

# OUTDOOR RESORT INDIO OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## REAL ESTATE SALES ARE HOT

The 2004 season is starting off with a bang. Our new salesperson, Ron White has been hitting 'em out of the ballpark, selling eight lots in October. Compare that to last year's zero lot sales in October. November, has beat October with ten sales.

Already we've sold 45% of our entire season's forecast – just in the first two months!

Results are what count. Last week, we sold a lot just listed in three hours. That same lot had been For Sale all last year through one of the “outside realtors”.

The new buyers are saying, “This resort has, by far, the best value, especially with all of the facilities and activities offered”.

The new marketing program, the rental program and a vastly improved sales staff offers owners who want to sell their lots simply the best program available. One that delivers RESULTS.

Just another reason why Outdoor Resort Indio is – ***The Ultimate Motorcoach Resort.***



## FLOWERS



The weather has been nearly perfect for germination of winter rye seed and planting winter flowers. With the completion of the Association's flower planting, owners are reminded that flowers on individual lots, at each of the front palms should have been planted by November 1. Owners who are not on-site or unable to plant flowers themselves are

asked to make arrangements for planting with their individual gardeners.



## ACTIVITIES

Well, some of you have been back for a day or two and hopefully have settled in nicely. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone. Please feel free to stop by the pro-shop anytime and say hello.

Activities started a little too early and some items were cancelled until further notice, but I am sure that as more owners return this will be resolved.

I will need volunteers for different jobs such as decorating and help with Bingo, Movie Night, etc. Please come to the pro-shop to sign up.

Remember that all your activities will have a sign up except, of course, Bingo, Movies and your Social Night.

HURRY and sign up for The Holiday Party to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The cost has been dropped to only \$35 per person for this catered event with live entertainment. You may call me to reserve your spot (760) 342-4887.

Also, don't forget about the party of the year. New Years Eve only \$75 per person for a sit down dinner with live entertainment and dancing.

If you don't know by now we have a Water Aerobics Instructor every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Please come and sign up for his class. Only \$5 per person, for a one hour workout.

Till next time.....

**Hanne**

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## Looney Law

In las Vegas, Nevada, it's  
against the law to pawn  
your dentures.



## OWNERS FORUM

ORIOF was created as a mechanism to improve communication among lot owners, and between owners and the Association Board of Directors. ORIOF was established on YAHOO because their service is free and easy to use. The group is for lot owners; however, no rigid controls have been implemented to prevent outsiders from joining. If inappropriate posts from outsiders become a problem, more stringent membership controls can be implemented.

To gain access to the group, you have to do two things: (1) Signup with YAHOO and get a YAHOO username and password. Any YAHOO web page has a place you can click on to signup. Your YAHOO username and password are all you need to get onto the ORIOF group. (2) After you have your YAHOO username and password, login to the ORIOF page by typing:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ORIOF>

Then click the "Join Group" button. You will be asked a couple of questions. Just select the default. You can always go back and change your responses.

Signing up with YAHOO costs nothing, joining the ORIOF group costs nothing.

If you know anyone having problems signing up, call Jim McNeece at 760-485-8466. If you are in the resort, Jim will stop by and give you a hand.

Everyone is encouraged to use the group as a communication mechanism in any form. Post "for sale" messages, "items wanted", meeting notices, ask for people to go golf or play tennis or come to a party. Have fun. Not every post has to be deep or meaningful.

*Jim McNeece (192)*  
[jpmcneece@aol.com](mailto:jpmcneece@aol.com)

## Thank you

Many owners have contributed to the Association over the years. At this time we would like to take the opportunity to thank:

Ron Bugler – All summer Ron was available to review architectural improvements to keep your projects progressing.

Tom Freschi – In the middle of the summer, Tom reviewed all the air conditioner and heating units and pool/spa equipment for proper maintenance. He provided recommendations that were implemented to lengthen the life of these components.

Karl Blade – Throughout the summer, Karl was working with WiFi providers to provide the entire resort with WiFi. Karl is continuing to work on this issue.

There are more owners to thank. Please look for those names in the next issue.

