

# The SaddleBarker



Dexter, Kathleen & Miss Daisy

First, my apologies for not producing a newsletter since December. We have had so much going on in the last few months, I simply ran out of time before jobs!!! Most of you know that the park will receive a complete overhaul. We had to kill all the current grass (and weeds that have over taken our grass) and we are now in the process of removing all the grass and soil and replacing with new dirt and sod. While the normal lifespan is 8 years for a dog park (per the experts), your park has lasted for more than 16 years...twice a normal life span. This is due to the maintenance volunteers and everyone's efforts to maintain our parks. We realize that closing the parks when our weather is finally allowing us to enjoy the park...is most inconvenient. We promise, the pay off will be spectacular. We are putting in new sprinkler heads, and you should find the ground to be level.

At our annual meeting in February the membership unanimously approved the budget for 2019 which included \$20,000 for the park repairs and the new sidewalk from the ballfield into the wild side. The sidewalk was a cost share with HOA2. It has taken us over 4 years to get this approved by the HOA and you can thank the HOA2 Board for realizing we are an amenity and the sidewalk is a safety issue for our Membership and approving the project.

A huge thank you to Sterling Halstead, Jim Vavra, Rich Bauman (the tree trimmer) and Ken Wentz for cleaning up the wild side so we have a place to go during construction. (Sterling has made it his mission to remove all the sticker plants.) We will have to close the park during the removal of the current sod and bringing in the new dirt and sod because of the heavy equipment in the park. The good news is that this should be done relatively quickly (under 2 weeks) and then the wild side will be open. You will be able to enter from the park entrance and go to the wild side. The parks will have the temporary fences up to keep the dogs off the grass. **Please respect this and do not let your dogs on the new sod.**

Always remember that it is the Memberships, Sponsors and donations that pay the bills for the park.

In closing, at our annual meeting the membership unanimously voted for the leadership team for 2019. I will continue as President; Trudy Rossi, Vice President; Mark Miller is joining us as Treasurer and Leslie Williams will continue to be our Secretary. We also have two new members joining the Board, Bonnie Buntain will now Chair the Safety Committee and Susan Williams is coming on board as Data Base manager as Dave Jeffery is taking a back seat.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Dunbar  
President

# Thank you for your commitment to our park



**Dan Grossman** retires as Chair of the Safety Committee...but promises to stay involved. He has been active for over three years and we are so appreciative of his dedication and kindness in dealing with sensitive issues. Thank you Dan (and Darby)!!!



**Thank you Don Richey** for 6 years of serving as Treasurer for the Dog Park!!! He kept our books, paid the bills, purchased all the supplies (30,000 poop bags a year) fixed things and was a joy to work with...His wife Karen also served on the Board and Chaired Membership!!! Thank you both and see you on the Pickle Ball Court!!!



## Welcome Bonnie!!!

Bonnie will join the Board and Chair the Safety Committee. Bonnie is a Veterinarian and her professionalism and expertise are a welcomed addition to our Board.

*No photo available at the time of publication but Susan Williams is now a Board Member and will be taking over the Data Base from Dave Jeffery.*

Mark Miller was elected as our new Treasurer. Welcome to the Board!!!

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## Spring Dog Obedience Classes

**SiT**



We are preparing our schedule for the Spring Obedience classes.

So far we have had over 35 dogs participate and graduate...some on their way to being Therapy Dogs...

The Complete Canine offers classes on Thursday. We are looking at starting the next session in May. We are considering but need to hear from you—

**Agility 9AM, Beginning Obedience 10 AM, Intermediate Obedience 11AM**

**And Agility again at noon for those who want to run their dogs on the course.** What are you interested in? Please email me with your interests. Suggestions appreciated...this is for our members and we want to offer what you are interested in.

**K.dunbar@Reagan.com**

Thank you!



