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New Resident Orientation

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

10:00AM

ARROWHEAD ROOM AT
LAKE VIEW CLUBHOUSE

LEARN MORE ABOUT CLUBS,
COMMITTEES, RESIDENT GROUPS,
EVENTS, AND HOW YOU CAN BE
INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.

MEET OTHER NEW RESIDENTS
AND INTERACT WITH BOARD
MEMBERS, DISTRICT DELEGATES,
AND HOA MANAGEMENT!



SUN CITY
PALM DESERT
Community Association



LET'S TALK



Tues. ~ May 20

1:00pm Arrowhead Room

Lake View Recreation Center

Speakers



Randy Dugger

President



Sue Rogoff

Secretary

**This is your monthly opportunity to share
information with members of the Board,
Administrative Staff, Delegates, Committee
Chairpersons and other residents in attendance.**

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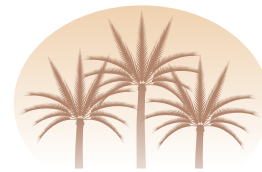
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SUN CITY PALM DESERT

Community Association

38180 Del Webb Blvd., Palm Desert, CA 92211

Hours of Operation

Mountain View Clubhouse

Daily • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunset View Clubhouse

Daily • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Lake View Recreation Center

Daily • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Activities Office

Monday – Friday • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Community Association Office

Monday – Friday • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Events Office and News & Views

Monday – Friday • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Postal Center

Monday – Friday • 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Gate Hours

Main Gate • Open 24 Hours

All Other Gates • Open 5 a.m. – Midnight

North Gate • Manned 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Mountain View Fitness Center/Indoor Pool

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Outdoor Pool

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Swipe Card Access • 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Children's Pool Hours (ages 4 – 17)

Outdoor Pool • Daily • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Indoor Pool • Daily • 12 – 3 p.m.

Lake View Fitness Center

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Pool • Adults Only (age 18+)

Mon. – Sat. • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Sunday • 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Swipe Card Access • 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Resort Pool (Sunset View Pool) • Adults Only (age 18+)

Swipe Card Access Only • 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times.

Newcastle Pool

Children's Hours • Daily • 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Dog Park Hours • 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Boulevards • Tuesday – Sunday • 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Cali Café • Monday – Friday • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday • 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Daily Grind • Monday – Friday • 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.





Clubhouse Renovations...see pages 26-29



Executive Update

BY CLINT ATHERTON
GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to May! Last month, I outlined our budget process, the impact of all the external items, and how they affect the budget. May 6 will be when the budget is formally adopted. We will send the budget information, along with other disclosures which are required by California law, by the end of the May. As we have requested in the past, if you are still receiving these disclosures via hard copy, there is an option to receive them electronically via email. By opting into email, you not only get the information instantaneously once it is ready and don't have to wait for "snail mail," but you also save the Association time and money!

May 6 is also our Annual Meeting. This year we had four open positions with only the four incumbent directors running. As a result, we were able to elect them by acclimation, which also saves the Association time and money by not having to mail out ballot materials. I am happy to welcome back Randy Dugger, Sue Rogoff, Greg Howser and Tom Liebermann for two more years of service as HOA Board of Directors to Sun City Palm Desert.



Another new item in May is the start of our new HOA Operations Director, Dan Randles. We are thrilled to have Dan joining the team and his first day with us was April 28.

Dan brings over 25 years of leadership experience from a variety of operations, including community associations, golf resorts, hotels and restaurants. Currently serving as the Resort General Manager at Four Seasons at Terra Lago, Dan leads community initiatives, streamlines operations, and ensures owner satisfaction as well as employee engagement.

Dan's career includes leadership roles with top organizations such as Hilton, Starwood, Marriott, and Ritz-Carlton, holding positions including Resort Assistant General Manager at the Desert Princess HOA & Country Club, Director of Food & Beverage at the DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort & Spa, and General Manager of the Edge Steakhouse at the Ritz-Carlton in Rancho Mirage. Dan has consistently achieved greater than budgeted profit, increased top-line revenues, and received numerous positive reviews from homeowners and guests. Dan holds certifications as a Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA®) and Association Management Specialist (AMS®).

Additionally, Dan has served as a U.S. Air Force Communications Specialist and is a Wartime Service Medal recipient for the Desert Storm conflict. When he's not at work, Dan enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife of 25 years, Peg, and his grandchildren, Aidan (15 years) and Layla (9 years).

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The mission of the *News & Views*, the official magazine of the Sun City Palm Desert Community Association (SCPDCA), is to communicate to residents all news pertaining to the Association, focusing on Board and Delegate activity, Chartered Clubs, Resident Groups and other articles of interest, produced in the most professional and fiscally responsible means possible.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BY ARMANN ROHDE, FINANCE DIRECTOR

THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025



The February 2025 financials were presented to the Finance Committee on Friday, March 28. February finished the month down (\$27K) to budget, \$468K actual vs. \$495K budget.

Golf Shop revenue finished the month up \$33K to budget, \$707K actual vs. \$673K budget. Total golf rounds for February were down (112); and down (\$22K) for the month. Twilight rounds were down (1,319) rounds and down (\$64K). However, 18-hole and tournament rounds were up 997 and 208 rounds and were up \$33K and \$8K, respectively.

Food & Beverage revenues were down to budget by (\$98K) for the month of February, \$309K actual vs. \$407K budget. Daily Grind was up \$1,511, Catering was up \$1,362, and Boulevards down (\$100K). The Food & Beverage Department did manage their flow-thru of expenses in Boulevards. With revenues being down (\$100K), they decreased \$34K on their

Cost of Sales and \$27K on their salary and wages. Year-to-date Boulevards is down (\$17K) to budget, (\$368K) actual vs (\$351K) budget. Boulevards remains closed on Mondays.

As of March 24, HR had 11 positions on their Open Positions Report. These open positions include three F&B Boulevards positions, three Facilities Maintenance positions and three Golf Course Maintenance positions. There is one applicant in process for the HOA Director position and one applicant in process for the Fitness Monitor position.

There were 16 homes that closed escrow in the month of February. Reserve Replenishment Assessment (RRA) revenues were \$40,032 for February and fiscal year-to-date revenues are \$406,453.50.

Rolling forecasts were prepared this month including eight months actual and four months forecast. Currently, we are on track to make budget for the fiscal year.

Managers continue to review their departmental financials and will look for opportunities to increase revenues and decrease costs.

The Association remains in a sound financial position.

	Year-to-Date thru February 28, 2025			Forecast for Year ending June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Budget	Variance
Operating Revenues						
Assessments and Other Income	\$ 15,566,853	\$ 15,473,545	\$ 93,308	\$ 23,278,163	\$ 23,205,355	\$ 72,808
Less: Reserve Assessments	(3,128,187)	(3,128,187)	-	(4,692,281)	(4,692,281)	-
Golf Shop	3,009,555	3,198,286	(188,731)	4,548,040	4,780,496	(232,456)
Food and Beverage	1,881,793	2,388,243	(506,450)	2,824,013	3,704,415	(880,402)
Communications	226,180	206,000	20,180	304,180	284,000	20,180
Post Office	161,735	195,220	(33,485)	229,373	262,456	(33,083)
Fitness	3,870	2,050	1,820	4,870	3,050	1,820
Gross Operating Revenues	17,721,799	18,335,157	(613,358)	26,496,358	27,547,491	(1,051,133)
Direct Operating Expenses						
Golf Shop	754,031	783,712	29,681	1,204,940	1,217,218	12,278
Food and Beverage	2,425,051	2,884,526	459,475	3,683,700	4,400,013	716,313
Communications	311,580	319,138	7,558	453,985	460,233	6,248
Post Office	205,915	255,203	49,288	323,016	364,652	41,636
Fitness	515,192	516,340	1,148	799,270	787,445	(11,825)
Total Direct Operating Expenses	4,211,769	4,758,919	547,150	6,464,911	7,229,561	764,650
Net Operating Revenues	13,510,030	13,576,238	(66,208)	20,031,447	20,317,930	(286,483)
Indirect Operating Expenses						
Administration	2,571,177	2,854,764	283,587	4,125,614	4,433,117	307,503
Community Patrol	1,042,415	1,075,349	32,934	1,601,164	1,608,205	7,041
Finance	746,711	835,926	89,215	1,259,078	1,291,340	32,262
Information Systems	356,791	376,208	19,417	571,653	574,245	2,592
Common Area Maintenance:						
Facilities	2,617,457	2,699,481	82,024	4,054,282	4,052,243	(2,039)
Grounds - General Use	1,995,127	1,988,771	(6,356)	3,004,735	2,996,766	(7,969)
Grounds - Golf Course	3,733,574	3,762,829	29,255	5,359,510	5,361,997	2,487
Total Indirect Operating Expenses	13,063,252	13,593,328	530,076	19,976,036	20,317,913	341,877
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	446,778	(17,090)	(463,868)	55,411	17	(55,394)
Cable Rebate - Designated Income	265,867	-	(265,867)	398,800	-	(398,800)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ 712,645	\$ (17,090)	729,735	\$ 454,211	\$ 17	\$ 454,194



Board of Directors' Meeting Report · 4-1-25

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND MOTIONS

25-04-101 – A motion was carried unanimously to approve the purchase and installation of seven new gate barrier arm operators by InterAccess Systems for an amount not to exceed \$79,672, which includes a 10% contingency to be funded by Reserves. This replacement has been sole sourced from InterAccess Systems, our current preferred gate vendor; their pricing aligns with comparable bids received from other vendors in the past.

25-04-102 – A motion was carried 6 to 1 (Long) to authorize Whitley's Construction to provide labor, materials, and hardware for the interior refurbishment of the Santa Rosa Golf Shop, Lobby and Restrooms for an amount not to exceed \$223,817, including a 10% contingency, to be funded by Reserves. This refurbishment will align with the aesthetic style of the newly renovated Boulevards Restaurant.

25-04-103 – A motion was carried 6 to 1 (Long) to authorize the purchase of fourteen (14) replacement cardio machines from TechnoGym at a not-to-exceed cost of \$182,894, including a 5% contingency, to be funded by Reserves. This purchase is necessary to replace aging gym equipment and ensure the continued safety, functionality and satisfaction of facility users.

25-04-104 – A motion was carried unanimously to instruct SCPDCA staff to choose a reliable vendor, Best Buy Restaurant Equipment Supplies, for purchasing the necessary equipment for the Daily Grind/Martini remodel. The purchase should align with the Design Committee's approved plans by Stephen Teeter Design Group. The required equipment for the bar back area amounts to \$66,530.78, with an additional 10% contingency of \$6,653.08, bringing the total project cost to \$73,183.86.

The complete approved minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings are located in the Library and on the SCPDCA website.

NEXT OPEN BOARD MEETING:

TUESDAY, MAY 6 • 2 PM

WE ENCOURAGE ALL
SCPD RESIDENTS TO ATTEND
THIS MEETING IN PERSON
OR VIA ZOOM

*For Zoom technical support,
contact Madison Lippert
at 760-200-2264.*

May						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Activities Update

BY JULIE POPE
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Many residents of Sun City Palm Desert took advantage of the generous discounts available for the remaining April Firebird Hockey games. Meanwhile, others enjoyed basking in the beauty of The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens on April 30.

As some of our Sun City residents begin to leave our beautiful community for their summer homes in search of cooler weather, I will be offering off-site bus trips to various destinations for those who also wish to escape the heat and enjoy new scenery. Suggested destinations include baseball games, shopping trips, beaches and more!

To ensure we can continue these bus trips throughout the summer, we need to fill the buses to avoid cancellations. Please watch for email blasts for updates so you can explore and engage in new offerings of summer FUN!



GET ON THE BALL ...

BINGO

IS HERE


AND IT WILL "B" A "NUMBER" OF FUN!

THURSDAY, MAY 22 ND
VENTANA 5:30 - 7:30 PM

\$15 TICKETS ON SALE MAY 1ST

ACTIVITIES OFFICE ACROSS FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

NON-REFUNDABLE





Coming Soon

**** A trip to the Queen Mary ****

Limited Seats

Non-Returnable - Non-Refundable



Activities Coordinator is planning:

SUMMER BASEBALL

COMING TO YOUR FAVORITE FIELD...



**DON'T STRIKE OUT!
LET'S HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK AND FILL THE BUS!**

**LIMITED TICKETS
SHADED SEATS**



**TICKETS GO ON SALE MAY 23, 2025
ONLY CREDIT CARD OR MEMBER CARD ACCEPTED
NON-RETURNABLE NON-REFUNDABLE**

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Lifestyle Enhancement

By Kathy Krier, Chair

For questions contact LEC at (760) 200-2213

Did you know the LEC is comprised of two committees, the LEC Main and the LEC Subcommittee? This month I will highlight the LEC Main Committee, which is the official decision-making body of the LEC.

The LEC Main is composed of five members and two alternate members. In addition to meeting each Tuesday morning to help in the project reviews, the LEC Main meets two Tuesday afternoons each month to review large or controversial projects and projects involving neighboring properties. In addition to these projects, the Main meetings are the meetings in which homes with violations that are at a hearing stage are discussed. (The hearing is the third and final stage after three letters to the homeowner and 90 days have passed and the violation remains unresolved.)

The LEC Main is also the Committee to recommend any variances from the rules or changes to the rules (The LEC Design Guidelines) to the HOA Board of Directors. This past year the LEC Main recommended new paint colors which were adopted by the Board and implemented on April 1. We will be considering additional changes to the rules in the upcoming months. When considering changes we determine the positive impact on the community as well as operational efficiencies.

In addition to the official meetings, members of the Main Committee meet with homeowners on site for large projects to ensure the application meets the Design Guidelines requirements. They also inspect homes with violations scheduled for a hearing prior to the hearing.

The LEC Main is committed to help homeowners to maintain and upgrade the beauty of this community.



The LEC Main Committee members are pictured above from left to right: Ron Walker, Vice Chair; Mary Rankin, Dan Lyons, Kathy Krier, Chair; Betty Lou Poloway, Jim Olson, and Art Kubal.





Compliance Committee

By Betty Lou Poloway and Jan Popkoff, Committee Members

Ride Along With Us

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon we did a ride-along with Isaac Fernandez, the swing shift supervisor of our SCPD security patrol. Isaac has been at Sun City for eighteen years and his competence, caring and skills are very evident.

First, Isaac took us to the RV lot (a new experience for both of us). The lot is patrolled every shift. Isaac drove around slowly looking for anything that could become a problem. Since the trees and bushes surrounding the RV lot fence have been removed, the lot is far safer to patrol. Nonresidents are allowed to pay and park. Isaac has a list of all names and phone numbers in case he needs to report a problem to an RV owner.

Next, we rode along the outer perimeter of 38th Street to check for unusual activity. Patrol checks all gates every shift to ensure they are working properly and our cards will work, allowing us entry into the shopping center. They also patrol the perimeter of the shopping center which is our outer perimeter in that area. There used to be more activity around the shopping center homes, but all is quiet now, probably because our security patrols are so effective.

Then we rode along Coyote Song Way to check for unusual activity along that perimeter fence. There are usually people out there at night enjoying the stars.

Patrol drives by every home twice each shift, with two shifts a day. Patrol does not carry guns and are not allowed to help anyone who has fallen—that requires a 911 call. If called by a concerned family member or neighbor who cannot locate a resident, patrol will do a welfare check and attempt to contact the resident.

The graveyard shift checks the doors on all three clubhouses. During the day shift, patrol stops in every bathroom to be sure all is okay.

Everything Isaac does is recorded on his phone. In addition, the security patrol body cams record resident stops. Isaac emphasizes customer service over citations. Patrol will try to contact a resident to fix a situation before issuing a citation.

It was an interesting and comforting ride-along, emphasizing another reason why we are so lucky to live in Sun City.

VIOLATION SUMMARY • MARCH 2025

CITATIONS ISSUED

Excessive Speed.....	122
Parking On the Street Overnight.....	30
Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign.....	21
Vehicle Blocking the Sidewalk.....	11
Trash Container Violation.....	9
Abusive Language/Behavior.....	3
Vehicle Taking Two Spaces.....	2
Vehicle Facing the Wrong Way.....	1
Gate Strike.....	1
Parked Facing the Wrong Direction.....	1
Pet Violation.....	1
Other Parking.....	1
Monthly Total.....	203

Pet Rescue Info

I.D. collars should be worn by every pet. It is recommended that you also have your pet microchipped. If you lose or find a pet, notify the Main Gate (360-6026); they will contact an animal rescue volunteer.

Be sure to register your pet!

To download the form from the SCPDCA website, click on *Documents & Forms*, then scroll down to *Pet Registration Form*.

If you are a member of One Group at Sun City Palm Desert, you can also post a LOST/FOUND DOG/CAT notice with breed, color, size, location and phone number.

Trash Pick Up • Tuesdays

Trash containers may be put out no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before pick up and must be taken in by midnight the day of pick up.

When a holiday falls on a Monday* or Tuesday, service will be delayed one day.

* **Memorial Day, May 26**

* **Labor Day, September 1**

Posted Stop Signs

Posted stop signs are meant for golf carts and bicycles, too.

Citations will be issued for failure to stop. Riding bicycles on the sidewalks is NOT permitted at any time!

Prevent Rust Stains on Driveways

One of the main reasons for rust stains on driveways is due to washing golf carts on driveways. Acid from batteries drips onto the driveway which causes unsightly rust.

2024-2025 COMMITTEES

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If you are interested in any Committee vacancies,
please stop by the Mountain View Clubhouse and ask
for Irma Lopez, Events Coordinator.
Call us at 760-200-2223.

Give back and be a part of this wonderful community.

Committee Reports

CMAC

By Jay Lieberman, Community Marketing & Activities Committee

CMAC's very popular Speakers Series season, featuring SCPD residents, has just ended with full house attendance and great feedback. Now it's time to begin planning for next season. We need your suggestions for topics as well as recommendations for engaging, witty residents who would be good topic presenters, either individually or as part of a panel. Please send your ideas and suggestions to jfitz6539@yahoo.com by the first week in May and help us make next season even better.

Please remember that the Cinco De Mayo party is quickly approaching. Movie Nights, the Welcome Center and New Resident Orientations (NROs) will continue throughout the summer. We have planned a Halloween party for October.

Golf Committee

By John Little, Chair · johnlittle@theplinthgroup.com · 619-316-2331

As our season winds down and our snowbirds begin planning their summer retreats, I'd like to take a moment to update everyone on the progress the Golf Committee has made this year.

At the beginning of the season, we set ambitious goals and established subcommittees to focus on key aspects of our golfing community and overall experience. I'm thrilled to share that we have made significant headway in achieving these objectives.

