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THE GOOD NEWS IS BACK! WELCOME "DCTC CHRONICLE!"

When we arrived here at Deep Canyon in 1990, "The Volley News" newsletter was the very best source of information about what was going on at Deep Canyon. Basically, it was a black and white publication that was widely read all over.

My very first volunteer activity here was to become the editor of this esteemed communication vehicle, and a very important communication device it was! I quickly learned that it was mailed to every Deep Canyon household and its monthly arrival was always welcomed with enthusiasm. This is how people kept up with what was happening here.

Always included in the newsletter was a message from the board president about what was going on here. The manager always had a report, too. These were followed by notes from what had transpired at board of directors' meetings as well as reports of actions from committees. Of course, tennis and social events took center stage with lots of pictures from events, tournaments and just plain fun stuff going on around the community.

When I left to move to Hawaii to work in tennis there, others stepped in to keep the news flowing. Most notably, Ardie Davis carried on the tradition of the editor for many years to follow. Sadly, with all sorts of electronics taking center stage, the final copy of The Volley News was published in April 2018.

Now, we are happy to report that the Deep Canyon newsletter is making a triumphant return. A new product is deserving of a new name. Hence forth, it will be known as "The DCTC Chronicle."

Thanks to Chuck Owens as board liaison for urging its revival and to Michael Stahl who will be handling all the graphics and the layout and thanks to everyone in advance who will be providing story information and pictures and details to help it all happen. Let us know how you like it. We hope you do!

Jim Bartell, Editor

a sampling of what's inside this issue of the Chronicle...

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DRESIDENT'S MESSAGE!

Welcome to our new "DCTC Chronicle" and Happy Spring! This newsletter is one of the many ways we will be sharing what's happening in our community. We are sending best wishes and a heartfelt thank you to Susan Maxwell for her dedicated service on the board this past year. Her mentorship, experience and collaborative spirit has been invaluable to the community. We deeply appreciate her efforts and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Congratulations on the addition of Chuck Owens and Ken Van Osdol to the board! Their involvement will surely bring new perspectives and strengths to the team. So solidifying Board members as committee liaisons at the upcoming board meeting on Friday, March 22nd at 3:00 will be an important step towards effective collaboration and organization within the board. I am looking forward to seeing the positive impact our committees will make as we move through 2024. Together, we can work towards a stronger and more vibrant community. Please feel free to continue sharing your thoughts and ideas. It's through a collective effort that we can make a meaningful difference.

Sheri Shepard

Welcome and Thank You

to our two new members of the DCTC Board We appreciate your willingness to serve our DCTC community

Chuck Owens and Ken Van Osdol

A huge...

THANK YOU

to

Susan Maxwell

for the many years that she served on our board and the dedication, time and effort that she provided on behalf of the DCTC community

Chuck Owens

Chuck has been very involved with volunteer management. Most notably he served as Chairman of our Deep Canyon Tennis Committee for a number of vears.

He brings a very diverse background to his role on the board. He has been an attorney in Colorado for 45 years where he had a wide variety of HOA experience as an advisor, litigator and representative of developers, brokers and lenders dealing with HOAs.

His communication skills were further honed teaching college level classes and seminars related to real estate and small business. He has also been a high school teacher for 10 years. In addition, he served on the board of the HOA where he and Cori live in Durango, Colorado. Additionally, he served on 2 other boards as well: the Denver Athletic Club and the City of Durango's Code of Ethics committee.



KEN VAN OSDOL



On Saturday, March 16th, Ken Van Osdol became the newest member of our Deep Canyon Board of Directors. He replaced member Susan Maxwell who made her resignation known at the January 2024 BOD meeting.

When a board member resigns, it is up to the remaining members of the Board to select and vote in the replacement. It could have been any homeowner, but in this case the members decided upon Ken as the "lucky loser" if perchance you want to put it in tennis terms. Ken ran for the board and lost, but he was the highest vote getter behind Sheri Shepard and Chuck Owens who were elected.

