



## Senior Moments

December, 2018

Please have all articles to me for next month's newsletter by Thursday, December 27.

Dee Clarke [DeeClarke11@gmail.com](mailto:DeeClarke11@gmail.com) 702-870-8702



We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. The weather was beautiful, and some residents even played golf. What a wonderful way to spend a holiday.

The clubhouse has been decorated for Christmas. Everyone did a very good job. Come down and see how beautiful it looks. Thanks to everyone that helped decorate.



As everyone knows, our election for HOA Board is in progress. Follow all the instructions on the ballot to ensure your vote counts. The votes will be counted at our December 12 10 am Community Meeting. The newly-elected Board members will be announced at the end of meeting.

Check your calendar for all the December events: Entertainment Night, Community Meeting, and Golf Cart Christmas parade followed by caroling are just some. Great time to meet new or re-acquaint with friends.

Merry Christmas to all. We all hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday.

**THINK SAFE  
ACT SAFE  
BE SAFE**

## Buzz and the HOA Board

## Community Meeting



Our next Community Meeting is Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 am in the clubhouse. We will be counting the ballots and announcing the 2019 HOA Board at that meeting, so please plan to attend.

## Activities Committee

Thanksgiving is over and we are now officially into the Christmas season, and with it, comes a couple of our annual events: Entertainment Night and the Golf Cart Parade.

Entertainment Night: Saturday, December 8. Entertainment this year will be provided by Lynn Peterson and the Phatt Kattz, a local group that is always entertaining, and they play great music. The night will also be a tribute to Al Rio, who was the backbone of this event from its inception. Dick Pfeifer and Ernie Feliciano will also sing a couple of songs in memory of Al. Snacks will be provided but BYOB. Cost is \$5.00, and tickets are available in the office. Seating is limited to 60 people due to space (we need room to dance). Doors open at 6:30 and music starts at 7:00.



Golf Cart Parade: The annual Desert Greens golf cart parade will be held on Saturday, December 22. Everyone with a cart is encouraged to decorate it and meet at the clubhouse at 4:30. The parade will start at 5:00. Following the parade, Sloppy Joes will be served in the clubhouse followed by caroling sing along. Everyone is invited to this whether or not you have a golf cart. There is no sign-up sheet for this, just show up and bring your outdoor voices!!

Speaking of sign-up sheets, we encourage everyone who plans to attend an event to use the sign-up sheet when one is present. This lets the hosts plan for seating and whatever else they may have in store for us.

The Coffee Time and Activities meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19 because the following Wednesday is the day after Christmas. Everyone is encouraged to stop in around 9:00 am to enjoy the snacks and pitch ideas for new and different events.

- Saturday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Entertainment night with *Lynn Peterson and the Phatt Kattz*
- Monday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Deadline for returning Christmas donations to office
- Wednesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Quarterly HOA meeting, 10:00 am
- Wednesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Coffee hour at 9:00 followed by Activities meeting.
- Saturday, Dec 22<sup>rd</sup> ~ Christmas golf cart parade followed by Sloppy Joes and caroling
- Monday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> ~ New Year's Eve party hosted by Butch and Pat Walters

At the last Activities meeting it was suggested we describe some of our games and events, so our newer residents would become familiar with them, so here goes:

- Washer Toss is similar to Bean Bag Toss and Corn Hole, except we use steel washers that are about 2 ½ inches diameter. We've had this game for quite a while and recently it has become popular again at Desert Greens.
- 9-Ball Pool Tournament: A pool tournament is held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Basically, balls 1-9 are racked up and after the break must be sunk in numerical order. Whoever sinks the 9 ball wins the game. As with most everything in this life, the internet will give you a great description of the rules.
- Mexican Train is a popular dominoes game and very easy to learn.
- The five regular card games we conduct are Pinochle, 65, Hand and Foot, Texas Hold'em, and Hearts. Ken Booth has volunteered to help anyone wanting to learn Hearts, Bridge, or Pinochle, so please see him if you would like some coaching.

As usual, consult the Senior Moments calendar to keep updated on the various activities. We are always looking for exciting things to do here, so please come to meetings and offer your suggestions. The committee is really everyone here at Desert Greens, so come on down and join the fun!!

Finally, from time-to-time, we send out emails to Desert Greens residents alerting them of some activity or event. If you wish to have your e-mail address added to the list, there is a sheet in the clubhouse, or email Stu at [stu1942egerton@gmail.com](mailto:stu1942egerton@gmail.com).

## **Stu Egerton - Co-chair of Activities Committee**

## **Splinters from the Bench – December, 2018**

### **DECEMBER SCHEDULES:**

All League Golf Starting Times 11:00 AM

Men's League Golf - (Tues & Fri)

Women's League Golf - (Mon & Thur)

Mixed Scrambles - (Saturday)

Mixed League Golf - (Sunday)

Mixed League Golf - (2nd Friday of the month) - alternate format



Next Golf Committee Meeting – Friday, December 21st at 2:00pm (after golf).

