's Day. Plus the yearly challenge with the Palo Verde Ladies Golf Association. After reseeded our beautiful golf course, the Welcome Back Picnic is held at Sisk Park initiating the start of the following year's events. Without a doubt, the highlight of the year is the Christmas Dinner Dance held the first week of December, the biggest social event of the year.

If you would like to find out more about PVMGA, contact one of our board members: President, Barry Mostovoy - 802-0638, Vice President, Jerry Lofquist - 883-1454, Treasurer, Bill Fitzke - 895-3524 or Secretary, Carl Doak - 895-7833. The Pros at the PV Pro Shop can also help your game and steer you in the right direction.



The 2012 Club champion of the Palo Verde Men's Golf Association, JACK HILL (with trophy) following the final round on March 10th. Jack shot a two day score of 64 + 65 for a total of 129.

The runner-up was Jerry Davis, who carded a score of 134. From left to right is Jerry Davis runner-up, Richard Hair winner of the third flight, Jack Hill, Joel Bosch, winner of the second flight, Garey Pennington, winner of the fourth flight, and Ed Troche, winner of the fifth flight. It is never too late to play competitive golf; Ed is 96 years old. Congratulations gentlemen!

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Tennis News...

Action Packed Season is Winding Down to a More Leisurely Summer Pace

Submitted by Roberta Arpan

It's been a busy autumn, winter and spring for the Cottonwood Tennis Club. Over 1000 hours of tennis activity were made possible by the 100 plus volunteer positions which are the backbone of this great club. For starters, the CTC hosted or participated in 8 inter club tournaments or tennis socials within the Sun Lakes community or other nearby tennis clubs.

Additionally, six annual tournaments were sponsored by the CTC for Sun Lake tennis players. The Bradshaw Open Tennis Tournament, held in late October-early November started the activity rolling. Chair-couple, George and Christy Thomas coordinated a legion of volunteers to help make this event memorable for spectators and competitors alike. The Bradshaw was followed by the Triple T Tournament (so named because each team consists of single, same gender doubles and mixed doubles), Men's and Women's Doubles Tournament, Mixed Doubles Tournament and the infamous East/West competition pitting Sun Lake players residing East of Alma School against those living on the West side of Alma School. Tournament play for the 2011-2012 season was coordinated by Tournament Director, Wayne Mangold, along with

his assistants, Bob Walk, Pat Davidson and Kathy Klotz.

CTC members also kept busy with two Men Leagues, two Women Leagues, as well as organized play for women only, men only and mixed gender. Opportunities to learn or improve skills were also available with free lessons given on Monday and Tuesday evenings, as well as drop in open play on Sunday and Thursday evenings.

Highlights in the monthly dinner and/or meeting schedule included the Holiday Dinner Dance in December and the fun and games picnic in April.

As the heat approaches, CTC organized activities become fewer. However, two tennis socials are planned for evenings in June and September, and the men will have the opportunity for a pick-up league on Thursday mornings. Watch the CTC bulletin board for further information on possible organized summer activities.

Of course, the die-hard players will continue to hit the courts usually during the cooler part of the day.



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Mangold and
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Things to Do in CWPV...

Entertainment

By Linda Caton

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LADIES COFFEE 2012 – 2013 Season

Ladies Coffees are the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 10:30 am (October – April each year). The cost is \$2 for coffee, hot & iced tea and cookies. All Sun Lakes women and their guest are invited. There will be guest speakers, entertainment, fashion shows and lots of give-a-ways.

October 3	November 7	December 5
January 9 (Conflict with 1st Wednesday)		
February 6	March 6	April 3

AMADOM JEWELERS

Trade in your old, broken or unwanted jewelry for CASH. Amadom will be in Cottonwood's Phoenix Room (A9) from 10 am – 4 pm on **Saturday, May 19th, June 16th**. No appointment needed, just come and they'll take care of you.

FREE CANCER SCREENING

Dr. Brett Goettsch of Radiant Complexions Dermatology Clinics will be conducting Free Cancer Screening in Cottonwood's Phoenix Room (A9) from 8 am – 11 am on **Wednesdays, May 2nd and June 6th**. All Sun Lakers are invited. No appointment needed. The doctor will see you on a first come, first seen basis.

