

Desert Crest

Community Association

A Senior Community

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Season's Greetings

President's Message By Cindy Klatt, President

Welcome back to all our Snowbirds.

Happy Holidays to you and your families from the Desert Crest Community Association Board. May 2026 be a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

We will be holding our 6th Annual Golf Cart and Holiday House Decorating Contests on Saturday, December 20th at 5:00 P.M. The house decorating categories are:

Best Animation

Best of Spirit

Best of Lights

Most Original

Most Humorous

Don't forget to decorate your golf carts. The community will choose their favorite decorated cart.

Winners of the House Decorating and Golf Carts will be announced on December 20th at the Clubhouse. These contests are open to the entire park, homeowners and renters.

Refreshments will be provided. So everyone, come and enjoy yourselves!

Cindy Klatt, President

Board Meeting:
January 6, 2026
6pm
Clubhouse

December 2025
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Men's Golf-Every Friday

8:15am meet, 8:30am start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Mixed Doubles- Every Tuesday

8:15am meet, 8:30am start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Jack and Jill- Second and Last Sunday of the Month

12:45pm meet, 1:00pm start
Nov. - April on the Golf Course

Shuffleboard-

Fun Nights - Every Tue. 6:15pm
Competition - See bulletin
board

Corn Hole- Every Tuesday

Tuesday - 1:00pm
Outside the Shuffleboard building

Chair Yoga - MWF

Every Monday, Wednesday, and
Fridays at 12:00pm in Main Room

Fun Club Meetings-

Every 1st Saturday of the
month, at 10am

Coffee at 10-

Every Wednesday at 10am
in the Main Room

Board Workshop-

Last Tuesday of the month
Oct. - March
in the Main Room
6pm - Clubhouse

Corn Hole

By Marolyn Wagner

We have a lot of fun playing SkipBo. We have three sets and can have 12 people play. We play outside by the Shuffleboard Building on Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

It is fun to watch, if you aren't interested in playing. If someone wants to keep score, you would be welcomed! We aren't professionals, so feel free to join us whether you are or aren't!!



First game with Lynn and Larry
getting 137 points.



First game with Joyce and Dennis
getting 131 points.



Marolyn and Larry getting 140
points in the 2nd game.

**Looking for an
activity in the
park? Try Corn
Hole**



**Desert Crest
Country Club bags.
\$8.00 each
or 2 for \$15.00
See Pete Harrington**

Board Meeting-

First Tuesday of the month
Oct. - April
6pm - Clubhouse

Morning Exercise-

Monday-Saturday
9:00am in the Pool

Desert Crest Men's Golf 2025-2026

By Robin Johnson

The league play started a few Fridays ago between days of rainy weather. These hearty souls expect to play the next 26 weeks, every Friday through May 1 because it doesn't rain on Fridays.

The club plans to offer six fun tournaments this year, which started with the String Tournament where golfers were given a string to move the ball for no additional strokes. Deane Cooper took first place, followed by Roy Nitao, Dave Wallace and Randy Danner. Didier Toutain and Herb Turquist tied for fifth place.

We will have more fun tournaments, like Mike's Consequences, Horse Race and CanAm. Let's get out and support your community.

The Club is planning to reinstate its Championship. Best eight scores of Friday league games played this season earns your name on a plaque in the lobby.

A special thanks goes out to all those who added to the success

of this Fall's "Friendship on the Fairways" event. Shirley Armstrong painted rocks and helped us record our names on the rock. Roy Nitao prepared the rock bed. Matt Jenkins made us all happy with his beautiful sounds. Participants won prizes for winning golf games hosted by Dave Wallace, Todd Wyman and Deane Cooper. Patrick Spiger and Sheila Messler hosted corn hole. Veronica made some wonderful turkey club sandwiches with fries. Jamie Flippen and Pete Harrington served them with panache. Bob Greer and David Viney kept us all hydrated. The Recycle Team helped cover expenses. Thank you all.



Mixed Doubles Golf/Jack and Jill- 2025-2026

Jim Woodland, Coordinator

Mixed Golf

This league plays the game of "Best Ball". All the players hit and then you select the best shot of your team. All the team players hit again from this point. The game moves quickly and allows everyone to be involved. Couples can play together, on request, or play separately and take advantage of meeting new golfers.

Our league this year will begin on Tuesdays at 8:30am. If you are interested in playing, please come out before 8:15 so that teams can be made up. The cost per person is \$1.25. All monies are returned to the golfers in the form of prizes.

We hope to see you there.



Jack and Jill Golf

Jack and Jill Golf takes place on the 2nd Sunday and last Sunday of each month. Like Mixed Golf, the game we play is "Best Ball". The difference between the Sunday game and the regular Wednesday game is that people sign up as couples and you golf with your partner and another couple.

