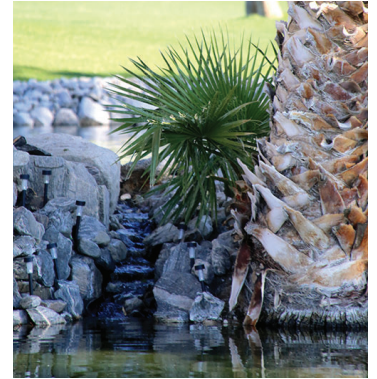


Desert Crest Community Association

A Senior Community

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*Thank you Tim
For all you did for
Desert Crest Golf Course.
You will be missed*



Board Meeting:
November 1, 2022
6pm
Clubhouse

October/November 2022
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Activities Schedule

Men's Golf-Every Friday

8:00am coffee, 8:30am start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Ladies' Golf-Every Tuesday

8:15am meet, 8:30am start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Mixed Doubles- Every Wednesday

8:15am meet, 8:30am start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Jack and Jill- Last Sunday of the Month

12:45pm meet, 1:00pm start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Shuffleboard-

Fun Nights - Every Tue. 6:15pm
Competition - See bulletin board

Fun Club Meetings-

Every 1st Saturday of the month, at 10am

Coffee at 10-

Every Wednesday at 10am

Board Workshop-

Last Tuesday of the month
Oct. - March
6pm - Clubhouse

Board Meeting-

First Tuesday of the month
Oct. - April
6pm - Clubhouse

Morning Exercise-

Monday-Saturday
9:00am in the Pool

President's Message

By Nancy Nunan, President

Welcome back Snowbirds.

I hope you will enjoy all the new renovations, like the remodelled pool and spas, the work on the clubhouse, the golf course (which is now open for your enjoyment), and the work being done on the shuffleboard lanes. The Desert Crest staff have been working hard this past summer. All Desert Crest members please take a moment to thank them if you see them. Also, please remember that they are employees of Desert Crest Country Club and general manager, Pete Harrington. They are not employees of the members. Therefore, please do not ask or demand that they make changes to the facilities. If a member has a request or complaint such as the temperature of the pool or one of the rooms, please file a written suggestion or complaint to the Association. The Association will then log it and forward it to the club or General

Manager. The Association Board are volunteers and are doing the best that they can do. The Board is looking for volunteers for the committees listed below. Volunteers are the backbone of our community and are what keeps us safe and strong.

- Neighborhood Watch - We will have a speaker in November
- Emergency Preparedness
- Recycle
- Underage
- 2.04 Committee
- Architectural

Do you have questions of what these committees are or want to know more about them? Give a Board member a call.

The Desert Crest Community Association is looking forward to a fun and adventurous 2022/2023. Lots of opportunities for Halloween, Christmas, Wine tasting, games, exercise and more. Welcome Back Snowbirds and all other residents.

Special Thanks to our Maintenance Supervisor, Silvino and the entire staff for the work that has been accomplished this summer, including Jose and Raul (golf course workers). We have done a great deal of work and it is because of them that we are as far along as we are today. This has been a rough year with the weather, including hot weather and major winds with dust and garbage blowing everywhere. During the 3 weeks we were renovating the pool areas these gentlemen stepped up and worked diligently to get the jobs done so we could reopen as soon as possible. A special thanks to them. Also, a special thank you to Daisy and Cindy for working through these times with us and helping in every way they could to keep things clean and going. It is all appreciated. Thank you!

**Special Thank you to
Robin Johnson for all his
help on this newsletter**

DESERT CREST CLUB HAPPENINGS

By Pete Harrington, Property Manager, Desert Crest Country Club

Welcome back to all of our Snowbirds and seasonal residents! We look forward to your returning and hope you enjoy all the changes and updates.

Many projects have been completed since last spring and I will summarize here for your information:

Pool/Spas

Our contractor for revitalizing the pool was able to work us in earlier than we had expected so all of our pool updating is done, including installation of a new handicap chair, benches for seating around the area repaired, and repainted with new cushions made for each (cushions compliments of Celeste Taylor and Jamie Flippin). There are new tables in the pool back patio area and on the upper patio deck by the clubhouse dining room. All 3 spas have also been revitalized and reopened for your enjoyment. The interior sections of the pool and patio areas have been repainted, flowers weeded, with more lighting, plants and decorations added.

Golf Course

The course has been readied for play as of October 21. We appreciate all the work our guys have done to get it ready for the season. At this time it does not have the fairways you have become used to as we are down one mower which does that particular mowing. A new mower has been ordered and should be delivered by the first of November. When it arrives and is working the fairways will be back in place. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help me with the course during season. If you might be interested give me a call. A meeting for golfers and residents will be held at the Clubhouse on November 30 at 6:30 PM to discuss needs of the course, golfers and residents. A tentative agenda will be sent out before the meeting.

