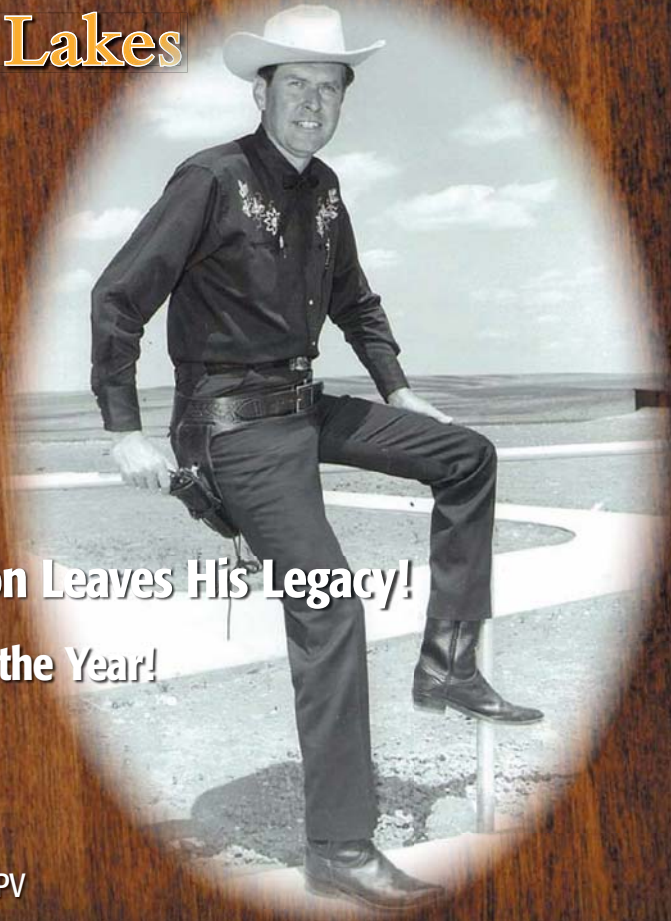


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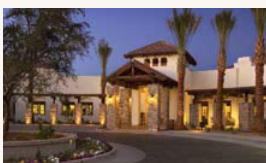
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A LETTER FROM THE HOA

Many significant improvements to our community took place in 2012. A recap of those improvements is indicative of how our HOA continues to accomplish positive projects that make this such a great place to live.

The rezoning of the commercial area of Cottonwood to C-3 zoning is complete and we are awaiting the signed document from Maricopa County. This has been an ongoing process over the last several years, but we did not have to go through the CUPD approval process (Commercial Unit Planned Development) that was originally suggested by the county.

Bill Todd, Director of Golf Course Maintenance, and his crew took on an in depth upgrade/repair project over the summer months solving many of the drainage problems especially on the Cottonwood Golf Course. Bill continues to plant trees and add a very large supply of rock to stop erosion and prevent dust. Our beautiful golf courses are some of the very best in the Valley.

The new signature fountain was officially turned on for the first time on August 29th. This is our largest lake fountain, located at hole #18 on the Cottonwood Golf Course. The fountain enhances and beautifies the entrance into Cottonwood.

The AT&T cell tower was completed the end of September and is now generating revenue to our homeowners.

The Grand Opening of the pickleball courts was held on December 18th and was well attended by our homeowners. Tennis court #2 was converted into four pickleball courts. We have a state-of-the-art facility and our pickleball courts are the best in the Valley.

Your Board of Directors and Management were very active in trying to reduce the requested increase in rates from Pima Utility Company for water, wastewater and irrigation. The Arizona Corporation Commission recently approved a rate increase; however, the rates were significantly lower than what Pima originally requested. The Commission approved a 41.67% increase for irrigation water and Pima Utilities was permitted to have their customers pay \$200,000 for their legal fees. Many thanks to our homeowners who were actively involved writing letters and emails to the Arizona Corporation Commission and to those who attended the information session or the Arizona Corporation Commission Committee hearing.

On October 22nd, ballots were mailed to our homeowners to vote for the site location of the new Administration Building. The vote gave homeowners the choice of constructing the new building on its present parking lot location or on the newly purchased vacant lot at the northeast corner of Riggs Road and Robson Blvd. Ballots were counted on November 8th and the homeowners chose the vacant lot as the site for the new building. An Administration Building Task Force was formed and is in the process of interviewing and choosing an architect to design the new building.

Our HOA has received a most generous and welcoming donation from one of our long-time homeowners. Mr. John Dobson has donated \$200,000.00 to be used toward the new administration building. We are very thankful to him for this wonderful gift. The new building will be named The John R. Dobson Administration Building at Cottonwood Palo Verde in Sun Lakes.

In 2013 we will have three open Board Member positions. If there are more than three candidates for these openings, there will be an election in the February-March timeframe.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank our General Manager and all of our employees, as well as all of our Committee members who volunteer their time to make this one of the best and financially sound HOA's in the Valley.

Your Board of Directors wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy 2013.

*Kathy Skrei, President
Cottonwood Palo Verde Board of Directors*

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Meet Your HOA Management Team



Steve Nolan
General Manager



Jim Miller
Facilities Manager



Bill Todd
Golf Course Maintenance Manager



Linda Caton
Recreation Manager



Beth Becker
Executive Administrative Services Manager



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895-0339

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895-9449

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895-0300

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895-9606

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895-9277



Dick Gothier
Patrol Manager



A Letter From the General Manager

By Steve Nolan

It has been a busy winter! By the time you have received this issue, an Architect will have been chosen for the new Administration Building project. Our Management team is excited to be part of this process.

