

# Nagonie

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THE APACHE WORD FOR STORY

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Member,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Desert Mountain, I want to provide an interim review of our activities during these last six months and an outlook of our goals for the next six months. Much has occurred on the Mountain recently and we thought you would appreciate a progress review now, which we will update at our annual meeting in March 2018.

At the outset, your Board could not be more pleased with the additions to our Senior Management team. Damon DiOrio, CEO, Andrea Randall, CFO, Bertrand Bouquin, Executive Chef, and Kim Atkinson, Marketing and Communications Director, have all made great contributions. We are confident that, along with the rest of the excellent Management leadership team, they will continue to provide our membership with new and exciting experiences. Hopefully, you have noticed the improvements in communication, service, and food and beverage variety, and quality.

Let's now take a quick look back to the last six months before we provide a brief perspective of what you should expect going forward. The strategic vision for Desert Mountain is to be one of the finest golf, lifestyle, and residential communities in North America. This goal defines the work that your Board and Management are doing on your behalf and has driven several key accomplishments:

### GOVERNANCE

The Board decided in April to focus on governance and strategy, rather than operations. This is the best governance model for a club as large as ours and it is also considered a best practice in the industry. With Damon coming to Desert Mountain as our new CEO, this was the perfect time to make a change. The Board now provides oversight, guidance and accountability but allows our Management team to make operational decisions that further the goals of our strategic plan. We have also improved our decision-making process, which is now timelier and appropriately driven by Management. Also, our committee charters were revised to provide that all operations-focused committees and workgroups report to Damon. Our new House Committee, which is led by Damon and focuses on all non-golf amenities as well as food and beverage, is an example of how we are now doing business. There is no question that the effective and quick transition of the Management team has allowed the Board and Damon to focus on their own responsibilities and, more importantly, to be held accountable for delivering the Desert Mountain vision to you, the Member.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Another key priority for Damon and the Board is to find the answer to the age-old question of how best to communicate. We are striving to be more transparent and efficient in how information flows to the members and among all the stakeholders at Desert Mountain. You will continue to see more streamlined and reader-friendly written communications as well as invitations to Coffee Talks, Easy Listening and informative presentations of topics of interest to the membership.

### PARCEL 19

The sale was successfully closed and the developer is preparing to break ground in the next month or two with a grand opening scheduled for February 2019. In addition to providing the Club with significant capital resources for the potential Renegade golf course renovation and other projects; the Par 3 course and casual gastro pub concept will bring a greater diversity of experiences for our members and will enhance our reputation as one of the premier clubs in the country.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Board approved and construction has commenced on six pickleball courts, a regulation golf croquet field and a bocce court, all at Sonoran. In addition, a high-quality food truck will start providing an alternative food and beverage venue while enjoying our outdoor activities and functions. These "lifestyle" additions are extremely important to our brand and will enhance our overall enjoyment of the Club as well as marketing for Member growth.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2017-2021 strategic plan has now been approved by the Board and you will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

### REFINANCING

The Board has approved refinancing the Club's existing debt (approximately \$28 million) in order to take advantage of the current interest environment and lock in an attractive rate for a significantly longer period of time. This will provide additional financial stability and appropriate financing of our long-term assets.

### THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS:

#### MARKETING/MEMBER GROWTH

We established a workgroup to focus specifically on this important area. To date, this workgroup has completed the situational analysis and determined what we can do differently to produce better results. Over the next six months, we will create and implement action plans and expect to see a positive impact from these efforts. The Board also created a "branding" group that includes some board Members, HOA executives, realtors, key Management staff, and builders. These stakeholders are working together to collectively produce a better marketing plan to enhance Desert Mountain's brand.

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND PRICING

Along with Damon and his team, we will be performing a top to bottom review of all existing membership categories to make sure they are all fairly priced and competitive in the marketplace.

### PARCEL 19

The Board and Management will continue to finalize and approve specific plans for the Par 3 course and clubhouse so that the anticipated opening in early 2019 goes smoothly.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

One of the most common complaints that the Board and Management receive relates to various issues concerning compliance with our rules and regulations. Unfortunately, there are instances of Members not following the rules, which creates a disruption, affecting the complete enjoyment of our Club by other members. On our part, we will do our best to ensure that the rules are clear, understandable and well communicated. Management, our committees, and our Board have already updated and distributed changes to the Dress Code, and there will be more changes to follow in other areas. In turn, we ask that you adhere to the rules or ask questions if they are unclear to you. With 2,000 Members and families using our facilities, we need to do a better job with compliance to assure that our Club is enjoyed by everyone.

## NOMINATING PROCESS

We are evaluating whether the Board's nominating and election process can be improved to encourage Members with the needed background and expertise to "raise their hand" for service. In many ways, we are a large company and can learn from the best practices in the corporate world as well as other clubs in the industry. We have hired an expert who will present relevant data and practices to the Nominating/Governance Committee and the Board in order to make sure we have the best processes in place for the upcoming election. We will keep the membership updated as things progress.

## FINANCIAL PLAN

We will be finalizing the critically important 5-10 year capital and financial plan for the Club and will make this available to the membership when completed.

Obviously, we have a lot on our plates but I am confident that we can continue the rapid pace of positive changes. Our recent accomplishments and future successes rely on Damon and his team delivering well thought-out proposals and the back up necessary for the Board to make informed decisions in a prompt manner. We also value and appreciate the involvement of many at-large Members on every committee and workgroup so that the membership's many viewpoints are heard and discussed in making the best decisions for the Club.

Damon is doing a great job and is having a positive impact throughout Desert Mountain. As a Board, we need to continue to improve our governance model and allow Damon and his team to be the best they can be for all of you as Members.

Let me finish by thanking you for making Desert Mountain the great Club that it is today. The entire Board and Management team are keenly focused on making Desert Mountain even better in the future.

Thank you,  
 Scott Urdang – Chairman  
 Carol Ann Petren – Vice Chairwoman  
 Steve Clark – Treasurer  
 Keith Johnson – Secretary  
 Harold Boyanovsky  
 Wayne Mailloux  
 Lynn Magnuson  
 Bill Robinson  
 Chris Storbeck



# CLUBS HELPING CLUBS

*How a Family of Club Members, Employees & Peers  
 "Stepped Up" and "Stepped In" to aid Houston Hurricane Victims*

Hurricane Harvey descended upon Houston, leaving an unimaginable path of destruction. Within 24 hours of a quick lunch meeting with key staff members, "Clubs Helping Clubs" was born. Flyers were created, donation centers established, email blasts were launched and the donation drive was underway.

One member, Ann Eller even did some personal shopping "Costco runs" for other members who were out of town. She even convinced the GM of Costco to chip in with a flat of bottled water.

Staff and members from DC Ranch, Silverleaf, Mirabel, Arizona Country Club, Phoenix Country Club, Desert Highlands, Estancia, Paradise Valley Country Club, Forrest Highlands and Terravita answered to the call. New Orleans Country Club chipped in to assist with funds for additional supplies. Todd Bruen and Matt Wooldridge delivered more than 200 boxes of supplies to club employees of Houston area clubs whose homes were destroyed by the flood waters.

Thank you members and club peers for "stepping up" and "stepping in" to assist those in need!







## MEMBER PROFILE DIANE WHITTY

### BRINGING HOME THE GOLD TO DESERT MOUNTAIN

August 2017, Desert Mountain member Diane Whitty and her 55+ team won a gold medal in Water Polo at the FINA (Fédération Internationale de Natation) World Masters Games in Budapest, Hungary. Based in Lausanne, Switzerland, FINA is the international federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee for administering international competition in water sports: swimming, synchronized swimming, water polo, open water swimming, diving and high diving. At the World Masters Games, competitors playing water polo must be at least 30 years old.

Diane, born and raised in Canada, started swimming competitively at Kennedy High School in Windsor, Ontario. During that time, her swim coach put together a girl's water polo team and Diane got her first taste of the sport. With no other girl's teams in the area, that lasted only a couple of months. When she attended the University of Toronto, Diane was a sprint swimmer, specializing in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

After college, Diane stayed fit in the pool and gym but it wasn't until 2008 that she returned to water polo. While at her son's swim meet, another swim team mom encouraged her to try a Master's Team water polo practice in Menlo Park. Diane went and never looked back. "It is incredibly fun. Being a strong swimmer is a definite advantage. But so are stamina and not being afraid to get physical." The Master's Team practice consists of a wide age-range of women, from 20 something to over 60. They play various tournaments grouped by either age or ability. Water polo is a competitive and very aggressive team sport played in an all deep pool.

What makes Diane's journey to the gold medal an even bigger testament to her inner strength and can do attitude is that in January 2016, Diane was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a mastectomy in March of 2016 and was out of the water for four to five weeks. Being able to return to the pool was physically and mentally therapeutic. "My teammates, and even another team in the water polo league, were incredibly supportive." But her water time would end again when her chemo began in May.

Diane, a high tech finance operations manager at Cisco Systems, found her employer to be very supportive and with the flexibility to work from home, she missed very little work during this time. "It was really fantastic to continue working and keep my mind focused on something other than the cancer and the side effects of the treatments. And working from home allowed me to minimize the risk of infection when my immune system was low." Between chemo and her reconstruction in December 2016, she did her best to stay fit for her team by walking, biking and exercising at home.

In addition, she consulted with an integrative oncologist who recommended supplements, herbs and natural extracts to build stamina and energy.

After reconstruction, Diane kept moving forward, training hard for her team. She hit the gym every morning at 5 a.m. from Monday to Friday, swam 3,000 yards 3 days a week, and practiced with the team twice a week for another 2½ hours. Eight months after her final surgery, she and her team won a gold medal at the Hungary FINA World Masters games.

Diane Whitty, and her husband Peter Kuhn, live in the village of Eagle Feather. Members since 2012, they spend their time between San Jose and Desert Mountain. "We come whenever we can." Peter is active in the employee benefit and real estate fields. With a blended family, Peter and Diane have two boys each and a yellow lab, Bentley. Diane's oldest son Jordan (28) was a competitive swimmer at California Lutheran University in southern California, and is now married, living in Virginia Beach with two children. In the Navy, he is currently pursuing an officer position or a placement with the diving program. Her other son Brock (23), was a water polo player at Pepperdine University, and he is on his way to becoming a firefighter. Peter also has two sons. Austin (28) attended San Jose State University and works in high tech sales in Silicon Valley. Alex (24) has been a firefighter for the past 4 years and works for Cal Fire on a wildland strike team.

An active couple that likes to travel and enjoy new experiences, Diane and Peter had decided early on that they did not want to retire in San Jose. They'd visited and considered Utah and Southern California but had not found 'the place'. "Early in 2012 we were scheduled to go on a ski trip but there was no snow, and Peter, familiar with Desert Mountain, suggested we come to Scottsdale instead." They knew immediately it was exactly what they were looking for. "We wanted a vibrant community where the residents are involved with activities and each other."

The lap pool was a natural draw for Diane, and she and Peter frequent the Sonoran Club. "The fitness center is terrific." Peter's favorite course is Cochise. Diane doesn't have a favorite yet. "The golf courses are beautiful, but I really need to devote more time to practicing and developing my game. It's something I'm looking forward to when I retire."