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## DID YOU KNOW?



The Architectural Guidelines state: That the fuel for fire pits and fireplaces “shall be propane only. Wood and all other fuel is prohibited with the exception of artificial, non sparking logs (i.e. Duraflame). Your consideration for your neighbors in following this directive is most certainly appreciated.



## RENTALS

The rental department is busy with more advanced rentals this year than last. This year we are using various advertisements and track which ads the renters are responding to. Additionally, we have a lot of prior renters that come back each year.

We are also quite busy with Guest of Owner entries. For the new owners who may not know, or owners who have asked why we track the guests of owners, we would like to offer this explanation. This applies to all lots, even if they are not in the rental pool. All “renters” and “guests of owners” are entered in the computer and a daily report is printed and provided to security so they know who is on each lot on any given day. This provides protection for you as an owner, so you can see why there is concern when a coach in on a lot and is not on the security report. We ask that all owners who have family, friends, or a guest, to either fax the proper form to the rental office or call 1-800-892-2992 and we will be glad to fill out the form with your verbal permission. A copy of the “Guest of Owner” form is included in the newsletter.

All “guest of owners” need to check in at the office to receive the proper cards that

will get them through the security gate. There is a \$15 registration fee. We waive the \$15 fee if it is a family member. If the owner prefers to pay the \$15 fee for the guest, this can be handled directly with the rental department. The fee was approved by the board to cover the costs associated with the reservations.

We have received a good response from our renters and guests of owners about the beauty of Outdoor Resort Indio. We are here to help you, the owners, and we appreciate all the owners that have chosen to participate in the rental program.

*Barbara Gavin*  
**Rental Department**

## Great Truths Little Children Have Learned.

1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4. Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
6. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
9. Don't wear polka dot underwear under white shorts.
10. The best place when you're sad is Grandma or Grandpa's lap.



## SPEEDING

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## MOWING

Some contractors have been noticed speeding through the resort. If you notice speeding please notify the guardhouse at 760-347-9953. The guards can then discuss this problem with the contractor.

Owners are reminded that others are in golf carts and on foot so maintaining the 15 mph speed limit is necessary to ensure safety for everyone.

## MOST OFTEN ASKED QUESTION

*What is the status of WiFi?*

It was found that the original provider who surveyed the resort during the summer could not live up to his promises. Karl Blade is in the process of looking for a new provider.

## CHARITABLE FUND



This year, the ORIOA Charitable Fund will send \$500 to Martha's Village and \$1000 to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also encourage you to participate in the Toy for Tots program this year. We will also be talking to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission to see if they need help with any special projects this year. Last year we replaced a much needed clothes dryer for them.

You will be receiving a letter and donation card in a few weeks. This will be for 2005 and all donations are really needed, appreciated and put to good use in our valley. If you have any questions, please call Linda Lockwood, lot 343, 815-341-8544.

Happy Holidays

Linda Lockwood

The common area grass continues to be mowed on Thursday with street sweeping on Fridays. Please don't wash you're your lots or coaches until the street sweeper has passed. It is very difficult for the sweeper to clean wet gutters.

Because of the colder than normal mornings, the greens will not be mowed until later in the mornings – after the frost/freeze subsides. Once we get through this cold snap, early morning mowing of the greens will resume.

## Great Truths That Adults Have Learned

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

## SECURITY NOTES



There have been some thefts recently. (Bicycle, gas can, blower). In order to tighten up security, we are requesting that when owners give or sell items to vendors or gardeners, that security is alerted. Security will then allow those individuals to exit the property without problems.

Also, security would like to remind you that it is helpful to them if owners would call in advance to admit their vendors and guests. When security must try to reach

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owners to verify admittance it causes a back-up at the gate. Security: 760-347-9953

## **SECURITY RULES FOR VENDORS**

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW THE ATTACHED SECURITY RULES FOR VENDORS AS IT MAY ALSO AFFECT YOU.**

### **PETS**



In past seasons there were several dog related complaints. In an effort to be proactive, we would like to remind those owners fortunate enough to have four legged companions that pets have a set of rules to follow.

