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# Ranchers' Roundup

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**Maceo Burton** was one of more than 60 Dobson Ranch children, ages 7-17, who attended one of our two **Junior Golf Clinics** held April 10 and April 14 at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course as part of **The Pops and Junior Youth Golf Program**.

It was inspiring to watch the next generation of golfers learn the basics from some of Arizona's best golf instructors.

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## Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**  
Association President

### Annual Meeting of the Members Recap and More

As summer stares us down, I hope you're finding time to enjoy the precious few days of good outdoor weather we have remaining. With optimism that the Coronavirus threat will continue to diminish as more people are vaccinated, I can't wait to see our meeting attendees in person again. We're hopeful that full scale events will become possible again this fall. As we cautiously ease into the "new normal," keep a close eye on our online Events Calendar and App for updates.

A big thanks to everyone who attended last month's Annual Meeting of the Members. We had an awesome virtual turnout, and we're grateful for the questions and feedback we received. As in years past, our Association's annual third party financial audit results were made public. We're proud to report that there were no significant concerns, and thanks to decades of careful financial stewardship, our reserve items are over 100% funded. As the Ranch nears its 50th anniversary in 2023, there's lots of work to do, and we're off to a great start from both organizational and financial perspectives.

The Board had a quick meeting in April, with the single agenda item being a vote to proceed with converting the old tennis courts at Los Altos to pickleball courts. This will leave us with four locations throughout the Ranch with newly refurbished tennis courts, and an increased capacity for pickleball, which is rapidly increasing in popularity. The regularly scheduled monthly Board meetings will resume in May. Our live *YouTube* broadcasts will continue for those who prefer attending virtually.

Otherwise, the big news from the Board is the election of **Nicole Lynam** and **Rich Bitner**, as well as the re-election of **Chris Diamond** to a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Congratulations and welcome to our new Board colleagues. Thank you to everyone who participated in our election process.

We're grateful to **Joan Long** and **Louie Thiele** for their service, and wish them the very best.

**Be well!**



## Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**  
Executive Director

### Amenities Abound at Dobson Ranch

The many amenities of Dobson Ranch have kept us sane this past year. Many are outside areas that were available through the pandemic. Some had to be limited or closed, but we are incrementally reopening them. As we reopen, I wanted to remind everyone of all that is available to Dobson Ranch residents.

**Pools** – Dobson Ranch has four pools at three different locations for residents to enjoy. Saratoga, La Casita and Los Altos. The pool at La Casita has a splash pad and Los Altos has a smaller leisure pool and a Jr. Olympic pool. Our pools at a variety of locations offer our residents a variety of options.

**Tennis Courts** – We have several locations around Dobson Ranch for those who enjoy playing tennis. We will be deleting the one court at Los Altos, but there are four other locations with a total of nine tennis courts including Laguna Shores, Brookedge, Saratoga and La Casita. Please see our website or App for locations and addresses for each.

**Pickleball** – Pickleball courts are available at Los Altos. We are excited to be able to add four more courts for a total of eight that our residents can enjoy.

**Basketball Court** – This is located at Los Altos. We are resurfacing this court and installing new hoops in the fall. We are looking forward to improving that area for those who play basketball.

**Lakes** – We have seven lakes throughout the Ranch where there are walking paths, fishing opportunities and boating. Fishing and boating licenses are required. These are available at our Recreation Department at La Casita. Please check our website or App, or come into the office for a map of the lakes.

**Parks** – Our largest and most used park is Laguna Park at 2455 W. Laguna Azul Ave. It is nestled in the middle of the Ranch right along Lake 7. There are many neighborhood parks at Los Altos Recreation Center, Saratoga Recreation Center and along the lakes.

We also have a rose garden, a desert arboretum, boat docks, Sunset Plaza at La Casita, rental spaces (*to be available soon*) and much more.

Please see our website or App under "Amenities" for more information and our hours of operation which are changed seasonally. I sincerely hope you get out and explore all that makes Dobson Ranch *the best place to live!*

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

## Water Awareness



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

### A Mere Technicality

There are many technical issues that deal with the water we use. Some of these details deal with the changing climate and how to mitigate the impact of the ongoing drought. Ian James wrote an article that appeared in the April 11th edition of the *Arizona Republic* about the drying-up of the Colorado River and how and why Arizona will no longer have access to its full share of the water held in Lake Mead.

