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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

Staying Connected on the Ranch

Hello Ranchers,

Inevitably lots will have transpired between my writing this at the end of October and the time it's published. Hopefully November will bring back some relative sense of normalcy to the world at large. Despite the absence of our normal fall weather gatherings and events, it's been great staying connected to the extent possible through our *Zoom/YouTube* meetings. Thanks to everyone who volunteers, and to those who continue to tune into our meetings and provide feedback.



At the October Board Meeting we discussed a number of items, including status updates on the many maintenance and enhancement projects that are ongoing throughout the Ranch. Unfortunately this year's brutal summer wreaked havoc on our trees and landscaping, and several of our older pine trees have died as a result. As discussed at the meeting, the trees will be replaced with different varieties that are better suited to our hot and dry climate.

Also, on perhaps a less glamorous note, the Board discussed ideas about how to deal with the proliferation of roof rats throughout the area. Several residents have expressed very understandable frustration on *NextDoor* and elsewhere about this problem. As stated in previous communication from our Executive Director **Lynelle Glysson**, the Association has made a bulk purchase of traps that we will be making available to residents on a first come, first serve basis. We're also negotiating on behalf of residents with local pest control companies to establish discounts on services related to the issue. In addition, we're encouraging all of our residents to please be vigilant and not allow citrus and other fruit to accumulate on the ground, which is known to attract rats. If the Association becomes aware that this is a problem on a particular lot, we will then follow up and issue a CC&R violation if necessary.

Best Holiday wishes to you and your family!

Executive Director's Message

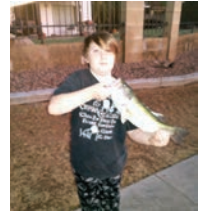


By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Bass, Budgets and Board Updates

Dear Residents,

Finally, fall weather is here! I have walked the lakes frequently in the cooler weather and I love seeing residents enjoy fishing. Here is one young resident with his first bass catch. I spoke to **Jamie Wright** and his dad and ever since he caught his bass, he was hooked. They now fish frequently.



On October 15th, the Board of Directors approved the **2021 Annual Budget**. This budget keeps the annual assessment to remain at \$552.00. You will be receiving your 2021 annual assessment letter at the end of November. The 2021 budgeted reserve contribution will be \$440,00.00.

In addition, the Board of Directors has approved setting up a **Capital Improvement Fund** and will be transferring \$860,600 from excess working capital funds. This transfer of working capital will give the Association the ability to make capital improvements for the betterment of the Association and the community.

One capital improvement project that has been discussed is the potential for restrooms at Laguna Park. There was an online survey recently where we asked simply, "Would you use restrooms at Laguna Park?" Along with that question was ample space for comments. The results were 215 residents said "yes" they would use restrooms if they were at Laguna Park and 113 said "no." The results were reported to the Board on October 15th.

The **Master Planning Committee** will now review the cost/benefit of installing restrooms and report back to the Board. They work diligently to research a project, get community feedback and report back to the Board with their findings. If you would like to participate, you can watch the live feed of the meetings, or join a committee. The committee charters are on the website or you can email me for more information at: lglysson@dobson-ranch.com.

Until we can come together in person, let us stay **#DobsonRanchStrong** while we are **#HomeontheRanch!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board, and staff.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!

The Dobson Association, Inc.

Board of Director's Open Session Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020 • 7:00 pm (virtual)

Link to join meeting posted on website calendar.



Water Awareness



By **Craig A. Wilson**
Water Resources Manager

Lowering Water Levels on Our Lakes

In the many years Dobson Ranch has been operating the Lakes of Dobson Ranch; we have not had to dredge the lakes to remove sediment as our annual shelf clean-up programs have been successful in minimizing the sediment build-up. SRP also feels it is important to clean their canals annually and does so each fall, from late November until late December they empty the canals of water for cleaning. This means no water for our lakes. So, as our lake waters recede, we follow SRP's lead by cleaning the shelves in our lakes during this **Dry-Up** period. This has worked well for the upper lakes.

The shelves in Lake 7, on the other hand, have not been cleaned in many years. We just have not been able to lower the water level in Lake 7 due to the many activities on the lake. The **Winter Wonderland** and **Boat Judging Parade** the first weekend in December has been followed by the Yacht Club's **Holiday Boat Parade** the second weekend. The water levels are usually kept high to accommodate these events.

With the cancelling of the Boat Judging Parade this year, we can start early to dry-up Lake 7. This is essential as it takes nearly a month for the water to drain sufficiently to expose the shelves. After a week-long push to clean the lake shelves, the lake will be ready for refilling by moving water from Lakes 1

through 3 to Lake 7 in time for the Yacht Club's Holiday Boat Parade now pushed back a week to December 19th. The water levels in the upper lakes would drop sufficiently to expose the shelves in Lakes 1, 2 and 3. These shelves can then be cleaned and cleared of rock.

Lowering the lake water levels in Lake 7 is a complicated process that takes time. So, this year without the Winter Wonderland Boat Parade the first weekend of December, and delaying the Yacht Club's Holiday Boat Parade until the third weekend of December, it gives us the opportunity to draw down Lake 7 water level to expose the shelves for cleaning. This plan has the water flow to Lake 7 stopped by the beginning of November allowing the water level in Lake 7 to drop. This will expose the lake shelves in early December. A crew could then be employed for a week to clean the shelves. At the end of the week, the water in the upper lakes could be moved down to Lake 7 to raise the water level for the Yacht Club's boat parade. Moving water out of the upper lakes would then expose the shelves in Lake 3 allowing the rock to be cleared from those shelves as well.

Like the other big lakes, Lake 7 will still be usable while the water levels are lowered. First, boats should be moored bow into their dock to keep the propeller out of the mud. Then avoid motoring near the shore to avoid the sunken debris known to exist mostly along the southern shore.

The Lakes of Dobson Ranch are one of our greatest assets, consisting of nearly 78 acres spread over 8 lakes in the heart of the Sonoran Desert. Keeping them clean is our responsibility.

Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**
Communications Manager

Join the "Club"

We have added several new virtual "Clubs" on our **Dobson Ranch App** for you to "join." By joining one or more of our virtual "Clubs," we will be able to send out targeted communications (or *push notifications*) to those residents directly involved or interested in that club via the App. No matter what your interest or where your home is located on the Ranch, we have a "Club" for you. And, the best part of joining a virtual "Club" is there's never any dues to pay or meetings to attend. You just sit back and let the reminders come to you on your phone or tablet!

For those of you who are already committee members or have an interest in a particular committee, you are invited to "join" one or more of the following: the **Board Meeting Club**, **Master Planning Club**, **Budget and Finance Club**, **Recreation Club**, **Lake Habitat Club** or **Water Management Club**.

If you have a particular interest in sports activities, you are welcome to join the **Pickleball Club**, the **Tennis Club**, or the **Swimming Club**.

If you live on or near one of our lakes or recreation centers, we encourage you to join any one of our **Lake Clubs**, or the **La Casita Club**, **Saratoga Club**, **Los Altos Club**, or the **Laguna Park Club**.

If you are a retired Rancher, you may want to join the virtual **Retirees' Club**.