Their favorite DM restaurant is Constantino's. Diane is also an accomplished cook. "I love to try new recipes. I gravitate toward Asian cuisine and healthy dishes." Diane is also an Elite reviewer on Yelp and Trip Advisor with 300 plus reviews and over 500,000 views.





## CULINARY CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTOPHE

Christophe Hermine, Director of Club Operations



### Desert Mountain "Food Truck"

This is with great anticipation and excitement that we are waiting for the third week of October to receive our brand new Food Truck "The Mountain Chef".

### Why is a Food Truck a great option for Desert Mountain Club?

**The Hottest Trend in F&B** – Food trucks are the latest craze in the Food & Beverage industry. Once upon a time, they were called "Roach Coaches" and only seen on construction sites where they were more of a diversion from work than getting a quality bite to eat. So not the case today: Food Trucks are seen all over the Phoenix/Scottsdale area, in parks, on street corners and featured extensively on the Food Network television programming. They are no longer driven by some people offering only alternatives to starvation. These things are now roaming gourmet kitchens featuring well accomplished chefs and offering an eclectic array of culinary delights. Bottom line, they are very chic and are the "in" thing.

**Flexibility** – Because these units are fully equipped kitchens, we can vary our menu offerings easily; we don't have to stick with the burger and hot dog theme. We have the ability to get as creative as we wish and offer themed food based on the location we will be serving at, i.e. barbeque food at The Ranch, sandwiches and wraps at C/G driving range during Demo Day, lighter fares at Sonoran when our members are playing croquet or pickleball, private parties that members host. This is exciting and the possibilities are endless.

**Advertising with a purpose** – One of the greatest benefits of a food truck is that it has wheels and is willing to travel at a moment's notice. The ability to drive it around – including outside the gates – opens us to many

other potential uses and benefits.

**The Food Truck will serve as a Brand Ambassador** – We have the opportunity to announce our brand and our presence at schools during job fairs. Mike Scully may utilize the unit for his Golf Demo Days and other golf instructional activities at the Jim Flick Golf Performance Center. When we attend recruiting sessions at hospitality schools it would be hard to miss a big Desert Mountain Club branded food truck in the parking lot. That's even more exciting!

**The Food Truck will increase our "cool factor" and revenue** – This is in alignment with some of the demographics we are trying to attract to join our membership. This will positively impact the perceptions of this segment because they already identify with the food truck phenomena.

**The Food Truck is a large symbol of our commitment to our community** – We are very blessed to have members with significant financial means and heartfelt desire to help others. Our brand will be front and center when we utilize the truck at Outlaw to welcome our Police and Fire Departments during our annual Public Safety Appreciation Charity Golf Event following Labor Day. On intermittent basis and as we wish, it could be used to venture to the city to feed the homeless and less fortunate. Thinking about the Hurricane Harvey tragedy that took place in Texas last September, should there be a need for disaster relief in Arizona, we can respond with our truck to deliver water, food and supplies.

**How common is a food truck to the club industry?** – I know that some clubs in the country have food trucks, but in our area, there are none. This concept will set us apart from our neighborhood clubs and will demonstrate our progressive mindset as Desert Mountain Club is always thinking of moves into the future.

## MANAGEMENT MOVES ON THE MOUNTAIN

It is very important to keep our management team vibrant and excited to work at Desert Mountain while educating our team to further their management careers. We will have a yearly management rotation for the front of the house as well as for the culinary teams.

As of September 1, Zack Hamel, Outlaw Clubhouse Manager moved to C/G to team with Jeff Francis and Stan Buscher.

Jason Gender at Café Verde moved to Outlaw as the new assistant and will be working with Jon Anthony LaRocca, our new Outlaw Clubhouse Manager.

Josh Holecheck, Assistant Chiricahua Clubhouse Manager went to Apache and Alex Hill, Assistant Apache Clubhouse Manager went to Chiricahua.

Chef Zach Johnson, from Constantino's, moved to Apache as the new Chef de Cuisine. Constantino's Sous Chef, Shane Whitney, was promoted to the new Chef de Cuisine.

We have hired Joshua Rosen as the new Constantino's Sous Chef and promoted Willie Graham as Junior Sous Chef at Apache.



### "The Mountain Palate"

Mr. DiOrio has encouraged our entire team to be proactive and forward thinking with the exciting programs we offer our members. For our wine lovers, a host of educational classes, casual tastings and wine-maker dinners are planned from October until May. In September we distributed and advertised a complete and exciting calendar to all of our members so they may anticipate the

dozens of fun and informative programs we have planned. Please make sure you read this exciting new brochure and make your plans to attend these wine and event programs.



# CRAFT BEERS HAVE ARRIVED!



Our team has selected several new craft beer choices. We are excited to be able to provide the following options in our Clubhouses:

HANGAR 24 CRAFT BREWERY, EASY GLIDER IPA, CALIFORNIA  
DESHUTES BREWERY, BLACK BUTTE STOUT/PORTER, OREGON  
ELYSIAN BREWING, SPACE DUST IPA, WASHINGTON  
GOOSE ISLAND BEER, IPA, ILLINOIS  
BLACK MARKET, HEFEWEISEN, CALIFORNIA  
DESTIHL WEISSENHEIMER, HEFEWEISEN, ILLINOIS

KONIG LUDWIG WIESSBIER, DUNKEN WHEAT, GERMANY  
MISSION BREWERY, AMBER ALE, CALIFORNIA  
FULL SAIL BLOOD ORANGE, WHEAT, OREGON  
FULL SAIL SESSIONS, WHEAT, OREGON  
PRANKSTER, GOLDEN ALE, BELGIUM

## PIE OF THE DAY



We have a new dessert program that will enhance our sweet selections, and we are pleased to announce our “Pie of the Day” option. Every day of the week, we will offer a different pie, such as classic Chocolate Pecan pie, Blueberry pie, Key Lime pie, Coconut Cream pie, Cherry pie, Mississippi Mud pie and French Apple Crumble pie.

Korrin Stevenson, our lead pastry chef came up with this concept and we hope you will enjoy the casual aspect of those delights which are available at C/G, Apache, Café Verde and Outlaw Clubhouses.

## RECIPE CORNER

### GOAT CHEESE SALAD | BY CHEF BOUQUIN



#### INGREDIENTS

1 log	Fresh Goat Cheese	2 tsp.	Balsamic vinegar
1 cup	Chopped toasted pistachios	1lb.	Arugula
½ cup	Pistachio oil	½ lb.	Yellow beets
½ cup	Extra virgin olive oil	½ lb.	Red beets
1 tsp.	Sherry vinegar		

#### Preparation:

**For the beets:** Wash beets under water then wrap them in aluminum foil, place in the oven at 350°F for about 1 hour or until tender (using tip of a knife to see). Cool and peel beets. Cut the beets in desired shape and set aside.

**For the dressing:** Mix together balsamic and cherry vinegar with salt and pepper, add olive oil and pistachio oil while you are whisking, check seasoning.

**For the goat cheese:** Toast pistachios in oven at about 350°F for about 5-10 minutes or until they get a little coloration (blonde). Cool and chop them coarsely. Cut the goat cheese log into 6 even slices and sprinkle pistachios on it. Press pistachios on cheese so it sticks to all sides.

#### Presentation:

Warm goat cheese along with the beets in the oven for about 5 minutes and place it in center of the plate. Toss the beets in dressing and place around goat cheese so it's pleasing to the eye. Toss salad in dressing and place on top of the goat cheese. Bon appetit....

## COOKING CLASSES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

STREET TACOS | OUTLAW KITCHEN | 5 P.M. | \$70

Smaller and easier to eat, street tacos are perfect for a reception and with more flavors and choices, they make up for their size! Always fun to eat. Learn how to make Carne Asada, Pollo Asada and fresh Masa Corn Tortilla.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

THANKSGIVING | APACHE KITCHEN | 5 P.M. | \$70

Learn how to prepare the perfect turkey dinner for you and your family just like a pro. You will learn how to brine and roast a turkey along with a few side dishes such as shaved Brussels Sprouts salad with Cranberry Vinaigrette and Roasted Sweet Potatoes.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

CHOCOLATE | CONSTANTINO'S KITCHEN | 12 P.M. | \$70

With the holidays approaching, all anyone can think of is chocolate! Come learn how to make Chocolate Indulgence and satisfy your sweet tooth. You will also make Holiday Cookies, Fudge, Chocolate Tarts and more!





## Using Recognition to Engage Our People

Keli Greenberg, Executive Director of Human Resources

It's been studied and proven, that reward and recognition are catalysts to a successful business. While we take pride in hiring the very best employees at Desert Mountain, we also embrace a culture of reward and recognition to retain our talent and accelerate their performance. Reflecting back on 2017, here is a sampling of some of our programs.

**Peak Performer:** Each month we honor six of our fellow colleagues. Managers and co-workers nominate their candidate and each candidate is invited to lunch to Constantino's, along with a guest of their choosing. During dessert, managers deliver a recognition presentation of their candidate to those in attendance. We hear wonderful stories of relentless teamwork, displays of integrity, selfless acts of financial responsibility, and demonstrations of the spirit to serve, creating raving fans. Each honoree is presented with a Core Value Distinction Award, a specially selected gift and a day off with pay. It's a special program that reminds us of the atmosphere of excellence our employees create each day for our members.

**Thank You Cards:** Daily, all employees, supervisors and managers, are given the opportunity to write a note of thanks to those employees who deliver actions that represent our mission. These Thank You Cards are then turned into Human Resources by the recipient of the Card. Each week, in a blind drawing, four cards are drawn, and those winners are notified in our weekly employee newsletter, *The Mountain Top*, that they have won. Winners stop into Human Resources and choose from a selection of \$15 gift cards or 2 movie tickets as an extra reward for being selected. Our Human Resources office receives 20-35 Thank You Cards each week.

**The DM Way Story of the Day:** Each week, we tell a special story or two, in *The Mountain Top*. All employees are invited to share the details of a special act or situation where a co-worker provided superior service in an atmosphere of excellence, creating raving fans, both internal and external. In addition to their story being told in *The Mountain Top*, the employee or manager is rewarded with a \$25 gift card.

Sustaining our reward and recognition programs requires the dedication and commitment of our management team to recognize the actions of all of our colleagues each day. Recognition at Desert Mountain has become a natural part of our culture. Recognition has become a behavior that makes all the difference in the levels of engagement and satisfaction we're mindful of affecting.

## DESERT MOUNTAIN IN THE NEWS

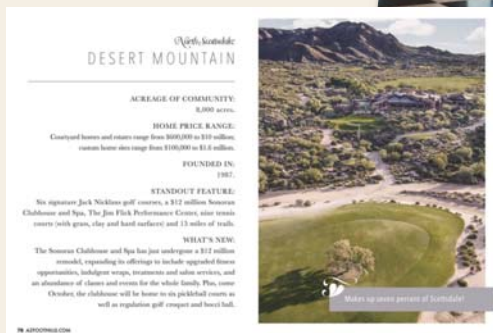


### COLORADO AVID GOLFER

It's a special place, unlike any other in the world. No wonder the media is taking notice of Desert Mountain! Check out the cover of Colorado Avid Golfer, which features Desert Mountain as the ideal destination for Denver-area golf enthusiasts who aspire to be in warmer temps!