In that article about the Colorado River, the author reported that the water level in Lake Mead will drop below the first-tier alarm limit (1,075 feet above sea level) by the end of this year bringing into play agreed upon cutbacks in the amount of water released from Lake Mead. Arizona is at the bottom of the list; meaning deliveries to our CAP system will be the first to be reduced. This agreement was hashed out and codified when the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan was signed.

Conservation is central to our response to the loss of Colorado River water. The measure widely used for assessing water use in residential settings is "GPCD" or gallons per capita per day. My daily average water usage is roughly 324 gallons per day as reported on my City of Mesa utility bill is about 162 gallons

per capita (for the two of us) per day. That is a little high given the average water consumption for Dobson Ranch has historically been between 120 and 100 GPCD.



Dobson Ranch's water supply does not currently rely upon CAP water from the Colorado River. Our water comes from Lake Roosevelt and the SRP system, but that might not always be the case. Dobson Ranch, however, has been embracing

water conservation techniques for many years now; we know we live in a desert and must conserve water. Look around, much of the residential landscape in Dobson Ranch features desert-adapted plants and other desert landscape features. Many home renovations now include features like energy-efficient and low-water use dishwashers and washing machines, land many low-flow toilets and shower heads have also been installed.

We need to help make the Drought Contingency Plan work. Soon GPCD will become the watch word. Look at your City of Mesa utility bill each month and track your own GPCD. Awareness will make clear how our desert-adapted homes already are helping sustain Dobson Ranch as the place to live in the Arizona desert.

## Message From the Editor



By **Nancy Roggio**  
Communications Manager

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Our **Dobson Ranch App** is an ever-changing and evolving work in progress. In early April, we added two new features that help enhance the neighborly feel of living in Dobson Ranch.

First, we've added a new **Lost and Found Pets** section. Now, if you've lost one of your precious pets in Dobson Ranch, you can go to the App to fill out a form with your pet's breed and description. You can also upload a photo of the pet in question. We will share this info on a new page within the Lost and Found Pets menu to help spread awareness regarding this missing pet. We can also send out a "push notification" about your missing pet to all of our App users. Once your pet has been found, please let us know, and we will take down the page of missing pet information.

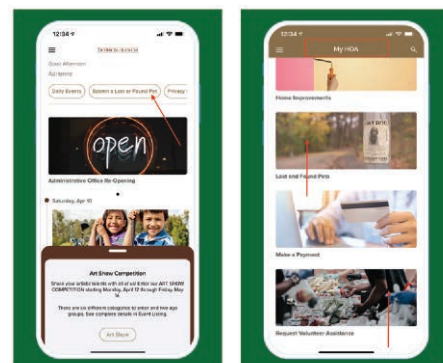
If you've found a lost pet within the neighborhood and are trying to help find its home, simply fill out the form on the App with as much information as you can.

Need some help with a special project around your home or in your neighborhood?

Now you can request the help you need from fellow Ranchers using our new **Request Volunteer Assistance** section of the App.

Simply fill in the request form on the App to let us know what you need, and we will post your request for neighbors who are willing to help. You will be contacted directly. Then, when your request for help has been completed, please let us know so that we may remove it.

Both of these new features can be found by clicking on the **My HOA** header in the App menu listing (see photos below).



**Dobson Ranch your way, every day, everywhere!**

If you have a message or **Letter to the Editor** you'd like us to share with our readers, please email your comments to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com). The copy deadline for the June **Ranchers' RoundUp** is May 20, 2021.

Please use the same email address above to send your reviews, comments and suggestions for future issues. We'd love to hear from you!



## Thank You for not feeding us

Bread and other foods can make us ill and do not contain the right nutrition or calories that we need to keep us warm in the winter.

Rotting food pollutes our water and causes surface algae, which kills our fish and gives us diseases. It also makes our water smell.