Front Entrance

The East side of the front entrance is completed. It is a desert scene making it more environmentally friendly. We put additional lighting at the entrance and more lights on the trees as you enter the park. By the end of the year we will work on the West side and repairing the electrical on that side. A solar street light is being installed at the front entrance to allow more visibility for security purposes and to enable our security cameras to have better views during the evening and early morning hours.

Southeast Entrance to upper deck near Library

A new ramp has been installed with handrails to make it easier for some to walk up that incline. We have also installed more lighting in that area for security.

Parking Lot

We have begun patch work on the West side of the Clubhouse. If you see cones out please be careful in those areas. When we are finished with that side we will move to the East side.

We are looking into replacing the parking lot lighting which may include additional lighting. This is in progress.

Restaurant/Real Estate and Beauty Shop Building

The restaurant and real estate office is open. A new addition is the Desert Crest Salon. Owner/Hairstylist is Lily and you can reach her at 760-671-6825. This shop has been renovated and is ready for customers.

Shuffleboard Building

The carpeting in the building has been removed, swamp coolers, and leaks in the coolers and the roof have been repaired. All the

drains have been blown out and all "objects" removed. With the two rains we had in the last 2 weeks we had no leaks and no damage! New carpeting has been purchased by the Recycling Committee and our staff has installed it along with patching and repairing other places in the building. It is ready for a great season of shuffleboard!

Membership Badges

Please wear your membership badge anytime you are using a Club facility, attending an event at the Club (unless otherwise noted), golfing, shuffle boarding, swimming, anytime you are on Club property. Staff members have been instructed to do badge checks randomly. If they ask you for your badge please show it to them without hesitation. This is for your personal safety and that of the entire community, including staff. Please cooperate respectfully with this request. If wearing of badges continues to be a problem, we may need to address restricting privileges so that everyone is in compliance.

In November we will be recalling all renters badges. New badges will be awarded to owners and renters in good standing. If an owner is not in good standing, a renter is not in good standing. Owners, please let you tenants know this will be happening so you can be sure you are able to justify all your badge requests. Return those already in your possession. This is for renters only at this time. If a badge is not turned in, a new one will not be given.

Owners: if you have a home that is a rental and it is vacant, no badges will be issued until such time as a renter is living in the property, the owner is in good standing, and the renter has been interviewed by the Association/Club.

Here's to another great season!

Desert Crest Men's Golf 2022

By Mike Salois

Welcome back all you golfers to DCCC. Men's golf will start Friday, November 4th. Tee off at 8:30; please arrive early so pairings and starting hole assignments can be made.

It is with great sadness to announce that we lost our vice-president, friend, and golf course manager, Tim Omdahl. He is, and will be greatly missed. During the season we will have a memorial Big Country Tournament in his honor.

Please plan on meeting at 7:30 AM on week 2, November 11th for our first meeting of the year. Elections and Men's Golf business will be discussed. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Talent is not a necessity to play! I want to encourage all men to come on out, as our games are set up so that players of equal talent compete against each other. Everyone can win money each and every week, so please come on out and join the men for some fun! Cost is \$50 for the year, \$12 for a month, and \$3 for a week. Yearly dues also include the \$5 charge for tournaments. If you don't own clubs, talk to Mike Salois and we will work something out. Thanks, and let's have a great winter!



Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf 2022

By Becki Philips

Ladies Golf – new players welcome!

Tuesday is ladies league day! Never played before? Want to try? Interested? Just come on down to the golf course Tuesday morning. You'll find the women gathering at about 8 a.m. for the 8:30 tee time. If you would like a little one-on-one time with a member of our league before playing a round, just call:

Becki: 760 413-1206

Sue: 760 671-7630

Linda: 926 754-7758

These gals can answer your questions and make sure you are paired with someone who will show you the course and guide you through the local rules.

The League is a fun bunch of gals with weekly play on Tuesdays and a few tournaments scheduled during the season. Hope to see you on the greens.



"Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world in which to be bad."

A. A. Milne, creator of Winnie the Pooh

Mixed Doubles Golf/Jack and Jill- 2022

Jim Woodland, Coordinator

Mixed Golf

I would like to start out by thanking Robin Johnson for organizing our golf at the end of April as well as organizing some events in the summer. The last event was a Labor day tournament that had 17 golfers. From what I heard everyone had a great time.

