



Desert Crest Community Association

A Senior Community



**Desert Crest
"Stitchery Happy Hookers"**

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Pictured with the handiwork are Marian, Ann, Chana, Linda, and Arvella

President's Message

By Lance MacArthur

I'd like to personally thank all of you who responded positively to the clean-up letters and the great numbers of you who took it on themselves to clean up your own properties. In the years I have been here, the Park has never looked better. You should applaud yourselves for a successful community cleanup.

More than 20 volunteers showed up with gloved hands and pickup trucks to gather up close to 50 tons of old metal, furniture, electronic left-overs, green waste and just plain stuff and hauled it up the hill to the Edom Hill Waste Transfer Station. Not only was stuff from the Park picked up, but trash dumped in the desert around our community was picked up. Apparently there are some who dumped fresh palm fronds along the desert roads, like the extension to Desert Crest and along 16th. We need to keep our eyes open to anyone driving out into the desert with loads of trash. They should be identified and turned in for littering.

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Board Meeting:

March 5, 2015
April 2, 2015 2pm
Clubhouse

March
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Activities Schedule

Men's Golf-Every Friday

7:30am coffee, 8am start
on the Golf Course

Ladies Golf-Every Tuesday

7:30-7:45am meet, 8am start

Mixed Doubles- Every Wednesday

7:30-7:45am meet, 8am start

Jack and Jill- Last Sunday of the month

November - April

12:30-12:45 meet, 1:00pm

Shuffle Board-

Fun Nights - Every Tuesday
Evening at 6:30pm

Monday morning competition

9:45am meet, 10am start

Fun Club Meetings-

First Monday of the Month

9:00am Coffee & Donuts

Activities Schedule

Fun Club Parties-

March 21, 5pm - 10pm

April 11, 5pm - 10pm

May 2, 5pm - 10pm

Scofflaws: (a person who flouts the law, especially one who fails to pay fines owed.) Unfortunately, there are a number of them in our Park. There are 44 that owe an aggregate of nearly \$9,000 to the Association and another big bunch owing scores of thousands in dues to the Club. The Board has active liens on the worst offenders, and are preparing liens for the rest. The Club is actively pursuing foreclosure proceedings on the properties of those who don't pay Club dues.

Add scofflaws to the list of people who are stealing their neighbor's water and to another, large number not paying for their garbage, and to other hoarder-types who use someone else's property as their personal storage yard. If you are one of these, and are reading this, you should be ashamed of yourselves. When we live in a community, it takes the agreement, cooperation and effort of everyone to make it work.

Many thanks to all who are separating their recyclables and putting them aside for the recycle guys. Whose efforts every Monday to pick this stuff up are paying for a lot of improvements around the Park. They have many plans for the future.

If you've noticed, there are five dog stations situated around the outside of the Park. Your Board supported installation of these in hopes that dog-walkers would use them instead of allowing their dogs to leave messes in the desert. We will continue to make efforts to improve the stations, see that they are cleaned in a timely fashion and supplied with bags.

Another growing problem (no pun intended) is the winter grass. Even with the drought in its fourth year, we had enough rain to spur the growth of weeds and grass. We ask everyone to spray with Round-up or equivalent weed killer before it gets out of hand, (fire hazard) laying around all summer.

Next season Board elections will take place again. There will be four seats open for voting, so if you have any interest in serving on the Board, get in touch with anyone on the Election Committee (that would be any Board member) so you can get set up for the balloting process.

Just an ending note. You may have noticed that we've had a month, a February WINTER month, in the 80's. Nowhere else in the nation can boast that, so enjoy.

Fun Club

By Ronnie McMillin

Goodness, it's already the end of February, soon to be March. We just had our February dinner and dance hosted by Lynn Waterman and Ray Kendrick with her delicious lasagna. Sorry to hear this will be her last lasagna. (Our music was from Wayne Allen and Jeanette.) We really enjoyed dancing and listening to their music. Our next dinner will be on March the 21st with Jill and John Ford hosting with corned beef and cabbage and Watergate cake. Sounds delicious. Oh, wouldn't it be fun if we all wore green. We still have two more dinners: on April 11th and

May 2nd for Cinco de Mayo. Mark your calendars and plan to come. Remember Fun Club meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 9am. The March meeting will be held March 9th at 9am because of the Tournament of Champions held at our Park. Donuts and coffee are served and you can catch up on upcoming events. If you would like to host one of our monthly dinners or volunteer in and another capacity please contact me.

Thank you.