**Feeding or disturbing wildlife is not permitted in Dobson Ranch.**

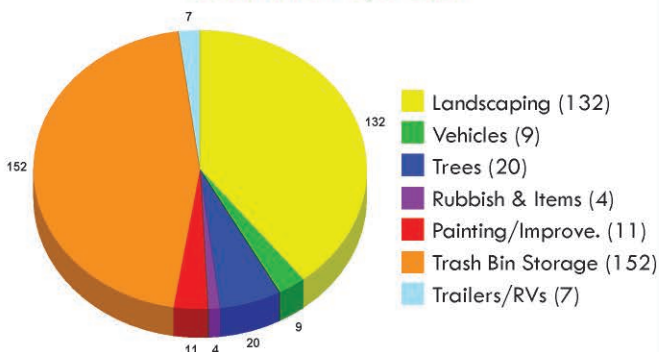


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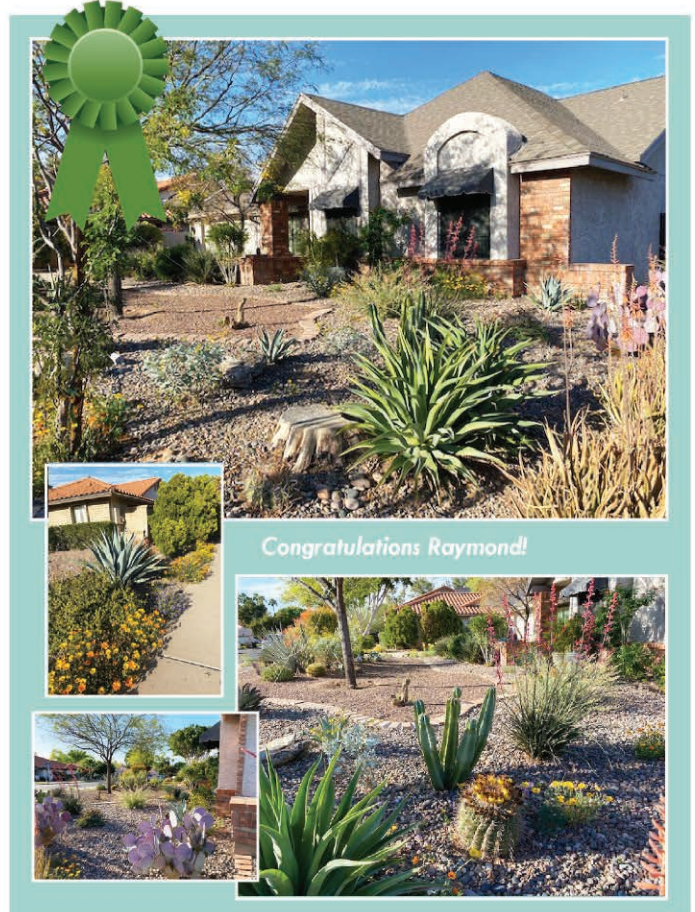


By **Nancy Roggio**  
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Our **May Green Thumb Award** goes to **Raymond Martinusen** at 2661 S. Iglesia Circle. The home was recommended by resident **Frank Mizner**.

"This property, located on a visible street corner, has been a long-time example of responsible Xeriscape landscaping. With a thoughtful combination of desert plantings, seasonal color and quality hardscape, along with consistent maintenance, the owner strives to present a true neighborhood showcase," said Mizner.

Homeowners taking pride in their property like Mr. Martinusen is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... **the best place to live!**



There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick just one each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured in a future issue of **RoundUp**, email [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com).



## Congrats to our New Board Members!



**Chris Diamond**

**Nicole Lynam**

**Rich Bitner**

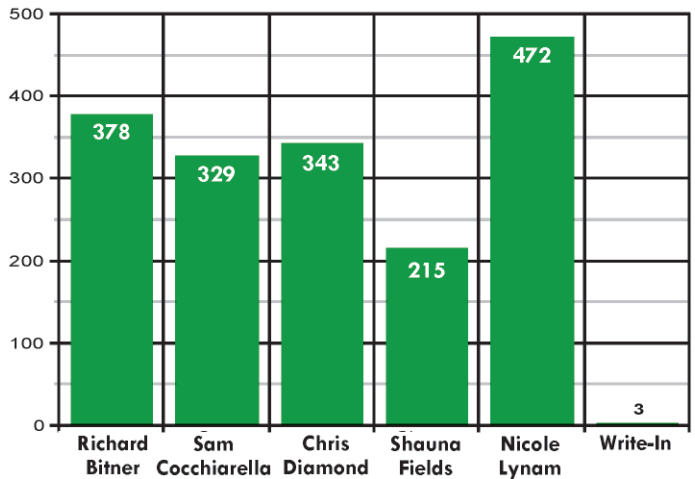
We are pleased to announce the results of our Annual Election. Please join me in welcoming **Chris Diamond** (returning member), **Nicole Lynam** and **Richard Bitner** to the Board of Directors. They have committed to serve in the best interest of The Dobson Association, Inc. and its members.