Our four new Pickleball courts are being enjoyed by our homeowners each day. We are proud to say that we have one of the finest Pickleball facilities in the Valley.

The Board of Directors has awarded the construction contract of the new tennis court #5 to Farnsworth Construction and we look forward to the start of this project.

The kid's pool has been freshly updated with the addition of decorative stone, new pool deck and new patio furniture.

Both Cottonwood and Palo Verde Golf courses are in excellent shape. Bill Todd, Arnold Morales and staff are to be commended for their diligence on both courses. The winter playing conditions are fantastic.

Please read The Flyer for the latest news and check out our website: www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com. Our website is updated daily, so be sure to read it on a regular basis.

We have a beautiful community. Management is always looking for ways to make improvements. Feel free to stop by my office if you have any concerns or suggestions.



Controller's Corner

By Brian Shaw

The accounting staff in the HOA office hopes that all residents had a great Holiday Season, and wish peace, health and prosperity to all for the New Year.

It was during this time that I sat back and realized how blessed I truly am. Among the many blessings that I counted was the great fortune to live in our beautiful community and to work with such a great group of people. As a 'financial type of guy', I always look at the financial stability of an organization. The Cottonwood Palo Verde community is fortunate to have reserves that are healthy. We have a workforce who is committed to maintaining the beauty of our community while minimizing costs and operating within budget.

We would also like to thank the countless homeowners and clubs that donate both their time and money to our community. We have used the generous contributions for patio furniture, an ice machine, a golf cart and other much needed community equipment. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Take care and I look forward to enjoying our community with you!!

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When you sign up you will automatically receive *The Flyer*, *In the Know* & *Food For Thought*, along with periodic HOA Bulletins via email. Go to our website www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com. Find **Community Information** located on the front page and click on EMAIL Sign-up.

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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.



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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.

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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.

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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

An honor system library is available for your reading pleasure. A fax machine and copy machine are also available to homeowners at a nominal fee. Regular visits to Homeowner Services keep you informed of the happenings in the community.

Normal business hours are:

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FAX: (480) 895-3802

John Dobson Leaves His Legacy!

The communities of Cottonwood Palo Verde are very fortunate to have John R. Dobson among their residents. John has graciously contributed \$200,000.00 to Cottonwood Palo Verde Homeowners Association. John's generous gift was presented at the December 27, 2012 Board of Director's Meeting. This donation will be used toward the construction of the new administration office on E. J. Robson Boulevard, and the building will be named the "John R. Dobson Administration Center" in his honor.

John and his wife, Ruthie, spent winters in Cottonwood prior to becoming full time residents in 1996. They enjoyed golfing at all Sun Lakes golf courses and did so until Ruthie passed away in 2000.

John joined the United States Marine Corps in 1941 and was involved in almost every horrendous conflict of World War II. He was stationed at Ford Island when Pearl Harbor was bombed and later saw action at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. A piece of shrapnel ended his military career in 1946. He was 6 foot 3 inches tall and weighed 120 pounds and was 21 years old.

Malaria plagued John for several years after his discharge, but in 1953 John began his 30-year career with United

Artists. He has been in several movies with his long-time friend, John Wayne and worked closely with Sidney Portier, Clint Eastwood, and Sylvester Stallone. If you look closely at the trial scene in "McClintock," you will see an Indian Agent on the left side with a tall stove-pipe hat and mutton chop sideburns – that's John!

This generous contribution is only one of many he has made over the years. Sun Lakes Community Theater has upgraded sound equipment, lighting in the San Tan Ballroom, added risers and curtains, all courtesy of John Dobson. Among other gifts, he has been an active contributor to events sponsored by the Palo Verde Men's Golf Association and purchased television sets for the Cottonwood Lounge.

Thank you, John, for making our community a better place. You are a living legend in Sun Lakes and your legacy will long be remembered.



ARCHITECTURAL COMPLIANCE

Homeowners who wish to make exterior changes to their property must complete an ACC permit form. Forms must be signed by the homeowner.

The purpose of the ACC guidelines is to assist homeowners with the architectural review process. These guidelines will be periodically updated and published by Cottonwood Palo Verde HOA.

- A. The Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC), appointed by the Board of Directors, has the responsibility to maintain the existing high standards of architecture and landscaping within its jurisdiction. Although this Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors, it has complete and final say in all matters within its assigned authority, subject to the right of appeal, as outlined herein.
- B. It is the responsibility of the ACC to insure that the aesthetics of the community are not compromised and that the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions are not violated. Obviously, many specific situations are unique and the ACC must review and decide on each situation in the best interest of the community to maintain property values. Not all situations are covered in this manual.
- C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as altering, amending or changing the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R's) that run with the land and are recorded with the County of Maricopa, or the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Sun Lakes Homeowners Association No. 2; now known as Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes.
- D. The specific requirements as set forth herein have been unanimously approved by the Architectural Compliance Committee on February 4, 1994 and were approved and adopted by the Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes Board of Directors on February 28, 1996 / December 30, 1998 / July 25, 2001, December 29, 2004 / December 26, 2007 / September 24, 2008 / August 19, 2010 / September 28, 2011
- E. The purpose of these guidelines is to assist homeowners with the architectural review process. These guidelines will be periodically updated and published by Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes.