**Cinco de Fido**



*The SaddleBrooke Dog Park  
invites you to our 2nd annual...*

## **Cinco de Fido**

**Our Spring FUN Raiser Potluck**

Proceeds for dog park enhancements



**Wednesday May 1**

**5 PM - 8 PM**

**HOA ONE - Activity Center**

**Featuring Trudy's Trivia**

**Bring your favorite Mexican Dish (to feed 12)**

**Chips, Beer, Wine & soft drinks provided**

**\$25 per couple**

**\$15 per single**

**Tickets Available From ...**

**Trudy Rossi  
Kathleen Dunbar**

**grrossi@msn.com  
k.dunbar@Reagan.com**



## The Annual Meeting Re-Cap Thursday, February 21st, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Kathleen Dunbar. She introduced each board member present, each committee member present, named the board and committee members absent and thanked them for their work during the past year. We sadly said Good-bye to Don Richey who has served as treasurer for 6 years and Dan Grossman who chaired the safety committee for the last 3 years. We welcomed Mark Miller who has joined the Board as Treasurer.

Kathleen did a comprehensive power point with accomplishments over the year. Don Richey gave a complete Financial for the year, and presented the proposed budget for 2019. Jim Vavra gave a **detailed explanation** of the work done by the two sub committees: **Artificial Turf** chaired by Mark Miller and Diane Foster and **New Sod** chaired by Sterling Halstead. Both committees did extensive work in getting estimates for their designated plan. It was the Boards recommendation to the Membership to go with the plan for the new Sod. This is a \$20,000 investment for both parks, versus \$100,00 for the artificial turf. Jim gave a **detailed explanation** of the work that would be done and why. Don Richey explained that through the fundraisers over the last 2 years, the park had never been in such a good financial position. January 1 the park had \$50,000 in the bank. This gave us the money for the new sod and to pay the coming years expenses (keep in mind we collect dues in December /January for the next year's bills).

The Membership voted unanimously for the budget and the new Board. Thank you again to everyone who attended. It's our park and we sincerely appreciate everyone who gives their time, their expertise, their sweat equity, and their talent to make our park the great park that it is.

The new directory will be sent to you soon. The front page will be Board Members and their responsibilities. Please keep this handy and please contact the appropriate Board Member with your inquiries. I.e.. New email, phone, etc. information goes to the Data Base Manager, not me. Maintenance issues go to Jim Vavra and Ken Wentz. Rabies updates, Donna Bauman and Leslie Hawkins. Thank you for your consideration.

**Kathleen**

*Can you imagine...*



*The wild side of the dog park full of wild flowers...that's the plan. Please bring to the park any old potting soil (or pick up a bag of new and donate it to the park.) We are going to start seeding the ball park side of the wild side with wild flower seeds. We will start a pile of dirt so PLEASE add yours. Thank you!!!*

*Sterling Halstead & Bob Bulakowski*

A Very Late

# Happy Birthday!

but always remembered & enjoyed photos



**Panda Aaron 2, Dec. 27**

This was also Tom and Diane Aaron's 54th wedding anniversary!!!

(Diane serves on the Board and does all the publicity for the park)



**Rosie Ruger 1 year**

December 15th

**Graduate of Beginning & Intermediate Obedience**



**Willie Rossi**

3 years

January 2

Willie's mom Trudy is the Vice President of the Dog Park and is the chair of all the fundraising for the park including sponsors!!!!



**Kramer Nelepovitz 13 years**

Jan. 1, 2019

Kramer has been also involved with Pet Partners teams for over 9 years. Primarily, Kramer and dad Paul work as a team at the Tucson Medical Center/ TMC, Veterans Hospital and

# Happy Birthday!



Trekker Schoenberg, the dog who loves to hike with his dad, will be 12 years March 29.



Jack Biestek was 5 years January 4th...Happy late birthday and enjoy the mud!!!

Holly Buntain, 5 years old March 8.

Here she is waiting for her walk to the dog park ...  
Holly's mom is the new Chair of the Safety Committee.



Maggie Mae Dunbar



Charlie Joviak, 9 years old April 1st  
My mom organizes the Halloween Party for all the SaddleBrooke Dogs!!!



1 year February 21 (left) &

Miss Daisy Mae (white) 5 years March 17th

They love to ride in the cart at the treat store!!!

# Jeremy Brown's

# Dog Training at the SaddleBrooke Dog Park



We came in all ages, colors, sizes & breeds... We learned good manners!!!  
GRADUATION DAY!!!





