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COUNTRY ROADS COURIER

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Dear Members,

I am thrilled to announce my new role as President of the Country Roads Board. We recognize the significant contributions of our former President, Pat Tuckwell, and am grateful for her continued support as Vice President.

Our off-season meetings will begin via webinar, starting with the April 11th Planning Meeting and the April 16th Board meeting. We anticipate resuming in-person meetings in the fall. Additionally, stay tuned for updates on board summer schedule meetings.

This summer, Country Roads streets will undergo road resealing. The office will disseminate the schedule beforehand, and I ask for your patience while the contractors work through this essential maintenance.

Finally, I wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy summer!

Joe Clifton
President
Country Roads RV Village



ELECTION COMMITTEE NEWS

This year's election theoretically came to an end on March 12 with the holding of the AGM meeting. Some of the vote count as printed out from the City Property computer were counter intuitive--- vote totals for the four candidates were too low for the aggregate total of votes cast. To get an accurate total we then literally counted by hand, all of the manual votes cast using a team-of-two system to double count and validate totals. Those totals were then added to the number of electronic votes cast in the computer to get the accurate, reliable totals. Whenever management and the board of directors finish their analysis of how things got out of whack, they will advise us all. We all want to understand how things got momentarily sideways. Let me assure you that I believe the totals used to certify the results are accurate. To reiterate the certification which has been published: Duane Anderson and Dave Andrews were elected. Deanna McClelland and Sharon Row were the other two nominated candidates. In addition four (4) home owners each received one vote using the allowed write in process. Our cadre of volunteers, all home owners, worked extremely hard on January 19 to prepare the vote packets for us and then served as the front line for in person voting during the ATM meeting.

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I have been very lucky to have five wonderful women on the Election Committee who proved they are each smart, energetic and self starters. It's like my mother had quintuplets who helped their big brother! Witness the fact that 653 home owners signed up to pick up their ballot packets and saved CR over \$600 in postage.

Thanks to all who voted: democracy requires participation.

Wally Brauer, Chair
Election Committee



"In the old days, your Grandma and I watched TV with rabbit ears."





**WISE WORDS FROM
EDITOR MYRNA!**



Please send your articles to:

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The articles must be submitted by the 10th of each month for publication the following month. **Please forward in Microsoft Word if possible.**

Give me a call if you have any questions. Thanks,
Myrna Mattson #679

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The purpose of the Country Roads RV Village Newsletter is to connect and inform our Residents of current events and announcements.

We appreciate your submissions and are looking for articles and content that align with this mission.

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OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Billiards
- B.I.N.G.O
- Book Club.
- Bridge
- Bunco
- Can/Am Friendship
- Catholic Fellowship
- Ceramics
- Choral/Drama
- Church Choir
- Clogging
- Computers
- Cornhole
- Country Red Roses Red Hatters
- Craft Fair
- Creative Writers
- Dance
- Diabetes Support
- Fitness Club
- Four Wheelers
- Guys and Gals Golf
- Hand Appliqué Sew & Stitch
- Health
- Horse Shoe
- Knit n' Stitch
- Lapidary/Rock Hunting
- Line Dancing
- Mahjonn
- Material Girls
- Men's Fellowship
- Painting
- Pickleball
- Pinochle
- Pinochle (2 Deck/7 Card)
- Poker: Dealers Choice/Hold'em
- Pottery
- Quilting
- Relay for Life
- Scrap Book
- Sewing
- Singles Social
- Shuffleboard
- Swimming Aerobics
- Tennis
- T.O.P.S.
- Water Aerobics
- Veteran's Club
- Volleyball: Water/Sand
- Whole Food Plant-Based Group
- Women's Fellowship
- Woodcarving
- Woodshop
- Zumba Gold



LIST OF ALL THE COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE FACEBOOK GROUPS

This is their complete and exact group name on Facebook. Contact Andre at adgrenier@msn.com if any groups are missing. If you wish to join any of these groups, under "groups" do a search for that group name using these exact words. When a list comes up, make sure you choose "groups" on the left side of the page. The group should come up.

- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE BUY/SELL/TRADE/ISO
- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE REAL ESTATE (SELL AND RENT)
- COUNTRY ROADS YUMA HOME OWNERS
- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE GROUP YUMA
- CR RV VILLAGE YUMA HIKING NEWS
- COUNTRY ROADS PICKLEBALL CLUB GROUP
- COUNTRY ROADS MEMBERS ADVENTURES
- COUNTRY ROADS VETERANS CLUB
- COUNTRY ROADS GUYS & GALS GOLF CLUB
- CR KNIT AND STITCH
- COUNTRY ROADS TENNIS CLUB
- COUNTRY ROADS POTTERY PALS
- COUNTRY ROADS QUILT CLUB
- CR LAPIDARY
- COUNTRY ROADS PRAYER WARRIORS
- COUNTRY ROADS RANTS AND RAVES
- COUNTRY ROADS TOPS AZ 0380 YUMA
- COUNTRY ROADS POKER CLUB
- COUNTRY ROADS SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB
- BUY NOTHING COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE
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- C R CRUISING CLUB
- COUNTRY ROADS BUSINESS REFERRALS
- CR CHURCH
- CR WORKSHOP CLUB
- PHOTOGRAPHY CR
- CR BIRTHDAY BRIDGE
- COUNTRY ROADS SINGLES CLUB
- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL CLUB
- COUNTRY ROADS UTV
- CARRIE COUNTRY ROADS (PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE)
- COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE (NOT A GROUP PAGE)



Tai Chi classes

April 8 will be the last Tai Chi class.



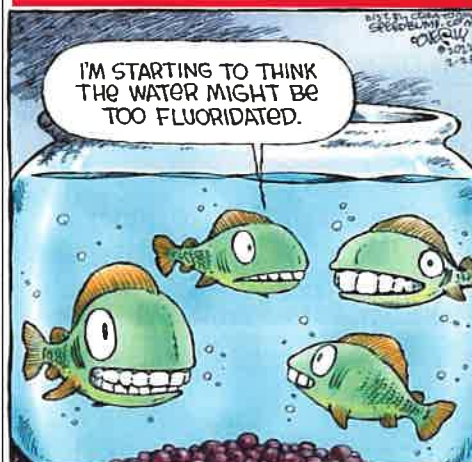
KJ Sean & Esther present

April Karaoke beneath the stars

6 pm April 12

6 pm April 26

On the Patio



Ladies Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Every **Wednesday**
BUNCO
Got Dice?

Country Readers Book Club

Bill and I are moving on to the next phase of our lives. We have bought a home in Sun City West. It is a Western suburb of Phoenix. We will continue to spend our summers in Show Low, Arizona.

We have enjoyed 8 FUN seasons here in County Roads. Luckily both of us have had many WONDERFUL friends that is hard to say goodbye to.

I am SO happy to tell you that I have been able to find ladies willing to step up and take over the functions that I led. Rhonda Garrett will be heading the Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch.

Doris Van Daam is running Wednesday 10am BUNCO.

Joanne Fish will lead the monthly book club, County Readers.

It was my pleasure to organize these events and I thank all who attended and, hope you continue joining in the FUN next season!

Also I want to thank Bill for all his expertise in making the flyers and sending them to Britteny who has been a tremendous help!!

And, I can't forget Myrna for making sure my posts in the Courier were correct.

We will truly miss our MANY County Roads friends!

If your travels find you in Phoenix, please look us up!

I hope this isn't too long
Thanks Smidty





BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund has had a successful season, holding fundraisers and providing support for clubs and activities. We would like to thank the teams who work the spaghetti dinners and Saturday morning breakfasts. These two events consistently bring in profits of approximately \$10,000 each per season and provide great food and build community within our park. Thanks to Mackie Clifton and Cindy Murfitt for overseeing the Saturday Morning Breakfast teams and thanks to Patti Wright for overseeing the spaghetti dinners. Cindy and Mackie started a new event this year, Wing-It Wednesdays, which has been a huge hit, selling out every month! Other events that are building fund fundraisers include: Carnival Night (organized by Vicki Derksen and Julie Harding), and the Line Dance Jamboree (organized by JoAnn Opp). The Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner was cancelled this year but we are excited to bring it back next year. Thanks to Diane Shelton for her work on this event.