Here's how it will work: Let's say you have decided to join the **Board of Directors Club**, the **Laguna Park Club**, and the **Pickleball Club**. From time to time, you may receive short reminders about upcoming Board Meetings or their agendas, a notice about a special event taking place at Laguna Park, and information about an upcoming Pickleball Tournament.

How to join a virtual "Club":



1. Once you are logged into the Dobson Ranch App, navigate to the **Menu** by tapping the three horizontal lines in the top left corner.
2. Tap into the **Community Notifications** menu.
3. Scroll through the available virtual clubs and tap into the ones that interest you and for which you would like to receive push notifications -

keep in mind, **you must have push notifications enabled on your device's settings.**

4. Tap **Interested** button at the bottom of the screen.
5. You will now receive future announcements and information regarding this virtual club.

Join one or join them all... the choice is up to you! Be in the know wherever you go with the Dobson Ranch App!



CC&R Tips and Reminders for November

by Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



Roof Rats

Many Dobson Ranch residents have noticed an increase of roof rats as of late. This can be caused by changes in the environment, food sources that have dried up and citrus trees not being harvested.

If you need to report any roof rat activity, please call **Maricopa County Vector Control** at: 602-506-0700, or to find more information on deterring roof rats on Vector's website. Homeowners can call them to report backyards with excessive fruit that is attracting the rats.

Also, **Varsity Pest Control** is offering Dobson Ranch residents a **20% discount** on pest control services. They can be reached at 602-833-1002.



Trees

Because of the hot, dry summer Arizona saw this year, many trees have died on the Ranch. **King's Tree Service** is offering a **10% discount** to Dobson Ranch residents for tree removal, trimming and stump removal. Please call King's Tree Service at 480-964-6758 for your discounted quote.



Thank you to all homeowners for continuing to make Dobson Ranch **"The best place to live!"**

Review of Assessment Payment Options

by Lisa Morse, Finance Manager



You may pay your quarterly assessments using either of the following methods:

1. Setting up your payments through our online payment portal.
2. Utilizing your bill pay services with your banking institution.
3. Mailing your check to our new P.O. Box.
4. Placing your check in our dropbox near the La Casita office.

- If you are making your assessment payment **using our Payment Portal** either by debit or credit card, you will need to set up a new account on our new payment portal at: <https://www.dobsonranchhoa.com>.

You will need the following information to make your assessment payment online:

- **Management ID** = 1194
- **Association ID** = 00DR
- **Property/Account Number:** (The first nine numbers of your Dobson Ranch account number.)
- If you are paying assessments through an automatic payment using **bill pay** with your bank, you will need to use or change the P.O. Box address to: The Dobson Association Inc., **P.O. Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038**. If you choose to set up a payment using bill pay with your bank, your payment will be sent to CIT Bank for payment processing.

- If you are sending your assessments in by check to our lockbox, you will need to send your payment to our new lockbox at: The Dobson Association Inc., **P.O. Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038**. Checks are sent to CIT Bank for payment processing.

Please note: Direct Dobson Ranch ACH payments were discontinued as of July 1, 2020. You must reschedule your monthly/quarterly recurring payments using the payment portal or schedule your payments with your bank using their bill pay service.

Some Payment Tips:

- Remember to check your statements before setting up your assessment payments, to review the payments that have already been made up to the date of the statement.
- Please note: Statements with credit balances are reflected by the amount in parenthesis such as (\$138), and this indicates you have paid your assessments in advance and no payment is necessary at this time.
- Please note: Additional fees will apply with online debit/credit card assessment payments. To avoid paying additional fees, please use your bank account information for echeck processing.

Warm regards,
Lisa Morse, Finance Manager



Mail Carrier's Quick Actions Save Man From Burning Home

On the afternoon of September 16, **Jennifer Vaca** was delivering the mail when she saw smoke coming from a home located at 2510 W. Isabella Avenue. She

immediately called the Fire Department. Then she knocked on the door until she woke a man sleeping inside the home who was unaware of the fire, therefore saving his life.

Jennifer is and has been the Los Altos subdivision mail carrier for many years. According to residents in the area, Jen greets her patrons with a friendly smile or wave from the postal truck during the hottest days of summer or the chilliest days of winter. Her mail deliveries are always accurate and timely.

"We are so very proud of Jen and know that she rises to the occasion no matter what the need. She is a blessing to our neighborhood and is our 'postal angel'."

This article was submitted by **John Rendler** on behalf of **Carolyn and Dr. Jay Jones and Friends of the Los Altos Subdivision.**



By **Nancy Roggio**
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Our **November Green Thumb Award** goes to **Ruby and Ruben Hernandez** at **2233 W. Calle Iglesia**. Ruben sent us these pics of their "haunted" house all decked out for Halloween.

Neighborhood children were delighted with the ghoulish graveyard die-o-rama, complete with a ton of tombstones, wicked witches, ghostly ghouls and super scary skeletons.

Their "anything but itsy bitsy" spider and its tangled web was standing guard over the property. Thanks for putting the "happy" in Halloween this year!

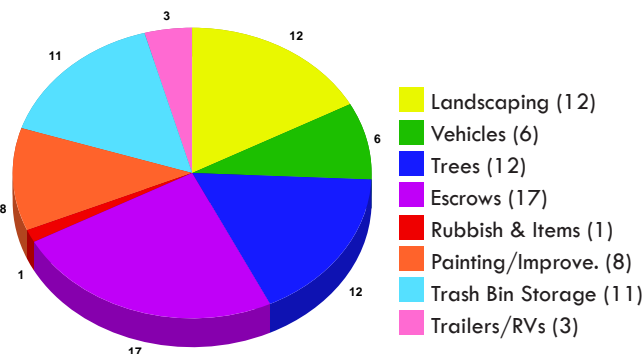
Turning your yard into a delightful treat for the whole neighborhood... that's what makes Dobson Ranch *the best place to live!*

CC&R Notices

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Thumbs up for **Ruby & Ruben!**

There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured as a Green Thumb winner, call 480-831-8314 or email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



On Your Mark, Get Set, Recycle! America Recycles Day is November 15th

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Sunday, November 15 is **America Recycles Day**, the national program that is part of **Keep America Beautiful**. Started in 1997 by the National Recycling Coalition, America Recycles Day raises public awareness about the importance of recycling to help protect the environment. The day also encourages personal pledges to recycle and to buy recycled products.

According to Keep America Beautiful, the national recycling rate has increased over the past 30 years, with the recent rate at 34%. It may seem difficult to increase the rate, especially with the changes in the City of Mesa's recycling contracts and the impacts of COVID-19 on the budget. On a positive note, the City recently resumed separate trucks to pick up our blue recycle and green yard waste barrels so the materials are being processed properly once again. However, Mesa's recycling vendor has limited capacity so the City will look at other options in Spring/Summer 2021. No need to fret - there are other ways to recycle to make it easy to take part in America Recycles Day every day of the year.



A creative way to recycle is by turning food scraps into compost. Did you know that over 95% of food waste goes into landfills or is incinerated? You can recycle your coffee grounds, vegetable and fruit peels, eggshells, etc., by turning them into compost. Compost is a dark, earthy substance that results from the natural decomposition of plants and other once-living materials.