### ARIZONA FOOTHILLS MAGAZINE

Here at home in AZ Foothills Magazine, we've been named among the very best places to live in Arizona.



### SCOTTSDALE INDEPENDENT

And local media is excited to learn about new leadership here on the Mountain!



Now more than ever, these are exciting times here at Desert Mountain, and we encourage you to share what you love with your friends. We have some exciting new limited-time promotions, incentives and outreach tools to share with our referring members. Learn more by visiting the membership section of the member website or contact Nicole or Cherie in Membership Sales at [membership@desertmountain.com](mailto:membership@desertmountain.com).





## GREENSHEET Desert Mountain Agronomy

Jim Key, Agronomist

### LET'S TALK ABOUT GRASS

The critical component of the Desert Mountain golf experience for the Agronomy Department is the selection and cultivation of the grass species that we use. Currently, we have bentgrass greens and hybrid bermudagrass fairways, rough and tees that are overseeded with perennial ryegrass in the fall for winter season golf. The overseeding process is a common practice for bermudagrass golf courses in the desert southwest because they will be dormant and brown during the winter season unless they are seeded with ryegrass. It is a detailed process due to the amount of water, fertilizer, seed and labor required. And as we all know, overseeding has a negative impact on the transition of bermudagrass for the summer season.

Desert Mountain is now planning for the potential renovation of Renegade with the replacement of thirty-year old infrastructure of drainage, irrigation, putting green and bunker construction. There is also the potential for enhancement of the design and playability by the Nicklaus Design Group. Agronomically, this presents us with an opportunity to review the option of using different varieties of turfgrass to improve playing conditions and possibly eliminate some of the overseeding by converting to cool season grasses. Specifically, bentgrass would be planted for fairways and a mixture of bluegrass and fescuegrass would be planted for rough. The greens at Desert Mountain are all bentgrass and even though they are growing in the desert Southwest, Desert Mountain is an ideal environment for bentgrass. The elevation, low humidity and consistent exposure to wind provide growing conditions that allow bentgrass to adapt to our locale.

**A little about bentgrass** – Creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis palustris*) is native to Eurasia and it is the ideal turf-type species used for putting greens due to the extensive stolons (above ground stems) it produces to grow and spread laterally. It has a dense, fibrous root system as is tolerant of continuous close mowing, even as low as 0.095 of an inch. When maintained for putting greens, bentgrass forms a fine textured turf with superior shoot density, uniformity and turfgrass quality. The characteristics that make bentgrass an ideal grass for greens make it an excellent choice for fairways as well. Although bentgrass is not commonly used for fairways in the desert, the climate at our location makes bentgrass fairways an option worthy of consideration.

Desert Mountain has conducted on-site trials with plant geneticists to determine the best varieties of bentgrass for our location. The most important factor in the selection process was for a bentgrass that would grow in the winter when temperatures and light levels are low and golf traffic/wear is high. The agronomy team and our consultants will continue to evaluate different varieties of bentgrass that would perform best for greens and fairways at Desert Mountain.

The best turfgrass species and varieties for rough on a cool season golf course at Desert Mountain are under review as well and have yet to be determined. Several different seed mixes have been proposed and on-site studies are planned to identify the best options. Various cultivars and seed mixes of Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue and tall fescue are to be evaluated to determine the best option.

**A little about bluegrass** – Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) is a native of Eurasia and is the most important and widely utilized of all the cool season grasses. It forms a medium textured, dark green turf with good shoot density and a dense sod due to vigorous rhizome (underground stem) and

extensive root system development. This gives it excellent recuperative potential for the wear and tear of cart traffic.

**A little about fescuegrass** – Fine Fescuegrass (*Festuca* genus) has several turf-type species that are natives of Europe. Creeping red fescue (*Festuca rubra*), chewing fescue (*Festuca rubra* var. *commutata*), sheep fescue (*Festuca ovina*), and hard fescue (*Festuca ovina* var. *duriuscula*) are all in the category of fine leaved grass that is defined as fine fescue. The *Festuca* genus contains some of the most wear tolerant cool season turfgrasses. Creeping red fescue forms shoots that give it a creeping growth habit where chewing is a bunch type grass that forms a dense turf by tillering. Fine fescues are adapted to the transition zone and can remain green year around. They are drought tolerant and perform well in blends with Kentucky bluegrass.

Tall Fescue (*Festuca arundinaceae*) is a coarse textured grass with good drought and wear tolerance. It is also fairly heat tolerant and it performs well in polystands with Kentucky bluegrass.

**A little about bermudagrass** – The other option for turfgrass to finish the Renegade project is bermudagrass which would then be overseeded with perennial ryegrass in the fall. The existing bermudagrass on Renegade has become contaminated with off-types of bermudagrass over the years and it has been killed prior to the early overseeding this August. If the warm season option is chosen, Renegade would be sprigged/sodded in 2018 with hybrid bermudagrass. Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*) is the most important and widely use of the warm season grasses. It originated in Eastern Africa and is referred to by the common name of couchgrass in some countries. Bermudagrass is a long-lived perennial that is widely distributed and adapted to the warm humid, tropical, subtropical and warm semiarid regions of the world. Bermudagrass is very tolerant of most environmental extremes however it goes dormant (brown) in cold weather and it will not tolerate shade. Bermudagrass forms a very dense, uniform turf of high quality for golf courses and athletic fields because of its excellent wear tolerance and recuperative potential.

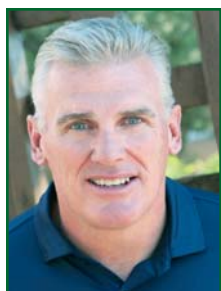
The highest quality bermudagrasses are hybrids that are derived from the parents *Cynodon dactylon* and *Cynodon transvaalensis*. Tifdwarf, Tifgreen (328) and Tifway (419) are the varieties that have been used of golf courses extensively. 419 is currently on all Desert Mountain courses except Chiricahua which is 328. Recently newer varieties have been developed for fairways such as Celebration and Latitude 36. There have also been significant developments in the ultradwarf bermudagrasses for use on putting greens such as Champion, Tifeagle and Mini-Verde.

**A little about ryegrass** – Perennial Ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*) is native to the temperate regions of Asia and North Africa. It is utilized in the desert Southwest for overseeding of dormant bermudagrass. It establishes rapidly and provides a uniform, green playing surface for the winter period when seed at high rates. The spring transition period is poor due to the loss of ryegrass and the shading effect on the bermudagrass.

Perennial ryegrass does not tolerate extremes of cold, heat or drought but it has good wear tolerance. There are many improved cultivars designed for the overseed market and in the Arizona winters it performs very well. I would like to recognize Dr. James Beard and quote his book, *Turfgrass: Science and Culture*, as my source for the information about grasses in this article.

# GOLF CENTRAL - News and Information

Mike Scully, Director of Golf



## Temporary Look for Renegade

Renegade opened on September 25 as a fully overseeded golf course. You may have already played and are aware of the temporary setup, but for those who have not seen it yet, we wanted you to know what to expect this upcoming season.

As the Club has previously announced, the Parcel 19 transaction has officially closed and construction on the site will begin next week. As development begins, a host of contractual construction initiatives will commence on Parcel 19 to link our water systems to the parcel to effectively irrigate the new Short Game golf course that will be built.

As part of this process on Renegade, holes #11 and #13 will be modified architecturally by the Nicklaus Design Group to add a retention pond on hole #13, and a drainage detention area to the left of hole #11. This work is not related to the prospect of a full course renovation to Renegade. Later this fall, we will unveil these proposed plans for our members to carefully review in anticipation of a member vote that would be required to conduct any course renovations to Renegade.

- Hole #11 will be played as a short Par 4 for the men as we move the Golden Bear, Blue, Copper and White tees to the Red tee box. The construction on #11 will be completed before the end of the year and once done tee boxes will return to their original location.
- Hole #13 will be played as a par 3 for the entire season. Due to the grading work being done in coordination with The Nicklaus Design Group, the fairway of #13 will be unplayable. We have built a temporary tee at the end of the fairway with yardage ranges of 93 to 135 yards to the white flag and 124 to 166 yards to the gold flag.
- Both the AGA and AWGA have worked with us to provide updated ratings and slopes. The handicap computers have been updated and scorecards will reflect the season long change on hole #13.
- In addition there will be three satellite areas with a different cool season turf. The left fairways on #10 and #17 as well as the approach on #12 have been seeded with bent grass. This will give our members a chance to hit shots and give feedback on the playability.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through these temporary course setups

## Tournament Corner

The tournament calendar has been set and is available on the Desert Mountain website and sign-ups are being taken on ForeTees. We look forward to your participation in our great events this coming year!



## New Course Setup

Based on the member feedback we received about the number of rakes available on the courses, our golf department has added more rakes than ever before! With this change in order to keep an uncluttered look on our courses, we now ask that you place the rakes IN the bunkers after completing your clean up. If your ball comes to rest against a rake in the bunker, rule 20-3 states that in a bunker, the original lie must be created as nearly as possible and the ball must be PLACED in that lie. Thank you for your cooperation in this new change.

**Weekly Events** - While our weekly events are taking a break during the October overseed, they will be back into full gear beginning at the end of October and first week of November. There is an event for every type of player! Below you will find each league's event info, coordinator location and contact info.

**Men's League** - Open to participants of varying handicaps and abilities. Formats will vary from week to week and pairings are generated randomly making this a great social group while providing a competitive environment. Mondays – 8:30 a.m. tee times

Coordinator – Connor Bergman – mensleague@desertmt.com

Entry Fee - \$50 yearly charge covers season ending event and luncheon.

\$10 cash each week for game

**Ladies League** - This group of ladies plays 18 holes of competition each week. Formats will vary from individual games, 2 to 4 person teams, and even a season long ringer game! Payouts each week will come in the form of credit book.

Tuesdays – 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Coordinator – Jessica Lang – ladiesleague@desertmt.com

Entry fee - \$110 includes opening and closing luncheon, weekly prizes, and Hole-In-One pot

**Par Seekers** - This casual group of ladies plays 18 holes each week where it's less about competition and more about the social game!

**Lady 9-Holers** - Each week this group will be on the same course with the Par Seekers, but will only play 9 holes. Many players move between the two groups to best fit their needs and the number of holes they would like to play for the week!

Tuesdays – 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Coordinator – Hunter Mountjoy – hmountjoy@desertmt.com

**Couples' League** - Each Friday afternoon, this league will provide an opportunity to enjoy time on the golf course in a very casual setting. Pairings will be generated randomly and this will be a great chance to interact and mingle with other like-minded couples!

Fridays – 3:00 p.m. shotgun

Coordinator – Erik Chancellor – echancellor@desertmt.com

Entry fee - \$10 weekly charge for credit book prizes

**Saturday Stix** - It's time to bring your A-game to this weekly league! Saturday Stix is open to all players, but handicaps will be capped at 9.9 index. Each week's competition will consist of individual net and gross as well as gross and net skins.

Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. tee times

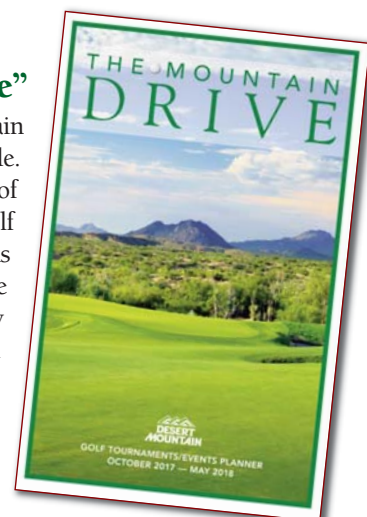
Coordinator – Peter Swanson – pswanson@desertmt.com

Entry Fee - \$20 cash per week for game and skins

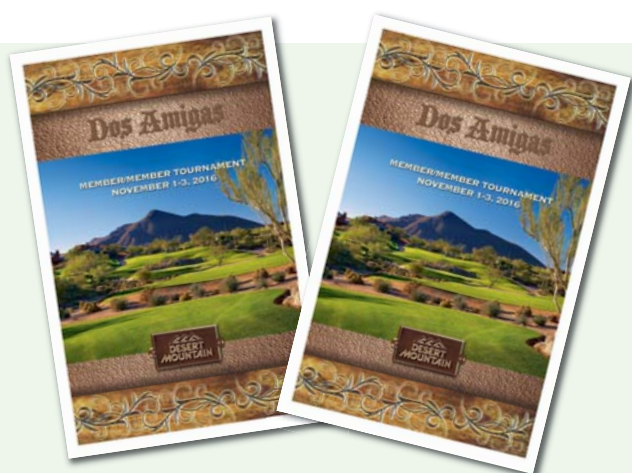
## “The Mountain Drive”

The new 2017-2018 Desert Mountain Tournament book is now available.

Find out information about all of the tournaments and weekly golf activities on The Mountain. It is available on the member website and you can also pick up a copy at Member Services, The Sonoran Clubhouse and any of the golf shops around the Club.







## SAVE THE DATE DOS AMIGAS & DOS AMIGOS

The Dos Amigas and Dos Amigos tournaments will be held this year in November and it is your opportunity to kick off your Desert Mountain winter season playing in one of our great competition traditions. Grab that longtime partner, old friend, recent friend, or sign up as a single and meet someone new, but you don't want to miss this great event. Two days of golf featuring three different formats, putting contest, shootouts, and lots of great food make this experience truly memorable!

### 2017-2018 GOLF EVENT SCHEDULE

#### NOVEMBER

- 13-15 Dos Amigas - Ladies' Member/Member
- 16 Fall Demo Day
- 16-18 Dos Amigos - Men's Member/Member
- 30 The Rattler

#### DECEMBER

- 1-2 The Rattler
- 18-20 Staff Championship

#### FEBRUARY

- 6-8 Ladies' Match Play Championship
- 14 Cupid's Classic
- 21 Cactus Classic - Member Staff Pro/Am
- 22-24 Sunshine Shootout Couples' Member/Guest

#### MARCH

- 2-4 Desert Mountain Intercollegiate
- 7-10 The Monument Cup
- 12 CARE
- 13-14 Ladies' Club Championship
- 17 Couples' Club Championship
- 19 Board Approved Member-Hosted Golf Fore Charity
- 21-23 Men's Club Championship
- 24 Spring Demo Day
- 27-29 Pistols & Petticoats Ladies' Spring Member/Member

#### APRIL

- 13-14 The Gunsmoke Men's Spring Member/Member
- 18-21 Mountain Magic - Ladies' Member/Guest
- 25-28 Mountain Mania - Men's Member/Guest

#### MOUNTAIN MADNESS

The Men's Match Play Championship is a season-long event with matches beginning January 1 and concluding April 8, 2018.

#### THE ROUND-UP

The Mixed Match Play Championship is a season-long event with matches beginning January 1 and concluding April 8, 2018.



## JIM FLICK GOLF PERFORMANCE CENTER

Rich Prange, PGA Director of Instruction



### Introducing the New P790 TaylorMade Irons

THIS BEAUTY IS A BEAST! P790 irons pack powerful performance into a clean, classic design to deliver unprecedented distance in a players iron. Through a combination of forged construction and our revolutionary new SpeedFoam Technology, golfers will experience feel, forgiveness, and workability unlike any iron of this caliber. With P790, TaylorMade's engineers have answered the challenge of creating a forged iron that delivers remarkable distance as well as enhanced playability and feel—all in a refined shape preferred by discerning players. The P790's hollow cavity uses SpeedFoam Technology, a new proprietary construction, which serves a dual purpose of generating ball speed as well as optimizing sound and feel. Injected into the clubhead, SpeedFoam provides the face support and sound-damping properties that make the performance of the P790 unlike any other iron in the TaylorMade family. The incorporation of the new wrapped face construction creates a cut-thru Speed Pocket on the sole with extreme flexibility in the lower part of the clubface; it's this flexibility that creates greater forgiveness and consistency than is typically seen in a distance iron design. For forgiveness and playability, P790 irons feature strategically placed internal metal-injection-molded (MIM) tungsten weighting for precise CG placement and higher moment of inertia (MOI). Please stop by The Jim Flick Golf Performance Center to schedule a club fitting or demo the new P790 irons.



### Introducing the New 718 Family of Irons by Titleist

The new line of Titleist 718 irons – featuring the powerful distance and ultra-forgiveness of AP1, the tour-proven consistency of AP2, and the introduction of AP3, the longest, fastest Titleist players iron ever – provides dedicated golfers with the breakthrough technology and

proven performance that have made Titleist the #1 iron on the PGA Tour since 2005.

Titleist's 718 iron lineup offers six models – AP1, AP2, AP3, T-MB, CB and MB – precisely engineered to meet the performance requirements of players at every level of the game. Please stop by The Jim Flick Golf Performance Center to learn more about the 718 Titleist iron that performs best for your game.



## NEW BRIDGESTONE TOUR B GOLF BALLS

Bobby Berry, Hard Goods Buyer/Product Development

New this fall from Bridgestone Golf is a completely revamped and upgraded line of tour quality golf balls called Tour B. As in previous years with the B-330 series, the Tour B golf balls will follow a similar structure with four key models suited for specific golfers: Tour B X, Tour B XS, Tour B RX, and Tour B RXS.

**Tour B X:** Made for low-handicap golfers who want distance and accuracy, this is the firmest-feeling ball in the line and replaces the B330. It has an 85 compression, and is a lower spinning golf ball off the driver.

**Tour B XS:** Designed for low-handicap players looking for enhanced feel. It features a softer urethane cover than the Tour X, a lower 75 compression, and slightly more spin around the greens and with the short irons. Tour B XS replaces the B330-S.

**Tour B RX:** Made specifically for golfers who want to increase distance and accuracy and play with a slightly slower swing speed. This 66-compression ball has been designed to increase performance off the tee at lower clubhead speeds, while maintaining an even softer feel than Tour B X. Just like its predecessor the B330-RX, the new Tour B RX will be available in white or yellow.

**Tour B RXS:** Designed for players who love soft feel, and who swing too slowly to get the performance they need from the Tour B XS. It has the lowest compression (64), and provides unmatched greenside control, spin, and feel.

The goal of the new Tour B family of golf balls is designed to give low-to-mid handicap golfers the ideal blend of distance, feel, and spin based on swing type, preferences and needs. As always, Desert Mountain members enjoy unbeatable member pricing on all golf balls, so stop in to any Desert Mountain golf shop and give the new Bridgestone Tour B golf balls a try!



## SAVE THE DATE FALL DEMO DAY

Thursday, November 16 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Cochise/Geronimo Practice Facility

Featuring over 70 vendors on hand with incentive pricing on hundreds of items.

As always, we'll be offering an incredible selection of "cash & carry" items that you can take with you the same day! Take advantage of outstanding savings on all the newest Ecco shoes, as well as unbeatable pricing on Titleist ProV1 and ProV1x golf balls, and all the top-selling balls from Bridgestone and Callaway. Once again, we'll be featuring Demo Day "Buy 5, Get 1 Free" glove specials on FootJoy and Titleist gloves, and we'll be introducing an outstanding assortment of the exciting new line of 2018 Sun Mountain golf bags at special Demo Day pricing! Additionally, shop from a great "cash & carry" selection of our most popular items from top vendors like Peter Millar, G/Fore, AM&E, Smathers & Branson, adidas, and more! Don't forget that there will be plenty of terrific no-obligation raffle prizes as well as great food, music and fun! Bring a friend, and see you all there!



## ROYAL ALBARTROSS

*"Don't be surprised if your partners are more impressed by your shoes than your shots..."*

Jeremy Smith, Renegade Head Golf Professional

Back for the third season at the Renegade Golf Shop is Royal Albartross footwear. Royal Albartross golf shoes are handmade by master craftsmen in Montegrano, the heart of the Italian shoe-making region. Their sourcing team travel the world for only the highest quality leathers from the most reputable tanneries. Royal Albartross has perfected combinations of high-tech insoles, breathable linings & varying cleat placements to cushion and balance your every step on the course. It takes eight weeks and more than 250 tasks of precise craftsmanship to create each Royal Albartross golf shoe. It is a long time, but worth it, for extraordinary shoes for deserved golfers who want only the best. And the heightened sense of style of the new Supernova collection makes Royal Albartross as much fun off the course, as on it. We hope you'll stop by the Renegade Golf Shop and view this fantastic footwear collection for yourself!



## LADIES' VINEYARD VINES AT CHIRICAHUA

Lauren Everett, Merchandise Manager

Chiricahua is excited to be offering the latest selections of Vineyard Vines ladies' apparel just in time for the holidays. The Vineyard Vines Golf Collection offers luxurious tech fabrics featuring a performance fit and moisture-wicking properties. Each garment embodies the vision of the Vineyard Vines founders...they have designed what they love and it's evident in this new collection.

Featuring skorts, sweaters, long-sleeve polos and more, this collection is perfect to give as a gift, and certainly, to purchase for yourself. This blue-based assortment is inspired by the ocean with colors of Royal Ocean, Caicos, and Pale Blue. Come to Chiricahua and check out Vineyard Vines today!





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## THE SONORAN NEWS

The Community's Hub for Family Activities

Matt Wooldridge, Director of Sonoran Tennis, Spa and Fitness

### Save the Date for these Fun Events!



#### Sonoran Celebration

Saturday, October 28 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Come and enjoy the new Sonoran amenities! The Sonoran team will run demonstrations and social play with pickleball, golf croquet and bocce ball. There will also be a tennis social and various other activities in conjunction with the Sonoran Celebration.

#### Golf Croquet, Anyone? The Celebration Continues!

Save the Date November 2-5

- Lessons - November 2 -3
- Social - November 4
- Drop In Open Play - November 5

#### Get Ready For Friday Fun Day!

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of Each Month | Beginning Friday, November 10

November 10 through May, enjoy open social play of pickleball and golf croquet! Our fantastic new food truck will be there to create a festive atmosphere. Sign-up is required, please register on the member website.