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

The following items have precise guidelines and can be

approved by the HOA Administrator between meetings: Rock - satellite dishes - dumpsters - driveway coatings - same size A/C units - flag poles - mailboxes and mailbox enclosures - same size window replacement - exterior paint.

Replacement, repair or renovation of the following items will not require an Architectural Compliance permit, provided that the appropriate guideline is adhered to and conforms to the original construction.

1. Bug lights
2. Clear top-coat on painted concrete
3. Down spouts and rain gutters
4. Flag poles
5. Flat roof repairs
6. Gates
7. Crushed rock ground cover
8. Removal of dead plants
9. Landscape garden statues
10. House adornments
11. Pet fencing
12. Security doors
13. Sky light & solar tubes
14. Sun shade screens
15. Trellises
16. Exterior water softener tanks
17. Wind turbines (roof)
18. Window and patio sliding door bug screens
19. Irrigation system
20. Awnings
21. Outdoor lights

Remember:

Gutters must match the trim color and downspouts must match the base paint color of the home on which they are mounted. Plans must include the proposed location of the gutters, downspouts and drainage. Gutters must follow the contour of the structure to which they are attached; they must not span open spaces or cross blank walls. The objective is to ensure that they are as inconspicuous as possible. Water flow must not drain into neighboring property.

Any cables or conduit, mounted on the house, must be hidden from view to the maximum extent possible. Where cables or conduits are mounted on any part of the house structure and are visible to neighboring properties, they must be painted to match the surface to where they are mounted. A plan for pipe routing must be included with the ACC permit application.

For further information or clarification call the Administration Office 895-3550 X305

Employee Spotlight

By Bonnie Martin, Human Resources

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2012



Brian Mastin

The Association is extremely proud to announce Brian Mastin, our Information Technology Specialist as our 2012 Employee of the Year. Brian consistently resolves problems with computers, software, and any other technology-related equipment issues error free. He is meticulous, dedicated, reliable and demonstrates excellent knowledge on any information technology concern that arises. He is friendly and possesses a positive, upbeat attitude at all times regardless of how high stress and busy the environment may be. Brian has received numerous "atta boys" from co-workers, homeowners, and vendors due to his superb work ethic.

Brian has been with the Association for 3½ years. He is married to Brenda. They have an adult daughter, two adult sons and three grandchildren. Brian, congratulations! It is truly an honor for us to have you on our team.

Employee of the Month



OCTOBER Tomas Calleros

Tomas' custodian knowledge is vital in keeping our facility beautiful. His cleaning skills are the most important aspect of his job and the final product is a neat workplace.

Tomas is thorough, confident in his job duties, a pleasure to work with and is well deserving of November's Employee of the Month. Tomas has been with the Association for over ten years. Tomas is a team player and takes pride in his work. Tomas keep up the excellent work performance!



NOVEMBER Luz Quintana

It is a pleasure to announce Luz Quintana as our November Employee of the Month. Luz has been with the Cottonwood Food & Beverage Department for 6½ years.

She is a nice person, an outstanding cook preparing food for the Association and easily connects with co-workers in a positive way.

Luz is willing to stop what she is doing to assist anyone who may ask. She is committed and is seldom seen without a big, welcoming smile. During her early morning working hours, she always approaches people with a pleasant morning greeting. A meaningful hello and a well-prepared meal are soothing to the heart and belly. What more can we ask for? Luz, we are fortunate to have you on our team!



DECEMBER Gordon Singer

Our irrigation supervisor, Gordon Singer is December's Employee of the Month. He has extensive knowledge in cultivation, turfgrass, and golf course irrigation. Gordon is familiar with water, greens, tees and fairways. He repairs irrigation systems, grades and prepares the soil base while using specific tools.

Gordon operates specialized motorized equipment in a safe and efficient manner to provide us with the most beautiful golf courses. He has a positive attitude towards his work, a commitment to carrying out his job responsibilities, and has wholeheartedly earned this award.

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Rosemarie Ruiz

The Association complements and admires Rosemarie for her hard work, devotion and 14 years of service in the facilities department as a loyal housekeeper.

Rosemarie finally selected Sun Lakes HOA#2 as her priority employer after working for both Sun Lakes HOA#2 and Intesys Technologies as a certified inspector inspecting parts, packages and labels for seven years.

Prior to Intesys Technologies, Rosemarie was employed as a janitor at Bob's Building Maintenance where she obtained her housekeeping/janitorial experience before being laid off because the company went out of business.

Rosemarie is single and spends her free time inundated with pampering her pet Chihuahuas: Ace, Chiquito, and Nash. She believes her beloved pets helped her heal through some trying medical issues a few years ago.

Rosemarie wants to thank all the homeowners throughout the years for their support. Rosemarie, Thank You!

What's Cookin'



By Palo Verde Chef Marshall Reichert



Ramiro Nevarez has worked for Cottonwood Palo Verde as a cook for 19 years. During those 19 years he has been recognized as Employee of the Month several times.

Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, he currently resides in Chandler, Arizona with his loving wife. His two children are grown and live in the area. In his spare time he enjoys working on his house and caring for his two dogs and his chickens. Ramiro is also a big fan of Bruce Lee movies.

