

Rancho Rialto Activities Club



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January / February 2022 Newsletter

Pickleball

Pickleball is in full swing! Play for intermediate and advanced players is at 9-10:30 a.m. Mon-Fri. Join us if you have experience or just come and watch if you want to see how the game is played.

Lessons for beginners are held Tues evenings at 6 p.m. **Paulette Ford** and others will help you learn the game! Play for all levels is at 7 p.m. Mon-Fri.

The courts are open for play anytime except during designated times as stated above. Extra paddles and balls are located in the clubhouse in the short cabinet next to the dart board. Also check out the white board by the courts for ongoing information. *

Enjoy!!

~**Beth Osowski**, Space 130



P.S. We have our very own Medalists! **Beth** came home from the **Bullhead City Senior Games** with Gold in mixed doubles and Gold in women's doubles in her age group. In the same tournament, **Jimmy & Lori Druce** won the Bronze in mixed doubles!

Congratulations
Beth, Jimmy, and Lori!



Name Tags

You've probably noticed the prices for groceries and gasoline have gone up. You may not have noticed that the price of nametags has also increased. The cost for a single nametag is now \$8.00 and two nametags are available for \$15.00.



The default style is magnetic, but pin backs are also available for anyone who needs this type of fastener. Cash payment must be made in advance before your nametag is ordered. We're encouraging everyone to wear nametags when they are in the clubhouse.

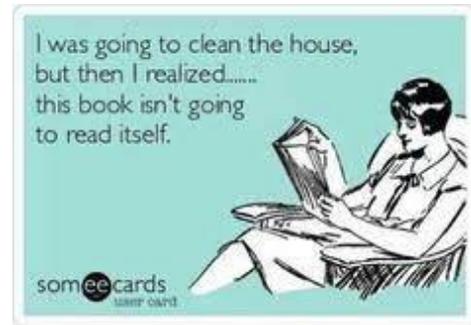
You may order your new nametag from either **Marni Eckroth** in space 183 or from **Lora Munsterman** in space 182. (Yes, they're next-door-neighbors.)

Book Club

Joining the **Rancho Rialto Readers Book Club** is free. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in the clubhouse.

The book for February 3 was the "**Magic Hour**" by **Kristin Hannah**. The book for March is "**The Storied Life of AJ Fikry**" by **Gabriella Zevin**.

Our discussions are animated, and we enjoy hearing one another's ideas about each book.



Shuffleboard News

There were 22 participants at our annual **Ham Shoot**.

- **High score: Dee Biggs** won a ham
- **Low score: Jim Snyder** won bacon
- **Secret score: Bonnie Edgar** won Treet (canned ham) and Andes mints

Everyone had a fun time.

The **Line Tournament** was held on January 22nd. February 7-10 we will host the **Snowbird Tournament**. Even more fun!

The shuffleboard players hosted a **Breakfast in a Bag breakfast** on January 16th in the clubhouse. This delicious, scrambled egg breakfast was open to everyone. This annual event is a fundraiser and there is no cost for this meal, but the shufflers hope everyone will donate at least \$5.00 each.

Shuffleboard scrambles will be Monday and Friday at 9:00 at the shuffleboard

courts. We have also have an evening scramble on Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm (weather permitting). If there is more interest in playing, we will add more days to play. Just a reminder that the courts are open for play any day of the week and at any time.

If you are interested in learning how to play shuffleboard, show up at a scramble and we will be happy to help you learn.

We would like to thank the owner of the park for purchasing new tips for our shuffleboard sticks. **Marty** put them on, and they are ready to use. Come check them out.

Potato Bash



Linda Hansberry and her crew of volunteers get up early to scrub potatoes and wrap them in foil. They prepare all the toppings and get the potatoes in the oven in time to serve them at 5 o'clock. It's a great meal for the money. The tickets are only \$3, and you are asked to bring a salad or a main dish to share.

Many diners participate in a 50/50 draw and a couple of winners go home with more cash than they paid for the meal.

When your table number is called, you turn in your ticket, get your potato cut in half and choose which add-ons you prefer: chili, butter, sour cream, chopped green onions, shredded cheddar and *real* bacon bits. You can choose any or all of the toppings and the servings are generous. After you get your salad and dessert you have a fantastic meal. The last table served is awarded a bottle of wine for their patience.



Lasagna Dinner

Judy Miller talked **Lanna and Wayne** into baking four trays of lasagna. When you add hot garlic bread, a green salad and cake, you had another great meal for only \$5.



Hamburger BBQ /Pulled Pork

Mary and Harry Jackson have a great crew of volunteers who help make delicious dinners for us the first Friday of every month. In January, we enjoyed a Hamburger BBQ with a choice of buns, tomatoes, lettuce, and lots of condiments. We also got potato salad, and coleslaw. In February, the crew made pulled pork on a choice of buns with beans and coleslaw, complete with toppings.



Both dinners are topped off with a choice of yummy ice cream bars covered with chocolate and nuts or Drumstick ice cream cones.

For \$5 you get a great meal and a lovely evening with friends. You can't beat it for the money!

General Meetings

The general park meetings are held at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month from November through March. A quorum of at least 100 registered residents is required in order to vote on anything. The Board would like to invite all residents to attend. These meetings are where you find out What's Happening in the park.

Activity reports have been consolidated into a one-page report so that the meetings will be shorter. Special announcements can be given under New Business.

Ticket Sales



Tickets to Meal and Entertainment events are sold in the clubhouse from 9:00 to 10:00 am every Monday and Tuesday morning. Get your tickets

early because we have had to cancel several events for low participation.

We've been told our Canadian residents prefer to socialize with other Canadians because they know they've been vaccinated and had to test negative to cross the border. They are concerned that we do not require vaccinations or masks and do not practice social distancing. We encourage you to help them feel safe. Let's wear our masks inside and limit ourselves to 4-5 people at each table.

We encourage all registered residents to participate in any activities that seem interesting. Please check the white board or the signs on the counter below the clock in the clubhouse for the latest information.

Many of the photos in the preceding stories were supplied by Pat Howe. Be sure to thank him.

Shared Memories

After **Joanie Hartenhoff** became a widow in 2020, she recognized a need in our community to create an activity that would

allow widowed men and women without partners to share memories with one another in an encouraging and supportive environment.

The event took place for the first time on February 13th. Thirty-one people were welcomed with food and beverages. They created a memory board with the names of their loved ones and shared stories of their pain and loss.



The focus of the group is not on grief, but on healing and rebuilding their lives. Going forward they plan to assist one another through service to their neighbors and as willing volunteers, generous mentors, and compassionate friends.

Joanie created such a safe and trusting environment, the group decided to meet again in two weeks.

Thank you, Joanie

New Activities

Diana Weisenburger has brought three popular activities to Rancho Rialto.

The first is ***Low Impact Chair Aerobics***. This half hour workout has grown in

popularity and the participants have fun working their upper and lower bodies to upbeat music while they sit on widely spaced chairs.



Immediately following this activity, residents line up to learn (what else?) ***beginner line dancing***. Diana keeps the activity lively while she demonstrates and counts the moves and the next thing you know you're line dancing.

Many residents no longer have the rocks with their house numbers so, next, she offered to teach residents



how to paint rocks. She expected half a dozen people to show up, but ten times that number showed up. She was well prepared, and the resident had fun learning a new skill!