- **Rate Lock Subcommittee:** After an extensive review, the Rate Lock Subcommittee determined that the long-standing Rate Lock Program was outdated, benefiting only a few rather than the entire community. As a result, starting in the 2025–26 fiscal year, you will see significant changes designed to ensure all golfers can enjoy its benefits. Additionally, further enhancements to the program are planned for the 2026–27 fiscal year.
- **Charter Subcommittee:** The draft of our new Charter is nearly complete. We anticipate finalizing and submitting it to the Board before they adjourn for the summer.
- **Zoysia Grass Subcommittee:** Working closely with Tyler, this subcommittee has been diligently studying the Zoysia test plots on S/G #11 and #6. They have also established a new test area behind the 8th tee on S/R and are evaluating additional test locations for Spring 2026. This study aims to generate significant cost savings in maintaining our two courses and common areas.



As always, if there's anything the Golf Committee can do to enhance your experience, please don't hesitate to reach out with comments or suggestions.

Library Committee

By Mary Tapley, Chair

Welcome to new Library volunteer, Susie Hyder.

The Library operates on the honor system and is a valued resource for all members of our community. The Association provides its beautiful setting and daily newspapers, and the residents provide the inventory and support necessary for it to function. We receive many items with the intent that they be shared with other residents. Please take only a reasonable amount of items at a time and return them in a timely manner. Thanks to everyone who make monetary donations in the box across from the desk.

Poppy Reybin, who manages the Jigsaw Puzzle section, wishes to thank residents who thoughtfully enclose puzzle pieces in plastic bags prior to donating or returning puzzles to the Library. This helps to ensure pieces do not fall out of boxes during handling. If there are missing pieces, please make a note when returning the puzzle.

Please DO NOT take newspapers off the poles.

The Library will be closed during renovation of the Sunset View Clubhouse for new carpet, paint, lighting and window coverings. Please watch e-blasts from the HOA for timing of Library closure when we will not be able to accept donations

or returns. Please DO NOT leave items outside the Library or clubhouse.

The Library is open during the same hours as the Sunset View Clubhouse, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Thanks to all who support the Library, either financially, materially or by giving time as a Library volunteer.

Public Safety Committee

By Dan Oates

SCAM ALERT!

Scammers are pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Do not be fooled!

If you receive a suspicious call, HANG UP!

**DO NOT GIVE MONEY OR
PERSONAL INFORMATION**

We are reminded by messages from the Social Security Administration that seniors are in danger of being scammed in several ways. Scammers are getting more sophisticated but staying informed and vigilant can keep you safe.

Online scam protections include:

- Tech support scam fraudsters are pretending to offer to fix fake problems. If you sense there is a computer problem refer to a reliable friend or service.
- Use strong passwords. Create unique passwords for different accounts.
- Enable two-factor authentication wherever possible.

Lifestyle Enhancement Committee

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT 760-200-2213

PROJECT SUBMITTALS AND APPROVAL PROCESS

The LEC Committee continues to receive and review exterior projects for their Tuesday meetings. Residents may submit projects the following ways: 1) Email to LECprojects@scpdca.com; 2) First class mail to 38-180 Del Webb Blvd., Palm Desert, CA 92211; or 3) Drop off at the Mountain View Clubhouse HOA Dropbox.

A completed application submittal could take up to 15 business days for approval and processing.

Our LEC Staff is in the office Monday – Friday. They are available via phone and email to help you with any project, violation and/or resale-related questions.

The LEC now has a window for Homeowner Assistance across from the Daily Grind that is open Monday–Friday from 8:30 – 11 a.m. and 1:30 – 3 p.m. (closed on Tuesdays). These hours have been established to better streamline services and improve the homeowner experience.

Katie Rabago, LEC Supervisor · Katie.Rabago@scpdca.com · 760-200-2276

Jessica Castillo, LEC Project Coordinator · Jessica.Castillo@scpdca.com · 760-200-2278

Jacob Hernandez, LEC Home Inspector · Jacob.Hernandez@scpdca.com · 760-200-2214

Eric Perez, LEC Home Inspector · Eric.Perez@scpdca.com · 760-200-2244

Rebecca Parker, LEC Administrative Assistant · Rebecca.Parker@scpdca.com · 760 200-2213

LEC members may enter your property Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., and try hard not to disturb you.

Committee Reports

continued...

- Be careful with links. Seniors are especially vulnerable to scams. Do not click in links in unsolicited emails or texts.
- Check website URLs. Look for 'https' at the beginning of the web address and ensure the domain name is correct.
- Install a reputable antivirus and anti-malware program.

Phone scam protections include:

- Do not trust Caller ID. Scammers can spoof phone numbers to make it appear as the call is from a trusted source.
- Screen your calls. Let unknown numbers go to voicemail. Genuine callers will leave a message.
- Sign up for the Do Not Call List. Reduce unsolicited telemarketing calls by registering your phone number at donotcall.gov.
- Stay updated. Learn about the latest scams by visiting websites like the FTC Scam Alerts page or AARP's Fraud Watch Network.

Remember if you suspect a scam, report it to the FTC or your local authorities immediately. Together we can create a safer community!

Website Committee

By Elaine Magee, Chair

The Website Committee meets with the web editors monthly October through May. We have been working on giving the web editors the choice of a stand-alone website or continuing with the present website.

If any of the club web editors would like more information or to switch over, **please come to the May 19 meeting.**

Also, we are looking into ways to give lessons on using WordPress to new editors at their convenience plus refresher lessons to all the editors 24/7. We will provide updates as they become available.

ASSOCIATION E-BLASTS

If you are not getting
Association e-blasts,
please contact Madison Lippert
at **760-200-2264** or
Madison.lippert@scpdca.com.

Emergency Preparedness (EPC)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISTRICT CONTACTS

1	Doug Smith	626-533-2520
2	David Gaddie	865-963-5224
3	Chantelle Ethier	403-804-7191
4	Bill Harvey	765-277-6552
5	Dan McCarthy	626-862-1177
6	Marla Fee	949-292-6069
7	David Roberson	206-499-0456
8	Bob Kramer	760-992-6877
9	Mary Robinson	425-766-3888
10	Ed Purcell	310-291-6329
11	Joni Migdal	310-877-9292
12	Lloyd Gladden	310-925-1757
13	Bruce Johnston	949-278-0565
14	Doug Smith	626-533-2520
15	Kris Gilbert	916-295-7971
	Chair Robyn Mack	760-772-1756
	Vice Chair Jeff MacDonald	310-962-4080

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **SUN CITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** | Tuesday, May 1, 9 AM, Palm Room, Sunset View. A broad view of our community's preparations to assist residents in a disaster. Valuable information for *everyone* living in Sun City. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Marla Fee at **scpdeoc@gmail.com**.
- **EPC DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS** | Wednesday, May 14, 9 AM, San Gorgonio, Mountain View. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Robyn Mack at **desertrobyn@gmail.com**.
- **RADIO TRAINING** | Tuesday, May 27, 10 a.m. For details or contact Scott Morse at **skmorse78600@gmail.com**.

MAY EVENTS

- **SPORTS INJURY PREVENTION SEMINAR** | Hosted by Desert Regional Medical Center. Thursday, May 22, 10 AM – 12 PM, Speakers Hall, Sunset View Clubhouse.

FIRST AID DISASTER PLANS | In a disaster, EPC plans to initially open the *First Aid Station at Mountain View* (Bldg. D, tennis court) with possible additional First Aid Stations at Sunset View (bocce court patio) and/or Lake View (Tahoe room). Tune into AM 1620 for updates.

HELP OUR COMMUNITY | To volunteer to assist your neighbors in a disaster and help them prepare, contact Marla at **scpdeoc@gmail.com**.

VIAL OF LIFE | Contact **scpdeoc@gmail.com** for a Vial of Life and/or medical form insert. The form is also on our website: Menu, Documents & Video. Keep your information current.

VISIT EPC ONLINE | For information on EPC and how to be prepared, scan here or go to **epc.scpdcaclubs.com**.





Tune in AM 1620

By Ann Floden

You may have wondered about those signs with the flashing lights that are located in the Del Webb median strip in front of each clubhouse.

Answer: they are part of Sun City's low power radio broadcast station, AM 1620, which alerts you to disaster situations in our Sun City community. When they are flashing, the radio station has been activated. On occasion the lights are tested, such as during the annual practice drills held by the Emergency Preparedness team.

What you need to know -

In a disaster, **AM 1620** may be the only source of local information available to our residents. It will broadcast items of interest about conditions both within and outside of SCPD. The station will provide up to date information about things like which First Aid stations are activated, are the clubhouses open or closed, status of access gates, where to go to volunteer, how to send a health and welfare message to family outside of the affected area and much more. Live broadcasts that contain current conditions and information will be broadcast regularly as well as selected pre-recorded messages which pertain to the situation.

The signal range of a **AM 1620** broadcast is 3 to 5 miles from the transmitter antenna under normal conditions. If a disaster occurs when you are out shopping and you want to get home safely, you can tune in for road and bridge conditions. Good reception was tested at both Costco's, Eisenhower Medical Center and El Paseo shopping area. Remember that the San Andreas fault bisects Interstate 10 to the east and west of us so likely the traffic on it won't be going anywhere for some time.



Think twice before you set out in your car. As mentioned before, Interstate 10 will probably be blocked, the bridges may not be safe and the mountain roads could be dangerous due to slides. The hospitals, already at near capacity, will be setting up triage in their parking lots (if you can get there). The best advice is to be prepared to weather out the chaos with water/other supplies in your car and home.

If there is a major power outage and you want information on what is happening, you are going to need a reliable radio which is battery, solar and/or hand operated. Don't forget to have the extra batteries on hand for it. Your car has a radio, but that option could run down the battery or use up gasoline.



One of the benefits of living in Sun City is that we are the only gated community we know of that has this warning system. The radio broadcast frequency we use is owned by the County of Riverside and we are allowed to operate it under their direction. Our past experience with major power outages has high-lighted the difficulty and the necessity to communicate with our residents, especially the times when power outage impacts our entire community. Lack of accurate knowledge leads people to make faulty decisions and this is the reason why SCPDCA acquired the radio broadcasting station. To keep familiar with it, periodically practice tuning in **AM 1620**, especially when we hold our practice drills.

If you are interested in helping our Sun City Emergency Preparedness **AM 1620** Radio Broadcast Team, contact us at scpdca@gmail.com. Training is available.



Food & Beverage News

BY ALEX GUILLIANO
FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

Hey everyone!

Well, it's that time again—like clockwork, the seasons are shifting and so are some of our wonderful snowbirds! Some of you are packing up and heading off to cooler climates (we're only slightly jealous), while others are sticking around to enjoy the early summer sizzle with us.

To those heading out: THANK YOU for coming back and spending another amazing season with us! It's been an absolute pleasure serving you, and we truly hope we lived up to your expectations—or at least kept your bellies full and smiles wide! Safe travels, smooth flights, and don't forget to come back with stories! We'll be waiting for you next season!

Now for our sunshine warriors who are staying behind: yes, it's heating up faster than my car seat at noon. I'm still over here waiting for that mythical desert winter that never showed up, anyone seen it?

But don't worry, we're not slowing down! The Food & Beverage team is still in action, planning fun events and serving up the good stuff to keep you cool, happy, and well-fed. Thank you for being so kind, supportive, and always smiling, we're so grateful!

So, what's going on in May? Glad you asked!

❖ Mother's Day | Sunday, May 11, 2025

Come and join us for a fabulous meal and some great entertainment. We've got all the delicious vibes lined up for a celebration worthy of mom. I better see you there, don't make me send a reminder text!

❖ Live Shows

- **May 12 – Tim Bryant** | Sierra Ballroom – Confirmed and ready to jam!
- **May 19 – Jason Love** | Ventana – One night only! Come laugh, sing, and soak it all in.

❖ Cinco de Mayo Weekend Fiesta | May 2–4 at Boulevards

Let the fiesta begin! Daily Special: Tostada Salad with all the fixings (beans, beef, lettuce, cheese, salsa, guac, the works!) – just \$15

❖ Cocktail Specials | All day, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (yes, that's basically all day, you're welcome)

❖ Action Station Happy Hours | 1 – 4 p.m.

- Tamales (Chicken/Green Sauce or Cheese/Green Chile)
- Tacos (Crunchy or Soft – no judgment here)

❖ What's Brewing at the Daily Grind

At end of JUNE, when Daily Grind will close for facelift, while we will be remodeling and getting even fancier, we'll be serving *coffee and pastries Monday through Friday from 7 – 11 a.m.* at Boulevards Restaurant in the *main bar* and *private dining room* (right next to the billiards room—yes, that secret spot!). The rest of the restaurant will remain closed until 11 a.m. so we can keep things clean and ready without waking up the crew at dawn. Think of it as your exclusive early morning lounge.

As things begin to slow down for the season, we'll be busy behind the scenes: enhancing menus, dreaming up new services, and planning creative events for the restaurant and catering. And I have to say, this remodel? It's going to blow your socks off (or sandals, depending on your vibe). Your favorite spot is about to get a glow-up, and I can't wait for you to see it.

Thank you again for all your kindness, your laughter, and your loyalty. You make this job a joy, and we're so lucky to have you.



TIM BRYANT
May 12
\$15 Cover charge

Sierra Ballroom,
Mountain View Clubhouse

Advance Ticket Sales
May 6

MONDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

5pm

Advance Ticket Sales
8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Events Department
Mountain View Clubhouse



COMEDY NIGHT
May 19
\$15 Cover charge

Ventana,
Mountain View Clubhouse

Advance Ticket Sales
May 13





Mother's Day

SUNDAY-MAY 11, 2025
SIERRA BALLROOM- 11AM-2PM

Brunch

\$54 Inclusive per person (Adults)

\$27 Inclusive per person (Child)

ASSORTED SALADS

Pomegranate & Citrus Salad

Mixed Field Greens, Orange & Grapefruit Segments, Pomegranate Seeds, Roasted Fennel, Bermuda Onions, Candied Walnuts, Blue Cheese Crumbles, White Balsamic Vinaigrette

Heirloom Tomato & Buffalo Mozzarella Salad

Mediterranean Salad

Waldorf Salad

Seasonal Fresh Fruit and Berries

OMELET STATION

Egg Whites, Fresh Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Bell Peppers, Red Onions, Tomato, Mushrooms, Spinach, Fresh Salsa, Sour Cream

HOT FOOD STATION

Classic Eggs Benedict, Hollandaise Sauce

French Toast with Maple Syrup

Applewood Smoked Bacon & Sausage Patties

Herb Yukon Roasted Potatoes

Wild Rice Pilaf

Market Seasonal Vegetables

Swordfish Fish, Pineapple Ginger Relish, Lemon Caper Beurre Blanc

Penne Alla Vodka, Shaved Pecorino Romano, Pepper Flakes

Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Caramelized Pineapple, Apricot Cider Glaze

Turkey Marsala, Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Wild Mushroom Demi-Glaze

Dinner Rolls

DESSERT

Chef's Assorted Sweets

Tickets now on sale

Events Department Monday-Friday 8:30 - 11am & 1:30 - 3pm

All sales are final

BY GEORGE BOUCHER | ASSISTANT FITNESS DIRECTOR



Safety Update from George...

We have 17 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on campus at Sun City Palm Desert:

AED LOCATIONS:

1. **Mountain View Clubhouse:** by Events Department door
2. **Mountain View Fitness Center:** locker rooms hallway
3. **Mountain View Racquet Sport:** in women's restroom
4. **HOA Engineering Building:** engineering workshop
5. **Sunset View Clubhouse:** by Human Resources Dept. door
6. **Sunset View Clubhouse:** billiards hallway near restrooms
7. **Sunset View Pavilion Studio:** restroom alcove
8. **Bocce Courts:** in women's restroom
9. **Lake View Clubhouse:** hallway near the Tahoe Room
10. **18-Hole Putting Course:** near the start of the course
11. **Golf Course Maintenance Bldg:** near vending machines
12. **Softball Field:** in third base dugout
13. **Newcastle Pool:** in women's restroom
14. **Security Patrol Car:** Car #2
15. **Security Patrol Car:** Car #3
16. **Marshal Golf Cart:** Cart #1
17. **Marshal Golf Cart:** Cart #2

FOR GENERAL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

1. Call 9-1-1: Provide location and describe the emergency.
2. Check for Responsiveness: If unresponsive and not breathing, start CPR. The 9-1-1 operator can guide you.
3. Notify Community Patrol:
 - Front Gate: 760-360-6026
 - North Gate: 760-200-2117

FOR GOLF COURSE MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

1. Call 9-1-1: Provide location and describe the emergency.
2. Check for Responsiveness: If unresponsive and not breathing, start CPR. The 9-1-1 operator can guide you.
3. Call Golf Shop to request the Marshal with an AED:
 - Santa Rosa: 760-200-2200
 - San Geronio: 760-200-2120
4. Notify Community Patrol:
 - Front Gate: 760-360-6026
 - North Gate: 760-200-2117



Health & Fitness News

BY GLENN SMITH
FITNESS DIRECTOR
glenn.smith@scpdca.com

Mature Adults and Physical Activity

People tend to become less physically active as they get older. Nearly 40 percent of people over the age of 55 report no leisure-time physical activity. Maintaining or increasing your strength, endurance, balance and flexibility are key factors to staying fit.

The older people become, the more they need regular exercise. It helps prevent bone loss (reducing the risk of fractures) and reduces the risk of dozens of age-associated diseases. It also increases muscle strength, and with proper training improves balance and coordination, reducing the likelihood of falling. Exercise also makes basic tasks easier to do, i.e., carry grocery bags, get up from a chair and take care of household chores. Being physically active is key in maintaining your quality of life and independence.

Studies have shown increased levels of physical activity are associated with a reduced incidence of heart disease, hypertension, non-insulin-dependent Type 2 diabetes, colon cancer, depression and anxiety. Active people with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or other chronic diseases are less likely to die prematurely.

Inactive people lose muscle fiber at a rate of about 5% every decade after age 30. This can lead to a 15% loss of muscle fiber by age 60!

Today, gerontologists are discovering age in years does not necessarily correlate with physiological age. In fact, normal physiological aging is quite variable. The difference between your calendar age and your real age results largely from your health behaviors. People who abuse their bodies age at a faster rate. Some people can be ten years older than their calendar age due to smoking, overeating, alcohol consumption and lack of exercise.