#### Junior Tennis

Fall Break Junior Tennis Clinic | Monday, October 9 | 1-2:30 p.m. | \$40 | Sonoran

Staff will pick-up from Youth Center. Join the tennis staff on the court during fall break for junior tennis. With plenty of staff, we will be facilitating a tennis clinic immediately following fall break camp. Groups will be determined by age and tennis ability. Registration required 48 hours in advance and is open immediately. Contact: Tennis@desertmt.com

#### Veteran's Day Junior Tennis Clinic

Friday, November 10 | 1-2:30 p.m. | \$40 | Sonoran

Staff will pick up campers from the Youth Center. After a fun-filled day at the Youth Center, the tennis department will be facilitating a tennis clinic immediately following Veteran's Day Camp. Groups will be determined by age and tennis ability. Registration required 48 hours in advance and is open immediately. Contact: Tennis@desertmt.com

#### Wild Turkey Day Junior Tennis Camp

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday | 1-2:30 p.m. | \$40 | Sonoran

Staff will pick up campers from the Youth Center. Come join in on the camaraderie of Desert Mountain junior tennis players. Create new friendships and visit with long-time friends made over the years. All levels welcome. Groups will be divided by age and tennis ability. Registration required 48 hours in advance and is open immediately. Come for one day or all three! Contact: Tennis@desertmt.com

#### Winter Holiday Tennis Camp

December 26, 27, 28 and 29 | 1-2:30 p.m. | \$40 | Sonoran

Staff will pick up campers from the Youth Center. The tennis staff looks forward to a fun week of tennis. Learn new skills and sharpen strokes. Each day will end with games, prizes and a mini-tournament for the more advanced students. All levels welcome. Registration required 48 hours in advance and is open immediately. Come for one day or all four! Contact: Tennis@desertmt.com

#### Introducing Pickleball, Croquet and Bocce...OH MY!

We are delighted to showcase the newest experiences on The Mountain! At the time of this publication, our new pickleball courts are just nearing completion. Our new croquet lawn is coming in nicely, bocce is complete, and of course, our thriving tennis program is in full swing!



### MEET THE TEAM!

Introducing Tami Fick and Michelle Colbert! Tami is our new tennis instructor who will take the lead on our outstanding women's tennis instruction and events. Michelle is back in action to lead our pickleball efforts with fun events to include instruction, open play and social events for all. Andy Stoner is our Men's Tennis instructor and Monte Varah keeps everything looking in top shape. Join us in congratulating Lauren Lehrner in her new role as Sports Operations Manager! Lauren will continue with tennis instruction and will now oversee all programming for tennis, croquet and pickleball.



**TAMI FICK**  
TENNIS INSTRUCTOR



**MICHELLE COLBERT**  
PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTOR



**ANDY STONER**  
TENNIS INSTRUCTOR



**MONTE VARAH**  
CLUB LANDSCAPE



**LAUREN LEHRNER**  
SPORTS OPERATIONS MANAGER



### Weekly Adult Tennis Programs

This is a fun round robin format and a great way to meet new tennis players. Those who can rally and serve are welcome to attend. Please sign-up 24 hours in advance online.

Men's Open Play – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday | 8-10/9-11 a.m.  
(weather permitting)

Women's Open Play – Wednesday and Fridays | 8-10/9-11 a.m.  
(weather permitting) As scheduled October through May.

Weekly Tennis Clinics (visit the member website for the calendar of events).

### Men's Club-to-Club Exchange

Thursday, November 9 | 9-11 a.m.

This is a great opportunity for our men tennis players to meet other tennis players in the Valley for some fresh competition. Men from surrounding clubs will be invited to participate in a fun and competitive environment round robin format at Desert Mountain.

### Tennis Social

Saturday, November 18 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Sonoran

Option Lunch at Café Verde from 12-1 p.m.

Bring the family and join fellow tennis players for a fun morning of tennis. Men, women, and mixed doubles format. All levels are welcome. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Ladies' End of Fall Season Party

Monday, December 11 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Sonoran

All ladies level 3.0-5.0 are invited to participate in a fun day of tennis. Mini-tournament, prizes and optional lunch in Café Verde. Each team will be divided equally and given a color to coordinate with your assigned group.



Grab your racket and join us for some or all of these fun and exciting events!

## NOW THAT'S SASSY

Fall is in the air and we have a brand new group class schedule for you this season! Look for more late morning classes, new class formats and an online iPad check-in station at each studio. One of our newest classes "Sassy" will be one of your best entertaining fitness experiences ever! All fitness levels are welcomed to this easy-to-follow and incredibly effective fat burning and strength training class. Grab a girlfriend and get your sassy pants to class held Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

On the other end of the spectrum we are offering Nidra Yoga, starting November 2 at 3 p.m. This practice incorporates crystal bowl sound healing and is a sleep-based meditation. A series of breath, body and awareness techniques are designed to bring the body and mind into a deep subtle state of being. For those of you seeking professional assistance in your health, please contact us at Sonoran 480-595-4355 so we can put you with one of our very educated personal trainers or Pilates instructors.

## FITNESS 4 GOLFERS

These classes are taught by **Dan Burnett**, Fitness Specialist and **Jennifer Tucker**, Golf Instructor. Students of all skill levels will benefit from the expertise of both of our fitness and golf professionals.



WORKSHOPS AT SONORAN | 8-9:30 A.M. | \$75 PER SESSION

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

"Increasing Power": How to Hit Longer Drives

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

"Playing with Less Pain"

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**

"Building a Stable Base": How to maintain posture and support the rotation of a golf swing.

**SATURDAY APRIL 7**

"Increasing Rotation": How to create a bigger backswing turn and proper sequencing in the down swing turn.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5**

"Steep vs. Shallow Swings": Learn how your body proportions and the movement of your joints determine your optimum swing plane angle.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops, book online

## ELDOA

and the work of Dr. Guy Voyer



Desert Mountain's Fitness Specialists Denise Herrera, Deva Lingemann, and Devon Smith-Breidel will be speaking about Dr. Guy Voyer and his SomaTraining and SomaTherapy programs and how they can help with sport specific training, injury rehabilitation, general wellness and how it fits into today's training and medical paradigm.



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 5-6 P.M. | COMPLIMENTARY**

JOIN US AT THE SONORAN CLUBHOUSE

ELDOAs are postural self-normalizing techniques designed for widening the space within a chosen articulation.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops, book online

# Live Well & Prosper

## A WELLNESS SERIES

### Breast Cancer Awareness



DR. BARCLAY-WHITE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 5-6 P.M.**  
**COMPLIMENTARY | SONORAN**

Please join Dr. Barclay-White as she shows you the newest procedures in breast cancer detection. Dr. Barclay attended Kings College, London University and Westminster Medical School. She immigrated to Phoenix in 1976 and completed a diagnostic radiology residency and fellowship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. In 1998, she opened Arizona Breastnet; a full-service diagnostic breast center.

### Different Together: How to Build Community Across Political Disagreement

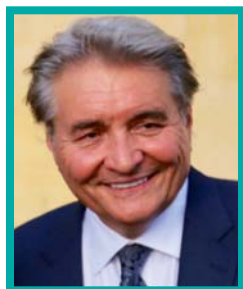


REV. ALLEN HILTON

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 5-6 P.M.**  
**COMPLIMENTARY | SONORAN**

Join Rev. Allen Hilton, PH.D as he discusses what it takes to build healthy relationships, neighborhoods, cities, regions and a healthy nation. In these divided political times, some people are predicting a second Civil War. That sort of acrimony has a solution, but will take intentional work by good people. Rev. Hilton was a professor at Yale University and helped build healthy communities in four different large congregations across the U.S. He recently founded "House United", a nonprofit dedicated to bringing people together across political disagreements.

### Spiritual vs. Religious



JOE TOSINI

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 5-6 P.M.**  
**COMPLIMENTARY | SONORAN**

Join Joe Tosini, founder of the John 17 movement as he discusses the question what does it mean to be spiritual vs. religious. Mr. Tosini is a DM member and an ordained minister and has influenced change all around the world. He has authored numerous books on conflict resolution within families and organizations. Mr. Tosini leads through friendship, teaching and giving a strong belief that any person no matter how ordinary can choose to do extraordinary things.

Pre-registration is required for all programs. Contact member services or book online.

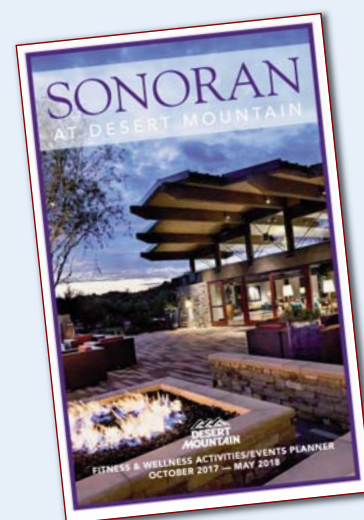
### CPR TRAINING | DECEMBER 9, 1-3 p.m. | \$40 PER PERSON



Class is provided  
by ABC's of CPR  
[www.abcsocpr.com](http://www.abcsocpr.com)

In this class you will learn:

- The risk factors for a heart attack and stroke.
- How to recognize a life threatening emergency.
- When and how to properly activate the emergency medical services system (EMS).
- What is the Good Samaritan Law?
- What are standard precautions?
- How to provide CPR to adults, children, and infants.
- Proper use of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator).
- What to do in the case of a total airway obstruction (choking) for adults, children, and infants.



### "The Sonoran"

The new Fitness & Wellness activities and events planner is now available. Find out information about all of the exciting events, classes and activities that are happening on The Mountain. It is available on the member website or you can also pick up a copy at Member Services or the Sonoran Clubhouse.



## 23RD ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

### SAVE THE DATE

The Sonoran Clubhouse  
Thursday, November 23, 2017  
7-7:45 a.m. Race check-in  
Race starts at 8 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
BOOK ONLINE OR CALL (480) 595-4355.





*Together We Win!*

# HAPPENINGS

*Thank you for your generous support of Desert Mountain Members' CARE (Cancer Awareness Research Education).*

Together we made 2016/17 another extraordinary year, donating \$544,000 for local Cancer Research to our two partners, HonorHealth and the Mayo Clinic. Phenomenal success!

We were extremely proud to present our raised funds this past June of 2017.

Every day, we are making a difference in the lives of Desert Mountain members, their families, and their friends. Many here have benefited from both past and current research we have funded together through **CARE**. These programs will help all of us and our children, grandchildren, and generations beyond. We are truly building a legacy to intercept cancer.

We are seeing record levels of support as we entered in to our 20th year. With \$6.3 million dollars raised to date, we can all be proud of the fact that **CARE** has become a very important part of our Desert Mountain community. Our continued growth and success is dependent upon your generous support.

## How We Fund:

Your donations are currently divided between Mayo Clinic and HonorHealth unless you have specified that the funds should go directly to one or the other. The Board evaluates proposals from each group, weighs their potential impact and decides what to fund.

## What We Fund: 2017 Update

Desert Mountain Members' **CARE** again stepped forward in 2017 to help HonorHealth Research Institute continue its ground-breaking work with the Early Detection Program.

With **CARE**'s support, the Early Detection Program has been working to expand its science infrastructure by acquiring leading-edge genomic-based technology. This includes Next Generation Sequencing that will help advance research more efficiently and cost-effectively.

**CARE**'s generosity also is helping the Early Detection Program to recruit key physician-scientists and expand the program's concept into other types of cancer. In fact, the program aims to identify and monitor women who may be at higher-than-average risk of developing breast and/or ovarian cancer due to a combination of genetic, familial and personal risk factors. The goal is ultimately to identify biological mechanisms and indicators for early detection, intervention and prevention of these cancers.