He has a true passion for cooking and has worked at several well known resorts in the Valley: The Buttes, The Boulders, and San Marcos. During his time at Palo Verde, Ramiro has developed several signature recipes for entrees and desserts that are enjoyed by the patrons on a regular basis. His most well known is the Turkey Soup served at the Christmas Golf Cart Parade. We serve in excess of 100 gallons of Turkey Soup to the homeowners and their families. He also is quite crafty with sculpting foods. Ramiro makes mice from radishes, fish from cucumbers, and this year he topped off the Thanksgiving Buffet line with a turkey created from fresh fruits.



Cottonwood's Chef Karsten & Team Win Awards at the 2012 Arizona Taco Festival

By Cottonwood F&B Manager, Leigh Torres

The 3rd Arizona Taco Festival took place on October 20th & 21st, 2012, at Salt River Fields in Scottsdale. There were over 40 teams competing for \$10,000 cash and taco bragging rights. We're happy to say that this is one of the

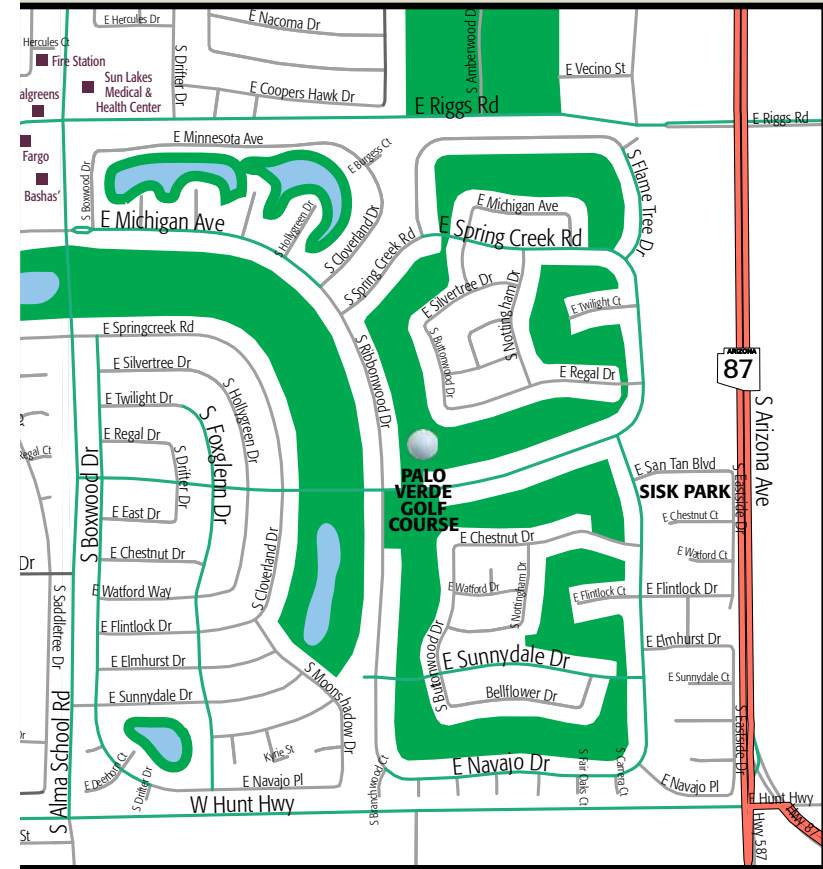
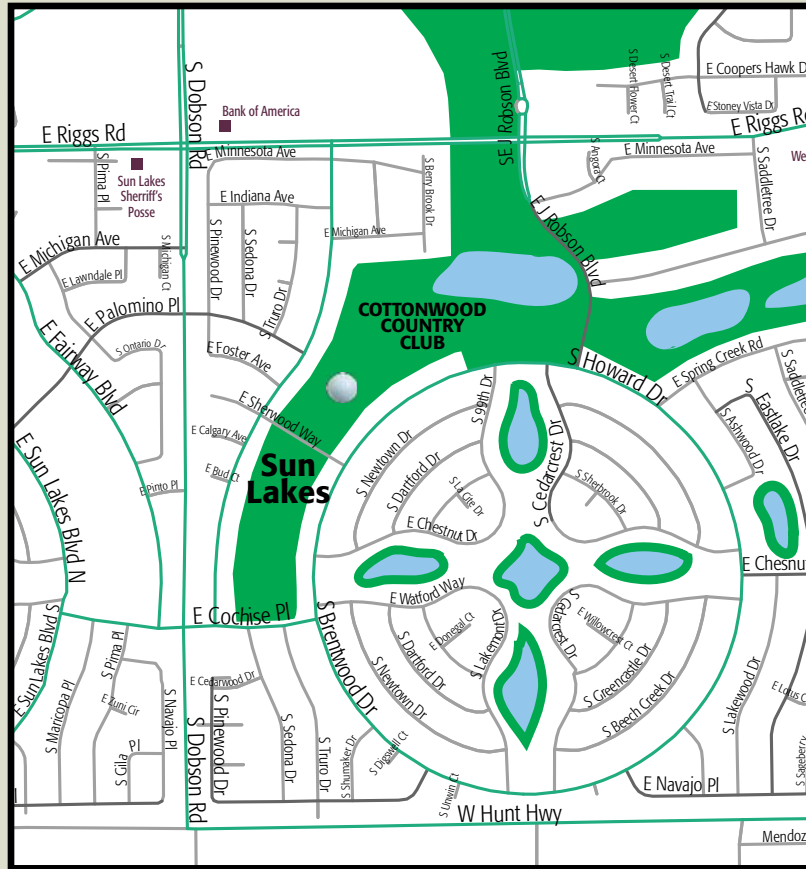


fastest growing events in America, one which attracted over 20,000 people from all over the country! Last year, Chef Karsten Hartig competed and took home awards in the AZ Taco Festival as chef of another team. Like a star quarterback, he's since switched teams and now is the Chef from Cottonwood Country Club. Chef Karsten took home 1st place in best Seafood Taco, 2nd in Anything Goes Taco, 3rd in Best Guacamole, and 4th overall. Stop in Cottonwood Bar & Grill and try some of Karsten's taco creations!