FREE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT CLASSES

Personal Trainer, Deryk Garmanian and his assistant/homeowner, Brenda Waara will be instructing, at no cost, a Weight Room & Equipment Orientation Class in the Ladies Fitness Center, for both men & women (at this time) on the following dates: (ALL WEDNESDAYS)
Dates for 2012 are: **May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 (one week earlier due to Thanksgiving) and December 19**. Please sign-up at Homeowner Services.

FOOTHILLS SPORTS MEDICINE PHYSICAL THERAPY

This free lecture is designed to provide residents with monthly health talks on a variety of topics all designed to help us through different stages in our lives. Physical Therapist Amy Novotny PT, DPT will be in the Phoenix Room (A-9) the **third Tuesday** of each month from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm to provide you with a wealth of information. Please sign up at Homeowner Services.

MEMORIAL DAY DINNER DANCE

Monday, May 28 we'll be celebrating in the San Tan Ballroom. Ticket price, menu and band information is forth coming.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 4th will be our annual Independence Day celebration in the San Tan Ballroom. Ticket price, menu and band information is forth coming.

"Don't Drink the Water"

By Woody Allen

Directed by Linda Caton

Coming this summer, Sun Lakes Community Theatre presents, "Don't Drink The Water. A cascade of comedy and a solid hit on Broadway, this affair takes place inside an American Embassy behind the Iron Curtain. An American tourist, Walter Hollander, a caterer from Newark, and his wife, Marion and daughter, Susan run into the embassy two steps ahead of the police, Krojack, who suspects them of spying and taking pictures in restricted areas. The embassy is not much of a refuge, for the ambassador, James F. Magee, is back in the States on business and his son, Axel Magee, to everyone's dismay is in charge. Even though Axel tries, so very hard, to perform his governmental duties professionally, he has been expelled from a dozen countries and the continent of Africa. (You get the picture.) Nevertheless, everyone, including Father Drobney, who has been a refugee in the embassy for 6 years, carefully and frantically plots the Hollander's escape. The embassy is filled with interesting and funny characters all adding to the confusion. And in all this confusion, the ambassador's son and the caterer's daughter even have time to fall in love.

"Don't Drink The Water" opens Wednesday July 18th (7 pm) and runs through Sunday July 22nd (Matinee 2 pm). Tickets go on sale in Cottonwood's Saguaro Room on Monday, July 2nd from 10 am to 1 pm. and will be on sale Mondays thru Fridays (except for July 4th) from then on until the play opens. Show tickets are \$15 and Dinner tickets will cost \$20.



The **Cast Members** are from L-R Gerad Claseman, Bob Rossow, Debbie Claseman, Roxanne Banta, Merrie Crawford, Michael Carter, John Crawford, Jim Nielsen, Steve Schneck, Bud Jensen, Gerry Pieters, Harlie Youngblood and Sandy Bocynesky. On the piano seat from L-R Sharon Guzman and Grace Geisinger. Missing from the photo is Bill Munn.



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All Sun Lakes women are members but unless you have been a friend or neighbor of an active member you probably don't know that our entire community has benefited and been enhanced by a group of women from all Sun Lakes. This band of doers are active and producing all year long and have been donating their time and efforts to create funding for our "Associations" and local charities.

If you have ever walked into this meeting held every Monday morning from 9:00-11:00am in the Sun Lakes Country Club "Arts and Crafts Room" you would see the makings of pure joy. They are all drafted into work in areas that encourage their individual creativeness towards one goal, The **Best November Bazaar** ever held the first weekend in November.

This treasure-trove is collected by Sharon Horton and her band of pick-up men, so there is a support system that encourages everyone to get involved. Sharon works all year to select the best donated items to keep and sell. The White Elephant Sales provides homeowners with products all year long. Storage is in short supply. Sharon can be reached at 480-323-5519 for all donations and help when a homeowner is leaving and needs to clear out useful items.

We have all been touched by their efforts maybe without

even knowing it. Some of the income, from collecting homeowners slightly used articles, from household items, appliances large and small, furniture, linens, Christmas and home décor, garden and patio furniture and electronics go towards making our community more enjoyable. Anything that might be resold is cleaned, priced and stored in every nook and cranny we can find, including members garages and storage units.

