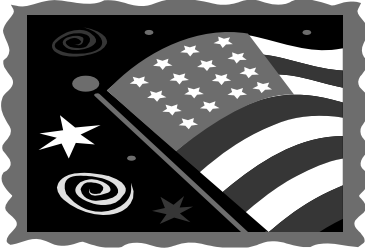


July/August 2007

Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association



Ventana Views

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 20, 2007 Board Meeting

A resident reported to the Environmental Services Department that we cooked food for Bingo several months ago. We met with the agency and are obtaining a retail food license from them for under \$250.00. This permits us to use the kitchen without any changes or investment. It also allows us to serve any prepackaged food including dairy products (ice cream, creamers for coffee etc.). We may also have caterers serve any hot food and allows us to have potluck functions. What it does not allow is cooking or heating of any food. Pop Corn can be prepared in the microwave but the bag must be sold as one item and not opened. As part of this license, we are allowed to apply for 2 Special Licenses a year at a cost of \$70.00 each. This special license allows us to cook food in the kitchen. The License that allows us to fully use the kitchen is a Class 3 license, which would be similar to a Denny's Restaurant. Although the cost is a bit over \$500.00 a year, it would require adding 2 additional sinks, a commercial hot water heater and all stainless steel counter areas.

The Board will be forming an *ad hoc* committee next month to determine the cost and the use of such a license. Anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to contact the management office.

There were several small cracks in the steam room at the Recreation Center that resulted in moisture getting into the ceilings of the Ladies room and causing some mildew. This is being reviewed as well as other areas to have the problem repaired. Unfortunately repairing the steam room would require all tile being removed, any mildew eliminated and then completely retiled. The cost of such an effort is being determined, and is expected to be in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range. Once the cost is finalized, the Board will review with our residents our options. If for any reason, the Board did not believe it to

be cost effective to repair the steam room, before any action was taken; a vote of the community would be required. During the interim, the Ladies room and Steam room are closed.

Chuck Hellquist, President



UPGRADE FOR KITCHEN?

Volunteers Needed to Serve on Study Committee

As explained in the President's report, it will be necessary to upgrade the kitchen to use it for cooking. Since this would involve considerable expense, we are asking for volunteers for an *Ad Hoc* Committee to investigate costs and plans for the upgrade. If you are interested in serving on this temporary committee please contact:

Shelley La Bonty, Activities Director
activities@vlpoa.com
566-6001

This newsletter combines the July and August issues. To keep up to date call the new ANNOUNCEMENT LINE at **623 376-2353** or visit www.ventanalakespoa.com

Helping Hands

VOLUNTEER DINNER SCHEDULED

The annual Volunteer Dinner has been scheduled for October 21, 2007.

We have a beautiful community with wonderful amenities, but our biggest asset is our volunteers. Without all the great people who give their time to help, we'd be just another tile-roofed subdivision. So thanks so much to each and every one of you.

HEARTS AND HANDS VOLUNTEER GROUP OF VENTANA LAKES DO YOU NEED HELP?

Need help with transportation to a doctor's office or the hospital; temporary food shopping; picking up medication; minor house repairs for frail or elderly; or get well or sympathy cards sent to a friend? Call 623-566-6001 and leave a message and phone number. A non-denominational CHAPEL SERVICE is held the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 3pm in the Game Room.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS



Thanks again to our assemblers including for June **Fran Quinn, Lois Kay Bacon, Floria Tarakajian, Lin Albanese, Cleta Waechter, Patti Dann, Sally Woods, Sheila Willems and Betty**

Schumm...many of the ladies this month are members of the Ventana Desert Divas!