The cost is \$1.25 per person with all monies returned to the golfers in the form of prizes. Please arrive by 12:45 so that teams can be made up for the 1 pm start.

Whether you are a regular golfer or new to the sport, Mixed and Jack and Jill Golf are excellent opportunities to enjoy yourself on the golf course and maybe meet some new people. We hope to see you there.

Jim Woodland



Desert Crest Shuffleboard

By Diane Miller

The Desert Crest Shuffleboard Club played a brilliant 2024-2025 season! Our Shufflers league team finished in 3rd place and the Hi-10 league team finished 4th. We competed in various tournaments throughout the season and did quite well. In the Men's & Women's Singles Tournament, Linda Nielsen and Fred Hayes both placed 3rd in Consolation, and our district won the District 5 vs. District 7 Challenge. The Rookie Tournament was quite exciting as BOTH of our rookies placed in the Champion Division; Chuck Maynard took 1st place, and Randy Ystaas took 2nd. Our final win was in the Doubles Tournament in which Fred Hayes and Larry McCulley took 3rd place. The Tournament of Champions, held in early March, is the last tournament of the season. Desert Crest has hosted this tournament for 46 consecutive years!! We have been told that we have the best indoor facility in all of Coachella Valley!

But there is more to shuffleboard than league play and tournaments. Larry McCulley, Russ Crumpacker, Chuck Maynard, Linda Nielsen, Randy Ystaas, and Diane Miller have completed referee school and now referee for league



and tournament play. We have members that hold positions as Desert Crest Shuffleboard Club Board members and District 5 Shuffleboard Board members. By participating in all these things, and being an ambassador for shuffleboard, Linda Nielsen was inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in March of 2024 at the Hall of Fame Tournament.

There's more! Shuffleboard is not all competition and awards. Tuesday night at 6:30pm is Shuffleboard Fun Night! Everyone is welcome to come out and play. It is a terrific way to learn about the game in a fun non-competitive way. The only competitive part of Fun Night is waiting to see which group will make the highest score by the end of the evening. Currently the score to beat is 191 points set by Diane Miller and Roy McDonald.

Some improvements were made in the shuffleboard building during the past year. Two larger air-conditioning units are being installed, Carol Schallert sewed comfortable new cushions for all

16 of the players' benches, the shuffleboard boards have been stripped and sealed, and all the approaches for the boards have been repainted.

For anyone interested in joining our shuffleboard teams, practice for the 2025-2026 season is held on Mondays from 9am-11:15am. We also invite you to come out and watch us play and cheer us on to victory on Wednesdays at 1pm and Thursdays at 9am in the shuffleboard building. Home games will be announced at Wednesday breakfast and schedules will be posted on the shuffleboard building sliding door.

Remember, Tuesday Fun Night will be on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:15pm. Learn the basic rules of shuffleboard, have some coffee and snacks, and enjoy getting to know other residents and of our community at a fun non-competitive event.

Please come by your shuffleboard building and take in these upgrades, and while you're there, check out our overflowing trophy case! Maybe you'll be one of many that will add to our trophy count in upcoming seasons!



Desert Crest Veteran's Day

*Thank you
to all who
helped
put this
very special
day
together*



Desert Crest Thanksgiving Day

Congratulations to all who worked to put on this amazing day. Many have said this was the best Thanksgiving ever. Thank you to Jessica for the delicious turkey.



DESERT CREST CLUB HAPPENINGS

By *Pete Harrington*, Property Manager, Desert Crest Country Club

Welcome Back to our Snowbirds! It's always a good time of year as we see old friends coming into the park and continue seeing those who live here year-round. When I began this role as Property Manager 9 years ago, we had a population that was under 50% full-time residents. Today, we are at 73% full time residents. This has made a difference in our needs and requirements of the maintenance staff. Although we have managed to maintain our facilities, there is still much to do just to catch up, but our staff is better than ever and determined to continue building on what we've started.

Welcome our newest staff members, Adon Ramirez, Dino Thomason and Janet Smith. Adon has been here for over six months now and does a great job. He works 30 hours a week and is very accomplished on the grounds work. Dino has lived in the park for some time now to care for his mother, Anna. He brings a great work ethic with him. We are happy to have both Adon and Dino as part of our team. Janet moved to DCCC over a year ago with her husband, Greg. Janet will be working on Fridays in the office and on other days as needed for now. We thank Lynette Brink for her time with us in the office and wish her well in her new endeavors. Special thanks to Jill Ford for continuing her faithful service in the office and to Silvino and our entire maintenance staff for their great work.