Congratulations to Ken Mather, who had a hole-in-one on #2 hole on November 9th and to Mike Bonomi, who had a hole-in-one on #3 hole on November 23rd.

We are still seeing some damage around the cups. If you are using a retriever that's on the end of your putter to get the ball out of the hole, please make sure you are going straight down into the hole and not at an angle which could damage the edge of the hole. If you are using the head of your putter to pull the ball out of the cup, please don't. Get one of those retrievers to stick on the end of your putter.

As we get into winter, please stay off the course when the course closed signs are up. The signs are put up when there is frost on the course to avoid damage to the grass from people walking on it. The signs are typically posted on the first tee and on holes that are entered from the street, such as #4, #6 and #8, so please check before you jump onto the course. This also includes the practice green.

### **TIPS AND TALES FROM THE TEE:**

The expression to "whiff" the ball originated in 1876, when Lord Gormley Whiffle completely missed a four-inch putt to lose the Silver Medal at St. Andrews. The spectators kept remarking to one another, "Did you see that Whiffle?" Later the phrase was shortened to its present form.

That's all for this month. Let me know if you have any suggestions or news for the next golf meeting or future newsletters.

## **Ralph Roque**

## Christmas Donations for Needy Children in Pahrump

Linda Hogan has decorated tin cans to be used to collect spare change, bills, checks or whatever you can spare to be forwarded to the Nye County Coalition and used for Christmas gifts and toiletries to the homeless children in Pahrump. Most of the children are pre-school age and very needy. Please pick up one (or more) to help these children and return to the HOA office by Monday, December 10. Thank you so much!



## Bring on the New Year 2019!

### New Year's Eve Party at the Clubhouse Monday, December 31, 7:00 P.M. – Until ?



HOSTS: Butch & Pat Walters, There will be music for dancing, and bring your own CD's if you want to hear something or dance to something other than country music. Also, lots of visiting, playing cards and/or board games...whatever activity you like. If anyone wishes to do a skit, or sing, feel free to do so, dress up if you like or don't. Please bring finger food and your own beverage(s).

We will be celebrating the New York New Years Eve at 9:00 P.M. (the big TV will be moved to the main room so everyone can watch the big ball drop in New York City). For those who wish to leave early to catch the celebration at the casinos, cake will be served immediately following the NYC New Year's. The rest of us will continue to party in the clubhouse. Butch and I will stay until the last people leave. No tickets, no sign-up, no worries, leave when you're ready. This is a Desert Greens New Year's Eve Party, all residents are welcome. Any questions, contact Butch 702-439-7777 or Pat 702-592-6727... 240 Montecito Dr.



## Movie Nights

- **NOTE:** Movie night for Dec 14 has been **canceled** due to someone else booking the clubhouse.
- Move Night for Dec. 28 we will show **Oceans 8**. Free Popcorn starts at 6:30, Movie starts at 7 pm. All are welcome.



### **Oceans 8 MOVIE INFO:**

Upon her release from prison, Debbie, the estranged sister of legendary con man Danny Ocean, puts together a team of unstoppable crooks to pull off the heist of the century. Their goal is New York City's annual Met Gala, and a necklace worth in excess of 150 million dollars. Rated: PG-13 (for language, drug use, and some suggestive content) Run time: 110 minutes. **CAST:**



Sandra Bullock  
as Debbie Ocean



Helena Bonham Carter  
as Rose Weil



Sarah Paulson  
as Tammy



Anne Hathaway  
as Daphne Kluger



Richard Armitage  
as Claude Becker



Cate Blanchett  
as Lou



Mindy Kaling  
as Amita



Awkwafina  
as Constance



Rihanna  
as Nine Ball

Jerry Nation, 408 Brentwood Drive

## Nelda Taylor



As most of you already know, my mom, Nelda Taylor, became my guardian angel on September 20.

She had been a resident of Desert Greens since October, 2006. She had 2 little dogs, Tootles 2 (little black poodle), and most recently, Tootles 3 (little Maltese). And most of you know, she loved her frogs. When she first moved here and up until about two years ago, mom was very active on the Activities Committee and enjoyed all the functions that Desert Greens had going on, from Bocce Ball to Shoes and Snakes, and everything in between, including taking tickets at the door for different events. About a year ago mom started having some health issues, we later found out she had had a stroke. And she continued to decline from there.

Mom met a lot of nice people and made wonderful friends during the twelve years she lived here. I don't want to leave anyone out, so just to name a few that I personally know, Arlene, Uncle Ernie, Becky, Nancy & Dennis, Stu & Evie, Vic, Mary C, Carol K and Linda & Jerry.