We would also like to thank all the residents (owners and renters) who attend and support Building Fund events, as well as all the volunteers who work at the events.

The Building Fund also receives generous donations throughout the season from individuals and clubs.

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Pickleball Club donated over \$6000 this season from curb painting and the Choral and Drama Club made a \$5000 donation. No donation is too small and we appreciate all the monies donated from Country Roads clubs and individuals. Others who have donated include: Wood Shop, Lapidary, AA Meeting, Dance Lessons, and Pacesetters.

The Building Fund has distributed funds this year to the kitchen (30 qt. Floor mixer), wood shop (4 lathes), and the Fitness Club (equipment). The funds raised by the Building Fund help clubs and activities update equipment, provide areas for residents to gather, and maintain safety as well as keep our HOA assessment low.

We would like to thank Valeri Shoemaker for her service on the Building Fund Executive Committee, serving as President this season. She has worked hard to promote the Building Fund and we appreciate her leadership and commitment to making Country Roads the best it can be.

The Building Fund Executive Committee for the 2024-25 season is:

- Carol Campbell President
- Steven Selheim Vice President
- Tracy Bresnahan Treasurer
- Lori Dailey Secretary
- Suzanne Brauer Member at Large
- Doris VanDaam Member at Large

Homeowners and renters are members of the Building Fund and are .

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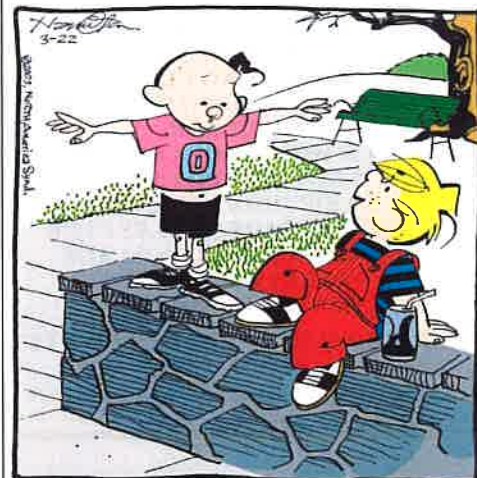
invited to attend monthly meetings to discuss fundraising and distribution of funds to clubs and activities. We invite you to get involved by volunteering for building fund events, participating in meetings, and/or serving on the Executive Committee



COUNTRY ROADS POKER CLUB

Your two favorite words are now in play: SUMMER RULES.

If you play poker and don't know what that means show up at the Coronado Room on Thursday or Saturday at 1pm and find out.



"MY DAD SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS A KID, THE DOLLAR STORE WAS A DIME STORE."



"CONDESCENDING"



The next Country Roads Veterans Club coffee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 0800 hours (8 am) in the Ballroom. Please bring your own first cup of coffee or beverage and a second cup of coffee will be provided. Light pastries will be served. All Canadian and US veterans are invited to attend. This will be the final meeting of this season. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 7, 2024. Have a great summer and be safe!

A guest speaker or speakers will address Club members on topics of interest! Plan to attend this final meeting for this season!

For further information please either email Bert Rice at bert07@comcast.net OR call (410) 507-3366. We look forward to seeing and visiting with you on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

FLYING SOLO SINGLES CLUB

COUNTRY ROADS SINGLES CLUB NEWS

After a season or two of limited activity, the Country Roads Singles Club is BACK! A new leadership team has been formed, planning meetings have taken place during March, and fun activities are being put on the calendar for this spring/summer and for next fall/winter!

Look for the name change for this group to COUNTRY ROADS FLYING SOLO SINGLES in The Blast, on the CR Calendar, on the Singles message board near the Welcome Office, and on the group's Facebook page. To honor long-time Singles Club Lila Wood's contributions, the current membership decided to change the group's name to Flying Solo Singles.