Experts warn that a consequence of diminished exercise is a large and increasing number of elderly people who will be living below, at or just above "thresholds of physical ability." In this condition, a minor illness could make them completely dependent on others for their daily care.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Yoga & Pilates Pilates (\$) (PS) 9 – 10 AM	Trim 'N Tone Step Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Step Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Step Aerobics (\$) (PS) 7 – 8 AM	Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 8 – 9 AM
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LEGEND BLACK LISTINGS: FREE CLASSES EXCEPT WHERE (\$) DESIGNATES CLASS FEE REQUIRED • BROWN LISTINGS: CHARTERED CLUB • (IP) INDOOR POOL MOUNTAIN VIEW • (LV) LAKE VIEW • (MV) MOUNTAIN VIEW • (OP) OUTDOOR POOL MOUNTAIN VIEW • (PS) PAVILION STUDIO SUNSET VIEW • (SV) SUNSET VIEW • (T) TERRACE MOUNTAIN VIEW	Yoga & Pilates Chair Yoga (\$) (SV) 8 – 9 AM	Yoga & Pilates Chair Yoga (\$) (LV) 8 – 9 AM	Aquasize (IP) 8:30 – 9:30 AM	Yoga & Pilates Chair Yoga (\$) (LV) 8 – 9 AM	Aquasize (IP) 8:30 – 9:30 AM	Yoga & Pilates Chair Yoga (\$) (MV) 9 – 10 AM
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	Yoga & Pilates Chair Yoga (\$) (SV) 9 – 10 AM	Yoga & Pilates Pilates (\$) (PS) 9:30 – 10:30 AM	Line Dance Level 2 (PS) 10:15 – 11:15 AM	Yoga & Pilates Mat Yoga (\$) (PS) 9:45 – 10:45 AM	Yoga & Pilates Pilates (\$) (PS) 9 – 10 AM	Yoga & Pilates Mat Yoga (\$) (PS) 9:30 – 10:30 AM
	Yoga & Pilates Mat Yoga (\$) (PS) 9 – 10 AM	Arthritis Aquatics (IP) 10 – 11 AM	Line Dance Level 3 (PS) 11:15 – 12:15 PM	Arthritis Aquatics (IP) 10 – 11 AM	Yoga & Pilates Pilates (\$) (PS) 9 – 10 AM	Arthritis Aquatics (IP) 10 – 11 AM
	Line Dance Level 2 (PS) 10:15 – 11:15 AM	Meditation (SV) 10:30 – 11:30 AM	Performing Arts Dance Rehearsals (PS) 12:30 – 2 PM	Line Dance Level 1 (PS) 11 AM – 12 PM	Ballet (PS) 10:30 AM – 12 PM	Meditation (SV) 10:30 – 11:30 AM
	Line Dance Level 3 (PS) 11:15 – 12:15 PM	Line Dance Level 1 (PS) 11 AM – 12 PM	Love to Dance Beginner (\$) (PS) 2 – 3 PM	Line Dance Level Varies (PS) 12 – 1 PM	Line Dance Level 4 (PS) 12 – 2 PM	Ping Pong (PS) 2 – 4 PM
TRAINER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY • MOUNTAIN VIEW FITNESS CENTER GLENN 200-2240 • LAKE VIEW FITNESS CENTER GEORGE 200-2107	Performing Arts Dance Rehearsals (PS) 1:30 – 4 PM	Line Dance Level Varies (PS) 12 – 1 PM	Love to Dance Inter./Adv. (\$) (PS) 3 – 4 PM	Love to Dance Practice (\$) (PS) 1:15 – 2:15 PM		
		Water Volleyball (OP) 2 – 4 PM	Hula (PS) 5:15 – 6:30 PM	Water Volleyball (OP) 2 – 4 PM		
		Ping Pong (PS) 2 – 4 PM		Ping Pong (PS) 2:45 – 4 PM		
		Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 4 – 5 PM		Trim 'N Tone Aerobics (\$) (PS) 4 – 5 PM		
		Aquasize (IP) 5:30 – 6:15 PM		Aquasize (IP) 5:30 – 6:15 PM		
						CHANGES OR ERRORS PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES OR ERRORS TO GLENN SMITH 200-2240

FITNESS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE TAHOE ROOM, LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER. CONTACT LOU ANN LIEBERMANN, CHAIR, AT TOMLU141@MAC.COM FOR MEETING TIMES.

Exercise Tips for Mature Adults

- Check with your doctor before beginning a new exercise program. It is a good idea to have a physical exam and take a graded exercise test before starting an exercise program.
- Pick repetitive activities challenging the circulatory system, and exercise at an intensity appropriate for you.
- Pick activities you can do year-round.
- Wear comfortable clothing and footwear appropriate for the temperature, humidity and activity.
- If you decide walking is a great activity for you, choose a place with a smooth, soft surface that does not intersect

with traffic and is well-lit and safe. Many older adults walk at area shopping malls.

- Find a companion to exercise with you if it will help you stay on a regular schedule and add to your enjoyment.
- Because muscular elasticity generally slows with age, take more time to warm up and cool down, and stretch slowly.
- Start exercising at a low intensity (especially if you have been mostly sedentary), and progress gradually.
- If you plan to be active more than 30 minutes, try to drink water with electrolytes every 15 minutes, especially in hot, humid conditions. As you age, your sense of thirst tends to decrease, so you should not rely on your sense of thirst.



SUN CITY SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

We meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, from 1–2:30 p.m., in the Lake View Recreation Center. From June 22 thru Sept. 28, we meet in the Big Bear Room. From Oct. 12 until June 27, we meet in the Tahoe Room. This group is only for the CAREGIVERS of ones suffering from any form of Dementia. We confidentially discuss issues related to coping with your caregiving and setting goals for self-care. Please contact Dr. Beverly Yahr at 760-200-4410.

Grief & Loss Support Group

We meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at 5 p.m. You are welcome to attend our discussions where feelings and memories are shared in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me and I will add your name to the list. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact me, Sherry Joyce, Grief and Loss Facilitator, at 760-834-8495.

Old Time AA Meeting

The AA Big Book Study Group meets from 4 – 5 p.m. on Sundays in the Palm Room, Sunset View Clubhouse, next to the library. Bring your Big Book and join us for fellowship. Any further questions please call Claudia at 760-834-8921.

Stroke Survivors/Caregivers Support Group

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Silverwood room at the Lake View Recreation Center. For question, call Jim Foudy, Stroke Survivor and Chair, at 760-345-8141 or email him at jimrfoudy@gmail.com.

Umbrella Ministries

Helping Sun City bereaved moms who have lost children. Join other moms who come together for encouragement and support after the loss of a child of any age. We assure you a warm welcome and a spirit of understanding and hope. We meet the first Thursday of the month. Information/RSVP Cheryl Miller at 760-324-1525.



LOST & FOUND

Any found items should be turned in at the front desk of the clubhouse you are visiting. If it is after hours, please turn the article into the supervisor on duty for proper placement.

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE FRONT DESK

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SUNSET VIEW CLUBHOUSE FINANCE OFFICE

Monday – Saturday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK

Sunday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK



SANTA ROSA GOLF SHOP HOURS

Daily · 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PRACTICE RANGE HOURS

Daily · 6 a.m. – Dusk

Closed Thursday mornings

7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. for Maintenance



PLEASE VISIT US AT MOUNTAINVISTAGOLFCLUB.COM



Golf Course NEWS

BY TYLER TRUMAN
DIRECTOR OF AGRONOMY
AND GROUNDS

Greetings from the Golf Course and Common Area Maintenance team! I'd like to provide you with an update on our Zoysia trials, along with key points and important dates. Over the past year, we've learned a lot from our trials on Hole 11 and Hole 6 at San Geronio, and we're excited to share the findings.

Key Takeaways from Our Zoysia Trials:

1. **Zoysia can be successfully grown in the desert** and be established within 100–120 days.
2. **Zoysia can maintain color** during December but may go off-color in January.
3. **Zoysia can withstand traffic and divot damage** during the winter and recover without significant impact to play.
4. **Zoysia begins to green up** by mid-February.
5. **Timely application of dyes and paints** is crucial—it's important not to miss any applications.

What's Next for the Zoysia Trials:

1. **March 18:** We began a new trial behind Hole #8 at Santa Rosa. This trial includes two varieties of Zoysia, planted at rates of 400, 600, and 800 bushels. (A bushel is a measurement used to identify the volume of certain materials). The trial consists of three repetitions and another test where the Zoysia is covered in sand.
2. **April 15:** We will sprig 1.5 acres with Stadium Zoysia. This trial will allow us to refine our planting techniques, train staff in proper planting methods, and give us the opportunity to test various maintenance methods, use of pigments, and explore water conservation practices.

3. **April 15–18:** We will replicate the trial started in mid-March. Additional trials will follow on May 16 and July 8 providing us with valuable data on the best planting rates and ideal planting times for Zoysia.
4. **Spring 2026:** With the data gathered from these trials, we plan to carry out a large-scale planting of 15 acres. The location is yet to be determined, and we will seek final approval from the Board. This trial will help us gauge how long it will take to sprig the golf course and other areas of the property. It will also allow us to assess potential savings in maintenance, paint, and fertilizers, giving us a clearer picture of the benefits and challenges of this transition.
5. **2026–2028:** After reviewing the results of the above trials, we will make a final decision on whether to proceed with transitioning the property.

We're taking a methodical approach, working closely with universities and the United States Golf Association (USGA). We are dedicated to researching the pros and cons of this transition carefully. You, as residents, will be kept informed through email updates, progress posts, articles in *News & Views*, and presentations that will be held on an annual or semi-annual basis as we move closer to a decision.



Photo of Zoysia DALZ 1408, one of varieties we are testing, compared to rye grass taken on March 7.

Coming Attractions...

HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY
MARKETING & ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 2, 7 pm



Meet Me In St. Louis

Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm



Dirty Dancing

Wednesday, May 16, 7 pm



For Me And My Gal

Wednesday, May 23, 7 pm



Grease

FREE • SPEAKERS HALL, SV
DOORS OPEN 15 MINUTES EARLY
NO FOOD ALLOWED
ONLY BOTTLED WATER

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Monday

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May 2025

LV = LAKE VIEW • MV = MOUNTAIN VIEW • SV = SUNSET VIEW

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Share your travel treasures!

The *News & Views* Committee invites residents to send us a photo of an unusual art piece you have collected from your world travels, (*limit one piece per household, please*) for a feature in the October issue of *News & Views*.

Please include a brief description of the piece, including size, where it was acquired, etc., with your photo and email to newsandviews@scpdca.com no later than **July 31**.

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Much Ado About Nothing

BY JOHN ANNARINO

It's a fact that many brides
Don't fancy May to wed.
They want to be a June bride
So they wait for June instead.

The Camelot musical loves to sing
About the merry month of May
While Guinevere cheats on Arthur
With Lancelot, knight and day.

We honor Cinco de Mayo.
The fifth of May is holy.
And what better way to celebrate
Than with tons of guacamole.

Then there's the Indy 500.
For sure, a sticky wicket.
Drivers speed around the track
And never get a ticket.

What else is happening in May
Deserving of our attention?
Well, there's World Laughter Day
And too many other Days to mention.

But in May there's one event
That's not like any other.
It's the day that's dedicated
To the love we have for mother.

So here's to mothers everywhere,
the mothers we hold dear.
Where would we be without them?
Without them we wouldn't be here.

John welcomes your comments at jjannarino@icloud.com.





News in Brief

Your Monthly Update from the District and Board Meetings

BY NED CALLAHAN

April 1, 2025

- Spectrum is now offering an additional streaming service (Peacock) and the opportunity to get a new receiver box. You may call Spectrum Customer Service 1-833-697-7328 for additional information.
- There have been complaints recently about excessive air traffic noise. It is assumed that this is due to the recent high winds. We should be aware that Sun City is not prohibited airspace, so we can anticipate occasional incursions. Air traffic rules require that planes remain at least 500 feet above our homes.
- The plans for renovations inside the Mountain View and Sunset View Clubhouses will require closing sections of both clubhouses starting in May. The HOA will send out emails with updates on the specific areas being closed.
- The LEC staff will function as normal during the summer, however the LEC Committee meetings will not occur June through September due to renovation work in the clubhouses.
- A recent police swat team incident inside Sun City and the inability to get timely information from law enforcement has raised concerns.
 - The Association does not wish to report second-hand or “unofficial” news.
 - The HOA will look into setting up some sort of “push” notification to residents about serious incidents of concern in the community.
 - The individual sought at the time by law enforcement is currently being held without bail.
- It is possible to discontinue Burrtec charges if you plan to be gone over the summer. You will need to contact Burrtec directly at 760-340-2113 to cancel for the summer, and then you must call again to restart the service when you return.
- A new storage unit will be added to the east side of the Mountain View Clubhouse in order to free up storage areas inside the facility.
- The Golf Course Maintenance Building’s solar system is the first of (hopefully) many solar projects to reach completion with all sign offs by the county and IID completed. It is currently producing electricity.
- After Easter the staff will be replacing the winter color plant palate with summer plantings.
- During the clubhouse renovations, please do not try to return or donate books to the SCPD library. There will be no one there to receive them until the library reopens.
- Dan Randles, the SCPDCA’s new Operations Director (Dan.Randles@scpdca.com), will have just started with SCPD as you read the May issue of *News & Views* magazine.

To watch a video of the latest HOA Board Meeting, sign in to the SCPDCA website, click on “Community Association Info,” click on “Board, then click on “Videos.”



*Mountain View Clubhouse lobby renovation rendering (above).
Mountain View Clubhouse lobby before renovation (right).*



Clubhouse Cosmetic Facelifts Unveiled

BY VEE NOVAK | CURRENT PHOTOS BY BOB MEINHARD

As news about the upcoming Mountain View and Sunset View Clubhouses remodeling spreads, questions from concerned residents started rising. In an effort to address residents' concerns, I sat down with Clint Atherton, our General Manager, for a brief interview and addressed the following:

I. Project Background

A couple of years ago, the Strategic Planning Committee formed a focus group which conducted a survey on improvements and renovations that the residents would like to see. This renovation is a result of that survey.

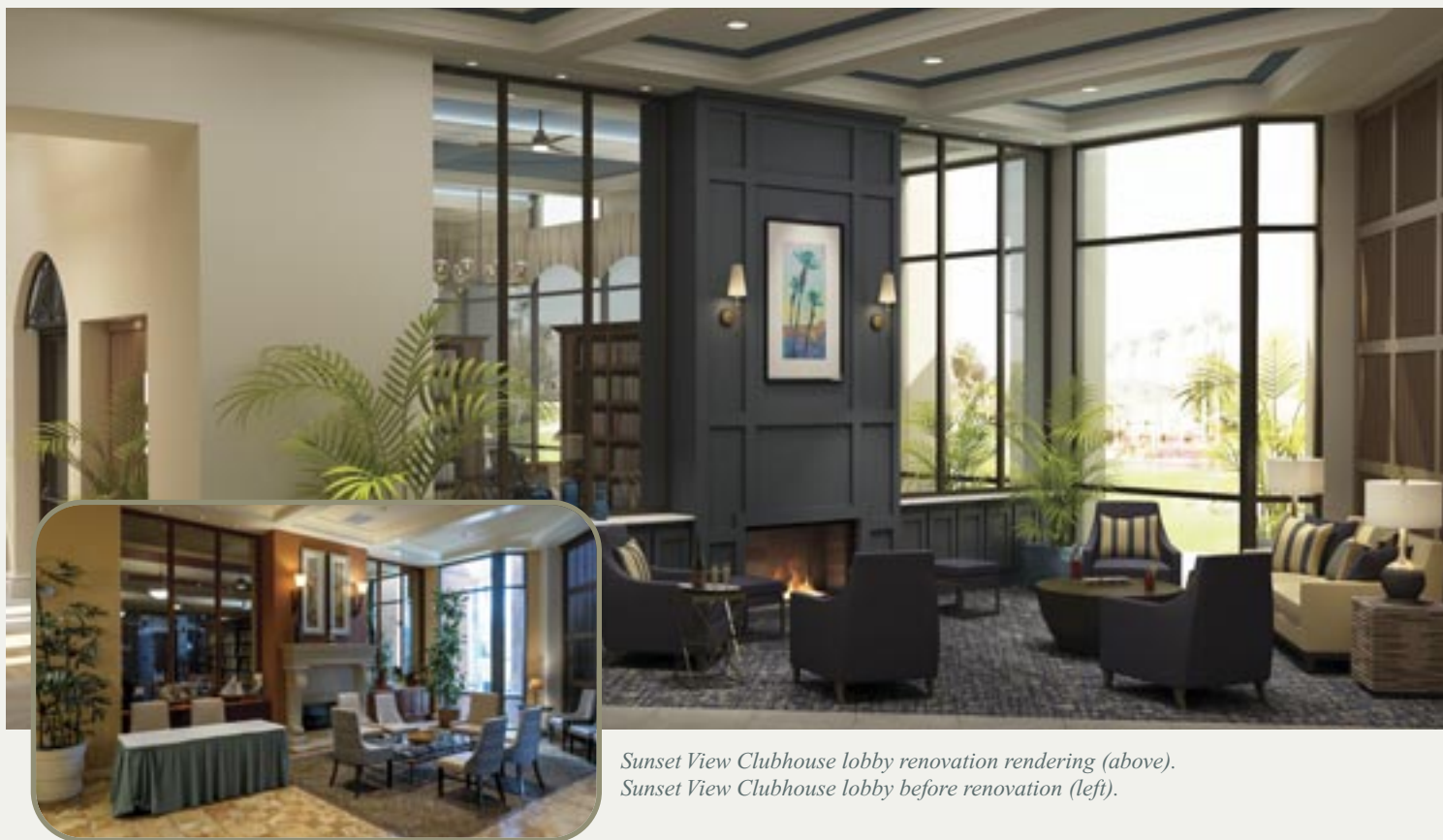
Added to this survey, many of the common areas in our community still have the original furniture and furnishings dating back to about 1999–2000. A “cosmetic facelift” is necessary to freshen up our look.

To help with the design, an interior designer was hired. HOA staff attended the meetings with the designer. A committee composed of residents decided on the design which was presented to the Board for final approval. A local construction company was hired for this project.

II. Project Timeline

The renovations are scheduled to start on May 1 through September 30, 2025. Although there is never a good time to undertake such a huge project, these dates were chosen because of the low occupancy in the community during those months. The projected remodeling schedule in phases is as follows...





*Sunset View Clubhouse lobby renovation rendering (above).
Sunset View Clubhouse lobby before renovation (left).*

PHASE 1	Mountain View Saddleback • Idyllwild • West Corridor May 1	Sunset View Oasis • Palm • Canyon May 12
	Mountain View Ventana • Daily Grind/ Martini's June 9	Sunset View Library • Lobby • Hall 1 • Hall 2 May 26
	Mountain View Lobby • Ballroom • Kitchen • Breakout Room July 7	Sunset View Speakers Hall July 2

III. Scope of Project

Clint would like to emphasize that the renovation is purely aesthetic/cosmetic. Other than a small interior wall in the Ventana room, no walls will be moved; no rooms will be reconfigured. Walls will be repainted, some flooring will be replaced, some refinished. All furniture will be replaced. Clint looked into refurbishing our current furniture but was surprised to find out that refurbishing was more costly than replacing them.

IV. Accessibility of Club/HOA Rooms

Because most of the renovations will occur in hallways, many of the club/HOA rooms will be accessible most of the time. Specific rooms may be closed at certain times for safety reasons. The HOA will communicate these closures ahead of time via eblasts and signage.

V. Funding

This project will be funded through our reserves. “The project only impacts our percent funded for our reserve study by approximately one percent. The HOA fees will not go up as a result of this project,” Clint said.