Here is what Ken brings to the board as provided in his candidacy statement when he was running:

"As a new director, I would bring to the DCTC Board a background in human resources, organization development, management consulting, and volunteer fundraising and project management. I served in various positions with the U.S. Peace Corps (volunteer and staff); Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in Washington, DC; and SAIF (State Accident Insurance Fund) Corporation in Oregon.

"In addition, through my private consulting practice over nearly 30 years, I offered services in strategic planning, leadership development, board planning, goal setting, conflict resolution and coalition building for business, government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

"I graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in journalism. My wife, Judith and I, have two sons with wonderful families, and during the off season we live just outside Salem, Oregon."

Welcome aboard Ken. Thank you for electing to run for the board and now for accepting the nomination of these, your fellow board members. You are much appreciated for stepping up to the plate.



Manager's Message...

As reported at the March 1, 2024, meeting, the office will be open from 8 am to 3:30 pm with a lunch break from 12:00 to 12:30. The phones will be answered from 7 am – 3:30. Between 7 am and 8 am Jennie will be out on property doing inspections with me on FaceTime or will be in the office catching up on paperwork. If you have any questions or service requests, please call the office and ifyou receive voicemail leave a message. As Jennie and I are both on the phone or busy with another owner the phone will go to voicemail. We will return calls the same day unless it is after hours. You may also send an email service request to dctcservice@vintagegroupre.com or you can go online to www.vintagegroupre.com and login as an owner and report a service request.

If you experience an emergency, you should call 911. If you experience a property emergency, you can contact the gate at 760-568-6822 or the emergency number for the office of 855-403-3852 who will contact Barbara.

The attached QR code will give you access to the Vintage Webpage:

The Vintage Webpage: www.vintagegroupre.com. In the upper right corner, there is homeowner access. You enter your account number and then your email address, select submit registration. After clicking submit registration, if the email address is not on file, you will be prompted to enter your unit address. You will receive an email containing a link to create your login and password. Once you have successfully created your new account you will have access to your account, your profile can be viewed or updated, add family members, view documents, create maintenance items for your unit and common area; you can see history of service request. This site replaces Townsquare.

The board of directors has interviewed a prospective facilities supervisor who will be a working supervisor. This will help to get the crew organized and focused on the jobs to be completed.

Reminder with the end of the season there are certain things that owners should address prior to leaving for the summer. Owners who have citrus trees in their patios need to remove all fruit from their trees prior to June 1st. If an owner cannot accomplish this, they can contact the office to plan for someone else to remove the fruit at the owner's expense. Please remember that the common area is not a storage area. That means that your personal pool items or other personal property should be removed from the pools or even the trash enclosure areas. Items that are left in the common area will be disposed of. Barbara Vanscoder, DCTC HOA Manager

DCTC Décor













FINANCIAL REPORT!

As Board Treasurer, I work closely with Barbara Vanscoder, the Board, and the Finance Committee (Brian Yellen and Steve Varon) to oversee the HOA's finances.

*We are still on track with our budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

*March is budget month. It's when we see how things are going for the current fiscal year and then make a budget for the next fiscal year starting on July 1. In April, we will then bring forward for approval a budget for the next fiscal year. This proposal will include any increase to annual dues that might be necessary. *The competing priorities with budget setting.

*The competing priorities with budget setting are on the one hand to make any dues increases as small as possible, and on the other hand to provide the highest possible level of service to our owners.

Here are the things that go into setting our budget each year:

*We look at operating expenses to see how costs may have changed -- that includes costs for our office, maintenance, and landscaping people, gas and electricity, Spectrum, etc.

*We look at our capital reserve expenses for the upcoming year, then estimate out for another five years to see if big expenses are coming up that we need to save for. This is where we pay for maintenance and repairs -- painting, pipes, electrical wires, roofs, eaves, walls, sidewalks, etc. We currently have a little over \$1 million dollars in our capital reserve fund.