This league plays the game of Best Ball. All the players hit and the next shot is determined by the "best ball". All the team players play again from this point. The game moves quickly and allows everyone to be involved. Couples can play together, on request, or play separately and take advantage of meeting new golfers. Our league this year will begin on Wednesday November 2nd, at 8:30am. If you are interested in playing, please come out before 8:15 so that teams can be selected. The cost per person is \$1.25. All monies are returned to the golfers in the form of prizes.

Last year our turnout averaged between 15-25 golfers and we hope to increase that this year. We hope to see you there.



Jack and Jill Golf

Jack and Jill Golf takes place on the last Sunday of each month although this year with Christmas day being the last Sunday in December, we will likely not have it in December. Like Mixed Golf, the game we play is Best Ball. The difference between the Sunday game and the regular Wednesday game is that people sign up as couples and you golf with your partner. We had between 20 and 28 golfers out each month last year.

The cost is \$1.25 per person with all monies returned to the golfers in the form of prizes. Please arrive by 12:45 so that teams can be made up for the 1 pm start.

Whether you are a regular golfer or new to the sport, Mixed Golf is an excellent opportunity to enjoy yourself on the golf course, and maybe meet some new people. We hope to see you there.

Jim Woodland

Desert Crest's Shuffleboard

By Fred Hayes

The fun starts November 14!, The Shuffleboard Club invites all park residents to join them every Monday through Thursday.

Monday Club competition starts at 10:00 a.m. Desert Crest residents are invited to join the club and play between club members. Join the club for only \$5.00. See a photo of club President and champion, Fred Hayes, who won the most games last year. See also a photo of all the club members and a photo of the many volunteers.

Fun Night is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. but come early. Open to all residents and their guests. If you come for the first time, there is always someone there ready to help you learn shooting and scoring. We play a fun team-oriented game filled with shouts and cheers.

Bob Mullen and Robin Johnson hold the record for high score of 177. They beat out Judy Hulin and Harold Broeckel best of 175. See their pictures near this article. See also Murray Milne, Shari Benny and Judy Hulin with a score of 164.

Desert Shufflers play Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. Desert Crest club members play club member from other parks—both home and away. This is a recreational league designed for newcomers and those who like to play for fun.

Thursday is for the competitors. Club members compete against others throughout Coachella Valley in the Hi-10 League. Desert Crest took second place last year. We won a trophy sponsored by former club member and long-time residents Chuck and Janet Maynard. See the photo of HI-10 Captain Val McDougal accepting the award from Robin Johnson standing in for Chuck and

Jan. Also pictured are Val McDougal awarding Linda Nielsen and Robin Johnson who tied for most Hi-10 wins last year.

John and Linda Nielsen won first place in championship and consolation brackets pitted against the best shufflers in southern California. They had to play each other in the run-off. See them holding their award in the photo.

Thanks to Desert Crest Country Club, Pete Harrington and crew, and the Recycle Team, we have a totally remodeled shuffleboard facility. Pat and Terry raised the roof, tore out drainage pipes, tore out the old carpeting and installed new carpeting. Patrick Spiger and Peg DeVries measured for carpeting and picked out a durable tightly looped carpet. Your donation to the Recycle Program purchased the carpet and supplies.

Many new residents are learning the sport and joining their neighbors in weekly fun events. Your President Fred Hayes, Vice President John Brown, Secretary Robin Johnson and Treasurer Linda Nielsen, welcome you.

Photos by Robin Johnson



Fun Club

By Mindy Harrington

Fun Club

We had our first business meeting last Saturday, October 1. A nominating Committee has been established to look for officers for the new year and they will report back at the December meeting. Here are dates and events we have scheduled for Fun Club members only unless otherwise indicated:

October 29:

Annual Halloween Party - Fried Chicken and fixings - Costume Party and Stage Robbers will play music for dancing. We will have an auction of wreaths - this time fall and holiday wreaths.

November 12:

Wine and Food Pairing

November 16:

Pizza and Karaoke Night - "J" is acting DJ

December 3:

Business Meeting followed with "Cookie Exchange" and Gingerbread House Decorating (to be auctioned at the holiday dance).

December 10:

Holiday dinner/dance with the band American Made.

New Year's Eve:

Frank Orlando and the Baby Boomers play the night away. (open)

January 16:

Ron Stubbs - Rock and Roll Comedic Hypnotist!

January 29:

2nd Annual Talent Show (open)

February 11:

Valentine's Dinner/Dance

Sometime after the first of the year we will have a Corn Hole Tournament and Fun Day which we need to work on and set a date. I am working with the Local Office of Alcohol Control on new changes which affect our license to have alcohol at parties.