The funds from their efforts are scattered far and wide and include:

- CWPV Ladies Fitness for new elliptical bikes
- CWPV Monument and Signs (Our beautiful new signage)
- CWPV Defibrillator for our fitness area.
- CWPV Maintenance Cart
- CWPV Donation towards Outdoor Furniture Fund
- Sun Lakes Fire Department for new communications equipment and a new thermal imaging device.
- Neighbors Who Care
- Other needs throughout our Community

Our fundraising events include:

- **Sun Lakes Women's Association Nov. Bazaar**
- **Golf Cart and Money Raffle drawing at the Bazaar**
- **Spring Fling Golf-o-rama**

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Sun Lakes Lions Club

By Sandy Iosue

Have you noticed the beautiful American Flags that are put out for Americana patriotic holidays? It may interest you to know that "Fly the Flag" program is one of many projects the Sun Lakes Lions Club is involved in. (See front cover photo).

Did you know that the Lions Club is an international organization? That's right, there are Lions clubs all over the world.

Lions International President Tam has challenged Lions Clubs the world over to plant one million trees in order to give something back to the environment.

In picking up President Tam's challenge The Sun Lakes Lions Club, by working with Cottonwood Palo Verde HOA, is providing some funds to plant several trees where they are needed in the area. They will also be working with Sun Lakes Country Club to provide some funds to plant several trees in their community.

Recently, Sun Lakes Lions President Larry Palmer, Lion Ruth Palmer, and 2nd Vice District Governor Sally Hanson,



presented a check to Cottonwood Palo Verde General Manager, Steve Nolan and members of the Cottonwood Palo Verde HOA Board of Directors.

The Sun Lakes Lions Club is a fantastic group of people who believe in the Lions Club motto, "We Serve". If you would like more information on how you can join this dedicated group, contact Membership chairman, Joe Barrans at 480-802-7757.

Milestones & Memories

Do you have a birthday or anniversary "milestone", or a "memory" to share? Email pamontgomery@msn.com with your story. Space is limited and is on a first come, first served basis.

Neighbors Who Care

By Carol Bowers, Volunteer Services Coordinator, NWC, Inc.

NEIGHBORS WHO CARE received donations from the Desert Chordsmen for \$5528.82 and \$6607.00 from the IronOaks Tennis Club, Calcutta Tennis Tournament during March.

Generous gifts like these have helped fill the gaps from loss of revenue from other sources during stressful economic times. Thank you **Friends of Neighbors Who Care**. Your continued support helps to fill the needs of those in our community who are aging and choose to live at home independently with dignity and pride. Individual gifts and memorials given as generous donations have been received as well. Thank you!

NEIGHBORS WHO CARE is also celebrating 17 years of service to the Sun Lakes and South Chandler communities. The numbers we serve continues to grow as we age in place. The number of volunteers needed to fill the needs must grow as well. If you would like to give back to your Neighbors who have filled your life, please contact the **Neighbors Who Care** office at 480-895-7133 to register for our next Volunteer Orientation. As we move into the summer months and snow birds begin their travels, the need for people to provide transportation to and from doctor appointments and who run errands, and those who assist clients and volunteers in the our office, taking requests and scheduling appointments are the greatest. If you already are a valued volunteer, please consider giving a few extra hours each week.



The **Neighbors Who Care**, Board of Directors introduced Eric Ehst as Executive Director in January. Rounding out our staff is Volunteer Services Coordinator, Carol Bowers, Case Manager, Bonnie Kosar, Scheduler, Jan Hanson and Dinner Delivery Scheduler, Joan Byrnes.

Cruisin', Stayin' On Course with Neighbors Who Care was the theme for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Event. This year a breakfast was held at the Palo Verde Country Club dining room on March 3 and March 10 for 300 volunteers who enjoyed great food and fun.

15 years as NWC Volunteers along with Roberta Wise, not pictured. Others received recognition for 10 years and 5 years of service, most hours served and most miles driven.

Pride and friendship are two attributes of the volunteers and clients as well as the people in our community that serve along side us.



Pictured here are longtime volunteers and friends enjoying fun in the middle of busy weeks and many miles going and coming and giving and serving the people we love.



Jerry Rex, who has cared for our Go Daddy.com van that has been so prevalent in our Neighborhoods, has passed the responsibilities on to Gary Hutchinson this year to keep it clean and gassed up.

Meanwhile, friends enjoyed a morning together with silliness and laughter.



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