VI. Common Area Renovations

A. LIBRARY | The walls and ceiling will be painted, fireplace will be refaced with both sides remaining open, floor will be replaced. The bookcases will not be touched.



B. VENTANA | Of all the common areas, Ventana will incur the most renovations both for aesthetics and functionality reasons. To create more room, one portion of the interior wall will be pushed back about four feet. Storage for audio equipment will be created; the walls will be painted; new lighting will be installed; the ceiling will be leveled and finished off with materials that will improve the acoustics in the room; and the floor will be replaced.



C. MARTINI'S AND DAILY GRIND | The plan for Martini's and Daily Grind is to provide more offerings on their menu. As such, the furniture in the room will be replaced to accommodate more seating, the floor will be replaced, and the walls will be painted. The bar area will be spruced up but the structure will remain the same.



D. SPEAKERS HALL | The chairs, flooring and lighting will be replaced. The walls will be painted. The physical structure of the stage will remain.

E. SIERRA BALLROOM | The dance floor will be refinished, carpeting replaced, walls will be painted.



Hopefully this information helps clarify many of your concerns. Just like remodeling our own homes, many of us are anxious and skeptical. But once the remodeling is complete, we will take deep breaths of relief, enjoy the “new look,” and go on with our lives...until the next “facelift.”

Farewell and Aloha to Dean Lining

BY RONNIE MARSHALL

Dean Lining, a friendly and familiar presence around Sun City's front desk for as long as many of us can remember, has retired after 24 years of what he calls one of the most "extraordinary, rewarding and wonderful experiences of my life." He has made hundreds of friends over these many years, and those who know him, have been rewarded and well-served by his cheerful personality and willingness to help all of us with our big problems and small nuisances with positive energy, a smile and a hug. One always feels a little better after a pleasant conversation with Dean.

Dean started working for Del Webb Sun City in August 2001 at their Customer Service Warranty desk on Wildcat Street, across from the main entrance to this exciting new community, where new residents would pick up garage remotes and keys and report any problems. He then moved to the community's first clubhouse, Mountain View, and worked at the Front/Main Desk as a customer service assistant. He was in constant contact with new residents, prospective home buyers and other staff regarding amenities available to residents and the many choices for lifestyle activities being offered to everyone. He provided updates on the availability of new homes with the continual expansion of new sections, and the ongoing additional amenities residents and their guests could look forward to enjoying. Dean developed congenial relationships with new homeowners and helped them with questions regarding their property. Dean eventually became the Resident Services supervisor for the two employees who make up the front desk staff.

Prior to Sun City, Dean led quite an adventuresome life. He was born and raised in Honolulu and was the second-born of four brothers. He grew up in a musical household, learning to play the ukulele at a young age. By his late teens, he decided to join the Merchant Marines. The Merchant Marines operate under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard. He was accepted and sent to school in Piney Point, Maryland. To earn his "Z" card certification, Dean trained and excelled at firefighting, first aid, and lifeboat operations. For the next ten years, Dean travelled the world on American and foreign flagship cruise liners. He was a cabin steward

for about seven years, and spent his last three years as an entertainer, putting to good use his musical gifts, including playing the ukulele and singing a wide repertoire of Hawaiian songs. While working on cruise ships, he rose in the seniority rotation ranks, working for three months, then having one month off.

Dean decided to move on to American Express Travel Related Services, where he settled in for the next ten years. He was proficient in customer service for all types of travelers and visited many more countries and ports of call in his travels for the company. When Dean had time off from working on cruise lines and American Express, he would find temporary employment with the Disney Company as an entertainer and, over the years, has worked at many different Disney parks including the ones in Japan, Anaheim and Florida. When the AmEx travel business began to downsize, a friend suggested that Dean come to the California desert to look for his next adventure. Dean had visited the Coachella Valley before and really enjoyed it. It was then that he found employment with the Del Webb organization where he spent the next 24 "truly wonderful" years.

During our interview, Dean gave me a quick and fun lesson in the Hawaiian language. Interestingly, the ukulele is not of Hawaiian origin but is actually a Portuguese instrument that Hawaii adopted as its own hundreds of years ago. When first hearing the *ukulele* played, a Hawaiian king named it "uku" meaning "flea" and "lele" meaning "jump." Also, *Waikiki* comes from "wai" (water) and "kiki" (sprouting). As Dean and I ended our interview, I was delighted when he got out his ukulele and serenaded me with a lovely tune (*Lahaina Luna*). I closed my eyes and reminisced about my own many wonderful visits to Hawaii.

As Dean looks forward to retirement, he plans to move to Olympia, Washington to be closer to other family members. He is the main caregiver to his mom, who is dealing with health issues. Once he settles in, Dean hopes to continue entertaining. He already has an idea for his new business card, "Have Ukulele, Will Travel."

Dean, we wish you much happiness in your retirement and we will miss you! *Aloha!*



Photo by
Bob Meinhard



WELCOME *To Sun City*

BY BARBARA SCHADLOW, DELYN MEYERS AND LUIGI LEONARDI



Welcome Claire and John Buch!

After spending a winter during COVID renting in Sun City, Claire and John decided to buy a home of their own. They moved in this past fall and plan to split their time between here and their home in Hermosa Beach. John is a retired airline pilot with United Airlines—a career he set his mind on at 10 years old. Claire was a gate agent with United Airlines in Santa Barbara (no they didn't meet there!) and was also a blackjack dealer for Harrah's in Lake Tahoe. The couple play golf and are avid members of the Pickleball, Tennis, and Boomers' Clubs.

Welcome Melissa Eberhardt!

“One of the best decisions I have ever made!” So says Melissa about her move from Los Angeles to Sun City in January. The quest for warmer weather and safety drew her to Palm Desert and life has been good ever since. Melissa is retired from supply chain sales in the transportation industry. Her work provided the opportunity to travel worldwide. Her new lifestyle these days allows her to happily walk her dogs, ride her bike, and participate in the Writers Circle Club. Melissa is a published author of humorous business essays and a writer of short story fiction. She hopes to get back into stand-up comedy, which she performed in LA clubs.



Welcome Ted and Rachel Fainberg!

Ted and Rachel moved to Sun City Palm Desert about a year ago. They lived in their home in Los Angeles for 52 years. Ted did silk screening for 40 years while Rachel was a pre-school teacher. Some relatives live in Indian Ridge, so they started looking around online for a home. Even though their three daughters and six grandchildren live in the Los Angeles area, once they came to Sun City they fell in love and the rest is history. Ted is active in the Glass Arts, Billiards, and Car Clubs. Rachel does line dancing, pickleball, ukulele, hula, and canasta, and they are members of Boomers. Welcome!

Welcome Martin & Christine Zdanowicz

Martin and Christine hail from the NY/NJ area, but moved constantly, following Martin's promotions in his academic career as a Health Sciences professor. Most recently they moved from Boston to Southern California, settling in Rancho Mirage. In mid-March they bought a house in SCPD because of “the exceptional value of the facilities and the amenities” and they are already enjoying every minute of it, diving into the community's evening social life. Christine has joined many clubs, including the Bocce Club, and was excited to sign up in the monthly Bocce tournament. Their future forecast? Very bright and pleasant, just as expected!





The longest cars in the show were 1965 Cadillac Convertibles, nicknamed “land yachts.”

Sun City Car Show 2025

BY BARBARA SCHADLOW | PHOTOS BY BOB MEINHARD

Tim Walker, President of the Car Club, describes the twice-a-year Sun City Car Show as a true “hometown community” event. The March 2025 show lived up to that reputation, with more than 40 entries displayed in the parking lot of the Mountain View Clubhouse, drawing a strong turnout from the community. This year’s event welcomed the beginning of spring and the warm desert weather. Thankfully, the solar panels provided much-needed shade as attendees—young and old—strolled among the cars, chatting with owners and fellow enthusiasts. They shared stories of purchasing their own vehicles and the restoration journeys they embarked on.

The event evoked many fond memories. “My dad had one like that,” remarked one attendee, pointing to a 1955 Chevy. Another said, “I wish I had held on to my ’68 Mustang.” Cars have a way of transporting us to another time and place, eliciting cherished moments from our youth and significant periods of our lives.

The Car Show is open to all who wish to display a vehicle, including residents, Sun City employees, and guests of the Car Club. Participation requires a simple registration form and a small entry fee. Attendance is free.

Awards and Notable Entries

Awards were given in two categories. The “Best in Show” trophies—first, second, and third place—were selected by a panel of independent judges chosen from among attendees. The fourth award, the People’s Choice trophy, is determined by votes from all event attendees. The show featured a wide variety of entries, including classic cars, muscle cars, hot rods, motorcycles, and even exotic and novelty vehicles. This year’s lineup also included a golf cart.

First Place: Jack Rosen’s 1932 Ford Roadster Pickup

Jack Rosen’s fully renovated 1932 Ford Roadster Pickup took home first place. He has owned this stunning showstopper for three years. Equipped with power steering, power brakes, and air conditioning, it drives smoothly over speed bumps—just like a brand-new car. In addition to its top ranking in Sun City, Jack’s Roadster won first place at the Grand National Roadster Show in January 2022.



First Place: Jack Rosen’s 1932 Ford Roadster Pickup

Second Place: Red Faris’s 1965 Shelby American Cobra

Second place was awarded to Red Faris, the proud owner of a striking bright blue 1965 Cobra, which he has owned for 38 years. Red once raced Corvettes against Cobras, which led him to purchase one for himself. For those unfamiliar,



Carroll Shelby—renowned race car driver and automotive designer—was best known for his high-performance vehicles, including the Cobra and Ford Mustang Shelby GT500, and other legendary models. Red meticulously maintains both the body and engine of his Cobra and still enjoys taking it out for an occasional drive.



Second Place: Red Faris's 1965 Shelby American Cobra



Third Place: Bob Kramer's 1948 MG TC Roadster

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Bob Kramer claimed third place with his beautifully restored cream-colored 1948 MG TC Roadster, a crowd favorite. This elegant car has traveled extensively through California, earning numerous awards over the years. Bob has owned and loved his MG since 1965. It's hard to believe that years ago, Bob, his wife, and their three young children would all pile into this two-seater to cruise around Northern California.



People's Choice Award: 1960 Rolls-Royce Phantom V

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The People's Choice trophy was awarded to an ivory-white 1960 Rolls-Royce Phantom V, once considered a "Full Head of State Limousine" for British royalty. Owner Charmaine Wilkinson purchased the vehicle in the 1980s in Victoria, British Columbia, and personally drove it home. She and Art Dion still drive the car today. Their trophy added to the vehicle's long history of earning prestigious awards.

Oldest Car on Display: 1923 Ford T-Bucket Roadster

The oldest entry in the show—a 1923 Ford T-Bucket Roadster—is proudly owned by Mario and Bertha Hernandez for the past three years. The couple shares a deep connection to Sun City, having met as employees 28 years ago when the community was just beginning. While Mario is now retired, Bertha continues to work in the Engineering Department. This was their first time participating in a car show, making their experience even more special.



Oldest Car on Display: 1923 Ford T-Bucket Roadster

The Sun City Car Show continues to be a highlight for residents and car enthusiasts alike, bringing the community together to celebrate automotive history, restoration artistry, and shared memories.



Side-by-side comparison of Thomas Gainsborough's "The Blue Boy," pre-conservation (left), post-conservation (right). Conservators at The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens spent several years painstakingly removing centuries of discoloration and damage. A crown jewel of The Huntington's art collection since 1921, in 2017, instead of taking the painting down for several years while the work was performed, the museum transformed the restoration into an exhibit unto itself, working in full view of the public.

From Canvas to Chrome: The Shared Craft of Art and Car Restoration

BY GERRIE KAHN

In the world of restoration, those involved agree it can be a challenging, engrossing and ultimately satisfying world.

Whether restoring a classic car to its former gleaming chrome and brilliantly painted glory, or uncovering original details, colors and textures hidden by the accumulation of years of neglect and discoloration in an artwork, restoration is a blend of knowledge of both science and art. It's a labor of love requiring skill, precision and perseverance.

Art and car restoration reflect the passion and interest of the restorer, requiring much patience and the ability to see the potential in the object being restored. Where others might see a dirty, damaged canvas or sculpture, or an old broken-down, rusted wreck of a forgotten car, the restorer can envision the possibilities.

Why are vintage cars and artworks worth restoring? Restoration of objects from the past is a rich source of knowledge about craftsmanship, history and the importance of preservation of the finest objects and workmanship of past generations. Placing these objects into historical context tells us much about their respective eras and about what people valued. The shared goal of restoration is preserving history and beauty while noting the differences in materials and techniques.

Art conservationists spend years learning the techniques to perfect their craft. They have a strong science background, particularly in chemistry, as well as an extensive knowledge of art history. Restorers must imagine the world of the artist—the artist's emotions and perspective—to make certain the restoration complies with the artist's original intent. Every artwork tells a story; it is a look into the artist's mind, culture, time and emotions.

Restoration techniques for artworks focus on painstakingly meticulous cleaning, particularly of old varnishes, repairing and stabilizing materials often using advanced scientific methods and pigment analysis.

In restoring vintage cars, the focus is on mechanical repairs, bodywork and sourcing original parts. Ethical considerations also play into it. Does the restorer attempt strict originality when confronted with the difficulties of finding rare car parts, or modernize and alter for functionality?

It will all depend on the car's intended use. Will it be used for cruising on the street? Will it be sold to a collector or museum? Will it only be trailered around to car shows and exhibits?

Each restored car carries a story of its own. It's original manufacturing era, previous owners and provenance, and the



unique choices made during restoration. The car restorer builds a wealth of knowledge about mechanical engineering, design and materials to breathe new life and energy into classic vehicles. These magicians are able to envision how a dilapidated hunk of metal can transform into a sleek, show-stopping masterpiece.

In both art and car restoration, tools are carefully chosen to ensure the objects are treated with the respect they deserve. Many of the tools are similar; soft brushes and cloths, solvents, cleaning agents, adhesives, specialized lighting for accurate color matching, UV lights to detect previous restorations or hidden damages, tools for smoothing and reshaping. Car restoration tools might also include engine hoists, dual-action sanders, spray guns for high-quality paint jobs, grinders, torque wrenches, drills and drill bits and many more.

Sometimes what is involved in car and art restoration is not quite a DIY job. Fortunately, there is always help available. Magazines, websites, videos, car clubs, automotive museums, car shows and auctions all offer advice and exchange information with other knowledgeable restorers and car experts.

Classic car restorers and art conservators share many aspects. Attention to detail is important; both require meticulous care whether it's perfecting brushstrokes or reconstructing intricate engine components. There is a sense of preserving history. Just as art often reflects a moment in time, restored cars represent a piece of automotive history and cultural heritage. A certain painting of a familiar or well-loved scene; a favorite make and model of a vintage car that brings to mind fond memories—nostalgia can be an emotional trigger setting one on the restoration path.

They share a sense of personal expression because artists convey emotion and vision through their work. An art restorer's job is to bring back to light what had become hidden through neglect and in doing so inspire a new generation of viewers. Those who love to restore vintage cars express personality through choices in paint, trim and performance modification.

A restored classic car is as truly a work of art as the finest painting or sculpture. We are fortunate there are so many museums and venues where both are displayed for viewers to admire and dream.



Frank Lloyd Wright bought a new L-29 Convertible Phaeton in 1929 and had it painted in a bright hue called Cherokee Red, a.k.a. Taliesin West (FLLW68). This Cord L-29 Cabriolet was purchased in the 1950s by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Wright's legal caretaker until his death in 1959, and refinished in a close approximation. [Photos © 2013 Peter Harholdt]





Cool Products for Hot People!

Summer is coming and with it increased risk for seniors who can be vulnerable to heat-related illnesses. Aging bodies may not adjust well to high temperatures, and certain medications or chronic health conditions can make overheating even more dangerous.

Sure, you can stay hydrated, wear loose clothing, and take cold showers. But you can also explore a variety of products designed to help you beat the heat. With rising global temperatures, demand for personal cooling devices is expected to rise in 2025, bringing even more innovations to the market.

Here are some simple, low-tech solutions to keep you cool—especially if you are spending summer in the desert.



Neck Fans

Neck fans circulate air around the neck and face where key blood vessels help regulate body temperature. By accelerating sweat evaporation, these fans provide a cooling effect. They are especially effective indoors, but a little less so outdoors in extreme heat.

Most models come with rechargeable batteries and a USB charging cord. You can choose the color of your choice and even opt for flashing LED lights for a stylish touch. Advanced versions use thermoelectric semiconductor cooling chips, which claim to provide instant relief—like pressing a cold can of soda against your skin.

Not exactly a fashion statement, these devices may not look cool, but they can certainly keep you cool in the summer months. With many brands to choose from, here are a few: Gulaki, Hotsales, and Egopp.

Personal Fans

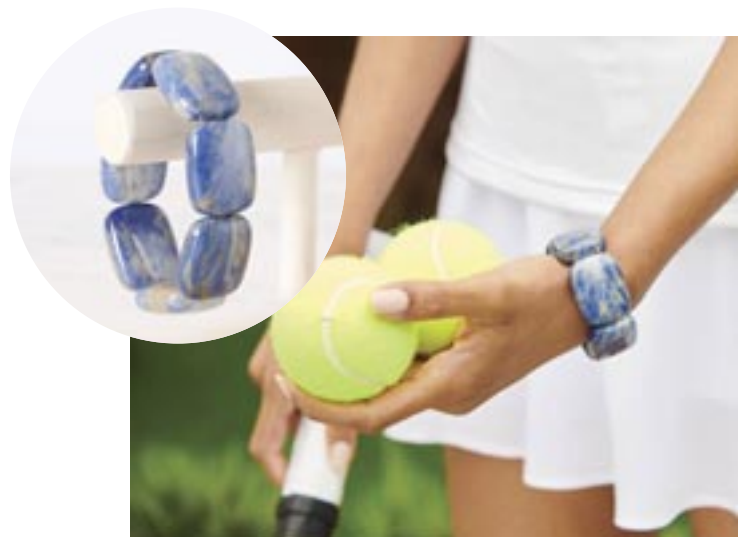
If the idea of hanging a fan around your neck isn't for you, a handheld fan might be a better option. These small, battery-powered fans are compact and lightweight. Some models offer digital readouts showing the device speed and battery life. Others fold down to just a few inches and easily slip into a purse. Some models can be slung around your neck with a lanyard or rest on a desk for hands-free use.

These portable fans are perfect for concerts, weddings, picnics, outdoor shopping, or (if you dare!) waiting in long lines in Disneyland.

Available in a variety of colors, brands include Jiuslife, Gaiatop, and HandFan.

Cooling Bracelets

These wrist devices emit cooling bursts to thermoreceptors—sensitive nerves on the inside of the wrist—which send icy signals to the brain, in essence tricking it to feel cooler than you are. While effectiveness varies by user, many



people, especially those experiencing hot flashes, report positive results.

Rechargeable models tend to be pricey, while more affordable versions can be placed in the freezer before use. Brands include Embr Wave, Hot Girls Pearls, and Sharper Image.