SADDLEBROOKE  
PET RESCUE  
NETWORK

## The Pet Rescue Network's Annual Fashion Show featuring... Calle Rose High Fashions

**SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday June 5th

Tickets go on sale 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 8nd,  
SaddleBrooke Clubhouse Foyer

Better yet, go to their web page [www.sbpetrescue.com](http://www.sbpetrescue.com).



## Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Jay Smith

Wednesday April 3, 10, 24

Thursday May 9 & 23

Thursday June 6 & 20

The Preserve Club House Parking Lot

**7AM -Orientation**

This will last for 15 minutes to go over techniques and what to expect. Only dogs over 10 months are invited. If you are curious about the process, come and learn.

**To reserve a spot: Please call HEATHER 520 909 0519**

Leave a voice message with your name and how many dogs. (Limit 5 dogs each week)

**\$85 per dog**

**PLEASE... Bring a chair (for you) and water for both you and your dog.**

***This is for new tests only. Retests will be announced at a later date.***

**HELP  
WANTED**

The Dog Park is still in need of an **Historian**. No professional experience required...only the desire to go through old records and sort out pertinent details about our park.

**New Dog Park Sponsorships**—Do you love raising money and talking about the benefits of being a sponsor to the dog Park? We need you!!

**Do you have a talent you would like to lend to the Dog Park, let us know. We always appreciate our volunteers!!!**

# New Dog Park Sponsors



**LAUREN & DOROTHY**  
Realtor® SRES/CDPE Associate Broker / CRB / CRS / GRI  
Mother / Daughter Team Working for You!

 **520-477-7965**   
TheMooreAdvantage@gmail.com www.TheMooreAdvantageTeam.com

The SaddleBrooke Dog Park community would like to welcome a new sponsor ~ **The Moore Advantage Team!** It is said that great minds think alike and when you combine the essence of this dynamic real estate mother/daughter team, Dorothy and Lauren, you realize the benefits of their more than 28 years of real estate experience. Long-time SaddleBrooke residents, their goal is to develop a lasting relationship with each client that goes beyond the real estate transaction. Lauren & Dorothy not only work in SaddleBrooke but also several of the surrounding

communities.

We are grateful that Lauren & Dorothy recognize the great asset the dog park is to SaddleBrooke. They were happy to join with our other sponsors, the Board, and our members to keep our 4-legged pals enjoying one of the best dog parks...EVER!!!

Please, when you see these ladies around SaddleBrooke, thank **The Moore Advantage Team** for becoming a dog park sponsor.

*Trudy Rossi*  
Sponsorships

**If you know of a business that would benefit from being a dog park sponsor, ask them!!! If they are interested, we will follow up. Sponsorships are only \$300 a year... Please, when you use one of our sponsors for any service, THANK THEM for being a sponsor of the SaddleBrooke Dog Park!!!**

**The SaddleBrooke Dog Park** is pleased to announce that Jeremy Brown, owner,

**The Complete Canine** has become a sponsor. Brown has an extensive background in training and we are pleased to have him doing training right here in SaddleBrooke for the *convenience* of our residents.

His studio is located at 1st and River. Go to his web site for a list of classes available, including Therapy Dog Certification. Brown is an evaluator for Pet Partners, and will help you in determining if your dog is a candidate for the program. Welcome Jeremy!!!

## The Compete Canine...Dog Obedience



**Jeremy Brown**, owner

[www.completecaninetucson.com](http://www.completecaninetucson.com)

**520-403-1401**

Classes offered in Riley's Place—  
*within the Dog Park*

*Or our Studio Location*

4787 N 1st Ave, Tucson, AZ  
(1st & River)



Beginning Obedience (any age)

Intermediate Obedience

Advanced Obedience

Therapy Dog Test Prep

Tricks

Agility

Private Lessons- *in your home*

**WE LOVE OUR SPONORS! Please Support Them and Say Thank You**

**Doreen's Boarding  
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520 818 1865**

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&  
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*SaddleBrooke One*  
**GOOD FOOD!  
GOOD FUN!  
GOOD GOLF!**



**New Sponsors...**

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**392 7387**

**16302 N. Oracle Rd..**



**Pusch Ridge  
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