L to R: Matt Marlow, Karsten Hartig, Zac Carson, Luis Ramon

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From the Pros

Greetings golfers! We hope your 2013 is going great and you are ready for a super springtime of golf. Spring sees an increase in play with the golf courses in constant use.

Please remember to make your tee time request time frames as wide as possible when entering on Chelsea.



Desmond Dakin
Cottonwood Country Club



Greg Tokash
Palo Verde Country Club

Palo Verde Golf Course

Palo Verde Lady Niner's:

Palo Verde would like to invite all ladies who are looking to play nine holes of golf with a group of golfers. P.V. Niner's play on Wednesday afternoons between 2:30-3:00 tee times with the season running from November through April. Contact or stop by the Palo Verde pro shop to sign up. The sign-up sheet for the upcoming week will be posted up to one week in advance.

Summer Season:

The summer Twilight Couples will begin in May. Palo Verde will have its First Annual Labor Day Flag Tournament on Sunday, September 1st.

We ask you to please sign up for the Wednesday clinic by giving the CW Golf Shop a call at 895-9449 or the Saturday clinic by calling the PV Golf Shop at 895-0300. The cost is \$10 per person.

Merchandise:

Palo Verde's pro shop is fully stocked throughout the entire year. Special orders are welcome! We will attempt to match our competitor's prices at all times.



Cottonwood Golf Course

Summer Season:

The summer Twilight Couples will begin Wednesday, June 5th and our Firecracker (Flag) Tournament will be held on July 7th.

Men's & Ladies' Clubs:

The Cottonwood Men, Ladies and the 9'ers have been in full swing since over-seeding. As the summer approaches, the number of players will go down and the 9'ers will take the summer off.

Merchandise:

Cottonwood's pro shop is fully stocked throughout the entire year. Special orders are welcome! We will attempt to match our competitor's prices at all times.

Player Assistants:

Cottonwood will be using Player Assistants throughout the winter season. They will be a fixture during the season working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Player Assistants will maintain the pace of play and assist with the upkeep of the golf course and range.

PROGRAMS:

Monday, Thursday & Saturday Clinics:

The hour-long golf clinics will be taught by two of our fine Golf Pros from 10:00am-11:00am every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. All clinics will be held at either the Cottonwood driving range or the Cottonwood short game area. Please sign up for all golf clinics at Cottonwood Pro Shop or call Cottonwood Pro Shop at 895-9449. The cost is \$10 per person. (Cash or Check)

Individual Lessons:

We have a total of 6 golf professionals who give individual lessons which are \$40 per 1/2 hour or a series of 5 lessons for \$180. (Cash or check)

Club Demo / Fitting Days:

Cottonwood has scheduled Ping to demo every second Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. so you may try out the latest in equipment. (November through April) Keep your eyes open for other vendor demo days to be scheduled. Titleist and Taylor Made will have scheduled fitting days throughout the winter season which will be advertised via e-mail.

Cottonwood Tennis Club: Then and Now

By Roberta Arpan

Now in its 32nd year, membership in the Cottonwood Tennis Club has grown from the original 20 tennis players to just shy of 300. The club was officially formed on December 15, 1981 in the Men's Grill of the Cottonwood Country Club. The CTC was predated by the Sun Lakes CC Tennis Club and many of the founding principles were based on its neighboring club. By-laws written in 1981 (Article II) state the purpose of the club is "to create interest and participation on the part of all skill levels of tennis players." Currently, this principle is promoted through the free tennis clinics on Monday and Tuesday nights led by a cadre of skilled volunteers.

The tradition of reserving Monday and Wednesday mornings for women and Tuesdays and Thursdays for men was established in 1984. The ever-popular Bradshaw Open Tennis Tournament came into existence in 1985 and remains one of the mainstays for welcoming tennis players back to the greater Sun Lakes Community each fall. From its inception, the CTC has hosted and/or participated in socials with other tennis clubs. The annual women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles tournaments were added throughout the years, as were the "for fun" tournaments, such as the East-West Matches and the Triple T. The East-West games were started in 1994 and the first mention of the Triple T was in the 2008 CTC Directory.

In comparing today's CTC with the club of yesteryear, early members recollect more social events such as costume parties, potluck dinners, luaus, trips to the horse racing track and treasure hunts. Monthly membership meetings were always accompanied by pot luck dinners and usually held at the Civic Center which was located near the original Basha's Grocery Store where the present day Bealls is today. Tennis ladders were a popular way to compete against fellow tennis players; there was less emphasis on leagues and the present rating system that categorizes a player's skill level. Dues have increased from \$8.00 a year in 1982 to the current \$50.00.