Importantly, HonorHealth Research Institute's Early Detection Program provides a place to turn when individuals are worried that their family history makes them at risk for developing cancer.

At Mayo Clinic in Arizona, we funded two projects in Personalized Medicine:

**Optimizing Drug Delivery to Tumors and Liquid Biopsy Detection and Diagnosis.**

Overall goal is to improve patient care through individualized therapeutics and detection of mutations using liquid biopsies

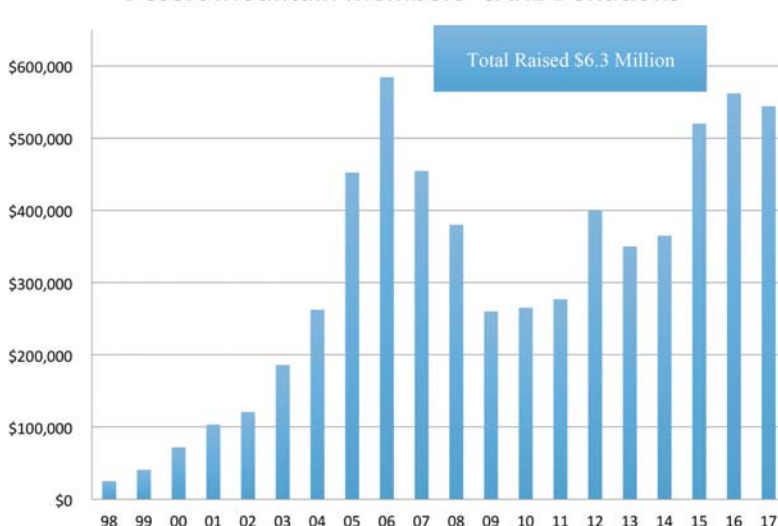
Analyzing the DNA of an individual patient's melanoma to select the most effective immunotherapy or drug therapy.

Using advanced, highly-sensitive tests to detect cancer cells circulating in the blood and evaluate subsequent treatment effectiveness.

None of this would be possible without **CARE**'s willingness to seed innovative programs.

Please join us in our "FunRaising" for 2017/18 and make our 21st year the biggest year yet. Contact [care@caredm.org](mailto:care@caredm.org), if you would like to donate, if you would like to get involved. **CARE** is a wonderful way to work for a cause that affects us all, while meeting new friends at Desert Mountain and having a good time "FunRaising." *Together We Win!*

**Desert Mountain Members' CARE Donations**



\*In 2015 we received a one-time donation directly to Mayo Clinic of \$100,000 that is not reflected in the bar graph.



## EXPO V - CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY



Come join the Desert Mountain Community Foundation again this year as we present EXPO V! We are lining up an exciting program of vendors, raffle prizes, food, drinks and fun. Learn how our Sponsors can help you make your enviable lifestyle at Desert Mountain that much better! We will have representatives from builders, designers, trades, realtors, lifestyle helpers, a vet and so much more!

But most importantly...come out to see your friends and neighbors as everyone returns to The Mountain from the summer! Enjoy tasting plates from each of our fabulous Club restaurants, a progressive dinner all in one place!

### NEW THIS YEAR! A \$500 CASH Door Prize.

Your registration automatically enters you. You must be present at EXPO V at time of the drawing to win.

To offset our costs, \$35 per person for members and their guests will be charged to the member's account. Sign up to attend through Member Services at (480) 488-1363 or online at [www.members.desertmountain.com](http://www.members.desertmountain.com). Space is limited so DON'T WAIT!

As always, the proceeds from this event benefit the Desert Mountain Community Foundation Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships to Desert Mountain employees and their families. We have awarded \$164,000 to 76 scholars in our five year existence.

Our wonderful Raffle returns with fabulous prizes ranging from 1 Year of Free Golf cart use, catered dinners, golf lessons, spa treatments, wine, gift certificates and so much more. 1 in 10 chances to win. Raffle tickets are available on our website [www.desertmountainfoundation.org](http://www.desertmountainfoundation.org). \$100 for one, \$250 for three or \$500 for seven. No more than 300 tickets will be sold.

Sponsors signed up for EXPO V include:

#### DMCF Strategic Partner and Valedictorian:

Russ-Lyon|Sotheby's International Real Estate at Desert Mountain\*\*

#### Dean's List:

Arizona Community Foundation\*\*

Pinnacle Aviation\*\*

PURE Design Environments\*\*

Webart Wall Finishes Inc.

Honor Graduate:

Artisan Systems

Contour You Medspa\*\*

Let There be Light\*\*

#### Honor Roll:

American Royal Sedan\*\*

Arizona Animal Hospital\*\*

Arizona Residential Architects (ARA)\*\*

Azul-Verde Design Group\*\*

Camelback Odyssey Travel\*\*

Carefree Outdoor Living\*\*

Carefree Floors, Inc

Cave Creek Unified School District

Desert Mountain Master Association

Owner Services Business\*\*

First Arizona Title Agency\*\*

Kinetico Quality Water\*\*

Morris Hall Estate Planning Attorneys\*\*

Northern Trust\*\*

Platinum Companies, Inc\*\*

Renewal by Andersen\*\*

Silver Leaf Insurance Group

Stone Care of Arizona\*\*

Sunfare

Sun Valley Solar Solutions\*\*

Tyrol Insurance Agency\*\*

US BANK, Evan Smith\*\*

Vinum 55 Scottsdale\*\*

Vi at Silverstone

#### Underwriting Partners:

Manship Builders\*\* | Power of Four\*\*

\*\*Sponsors who have supported the Desert Mountain Community Foundation in previous EXPOs. List as of 8/31/17



## DESERT MOUNTAIN THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for. Let's help those in need this Thanksgiving by donating some of your unopened, non-perishable food items to the needy in our community. We will be running a food drive to support the Foothills Food Bank during their busy Thanksgiving season.

The Desert Mountain Thanksgiving Food Drive over the last two years has been a great success, donating over 1,200 pounds of food to the Foothills Food Bank! This year we hope to build on our previous year's success. Donation bags will be available on OCTOBER 27. We will be collecting the bags from OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 10. Donation bags and collection boxes will be at the following locations:

#### All Pro Shops

Saguaro Forest Caretaker's Cottage

#### Member Services

The Sonoran

Kaden Macor from Notre Dame Preparatory High School lives in Desert Mountain and has volunteered his time to organize, pickup, and drop off donations to the Foothills Food Bank. Please visit your pantry leading up to Thanksgiving and help make a difference in the lives of people in our community that are less fortunate. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to all. Contact Member Services for more information.





## MEMBER SERVICES - Your One-Stop Shop for Activities & Entertainment

Kathy Wyckoff, Director of Member Services

We are expanding! Beginning October 28, Member Services will have a concierge desk 7-days a week at The Sonoran Clubhouse from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stop by and visit us to get the latest info!

## ART THERAPY

Art therapy can be very beneficial for adults as well as those who need to manage stress or pain and overall, art therapy can be a rewarding experience.

Painting and other activities help keep the mind sharp and promote dexterity in a setting that is fun, casual and social. Artistic interests can become a cherished hobby, and each session is an opportunity to reap the rewards of this interesting form of therapy.

Painting, sculpting and similar pursuits are a way to challenge the mind and promote cognitive abilities. *The Chicago Tribune* reports that some participants may even find that the act of being creative can serve to uncover connections and passions about the world that can otherwise be clouded by memory loss. The calming nature of painting, writing or other creative pursuits is a way to forget about larger stresses and promote healthy, happy feelings. Below are two opportunities to start you off. So unleash your inner Picasso and start creating!

### VINO AND CANVAS



**KANDINSKY'S CIRCLES**  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16  
C/G SUNSET TERRACE  
5:30-7 P.M.

Each class is \$45 and includes painting, supplies, light hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine. Absolutely no experience is required and everything you need is provided. A fun and relaxed social art experience. Visit the member website for information on additional classes!

### MOSAIC GLASS CLASS

MOSAIC'S BY MORRINE



**WINE BOTTLE | OCTOBER 18-19**  
C/G SUNSET TERRACE  
3-5 P.M., 2-DAY CLASS

Each class is \$90 and includes all supplies, instruction and light refreshments. A bottle and stopper will be provided for you. Bring a wine stopper and bottle of your choice if you prefer. Students are welcome to bring anything else they want to include in their mosaic, such as, jewelry, beads, found objects.



Who is the only US President who was also the head of a major labor union? Which golfer is nicknamed "The Big Easy"? What is the most common element in Earth's atmosphere? Desert Mountain members and their guests are invited to show off how smart they are, as the second season of Trivia Night kicks off at 7 p.m. on October 19 at the Cochise/Geronimo clubhouse (in the Men's Grill, but open to men and women). Last year's champions, the somewhat confidently-named team "Winners (Maybe)" consisting of David & Kathy Heiser, Andy Glassberg, and Barbara Martin, will be back to defend their title.

Teams of up to six players will compete for cash prizes and bragging rights. Each evening will consist of six categories of ten questions each, covering all sorts of useful/useless knowledge – current events, history, arts, literature, science, sports, TV/movies, music, pop culture, etc. All players will contribute \$10 cash to the prize pool, with the top three teams winning 60/30/10% of the pool and earning points for the season-long trivia championship (bragging rights and trophies are always more important than cash prizes). The bar and popcorn machine will be open, in addition to Burger Night (if dining, please call Member Services to make reservations ahead of time), so come show off just how smart you are!

The evening is hosted by member Todd Rethemeier, who personally writes all the questions himself, so the topics are customized for Desert Mountain members. Dates for the upcoming season are:

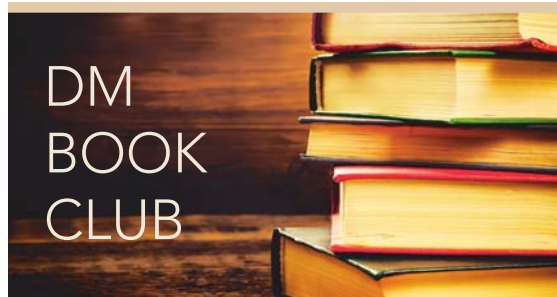
<b>October 19</b>	<b>February 8 &amp; 22</b>
<b>November 2, 9, &amp; 30</b>	<b>March 8 &amp; 22</b>
<b>December 14 &amp; 28 (tent.)</b>	<b>April 5 &amp; 12</b>
<b>January 11 &amp; 25</b>	<b>May 3</b>

For more information please email Todd at [todd\\_rethemeier@hotmail.com](mailto:todd_rethemeier@hotmail.com).

*By the way, the answers to those questions above (all real questions that were asked last season) – Ronald Reagan (Screen Actors Guild), Ernie Els, and Nitrogen.*



Join us Saturday, November 4 at 9 a.m. for the first Annual Desert Mountain Jeep Day. Meet at the Sonoran Clubhouse with your Four-Wheel Drive vehicle and plan for a day of fun exploring the Tonto National Forest to the northeast of Desert Mountain. There is no cost; BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything)! RVSP and for more details, please contact Cheryl D'Anna at (480) 319-3800 or Cheryl.Danna@RussLyon.com.