This year's Annual Meeting of the Members was held via Zoom and live streamed. We had 46 members join us as participants. Quorum was met with 12.8% of the membership turning in

ballots prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Kristina Carey** with Butler Hansen reported on our annual financial statement. Dobson Ranch is in a strong financial position and, as of December 31, 2020, was funded 100% in our reserve accounts.

**Paul Hansen** reported the election results below:



The Annual Meeting was recorded and can be found on the website Events Calendar on April 13, 2021.



**GONZALO GARCIA**  
Employee of the Month  
March 2021

Gonzalo Garcia has been with Dobson Ranch for 16 years. In that time, he has become a valuable member of the maintenance team. He is multi-talented and has done many projects around the Ranch. He did all the metal work and laid the memorial bricks at Sunset Plaza, installed the doggie stations and concrete work, as well as build fences and gates at La Casita and Saratoga pool areas.

He is a team player and looked up to by his co-workers. When many staff members were out sick in January, he kept the team going. His leadership and willingness to do what needs to be done makes him a standout among his peers.



**JESSI FELTMANN**  
Employee of the Month  
April 2021

Ms. Jessi has been a part of Dobson Ranch for years. As a resident since 2017, and as our own Preschool Teacher since 2005. She is at the heart of Dobson Ranch and many young Dobson Ranch residents have had their first school experience in her happy, friendly classroom. Ms. Jessi went above and beyond this past year. She took the challenge of the pandemic and faced it head on. She got creative and when her young students could not go to school in person, she created unique experiences for the young Ranchers. Using social media and making fun activity packets, she kept her students engaged and they still got to see her smiling eyes when coming to get their activities. She cares for each and every student and we are so very lucky to have her at Dobson Ranch.



## DESERT LANDSCAPING TIPS & TRICKS

### Watering Trees

by Sue Hakala, Certified Volunteer Master Gardener

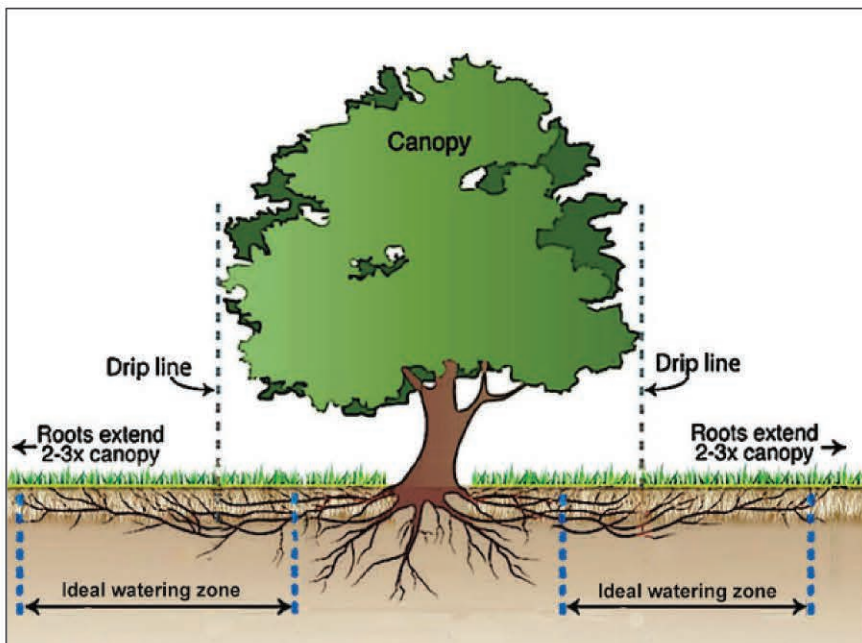
So many trees are dying all over the Valley and Ranch this year, especially pine trees, due to improper watering, lack of rain and the summer of 2020. Most just need a deep, slow watering. Other landscape plants and cactus and succulents also need this kind of watering. Unless you get rain to penetrate 2-3 feet deep, apply extra. I water my tree and landscape plants once a month, in the warm months, if we don't get rain.