Then there are those who delivered the newsletter...including **Bob McDonald, Don Holtzee, Vern Bacon, Norm Steinberg, Rosemary Keeley, Tim Willems, Darlene Spiczynski, Chuck and Gail Hellquist, and Dottie Kraft.**



And for Helping with our Fourth of July Celebration

A special thanks to Rose Ann Fiebig, the Coordinator of our July 4th Celebration and the terrific volunteer team who are making such a fun event possible--Carl Fiebig, Kathy Kopec, Tony DeMont, Janez Tazioli, Pat Bracken, Darrell and Susie Smith, Bob DellaPia, Vern and Lois Kay Bacon and Dottie Kraft. We appreciate you!



COME PLAY BRIDGE!

The Ventana Lakes Bridge Club meets at 1:00 p.m. every Thursday in the Game/Card Room at the Recreation Center.

The Bridge Club contacts are
July-Phyllis/Alex Sapyta 566-2029.
August-Carol Jenkins 362-3289

Board Business

Your Board

Name, Position, and Term End

Tony Fiore, President; March 2010
Rudy Simon, Vice President; March 2008
Bob DellaPia, Secretary/Treasurer; March 2008
Sue Alandar, Communications; March 2010
Norman Steinberg, Director; March 2008

July Board Schedule Changed

No Meetings in August

Since attendance is low in the summertime, there will not be a Coffee Forum in July. The Board Meeting for July is on the 25th at 1:30p.m. at the Yacht Club.

Agendas for all open meetings are posted no less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting, at the Management Office, Yacht Club, Recreation Center, Coves Pool and North Park Pool. The agendas are also e-mailed by the Management Office.

No regular meetings are scheduled for August. Regular business will begin again in September, with a Working Session on September 11 and the monthly meeting on September 19.

Code of Conduct Changed Again

The Board amended Policy Resolution #2007-01 at its June 20 Board meeting so that it applies to all residents at all times, not just in misconduct directed toward management staff or during Board meetings.

A copy is available from the Management Office and is posted at the website at:
www.ventanalakespoa.com.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you are planning any changes to your house (this includes painting) or to your yard, please submit a

Change Request Form to the Architectural Committee by Wednesday before 4:00 p.m. in any week for review and discussion the following Monday morning by the Architectural Committee. The forms are available at the Management Office or they can be downloaded from the Association's website at www.ventanalakespoa.com.

Books showing authorized paint color schemes are available in the Management Office.

If you are planning on installing a satellite dish, please instruct your installer that the dish may not be placed on the fascia board/roof or anyplace where it is visible above the wall. However, there are instances where reception is not possible below the wall, so when in doubt call the Management Office before you have a dish installed and ask for a member of the Architectural Committee to determine a location for the installation.

DON'T CONFRONT VANDALS

DO CALL THE POLICE!

June has seen some vandalism in Ventana Lakes. Ropes that had just been replaced at the cul-de-sacs around Lake 2 (The Shores) were cut. Several boats tied up around the same lake were cut loose, and, a plastic mooring holding a boat was torn up and destroyed. Chairs were thrown in the lake and a resident's tires were slashed. We believe we know who did this, and it has been reported to the Peoria Police.

You can help avoid future vandalism and even worse, by being vigilant when you see trespassers. **Please do not confront them. But do call:**

Peoria Police
623-773-7061

If enough people call in these intrusions, Peoria may also increase police presence here in Ventana Lakes.

Keeping Ventana Beautiful

LAKES COMMITTEE

Lakes Committee volunteers are putting concrete into the gunnite edges to combat erosion on our lakes. All lakes are being evaluated weekly and treated by Water Resources. This is endorsed by the Lakes Committee so that problems may more readily be addressed.

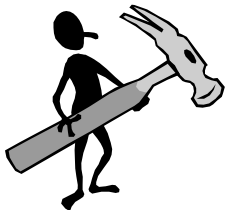
Concrete and wire cages are being installed to protect our above-ground water shut-offs. Many of our water fountain aerator electrical jobs are being addressed right now by Hatfield Electricians so look for numerous updates on Lakes 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9.