Book club meetings are held at 2 p.m. in the Ladies Library on the following Tuesdays:

**November 7, 2017:** The book is "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" by Marie Kondo. The discussion will be led by Maisie Heiken and Pege Verani.

**December 5, 2017:** The book is "America's First Daughter: A Novel" by Stephanie Day and Laura Kamole. The discussion will be led by Susan Volk and Barbara White.

If you need any further information, please email [bbrenner@whitebrenner.com](mailto:bbrenner@whitebrenner.com). Visit the member website under SOCIAL/book club for a full list of the 2017/2018 book schedule.



**Membership in the Garden Club is open and free for all Desert Mountain Club members in 2017. Join up and bring your friends. Please contact John Shanholt, Garden Club Chairman at [dmgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:dmgardenclub@gmail.com) to register or for more information.**

## 2017/2018 DESERT MOUNTAIN SPEAKER AND DINNER SERIES

### OCTOBER 17, 2017 - Taking the Desert East

Patrick McMillan, the host of the Emmy award-winning public television series "Expeditions with Patrick McMillan" will take us on an entertaining journey of his many adventures in the natural world. A great storyteller, Patrick will share his quest to take the desert east by collecting seeds in the Arizona and Texas deserts and transplanting them to the Southeast. Learn more about Patrick: [www.clemson.edu/public/expeditions/about-patrick](http://www.clemson.edu/public/expeditions/about-patrick)

### NOVEMBER 14, 2017 - USS Arizona Revisited

Pete Kelsey, a deep-sea diver and world-trekking adventurer, recently completed the exclusive underwater exploration and 3-D modeling of the sunken USS Arizona. He will share never-before-viewed footage of this precious memorial. That evening, Pete will bring with him one of the few remaining survivors of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Get a taste of the experience here: [app.curiositystream.com](http://app.curiositystream.com)

### JANUARY 16, 2018 - Race to the Top

Lyn St. James is one of only 9 women who have ever qualified for the Indy 500 race. She is the first woman to win its "Rookie of the Year" award. Lyn will talk about how she completed her 7 Indy 500 and 15 Indy car races as she paved the way for other female race car drivers. Her story of overcoming major challenges to stand in the winner's circle at Daytona and Sebring is sure to inspire. Lyn will sign copies of her book, which you can purchase that night. Find out more: [lynstjames.com](http://lynstjames.com)

### FEBRUARY 20, 2018 - Pioneering Women in Combat

Veteran Chief Warrant Officer Rose Mattie will treat us to an insider's view of physical combat training, secret-intelligence gathering and piloting a Blackhawk helicopter. As one of the first women to serve in a combat role in the military, Rose has been deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan and Kenya.

### MARCH 20, 2018 - Defender Dolphins

Hal Goforth is a retired Navy Captain and Explosive Ordnance Diver, marine scientist and author of Defender Dolphins. As the Navy's first officer working with marine mammals, Hal will provide us with an eyewitness account of the then-secret project involving the first-ever military use of dolphins during the Vietnam war. We will also hear about today's programs involving these amazing mammals. Hal will sign copies of his book, which you can purchase that night. Get a preview of this story: [defenderdolphins.com](http://defenderdolphins.com)

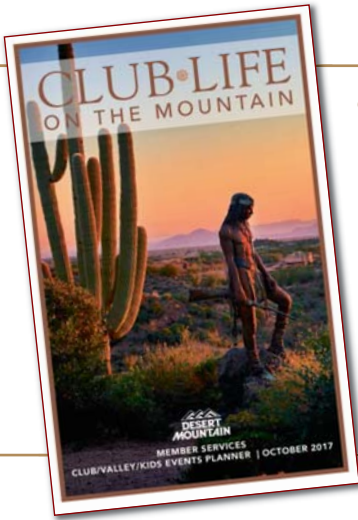
### APRIL 17, 2018 - The Mosaic of a Photographer's Life

Joe McNally, an internationally award-winning photojournalist, is perhaps most famous for his work depicting courageous Americans at the scene of the Twin Tower attacks on 9/11. He has traveled to nearly 70 countries on assignments for outlets as diverse as National Geographic, TIME, LIFE and Sports Illustrated. His candid description of "life behind the lens" will be illustrated with his incredible photos. Learn more about Joe and see some his work: [portfolio.joemcnally.com/about](http://portfolio.joemcnally.com/about) and [portfolio.joemcnally.com/index/all](http://portfolio.joemcnally.com/index/all)

### FORMAT FOR THE SERIES

Membership for the entire series is \$80 per person. This up-front fee provides the season's budget, which is used only to pay the modest speaker fees and their expenses. As in years past, all members pay the same fee regardless of the number of events they attend. Each of the six events begins with a half-hour reception from 5:30–6 p.m. and dinner from 6–7 p.m. at the Cochise/Geronimo Clubhouse. Your Desert Mountain membership will be charged \$32 per person for your meal. Alcoholic beverages you wish to order will be billed to member accounts. As you know, the camaraderie enjoyed during the reception and dinner adds to the fun of the evenings. If you have specific seating requests or special dietary requirements, Desert Mountain management will do its very best to meet them, provided you communicate this information when registering for each event. Series speakers will be in the Sunset Terrace, between 7–8 p.m., they will present for approximately 45 minutes and then take questions. On occasion, books will be available for purchase.





### “Club Life on the Mountain”

The new Club Life on the Mountain activities and events planner is now available. Find out information about all of the exciting events around the Valley, for Kids and around The Mountain. It is available on the member website or you can also pick up a copy at Member Services or the Sonoran Clubhouse.

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE MOUNTAIN

John & Cherie Woods - Philadelphia, PA

Ron & Katherine Helm - Scottsdale, AZ

David Mortensen & Susan Levy - Shaker Heights, OH

Kerry & Bonnie Preete - Scottsdale, AZ

Greg & Leslie Apter - Highland Park, IL

James & Martha Clark - Poynette, WI

Steve Brammell & Laurie Cusinato - Lafayette, LA

David & Sheila Bissonnette - Manchester, NH

Curt & Jamie Fischer - Sammamish, WA

David & Sheree Bauer - Lafayette, CA

John & Elizabeth Williams - Dos Palos, CA

Jeff & Leisa Heuple - Kirkland, WA

Doug & Laura Smith - Dublin, OH

Dave & Kathie Hannagan - Tulsa, OK

Mark McElhinney & Elizabeth Ann Bitters - Scottsdale, AZ

Cheryl D'Anna & Tom Berg - Phoenix, AZ

Shelly & Bernard Gochis - Scottsdale, AZ

Patrick & Cheryl Flynn - Scottsdale, AZ

Patrick & Kristen Thompson - Holland, MI

David Netjes - Scottsdale, AZ

Jan & Mac McAdams - Scottsdale, AZ

Tim & Felicia Case - Tifton, GA

Eric & Connie Allen - Grand Island, NE



Weekly games to resume October 23 with games at 9 a.m. on Monday mornings at Constantino's and at 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoons in the Ladies Library at Cochise/Geronimo. For questions, contact Karla Reynolds, [Karlazona@gmail.com](mailto:Karlazona@gmail.com), or Theresa Wurst, [TheresaWurst@gmail.com](mailto:TheresaWurst@gmail.com). For partnership desk, contact Nicole Corcoran, [nicoleRcorcoran@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleRcorcoran@gmail.com).

Additionally, we are pleased to announce a bridge seminar for all players at all levels taught by Vic Quiros. The seminar will cover multiple facets of defense. As all bridge players know, you are on defense 50% of the time, yet we study defense the least.

#### Day 1 – January 17, 2018

Lesson 1: Opening Leads vs. Notrump Contracts

Lesson 2: Opening Leads vs. Suit Contracts

Lesson 3: Third-Hand Play

#### Day 2 – January 24, 2018

Lesson 4: Second-Hand Play (Part 1 of 2)

Lesson 5: Second-Hand Play (Part 2 of 2)

Lesson 6: Defensive Signals

#### Day 3 – January 31, 2018

Lesson 7: Developing Defensive Tricks

Lesson 8: Interfering with Declarer

Lesson 9: Making a Plan

The cost for the 3 day seminar is \$200 per person or you have the option to sign up for any of the 3 days at \$75 per day. Please email Karla Reynolds at [karlazona@gmail.com](mailto:karlazona@gmail.com) to reserve your spot in this exciting seminar. Sign up soon as space will be limited.



## DM QUILTERS

The Desert Mountain quilting group is meeting the first Friday of each month, starting November 3. We meet from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Sunset Terrace at Cochise/Geronimo Clubhouse. We welcome new members, hand-quilters or machine quilters. For more information, please contact Joan Messenger at [joanmessenger@comcast.com](mailto:joanmessenger@comcast.com)



# THE RANCH AT DESERT MOUNTAIN

## The Gateway to Your Western Wilderness Adventure



### FRIDAY DESERT MOUNTAIN TRAIL HIKES

The Sonoran Clubhouse and the Desperados Trail Scouts offer weekly hikes throughout the Desert Mountain trail system. The trails are designed to immerse you in the quiet, natural beauty of the high Sonoran Desert, while pursuing a vigorous and healthy lifestyle for which Desert Mountain is known.

Every Friday, October through April

October & April | 7:45 a.m. Boots are walking at 8 a.m.

November-March | Meet 8:45 a.m. Boots are walking at 9 a.m.

(Start times are subject to change in the event of inclement weather.)

Meet at The Ranch restroom and water-refill station. Bring plenty of water, snacks and hiking equipment. No reservations required. Please contact The Sonoran Clubhouse 480-595-4355 or email Mary Brems, mbrems@desertmt.com with any questions.

### THURSDAY ON-AND-OFF PROPERTY HIKES

The Sonoran Clubhouse and the Desperados Trail Scouts offer Thursday hikes on-and-off property. Thursday hikes will begin in November. The Thursday hiking group sends out regular emails to include weekly hiking locations, start times and trail details. To be included in this weekly email blast, please contact Mary Brems, mbrems@desertmt.com.

### BIKE RIDES

Bike rides are led by the Desperados Trail Scouts. There are three regular rides each week. October through April. Start times are subject to change in the event of inclement weather.\*

October & April | Depart 7:30 a.m. from the Sonoran Courtyard

November - March | Depart 8:30 a.m. from the Sonoran Courtyard

#### MONDAY BARTLETT LAKE - ROAD BIKE RIDE

Ride to Bartlett Lake and back. Encounter very little vehicular traffic while enjoying spectacular Sonoran Desert scenery. The ride is approximately 33 miles roundtrip with 3,400' elevation gain. Ride time: approximately 2.5 to 2.75 hours.

#### TUESDAY CAVE CREEK COFFEEHOUSE - MOUNTAIN BIKE OR ROAD BIKE SOCIAL RIDE

Ride mountain or road bikes on Desert Mountain and Carefree backroads to visit one of several Cave Creek coffeehouses. 12 miles round trip with about 900' of elevation gain. Ride time: 1.5 to 2 hours, typically, including coffee stop.

#### THURSDAY MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE - MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

Each week a different ride through the Brown's Ranch area of Scottsdale's renowned McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Rides are typically 12 to 18 miles round trip with 700' to 1,000' of elevation gain. Though the trails are generally non-technical single-track, basic mountain biking skills are required. Ride time: 1.25 to 1.75 hours.