Names early members are certain to remember are Ken and Marsha Bradshaw who provided early leadership to the club, and Jason Morton, the first club pro who was



Tennis Players 1984



Tennis Players 2013

instrumental in organizing an annual Senior Invitation Doubles Scramble from 1987 through 1995. During the three days of this Scramble, CTC members hosted top rated tennis players from around the U.S. and were delighted to watch their guests compete for prize money. The participants were "wined and dined" to a different theme each year such as "The Roaring 20's" or "The Wild West".

Thanks go out to Kelz Kelzenberg, CTC Historian, and long-standing members, Terry Meury and Dee Rasmussen, for providing information for this article.

Entertainment

By Linda Caton, Recreation Manager

All tickets for Cottonwood Palo Verde shows and events can be purchased at Homeowner Services.

EASTER FESTIVITIES

This year's Easter Golf Cart Parade, Egg Hunt and Ballroom treats and games, will take place on **Saturday, March 30, 2013**. All Sun Lakers and guests are invited. All events are FREE so mark your calendar now!



RE-VOICED

If you enjoyed The Cat's Pajamas when they were here last year, then you'll love Re:Voiced. This quintet will amaze you with just the sound of their voices. They also make all the sounds of the band with their voices. These young boys are a really high energy group. Show date is **Friday, February 8, 2013** in the San Tan Ballroom. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a 7 p.m. show. Cost is only \$20.

BOBBY BROOKS WILSON

Bobby is the son of the famous singer, Jackie Wilson "Lonely Teardrops". You better buy your tickets fast because he always sells out. Bobby is a master entertainer and can do it all. His show is set for **Saturday, February 16th** in the San Tan Ballroom. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a 7 p.m. show. Tickets are \$23.

JERRY PUNTY'S MISSOURI OPRY

This family performing team is straight from Branson and their show is jam-packed with song and fun. They will be here on **Friday, February 22nd** in the San Tan Ballroom with a 7 p.m. Show time. Doors will be open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

LADIES COFFEE

Ladies Coffee (opened to all Sun Lake's women and their guest) in the San Tan Ballroom is the 1st Wednesday of the month. We will have coffee, hot or cold tea, cookies, door prizes and entertainment. The cost is only \$2. **February 6, March 6, April 3.**



REMEMBER THE 60'S IMPERSONATORS

Tickets opened up for a 3 p.m. show and are on sale now! Direct from Las Vegas, four legendary singers performed by four amazingly talented tribute artists. The

line-up includes: Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Dionne Warwick and Paul Anka. Get your tickets now for this fantastic show slated for **Friday, March 22, 2013** in the San Tan Ballroom. Doors open at 2 p.m. with a 3 p.m. show. All this fun for only \$20.

FREE 5th ANNUAL ART AT THE LAKES SHOW

The very popular "Art At The Lakes" will take place on **Saturday, March 9, 2013** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Cottonwood greenbelt across from the tennis courts. As in the past, all proceeds from this show go to benefit the Sun Lakes and East Valley Fireman. Our brave firefighters will be on hand again to grill up some tasty hot dogs and hamburgers. You'll see an amazing selection of wonderful artists; water color, oil, gourds, jewelry, stained glass, wood work, pottery and much, much more!

LOWE FAMILY ENTERTAINERS

You won't want to miss this outstanding family of entertainers. They do it all! They'll be performing in the San Tan Ballroom on **Tuesday, March 15, 2013**. Tickets are only \$20 for this high caliber of entertainers. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for 7 p.m. show.

SLIVERIDGE POP ORCHESTRA

Back by popular demand, this wonderful orchestra will be here on **Friday, March 15, 2013** in the San Tan Ballroom for a 7 p.m. show only. Tickets are \$15.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Just like on the famous TV show! On **Tuesday, March 26, 2013**, we'll have 6 of our brave, and hopefully talented homeowners compete against each other in a dance off, naturally in the San Tan Ballroom. Their partners will be professional dancers from the Utah Ballroom Dance Company. The (3) ladies competing are: Lylla Alejandro, Beth Becker and Vera Metcalf. The (3) gentlemen are: Bob Carlson, Dennis Chidester and Paul Rogers. The ladies will perform a Rumba, Cha Cha and a Waltz. The men get to "strut their stuff", to a Jive, Foxtrot and the ever famous Paso Doble. They will dance under the watchful eyes of our (3) Judges: Bud Jenssen, Janine Schneck and Jim Thorburn. Tickets are \$20 and you can bet that these tickets will go fast!! Show time is 7 p.m.

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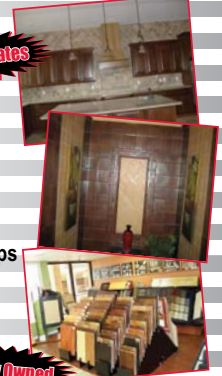
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Sun Lakes Women's Association Up and Coming News

By Charlotte Newberry

It's bound to happen! Along with a new year come changes! We now have some new board members and the roster is as follows ----Sharon Horton is president; Marge Shipe is vice president; Carole Elliott remains secretary; Charlotte Newberry is corresponding secretary; Pat Nicholaisen remains as treasurer. I sincerely want to thank the outgoing officers for their wonderful work with the association--Kay Wengert, Karen Bailey and Dorothy Meek.