The benefits of adding compost to houseplants and garden soil include conditioning the soil so you use less water, improving the soil to promote healthy root growth, and saving money on fertilizer.

The City of Mesa offers backyard compost containers to Mesa residents for a \$5 non-refundable delivery fee, along with instructions at [MesaRecycles.org](https://www.mesarecycles.org). If you do not want to compost on your own, then have **R.City** do the work for you. Whether you live in a house, apartment or townhome, **R.City** supplies everything you need, including an air-tight bin, pick-up, delivery and making the compost. Sign up for a

free two-week trial at [RecycledCity.com](https://www.RecycledCity.com).

Mesa's **Household Hazardous Materials Facility** is a drive-thru facility that offers an easy drop-off process for hazardous materials that can be reused, recycled or disposed of properly to prevent pollution. This is the place to take items that do not go into any barrels at home and are not to be poured into the street or down any drains, such as paint. Items that are still in usable condition are free to residents in the "Swap Shop." Items are available on a first come, first serve basis and cannot be reserved. The Swap Shop is located in the Mesa Household Materials Facility at 2412 N. Center Street, 85201. For hours of operation and a list of acceptable items, check out [MesaRecycles.org](https://www.MesaRecycles.org).

(Side Note – if you have expired or unwanted medication and prescription drugs, a drop-off kiosk is located in Mesa Police Station lobby at Fiesta Station: 1010 W. Grove, Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Our local **Target** (1230 S. Longmore Ave.) is again accepting MP3 players, cell phones and ink cartridges. Recycling e-waste is important, especially cell phones

because this helps to reduce both pollution and the market for Colton, an ore used in making electronics that harms wildlife habitats. The collection bins at **Target** are located inside the store, near the exit. You can also drop off plastic bags, glass, plastic and aluminum.

Finally, since the election is over, are you wondering what to do with the campaign signs? A quick **Google** or **Pinterest** search will yield instructions on how to create birdfeeders, bicycle basket liners, and storage boxes, along with many other creative projects.

Luckily, there are different ways to recycle, even during these unprecedented times. On your mark, get set, go! What will you pledge on America Recycles Day 2020? The goal of America Recycles Day is to help us make meaningful differences in our everyday lives by taking small steps to reduce waste, thereby increasing our impact as global citizens. Take the pledge to learn, act and share about recycling at: <https://kab.org/programs/ard/pledge>.

Dobson Ranch is a community leader in conservation practices, let's keep it that way. #BeRecycled



Landscaping Tips



By Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association, the Sustainable Landscape Management (SLM) and the Arizona Certified Landscape Professional (ACLP) www.ALCA.org

Plants Feel the Heat!



With over 50 days of 110-degree weather in the Valley, the extreme heat took its toll on many species of trees and shrubs.

What happens to our plants in these conditions?

According to **Jeff Iles** with the Department of Horticulture, high temperatures are unfavorable for the growth of many plant species because the rate of photosynthesis (*the process by which plants convert the energy of the sun into chemical energy*

– complex sugars) begins to decline rapidly after a critical high temperature is reached, resulting in the breakdown of tissue. Photosynthesis occurs during the day and at considerably higher rates than respiration (*the process by which plants convert the stored chemical energy into energy to fuel growth*) which continues day and night. If photosynthesis is unable to replenish the stored chemical reserves used overnight by respiration, the plant will start to decline, exhibiting death of leaf tips and margins, branches and roots, eventually resulting in death of the plant. If extreme heat continues for weeks at a time, more plants may die.

It is difficult to define one critical high temperature for landscape plants because it varies with species, however, temperatures in the 90s and 100s undoubtedly slow this important light-energy to chemical-energy conversion for many plants.

Finally, high temperatures may cause severe water loss (*desiccation*) when transpiration (*the process by which leaves release water vapor to the atmosphere*) exceeds moisture absorption by the roots. As the water content in leaves decreases, leaves wilt slowing the rate of water loss, but this causes leaf temperatures to increase because of reduced evaporative cooling. If unfavorably high temperatures persist, this cycle can worsen so that a portion, or all of the leaf will die.



How should we care for plants in hot weather?

- It is recommended to water plants deeply, ideally first thing in the morning while temperatures and transpiration rates are lower.
- Mulch or apply granite to help keep soil temperatures lower, retain moisture, suppress weeds and improve soil health.
- Move potted plants to a shaded area. Beware of potted plants close to a wall that might receive radiant and or reflective heat during the day.
- Set up shade cloth for young tender plants.
- Watch the leaves on your plants. Leaves wilt during extremely hot and sunny days as a defense mechanism. If water regimens are sufficient but the plant does not perk up in the evening or after watering in the morning, then it might be a sign that soil water is not the problem.
- Practice sustainable landscape management. The best defense for extreme weather is having healthy plants. Caring for them year-round with the right fertilizers and amendments, seasonal pruning, and good watering practices are the best way to help your plants make it through extreme weather.



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Homeowner Improvements

Architectural Applications October 2020

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

43 Applications \$308,579

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Shed	\$ 2,000
Paint	\$ 1,250
Solar	\$ 26,662
Window Replacement	\$ 31,000
Landscape	\$ 1,700

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Landscape	\$ 3,000
Garage Addition	\$ 36,500
Shed	\$ 2,400

DOBSON RANCH UNIT V

Roof	\$ 7,500
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DOBSON SHORES

Paint	\$ 500
Landscape	\$ 6,600
Deck	\$ 24,000
Roof	\$ 9,000

LAGUNA SHORES

Room Addition	\$ 15,000
Garage Door	\$ 4,100
Roof	\$ 16,867
Paint	\$ 2,900
Landscape	\$ 5,700

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Landscape	\$ 3,000
Window Replacement	\$ 2,500

LOS ALTOS

Pergola	\$ 2,000
Paint	\$ 5,000
Shed	\$ 3,000
Fence	\$ 1,500

REGENCY ESTATES

Solar	\$ 27,000
Wall	\$ 950
Landscape	\$ 10,000
Paver Patio	\$ 1,200

SARATOGA LAKES

Shed	\$ 3,000
Window Replacement	\$ 30,000
Landscape	\$ 3,000
RV Gate	\$ 3,000
Wall	\$ 1,200
Fence	\$ 1,250

KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Paint	\$ 3,500
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KEATS CROSSING

Window Replacement	\$ 10,800
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Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
2 – Houses
Home Sales: **35**



Fall Fish Restock Update

By Joseph Trickett, Chairman of the Lake Habitat Committee

To our welcomed surprise our fish supplier, **Fresh Catch Fish Inc.**, has located us a small supply of Largemouth Bass which will be delivered along with the rest of our fall fish stock on November 3rd. Initially Largemouth Bass were unavailable, but thanks to some quick action from our supplier and our Executive Director, we were able to “snag” 1000 3” to 4” bass. Though this is a smaller amount than we would normally order, the new bass will introduce a new class and new genetics into our Largemouth Bass population. Along with the bass, an order of artificial lake habitat features will be deployed into our lakes.

The habitat consists of a base and wavy plastic leaves that are designed to mimic plants that would occur naturally on a lake floor. The habitat provides a place for fish to lay their eggs as well as providing a hiding place for smaller fish. The artificial habitats will not be visible from the surface and are designed to not interfere with boats or trolling motors. The habitats will be placed first in Lakes 1, 3 and 7, which are the more heavily fished lakes. The habitats will help support natural fish procreation which will in turn help create a stronger, more stable fishery.