Could cooling bracelets become the next must-have accessory for full timers in the desert?



Cooling Hats

A wide-brimmed hat with UPF 50+ protects your face and scalp from the sun, but some interesting designs go a step further. Options include:

- Moisture-wicking materials that absorb sweat and heat away from the skin toward the outer surface of the hat. (Clothing made of similar fabrics provides a cooling effect, too.)
- Solar-powered hats, with small solar panels on the brim, that use the sun to generate built-in fans that direct airflow to your face.
- Gel-infused or ice-pocket hats that provide prolonged cooling.
- “Wet-to-cool” hats that stay cool for hours after being soaked in water, using evaporation to draw heat away from your skin.

Cooling Scarves & Towels

These accessories are made of special fabrics or water-absorbing material. After being soaked in water, they swell up. As they dry against your skin, the absorbed water slowly evaporates, creating a cooling sensation. Available in many colors and styles, cooling scarves and towels are great for golf, hiking, and walking. Your dog will appreciate a wet scarf, too.

Mattress Cooling Pad

At last, a solution for hot sleepers and those who experience night sweats! Just as there are thermal blankets to keep you warm in winter, specialized mattress pads cool your body while you sleep.

Different models use various technologies:

- Gel-infused foam draws heat away from the body.
- Foam or microcoils pads promote airflow and reduce heat retention.
- Electronic bed pads (though more expensive) allow you to set the temperature you desire.

A mattress cooling pad can help you sleep better, reduce your reliance on air conditioning, and even accommodate different temperature preferences if you and your partner sleep at different levels of warmth. Cooling pillows are also available for added comfort.

With so many innovative cooling products available, staying comfortable in the heat may just get a bit easier.



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Good For A Laugh

BY JOHN ANNARINO

Laughter.

It has to be earned. So, he wrote and rewrote his barrel of jokes, hoping they all wouldn't be dead on arrival, hoping his audience wouldn't find them disgusting, unworthy of their laughter.

It would be his first time on stage as a stand-up comic. It was something he wanted to do ever since he watched Richard Pryor, George Carlin, Lenny Bruce and Joan Rivers. He studied their technique, their timing. He learned from the best.

Now he was ready. But he was scared shitless. It would be him on stage, alone, and out there probably more than a few hecklers.

The MC announced his name. On he went. He couldn't remember a single joke. The audience sat there, whispering, waiting for him to say something.

So, he said something. "Hi, everybody. Just want you to know I'm scared shitless."

That brought a trickle of laughter. Then more than a trickle, which encouraged him to start unleashing his arsenal of jokes. The laughter grew. There was no stopping him now, no stopping the frantic flow of words.

He finished. He waited. Then, like waves of love, the applause washed over him, every bit as fabulous as the laughter that inspired it.

After his bows, backstage, his fellow performers shook his hand, slapped his back, shouted congratulations. They knew what it took. And now he knew.

He knew he couldn't wait to do it again. He was as hungry for it as a dog is for a bone.

In time, he was better than the best of them. As his audiences grew, so did his fame. He was hot, in demand. He had arrived. Then came the crowning achievement. His peers voted him the stand-up comic most people loved to sit down for.

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Did You Know...

BY DELYN MEYERS

After seeing the new Bob Dylan film, someone asked me about the '60s. Though I was pretty young the first half, I did think about how that decade changed the world. I mean, just look at tie-dye. Here's a few ways...

1960 – The Hollywood Walk of Fame. The first star placed was producer/director Stanley Kramer. The first actress was Joanne Woodward. *The Flintstones* debuted September 30, 1960. It became the 2nd most long-running cartoon series in television history behind the *Simpsons*.

1961 – Barbie's Dream Date. On March 11, 1961, Barbie's boyfriend Ken made his entrance. *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, with Rob and Laura Petrie (and their fabulous suburban home), started on CBS, October 3.

1962 – The Tonight Show. On October 1, Johnny Carson became the host. His first guests were Joan Crawford and Rudy Vallee.

1964 – Beatlemania. On February 9, 1964, the Beatles first performed in the U.S. on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, pulling in 75 million viewers, 3/4 of the total audience in America at the time. (A momentous success despite my dad's opinion.)

1966 – A great year for rock and fashion, Mary Quant starts selling miniskirts in London, **Twiggy** and **Go-Go boots** are all the rage, and **John marries Yoko**.

1969 – Moon Landing. July 20, Neil Armstrong steps on the moon. September 26, *The Brady Bunch*; November 10, *Sesame Street* (airing 47 seasons in 121 countries). Elvis Tops the Charts. Elvis Presley scores his final #1 hit with the song *Suspicious Minds*, on November 1. And in Bethel, New York, the **Woodstock** Rock Festival, August 15–18, 1969, brought together more than 400,000 fans to hear some of the greatest rock music every played, and to enjoy "3 Days of Peace & Music." (Note: Although **American Bandstand** debuted in 1957, I watched it all through the '60s).

So Stinkin' Cute

BY VEE NOVAK



Maddie

Maddie, a Terrier mix, is a lap dog and she happily jumped between Shawn Wagner's (her fur Mom) lap and mine during this interview. At four years old, weighing approximately 18 pounds, she is a ball of energy!

Rescued by Shawn's sister who lives in Redlands, Maddie was a stray. She must have been running through the orange groves in Redlands for a while feeding on scraps, because she weighed only nine pounds when she was rescued. Although she was chipped and spayed, Shawn had trouble finding Maddie's previous owner. The person listed on the chip did not acknowledge losing a pet that met Maddie's description. Shawn's sister posted pictures of Maddie on missing pets' websites; she also took the dog from house to house in her neighborhood searching for her owner. When Shawn and her sister felt that they had exhausted every means to find Maddie's owner, Shawn took her home.

Maddie has pointy ears that resemble Yoda's ears, so Richard (Shawn's husband) wanted to name her Yoda, after the *Star Wars* character. Somehow, that name did not stick. After searching for other names, Richard and Shawn both decided on Maddie.

Maddie welcomes her friends with kisses. She is a creature of habit, mindful of her mealtime and bedtime. She starts "talking" to Shawn as those hours approach. Maddie eats anything from salmon, to broccoli, to carrots, to steak. Her staple is refrigerated dog food with a sprinkling of dry dog food. Her favorite toy is a lamb chop named "Baby."

Shawn and Richard acquired Maddie when Shawn was facing some difficult health challenges.

"Maddie has filled a hole in my heart that I did not know was there," said Shawn.

To this day, Maddie continues bringing immeasurable joy and love to the Wagner household.

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What's Cooking?

BY LUIGI LEONARDI

One of my all-time favorite pasta dishes is *Spaghetti all' Amatriciana*. (Amatrice is a mountain town north of Rome, famous for its pork meats.) As I learned it from my mom, she would assemble the ingredients and, in what magically looked like an instant, I soon had the fragrant aroma of the spicy sauce tickling my senses.

Spaghetti all' Amatriciana

(Serves Four)

Ingredients

10–12 oz Spaghetti
5–6 oz Pancetta (or thick-cut bacon), cut into small strips
24 oz Whole Peeled Tomatoes (canned or fresh)
½ cup White Wine
1 Peperoncino Red Pepper, sliced
3 oz Pecorino Romano, freshly grated
1 small/medium Onion, cut in half and sliced lengthwise
Salt

Directions

Put a pot of water on the stove to boil the spaghetti. In a large frying pan, cook the pancetta over a low flame until they are crackling golden brown. Raise the flame, add the wine and let it evaporate. Remove the pancetta from the pan, but *don't discard the oil* (it's the crucial flavor). Sauté the onion in the pan for 5 minutes or until lightly golden. Pour in the peeled tomatoes and break them into chunks. Add the red pepper. Cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Salt to taste. *Remove the red pepper from the sauce* and add the pancetta. When the water is boiling, add salt to taste and cook the spaghetti "al dente" (about 11 minutes). Drain the spaghetti and add to the sauce. As you stir and turn the noodles, add the Romano, leaving some for the individual portions.

Enjoy my favorite Roman pasta dish!

Pass the Popcorn

BY RONNIE MARSHALL



The Untouchables

Starring Robert DiNiro and Debra Messing

Okay, first, the title is awful and stirs little interest. Robert DiNiro stars in dual roles as real-life Italian mobsters Vito Genovese and Frank Costello. Their entwined history as budding criminals in early 20th century New York's Little Italy, their subsequent years-long separation, and ultimately disastrous reunion is the crux of the fairly straightforward storyline, narrated by a detached, unemotional Costello.

The film begins in the 1950s and depicts a suave Costello and his wife (wonderfully portrayed by Debra Messing) at New York's Copacabana nightclub, enjoying a performance by Louis Prima and Keely Smith. The film intersperses real footage of the singers, giving it a realistic "you-are-there" vibe. Costello sends his wife off with friends while he stops at their Park Avenue apartment for some business. When he enters the lobby, a guy approaches, calls out his name and shoots him, grazing the side of his head. He lives but is sure this "message" is from his old friend/now enemy, Vito. Vito is furious to learn Costello did not die.

As Costello relates in his narrative, they were great friends and partners in racketeering and other criminal activities, until hotheaded Vito murders someone in front of witnesses, and flees the country, going to Italy to escape imprisonment. Costello and Vito agree that if/when Vito returns, he can resume control of half their mutual mob businesses.

But years have passed and the mob business is conducted in a vastly different, and quieter, way. Costello patiently explains this to Vito. But Vito, impatient and brimming with resentment and suspicion, believes Costello wants to cut him out and plans the unsuccessful assassination attempt. He then has Costello's righthand man, Albert Anastasia, brutally murdered while getting a shave at a barber shop. The movie interjects actual photos of this infamous moment. Costello (infinitely smarter than Vito) realizes he needs to get rid of Vito once and for all. He hatches a Machiavellian plan to have Vito and dozens of other mobsters caught at the big meeting in Apalachin, New York in 1957, which made national news headlines. Costello died peacefully years later.

Critics were lukewarm about the movie, calling it mostly a retread, but I enjoyed it. These were real life gangsters and real-life consequences.



The Bookshelf

BY MARSHA REED NALL



The Drowned BY JOHN BANVILLE

Booker winner for *The Sea*, Banville's latest is a psychological procedural set in 1950s Ireland.

The beginning is eerie: "He had lived alone for so long, so far away from the world and its endless swarms of people, that when he saw the strange thing standing at a slight list in the middle of the field below the house, for a second he didn't know what it was. But it wasn't an animal, it was a motorcar."

Wymes finds a Mercedes in a field on Ireland's southeast coast. A man walks over the hill and tells Wymes his wife got out of the car and may have just drowned herself. Wymes and the man seek help at a cottage nearby and eventually DI St. John Strafford is sent from Dublin to investigate. Strafford thinks the whole affair has an unreality about it. Everyone seems to have something to hide.

Banville is possibly more concerned with the emotional life of Strafford and Quirke, the forensic pathologist, than he is with the mystery. Quirke is grief-stricken by the death of his wife. Strafford is separated, his wife has asked for a divorce, and his girlfriend who is Quirke's daughter, is pregnant. The novel's unhurried pace picks up after a second disappearance.

Three Days in June BY ANN TYLER

Pulitzer winner Tyler's latest is only 150 pages and opens with her main character Gail, age 61, expecting to be promoted to the head of a girl's school. Her boss tells her, "Face it: this job is a matter of people skills. You know that. And surely, you'll be the first to admit that social interactions have never been your strong point. You need to avoid saying things like 'Good God, Mrs. Morris, surely you realize your daughter doesn't have the slightest chance of getting into Princeton.'"

This occurs the same week that Gail's daughter Debbie is getting married, and Gail's life becomes more fraught when her ex-husband Max arrives, wanting to stay with her. Max has a cat Debbie's fiancé is allergic to, and Max can't stay with them as planned.

"Max has no boundaries. Gail is all about boundaries."

The real crisis begins when Debbie tells them a secret she just learned about her fiancé.

The book is structured around the three days of the wedding: *Day of Beauty*, *D-Day*, and *The Day After*.

Poetry Contest



CALL FOR ENTRIES!

News & Views announces the 2025 Fall Poetry Contest

Contest Rules:

- **Write from the perspective of a tree losing its leaves**
- **Maximum length: 14 lines**
- **Limit one original entry** (no previously published poems)
- **Email entries to: newsandviews@scpdca.com**
- **Deadline for entries: August 12, 2025**

The winning entry will appear in the October *News & Views*.
The winner will receive a \$50 Sun City gift card.

The *News & Views* Committee will select the winning poem.
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so that every digit from 1–9 appears only once in every row, column and 3x3 box. *Solution is on page 61.*

VACATION

TRAVEL



Art Dion and Charmaine Wilkinson aboard Oceania, Riviera traveling the Mediterranean



Celebrating Steve's 80th. Birthday, and Honoring our parents on the wall at Mount Rushmore



Jill Manee & Steve Bailey in Indonesia, seeing Komodo Dragons on Komodo Island



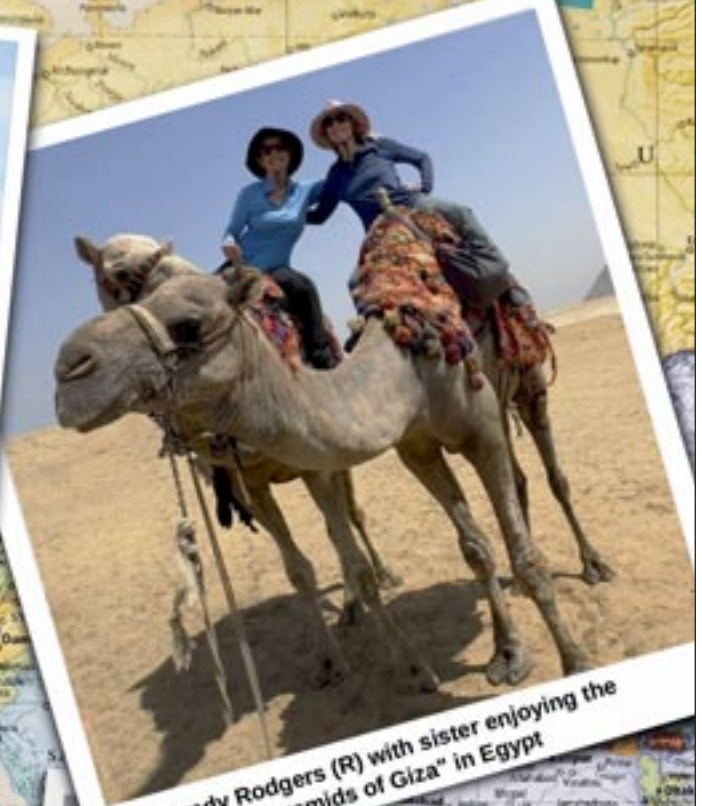
Barbara and George Normandin in Maui, Hawaii to celebrate our anniversary



VACATION TRAVEL



Marian & Robert Pagán at the beautiful Plaza de España in Seville, Spain



Wendy Rodgers (R) with sister enjoying the "Pyramids of Giza" in Egypt



Walter Danalevich in Mekonas, Greece



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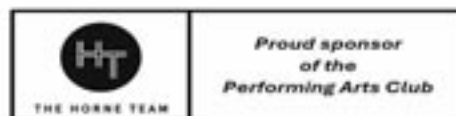
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Art

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by Kris Knutzen

Classes are winding down for the summer. Some mixed media, drawing and watercolor classes will continue through the summer. Please see the schedule of classes in the Art Studio window. The studio is open for independent painting any time a class or workshop is not scheduled.

Thanks to all who voted for our 2025/2026 Board members: President, Chris Acosta; Vice President, Kris Knutzen; Secretary, Deb Gonsalves; Treasurer, Kathy McDonald; Members-at-Large: Gary Diamond, Sharon Diamond, Win Glass, Jaime Hernandez, Starr May.

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped during our 2024/2025 season. We depend on volunteers to keep the club exciting and new. If you have a talent or skill to share with the club please consider volunteering in our upcoming season.

Mountain View Clubhouse has some exciting new renovations scheduled starting May 1. As of now, we will be able to continue using the art room, though we may have to enter and exit through the back patio door. We will keep you updated with email announcements.

The May 3 Wine and Cheese Reception will be held in the studio from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Please bring an appetizer and friends are welcome. We supply the wine!

Astronomy

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by Stu Sitzman

Planets:

- *Mercury*: Morning planet, difficult to see
- *Venus*: Morning Planet, very bright, greatest western elongation, highest above horizon of the year
- *Mars*: Evening Planet
- *Jupiter*: Evening Planet
- *Saturn*: Morning Planet

International Space Station Passes:

Two very bright evening passes on May 9 and May 29; check website for accurate times.

May Highlights:

Crescent moon rising with Venus and Saturn, 4 a.m.; the planets rise together all month.

Constellation of the month – Virgo:

Second largest constellation; Hydra is the largest. Brightest star is Spica. The “*Virgo supermassive black hole*” refers to the black hole at the center of the *M87 galaxy*, a giant in the Virgo constellation. Virgo galaxy cluster contains trillions of stars, globular clusters and familiar Messier objects, i.e., Sombrero Galaxy. *M87* is the first black hole imaged by the Event Horizon Telescope. It is the most powerful known source of radio



Due to the clubhouse renovations requiring flexible room assignments, NO EVENTS will be listed from May thru October. Please check with your clubs directly for meeting times and locations.

energy in the Virgo Cluster. Two meteor showers associated with the constellation: Virginids and Mu Virginids.

Meteor Showers:

- *Eta Aquarids shower:* Peak on May 3 – 4 originating from Halley's Comet, up to 30 meteors per hour, pre-dawn hours. Radiant point: constellation Aquarius, spectacular in the Southern Hemisphere.
- *Lyrid meteor shower:* Peak May 3-14. Radiant point: constellation Lyra.

Billiards

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by Don Campbell, VP

Partners 8-Ball Tournaments:

- March 13 – 1st: Joe Sabato/Larry Peckham; Tie for 2nd: Larry Tackett/Randy Rodgers and Dave Sarazen/Victor Sillanpaa
- March 20 – 1st Tie: Jim Heilskov/Gary Ryba and Roger Carsrud; 3rd: Jennifer Jadovitz
- March 27 – 1st: Pat Powers/Malcolm Gochioco; Tie for 2nd: Ludy Smeets/Mark Sinkey and Jim Heilskov/Chantelle Ethier.

Singles 8-Ball Tournaments:

- March 11 – 1st: Larry Tackett; 2nd: Rich Bettinson; 3rd: Joe Sabato
- March 25 – 1st: Chuck Rinkey; 2nd: Vic Sillanpaa; 3rd: Joe Sabato.

Singles 9-Ball Tournament:

- March 18 – 1st: Joe Sabato; 2nd: Chuck Rinkey; 3rd: Dave Spalasso.