Please join me in welcoming Milah, a DCCC resident, as she

opened her new spa November 1. She is located to the north of the laundry room at the Clubhouse. Milah is a licensed esthetician specializing in facial and body treatment. Give her a call for your appointment at 806-486-7333 as she starts this new adventure. And as you help Milah with her start up business, remember our other businesses at the retail building and stop by for breakfast or lunch at the Desert Crest café, get your property questions answered at our realtor's office (the Greer Viney Group) and get your animal groomed by Maria at the dog spa also located in the retail building. For us to be able to continue having these great services we need to support them as best we can, so tell your friends and neighbors what all is offered here so they can support them as well. Hopefully, we can keep them all!

This past week's rains brought to our attention any problems we had on our Clubhouse roof and at the Shuffleboard building. Staff are diligently working to repair roofing needs in various areas. We didn't know if we had a leak until we got some rain and this soaker provided us with many places that need some adjustments. In addition, our main water heater for the clubhouse went out and many pipes were leaking in that same area. This required a licensed plumber as it was more work than we could handle with code needs to follow. In addition, we had a break in a pipeline from the well which services the water for the pool and

spas. Fortunately staff was able to repair that on site and saved us from shutting down the facilities.

We will be updating both bathrooms in the Clubhouse this winter. Also, this winter we are working on the Clubhouse sound system with the help of resident Matt Jenkins.

The solar is working at the Clubhouse but is not fully crediting us with our electricity output. It has taken so long to get it working that many laws and changes by Cal Ed have made it very difficult to get the final needs completed. We continue working on it.

The land behind us to the north, and to the east and west has been sold. Soon this land will no longer be able to be used to walk our dogs, ourselves, or take golf cart rides. I thought this might be a good time to put in a dog park for all residents to be able to use. We will begin working on that project after we complete the asphalting of the parking lot at the Clubhouse this winter.

We continue to update electrical around the park. We have put streetlights around the parameter, and we are updating the entrance to the park with new lighting and plants. Due to the break-in at the Golf Course pump station, we have upgraded all our water pumps and irrigation sprinkling systems, which has allowed us to use more seeding and fertilizer as well. The greens were reworked, and additional cleaning was done on the ponds. Be sure to check out our surplus of fish, turtles and ducks! The

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course looks good.

We have begun replacing all dead or old plants around the parameter of the Clubhouse and Dillon Road. You will see this progress as the maintenance staff continues this project.

As a reminder, please check around your property to be sure you have NO standing water either on your outside porch areas, in planters, on the patio and/or yard areas or even on your street. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes and brings bugs of all types. Please be sure to have all your yard waste, leaves and tree limbs removed from your property as well. Help us keep DCCC clean and looking nice.

Feel free to call me with any suggestions, questions or concerns. Happy Holidays to all!

Emergency Preparedness Committee

The Great Shakeout event last month was a wakeup call that we live on a major earthquake fault. If the San Andreas decides to rumble, Desert Crest could be entirely isolated, with, no electricity, no gas, no water, and heavily damaged roads.

The fault crosses Hwy10 three (3) times in our area. This is the corridor that contains major gas and water lines, as well as many overpasses and a nearby railroad line. Do you see the downside?

Our Emergency Preparedness Committee cannot provide food and water or critical medical care: you would be on your own there. Please, set up a weeks worth of water and food at your residence.

Come to our EPC meeting at 10am on the third Thursday of the month; learn a lot and join the team.

Lives Remembered

Doug Runquist
Oct. 1946 - Sept 2025

Ernie Kukola
May 1939 - Oct. 2025

Joan Bradburn
Nov. 1935 - Nov. 2025

Carol Churchill
May 1937 - Nov. 2025

Desert Crest Benefits by Recycling

By Robin Johnson

We helped installation of a new higher powered air conditioner in the shuffleboard court. We paid for new lighting at the park entrance. We got new exercise equipment and a new scale. We bought new noodles and boom box for the pool. We sponsored a "Friends on the Fairway" event. Yes, the Recycle Team is having a banner year benefiting Desert Crest.

Resident donations are at a new level this year, especially through the summer. Not only that, more volunteers are helping with recycling pickup every Tuesday morning.

Dennis Waterman comes around in his white diesel truck every Tuesday starting at 8:00 am. Marshall Powelson backs him up some Tuesdays with his little white Ford towing that big trailer. Bob Mullen rode shotgun every Tuesday until his recent injury. Sheila Messler, Russ Crumpacker, Steve Freitas, Chaim Fischer, Peggy Bashe, Randy Ystaas and Chuck Maynard have all pitched in. Sheila has helped sort, crush and bag every week since she moved here last spring. Thank you all. Recycling pays.

Coffee @ 10
Wednesday at 9:30am



Chair Exercise
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12 noon



Morning Exercise
Monday - Saturday - 9am
Come Join Us