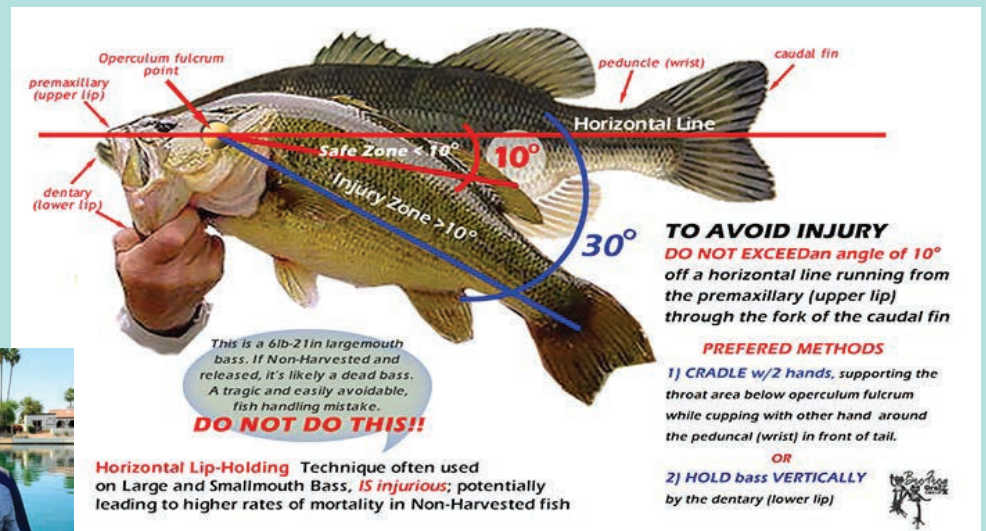
The habitat instillations are part of a long-term lake habitat plan to place artificial habitat in each of the lakes and will be built upon each year.



The Proper Handling Technique When Catching Bass



Resident **Dustin Corey** recently caught these two Largemouth Bass on Lake 7. Dustin says, “It is super important that people know how to handle a Bass. If they don’t, they can break the fish’s jaw... making it impossible for them to eat and survive. Sadly, I have pulled a few deceased Bass from the lake that starved because of their damaged jaws. The picture below shows the proper handling technique.”



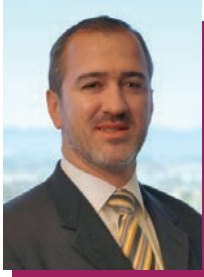
Have a big catch of your own?

Send your “big fish” photos to nroggio@dobsonranch.com and you might see your photo in a future issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp**. Be sure to include your name, type and size of fish and in which lake it was caught.



Budget and Finance: Safeguarding the Financial Condition of the Association

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Spencer Jarvis chairs the **Budget and Finance Committee** and helps watch over the financial condition and policies on the Ranch. Find out more about him and the Committee in this Q&A-style interview.

Q: Tell us about your background.

SJ: I am a fourth generation Arizonan. I spent a couple years after high school as a missionary in Canada before attending

Brigham Young University and getting a bachelor's degree in Construction Management. Next, I attended the University of Arizona where I obtained a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree with a focus in Finance. I've spent the last 18 years working in the construction and real estate industries. Over this time I've focused on consulting, and the asset management of construction and real estate projects.

Q: How long have you lived in Dobson Ranch and what is your family status?

SJ: My wife Sharon and I have been happily married for 19 years and have lived in Dobson Ranch for 13 years. We have 5 children - Cale (16), Carli (15), Danielle (12), Daphne (9), and Scarlett (7). They are all attending schools in the area including two at Franklin at Alma Elementary, one at Summit Academy Jr. High, and two at Dobson High School.

Q: Explain what it is that you do as the Budget and Finance Committee Chairperson.

SJ: As chairman of the committee, I preside over and conduct our meetings and work with our Executive Director to set the agenda for each meeting. Additionally, I provide a report of the committee meetings and make recommendations to the Board of Directors during the regular monthly Board meetings.

Q: Why did you get involved in this Committee?

SJ: I believe that it is important that everyone be involved in our community as much as they are able. I have followed the association business and finances since we moved in during 2007, but in 2016 I had some time free up in my life that allowed me to commit to serving on a committee and I became a member of the Budget and Finance Committee at that time. I specifically volunteered for the Budget and Finance Committee because my education, experience and interests aligned best with this committee.

I had previously served on a budget and finance committee for a non-profit and on an HOA board of directors. Both of these experiences helped me feel like this committee was where I could contribute the most. I have been the chair since I was elected from the members of the committee in November 2018.

Q: When does the Budget and Finance Committee meet?

SJ: The committee meets on the Monday proceeding the monthly Board Meeting that is held on the third Thursday of

each month. The meeting is held at 6:30 pm. Traditionally, we have met in person at La Casita, but in the current environment we are meeting remotely via Zoom and the meetings are broadcast through YouTube.

Q: What is the biggest challenge the Budget and Finance Committee faces today? How can it be met?

SJ: The biggest challenge is to assist in safeguarding the financial condition of the association by watching over the finances of the association, notifying management and the Board of concerns and making recommendations that can improve or protect the financial strength of the association.

Q: What is the one thing that you would like to see change about the Budget and Finance approval process? Why?

SJ: I believe that the association could benefit from a change in the budget and finance process by scheduling periodic deeper dives into key financial areas. Currently, the committee reviews the association financial statements every month including the balance sheet, income statement, investments, etc. In addition, the committee also reviews projects and contracts that are recommended by the staff. This fills most of our meeting time and on an adhoc basis we drill down into areas as questions come up. There is value in drilling down and looking at trends over time versus the point in time view that we get each month. By scheduling and planning for a regular drill down into key areas, we would ensure that it happens consistently and can make better recommendations.

Q: What is your top priority on the Budget and Finance Committee at this time? Why?

SJ: Our top priority right now is the preparation and review of the annual budget for next year. It is critical that it is approved and in place as the budget forms a guide that management can use in running the association in a fiscally responsible manner.

Q: What can you tell us about the Dobson Ranch HOA Budget for 2021?

SJ: The association's 2021 Budget has been under review since August. The draft budget is prepared by the Finance Manager and Executive Director with assistance from association staff. The committee reviews the draft budget in conjunction with the Board of Directors and challenges assumptions in the budget to ensure that the budget is conservative while being representative of historical trends and future expectations.

Q: Would you like to have other Ranchers join the Budget and Finance Committee?

SJ: YES!!! We currently have three members and our charter allows for up to seven. More eyes on the finances and different perspectives in our reviews can only help us fill our role to assist the Board in watching over the financial condition and policies of the association.

Interested in joining the Budget and Finance Committee? Please contact Lynelle Glysson at lglysson@dobsonranchhoa.com.



GOT TALENT?

IT'S

SHOWTIME

Enter  Our

ADULT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW

CONTEST RULES: Contest begins November 1 and runs through November 20, 2020.

