



**April 2022**



## **Annual HOA Meeting is April 10, 2022**

**When:** 4:00 PM, Sunday, April 10, 2022

**Where:** The Kinkel's Courtyard, 704 W Sedona Ridge Place

*Please bring a chair if you'd like to sit during the meeting.*

Please plan to attend and get to know your neighbors!



*Board Member John Rulmyr*

## **Meet HOA Board Member John Rulmyr**

You can often find John walking through the Sunridge Estates II community, along with those of Coyote Ridge and Vistoso Ridge. He is physically very active, which seems right for someone who has been involved in athletics all his life. From a young age through his college years, he played baseball and was named an All American Pitcher (Division 2) while at Mankato State University (now Minnesota State University, Mankato). While there, he studied to become a Physical Education teacher with the goal of becoming an Athletic Director.

Mankato State is also where John met his wife, Rachel. She was studying to be a teacher. They have two children: a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren who live in Portland, Oregon, and a daughter who lives in Las Vegas. This July will mark their 50th wedding anniversary. They plan to celebrate their long-lasting love on a trip to Costa Rica with their family.

From Minnesota, John and Rachel moved to Douglas, AZ. In 1989 Rachel landed an administrative position in Tucson, so they bought their first house at Ina Road and First Avenue. John was not able to find a teaching position in Tucson, so for 11 years he commuted to Douglas Monday morning and returned on Friday afternoon. They both liked Oro Valley and the Sunridge Estates area and while looking at homes, they came across a spec home on Silver Eagle Court that had stood empty for two years. They bought it in 2001 and have been very happy there ever since. John likes the scenery, the desert terrain that is hilly and the quietness as he walks through it.

John and Rachel love exploring new places and have traveled all over the world. According to John, "Rachel makes the reservations and I carry the bags." Their travels have included Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Europe, Fiji, Tahiti, Central and South America.

John has been an HOA board member for over two years. He notes, "I lived here awhile and started feeling guilty that I had not given back to the community, so I stepped up and joined the board." He notes that it does not take that much time and he feels good about the progress our HOA has made in our friendly neighborhood environment.

-- Written by: Michael Theis



## Reminder: Street, Garage, and Driveway Parking Rules

This is just a friendly reminder and a note to new residents to please adhere to the [neighborhood rules](#) regarding parking of vehicles on the street and to make use of your garage space rather than parking vehicles in your driveway or on the street.



*Nicky Theis showing off his agility skills!*

## Agility Comes Easy for Nicky Theis!

It was a good thing he was in a no-kill animal shelter. Who would adopt a two-time loser named Pickles? Especially one with that much fur! The person dropping him off at the shelter said that he was a stray they found, but said, "He's too much trouble to take care of."

Fortunately, not long after he arrived at the Max Fund animal shelter in Denver, he caught the eye of Michael Theis. An 'interview' soon followed, Michael fell in love with the little guy and started the adoption process. The only problem he had with the Cairn Terrier/Pomeranian mix was his name: Pickles. He mentioned to a friend at work, "If the dog gets out of the house, I can't be running down the street yelling PICKLES!!!" The friend said an easy solution was to call him Nickles and transition to Nicky. Wow, a great idea.

Nicky was so happy to be out of the shelter and into a real home. It turned out; he was a no "trouble" at all. On the news one night, there was an interview with the owner of a dog training company close to where Michael lived. One of the things they teach is Agility. In the video, you could see dogs going over jumps, through weave poles, tires, tunnels and even running over a teeter-totter. Intrigued, Michael drove there with Nicky and after passing a short obedience test, they were enrolled in a beginner agility class.

Nicky absolutely loved it and quickly moved up the ranks to the Advanced level. Though small, he is fast as a bullet. Agility competitions are scored by the time it takes to complete a course with time deducted for faults (such as knocking the bar of a jump, missing the entrance to a tunnel or missing a weave pole). Nicky could have easily competed in the sport but his handler, Michael, was not up to the task due to age and COPD. So, they do agility just for the fun of it.

Since moving to Oro Valley, they continue to do agility but not on a weekly basis as they did Denver. Hot summer months preclude training outdoors and the only indoor facility is a good distance away. But usually once a month or so, you can find Nicky and Michael running side-by-side as Michael calls out the next obstacle, and Nicky does the real work.

-- Written by: Michael Theis

*Have a pet you'd like to feature in the newsletter? Please contact [Michael Theis](#) and he'll respond to set up a time to interview you and take pictures of your pet(s)!*



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## **HOA Website Saves Time**

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### **Sunridge Estates HOA Board looks forward to seeing you on April 10!**

Suzanne Kinkel

Jaime Barker

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