The new Leadership Team includes Sally McKay, President through November 2024; Richard Rasmussen, Vice-President; Mayvis Sloan, Secretary; Chris Hintz, Treasurer; and Shane Taber, CR Liaison. The April planning meetings will be held in the Navajo Room from 11 AM – 12 PM Noon on Thursdays, 4/11 and 4/25 (the 2nd and 4th Thursdays). All CR singles are encouraged to come share ideas of possible activities to do together during spring and summer!

Any questions or need further information, please contact Sally McKay @760-754-7081 or Shane Taber @ 623-910-1619.



Gentle yoga classes Tuesdays and Fridays in April

I was gone for the a few classes at the end of March, but am back now. I don't usually teach in April, but students have requested it and I know some of us are still around!!! If you want me to continue the yoga classes, just keep coming. April we will continue Gentle Yoga until the interest fades. Smaller classes will allow for a more custom approach. We welcome beginners and experienced yogis! Be curious and adventurous.

Yoga Tuesdays & Fridays 10:30AM \$5 (Mojave Room)

Bring a mat or we have ones to borrow. We focus on movement & balance. Both classes are about learning about your body & how to keep strong and mobil. Working on balance, who doesn't need more peace and strength in their lives?

Taught by certified, insured, 500Level YA Yoga instructor.

Questions? Pam Pbexpresso@gmail.com, or 206-364-5536

2024 TREE TRIMMING FORM
IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU SUBMIT THE 2024 TREE TRIMMING FORM TO BE PUT ON OUR SUMMER TREE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP YOUR LOT/LANDSCAPE MAINTAINED EVEN WHILE YOU ARE AWAY. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO HELP YOU WITH THAT. PICK UP AND SUBMIT THE FORM AT THE HOMEOWNER'S OFFICE. THANK YOU, YOUR COUNTRY ROADS HOMEOWNER'S OFFICE STAFF



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY
 March was a busy month for our Country Roads TOPS Chapter. We installed our new slate of officers for the 2024/2025 season as follows: Mary Mueller, Leader; Lorraine Baker, Co-leader; Sally Patrick, Secretary; and Sherri Brown, Treasurer. They are busy planning for next season with the first meeting set for Friday, November 1 in the Mojave Room.

We had two guest speakers during March who were very inspiring. One was Liz Lundstrom who is an area TOPS Coordinator from Ontario, Canada, and is a winter visitor at Araby Acres. At our March 8 meeting she told us about how she lost 28 pounds this season by taking up hiking and eating small portions. Her goal was to hike Telegraph Pass and she did it the weekend prior to speaking to us. On March 22, Dorothy Krale, the TOPS Saskatchewan Queen, told us about how she managed to lose 53.5 pounds to reach her goal.

We are so proud of our accomplishments this season! We received a "Shine Like a Diamond Award" for reaching a majority of the goals set forth by the International TOPS 75th Anniversary list. Also, several members in our Chapter won division awards for their weight loss: Cindy Karsh, Sherri Brown, and Sally Patrick. We congratulate them for their hard work.

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Thanks to Diane Shelton for her leadership of our group for the past three years. And, a huge thank you to Wanda Wills and Nancy Sirois for their many years of service as weight recorders.

Leta Danielson, Secretary



Country Readers Book Club

Join us:

Third Monday Every Month
4:00 pm - Maricopa Room



April 15 - Note change of time to 4:00 PM
The Book Thief
 by Markus Zusak



November 18 - 4:00 PM
American Dirt
 by Jeanine Cummins

Ladies Out-to-Lunch Bunch

April Luncheon

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

Sign up in Activities Office by 12:00 pm Monday, April 1

Date: **Tuesday April 2, 2024**

Time: **12:00 PM**

Place: **Golden Corral Buffet & Grill**
 590 E 16th St.
 Yuma, AZ 85365

Organizer: Rhonda Garrett - (720) 999-1779

If you can give a ride or need a ride, check appropriate box when you sign up, then meet at the flagpole at 11:30 am prior to the luncheon

Don't forget to bring your optional white elephant gifts!