Wednesday Night League Winners:

- 1st: The Hustlers; 2nd: Chalk is Cheap; 3rd: Stick It To 'Em. High Scorers: Rich Gilbert, Vic Sillanpaa & David Spalasso.

Club Golf Tournament Winners:

- 1st: Dave Spalasso, Yvon Brasseur, Alan Cross and Larry Tackett; 2nd: George Cuning, Dave Sarazen, Glenn Andrews and Rick McShane; 3rd: Bill Pulaski, Conrad Peterson, David Harshman and Malcolm Gochioco.
- Closest to the pin: Danny Haller, Dave Spalasso, Vic Sillanpaa, Dave Sarazen and Rick McShane.

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Pat Powers · 509-220-2702

by Marla Fee

As we say "happy trails" to our snowbird members and the weather starts to heat up, we will shift to our morning play hours. Members will receive an email notifying them of the exact date of this change.

NEW TIME: From May through October, Bocce courts are reserved for members Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 – 10:30 a.m. Members can arrive any time between 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. to see if we have enough players to form a full court "pick-up game."

New and returning members may join by dropping a completed membership form and \$15 check in Box 11 at Mountain View Clubhouse. Dues received after October 1 will be good until December 31 of the next calendar year.

Be sure to wear your bocce ball name tag!

Boomers & Friends

50s & 60s Revisited · boomers.scpdcaclubs.com

Terry Anne Johnson · 206-295-3240

by Barbara Kastner

This season has just flown by! Here we are in May and the final Boomers event of this season.

April's Speakeasy Boomers event was so much fun. Lots of guests dressed for the theme to add to the classic party atmosphere.

Our Western Hoedown BBQ will be great fun on May 13 in the Sierra Ballroom, Mountain View Clubhouse. Music provided by the band, Southern Spirit. They are a six-piece band with three vocalists. How fun that will be! This Western theme event will offer a wonderful BBQ buffet. Good times to be had by all.

A new Board was elected at April meeting/event. Thank goodness, Boomers can continue! This Board will bring to the membership wonderful socials and great memories to share. Hang out with your friends and meet new ones!

BZBs

Knitting, Crocheting & Needlecrafts · bzb.scpdcaclubs.com

Mardell Sunley · mardisue2@gmail.com

by Cathy Clemens

Summer and warm weather are arriving along with other changes to our knitting group. Mountain View Clubhouse will be remodeled which in turn means some changes for us. We will still meet Tuesday mornings but in a new location. For the months of May, June and July we will be relocated to the Tahoe room in the Lake View Recreation Center. We will be closed all of August and the first week of September and then back to the Tahoe room for the remainder of September and October. Except for the room changes everything will remain the same. Join us to keep cool and enjoy the camaraderie.

Canadian Club & Friends

canadian.scpdcaclubs.com

Robert Maitland · 403-612-3936

by Robert Maitland

We have had a good year starting with our events in the fall of 2024 (Grey Cup, Welcome Back, Trivia) and then the first 3 months of 2025 with the Whist Tournament, Bocce Blast, Golf Tournament, El Paseo concert and ending with our Putting Tournament and Game night. In all, a very successful year of events.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who make these events possible and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Club. Without volunteers, these events would not occur. Please visit the Canadian Club at their website.

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Canasta

Cards · canasta.scpdcaclubs.com

Terri Tabarcea · 760-343-6839

by Eleanore Hahn, Secretary

You may already know the Association is going to renovate the clubhouses from mid-May to October. We want our members to know we have secured rooms for our Tuesday play times in the Lake View Recreation Center for May and June from 12 – 4:30 p.m.:

- May 6 – Arrowhead, Big Bear & Silverwood (as normal)
- May 13, 20 and 27 – Big Bear and Silverwood only
- June 3, 10 and 24 – Big Bear and Silverwood rooms only
- PLEASE NOTE: Play on June 17 is CANCELLED!

July through December rooms, as of this writing, have not yet been scheduled.

The Big Bear and Silverwood rooms hold twelve tables so sign up for play during this period is crucial. Remember to schedule play with Michele Landa at 310-991-4867.

Terri Tabarcea was appointed unanimously as Acting President of the Canasta Club by the Board of Directors at a meeting on March 25. Please welcome Terri when you see her.

Car

Car Shows, Touring, Sharing Love of Cars

Tim Walker · tm.walker@comcast.net

by Tim Walker

The Car Club had an April Rally to Pioneer Town for lunch and explorer. May 8 is a Rally to the Bombay Beach Art Resort Salton Sea. The March Spring Community Car Show was widely attended and fun had by everyone.

Card & Game

Gin Rummy, Cribbage, Hearts, Scrabble

Jill Burt · 760-492-1107

by Jill Burt

The Card & Game Club welcomes newly elected club officers: Jill Burt, President; Sherry Hunt, V.P.; Missy Ash, Treasurer; and Randi Rota, Secretary.

Effective May 12, the Card & Game Club meeting time will change to 12:30 – 4 p.m. and will relocate to Lake View Recreation Center every Tuesday until the renovation is complete.

There will be no club activity July 1 or September 2.

New players are welcome to join us in the Tahoe and Arrowhead rooms! Usual games include Euchre, Cribbage, Hand & Foot, Hearts, Pinochle and Scrabble.

We have several wonderful Euchre teachers if you're interested in trying something new.

Ceramics

Open Ceramics · ceramics.scpdcaclubs.com

Jim Murray · 760-782-2312

by Stu Bailey

March was an incredibly busy month for the Ceramics Club starting with a number of special classes conducted by our very own members. The Spring Arts and Crafts Holiday Sale was a huge success with over twenty members participating—lots of sales to

empty out our garages and closets! March was also our Spring Barbeque with fifty plus hungry members enjoying barbequed brisket, turkey and a whole bunch of homemade salads and desserts. We are in the final stages of upgrading our window display. Deborah Krupp is heading up the committee, organizing the new design and getting bids to build the new shelves. The shelving should be built and in place by early summer, keep watching the window! For more information on our club please go to our website listed above. Stay cool!

Couples Putters

Social & Competitive Putting · couplesputters.scpdcaclubs.com

Steven Klein · 760-200-8792

by Steve Klein

We are rounding down for our end of season. We have three Saturdays in May that we will play: May 3, 10 and 17. We will decide at the end of April whether we will have one session or two.

Most of our snowbird friends have left to go to their homes outside of Palm Desert. Many of you will be leaving to travel and visit other areas before summer comes and the heat starts rising. We wish you all safe travels wherever you may be bound. See you for the 2025–2026 season.

Applications for next season are available in the clubhouse kiosks and on our website. If you do it before you leave you can post date your check for July 1, 2025.

Happy trails and keep on putting.

Creative Arts

Paper & Decorative Arts

Karen Keinert · 760-601-7988

by Cathy Clemens

Now that warmer weather is returning, we will be paper crafting in our cool room on Tuesday afternoons. We are also planning to meet one Saturday afternoon each month which will allow us an extended period of time to work. If you are a beginner join us for some lessons and the use of our supplies or come in to work on individual projects. We are a fun group and are always willing to help out.

Cyclists

Bicycling · cyclists.scpdcaclubs.com

Kim Murray · 250-240-9689

Jim Robinette 703-229-9168

by Chantelle Ethier, Vice President

Moving is always improving but as the weather heats up it is even more important for riders to stay hydrated. Please check the Sun City Cyclists website for ride times.

Each ride is a gift to see the beautiful desert landscape.

Duplicate Bridge

Cards · bridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Fred Flegal · 269-649-1539

by Judy McMakin

The club enjoyed an Italian Spring Fling Dinner, with thanks and kudos to Paul and Janet Beaty for planning the event.



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The cards keep coming and the biggest winners this month were Joyce Gannon and Fran Dickson with a 59.99% game. Other first place winners were Linda and Victor Sillanpaa, Anne and Tom Lund, Todd Blum and Diane Boger, JoAnne Staring and Fran Dickson, John Nugent Patten and Cindy Selberg, Elizabeth and Bill Dani and Angela and Dodd Fiori.

Placing, just not on top, were Joyce Gannon and Carol Ann Ackerman, Jill Oppertud and Jim Hughes, Janet Cunningham and Leland Kirk, Barbara Perschetz and Bobbi Hoffman (3), Deann Young and Rick Rowan, Janet and Paul Beaty, Mark Barowitz and Harriet Rossetto (3), Karen Roseberry and Sandy Hall, Chander and Daya Gupta, Rick Flucke and Joy Barron (2), Todd Blum and Diane Boger, John Nugent Patten and Cindy Selberg (3), Linda and Victor Sillanpaa, Pat Gershick and Diane Aledort, Mark Graber and Jim Groves, Penny and Dennis Stone, Susanne Schow and Judy McMakin, Joyce Gannon and Diane Boger and Fred Flegel and Todd Blum.

Need a partner? Call Janet Beaty at 560-485-6983.

Financial

Financial Education • financial.scpdcaclubs.com

Rod Gale • 760-880-4638

by Rod Gale

The Financial Club Meeting in May will feature club member James Estes PhD, MBA, CFP, ChFC, CPCU, CLU, Professor Emeritus of Finance California State University San Bernardino. Joining Jim is Maria Melecio, MS Finance, Adjunct Professor of Finance, CSUSB.

Jim and Maria have several topics to talk about with their impact on our Economy and the Markets. Headline news currently is dominated by the new administration and use of tariffs. China still plays a big part in world events and now Mexico and Canada are in tariff negotiations with the US. The Federal Market Board is still fighting inflation with interest rates. What effect is all of this having on consumer items like food prices, cars, houses and especially energy? And will all of this lead to a recession?

This will be a great opportunity for Jim to pull all of this together and give his insightful opinions on how we can protect and grow our assets.

Club business agenda: new Federal Trade Commission pamphlet, library subscriptions promotion and election of new officers and Board members.

Look for announcements by email. Memberships renew for \$15/ \$20 couple. Update your e-mail address with Rod Gale: rodneyn.gale@uhc.com or Brad Bachtelle: bbachtelle@bachtelle.com.

Food & Wine Connoisseurs

Premium Wine Education • fwcc.scpdcaclubs.com

Lou Ann Liebermann • 952-210-6751

by Jack Maddan

Executive Chef Rudy Zazueta provided a fabulous five-course gourmet meal for FWCC's April 3 Dinner. All the courses were exquisitely prepared and skillfully paired with select premium varietals to the delight of the guest's palates. While dinner guests

enjoy Chef Rudy's wonderful culinary creations, Amanda Cardenas, representing the wine vendor and Lou Ann Liebermann, FWCC President provided an enlightening and entertaining experience for the guests. In between courses, Karen Boyles, Chair of the Nominating Committee, held an election for the 2025-2026 FWCC Board of Directors. The results will be published next month.

Members, please, do not forget the final FWCC event for this season. This will be the always-sumptuous Cheese and Wine Reception, to be held on Thursday, May 1, at 5 p.m. in the Ventana. The reception will be open to all members. Watch for the flyer.

Forum

Discussion Group • forum.scpdcaclubs.com

Brett Thompson • 310-766-5505

by Brett Thompson, President

The Forum Club's May meeting has been cancelled due to the pending renovation of the Oasis room at the Sunset View Clubhouse. We will be in touch over the summer and hope to see everyone in November. Thank you all for a great season.

Fun City Bowlers

Mixed Bowling • funcitybowlers.scpdcaclubs.com

June Klabacha • 714-488-5686

by Evy Long

The Fun City bowling season officially ends on May 5. We will meet for the distribution of prize money, recognition of special categories and vote on the slate of officers for the 2025-2026 season. While bowling our final three games we'll enjoy pizza and cookies. It is so great to celebrate the end of our fabulous season.

Saying goodbye to our league bowling for the season is made a bit easier since our fun continues with summer bowling beginning



Car Club's Spring Show was widely attended.

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on May 12. You do not have to join the league to bowl with us in the summer session, but you must be a resident of SCPD. Rental shoes are available at an additional cost. The lanes provide various weighted house balls for your use. Please contact Eddie Gruen at edguren@gmail.com or 818-439-8905 by Sunday evening to RSVP if you intend to bowl on Monday. Please arrive at Fantasy Springs by 12:45 on Monday for lane assignments. If you have any other questions, please contact June Klabacha at 714-488-5686. Hopefully you will have so much fun you may consider joining us for league bowling in the Fall.

We put the FUN in Fun City Bowlers.

Genealogy

Tracing Your Family History · genealogy.scpdcaclubs.com
Sherry Stockton · 909-815-4412

by Bob Meinhard

The SCPD Genealogy Club is here to discuss your family history journey! For beginners, ancestry.com is a great place to start. Also, we suggest setting up a free basic account at familysearch.org, another great site that has resources available for all genealogists. Our annual club dues are \$25 (\$35 for a couple) for 2024-2025. For more information, please pick up a brochure at one of the kiosks located in all the clubhouses.

We will meet on May 19 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom only (topic TBA). On May 5, we will be meeting in the clubhouse (room TBA) and on Zoom for our general club meeting – don't miss it! We will also meet for a hands-on workshop on Monday, Monday May 12

at 1:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab in the Mountain View Clubhouse. On May 26, our past president, Gary Fredericksen, will be hosting "Tech with Gary" via Zoom. He will be answering member questions about various genealogy research tools and challenges.

Glass Arts

Creating Stained & Fused Glass Art · glass-arts.scpdcaclubs.com
JoAnn Effron · 619-642-9595

by Carol Bishop

As our fair-weather friends migrate home, things are beginning to slow down a bit around the studio – more workspace and the kiln shelves are no longer overflowing. Nevertheless, we're already counting the days until our flock is once more whole. They will be returning to a new habitat.

This summer's renovations of the Mountain View Clubhouse will require flexibility and understanding. Our president, JoAnn, will be sending out e-blasts whenever she gets information as to when and how we can access our studio, so make sure you read your emails! Starting May 1, the Glass Arts room will be closed until further notice due to the renovations taking place.

Hiking

Exploring Nature on Foot · hiking.scpdcaclubs.com
Kerry Berman · kerry@kerryberman.com

by Kerry Berman, President

It's hard to believe that we are ending our monthly hikes this



Glass Arts Club successfully participated in the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival. Left to right: Joann Effron, DJ Miles, Debbie Lewis, Dan Lewis, Doug Smith, and Jo Salata.



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month, but don't be dismayed—many of our members like to get together during the off season, and our newly-elected President, Kevin Rivette, has been discussing with Board members about special off season get aways to fabulous destinations. Stand by!

Our General Meeting and social were wonderful. Bravo to Warner Page and his team for our fellowship social, it just keeps getting bigger and better.

We currently have approximately 190 members. With the addition of four new hike leaders for next season (younger, cardio high octane) we will have plenty of advanced and intermediate hikes. We want to recruit hike leaders who enjoy easy hikes for those of us who have back, leg and knee challenges, but love the outdoors.

Our Board is outstanding, solid and financially wise and prudent with our funds. We hope to have club apparel to compliment our hikers and advertise our club. We are delighted to have Kevin Rivette (Incoming President) and Ron Gleason (Director at Large). Our Board is fully staffed!

Have a safe, healthy, summer and drink lots of water if you are remaining on campus.

Sunshine, blue skies and happy hiking.

Home & Garden

Desert Gardening · garden.scpdcaclubs.com
Louise Cummings · 949-300-0842



Hiking Club members on The Maze hike in Joshua Tree National Park. L to R: Lynne Hopkins, Jim Biewer; Gary Marshall, Linda Biewer; Dolly Hsia, Leila Terada, Jeff Miller, Chris Vanderputten, Karen Bieber. Photo by Ross Vanderputten.

Homecrafters

Club for Home Crafters · homecrafters.scpdcaclubs.com
Anne Winchester · 760-668-8341

by Carol Corso

Joining Homecrafters in 2020, Cheri Appel, replaced the outgoing Secretary. When a President was needed in 2023, she stepped in. That April, the HOA Board appointed her as Chair of the Arts and Crafts Show Committee—"a challenging position." She looks forward to continuing successful sales.

Calling herself "an artist with a sewing machine," Cheri creates fabric items. Her current specialty is the decorative but practical Fancy Hanging Towel for kitchen or bath. Using her own design, she decorates towels with fabric, colorful ribbons and accessories. In addition, she creates cloth books, lady's scarves, wreaths and pillows. She enjoys meeting people while selling at the Arts and Crafts Holiday Sales.

An "Army brat," Cheri grew up all over America, including Alaska, but most loved her family's tour in Nuremberg, Germany. After meeting and marrying Rob Appel, she taught elementary school. While raising children, she worked part time jobs, resuming her teaching career afterwards. Asked to babysit their grandchild, the Appels relocated from Wisconsin in 2013. Cheri comments, "Facing 120 temps, I questioned, 'What am I thinking?' BUT, when our granddaughter was placed in my arms, I never looked back!" She and Rob moved into SCPD in 2019.



Homecrafters Club member Cheri Appel with her handmade items at SCPD's Spring Arts and Crafts Holiday Sale.

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Italian Heritage

Italian Heritage • scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/italian-heritage
Bernie Froio • 760-772-3204

Jewelry

Creating Jewelry & Components • jewelry.scpdcaclubs.com
Christina Greenway • 760-345-4759

by Audrey Bierman

We had a very successful and fun two days at the Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale. We were busy showing and selling our custom jewelry and welcoming all our visitors. All jewelry members can create and participate in these shows. Many activities are planned for our summer months for those staying in the desert. Come check us out and join in our projects. We are always inviting and welcoming new members.

Lady Niners

9-Hole Golf • lady9.golfclub.net

Helen Reardon 760-574-8588

by Helen Reardon

Summer is coming. Last month we had a social to celebrate 57 volunteers—please consider joining the volunteer team to make our club the best. May 1 will be our pick-your-foursome/Monster Tournament. Watch for results in our June issue. At the May 15 luncheon, we will install our new board and give a big thank you to 2024/2025 Board: Helen Reardon, Bev Robinson, Alexis Clark, Joy Beck, Iona Allen, Sandi Ellefson, Peggy Hall, Claudette Babyak, Joanne Long, and Susan Cartwright. So please save the date.

This month we can play golf five times. Summer golf is looking for ladies to manage; please give our president a call. May weather has hot temperatures; please bring plenty of liquids and wear sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself. May flowers bring spring flowers and enjoy your golf.

Summer golf you will be signing up with the Gold Shop except for summer golf on the third Thursday of each month. More information will be on the website.

Lady Putters

Social & Competitive Putting • ladyputters.scpdcaclubs.com

Charlotte Brady • 760-346-1531

by Annette N Reed

How quickly time flies! Here we are coming to the end of an exciting and fun filled putting season. Many of our snowbirds have already flown, but for those of us who are still here, we look forward to our final month with interesting activities. Mystery Hole Day will be on May 21 along with the installation of officers for the 2025 – 2026. Season award winners will also be announced. This luncheon is always lots of fun and an opportunity to socialize with friends who you may not see again until next season. Look for the flyer. May 28 will be the final day of putting for the regular season. I'd like to take this time to thank the outgoing Board and volunteers for planning and executing this year's Lady Putters events. HAPPY, HEALTHY SUMMER TO ALL!