Stocking and re-ordering of fish for the lakes is being coordinated with the Lakes Committee and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. A special thanks to volunteers **Jim Alandar, Terry Stinson, Rob Price, Jim Tolley, Don Lorentzen**, and all the homeowners who are netting algae and leaves from problem areas on our lakes. This is a job that you do not get many thanks for, but it makes everyone's lakes more beautiful.

Thanks to the landscaper for emptying all the filtration baskets daily!

Thank you Jack Donovan for putting in so much time, effort and worry to keep up our beautiful lakes!

-- **Tim Willems, Chairman**



MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee completed several minor projects during early June, including installing new rope at three locations around The Shores. We also hung an American Flag in the Yacht Club.

There will be no Maintenance meetings in July or August. Our next meeting is scheduled for

September 11, 2007, at the Management Office at 9:30 a.m.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for helping to keep Ventana Lakes functioning properly. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Dave Bracken, Chairman

GRASS AT THE REC CENTER

Manager Jack Donovan says he has had numerous calls about the condition of the grass on the north side of Beardsley from 104th to 106th Avenues.

There is a very large tree just south of the pool gate, and the roots of that tree have bent the irrigation pipes that irrigate the grass area in question. The bent pipes result in less water flowing to the grass area. The landscaper is trenching around the tree to lay new pipes, and the grass should come back with new full flow irrigation.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The following projects have recently been completed:

- The re-landscaping on the west side of 107th street between Burnett and Rose Garden Lane is finished. It looks much improved.
- All backflow cages on the concrete pads have been completed and locked. This should make stealing the valves much more difficult.
- All time clocks have had locks installed.
- The olive trees around the recreation center have been sprayed.
- The visibility around the intersections is improved as much or the trimming has been completed in these areas.

If you have not increased the irrigation time on your home watering system this is the time to do it as we are getting into the triple digits. Also remember to do your watering in the night hours or very early in the morning to help prevent evaporation. If you have a Bermuda grass lawn and it needs to be thickened up this is the time to add additional seed and fertilizer.

– **Don Holtzee, Chairman**

Fun Friends and Neighbors

Italian-American Club

The Italian American Club of Ventana Lakes had 149 members and guests in attendance on June 7, 2007 at the Yacht Club for our "Grand Finale" of the 2006-2007 year. Cow Punchers Catering served a complete dinner of beef brisket, pulled chicken, cowboy beans, coleslaw, honey-buttered biscuits, Dutch-oven peach cobbler, lemonade and iced-tea, and coffee. Sugar-free cake was provided for those who needed an alternative dessert. This great barbecue was followed by music and dancing courtesy of the "Gold Ridge Gang," an area five-piece senior band. He played mostly country in keeping with the theme of the evening.

RoseAnn Fiebig presented Tony DeMont with a plaque and card from the other Board members in appreciation for the great job he did during his two years as president of the Italian American Club. The final drawing included calculators and pen and pencil sets donated by Chuck and Gail Hellquist. Three beautiful baskets designed by RoseAnn Fiebig were raffled off and won by Rosemary Keely, Shirley Bishop and Pat Bracken. There were a number of major anniversaries among our members for June. Aldo and Jo Guidi have been married 57 years this month, Tony and Evelyn DeMont 55 years, and Carl and Rose Ann Fiebig 53 years.

Our first meeting for the 2007-2008 year will be September 6, 2007. Watch "The View" for more information.

We welcome new members of Italian descent to join us for a continuing year full of food, fun and camaraderie, Italian Style. For information about the Italian American Club please call Tony DeMont at (623) 566-3894 or Darrell Smith at (623) 376-0372.

MEN'S BOCCE SUSPENDED Resumes September 4

Men's Tuesday Morning Bocce will be suspended during the months of July and August and will resume on Tuesday, September 4. See you then!

Shalom Club

We are into our summer schedule of dinner meetings. The July dinner meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 12, and the August meeting is VERY tentatively set for Thursday, August 9.

We will be in touch with members by phone or e-mail as to what plans have been made, and will provide the exact date, time, and restaurant where we will be meeting.