It seems that the largest complaints have been:

1. Picking up and disposing of pets waste properly.
2. Keeping pets on a leash.
3. Keeping pets quiet.
4. Keeping pets out of "Pet Free" zones and buildings.
5. Keeping pets off neighbors lots.

Your consideration for your fellow owners and adherence to these rules is appreciated.

Looney law  
Michigan law forbids pet  
owners from tying their  
crocodiles to fire  
hydrants.

## **TRASH SERVICE & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

The gardeners continue to pick up trash on a daily basis. Please remember to place your trash at the front of your lot in

plastic bags and do not place anything you don't want disposed of near the refuse. These items have previously been mistaken for rubbish and removed by the gardeners.

Batteries are considered hazardous material. Without additional charges to you, the Association cannot dispose of your batteries. At the time new batteries are purchased, owners are advised to exchange their old batteries. Additionally, Desert Battery will accept batteries delivered to them at no charge.

### **➤ SALES AGENT NOTES**

As your new on-site sales agent, I would like to thank the property owners of Outdoor Resort Indio for the warm welcome I have received.

I am very proud to be associated with one of the premier RV resorts in the world. My pledge to you is to represent the homeowners association in a friendly courteous and professional manner.

To those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you. When you see me out making my morning rounds, please feel free to stop me so we can chat. The more I know about each owner, the easier it becomes for me to tell prospective buyers about the wonderful neighbors they will have!

If you are thinking about selling your lot or purchasing additional lots, please keep in mind that buying or selling through our on-site sales office greatly benefits our homeowners association and helps keep your association dues as low as possible. We are fully staffed and have all the

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expertise needed to ensure a smooth transaction.

**Ron White**  
**Sales Manager**

**GUYS AND DOLLS GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
**EVERY FRIDAY MORNING AT 8:30 AM**  
**MEET AT THE PRO SHOP**

## LANDSCAPING



The Association is in the process of training the interior perimeter bougainvilleas to cascade over the wall. It is therefore requested that owners call the office when the bougainvillea need trimmed rather than trimming it yourselves.



## HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to Sandy Woodward who sunk a hole in one shot on number eight during the Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Guys & Dolls Scramble. Sandy and her teammates Karl Stallman and Ron Taylor also took first place.

## PROPANE SAFETY

**When full is too full!**

One of the most common hazards with propane was overfilled tanks. Fortunately, all small propane cylinders (up to 40lb capacity) manufactured after September 1998 are equipped with an overfilling protection device (OPD).

Propane tanks equipped with an OPD are designed to be filled only to a certain level, which allows the fuel to expand into the vapor space as the temperature rises.

If you have an old cylinder, an OPD must be installed or the cylinder replaced. Cylinders without OPDs can no longer be refilled. **This is required by law and is for everyone's safety!!!**

Also, for your safety, when refilling on-board propane cylinders, turn off the RV engine and all appliances. Make sure no one is in the RV during refueling.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable season. *safety tips provided by Yankee Propane.*

## EMERALD DESERT RUMOR

There has been some talk about Emerald Desert selling and converting to either park models or condominiums. Although this information was obtained from people leaving Emerald Desert, it has not been confirmed. It should be noted that the manager of Emerald Desert indicated that Emerald Desert is not for sale and conversion is not planned.

**Actual court transcript**  
Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or Thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-Five years. ☺

## WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to all and an especially warm welcome to all our new owners!

There have been a few changes, so we thought an update might be helpful to all.

The exercise room and spa is unlocked from 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Please feel

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free to use your key to access the exercise room after 2 p.m. Don't forget to lock the door on your way out. If you don't have a key, pick one up from Juana, the cost remains at \$2.00

The owners lounge is to be locked at all times. Owners who don't have an access card may obtain these from Juana. The cost is \$25 each.

The association has sold 20 lots so far this season. We would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and let you know that a portion of the proceeds from each sale and rental done through the Association is kept by the resort and offsets your costs. This year these funds are going toward paying off the debt of purchasing the sales building and surrounding ground (lot 501) two years ago.