Jim Sterken, Treasurer

DCTC Decor









LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As the newest member of the Board, I requested to be appointed as the liaison to the Landscape Advisory Committee (LAC).

- *The primary responsibility of the LAC is to "advise and assist the Board in developing, enhancing, and preserving the natural outdoor environment of the community." When you think about our landscape, keep in mind there are two major components: maintenance (e.g. cutting, trimming) and conversion (e.g. replacing) as mandated by the Coachella Valley Water District utility.
- *An attractive and well-maintained appearance is essential to DCTC. We expect to walk out our doors and enjoy the beauty and fragrances of the grass, flowers, trees, and plants. These are major reasons why we chose to be here, and they are critical to maintaining our property's values. Landscape costs are also a major part of our monthly dues.
- *The environmental challenges we face require a balancing act of regulations from the state, restrictions from the water district, whims of Mother Nature, and preferences of some 700 owners. It's a challenge we take seriously and promise you our best efforts.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE





The Board also approved my suggestions to create a Communications Committee and Security and Safety Committee.

- *The Communications Committee will have a twofold purpose: 1) Bring back a community-based newsletter; and 2) Consolidate, clarify, and simplify the myriad ways we communicate with one another at DCTC.
- *The first of these goals is now in place, thanks to the efforts of Jim Bartell and Mike Stahl, and as evidenced by this first edition of the DCTC Chronicle
- *The second goal requires that we look at the email groups, websites, and apps now in use involving DCTC and determine how well they serve our community. If needed, we would recommend to the Board better ways to communicate with one another as owners, renters, management, committees, and third parties.
- *The Security and Safety Committee may only exist when necessary or needed to deal with specific issues. The inoperable front gates earlier this season brought this need into focus. Other safety concerns quickly came to light: the need for cameras in certain areas to deter theft or damage; limitations on nighttime activities (e.g. golf carts without lights); and unsafe practices or conditions (e.g. bicycles and scooters on sidewalks). Our role will be to identify specific concerns and bring them and possible remedies to the Board's attention.

Both the Communications and Safety Committees are works in progress. Anyone with a talent or desire to help should get in touch with me, preferably in the next two weeks. Oh, and do it by email to chuckdctc@gmail.com.

Chuck Owens

Board of Directors Liaison







REMODELING REMINDERS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

This is the time of year when many homeowners start making plans for summer renovations. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) reminds everyone with such plans to be in touch with the committee long before work is actually set to start.

The committee headed by Carl Stecker and assisted by four more homeowners has a simple objective. It is to ensure the integrity, quality and homogeneity of our units and protect the safety and security of our community, These members are appointed by the Board of Directors, are very knowledgeable about all phases of construction and are here to help.

Basically, they want to be apprised of and approve construction work that is going on inside and outside our units. This process starts when you, as a homeowner, fill out an application and submit it to the office 30 days in advance of work starting at your unit.

Getting this application process started is the responsibility of the homeowner. It begins when you pick up an Architectural Form in the office. The amount of the work to be done is divided into three different categories and you will read about this when you pick up the form. Simple work simply gets a permit to do it. More extensive work will require more detail in the information you provide and requires approval from the committee for work to begin.

If you have any questions about what needs to be approved, get with the HOA office and get the appropriate information and approval form that describes the process. It should be done well in advance of your starting date. It's best to do this now when most of the committee members are here at Deep Canyon. Summertime approvals can happen but are understandably often slower when committee members are mostly over a 1,000 miles from here. Do yourself a favor and start the review and approval process now.







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WHAT AND WHERE IS AN "AED?"



Let's say you are with a person who is having a heart attack. Heaven forbid that you are ever placed in such a situation, but it does happen?

What do you do immediately? First, keep your wits about you? Don't panic. You can help! Then, immediately call, or have someone call, 911.

Another life saving action that we have the potential to use here at Deep Canyon is an "AED." This is a device known as an automatic external defibrillator. When a person is having a heart incident, often the heart goes out of rhythm. An AED can be used to deliver a "shock" to put the heart back into rhythm. Think of it simply as "rebooting" the heart.