- Our **Adult Virtual Talent Show Contest** is open to residents of Dobson Ranch who are 18 years old and above.
- There will be four categories: **Vocal Performance; Instrumental Performance; Dance Performance** and **"Other" Type of Performance** (magic, comedian, physical talent, etc.). One winner will be selected in each category.
- All videos should be taken using a cell phone, but may not be more than 3 minutes in length. Please do your best to provide adequate lighting and sound when shooting your video.
- Videos should be emailed to nroggio@dobsonranch.com by no later than November 20, 2020. Be sure to include your name and address, description of talent and the category you are entering.
- Talent presentations may include more than one person, but no more than six people.
- All videos will be posted on **Facebook** and our **YouTube** channel. Viewing date TBD. Watch for an Email Blast with more voting information and link to our **YouTube** channel.
- One entry in each category receiving the most votes will win a **\$100 Visa Gift Card**.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By **Jesse Wright**
Recreation Manager

We had great weather during the October 10th Clean Up event, a total of **23.89** tons of material was collected. The weather is finally starting to cool off and December is right around the corner.

We have some exciting new programs to end the year. To replace the **Winter Wonderland** event, we will be doing **Letters to Santa** and a take-home ornament craft. Drop off your letters in the decorated mailbox located at La Casita Recreation Center between Friday, December 4 – Friday, December 11 during business hours (Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, closed Sundays). You will receive a free take home ornament craft. We will also be doing a **Virtual Cookie Decorating Class** on Saturday, December 5. Register through ActiveNet starting October 19th. The fee is \$5 per person and is a \$30 value! Spots are limited, so sign up today. See event flyer on page 18 for more information.

Fishing Licenses and Boat Permits for 2021 will be going on sale December 1. Prices will remain the same this year. Fishing Licenses pricing: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10 for individuals (seven years of age and older). And, for a family of up to four: Residents \$10, Non-Residents \$20. Boat Permits are \$15 for non-motorized and motorized watercrafts (*lifelong permit*). Stop by La Casita Recreation Center to purchase your licenses or permits. (You can drop your information/payment in the drop box or mail them to the Recreation office).

Please Note: Our Recreation Center Holiday Hours are: Thanksgiving 11/26 & 11/27 CLOSED. We will reopen on

Saturday 11/28. **Christmas Eve** 12/24 and **Christmas Day** 12/25 **CLOSED**, and 12/26 we will be **OPEN**.

Stay Safe and Happy Holidays to you all!

New Tennis Reservation System for La Casita Tennis Courts Using the Dobson Ranch App



Just follow these simple steps to make your reservation:

1. Log into your Dobson Ranch App.
2. Navigate to the Tennis menu.
3. Tap into which La Casita Tennis Court you would like to reserve.
4. Tap "Reserve La Casita Tennis Court".
5. Select the date you wish to reserve and tap "Manage Reservations".
6. Select the time you wish to reserve.

Reservations are required to use the Dobson Ranch La Casita Tennis Courts.

Have questions? Contact the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464.

Tennis Tip for November: How and When to Use Drop Shots to Your Advantage



By **Kwong Young**
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

In the tennis game, we see more players hitting **lob shots** during match play because either they are out of position and need to buy themselves time to recover their position or the opportunity was right since the opponent was near the net.

The opposite of a lob would be a **drop shot**. A drop shot is when you hit the ball softly over the net so it lands short in the court. It's best to hit a drop shot when the opponent is standing somewhere back behind the baseline or out of position.

A good drop shot will land barely over the net. The opponent will not be able to run towards the net to get it before it bounces twice. This type of shot is performed when striking the ball with a soft hit. Adding some backspin to a drop shot will result in a better outcome.

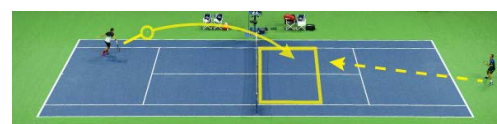
When hitting the drop shot, it's important to use the continental grip, as you would with a slice or a volley. This allows you to hit the ball in front and maximizes control of the placement and spin. One should use this specialty shot when your opponent is back on the baseline or when they are out of position.

Drop shots are an extremely useful tactic on the court when used effectively. To prevent the opponent from anticipating the drop shot, the best players disguise their drop shots by faking a normal topspin groundstroke. They quickly switch from their topspin grip to a continental grip for the drop shot.

The timing of the drop shot must be perfect in order to hurt your opponent. If you use the drop shot when you're out of position or moving backward, then it may result in an error or an easy short ball for your opponent. However, there are several times when it is a good idea to hit a drop shot.

It is best to use a drop shot when:

- A player is out of position.
- Your opponent is tired or a slow mover.
- Your opponent is comfortable at baseline but not the net.
- You have a chance to approach the net to join your partner.



In today's game, you see more and more pros sending drop shots to

their opponents. When your opponent expects a hard shot, deep in the court, the drop shot is a good alternative. When performed perfectly, the opponent has too much running to do and simply gets outplayed with a soft ball... so there's no power needed!



DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranchhoa.com.



ADULTS

Dobson Ranch offers a full-range of programs and playing opportunities for ages 16+ and various ability levels. We focus on developing the complete player who can perform in any match situation at any level. Our tennis pro combines technical, mental and physical elements of the game to help build confidence and conditioning to ensure a positive, successful and fun experience.

Adult Skills & Drills

Geared for advanced beginners/intermediate players, this class focuses on technique and spin production on shots, as well as basic match strategies. Through structured drills, players will improve their playing consistency, build confidence, and learn how to generate more speed and power.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, December 7, 14, 21, 28 **5929 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5930 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

Adult Weekday Doubles Play

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, December 7, 14, 21, 28 **5931 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **5932 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

Adult Saturday Doubles

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

9:00 am - 10:30 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, December 5, 12, 19 **5933 \$30 R/\$45 NR**

JUNIORS

The mission of Dobson Ranch junior tennis is to provide quality instruction in a fun and friendly atmosphere with a multilevel juniors program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Each tennis student's placement is based on age, experience and a challenge ladder. Classes combine energized drills, fun games, match play, and conditioning. Our goal is for students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Bring a friend!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players ages 7-12 looking for an introduction to tennis. This class will introduce basic technique through fun drills and games. Learn how to serve into the correct service box, how to keep score, how to properly rotate the racquet, and how to sustain a rally. If you don't already have a racquet, our tennis pro will fit your child for the proper racquet size during the first class.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, December 7, 14, 21, 28 **5927 \$40 R/\$60 NR**
Saturday, December 5, 12, 19 **5928 \$30 R/\$45 NR**

Monthly Round Robin Social*

This monthly social is a fantastic way to meet other tennis players in the community. Players will participate in doubles and mixed-doubles matches in a round-robin format, assorted by levels. No matter what your playing level is, come out and meet other tennis players in a fun, relaxed setting.