Having drip or bubblers next to the base of a tree doesn't allow water to reach the roots at the drip line where the roots are that take up the moisture. Roots don't grow in the top 3+ inches of the soil here as the ground is just too hot. Shallow watering encourages roots to grow very shallow, allowing the tree to fall over in a high wind and to collect harmful soil salts around the roots. Trees have deep anchoring roots below the trunk and other roots 2-3 feet below the soil surface that extend out to the drip line and beyond. These are the roots that will absorb water.

So how much should you water? Give plants enough water to get down to the root level. Apply water at the drip line, slow and deep with a hose, for about an hour at least. To check if the water has reached the correct level, push in a soil probe like a piece of rebar. When it reaches resistance, that's how far the water got. You then know how to adjust the timing for your watering.

I use a soaker hose made from recycled tires that I bought at Lowe's. It permits the water to slowly ooze out the whole length and go directly in the soil with minimal air evaporation. I can easily adjust it to the size of the tree/plant. Most large trees need an hour or more on one side and the same on the other side.

The oozier hose works great as it allows me to get the water just where I want it. The oozier hose saves water and makes everyone happy.



The drip line is at the tip of the branches. Photo by *Trees for Missoula*.

### Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications April 2021

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

64 Applications \$ 501,891

#### DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Roof	\$ 34,500
Block Wall	\$ 3,700
Window Replacement	\$ 17,000
Gate	\$ 3,800
Paint	\$ 300

#### DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Landscape	\$ 15,150
Paint	\$ 5,050
Roof	\$ 14,000
Front Door	\$ 4,500

#### DOBSON RANCH UNIT V

Driveway Extension	\$ 2,000
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#### DOBSON SHORES

Paint	\$ 8,700
Landscape	\$ 1,675
Window Replacement	\$ 8,199
Pergola	\$ 6,000
Roof	\$ 8,000

#### LAGUNA SHORES

Paint	\$ 16,500
Relocate Solar Panel	\$ 400
Pergola	\$ 8,500
Landscape	\$ 8,500
Driveway Extension	\$ 4,500

#### LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Landscape	\$ 4,600
Paint	\$ 1,200
Patio Fireplace	\$ 500
Front Door	\$ 2,500

#### GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Paint	\$ 4,000
Window Replacement	\$ 8,500

#### LOS ALTOS

Gate	\$ 1,650
Landscape	\$ 540
Home Rebuilt	\$ 253,845
Paint	\$ 1,200
Roof	\$ 10,500
Windows & Doors	\$ 9,800

#### REGENCY ESTATES

Landscape	\$ 1,000
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#### SARATOGA LAKES

Driveway Extension	\$ 4,000
Front Door	\$ 7,000
Landscape	\$ 6,082
Paint	\$ 1,200
Gate	\$ 300

#### LAGUNA VILLAGE

Window Replacement	\$ 3,000
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#### KNOELL VILLA SOLANO

Paint	\$ 2,800
Patio Cover	\$ 4,500

#### KEATS CROSSING

Paint	\$ 2,200
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### Home Sales

Trustee Properties:  
1 - House  
Home Sales: 39





## Got Plans This Summer? How About ZomBee Hunting!

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



It is May already, and according to the calendar, summer is right around the corner. Although summer "officially" starts mid-June, to me it starts when we hit triple digits for the first time in the new year. Here in the Valley of the Sun, the average date for the first 100-degree day is May 2, which is hard to think of at the time of this writing because we are experiencing perfect 80-degree days. If you keep track, the earliest date we hit 100 was March 16, 1988 and on the flip side, the latest was June 18 back in 1913. (If you heard a family legend about that fine summer, it is true.)

In spite of the heat, you may be hankering to be outside a lot this summer, in need of a change from jigsaw puzzles, or cleaning out cupboards, or whatever helped you make it through the Summer of 2020. How about signing up for a **Citizen Science Project**? Citizen Science Projects are collaborations between scientists and volunteers, where volunteers have the opportunity to contribute to research. With your help, scientists can better understand what is going on in the environment and offer solutions to potential problems.

An easy way to get started with Citizen Science is through the **EcoFlora** project, a new initiative of the Desert Botanical Garden. The Garden ([DBG.org](http://DBG.org)) wants an inventory of the urban biodiversity in Greater Phoenix. It is in need of photographs of the plants, animals and insects in our community, on local trails, etc. The data collected will help inform the DBG on how to protect and preserve the native plants and wildlife in the area.