Where would you find such a device at Deep Canyon? Here is where our 4 devices are located.

On the wall behind the tennis pro shop.
On the patio deck at Pickleball.
At the gym inside the women's entry door
At the front gate guard building.

Of course, it would be best at this point if you had attended one of the training sessions that **Dr. Denise Jensen** often volunteers to do for us all. Let's just say you did not. Can you still help?

Yes.

The marvelous thing about the AED is that it will tell you what to do. Get the device and start helping. It will give you written and verbal instructions of how to proceed and if you should deliver an electronic shock or not. Don't be scared. Just start to help. If you do, statistically speaking you are giving this person an 80 percent of arriving at the hospital alive.

Isn't this worth jumping in to do your best to help?
Yes! Just Do It!



Let's Talk Tennis...

MEN'S IN-HOUSE TENNIS LEAGUE A UNIQUE DCTC HAPPENING!

The 2024 Robert Ehle Men's In-House League has just concluded. This annual happening is named in honor of homeowner Robert Ehle who brought life to this event in so many ways. Unfortunately, he passed on way too early a number of years ago. The format of play is really quite simple. Four teams of 7 doubles players compete against each other over a 6-week period. The top 2 teams, by accumulated wins, face off in a final championship round.

In the finals, Roger Ottmar's mighty Grey Wolves took down Tony Bardsley and Herb Walker's Blue Bombers by a score of 5 matches to 2. Pete Crystal and Rob Gooze provided coaching to two additional teams.

The tennis committee is appreciated for supporting this event. Bruce Webb who computerizes the posting of scores and Dennis Matson who handles shopping and distribution of snacks and drinks every week are deserving of our thanks. It's been another great season, with lots of great tennis, many laughs, and friendly trash talking. I was thinking about what a unique league this is. Are there any leagues anywhere that 56 homeowners and renters all get to play on the same day, every week? Not that I know of. It's just another example of what makes DCTC so special.

Larry Hunter, Tennis Director

DCTC CAN AM CUP RESULTS IN FUN AND GREAT COMPETITION!

Can you believe that the "friendly" competition between our American and Canadian tennis players has been going on now for 9 years running? It's called the **DCTC Can Am**Cup and we play for honor and bragging rights. It's a Friday, Saturday and Sunday event that concluded last weekend.

Going into this year's event with 24 matches on the books, the Canadians were leading by a 5 to 3 margin. We won't say just how many matches the Americans won. but it was not enough. Suffice it to say, the victory margin is now 6 to 3 in favor of the Canadians.

Rivalry matches were played in singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. Generally, the matches were close, as it is hoped that either side has a 50-50 chance of winning at the start.

We congratulate the winners -- The Canadians!



Pickleball Particulars



NEW TOURNAMENT EVENT PLANNED FOR PICKLEBALL!

The "First Annual March Madness PB Tournament" is on tap for Saturday, March 23rd. If you are some of the lucky folks to be playing, good luck and have a great time. If not, come on over to the Pickleball courts and cheer on your favorite team.

Yes, it is a team event that is planned. Twelve teams of four players will compete "round robin style." The 12 teams will compete in 2 different divisions with each team playing 5 other teams throughout the day. There will be men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles play.

At the end of the day there will be "gold medals" awarded to the winners of each division.

The PB committee is hoping to make this an annual event.





Taking a well-earned rest after a rigorous morning of Pickleball

PICKLEBALL ROCKS AGAIN WITH A FINE IN-HOUSE SEASON!

The Pickleball community's In-House League had another successful run. This is the second year the event has been held. Four teams battled it out on the courts each week to arrive at champions.

Unfortunately, the men's division winners were too quick to depart to get a team picture taken. Not so with the Women's Blue Team Champions.

Team members were:

Linda Gold, Janet Gugliotto, Jan Jones, Kathy Kane, Amy Kemper, Susan Lundquist, Maria Quinn, Annie Stecker, Meg Stewart, Lucy Zapf and Mary Zieman.