Desert Crest “Stitchery Happy Hookers”

by Marian Herbert

The “Stitchery Happy Hookers” (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) gather in the Clubhouse Library Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon for fellowship and to create their beautiful handiwork. Most of their supplies are provided by the Coachella Valley Linus Club and, periodically, Holly from the Club collects the ladies’ projects. The regular places the Club distributes to needy children in our Valley are homeless shelters, Desert Regional and J.F. Kennedy Hospitals and 29 Palms Military Base. They have also sent quilts and blankets to victims of the Alaska Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina

On Wednesday, January 28th at

Coffee and, our group displayed their 40 hand-made quilts and blankets along with 10 Teddy Bears. The ladies that made the quilts and blankets were Chana Niederman, Ann Nelson, Linda Nielson, Arvella Boggs, Carol Churchill, Joan Chevalier, Marcia McMenamie, Vivien Bandiola and Gina Prete. Marian Herbert knitted the Teddy Bears. Holly told us that this past year the Coachella Valley distributed over 3,000 quilts and blankets and over 36,000 since they started in the Valley. We also learned that Harold Hovestad contributed wool for the ladies. Our thanks are extended to all our Desert Crest Stitchery Happy Hookers who contributed their time and talent to this worthwhile organization.



Meet the new Architecture Committee
Francis Pati, Roger Dobson, John Ford and Ray Price
Contact John Ford 760-217-0942

Coffee &-

Every Wednesday
10:00am - Clubhouse

Happy Hookers-

Every Thursday
10:00am - Clubhouse

Board Meetings-

March 5th
April 2nd
2pm - Clubhouse

Morning Exercises-

Monday-Saturday
9:00am in the Pool

Emergency Preparedness-

Third Thursday of the Month
1:30pm - Clubhouse

Bunco-

Second Monday
6:00pm Clubhouse

Sign Language-

Every Monday
10:00am

Devotions-

Every Wednesday
7pm

Thanks to all who contributed, helped proof and the assembly of the newsletter

Friday Morning Men's Golf- 2015

By Ron Grant - President



Well only two more months left before we see a substantial drop in numbers as our snowbirds begin their trek home.

It has been another fantastic year for Friday Morning Men's Golf. The course has been playing fairly well and our members have "upped" their games to a point where our worst players can, on any given day, beat our best players. Earl McMillin, Ray Kendrick and Lance MacArthur have shown great improvement and I expect by next year all three of these guys will be in the "A" Division. Of course that means getting out this summer and working on your swings and your "heads down" skills.

There is one player in our league by the name of Mark Johnson who plays at a level we all aspire to. Mark consistently shoots in the mid 50's and wins the Low Gross prize almost every week. Just last week Mark generously donated most of his winnings this year to the club as he felt bad taking all our money. Good work Mark, I hate to think of what you would shoot if you had two good knees.

Our Handicap Chairman, Ken Holman, continues to do a great job working on our 'caps. We promise to work on our math skills Ken so those score cards add up correctly.

Thanks to Warren Minder for all of



his work as our Secretary/Treasurer, keeping our finances in the black. And thanks for all the work you do behind the scenes.

Thanks to John Nielsen, our Vice President, for getting to the clubhouse by 6:45 every Friday morning to prepare for the day's outing. Has everybody noticed how slim John is looking these days? Keep up the good work John you're looking great!

And thanks to Deane Cooper, our Tournament Director, for all the work he does in scheduling those matches and string, horse race, and "criers and winners" tournaments. And how about the Ladder Tournament, what a finish we are in for.

Of course we can't forget Ken Iverson who religiously brings us our morning coffee and doughnuts. Thank you Ken.



Russ Snell



Tuesday Morning Ladies' Golf- 2015

By Becki Phipps

Hail the new Golf Queen

Linda Nielsen won the Ladies League 3-day Championship Tournament and now holds this year's title of Club Champion.

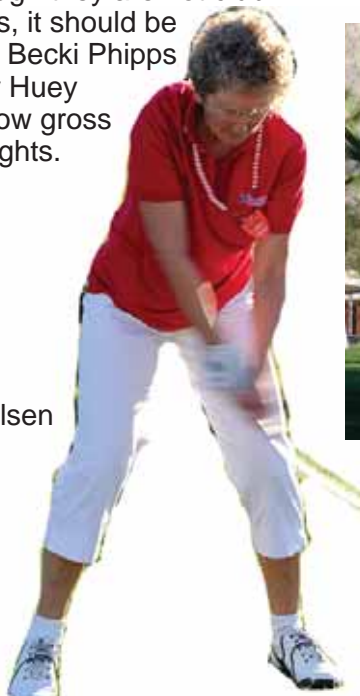
Linda joined the Desert Crest Ladies' Golf Club during the 2008-2009 season and has "enjoyed the camaraderie as much as the golf" ever since.