Please note this next bit of news. You might want to keep this information handy for future references. From now on, if anyone has household items in good condition to be picked up, call the following number--480-895-9270 Extension 220. This will put you in touch with Phase One office. They in turn will contact the person in charge of pickups for the week. We have a list of organizations who will gladly arrange to pick up the heavy furniture (you may also choose one). The light weight objects and household items will be picked up as usual and stored to be sold for the benefit of all of Sun Lakes.

Because we sell the items we pick up, an idea has developed that will lessen the huge amount that we accumulate for the bazaar. We have decided to display some things at the monthly flea market. I can't guarantee that this will happen every month (and of course during the summer there will be a break), but I would suggest it would be well to check this out on the third Saturday of the month beginning at 6 a.m.-10 a.m. Book and Bake Sale time again taking place March 16th, 7-10 a.m. along with the flea market. This will be at the Phase One Clubhouse. One other thing to watch for is the upcoming Golf Tournament being held in April in Palo Verde this year. Look for the announcements to appear.

The SLWA received some heartfelt "thank you" letters from the fire department for money to buy a gurney; Neighbors Who Care for money to expand their services; Sun Lakes needed their billiard tables worked on; Phase One HOA received money for their 40th anniversary celebration; Ironwood was sent money for new benches and Ardis Walker presented the Medical Center with babies' hats from the women who make them. I can't begin to tell you how grateful we in Phase One are for those in Sun Lakes who have made contributions in time and money to meet these needs. You are the best of neighbors!

Ladies, come see us in the Arts and Crafts room at the clubhouse in Phase One Monday mornings from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. When passing through the library take time to look over the beautiful cards that Barbara Sweet has crafted and are for sale. Come join us for coffee---it's pretty good. Have a great year!

NEIGHBORS WHO CARE

By Carol Bowers, Volunteer Services Coordinator



We will celebrate our annual volunteer recognition event March 9, 2012 in the Oakwood Country Club Ballroom. Special entertainment will be the Doo Wop Group. There will be special recognition of volunteers who have gone above and beyond and those who have completed 5, 10 and 15+ years of service for Neighbors Who Care.

The Greater Sun Lakes Interfaith Council will be holding their annual **Spring Choir Concert** to raise awareness and support for Neighbors Who Care, hosted by the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, March 3, at 7:00 PM. The theme is **Renewal and Unity**. The choirs featured will be The Chandler Children's Choir and the mass choirs of the Sun Lakes Congregation. Information and tickets will be available through your home congregations, Neighbors Who Care, and Sun Lakes United Methodist Church.

The Sun Lakes Rotary Club will be holding their 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament and auction benefiting Neighbors Who Care, March 10 at Oakwood Country Club.

March 20th we will be encouraging everyone to go to **AZGives.org** to donate to Neighbors Who Care. The **AZ Gives** program is a great way to give to NWC and be part of a grand statewide effort to fund our charities.

Neighbors Who Care has ended the year with great honors and plans for new programs beginning in the New Year. The Virginia G Piper Foundation announced October 28 that NWC won the first ever **Encore Prize** given to non-profit organizations who through innovation and excellence engage the volunteerism of individuals who are over 50 years old to fill pressing human resource needs in their community.

The partnership of many generous business and individuals have kept services available and encouraged us to take steps to expand our service base. This year we are beginning an ombudsman program to be advocates for those we serve when they are making important decisions for home repairs etc.

January began our Education Workshop Series, **AGING IN PLACE**. Each Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00, we will have new discussions on topics important to each of us. January will begin with **Celebrating the Gifts**, recognizing the lifetime of learning each of us possess. The Tuesday event will focus on learning experiences of aging. The second Tuesday will be an opportunity to Ask the Case Manager, regarding decision making and resources in our community. The third Tuesday, we will learn more about Aging Well. The fourth Tuesday will concentrate on Living Well. Experts in their fields will give the last two workshops from service providers from our community.

Neighbors Who Care will continue to provide the same quality services available to our Sun Lakes and south Chandler Communities throughout the summer months; hold the monthly AARP Driver Safety Classes, the Auto Checks, Education Seminars with Christine Raney of Edward Jones Financial and Volunteer Training. The Caregiver Support Groups will continue at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

We have other exciting opportunities for you to become part of our Neighbors Who Care family through **Friends of Neighbors Who Care**: volunteering and supporting the work we do for our community. To register for any of our programs, to volunteer, make a donation, or for more information please call us at 480-895-7133, visit our website at neighborswhocare.com or stop in our office at 10450 E Riggs Rd #113 during our business hours, 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

SLCT's Production "Dearly Beloved" Opens March 6

By Andrea Hummel

This March you are cordially invited to attend the wedding of Tina Jo Futrelle. Seriously.

This wedding is a part of Sun Lakes Community Theatre's spring play, "Dearly Beloved," and you are definitely invited to come see this show put the 'fun' in dysfunctional!

"Dearly Beloved" runs March 6-10 at the San Tan Ballroom in Cottonwood. Tickets go on sale February 18 with the option of purchasing dinner before the show.

The story: the Futrelle Sisters, Frankie, Honey Raye and Twink, are throwing a wedding. Frankie has almost made herself sick with elaborate preparations for her daughter, Tina Jo's, antebellum-inspired wedding, and the rumor mill in their small town of Fayro, Texas, is working overtime.