Saturday | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*December Social 12/19

FREE! Adults 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call **Kwong Young** at 480-759-2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at www.dobsonranch.com.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
 When: Wednesdays
 Where: AM Classes & PM Classes at La Casita Recreation Center

Time: 9:00 am Beginning Tai Chi
 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi
 7:00 pm Beginning Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents
 \$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card



Tai Chi is a gentle Chinese exercise system that may enhance strength and flexibility as well as reduce stress. Learning the Tai Chi form can be the beginning of a healthy, lifelong practice that can improve

the quality of life of individuals who choose to practice it.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne
 When: Mondays
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card



Transform your mind, body and spirit! Yoga will improve your flexibility and strengthen your core muscles while banishing stress and tension. This relaxing but invigorating

class promotes inner calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat, Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are very helpful. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. *

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 When: 8:15 am - 9:15 am
 Cost: \$8 drop in or \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card



Healing Yoga

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Learn how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, and not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again.



Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat. You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card. *

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Starting Date: September 1
 Instructor: Nancy
 When: MON. & THURS. 6:00 am - 6:45 am*;
 Where: Laguna Park
 Cost: See pricing below in orange band.
 RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

Buy 5, Get 1 FREE! Residents: \$50, Non-Residents: \$75
 Buy 9, Get 3 FREE! Residents: \$90, Non-Residents \$135

Your 1st class is FREE!!! Contact Nancy at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com to reserve your first FREE class.

*Your Punch Card for this class expires three months from your purchase date. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards will be sold at Saratoga Recreation Center for this class only.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5935
 When: Thursdays (January 7 - February 11)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince or princess shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are recommended. There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5936
 When: Tuesdays (January 5 - February 9)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles which will include jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat and fun class and discover dance. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- 1. REGISTRATION** for classes can be done on the Association website at www.dobsonranch.com or at La Casita Community Center, 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.
- 2. QUESTIONS** on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Community desk at 480-831-7464.
- 3. REFUNDS** – The Dobson Association reserves the right to establish fees and cost minimums for all programs and to cancel those programs not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:
 - a. Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in full refund.
 - b. Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
 - c. Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
 - d. Discontinuance of participation due to injury or illness will be reviewed for consideration of prorated refund.
 - e. No other refunds will be given. No exceptions. Refund requests must be promptly submitted.



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES AT LA CASITA

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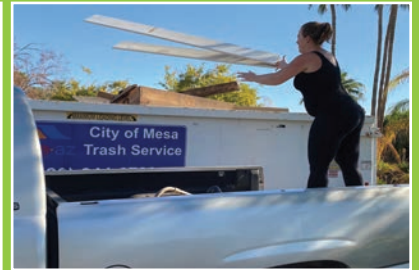


Recreation Happenings

NOVEMBER 2020

To see more photos from our **Fall Community Clean Up** event, visit our **Facebook** page.

Community Clean up Saturday, Oct. 10



FREE VIRTUAL PAINTING CLASS
Saturday, October 24






Abby Richards



Katie Miller



Mikey DiSanto



Chloe McCarthy (4)



Melanie Dunmar



Madeline and Heather O'Neill

To see more painters and paintings, visit our **Facebook** page or **website Photo Album**.



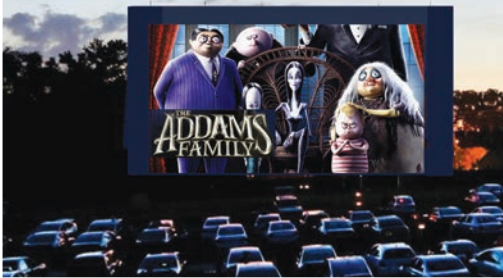
Recreation Happenings

NOVEMBER 2020

Halloween Drive-In Movie Nights featuring *The Addams Family* animated movie on October 16th & 17th.



Halloween Drive-In Movie Nights





Recreation Happenings

NOVEMBER 2020

Our challenging **Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt at the Parks** took place on Saturday, October 17th.



Sage and Bryce Thomas



Henlea Ruiz (in pink) and her cousins Lila, Lucy & William



Dominic Battaglia



Celia & Kellan Hoog



Melina Lomwe



Iris, Elin & Otto Hushagen



Leila Betts



Katherine Kowalski



Allen Mrock



Stier Twins: Isabela (l.), Sofia (r.)



Zoey Garcia



Abigail & Benjamin Lee



Creative and clever costumes were the focus of this year's **Halloween Costume Photo Contest!**



Halloween Costume Contest entries included:

1. Abigail Lee (4)
Mermaid
2. Gracie Frappier (4)
Darkwing Duck
3. Jacob Hine (8)
Aaron Burr
4. Benjamin Lee (6)
Pirate/Ship

FAMILY WINNERS



Gabriel, Henlea & Megan Ruiz
Maui, Moana & Hei Hei the chicken from Disney's "Moana"



Though we did not get to gather in person for our **Halloween Spooktacular** event at Laguna Park this year, we did get to see several of our cute, little Ranchers and their families dressed in their colorful and creative costumes.

Each of our winners received a gift card and a goodie bag.

Thank you to everyone who entered our contest.

0-2 AGE GROUP WINNER



Toby Lee (1)
Farmer

3-5 AGE GROUP WINNERS



Stier Twins: Sofia & Isabela (4)
Mario & Luigi

6-9 AGE GROUP WINNER



Alex Dorn (9)
Marshmello from Fortnite

10-12 AGE GROUP WINNER



Liam Hine (11)
Alexander Hamilton



All events are subject to change. Check the Events Calendar on our website for the most up-to-date info.



Actual cookies you will be decorating

Virtual Cookie Decorating Class

Hosted by **SMITH-O-LATOR**
Cookie Shop

Registration for the online class will run from October 19 thru November 25 through **ActiveNet**, and the class will take place on **Saturday, December 5th** at 11:00 am via **Zoom**. **Fee: \$5 per person.**

Everything you'll need will be in your Cookie Kit! Cookie Kit pickup will be on Friday, December 4th at the La Casita Recreation Center from 11am - 6 pm.

The perfect holiday activity for adults and children ages 8 and up!

Calling All Kids!

Here's your chance to let Santa know just how good you've been this year!

Drop off your **Letter to Santa** in the specially-decorated mailbox located by the Dobson Ranch Recreation Center entrance between **Friday, December 4** and **Friday, December 11** during business hours. (M-F 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am-2:00 pm, closed on Sun.)

Every child that sends a letter to Santa will receive a **FREE Christmas Craft** when they do so.



Letters may appear on our Facebook page or an issue of Ranchers' RoundUp.



Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

Please join us online for our monthly meetings to stay connected and hear from exciting speakers! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month using **Zoom**. Please visit our **Facebook** page for more information and to register for the next meeting:

<https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats>

Thank you!

Questions? Call **George Tihanyi** at **480-792-6746** or **Robert Doyle** at **602-321-6169**, or email rdoyle@canyonrecords.com

Donations are always appreciated:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/drd20>

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats/>

Join our Meet-Up group:

<https://www.meetup.com/LD18-Dems/>



Dobson Ranch Republicans

By Bob Schuster & Michelle Masters, Co-Chairs

With the tumultuous political season behind us, the Dobson Ranch Republicans will be on hiatus through the holiday season.

To everyone who worked hard supporting their favorite candidate(s) during this election cycle, we extend a hearty "Thank You!"

Here's wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving. While large gatherings of family and friends may be out for most, we should still be thankful for our democratic republic that allows all of us to have a hand in selecting our leaders. In two years, we will have another important election, with many statewide offices, including governor, on the ballot. Hopefully, it will be safe once again to meet in person and get to know the candidates face-to-face.