Here's to the Champs!
Congratulations!

ANNUAL "BURGER NITE" ANOTHER GREAT BIG HIT!

Leading up to the much anticipated "Burger Nite" event, there was some concern it might not happen. It was widely reported that Head Burger Man, Jack Jutte, was in the hospital with event co-founder Barbara at his side. Have no fear daughter Krissy and husband James Taylor stepped in to take the reins, and along with a host of community volunteers, pulled off the event for all of us to enjoy without a hitch.

The best news of all came a week later when we learned that Jack pulled through open heart surgery and returned home to recover and rehabilitate only a few days later. Thankfully, he is on the mend and should be back in the "Burger Nite" saddle next year, and for many more years to follow.

See how many of the pictured folks you can identify:

*Krissy and James offering dessert for all.

*Bartenders Brad Bjorkman, Pat McKee, Head of the Bar Crew Paul Blanton and JJ Leary.

*Herb Walker at the piano and Lois who led us in song.

*BBQ masters Dick Melim, Billy Neff and Vic Anhoury.

*Bob Stand with the microphone, of course, and Meg VanderZanden who did a bit of singing, too.

*Last but not least, "The Burger," the real Star of the Evening.

A tennis event was held in the morning with a full contingent of 48 players enjoying a beautiful day. of play. Thanks to Tennis Director Larry Hunter for doing the usual great job of organizing it all as usual.



Common Threads

Over 20 years ago, a group of guilters began to meet with Judy Foster at the helm. Soon they were joined by knitters and other needle crafters and the group was called QNFA (Quilters, Needle crafters and Fiber Arts.) They started a Quilt Camp, always held the first of February on a Saturday, where they bring their sewing machines to the clubhouse and sew quilts and make hats to donate to the children of Coachella Valley. These donation guilts all use the same pattern and it's amazing to see the differences because of color choices. Many volunteers are needed to help with ironing, pinning and serving lunch. This year we donated 36 guilts and 21 hats and over 500 guilts and hats have been donated through the years.

*In 2004, the first Quilt Show was held to showcase the donation guilts and other items made by members throughout the year. The Quilt Show is held the 2nd Sunday in March.

*Besides luncheons most months, Becky Zwitter heads up a special Silver Tea Service Tea with delicious high tea finger foods and desserts. *It's not uncommon to see stylish hats and apparel at the tea. In 2022, Barbara Thomas set up our group email with our current name, Common Threads, which best describes our group as the sisterhood it is. We meet every Thursday during the season in the clubhouse where we share projects and sometimes see a demonstration of a technique or pattern. Many new quilters and knitters have evolved after learning from group members

*Anyone interested can attend on Thursdays at 12:30 for Gatherings or noon for Luncheons or contact Kristin Foster, our chairperson, via email kristinfoster100@yahoo.com

Chairperson: Kristin Foster Treasurer: Gail Haugrud

Camp Co-Chairs: Polly Stahl and Sheilah Varon Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Polly Stahl and Lisa Scatena

Tea Chair: Becky Zwitter



Past and Future

Memories...

Social Committee and Helpers From May 2008 Volley News



Future Happenings

Get your calendars out and Plan Accordingly!

- *March 22nd: HOA Board of Directors Meeting at 3 pm, Clubhouse
- *March 23rd: Pickleball "March Madness Tournament."
- *March 24th: Spring Art Show. Clubhouse during Donut Time.
- *March 26th: Board of Directors Working Budget Meeting at 10 am, Clubhouse.
- *March 27th: Brat Night/Closing Party: 5 pm. Round Robin Tennis in Morning.
- *April 4th: Golf Scramble Tournament at Shadow Mountain Golf Course.
- *April 10th: Final Pizza Party at 5 pm. Morning mixed doubles.
- *April 24th: "Last Hurrah" Party by Social Committee. 5 pm. Clubhouse.