In spite of her own problems, Frankie has held steadfastly to the hope that she can pull off one "final Futrelle occasion" with elegance and style with the help of the cantankerous wedding coordinator, Miss Geneva, who runs the local floral shop/bus depot.

On the day of the nuptials, however, Frankie's hope begins to dim when she discovers that Twink's alternative solution to an expensive catered wedding dinner is a potluck supper sponsored by Clovis Sanford's House of Meat. When the prodigal Honey Raye arrives at the church consumed by hot flashes, Frankie's hope is shaken. It is lost completely when word reaches the church that Tina Jo and her fiancé are nowhere to be found.

Of course, the sisters ultimately pull together while a highway patrolman races off to track down the runaway bride and groom. As a last resort, and to the delight of the citizenry of Fayro, Texas, The Sermonettes reunite and sing again.

This show was written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten who also wrote "The Dixie Swim Club." Make plans now for a great evening's entertainment without ever leaving Sun Lakes!



Sandy Pallett intimidates Bill Munn as they rehearse a scene from "Dearly Beloved."



The Futrelle sisters, Diana Nelinson (Twink), Laura Eisenhart (Honey Raye), Janine Schneck (Frankie), are overjoyed at their reunion.



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Milestone's & Memories...

Tea & Chocolate Cake

By Priscilla Gazez

I left the city in a hurry that day. It was raining, I was tired and I had a long trip ahead of me. The lunch I'd had at 11:30 had long ago been digested and my stomach was growling in agony. Food had always been a favorite thought every day and today was no different.

What was different was the fact that I knew I wouldn't be able to eat again for several hours, maybe a day. I was on the way to say good-bye to an old friend. It wouldn't be an easy parting or a pleasant one. My appetite would not be my main focus and I knew that.

Lucy and I had been together as friends since we were, say, about three years old. We lived in the same town, grew up together, graduated from high school together and despite the different directions we took in life, had always remained BFF. Even at great distances at times, we communicated. We grew in life, married and had children. We told our children the stories of our childhood, our adventures into maturity.

We spent many days after school sipping hot tea and eating her mother's homemade chocolate cake with vanilla frosting. We smoked our first cigarette together that we had taken turns "borrowing" from our parents. We fell in love with the same boys, broke up with them and found others. We shaved our legs together for the first time and traded Carolyn Keene mysteries.

The memories were quite entrenched and a part of my life and hers. We talked about them from time to time and enjoyed laughs at some of the things we did back then. I often reflected through the years on how lucky we were to have each other. Friends till death do us part. Tomorrow was going to be that parting. I had lost my friend to illness, aging and just plain end of life as we both knew it. It was okay. We live and we die. It's the memories, both good and bad that define us. I knew that they were still with me and I would have to take them away some day myself.

The funeral was simple, warm and reflective. I was invited to sit with her daughters, between them actually, and held their hands tightly in mine as the service proceeded. Afterward, they invited me to Lucy's home. When we arrived there, I was escorted into the living room. The coffee table had been set with a tea pot, cups and a round, chocolate cake. On the far corner was a stack of books. I touched the top one, felt its old cover and picked it up and smelled it. Old, musty and beautiful.

They were the Carolyn Keene mystery books that Lucy and I had shared so many years ago when we were young and pretty and shared boyfriends and drank tea and ate chocolate cake together.



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By Dick Gauthier, Patrol Manager

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It's also time to check on the following items related to home security, since you will be in and out of the house enjoying all of the above mentioned amenities.

Here are a few ideas to improve your Home Security:

1. ANSWERING THE DOOR: Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door. A short chain between the door and the jamb is not a good substitute because it can be broken easily. Don't open the door to anyone you do not know without first verifying that person's identity, but you should let them know someone is home. Do not ignore it!
2. GARAGE DOOR: Keep it closed and locked. This helps protect valuable property stored in your garage and prevents access to interior doors to the house. An open garage is an invitation for a burglar.
3. KEY SENSE: Do not hide house keys in mailboxes, planters or under doormats. Give a duplicate key to a trusted friend or neighbor in case you are locked out.

Do not put any personal identification on key rings. Leave only your ignition key with service mechanics and parking garage attendants. If you lose the keys to your home or move, change the locks immediately.

4. ANSWERING THE TELEPHONE: Don't give any information to "wrong number" callers. Ask what number they were dialing. Check references of any person calling about a survey or credit check before volunteering information. Check references by offering to call the person back instead of responding immediately. Hang up immediately on any threatening or harassing calls. If the caller persists, call police and the phone company.
5. DEADBOLTS: It is highly recommended that all exterior doors be equipped with a good quality deadbolt lock. A deadbolt should have the following:
 - A. A solid, case-hardened steel cylinder guard; a rotating cylinder guard is even better.
 - B. A bolt that protrudes at least 1 inch.
 - C. Case-hardened fasteners to hold both pieces of the lock securely to the door.

A reliable Contractor or Locksmith can help you install the peephole or deadbolt.

6. GOING AWAY: Burglars hope to avoid confrontations, so make your home look occupied! Leave lights on and the radio playing, preferably a talk show, when you go out. Use inexpensive timing devices to turn inside lights and radio on and off at different times.
7. CRIME PREVENTION and RESOURCE BOOKLET: This is a booklet supplied by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. They are available for FREE at the Cottonwood Palo Verde Homeowner Services. Pick One Up Today! Read It Today!





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