Don't forget that all lot revisions need to be approved by the Architectural Committee prior to starting the job. Please see Juana or Bob for the proper forms.

All three satellite buildings were equipped with new washers and dryers that use "Smart Cards" rather than quarters. This card can be obtained from Juana or Bob.

Finally, Hanne, your social director has planned some wonderful events and parties through the holiday season and beyond. Please stop by and see her at the Pro Shop and sign up for the events you would like to attend. You may also contact her by telephone at 760-342-4887.

Have a wonderful season. Go outside and **play!**

## LAND LINE



It is widely known that owners wishing a land line must first contact Verizon to bring service to the main box then must contact another provider to take service from the box to the lot. The individuals providing this service have, at times, been slow and there is an additional charge. NOW there is another option. Owner Steve Pedersen of lot #99 will assist owners and hook up service from the main box to the lot when he is in residence. This is a service he has volunteered to assist his neighbors and there is no charge. Please be aware though, if there is a problem in the existing line, you will need to contact another provider. You may contact Steve by telephone at 760-413-4743.

## ANNUAL MEETING MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Annual Meeting and election of directors will be held approximately January 27, 2005. There will be forums to meet the candidates on January 3 and 17.

As a reminder, in order to hold this meeting, a quorum of the membership must be present. The notice and election material will be mailed or available for pick up from the office approximately December 20. If you don't plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy to assist the Association in obtaining a quorum.

Looney law

In natoma, Kansas, it's  
illegal to throw knives at  
men wearing striped suits.

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## **WELCOME HOME PARTY**

The First Annual Welcome Home Party was a successful Mexican bar-be-que and held on November 13 at the clubhouse.

This event was the brain child of your staff members Juana and Martha and sponsored by your Association Real Estate office.

The staff was happy to showcase their culinary abilities with Ricky and Antonio grilling the Carne Asada, Martha making the rice and beans and Leticia making the chicken enchilada casserole. Hanne, Sharlene and Ricky's wife helped serve and cleanup. Anyone wishing recipes may see Juana.

## **TID BIT**

The following little tid-bit was found on the web site "BadGolfer.com"

Home Run Birdie by Jimmy Smith

"During a weekend round with a buddy of mine, I came to a long par three with a small green atop a hill 167 yards away. The tee sits back against a fence separating the course from a neighboring yard. Unfortunately, when it was time to tee off a pair of youngsters playing in the back yard found it amusing to yell at the top of their lungs before and during my swing. Unable to concentrate due to the hilarity of the situation, I bladed my ball into a nasty mud-puddle just in front of the ladies tee. Laughing it off, I attempted to play the ball from the muddy lie with a six iron, but couldn't connect. Covered in mud and aggravated to say the least, I picked up the ball, slung the club over my shoulder, and hit a toss up baseball swing shot up onto the green. I was surprised to

make contact, let alone flight the ball straight to the dance floor. Upon approaching the green with my putter, I found my dirty little ball resting nicely in the bottom of the cup. I wrote it down on the score card as a respectable Home Run Birdie."

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### Board of Directors

Pat Kenney, President  
Tom Putnam, Vice President  
Susan Poole, Chief Financial Officer  
Marvin Gray, Secretary  
Yari Yero-Addis, Director at Large

### **Next Board Meeting**

**December 16, 2004 – 10:00 A.M.**

### Management Staff Information

Sharlene Pierce, Association Manager  
Juana Zarate, Assistant Assoc. Manager  
Bob Hathcock, Mail Room/Customer Svc

Ph: 760-347-0073

Fx: 760-347-5128

### Real Estate Staff Information

Ron White, Sales Manager  
Gerry Grummett, Rental Manager  
Barbara Cavin, Rental Agent

Ph: 760-775-7255

Fx: 760-347-0875

Vera Kitchen, Broker

Ph: 760-568-9417

Fx: 760-568-0928

### General Information

Hanne Stahl, Activities Director  
760-342-4887

Anna Belicke, Juice Bar  
760-347-1481

Hortencia Enos, Spa  
760-775-0725

## **JUICE BAR**

**OPEN**



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