It's spring and a lot of us are heading to homes north. April means the desert flowers are in full color, the temps are warming up and one can drive down 32Nd Street at the speed limit. For the golfers, it means hooking up with those friends and family at "home" to enjoy golf at home courses. It means taking those memories of Yuma golf and the stories they created and sharing with others....please try not to enhance that 10 foot putt into a 25 foot!

The Guys and Gals Golf Club played over 2900 rounds of golf this season. Our membership ended at 230 golf loving CR residents. What a year. We celebrated lots of birdies, a few eagles and even 2 members had a hole in one!

If you are a golfer, please consider joining us next season. You will meet great people, enjoy a game of discounted golf at 6 courses in the Yuma area. Our season ended with a banquet and lots of laughs, hugs and goodbyes.

See you next fall....

Think par!

Valeri Shoemaker

Secretary





COUNTRY ROADS SHUFFLEBOARD

February was a month of many tournaments in Arizona Shuffleboard Assoc. (ASA) District III. Country Roads shufflers entered all they could and many took home some nice recognition and awards.

SNOWBIRD Tourney at Rancho Rialto. This tournament is open to all who have never received a first through fourth place finish in any previous tournament. Mike Baron took home 3rd place in Men's Consolation; Sue Laviolette was 3rd in Women's Consolation and Linda Bayliss was 3rd in Women's Championship.

STATE MIXED DOUBLES QUALIFIER. This tournament held at Country Roads determines who will represent the district in the State Tournament against four other districts, Sharon Whiteley and Grieg Carter finished 2nd in Championship and Bill and Linda Stoneburner finished 4th in Championship.

DISTRICT III TEAM STATE QUALIFIER. This tournament held at The Palms determined which league championship team would represent District III at the State Tournament against four other districts. The Country Roads Road Runners, captained by Linda Stoneburner finished 3rd. Members of that team were Bill and Linda Stoneburner, Rick Schultz, Grieg and Linda Carter and Lee and Deb Tuott.

SUN VISTA INVITATIONAL. This tournament held at Sun Vista was on open singles tournament. Many CR folks competed, but only Linda Stoneburner won 1st in the Championship Division and Rick Schultz finished 1st in the Consolation.

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At our February 28 banquet, two very deserving club members were awarded Shuffleboard Hall of Fame membership. Dave Kiesig and Greig Carter were nominated by their Shuffleboard Peers for their extra "behind the scenes" work for many years. This award is given annually to individuals who have contributed significant time to further the betterment of shuffleboard at Country Roads.

The last week in March, two -16 member teams from Yuma will travel to Hemet, Calif. For a four day 32 frame daily tournament. There are four members from Country Roads competing (Bill and Linda Stoneburner, Bill Olsen and Gary Bartlett) Last year, Linda Stoneburner's team won their division and will return to defend their title this year.

Besides all these tournaments, we had mostly full courts for our recreational play during February and early March. We gave our last lesson on February 12 and 16 new shufflers are now able to enjoy this great sport.

We had a GREAT YEAR OF SHUFFLING and will start it again about October 21, 2024.

Gary Bartlett,
Shuffle Writer for Courier



PAPER CRAFTING



As our season is coming to an end we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that supported the club this year.

The building fund was instrumental in providing the club with new equipment so we can offer classes, in house training and increase our membership and revenues.

Our members who continue to show their support and assistance in projects and classes. They are happy to share their knowledge and experience with all levels of skill.

The attendees to our classes who come to learn something new and who hopefully will continue participating in the lessons and learn to love the craft like we do.

We are very thankful and were fortunate enough to receive many donations of supplies, paper and card kits this year. This allows us to keep our costs down while also letting us provide exciting new ideas for our classes.

Our March classes were well attended and we continue to draw in new participants. Work is already under way to prepare our schedule and projects for next season.

In closing, we wish safe travels to everyone and enjoy the summer.

We encourage you to dig out your photos to work on a scrapbook next season or consider starting a new craft of card making.

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