If you have any questions please call Trudy Fleishman at 623-566-1970 or Eileen Grossman at 623-566-0006.

New members are always welcome. If you are thinking of joining our group or would like to find out more about us, Eileen or Trudy would love to hear from you.

Shalom and Good Health to All.

ED MCDONNELL ACCEPTS AWARD FOR SUN CITY ELKS LODGE DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

We wish the picture would print for the Views, but at least we can tell you about Ventana Resident Ed McDonnell getting his picture taken with Elroy the Elk!

We have many members of the Sun City Elks Lodge here at Ventana Lakes. Among the awards presented recently at the Arizona Elks Association annual convention in Phoenix was their first place "**Best Drug Awareness Program**" in the state to the Sun City Lodge #2559 for the fifth consecutive year. Accepting the trophy from Arthur H. Frost III, national Grand Exalted Ruler, and "Elroy the Elk" (the national Drug Awareness mascot) was **Ventana Lakes' resident Ed McDonnell, Drug Awareness Committee Chairman for the Sun City Lodge.**

Join Fun & Friendly Neighbors

Flying Solos

We invite everyone who lives in Ventana Lakes to join our meetings and social outings.

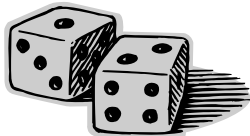
There is a general meeting the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Yacht Club. We have an assortment of speakers and entertainers. Bring your own beverage, and we usually provide snacks or dessert. Please join us and have fun with the **new friends** you'll meet!

On the last Thursday of the month, we get together in various restaurants for a social gathering at 4:30 p.m. to eat and be merry. This Thursday we'll be meeting at **Elephant Bar**, located on 83rd Avenue south of Bell Road.

If you are new to Ventana Lakes, or just want more fun in your life, please visit us. We are a caring club and try to help each other and remember special occasions.

CONTACTS:

Brenda H. 623 215-8687 or
Yvonne K. 623 566 3353



Ladies Bunco

LADIES! Come one, come all -- Join us on **Wednesday, July 11th, at 6:30 p.m. AND August 8** in the Recreation Center for a fun night of Bunco - a "no-brainer" dice game. Spend an evening with the friendliest group of ladies around. Enjoy a tasty treat or two from our delicious dessert/snack table which is supplied by the ladies on a voluntary basis. Always something yummy for your tummy!

The cost is \$5.00, which is returned to you as prize money. You could go home a winner! Be sure to watch for our "flying dog" (stuffed toy, of course). He's worth money too!

Need more info? Call Celeste Manor - 566-5858 or Diane DellaPia - 566-9753



C'MON AND SING

- and Dance!
- and Have Fun!

KARAOKE WITH DARRELL

**JULY 27
AUGUST 31**

Come join a lot of talented Ventana Lakes neighbors at the Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, on either or both of the above dates. It's only \$2.00 per person (you can pay at the door). You'll need to bring your own beverage and snacks. See you there!



Put on your ballroom dancing shoes and join the Ventana Lakes Ballroom Dancers as they sponsor the first Ventana Lakes Tea Dance on Sunday, July 8 between 2 and 4 pm at the Yacht Club. Music for dancing will be provided by our resident DJ "Magic Joe the Dancing DJ". In the Tea Dance tradition, a ballroom dance lesson by Kenneth Harper will be held during intermission. Dances will include the waltz, fox trot, Latin dances, polka and swing.

Admission is \$2.00 at the door. Singles welcome. Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic drinks (including water). Come dressed for dancing!

Future Tea Dances will be held on the second Sunday of each month. Dates are August 12, September 9, October 14, and November 11. Contact 623-977-9179 if you have questions.