My husband and I are moving into her house, you'll see us coming and going. We know we will enjoy living here as much as mom did.

Thank you everyone for being part of mom's life. My mom didn't want any type of a service...she said she wasn't going to be there to enjoy it.

## Tami & Gary Stevens

## Pinochle Results

October 5th - There were 15 players and 13 double pinochles

- 1st place - Linda Feliciano - 697
- 2nd place - Chuck Clark - 621
- 3rd place - Marlene Hargis - 562
- 4th place - Zona McCracken - 556

October 19th - There were 16 players and 16 double pinochles

- 1st place - Zona McCracken - 650
- 2nd place - Mike Nelson - 571
- 3rd place - Willie Borsellino - 544
- 4th place - Tom Wermager - 530

November 2nd - There were 12 players and 8 double pinochles

- 1st place - Ernie Feliciano - 608
- 2nd place - Jerry Labiak - 598
- 3rd place - Tom Wermager - 534
- 4th place - Mike Nelson - 531



Next Tournament is December 7th. Come join us for a good time and snacks.

**POC: Tom Wermager**

## **Fitness Room – December, 2018**

According to the WebMD web site, walking or hiking is not only good for the body, but it's good for the mind as well. WebMD also states the cardio workout (any exercise that raises your heart rate) you get from walking or hiking can:

- Lower your risk of heart disease.
- Improve your blood pressure and blood sugar levels.
- Boost bone density, since walking is a weight bearing exercise.
- Build strength in your glutes (buttocks), quadriceps (a group of muscles on the front of your thighs), hamstrings (a group of muscles on the back of your thighs), and the muscles in your hips and lower legs.
- Strengthen your core.
- Improve balance.
- Help control your weight
- Boost our mood.

Let's go for a  
**walk**

Gregory A. Miller, PhD., and president of the American Hiking Society says, "Research shows that hiking has a positive impact on combating the symptoms of stress and anxiety. Being in nature is ingrained in our DNA, and we sometimes forget that."

Fortunately for those living in or visiting the Pahrump area, we have many places where we can get that kind of cardio workout without having to go too far. As with all activities in nature, please try to leave everything as you found it and cart out anything you take in.

### **Bob Jacobs**

## **Trip of the Month**

### **Amboy, California**

Last month I wrote about Amboy Crater, this month I'm writing about the tiny town of Amboy, California which is very close to Amboy Crater and both these places can be visited in one day.

If you're looking for a way to get away from civilization for a while and see a little of highway history, I would suggest that you pay a visit to Amboy, California. The ghost town that isn't dead yet and has a current population of 4 (at the time of this writing). Amboy is in San Bernardino County in California's Mojave Desert, west of Needles and east of Ludlow on historic Route 66 (now also called the "National Trails Highway").

Amboy was once a major stop along famous Route 66 but has seen much lower visitation since the opening of Interstate 40 to the north in 1973, which bypassed Amboy altogether. Amboy has a famous landmark along Route 66, and that is Roy's Motel and Café, and it's still the soul of the town today.

Although Amboy was first settled in 1858, the town was not established until 1883. Lewis Kingman, an engineer for the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, created the town as the first of a series of alphabetical railroad stations that were to be constructed across the Mojave Desert to supply water to the steam locomotives.

The town was sold in 2005 for \$425,000 and the new owner is in the process of preserving the town. There is a 24-hour gas station in town; however, if you need gas, you will have to telephone the caretaker to come out. The price is a bit higher than normal, but it's the only gas station around for miles.

What's open in Amboy these days? Roy's Café has a limited menu and they also sell souvenirs and drinks and, as stated above, have a 24-hour gas station and an operational Post Office.

Two extinct volcanoes are located to the west of Amboy. Amboy Crater is a 6,000 year old cinder cone volcano, made largely of lava and is a California State Park. Pisgah Crater, also a cinder cone volcano, is located near Interstate 40.

To get there from Pahrump, take State Highway 372/178 to Shoshone, California and turn left (South) on State Route 127 in Shoshone. Follow this highway straight thru Baker, California where it becomes Kelbaker Road. Follow this past Kelso Visitors Center and past Interstate 40 to Historic Route 66/National Trails Highway. At this point, turn right (west) and proceed 5 miles to Amboy. This trip is about 2 1/2 hours (one way) from Pahrump.

## Bob Jacobs



The once famous ROY'S Café, Hotel and Gas station on historic Route 66 in Amboy, California. The site of Roy's has become an icon for a lonely desert gas stop due to the multiple appearance of Roy's famous Google-styled sign in movies, commercials and more. Amboy had it all: airport, garage, café, school, church, graveyard, even a volcanic crater. However, most of it is not in operation any longer.