Finances: Treasurer Jill Ford will give our complete financial report to the Association as she does monthly/quarterly. We do have an ending balance 9/30 of \$8,752.51. We continue searching for a refrigerator and dishwasher so keep this fund higher than normal awaiting those purchases and extra events we are working on for the new year.

Coffee at 10

The Fun Club continues hosting Coffee at 10 with an average of 33 people attending. Volunteers have

been very generous with their time setting up tables, cleaning them up afterward, preparing food with Chef Ron, and all with smiles on their faces! We have rotating MC's and some entertainment occasionally. Residents gather for visiting around 9:30 and keep coming in until food is served at 10:00. We think a 33 average for summer is good and last week we almost made 40. Donations of \$3 are now taken so we have raised the suggested donation \$1 to keep up with food price increases. We continue with light breakfast followed with the real thing. We invite everyone on the board and in attendance to join us any Wednesday morning! Would be nice to see more board members attend. I have asked for more volunteers including someone to be coordinator to replace me in the future.

Finances for Coffee at 10:

Jill Ford has prepared a written report for the Board. We have a balance after all expenses and income of \$1,161.71. Several purchases need to be made for items used weekly such as table cloths, coffee pot updates, etc. so these funds will not remain that high down the road as we upgrade some "old" items that just aren't that sanitary or useable.

Thank you for your support of the Fun Club. We look forward to another great season filled with laughter and joy! Join us!

Lives Remembered

Roy Boggs
March 7th

Gary Parsons
July 4th

Norman Davis
March 16

James Bukley

Minnie Germany
Week of April 4th

Lucille McDonald
April 27

Tim Omdahl
July 3rd

News from the Desert Crest Real Estate Office

Welcome back Snowbirds!

We hope you've brought the cool weather with you. It's been a long hot summer and we're happy to see the RV's and campers rolling in.

Home prices have been up here in Desert Crest, but they have taken a small hit because of the recent interest rate increase by the Feds, which is why I have decided to lower my real estate commission from 6% to 5% until the end of 2023 – this usually saves between \$1000 to \$1500!

Whether or not you're interested in selling, stop on by my office next to the café – and if you want to find out how much your property is worth, ask me for a free market analysis! We also manage full time rentals! I hope to see you soon.

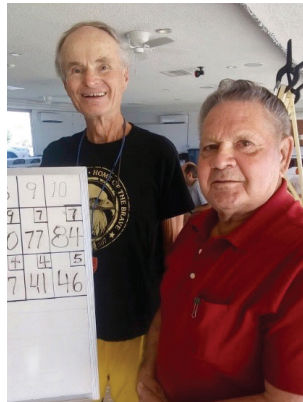
Cornhole

Cornhole has caught on at Desert Crest. What started as a Fun Club activity to get out of the heat on Thursday afternoons has grown into all kinds of residents getting together and having a blast. Everyone is eager to step up to the line to try their luck.

If the bag lands on the board and stays, its called a woody and the team gets one point. Make a cornhole for three points and you get a round of congratulatory cheers from your team.

Come to the clubhouse every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. to join the fun.

A special thanks to Don and Marolyn Wagner for hosting the weekly Cornhole event and to Peg DeVries and the Fun Club for initiating this new activity at Desert Crest.



Clean out your closet and cupboards and make some money!

It's time for the fall community yard sale

Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5th

7am-1 pm both days.

Contact Vicky, with any questions 760-895-8466



Nonagenarian-

a person who is from 90 to 99 years old. In April, the water exercise group celebrated the birthdays of two nonagenarians in our park with cupcakes and cards. Joyce Hayes turned 90 and in addition to the card greetings Lyn Gleich made a new pool robe for her. Allen Remillard turned 93 a few days later. Congratulations to them both who are encouragement to the rest of us.

Morning Exercise Monday - Saturday - 9am

Healing Waters Promote Wellness

“We stretch and flex every part of our body at the 9:00 a.m. pool exercise,” says Joan Chevalier. “That is why I come. The other reason I come is for the socializing.” Dr. Jean Livingston seconded Joan’s thoughts. “I have never seen an exercise regimen so thorough. We even stretch our tongue.”

Desert Crest pools provide opportunity to update our social connections every morning while maintaining a healthy living style. All residents are welcome to join the fun.



Who Is That Man in the Boom Box?

Ray Ross never lived in the park but contributed a lot. He would show up faithfully every day driving many miles regardless of weather to lead the group in exercise. His booming voice was a natural as his career was as a Bos'n Mate in the Merchant Marine, piping and announcing ship's doings. He served as President of the Desert Hot Springs American Legion, and also created and donated the board of knots in our recreation room.