Don't forget to check our website for information, updates and photos.

Let's Compute Technology

Technology Education • scpdcaclubs.com/dev/clubs/lets-compute
Kathryn Querry • 707-803-6119

by Kathryn Querry, President

Let's Compute Technology Club fosters digital literacy and life-long learning. Members volunteer, learn, instruct, use printers, large-screen Apple and PC computers, and other equipment. Member classes include PC and Mac software, mobile and wearable devices, photo editing, 3D printing, Canva graphic design, and artificial intelligence platforms. *Tech Tutor Days* offer members drop-in one-on-one help on scheduled days.

Members receive the monthly class schedule and our Bits & Bytes newsletter with informative articles and details of upcoming club activities. Everyone is invited to stop by the Technology Center to learn details of all our member activities. Volunteers are needed for all areas from technical to beginner. Get involved to learn, help and keep your mind active.

New members joining in May or June will have valid membership through June 2026! Member dues are \$25 per year (July through June). Application forms are available at the Technology Center in the Mountain View Clubhouse, in clubhouse kiosks, and on our website. Place form with U.S. check/cash in a locked box at the Technology Center, or mail to Let's Compute, 38180 Del Webb Blvd., PMB #166, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

Line Dance

Instruction & Social Dancing • linedance.scpdcaclubs.com

Claudia Norwood • SCPDlinedanceclub@gmail.com

by Claudia Scott

We continue dancing as we are slowly saying our goodbyes to our snowbird friends. It's hard to imagine that some are getting ready to head back to their summer homes and we will miss them. Many of us look forward to what the summer months hold for us here on the studio dance floor. Tax time is over and now is a great way to loosen those tight muscles and let off some steam! It will clear the mind of numbers and keep our focus on dance steps. Our teachers continue to teach us new dances five days a week and challenge us mentally. Line dancing is not only great exercise but a good way to improve your mood and attitude. Remember, we have all levels and encourage you to come and dance with us. We know you will not be disappointed.

Love To Dance

Social Dancing • love2dance.scpdcaclubs.com

Donna Genett • 760-636-0425

by Donna Genett

Everyone is having fun learning new dance styles and moves at our weekly lessons and so can you. Join us *Wednesdays* for our *BEGINNER LESSON* at 2 p.m. or our *INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSON* at 3 p.m. To try out your new moves come to our *DANCE PRACTICE* at 1:15 p.m. *Thursday*. Lessons and practice are held in the Pavilion Studio. \$10 per person. Come alone or bring a



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partner.

Our last dance of the season will be a *Tea Dance, Sunday, May 4 from 2 – 5 p.m.* \$10 per person. No partner needed. We hope to see you there!

For more information, visit our website.

Mah-Jongg

American and Asian Mah-Jongg • mahjongg.scpdcaclubs.com
Ina Gibbons • 760-200-9190

by Nancy Benson

Happy Marvelous May to our fun Mah-Jongg Club, and to all of you who are thinking of joining us. Lessons are available to those who would like to learn. Please contact Iona Allen at ona4zach@gmail.com or text Carrie Hayward at 562-438-6557. They also do refresher classes.

Congrats to all our tournament winners for April! Their names will be available in the next issue of *News & Views*.

Due to construction at our clubhouses, Wednesday and Friday games will not be in session from May 8 through October.

Our Thursday games will be held at 12 p.m. in the Lake View Recreation Center starting May 15.

On the following dates, Thursday Mah-Jongg will also be cancelled: June 26, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 2, and October 9.

Happy May!

Meditation Club

Meditation made simple! • meditation.scpdcaclubs.com
Doug Graham • 505-401-4845

by Tammy Graham, Treasurer

Why not use the hot summer season to learn to meditate? The Meditation Club continues to meet for most of the summer and our meditation sessions offer practices that are accessible for everyone. We are here to help you schedule time to remember to breathe and slow down, with weekly in-person and Zoom meditation sessions. Check the website for our current schedule and locations or email us at suncitymeditationclub@gmail.com.

Men's Niners

9-Hole Golf in the Morning • mvmn.golfclub.net
Frank Allen • 760-200-0541

by Luigi Leonardi

How time flies! It has been two years since our Board of Directors changed to the current one, and as the two-year mandate came around, at the last General Meeting the members voted in favor of a new slate of officers: Roger Smith, President; Danny Haller, Vice President and Membership Chair; Michael Rolnick, Treasurer; Ron Tanner, Secretary; Jim Larson, Tournament Chairman; Luigi Leonardi, Tournament Manager/Column Writer; Earle Wolfe, Check-in Chair. Ron Walker, Steve Klein and Bill Connor will be Members-At-Large.

The club thanks Frank Allen for taking over from a very stagnant Board the past two years and the results are very visible. Thanks

also to George Hayward and Sam Price for their invaluable support as respectively Secretary and Vice President/Membership Chairman. The club is now solidly set in good hands! The Board is very grateful to the ad hoc search committee composed of Michael Lord and Dennis Lusin for a very successful and effective search. Thank you.

In April the start time moved to 7:30 a.m. Tom Lord is a new member.

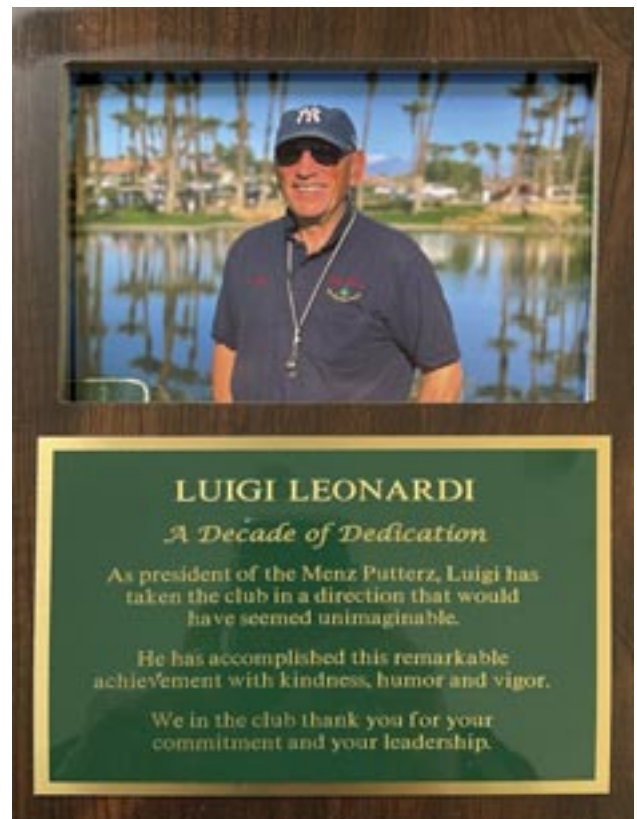
Menz Putterz

Social & Competitive Putting • menzputterz.scpdcaclubs.com
Luigi Leonardi • 917-362-6262

by Luigi Leonardi, President

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

We owe our lives to our mothers, and the lives of our children to our wives, so please make sure to make this day a very special one by giving the mother in your life the special attention she deserves. On March 11 we had our Annual Awards/General Meeting Luncheon, at which time the "Green Jacket" was awarded to someone who has won it five times before, but this year was exceptionally special. Geoff Hill had been away from the putting course for several months while nursing a severe case of back pain. In January Geoff managed to get himself ready for the three-week



Menz Putterz Club honored president, Luigi Leonardi.

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February tournament and won with an incredible determination and skills. He scored three consecutive 49 rounds and beat by one stroke a new contender, Gary Salute. Then, on March 11, he checked himself in the hospital to have a back surgery. Now he is home recuperating.

A reminder to our members to bring friends to a try-out. The first round is free. If they like it (...and they will) then they can join us.

Let's keep on putting!

Mountain Vista Couples Golf

Fun in a Golf & Social Setting · mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Paul Pendolino · 442-599-1428

by Valerie Dudley, Secretary

Summer is just around the corner and there are only two tournaments left until our Couples golf season comes to an end. With the weather getting warmer, our May 17 "Links Luau" event will have a 7:30 a.m. start time. The game is Odd & Even, a computer paired event playing on the Santa Rosa course. Sign up deadline is May 10 so don't miss out on the fun and the opportunity to show off your tropical style. We will all enjoy an awesome luncheon in the Sierra Ballroom directly following golf.

We welcome new members all year long, so remember to visit our website for the current schedule, a membership application and club information.



Mountain Vista Men's Golf Club Presidents Cup Champions (left to right): Stan Brandenberger, Jack Hooven, Bob Fox, Stan Weliever, Mike Aguilar and Greg Meyers.

Mountain Vista Ladies Golf

18-Hole Golf · mvlgc2024-2025.golfgenius.com

Mary Robinson · 425-766-3888

Mountain Vista Men's Golf

18-Hole Golf · mvmgc2024-25.golfgenius.com

Skip Willis · 760-217-4650

by Art Dion, Secretary

In March we held our annual Club Championship. The Club Champion, playing scratch, was Mike Dempsey. Additionally, we held a Club Championship for non-scratch or flighted by handicap players. The winners were Group 2 George Allen, Group 3 Santo Gracioppo, Group 4 Tom Lieberman. All winners were announced at the March 19 luncheon. Congratulations to all the winners.

As May arrives, we say goodbye and safe travels to our seasonal members. Stay healthy, have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all back next fall.

For our members who like the heat, we have a fun event coming on June 25 when we will hold the Three Club and Putter Tournament. It is meant to have you figure out how you can play all 18 holes with just three clubs. Oh, yes, we will let you use your putter.

The MVMGC is always looking forward to seeing and welcome new members to the club. There are applications in the Golf Shops.

Music Buffs

Appreciating & Performing Music ·

musicbuffs.scpdcaclubs.com

Marilyn Townsend · 760-360-2856

by Nancy Rosenthal

Attention Members: Our last show of the season, previously scheduled for Monday, May 5, has been moved to Sunday, May 4, due to a scheduling conflict. On Sunday, May 4 we will present Lizann Warner, a vocal impressionist who can imitate over 35 famous female recording artists. Monday Night Concerts are open to Sun City Palm Desert residents only. Tickets will be available before the concert at 6:45 p.m. in the main lobby. Membership to Music Buffs is \$50 for the entire season and includes eight shows. Credit cards are not accepted; checks made out to Music Buffs or cash only. Our next season will begin on October 6 with Spencer Day, a modern jazz singer and songwriter; he has appeared on the television show "Star Search."

Sunday Concerts are open to everyone and will return on the following dates:

- November 9 – Portrait of Aretha, The Legacy of the Queen of Soul
- December 14 – Maximo Marcuso, Once Heard, Never Forgotten
- January 11 – Burnham Sings Bublé
- February 15 – Linda Ronstadt Revue
- March 8 – Bobby Wilson, Mr. Entertainment

Flyers for Sunday and Monday concerts are available online and in the kiosks. For ticket and show information, please call Marilyn Townsend at 831-747-4773.



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Performing Arts

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Pet Lovers

All Pet Lovers Welcome • petlovers.scpdcaclubs.com

Lucy Nigrelli • 760-691-0878

Photography

Digital Photography & Instruction • camera.scpdcaclubs.com

Gary Pettersen • 206-354-0886

by Kathi Malec-Braunlich

Our Photography Club has created a new position, "New Member Outreach." In this new role, Kyle Gillis ensures our new members will enjoy a welcoming, smooth onboarding, including a contact for questions, and information to fully enjoy all we have to offer. New members are welcome to join us at any time during the year. Information flyers are available in each clubhouse rotating club flyers stand.

Calling all members on Facebook! If you haven't joined our private FB Group yet, please do! We are SCPDPC. As it is a private FB group, new members will need to request to join and will be admitted once their membership in our club is confirmed by the admin.

This summer President Gary Pettersen will share updates on club-specific news, so watch for his emails whether you are in SCPD, back home, or off on a summer adventure. Speaking of

summer adventures, we hope you will join us on a field trip to Bodie State Historic Park and ghost town for some great photo opportunities. (Details coming soon!)

Visit our website or contact President Gary Pettersen for more information about joining the SCPD Photography Club.

PickleBall

pickleball.scpdcaclubs.com

Rich Allison • richallison67@gmail.com

by Jean Mylen, Vice-President

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

What a terrific Pickleball Season we have had this year! Thank you to all that participated in the club's events. To all those who are leaving and going elsewhere for the summer, you will be missed!

But wait...Pickleball in the summer is still exciting and fun. Come to the courts in the mornings and evenings where you will find our hearty players having a great time.

The SCPB Club Summer Ladder captained by Taffy Golden will be begin in May on Saturdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. All levels are welcome, both male and female. You don't even need to have a partner. Games are played in a round-robin format. Watch for a SCPB Club flyer for more information. Members only: sign up starts May 1. Contact scpsl25@gmail.com.

Our Pickleball Club is also offering an organized summer evening ladder for all levels. Players will be matched with others of similar skill level. Games start at 5:30 p.m., every Wednesday. You must be a club member to participate. To sign up or learn additional details, call or text Art Carapia at 760-390-0652 or email



Pickleball Club members Nancy Neal, Meredith Townley, Kittie Wright, Chuck Wright, Shelby Wright, Sherry Wright, Randi Allison and Rich Allison at the Pickleball Rocks Dinner/Dance in March.

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ac4000@gmail.com.

Enjoy your summer play.

Seasonal activities will resume in October.

Quilters

Group & Personal Projects • quilters.scpdcaclubs.com

Debbi LoCicero • 703-725-5968

Chris Vanderputten • 250-391-0006

by DJ Miles

Spring has sprung. It has heated up in the desert. Most of our snowbirds have returned to their summer homes. They will be missed. In March, all the Fall Challenge Quilt kits were passed out, and we held a successful Arts and Crafts Spring Holiday Sale. Be sure to come to the Arts and Crafts Fall Holiday Sale to vote for your favorite Challenge Quilt. These quilts are donated to local Coachella Valley charities.

Congratulations go out to members Diane Boger and Ann Oswald for their ribbon awards on their quilts that were entered into the Riverside County Date Festival Fair. Hope this will incentivize others to enter the Fair next year.

Beginning May 1, access into the Sewing Room will only be through the outside door on the west side of the building. This is due to the renovations happening this summer in the Mountain View Clubhouse.

We still have a few pillowcase kits you can pick up and get to sewing on. These will be sold at the Arts and Crafts Fall Holiday Sale for charity.

Come join our fun club. Only \$15 membership per year.

Rainbow Circle

LGBTQIA+ Sun City Residents • rainbow.scpdcaclubs.com

Ray Graves • rainbowsuncity1@gmail.com

by Sheri Holbrook, Dir. Communications

CASINO NIGHT in APRIL was a huge success with many winners and prizes...thanks to all! The last LGBTQIA movie, *KINKY*



Social Bridge Club's 2025 Board Members, pictured from left to right: Sarah Jallinoja, Nancy Funnell, Scott May, Susan Vee, John McCord, Allene Moore, Sally Sampley.

BOOTS, was shown in April in Speakers Hall.

Ongoing activities thru May 2025 (Note changes in the summer of 2025):

- **Tuesday Morning Coffee:** 7:30 – 9 a.m. at Daily Grind, Mountain View Clubhouse
- **Wednesday Happy Hours:** 5 – 7 p.m. at Martini's, Mountain View Clubhouse
- **End Of The Year Celebration and Rainbow Board Elections:** Saturday, May 31, 5 – 7 p.m. at Ventana, Mountain View Clubhouse, with Complimentary Pizza & Salad Bar. Don't miss out on info about next years' activities!

Reservations always required. Go to our website.

Rummy Q

Tile Play • rummyq.scpdcaclubs.com

Liz Klein • 732-266-5955

RV

All Things RV • rv.scpdcaclubs.com

Ray Ferra • rferra126@gmail.com

by Ray Ferra, President

Hello all trekkers! We will be having our last regular 24–25 season meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at 3 p.m. Please join us in San Geronio room at Mountain View Clubhouse for treats, drinks, stories, season planning and just great fun. Not a member? Come as our guest and get to know our members. Our 15th of the month socials will continue throughout the year, so check your emails and always RSVP to Carla or Leslie. Members and guests, start your research and perhaps host our 25–26 season rallies. For our summer travelers, wishing you safe and healthy treks. See you in October for our season opener. Happy Trails!

Social Bridge

socialbridge.scpdcaclubs.com

Susan Vee • 760-898-5661

by Sarah Jallinoja, Secretary

First Place: Jan Ollis/Leikny Sabato, Dorothy Graham/Hal Gutterman, Jim Maddocks/John McCord (twice), Judy & Brian Grieder, J.B. Sacks/Susan Vee (twice), Kirsten Andersen/Jon Holmquist, Bonnie & Don Mitchelson.

Second Place: J.B. Sacks/Susan Vee (twice), Sarah Jallinoja/Edith Swiggum, Linda & Victor Sillanpaa, Kirsten Andersen/Evelyn Weber, Nancy Funnell/Pauline Pearson, Mary Anne & David Kinloch, Mary Kay & Scott May, Judy & Brian Grieder.

The top winners for March were J.B. Sacks and Susan Vee with a total of 4 wins. Other top winners were Jim Maddocks and John McCord with 2 first place wins. The top score for March was 8,490 made by Jan Ollis and Leikny Sabato on March 10.

Our annual General Meeting which was attended by 64 members. President Susan Vee expressed our thanks to Wes McNeel who has been our very capable club treasurer for the past 7 years. Susan also announced the roster of board members for the 2025/26 year: President, Susan Vee; Vice-President, Nancy Funnell; Treasurer, Allene Moore; Secretary, Sarah Jallinoja; Members-at-large, Scott May, John McCord and Sally Sampley.

At the end of play, we held a reception to toast the incoming



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board and to wish a fond farewell to our many part-time residents.

Softball

softball.scpdcaclubs.com

Steve Boger • boger.steve@gmail.com

by Patty Bowers

Spring League is set to end around the middle of this month, after six weeks of fun and games in our community. The Double A league on Mondays has wound down as well. Pick-up games will continue for the rest of the summer, Monday through Thursday. Now is a good time to re-introduce yourself to the game of softball, our ranks have lessened with snowbirds leaving and we are always in need of new players. Come on down and meet a great group of people.

Solos

Socials and More for Singles • solos.scpdcaclubs.com

Sally Hazzard • solossuncity@gmail.com

by Sally Hazzard

“SOLOS is for SINGLES in Sun City Palm Desert offering a variety of activities and opportunities to meet new friends.”