Participation in the **EcoFlora** project is done through **iNaturalist**, one of the world's most popular nature apps. The use of **iNaturalist** has been highlighted in past Conservation Corners as an alternative to feeding the wildlife in Dobson Ranch. To take part in **EcoFlora**, create an account in the iNaturalist app or at [iNaturalist.org](http://iNaturalist.org), join the "Metro Phoenix **EcoFlora** project," and take photos of the plants, animals and insects you come across. Once the photos are uploaded, your observations are automatically included in the project. Yes, it's that simple to participate!

Another easy Citizen Science Project is a favorite of the Water Management/Lake Habitat Committee: **Rainlog.org**. All that is needed is a rain gauge and a **Rainlog.org** account (and, fingers crossed, a better monsoon season than the one last year). Each morning, simply enter the amount of rain collected in your rain gauge from the day before. The rain totals are used to monitor precipitation amounts and help in watershed management activities and drought planning. **Rainlog.org** is a partnership between organizations like UA, SRP, Arizona Department of Water Resources and your help is appreciated.



Finally, a great opportunity is available through our very own Mesa Public Library. The library is part of a first-of-its-kind initiative between ASU and SciStarter to help connect communities to Citizen Science. With your library card, you can borrow the actual tools needed to collect data and participate in scientific studies. There is a "Stream Mapping Kit," where you'll map streams with a GPS unit and a thermometer. Or, how about the "ZomBee Hunting Kit," where you'll track the honey bee parasite that is causing hives to die off. This kit contains a special light bulb, trap and all the materials



needed to set up the light trap at home. To learn more about the available projects, check out [SciStarter.org](http://SciStarter.org)/library or visit the "Citizen Science at Your Library" display at the Main Library: 64 E. First Street, Mesa 85201, 480-644-3100.

Whether you are concerned, curious, or motivated to make a difference in the environment, participating in a Citizen Science Project has never been easier - many are literally at your fingertips. The projects let all ages get involved in the scientific process, while having fun at the same time. Together, we can make a positive difference to the environment and ensure that Dobson Ranch continues as a community leader in conservation practice.

**#DobsonRanchStrong**





## Stepping Up to Share Desert Gardening Tips

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Long-time Ranch resident **Sue Hakala** stepped up to become our newest **Ranchers' RoundUp** columnist. She will be sharing her extensive knowledge with us about successful gardening in the Sonoran desert.

**Q: How long have you been a resident of Dobson Ranch? What is your family status?**

**SH:** My husband Terry and I moved to the Saratoga Lakes area of the Ranch in 1978. We've been married for 48 loving and wonderful years.

**Q: What is your college background?**

**SH:** I graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1971 with a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education. I earned my Master's Degree from Governor's State University in Art History and Pottery.

**Q: What years did you serve on the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors? What issues did you face during that time?**

**SH:** When I served on the Board (1987 to 1992), one of the issues I remember frequently debating was house paint color. With my art background, I knew how hard it was for most people to understand color. I suggested that there be actual paint chips for residents to help them select a paint color for their homes. Paint chips have been in use ever since making the decision-making process easier for all.

**Q: Why did you volunteer to write a monthly column for Ranchers' RoundUp? What types of topics will you cover?**

**SH:** When I go on my daily walk, I get so sad seeing so many plants, and especially trees, dying from lack of water. My husband challenged me to do something about it, so I decided to step forward and offer to write a monthly column.

A few of the topics that I plan to cover are: how to water a tree and other plants correctly; using shade cloth; vegetable gardening; citrus care; planting and caring for cactus and succulent plants; how to help your plants endure the summer; and termites, aphids, and other pests.

**Q: Tell us about your experience as Director of Education at the Desert Botanical Garden.**

**SH:** I worked there for over two years, recruiting, training and supervising volunteers, staff, teaching staff, guest speakers and field experts. I developed curricula for classes, workshops and field trip offerings, wrote grants, and did in-depth research on desert plants. Everything was directed at teaching people how to successfully garden here in the Sonoran Desert. Two of my lasting legacies are the touch carts the public can encounter as they tour the garden and the in-depth information posted with every plant offered for sale at the Garden's plant sales.