*\*Before your inaugural bike ride, please contact Troy Gillenwater, paleostone@aol.com, 602-228-5400 or Mary Brems, mbrems@desertmt.com, 480-595-4359.*

### FULL MOON HIKE AT THE TRAILS

Moonlit hikes are ongoing throughout the year. Hikes begin at 7 p.m. Meet at The Ranch restroom and water-refill station. Bring a flashlight and water. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Cheryl D'Anna, cheryl.danna@russlyon.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 | MONDAY, JANUARY 29  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | THURSDAY, MARCH 29





## WHO ARE THE DESPERADOS TRAIL SCOUTS?



The Desperados Trail Scouts are a renegade group of volunteers, associated with the Desert Mountain Community Foundation, who love the outdoors, enjoy the company of like-minded compatriots, and are vigilant about protecting, promoting and enhancing Desert Mountain's outdoor recreation experience. The Tonto Skyline, the mountains and peaks that loom behind our Desert Mountain homes, is the critical interface where civilization and wilderness meet. Working closely with the Desert Mountain Club and Recreation Manager Mary Brems, the Desperados Trail Scouts consider themselves vital stakeholders in Desert Mountain's northern properties inside the gate and the surrounding Tonto National Forest environment beyond the gate. Desperados Trail Scouts foster open space preservation, desert wildlife habitat restoration, and regional outdoor recreation within the greater Tonto Skyline environment.

*For more information about joining the Desperados Trail Scouts, please email Troy Gillenwater, [paleostone@aol.com](mailto:paleostone@aol.com) or Mary Brems, [mbrems@desertmt.com](mailto:mbrems@desertmt.com)*

## DESPERADOS KIVA SPEAKERS

The Desperados Trail Scouts present a monthly KIVA Speakers event at the Desert Mountain Ranch and Trails. Topics are typically outdoor recreation-related and may range from how to identify specific planets in the night sky to a conversation with an Arizona trail hiker who just completed the entire traverse from Mexico to Utah, by herself. Participants are free to bring their own beverages and snacks. Presentations are typically 30 to 45 minutes.

## DESPERADOS KIVA SPEAKERS KICK-OFF EVENT: STAR PARTY!

The Kiva Speakers series will kick-off the season with a Star Party and visit from Lowell Observatory. Come enjoy a beautiful evening outdoors at The Ranch Kiva with the entire family! The event will include a tour of the night sky with telescopes trained on different celestial objects. A guest speaker from Lowell Observatory will be available for an informal Q&A throughout the evening at The Ranch Kiva.

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017 | Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**RSVP & Details: Mary Brems, Recreation Manager, [mbrems@desertmt.com](mailto:mbrems@desertmt.com)**



### LUXURY CAMPING WITH H2R EXPEDITIONS

Luxury camping will begin at The Ranch again in February. Please check the member website for more updates.





# HORSEBACK RIDING AT DESERT MOUNTAIN

## SADDLE UP!

Rides and Lessons will resume at The Ranch

**Beginning November 2, 2017.**

Please call Member Services at (480) 488-1363  
or book your ride through the website calendar.

The Ranch at Desert Mountain provides members and their guests' horseback trail rides, riding lessons and round pen sessions, all within the Club's private wilderness area. Horses will be on property Thursday through Saturday and will be available for rides at the scheduled times by calling Member Services or booking online. For special requests (private ride, parties larger than six, and alternative days of the week), please complete the online request form. All special requests are at the discretion of our newly retained provider, PFC Equine and will be confirmed by them directly.

To schedule a ride, visit the member website and click on the Club Calendar at the top of the page. A waiver must be completed prior to each ride or lesson. Contact Member Services for assistance. In coming months, other riding opportunities will be introduced for all riders.



### PFC EQUINE GUY & VICKI DRYER

Desert Mountain has partnered with PFC Equine of Cave Creek, AZ, to offer premier horseback riding opportunities at The Ranch at Desert Mountain. We invite you to visit The Ranch on any Thursday, Friday or Saturday to meet the horses, and Guy & Vicki Dryer of PFC Equine to learn more about trail rides and to learn about our programs. Beginning

November 2, we will offer scheduled rides, lessons and round pen sessions at The Ranch as well as the opportunity to customize your excursion either on or offsite at PFC Equine's Ranch in Cave Creek. Scheduled excursions from The Ranch are offered Thursday – Saturday, however special requests such as private rides, parties larger than six, and alternative days of the week are at the discretion of PFC Equine and will be confirmed by them directly.

PFC Equine is a new innovative equine services program founded on more than twenty-five years of experience, ranging from all levels of training, lessons, and equine therapy. We deliver a truly intimate experience with horses in a clean, comfortable and safe environment. Our program is designed to meet the individualized needs of all clients, on a private, first class level.

*In honor of Desert Mountain's 30th anniversary, if you book now through November 1 for a November ride, you will receive a complimentary 30-minute lesson.*

### 1-HOUR GUIDED RIDE

- Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.
- \$85 per rider
- No more than 6 riders per time slot

Rides may be booked on the same day if space is available. Open to adults and children 7 years and up. Must arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled ride.

### 1.5-HOUR GUIDED RIDE

- Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m.
- \$125 per rider
- No more than 6 riders per time slots

Rides may be booked on the same day if space is available. Open to adults and children 7 years and up. Must arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled ride.

### ROUND PEN SESSION

- Thursday-Saturday
- Times to be coordinated directly with guide by calling Vicki at (602) 339-6336
- \$40 per person
- Open to adults and children of all ages

This session is for those who love horses but aren't interested or able to ride. Spend 30-minutes in the round pen with our experienced trainer and one of our therapy horses in a unique bonding exercise. Guaranteed to soothe the soul.

### BEGINNER HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS

- Thursday-Saturday
- 30-minute lesson | \$40 per person
- 1 hour lesson | \$65 per person covering the basics (up to 2 people per lesson)
- Times to be coordinated directly with guide by calling Vicki at (602) 339-6336
- 4-lesson package for \$200
- Open to adults and children of all ages

Must be booked in advance by completing the online request form.

### ADVANCED HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS

- Monday-Thursday
- Available off premise at PFC Ranch in Cave Creek.
- 30-minute lesson | \$40 per person
- 1 hour lesson | \$65 per person
- By appointment only. Call Vicki at (602) 339-6336.
- 4-lesson package for \$200

Must be booked in advance by completing the online request form.



## THE YOUTH CENTER AT DESERT MOUNTAIN



The Youth Center is a great place for children to play while parents have a spa treatment, fitness workout, play tennis, swim, golf or even enjoy some time alone at one of our club restaurants. Our one-of-a-kind activity center gives children a chance to play and be creative. We offer many different activities including arts, crafts, indoor games, swimming, basketball, hiking, soccer and much, much more! Call the Youth Center today to make a reservation.



### MONDAY - SATURDAY

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Sonoran Clubhouse  
3 and older (must be potty trained)  
\$12 per hour/\$11 per hour, per sibling

Hours of availability may vary during  
Summer Camp times. Reservations must  
be made 24-hours in advance.



## YOUTH CAMPS & EVENTS

To register for an upcoming day camp or for more information please call the Youth Center (480) 595-4359, (480) 595-4355 or email [mbrems@desertmt.com](mailto:mbrems@desertmt.com). We look forward to seeing you soon! Advanced reservations are required for all Youth Center day camps.

### FALL BREAK CAMP DAY

A fun-filled camp day including Fall-themed indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, lunch, prizes and more!

Monday, October 9, 2017 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Youth Center at Sonoran

Ages 5 through 12 | \$60 per child, \$45 per sibling, per day, including lunch.

### XTREME KIDS NIGHT OUT! LASER TAG!

The Youth Center will be hosting a Kid's Night Out for the children and their friends. We'll start the night with indoor games, enjoy a pizza dinner, arts & crafts and a vendor will visit to offer 1.5 hours of Laser Tag!

Saturday, October 14, 2017 | 6-9 p.m. | Youth Center at Sonoran

Ages 5 through 12 | \$30 per child, \$25 per sibling, dinner and dessert included.

### VETERAN'S DAY CAMP

A fun-filled camp day including patriotic-themed indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, lunch, prizes and more! Bring a friend along for the fun!

Friday, November 10, 2017 | 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | Youth Center at Sonoran

Ages 5 through 12 | \$60 per child, \$45 per sibling, lunch included.

### WILD TURKEY DAYS CAMP

Each camp day will be filled with Thanksgiving and Fall-themed indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, entertainers, prizes and more! Sign-up today, spaces are limited.

November 21, 21, 22 & 24, 2017 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Youth Center at Sonoran

Ages 5 through 12 | \$60 per child, \$45 per sibling, per day, lunch included.

### KID'S NIGHT OUT - WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us for our Winter Holiday Party in the Youth Center! We'll make a holiday craft, play reindeer games, enjoy a special winter treat, watch a holiday movie and more!

Saturday, December 16, 2017 | 6-9 p.m. | Youth Center at Sonoran

Ages 5 through 12 | \$30 per child, \$25 per sibling, dinner and dessert included.

### WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Plan to spend your winter vacation at Desert Mountain. Each day of camp will include indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, tennis, golf, soccer, nature hikes and winter-themed activities. Sign-up today to reserve your spot! Spaces are limited. Bring a hat, tennis racquet and please wear tennis shoes. Tennis racquets are available if needed. All golf equipment is provided.

Week 1: December 26-29, 2017

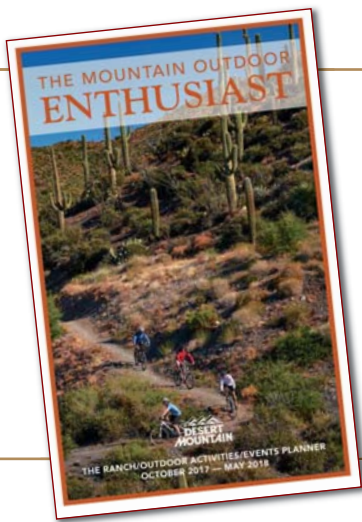
Week 2: January 2-5, 2018

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Youth Center at Sonoran

Ages 5 through 12 | \$30 per child, \$25 per sibling per day, lunch included.

For details and reservations, please call the Youth Center at (480) 595-4359, (480) 595-4355 or email [yac@desertmt.com](mailto:yac@desertmt.com). Details are also listed on the member website.





### “Outdoor Enthusiast”

The Mountain Outdoor Enthusiast activities and events planner is now available. Find out information about all of the hiking and biking activities and what's happening at The Ranch.

It is available on the member website or you can pick up a copy at Member Services or the Sonoran Clubhouse.



### YOUTH ANGELS BIG...15

Help us Celebrate with a Day of Golf and Conclude with Dinner, Music, Auction and Contest Fifteen Years of Scholarships and on we Go!

Focus is on Military and First Responder's Self...Spouse...or Children's Higher Education.

We Includes Trade Schools, Community College, Undergraduate and Master Programs.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR | MAY 6, 2018

FOR THE MOST CURRENT HOURS OF OPERATION, PLEASE VISIT THE MEMBER WEBSITE. WATCH FOR THE WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST FOR INFORMATION ON ALL OF THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AROUND THE MOUNTAIN.

COMING JANUARY 1, 2018 - A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR THE NAGONIE. STAY TUNED!



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