- **GOLF AND PUTTERS:** For a friendly round of golf on Mondays, with no handicap required, contact Phyllis Fackelman 239-994-4838 or fckelmannp@gmail.com. Putters meet Friday mornings at 10 a.m. on the 18-hole putting course across from Lake View Recreation Center. For additional information, contact Kathie Miller 360-708-5586. Golf and putters will be played as our weather permits.
- **SPECIAL EVENT:** On Friday, May 2, join your friends to celebrate Cinco De Mayo with dinner and an evening of great music by DJ Ronnie Felix in the Sierra Ballroom. Doors open at 5:30.
- **LET'S EAT OUT:** Thursday, May 1 at The Alps Village 77734 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert. Meet in the Mountain View lobby at 4 p.m. and then we will carpool to the restaurant.
- **HAPPY HOURS:** 4–5 p.m. Mondays at Legends & Icons, Wednesdays at Martini's Bar.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** It is time to renew for 2025-26. Be sure your membership is up to date. Flyers for all events are in the kiosks and emailed to members.

Stitch & Sew

Personal & Group Projects • stitchnsew.scpdcaclubs.com

Beth Lindholm • 507-458-5367

Arllys Sikorski • 605-359-2982

Sun City Singers

Choral Singing & Performing • singers.scpdcaclubs.com

Frank Denson • 818-415-0291

by Frank Denson

We have successfully finished our 2024–2025 season. Thanks for your wonderful support. We are looking to begin our new season in September. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m.

The Sun City Singers are dedicated to bringing exciting choral

music to Sun City. The chorus is filled with wonderful diverse people who all are dedicated to making singing, a powerful force of happiness, enrichment, and uplifting entertainment to the Sun City Community.

We have fun, make new friends and enjoy the connection to each other that singing in a group provides.

If you have ever sung karaoke, or sung in a Jr. High or High School choir, with Girl Scouts, YMCA, church choir, with friends, at the beach or in the shower, then Sun City Singers is for you! We especially need male singers, first time singers, long retired singers, and “don't know what part I sing” singers. You can all join, contribute and even, heaven forbid, find a new passion.

Contact me, Frank Denson, at 818-415-0291 or fdenson3373@gmail.com, or join us in September!

Tennis

What A Racquet! • tennis.scpdcaclubs.com

Sheri Shepherd • 909-215-8228

by Sheri Shepherd

As some folks head back home, others of us stay to experience the awesome month of May! What's your favorite tennis temp? Come out in the morning when it's cool, soak up afternoon sun, or turn the lights on for night play! We held our final Tennis Mixer of the season last month. They are always a big hit with the club. Whether you are new to tennis, “rusty” to tennis, or play a competitive game, we have court play for you! The applications for the club are at the patio area at Building D which is by the tennis courts. Applications are turned in to Box 8 near the Postal Center. You can sign up for this event as soon as you become a member! Our tennis club is full of friendly folks from 55 – 90! Our website and my cell are above. Feel free to contact me with any questions, finding



*Softball Club band plays Irish music at neighborhood St. Patty's party.
Photo by Marty Maloney.*

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tennis games or how to get started playing.

Trim 'N' Tone

Aerobic Workouts • trimntone.scpdcaclubs.com

Rozzie Perlmuth • 818-521-8848

by Pamla Vale Abramson

"It's May, it's May, the lovely month of May!" This is in reference to the song of the same name from Camelot. A good feeling song even though, for us at Trim 'N' Tone, it is a sad time. We say goodbye to our wonderful snowbirds as they take off for cooler climes. We all look forward to your return in the fall.

We hope for those of you who celebrate Passover and Easter that they were joyous holidays spent with friends and family.

This month our farewell luncheon is on May 2 in the Sierra Ballroom. Our theme is Cinco De Mayo so let's get decked out and celebrate our friends and neighbors south of the border! Ole!

Coffee and... along with May birthdays is May 30 in Ventana.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers—whether you have children or fur babies enjoy being celebrated.

On May 26, Memorial Day, we celebrate the Veterans who served and died for this country. Even though this is a holiday there will be a class. The only day we do not exercise is Christmas Day.

If you are leaving have a great summer and be safe!

Come join us!

Ukulele Friends

ukulele.scpdcaclubs.com

Lori Fisher • lorifischer@gmail.com

Wine Tasters

Wine Tasting & Dinner • winetasters.scpdcaclubs.com

Carl Keinert • 760-851-6103

by Lori Schoenlaub

It's been one heck of a season for the Wine Tasters Club. Our club president set his sights on changes to improve our wine tasting experience. A decision was made to showcase one winery at each dinner and provide a higher quality wine selection. This change was evident by our increased wine sales and less leftover inventory. Good wine sells.

We enjoyed wine from Dry Creek Winery and Whitehall Lane Winery in Napa Valley, Prisoner Winery in St. Helena, Hartford Court in the Russian River area and Eberle in Paso Robles. Although not a theme club, we decided to make a play on the 2004 movie *Sideways* featuring Hitching Post Winery, and we served no Merlot.

Usually serving sparkling wine at the reception, we changed things up and in February we served a Viognier instead. In March, we gave members a choice of a sparkling rose or a non-sparkling rose. Both changes were well received.

Some new and daring recipes were also served including hickory smoked duck breast, seafood stuffed mini lobster tail, Coq au Vin and a venison tenderloin.

We hope you can join us for the final dinner of the season on Thursday, May 15.

Cheers.

World of Women

wow.scpdcaclubs.com

Linda Giles • 760-200-1822

by Ann Shepperd

The WOW luncheons will start again October 2025 through April 2026. At this time, the Board would like to wish you all a great summer no matter where you travel.

If you are interested in joining the club now is the best time to do that, as our year runs July 1, 2025 –June 30, 2026. It is also the perfect time to renew your membership if you haven't already.

The WOW luncheons give new residents an opportunity to meet new people in the community while discovering local charities. When you check in, you will be provided with your table assignment so you do not need to go around the ballroom looking for an empty seat.

World of Women is a social and charitable club founded in 2001 for residents of Sun City Palm Desert. It meets on the third Monday of each month from October to April for luncheons and entertainment.

Writers Circle

Supporting & Encouraging Writers • writerscircle.scpdcaclubs.com

Carol Hazelwood • 949-246-2005

by Norma Saken

Our final meeting for the season is 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, in the Canyon Room at the Sunset View Clubhouse, when the new Board of Directors will be introduced. There is a spot open for a "Member At Large" which affords a member the opportunity to participate and learn how Writers Circle operates, without being a voting board member.

The program for May includes a Ted Talk video, titled *Show Not Tell*, a common phrase within the writing community. Examples of "show" that dramatizes and "tell" that summarizes, and how both are used effectively.

While official meetings won't reconvene until fall, we will offer our salon get-togethers over the summer. The salon is a safe place where writers can share what they are working on and receive helpful input should it be desired.

A special shout out to our poets for the terrific and inspiring program they put on in April, "The Forms of Poetry."

Writers Circle supports your creative endeavor, whatever your literary genre.

Questions? Email Carol Hazelwood at carolomama@gmail.com.

Yacht

Radio Controlled Sailboats • yacht.scpdcaclubs.com

Reg Modlin • 248-705-1196

by Stu Sitzman

If you are reading this, the last paragraph is made for you!

The Yacht Club is engaged in sailing and regatta racing of radio-controlled sailboats on "Yacht Lake" (unofficial name). The lake course has permanently placed racing buoys allowing for a variety of different race options, pending wind conditions. Regattas are held weekly on Thursdays at the "Yacht Lake" east of Donny Circle, located between Valley Vista and Alliance. (Follow the



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golf cart path east from Donny Circle to the lake.) We sail many different models of one-meter boats, all commercially available.

We invite and encourage all sexes with an interest in sailing: novices, “wanna-be” sailors, experienced sailors, (yes, many of us also sailed “big boy” yachts, some still do), all residents, renters, family—especially kids and grand-kids, out-of-town-visitors, any inquisitive folks you know, sightseers, passers-by, lake-side dog walkers, realtor agents, exercisers, et. al., to make it down to the lake for this change of pace. See for yourself what’s this is all about. Spend a relaxing time enjoying one of the most unique daytime Sun City Charter Clubs in action.

For more info contact Reg Modlin at 248-705-1196 or Stu Sitzman at 760 360-7726.

Yoga & Pilates

Classes for Men & Women • yoganpilates.scpdcaclubs.com

Ruth Zebrack • 760-772-5149

by Marsha Reed Nall

IMPORTANT: If you’re new, arrive fifteen minutes before class to check in. Our volunteers greatly appreciate this.

Check emails for cancelled classes and time changes from May 1 – October 31 during renovation of our clubhouses.

Our annual Spring Luncheon on April 1 had a record attendance of 108 members. A luau-themed event, there were orchids on tables, a plumeria blossom attached to each napkin, a leaf placemat, papayas stuffed with chicken salad or avocado and

mandarin oranges, plus flowered dresses and shirts galore worn by members, many of whom were holding pina coladas, and we were entertained by hula dancers. After hula dancing, a raffle was held with eight lucky winners. Each of us had a Sissy’s mini rum cake to take home, all made by Carla Molzahn

Remember, when practiced regularly, the physical benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, stamina, and strength. Yoga can also be beneficial to mental health. Any pose or stretch can be modified due to injury or ability.

Our unlimited classes are \$30 monthly; single classes are \$5 each. The first class is free. Annual membership fee \$25.

Don’t be late. Classes start on time, and we close the doors.

DON’T MISS A COPY THIS SUMMER!

You always have access to *News & Views* online.

Residents may also purchase a mail subscription for \$60 per year (\$5 per issue) to cover mailing and handling costs.

Please contact Irma Lopez at Irma.lopez@scpdca.com for more information.



Tennis Club’s regular Wednesday night players in February, organized by Mark Kenefsky.



SUN CITY PALM DESERT

Community Association

The events listed in article headings are updated by the Events Office based on room reservations.

Please call 200-2210 with any changes or corrections.

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MV – MOUNTAIN VIEW CLUBHOUSE
SV – SUNSET VIEW CLUBHOUSE



Resident Groups Events & News

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Brandeis Nat'l. Comm. Desert Chapter

brandeis-desert.org

Marcia Plumleigh • 760-310-1822

by Charlene Williamson

We've had the Ides of March and April Showers bring May flowers; I don't think there's a homily for May...it's simply hot here in the desert!

It's been a fun-filled calendar for our Brandeis chapter. We have many new members offering creative ideas for interesting events. Just last month, we had a wonderful antique market filled with vintage treasures. Our book and author luncheon was a roaring success with guest speaker Dave Karger from Turner Classic Movies. He introduced his new book and spoke of 50 years of Oscars.

In April, we honored member Jean Carrus at our Woman of the Year luncheon at Mission Hills Country Club. Jean's support of our desert chapter is legendary and noteworthy. "Way to Go, Jean."

For those whose interest might be piqued, give us a call. Our event calendars are always filled with good food, good friends and enlightenment. Our study groups have something for everyone with an interest in books, movies, current events and cooking. Our "lunch bunch" group enjoys going to interesting and unusual restaurants once a month. We love to eat! Come and enjoy with us.

Chabad in Sun City

Nadine Cazary • 310-351-2524

Democrats in Sun City

suncitypalmdesertdemocrats.org

suncitydems@gmail.com

by Melanie Wank, VP Political Action

Hands Off! ...our Social Security, the VA, our voting rights, medical research, our schools, our bodies, our democracy. These cries were shouted by millions of people at the April 5 "Hands Off" protests. Organized by the activist group, Indivisible, and 129 other groups and centered at the Washington D.C. National Mall, more than 600 events were held in large cities and small towns in all 50 states. We participated at the rally held at Palm Springs City Hall.



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Joy Silver, Chair of the Riverside County Democratic Party and always a popular speaker, returned in April. Updating us on the growth of the County Party, she outlined various forms of communication they employ, including their new YouTube channel, future podcasts, and expanded social media presence. She also heads Courageous Resistance, the local chapter of Indivisible, and invited us to attend their meetings the first Monday of the month at the Mizell Center in Palm Springs.

Continuing our focus on community needs, we are volunteering at TODEC Legal Center's annual celebration of the Coachella Valley Farmworker Woman, which will be held May 9 in the City of Coachella.

Due to renovations, our May and June meetings will be held in Lake View.

Friendship Church

friendshipchurchsuncity.com

Church Office • 760-260-8640

by Dr. Gary Gulbranson, Senior Pastor

It is hard to believe summer is just around the corner. For now, let us enjoy the beautiful month of May! We would encourage you to make Friendship Church a place where you can be renewed and refreshed each Sunday at one of our services or via livestream for our 10 a.m. service via our website. We continue to be honored to serve many of you in our Sun City Community through counseling or visitation, as well as helping to conduct memorial services and weddings. Everyone is welcome to join our services and experience the warmth of true fellowship. Visit our website.

Hadassah

Roni Spetalnick • 760-360-8465

Neighbors 4 Neighbors

Friends of the Desert Village Initiative • neighbors4neighbors.net

Hotline • 760-592-9864

SCPD Republicans

Pamela Levin • suncityrepublicans@gmail.com

by Jim Palmer

Evan Trubee: Evan and Kristen fell in love with Palm Desert because of the amenities the city offers. Elected to the City Council in 2022, Evan believes that quality of life is the key to Palm Desert's future as a place to live and work, and that such a belief is essential in guiding municipal decisions that set priorities, allocate resources, and enhance economic resilience in Palm Desert. Evan and his wife Kristen own a local business, Big Wheel Tours, and Kristen is an elementary school teacher for DSUSD. Evan's goal is to make decisions that help Palm Desert grow.

Joe Pradetto: Joe represents Palm Desert's 2nd District, having been elected in 2024 to a four-year term. Born and raised in Riverside County, he graduated from both UC Riverside and California Baptist University. Joe's career in public service spans various

roles, beginning with his work on the staff of the late State Senator and County Supervisor John Benoit. He serves on the Palm Desert City Council, worked as Chief of Staff to County Supervisor Chuck Washington, and currently holds the position of Director of Governmental Affairs for the City of Yucaipa.

SongShine

Gaining Vocal Strength Through the Power of Music

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Betty Lou Poloway • 760-200-9575

Sun City Jewish Services

Nadine Brinhendler • 707-332-3947

by Nadine Brinhendler, President

Sun City Jewish Services is proud to announce that its first class of 17 adult B'nai Mitzvah students have completed their ceremony with a beautiful and spiritual Shabbat Morning Service. Mazel Tov to all our amazing students.

Passover has come and gone, and we once again enjoyed a wonderful Seder conducted by Rabbi Emert and Cantorial Soloist Ezra Yaron. We thank all who joined us.

Our next Friday night Shabbat Service will be held on May 2 in Speakers Hall with an Oneg following in the Oasis room.

The second service on May 16 will be the move to the Lake View Recreation Center. Services will be there through October. The three rooms will open to accommodate 100 people and the Oneg will be set up in the room across the hall. We will continue with 7:15 p.m. start time. We are arranging to Zoom those services as well while we are in the smaller location. This change is due to the remodeling in the clubhouses, and we will get back to our usual system as soon as it is completed.

All are welcome so please join us for our beautiful Friday night Sabbath Services.

Sudoku Solution

3	9	2	4	8	5	7	1	6
4	6	1	9	7	2	3	8	5
7	5	8	3	6	1	9	2	4
2	8	3	5	9	6	4	7	1
9	1	4	2	3	7	6	5	8
6	7	5	1	4	8	2	3	9
1	4	9	8	2	3	5	6	7
8	2	7	6	5	4	1	9	3
5	3	6	7	1	9	8	4	2

FOR SALE

BED, TWIN portable fold up on wheels, mattress & frame. Oscar 760-831-8559.

CLUB CAR for sale. Totally refurbished grey cart with grey upholstery and grey carpet. Brand new batteries (two months old), interior ceiling fan and surrounding solar screen, headlights, taillights and horn as well as two coolers and two sand dispensers. \$6500 or best offer. Text 541-944-6789 for pictures.

FOR RENT/ LEASE IN SCPD

TIFFANY MODEL 1464 sq. ft. 2br/2ba nicely furnished, short walk to main clubhouse. Call for available months. \$4450 per month. Two-month minimum stay. Non-refundable deposit at signing. Gardener, cable, internet \$100. Utl. credit included. Pets ok. No golf cart; not fenced. Email gsinnet@hotmail.com or call Gary 831-659-0360.

SUNNY MONTEGO. Available April 2025. Furnished 2 bed/2 bath+den. 1852 sq. ft. spacious floorplan, large walled lot, big primary. 5 stars on Airbnb. New floors & upgrades! No smoking. Pets maybe. Inquire for pics: 202-596-6070.

SMARTLY FURNISHED 1 bedroom villa surrounded by beautiful landscaping. Short walk to main clubhouse. Free use of golf cart. Available by the month: September – December 2025, and March – June 2026. Price negotiable. No smoking. Small dog considered. Call Don Castro 480-266-8782.

LARGE PORTIFINO home with beautiful pool, spa, fire pit, nice furnishings. Must have references. Call for details. Call Dorothy 714-292-2243.

30+ DAYS RENTAL Beautifully remodeled home has 2 bedrooms, a den/office, 2 full baths. The upgraded kitchen is a chef's dream. Open floor plan with French doors opening to a covered patio and spa. Your own little oasis. Available May thru Oct. \$3800/mo+deposit/cleaning. 760-403-8183/email gerigood@msn.com.

LALIQUED MODEL (2br/2baths) available May 2025 thru December 2025 and April 2026 thru December 2026. Spectacular backyard, private front patio. Updated furniture and very well stocked. Golf cart available. 3 large smart TVs, Wi-Fi included. BBQ, fire pit, 2nd fridge. Close to MT. View Clubhouse. Available to tour the home, by appt. Call or text 760/567-8933.

AVAILABLE MAY 1 to October 31, 2025. 3 br/2 ba furnished Montego Plan tiled floors linens dishes fireplace fans internet corner lot near Lake View Recreation Center no smoking small dog ok monthly rate \$1750 plus electrical 34992 Staccato St. 916-704-1933.

UNFURNISHED LOVELY St. Maarten hm features 2bd 2ba + den, great rm w/dining area, granite counters new appliances + carpet, freshly painted on privacy lot long-term lease owner pays HOA, water + gardener call 760-285-0266 – avail February no pets, no smokers \$3000 mo. Credit report required.

ST. CROIX model(2b/r +den, 2bath) available starting May 2025. Very nicely furnished, newer appliances, extremely well stocked. 4 large smart TVs, Wi-Fi incl. Golf Cart available. BBQ, fire pit, 2nd fridge. 4 months min during 2025-2026 "snowbird"

season. Option: Will consider full-time 1-year min lease (furnished). Available to tour home, by appt. Call or text: 760-567-8933.

BEAUTIFUL GOLF Course location, with great exposure. Fully furnished. 2 large bdrms +den/office. 2 full baths. 2nd bdrm which is extended and has separate entrance. Spacious patio and yard. BBQ Large sunny dining area overlooking golf course. 2-car garage. golf cart. Short walk to golf, Boulevards, Exercise classes, library and more. Available June, September, October 2025. Call owner for details. Sue Dickey, 650-888-4993.

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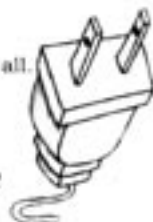
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