**Q: How did you become a certified volunteer Master Gardener?**

**SH:** I've always believed in volunteering to give back to the community. When I retired, I decided to further pursue my

interest in desert plants by becoming a certified Master Gardener and continue to help people learn how to successfully garden here in the low desert. After attending a series of classes over many months, covering all aspects of gardening, I was required to volunteer at least 50 hours each year and to complete additional educational opportunities sanctioned by the Extension Service. It was a joy!

Although I've volunteered for many different things through the years, the thing I like best has been researching and writing articles covering many natural history subjects. I was asked to write the **Bug of the Month** column for the monthly newsletter when the staff entomologist retired. I have to say it opened up a whole new world of wonder for me.

**Q: Tell us about your experience writing a regular column for the Mesa Tribune and being a freelance writer.**

**SH:** I was asked by the editor of the entertainment section at the **Mesa Tribune** to write a column about the arts in the East Valley. He didn't want me to write about the events the arts organizations present, but rather about the people who make the organizations function. Everything from the executive director, to why people volunteer for the organization/serve

on the board of directors, where they get their funding, who gives it to them, and more during the period of 1984-1988. Due to the explosive growth in the East Valley, the editor moved me over to real estate. I toured and wrote about new housing developments and some of the staff that made it happen from 1988-1991. During this time, I also wrote a number of professional and travel articles published locally and nationally.

**Q: How did your yard get featured in Phoenix Home and Garden magazine and included on two garden tours?**

**SH:** At the time, the magazine was featuring home gardeners who do it all themselves. Somehow they found out about me and chose to feature my *Stapelias* and yard in the publication.

Our garden was selected to be one of five gardens in the first **Real Gardens for Real People** tour by the Master Gardeners. About 800 people visited that day. Our home was also selected to be on a garden tour featuring three Dobson Ranch gardeners by the **Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society**.

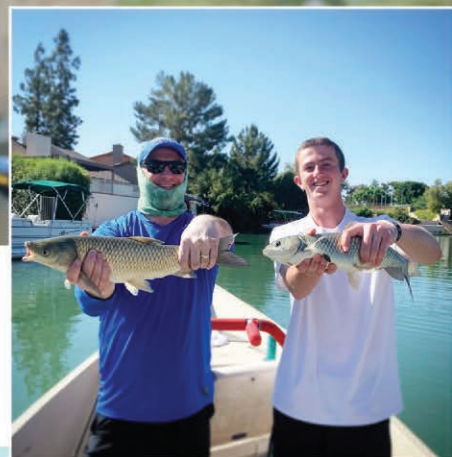
**Q: How many gardening articles have you published?**

**SH:** I've published over 400 gardening articles. Many have been published in Maricopa County Extension Service publications and newsletters, all checked for scientific accuracy. My articles have been in the **Cactus and Succulent Society of America's Journal** and **To the Point**, distributed internationally, and several on-line cactus and succulent publications. I also wrote a book called **Drought Gardening** published in 1981.

(See Sue's first article on page 5.)



*Stapelia gigantea is an otherworldly plant. Its flowers smell like rotten meat, and flies are the pollinators.*



**Above:** Manny Chee doing what he loves best... catching fish!  
**Top right:** Father and son "Carp on the Fly" fishing experience with Manny in the middle on Lake 7 in Dobson Ranch.  
**Bottom right:** Father and son show off the fish they caught.

## Gone Fishin'...

By Nancy Roggio, Editor

Manny Chee's parents moved to Dobson Ranch when he was just five years old. His father loved to take him Bluegill fishing on the lakes in the Ranch. One day, while fishing with his father, he noticed older kids catching Largemouth Bass. This experience helped fuel his obsession for chasing Bass for years to come.

Manny also loves to catch Grass Carp using a fly rod and his own special fly using Ficus berries and olives. He says it took him awhile to mimic the sound of berries hitting the water as the vibration felt by a fish's swim bladder works like a tuning fork.

As a Dobson Ranch homeowner since 2013, you can usually find Manny fishing on one of our lakes at least once a week, year 'round. He's operated a fly service for the last 10 years, and with his 30 years of fishing experience, conducts guided fishing and hunting trips across Arizona.