Meanwhile, stay up to date on local Republican issues by visiting our **Facebook** page (www.Facebook.com/Dobson-RanchRepublicans) and by getting on our email list by notifying us at DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Bob Schuster and Michelle Masters, Co-Chairs



Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979

Dobson Ranchers!

Regarding time, it is always "the past, present and future."

Not many times can you find yourself involved in making history. That is, you were contributing to the past.

But, on November 3rd, choices were made by millions, including you.

Hopefully, not subjective choices based on your likes or dislikes, but objective choices based on such things as:

- school choice or government/unions decide
- open for business or government-imposed restrictions
- support the police or call Social workers
- competitive healthcare choices or one size fits all
- legal or illegal; peaceful or rioting; debate or one-sided



With the "present" here, hopefully your choices have resulted in an outcome that represents the "majority of America."

How did you do? For that matter, how did America do?

The answers to the above will map the future and, of course, find their way into writings of the past (*history*).

Jack Wagner (golfingjack@msn.com or 70sglfr@gmail.com)



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President



Although our temperatures continue to remain higher than average, the days are getting cooler. That makes getting outdoors a lot more attractive. Our hiking and biking activities are getting underway. Guidelines about distancing and facemasks are being observed, and adhering to these guidelines may cause changes in how we manage the activities.

A new activity has been introduced into the Retirees' Club this year. That is **Line Dancing**. Because of restrictions about using indoor space, this activity has become an outdoor activity for now. As is the case with so many things, line dancing will evolve as pandemic restrictions change. Like hiking and biking, line dancing will observe guidelines for facemasks and distancing.



Club meetings are still on hold. That means no formal club gatherings will be taking place this calendar year. However, informal gatherings are taking place from time to time. As people become more comfortable about or accustomed to pandemic guidelines, friends are getting together to reestablish contact with each other. So while the past 'normal' is not yet here, our Club is nonetheless again becoming a community.

God Bless You!

Fall Pickleball Attendance Picking Up

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Cooler mornings are bringing more players out, along with the return of our winter visitors and the wiser ones amongst us who have finally fled their summer retreats to cooler places to come back home to the Ranch.

Our first neighborhood tournament since COVID-19 started was held on Halloween morning. We will be observing our "winter" hours for "drop-in" morning play until the heat returns next spring: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 am. Our evening play on Monday and Thursday evenings starts at 6:30 pm under the lights.



This month's photo features our evening crew. Their leader **Donna Ransom** says: "We are always welcoming new players. We are friendly, non-competitive (well, maybe a little competitive), and just have fun because we love the game, so come on out and have some fun with us."

Of course, Dobson residents do have access to the courts anytime between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm seven days a week, but if you want to experience interaction with a varied group of player personalities, all with their own athletic abilities and

strategies, please join us for "drop-in", meet some new people, and test your skill set against the field! Just a reminder, as well, to bring your own chair, plenty of your own water, and that we continue to observe 6-foot social distancing as best we can, and usually keep hand-sanitizer by the courts. The bathrooms at Los Altos have re-opened for play times, although if you come at other times you may find them locked.

We continue to welcome new players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate attire including court shoes. Please contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact **Donna Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

ON A SIDE NOTE: Rich Bitner was quoted in an article entitled, "Readers Warn About My Growing Pickleball Obsession" by **Karina Bland**, a Columnist for the *Arizona Republic/USA TODAY* Network. Rich said Karina's tap dancing will come in handy on the court: "The footwork will probably be a big asset to developing your pickleball prowess."

For full article visit: <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/karinabland/2020/10/16/readers-warn-me-new-pickleball-kick-might-too-late/3660518001/>

Practice Safe Exercise, Stay Healthy, Mask Up & Pickle-On!!

Women's Club

By Patty Smith, Women's Club President

Happy Fall. The weather has finally become cooler. Yeah!

Thank you to all our veterans that have served all of us. **Jacque** is our Navy Veteran. Thank you to all our family members and friends that have supported them. God Bless the USA.

Halloween and the Election have come and gone. Do you miss all the political ads and phone calls? Now onto our Covid Holiday Season. Should be challenging, but we will find a way to celebrate a "Reason for the Season."

Vicky is recovering nicely from her surgery. Please keep **Phyllis Bleakley** in your thoughts and prayers for continued healing. Does anyone want to meet for brunch or lunch? Please let **Chris** know.

Exciting news! We've become the proud Great Aunt and Uncle for **Hardin A. Smith**.



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and stay healthy!
Patty

Blast from the Past:
Photo is from last year's Halloween Spooktacular event



Retirees' Hiking Club

By Barbara Stout, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Hello Hikers,



Below is the new hiking schedule for the rest of the month of November. We will wear masks when we are in a group and most will drive separately to the trailhead. I will have a list of those people who would be willing to have hikers in their cars.

The Clippers "Extra" hikes are in **Blue** and are on Wednesdays and Fridays. February 6th is turn in your milage day.

- November 11 **Salt River Wild Horse Trail** - Pacers and Clippers 6.1 miles in and out
- November 13 **White Tank Mountains** - Mesquite Canyon to Ford Canyon to Willow Canyon to Mesquite Canyon Trailhead staging area 8.4 miles
- November 18 **Usery Park** - West Pass Mountain Pacers Pass Mountain Clippers 7.5 miles (take separate cars)
- November 20 **Estrella Mountains** - Cold Water to Gadsden to Butterfield 9.1 miles
- November 25 **Cave Creek** - Overton Trail Pacers Go John Clippers 5.8 miles
- November 27 **San Tan Mountains** - San Tan Rock Peak Wash to San Tan to Malpais to San Tan to Rock Peak Wash 8.9 miles

Women's Tennis Club

By Lynda Bailey, Dobson Ranch Tennis Committee

Greetings from the Courts!

A special "Thanks" to the Dobson Board of Directors, Maintenance crew and Recreation team for their support in getting the La Casita tennis courts completed in time for our season to begin! They are really "First Class!"

The Dobson Ranch Women's Tennis Team had it's first "home" game on November 6th at 9:00 am at La Casita.

What a crazy year! Only six women's tennis teams (of the 11) are playing in the Valley of the Sun league this year due to COVID-19. We will strictly adhere to all the rules of distancing and prep (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer). Our opponents come from The American Leadership Academy, The Chandler Tennis Center, and The Iron Oaks Tennis Center, Sun Lakes.



We do our best to WIN and we'd love your support.

Interested in the new Dobson Ranch Tennis Club? Call Lynda at 602-625-8482.



Milestones & Memories



Look who's 102! Happy Birthday to VINCE GALGANO!

Vince is an original Dobson Ranch resident living on W. Via Rialto Avenue since 1974. He is a WWII veteran from Brooklyn, New York. He still enjoys riding around Lake 1 on his scooter.

If you see him while you are out and about, be sure to wish him a very happy birthday!