So Much More

ACTION and EXERCISE

See the Activity Group Schedule or Call

Ballroom Dancing	Ken Harper	977-9179
Bocce (Couples)	Domenick Lopano	398-8868
Bocce (Men's)	Jerry Caldarelli	566-8606
Chi Energy	Ken Harper	977-9179
Horseshoe Club	Larry Rudy	566-0822
Low Impact Aerobics	Carol Boyer	566-4983
Tennis – Co-Ed	Bill Cigoy Carolyn Piska	566-2194 566-3633
Water Aerobics	Doris Cavaliere	566-3829
AEROBICS (Like Jazzercise!)	Monday 6:30 p.m.	Exercise Room
Water Aerobics Candy Negley 602 993-5104	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Coves Pool
Tai Chi Ken Harper 977-9179	Monday 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Thursday 11:00 a.m. Friday 5:00 p.m.	Coves Pool Game Room Game Room Game Room

PICKLE BALL

There is an instructional video for residents to check out for 24 hours at the Management Office. Also, for check-out are paddles and balls to play Pickle Ball. The Management Office will have handouts of the rules of the game and a list of players. For more information, residents can call the Management Office or one of the following residents:

Jackie Wray at 362-1305

Gail Hellquist at 516-2752

Tim or Sheila Willems at 376-9804

Burrie Steward at 566-1730

Sally Woods at 376-9188.

WATER VOLLEYBALL

Come join us at the Yacht Club pool
Everyone welcome!

Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm

For information call:

Carl or Carolyn Mitchell 623-566-8572
or **Dottie Kraft** 623-572-6848



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Summer Fun

CASINO TRIPS

Laughlin Turnaround

Thursday July 19

and

Thursday August 16

Destination: Edgewater Casino. \$5.00 per person. Movies on the bus. This is not a monitored trip, so you are welcome to visit any of the other nine casinos on the Strip. Pick up in front of the Yacht Club at 6:15 a.m. Please sign up at the Management Office.



Mazatzal Casino

Thursday July 12, 2007

Tuesday July 31, 2007

Tuesday August 28, 2007

These trips are **FREE**

The bus leaves the Yacht Club at 8:00 a.m. each date. You receive **\$10 upon arrival**. If your birthday is in the month of the trip you receive an additional \$10. Try your luck at \$3 Blackjack, Slots, Keno, Bingo at 12:45 p.m. and Poker on Thursday. Ask for your 10% discount in the restaurant. The bus leaves the casino at 3:00 p.m. On the trip home, you receive a bottle of water and a scratch off ticket valued between **\$4 and \$10** to be used on a future trip.

Sign up at the Management Office

POOL NEWS FROM SPLASH

Remember guest passes are required for your guests to use Ventana's facilities if you aren't with them. Guest passes are one dollar (non refundable) and are good for one month.

Thanks to those of you who shower before entering the pool. A Ventana Lakes resident speaks out on this subject in an e-mail: *"I am a Ventana Lakes Homeowner. Over the last holiday (Memorial Day weekend) I was at the pool Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, at least two hours each day. Over 50% of the people coming into the pool did not take a shower. I think we need bigger signs entering the pool area. I know it is posted and in the newsletter but it is not working."* Management and I will be discussing "how big is big" in order to get the attention of the people entering the pool.

On Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend, people were observed in the Yacht Club spa drinking beer and a small infant was in the pool. By the time the pool monitor was called and arrived, the responsible parties were gone. Had there been broken glass or an accident in the pool, everything would have had to be closed down for 24 hours as required by the County, removing the amenity for everyone else.

If any of the residents see any incidents such as this, please call one of the pool monitors **immediately**. Their phones numbers are listed on the bulletin board or in the phone box at the pools. This is a serious violation. Homeowners are responsible for their guest and are subject to a \$150.00 fine and a suspension of pool privileges for 60 days.

Thanks to **Dave Bracken** for his expert help in reinstalling 3 umbrellas at the Yacht Club Pool that were dislodged during one of our wind storms. Without his help, I would be still be trying to install the umbrellas.

Everyone have a great July 4 holiday and enjoy our pools but remember to take a shower before entering the pool and remember to use the pools in accordance with the VLPOA rules. Thank you!

John Bateman, Pool Monitor Coordinator