She started golfing at the tender age of 24 when her husband, John, went to a company golf outing and came home announcing he had found a great new sport and they were going to take it up. No lessons - just get out there and swing! While the Nielsen's worked, they would golf 18 or 27 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday. Once retired, they golfed about 3 times a week. As Linda said, "if you do something enough there is some hope for improvement!"

When asked for any words of wisdom, Linda said, "Play your best but enjoy your time on the golf course and don't take yourself too seriously".

And although they are not club champions, it should be noted that Becki Phipps and Kathy Huey received low gross for their flights.

Linda Nielsen



Linda Nielsen (L) receives congratulations from Glenda Brady, tournament chair

Shuffleboard 2015

By Ron Grant

Another year is sadly coming to a close. The Desert Crest Shufflers have had an incredible year with improvement in all facets of the game.

We have played every Monday and Thursday mornings, Tuesday nights, and Wednesday afternoons since early November. Our membership numbers are approximately the same as last year although the Tuesday night open shuffling has seen an increase in participation thanks to Robin Johnson our Vice President.

We had three players out of our club playing in the rookie tournament this year and two of those three players, (Sylvia Broeckel and Harold Broeckel) placed fourth in the championship division and second in the consolation division respectively.

In the Annual Singles Tournament this year, Ronnie McMillin placed third in the consolation division. This was a sanctioned tournament which meant that Ronnie qualified to play in the Tournament Of Champions taking place in our Park March 2-4 2015.

Talking of the Tournament Of Champions, the Desert Crest Shufflers have 10 players qualified to play in this very prestigious tournament where 79 of the best

shufflers in the desert will be vying for trophies and bragging rights. We encourage every resident that can make it; to come out and support our players. There will be lunch served in the Clubhouse and if the food is anything like we have had in the past, you are in for a real treat. The first round of play begins at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 2nd. The tournament runs for three days with the finals to take place Wednesday ,March 4th.

In the Annual Doubles Tournament this year, Phil Spencer and Val McDougall and Brenda and Ron Grant placed second and third respectively in the consolation division.

All in all, I would have to say we did ourselves proud this year and we are hopeful that some of our ten players playing in the Tournament Of Champions will come away victorious. Fingers crossed.

We are holding our Annual Windup Dinner and trophy presentation at the Outback Steakhouse in Palm Desert on the 6th of March.

And finally, we are holding an In-house Singles Tournament at the end of March with a wind-up pot luck lunch hosted by Lynn Waterman and Ray Kendrick.

Thanks for a great year everyone!!

Mixed Doubles

Wednesday morning golf play has become the largest group of golfers at Desert Crest. There have consistently been over 40 players of men and women playing golf. The format is "Best Ball", where each person hits and the best ball is then used for the next hit until the ball is in the cup on the green. Friendly assistance to some of the new players has helped keep beginners from feeling ill at ease. All levels of skill is what keeps the group friendly and willing to come out and play.

Players need to sign up ahead of time on the sheet posted on the golf bulletin board. Signing up ahead of time is very much appreciated. However, if someone forgets to sign up, they must be present on Wednesday between 7:30 and 7:45am so the "starters" can make the pairings and start the play by 8:00am. Wednesday Morning Golf is a great way to get acquainted with your Desert Crest neighbors. Remember, you don't have to be a "pro" to play Mixed Doubles but all pairs must be male/female. Sometimes when either men or women exceeds in number, pairings of more men or women is made to accommodate all who come out to play. Each person playing pays \$1.25 and the money is used to give prizes to the longest putt, both men and women closest to the pin ,and the groups that have the lowest scores.



COMMUNITY AUCTION

The fourth annual Community Auction, sponsored by the Recycle/Auction Committee and organized by Earl McMillin, Ray Kendrick and Tracy Zaske (the Recycle Guys) was held on January 8, 2015. The donations came pouring in and a lot of willing workers were on hand to sort and separate. Food was available for sale at 4:00pm and the auction started at 6:00 sharp. Our local auctioneer (Foster Phillips) conducted a spirited live auction and a good time was had by all. The profit of \$1580.66 will be added to the Recycle/Auction fund. In the past three years this fund was used to purchase a new sound system, noodles & boards for pool exercise, acoustical paint for the Clubhouse blinds, and 4 pieces of state-of-the-art exercise equipment for the gym. This fund will continue to be used in the same manner; What comes from the community goes back to the community to the benefit of all. Many thanks to the workers that made it all possible.



Jack and Jill

by Joanne Minder, Coordinator

The last Sunday of each month we play the “Jack and Jill” pairings. That means you play with the person you sign up with. Again the “best ball” format is followed and, like Mixed Doubles, the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The big difference is that play starts at 1:00pm with mandatory show-up time at 12:30 to 12:45pm. Again, each person playing pays \$1.25 and prizes are awarded to the same categories as mentioned in the Mixed Doubles play.