Do you have a milestone birthday, anniversary or special memory of Dobson Ranch you'd like to share? Email your info to nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Mesa Public Schools Bond Dollars At Work

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/Mesa Public Schools



Photos by **Tim Hacker**/MPS

Even as COVID-19 kept school campuses closed, the Mesa Public Schools construction team worked behind the scenes to ensure schools were ready for a fall return to in-person learning. Thanks to voter-approved bond dollars, several schools received much-needed improvements this year. The team focused on projects that support the district's **Portrait of a Graduate** and its framework to ensure all students graduate ready for college, career and community. Projects included cafeteria and kitchen remodels, carpet installations, roof and sewer line repairs, building safety renovations and parking lot improvements.

Creating safer school campuses

In fall 2019, Washington Elementary School received a front office renovation and installation of security film on all campus windows. The updates have created a safer campus. Over the summer, Mesa Academy for Advanced Studies, Kino Junior High School, and Lowell, Robson and Taft elementary schools also received front office remodels and safety film.

"The office renovations ensure that when school is in session, only individuals who have checked in at the front office are on campus," shares **Holly Williams**, associate superintendent. "This, in addition to cameras and security film on glass areas, is all part of making schools safer."

To enhance security procedures, nine sites received ballistic and riot control film, 24 schools installed high-definition security cameras, and five added security fencing.

Allen Moore, director of school safety and security, shares that the cameras and film add a layer of protection for students and staff.

"Along with district safety protocols, the ballistic and riot control film keep students and staff safe in the event someone might try to open fire or break the glass to gain access," Moore says.

Updating school buses

Bus drivers play an important role in student success, and having safe buses to transport students is a top priority. Bond dollars facilitated the purchase of 50 air-conditioned buses, 20 families in transition (FIT) vans and an activity van for each of the six comprehensive district high schools. There are currently 532 buses in the district's fleet.

William Frizell, vehicle maintenance supervisor, says the new buses and vans provide greater safety and comfort for students, and run much cleaner than their diesel predecessors. "The new wheelchair-accessible buses will replace buses that have more than 20 years in service," Frizell shares. "Our FIT vans and activity vans are equipped with SEON camera systems and Zonar tracking for added safety and security."

Updating to more efficient propane-powered buses equals a fuel savings of \$6,400 per bus, and a lifetime \$4,000 average savings due to low maintenance repairs.

The district has proposed to purchase 50 buses for the 2021-22 school year to replace the remaining buses not equipped with air conditioning.





Head to Downtown Mesa This Holiday Season to Create Magical Memories



November 27, 2020 - January 2, 2021

Merry Main Street, a spectacular celebration of the holiday season, will be held in downtown Mesa kicking off on November 27th through January 2nd. Merry Main Street will again feature the **Winter Wonderland Ice Rink** of more than 5,000 square feet that will be open for nearly 40 days. Other key attractions are a nearly four-story tall **Christmas Tree** and **Santa's sELFie Stations**. All social distancing guidelines will apply. For more information, visit www.merrymainstreet.com.



Downtown Mesa will have an ice skating rink just outside City Plaza. The Winter Wonderland Ice Rink is a great way to enjoy the amazing winter weather while skating under the stars.

The Winter Wonderland Ice Rink is located on the east side of Mesa City Plaza at 20 E. Main Street.



The Mesa Chamber of Commerce has sponsored Mesa's official Christmas tree. Check it out on Macdonald, north of Main Street.



You can create new memories and your own holiday card at **Santa's sELFie Stations**. Look for stations near the Christmas Tree and along Main Street.

To provide a safe and healthy environment for all patrons at the Winter Wonderland Ice Rink, PRE-PURCHASE of tickets for a SPECIFIC DAY/TIME will be required this year. All ticket purchases must be done in advance.

Ranchers' RoundUp

The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

The **Ranchers' RoundUp** is a full **COLOR** magazine and is the official publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association. It is published on (or around) the 10th of every month and is mailed to approximately 5,000 homes in the community. Beginning January 2021, the deadline to advertise will be the **10th** of the month prior to publication (*date may change due to holidays*). The **Ranchers' RoundUp** magazine may also be viewed online at www.dobsonranchhoa.com and on the Dobson Ranch App.

The ad sizes and costs as of November 2020 are:

DISPLAY AD SIZE	WIDTH/HEIGHT	1 MO. TRIAL	3-MO. CONTRACT	6-MO. CONTRACT	12-MO. CONTRACT
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1/4 PAGE	3.5"W x 4.75"H	\$168.30*	\$459.00/qtr. \$153.00/mo.*	\$887.40/6 mo. \$147.90/mo.*	\$1713.60/12 mo. \$142.80/mo.*
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* Tax rate increased from 1.75% to 2.0% beginning October 2020. Tax included in all ad pricing.

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DEADLINE DATES WILL BE FIRM: All advertising and payments must be submitted by the 10th of the month. Advertisers will receive one reminder of the deadline date. Placement or space in the magazine cannot be guaranteed, as new ads are placed after monthly contracted ads. The number of similar type advertisers are not limited. We do reserve the right to reject advertising, which is not in keeping with the **Ranchers' RoundUp** standards. Publication space is limited.

AD DESIGN ASSISTANCE: If help is needed in creating an ad, please contact our Editor, Nancy Roggio at 480-831-8314 for more information. Pricing depends on size of ad and on the complexity of the design requested.

AD PRODUCTION SPECS: GRAPHICS

- Display ads must be submitted in a color, camera-ready .pdf or .jpg file, maximum of 1 OMB in size. Scanned ads are not acceptable.
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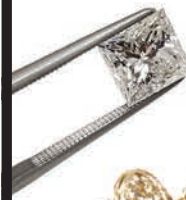


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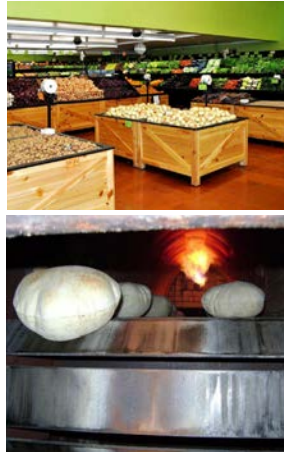
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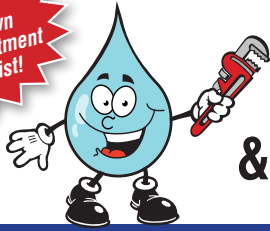
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This is the website for Arizona licensing of contractors. Use either the contractor's name or their ROC number to search.








"Sunset Over Lake 7" by Frank Mizner



Calendar of Events

NOV./DEC. 2020

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at dobsonranchhoa.com for updated info.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
<p>9</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sunday 15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Budget and Finance Meeting 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>LAST DAY TO ENTER OUR ADULT VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW CONTEST!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sunday 22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>HAPPY BLACK FRIDAY Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sunday 29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Recreation Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Lake Habitat Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm (virtual)</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Master Planning Committee 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 8:00 am - 7:00 pm La Casita</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 9:00 am - 2:00 pm La Casita</p>  <p>Cookie Decorating Class 11:00 am (virtual)</p> <p>Sunday 6 Letters to Santa D/O Closed</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 8:00 am - 7:00 pm La Casita</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 8:00 am - 7:00 pm La Casita</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 8:00 am - 7:00 pm La Casita</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 8:00 am - 7:00 pm La Casita</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Letters to Santa Drop Off 8:00 am - 7:00 pm La Casita</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Sunday 13</p>
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