Both “Mixed Doubles” and “Jack and Jill” have developed into a large group of players having fun and developing new friendships. If you have not joined in the fun of golf with your friends, you should try it sometime. As has happened very often, people keep coming back and the fun of golfing with friends has become the largest group of golfers in Desert Crest. Come try it, you will like it!



**Don't forget the CAN/AM on March 12th.
Arrival by 9:15am, Tee time 10:00am
Canadian versus Americans Golfers
Ladies and Men**

DESERT CREST YARD SALE

Desert Crest is having a park-wide yard sale this spring on March 6-7 to coincide with other nearby sales.

All who are interested should contact Pat Larson at 760-251-4302. Advertising will be in local papers as well as signs on Dillon and in the park to alert the public.

Please come by my house at 69480 Midpark to pick up your balloons and mark your place on the map. A small donation will be appreciated in order to cover the cost of advertising.

We need to get this information ASAP in order to get the ads placed in time. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FREE LUNCH

MEET, MIX, MINGLE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

The DCCA Board is sponsoring a Patio Party at the clubhouse on Monday, March 16th from 11:30AM to 1:00. We will be serving all beef and vegetarian grilled hot dogs with all the trimmings, potato salad, chips, soda and water. All residents of Desert Crest are invited. Plan on having plenty of time for visiting and getting to know each other. Let's pull together as a community.

Pet Safety Program

Lynn Waterman and Ray Kendrick have been taking photos of the dogs in the Park for a number of years. This year they had quite a few of them.



The reason for the pictures is a pet registry for your pets in case the owner and pet get separated.

Thank you Lynn and Ray.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

by Lynn Waterman, Co-Chairman

If you see some people wearing vests and helmets around the Park on Thursday, March 19th don't be alarmed. It's the Emergency Preparedness and CERT Teams engaging in a Search and Rescue exercise. You can help too! Just show up on March 19th around 1:30pm at the EPC Building, just like you would do in a real emergency. We'll team up and deploy using our hand held radios to communicate between the searchers on the inside and the scribe on the outside of the residence. We'll meet back at the EPC Building following the exercise for refreshments. Please give it a try!

Lives Remembered

Bob Hargand

June 19, 1928 – February 11, 2015

Robert A. Hargand was born up in a Deep River logging camp in Washington. Bob graduated from Naselle High School in 1947 and worked in the logging industry for forty years. The last seven years, He enjoyed volunteering at Food Now food bank, Desert Hot Springs.

Bob enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and enjoyed spending time with his kids and grand kids.

Bob Hargand was preceded in death by his father, Fred Hargand and his mother, Rauha Hargand. He is survived by his wife Rose Hargand, his six children, eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his four siblings including Cliff Hargand, Palm Desert, CA.

Board Officers

President	Lance MacArthur
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Director	Bob Gleich
Director	Robin Johnson
Director	Terri Williams

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Lynn Waterman, Co-Chairman

KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
- Headache, paleness, nausea/ vomiting
- Muscle cramps, fainting, tiredness
- Cool, moist skin
- Dizziness, fast and weak pulse rate
- Fast and shallow breathing

What you should do to help:

Rapidly move the person to a shady area and begin cooling them with water from the nearest source (bath, shower, watering hose) or wrap in a cool sheet and fan vigorously.

Monitor body temperature, if possible.

If medical assistance is delayed call the nearest hospital emergency room for instructions.

DO NOT give alcoholic beverages to drink.

To help your elderly neighbors at risk for heat stress, visit or call twice daily

Make sure air-conditioning is working or that electric fans are available

Keep a wet towel loosely wrapped around the neck

KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE

- An extremely high body temperature (>130F)
- Red, hot, dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Most serious of the heat stress or heat-related illnesses:

The body is unable to control its own temperature.

The body temperature rises rapidly.

The body cannot cool itself through perspiration.

Body temperatures can rise to 106 degrees or higher within 10 – 15 minutes.

Can cause death or permanent disability.

If you observe someone with heat stress or heat-related signs and symptoms call 911 for immediate medical assistance. While waiting for assistance you should begin to cool the affected person by any means including...

What you should do to help:

Drink cool, non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages.

Take frequent cool showers or sponge baths.

Go into an air-conditioned building.

Wear lightweight clothing.

Remain indoors during heat of the day.

DO NOT engage in strenuous activities.

If outside, keep a wet towel loosely wrapped around the neck.

HOW TO IDENTIFY A STROKE

Ask three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE
2. Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (coherently), i.e. ("It is sunny out today")
3. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher

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Monday - Saturday 9am**

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