To find out more about Manny's guided fishing and hunting trips, visit [mannycheeoutdoors.com](http://mannycheeoutdoors.com) or check out his numerous videos posted on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) by searching **Manny Chee Outdoors**.

David Uhles has been a Ranch resident for the past two years. Initially the lakes did not attract him to Dobson Ranch. But, since moving here, the lakes are now his favorite amenity. He especially enjoys fishing in the morning or late afternoon.



**Are you a Ranch fisherman?**  
Send your photos and fishing tips to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com). Be sure to include your name, type of fish caught and in which lake.



The Dobson Ranch **ART SHOW COMPETITION** is open to all **CHILDREN** (up to age 17) and **ADULTS** (age 18 and up) living in Dobson Ranch.

There are six categories in which to enter your works of art: **Drawing, Painting, Ceramics or Sculpture, Crafts, Jewelry Design** and **Photography**.

**How to Enter:**

Send a good quality digital photo of your work of art to [nroggio@dobsonranch.com](mailto:nroggio@dobsonranch.com), by no later than **May 14, 2021**. Be sure to include your name, age, address, and the category that you are entering. You may enter one item per category.

**Prizes:**

**First Prize** winners will be selected in each category and in each age group (12 winners total). A **Best of Show** winner will be selected in both age groups. First Prize winners will each receive a \$10 Gift Card and prize ribbon and Best of Show winners will each receive a \$50 Gift Card and prize ribbon. Winners will be announced in the June issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

**DON'T FORGET! ENTER BY NO LATER THAN MAY 14.**



## From the Recreation Director's Desk



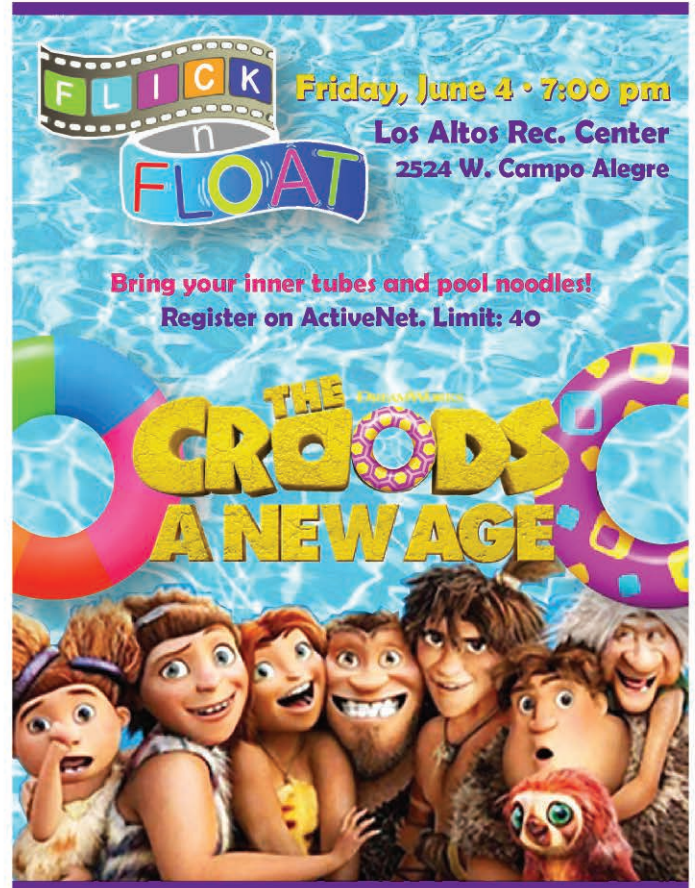
**By Jesse Wright**  
Recreation Manager

Summer's on its way and our new summer hours will run from May 29th to September 5th. We are open Monday through Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will be closed on holidays. Los Altos Jr. Olympic pool and the Saratoga pool are now open with no reservations required.

We have several new and exciting events on the agenda. Don't forget about our outstanding **Summer Kids Camp** starting May 24th. "**Camp Hope**" will run Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. We are limiting attendance this year. So, be sure to reserve your child's spot today. You will have a choice of weekly, 5-week or 10-week session options. See the flyer on page 16 for more details.

For all you outdoor movie lovers, come out and enjoy our popular **Flick 'n Float** program at Los Altos on June 4th starting at sunset (about 7:30 pm). Bring your swimsuits and a tube to enjoy watching the Dreamworks animated movie **The Croods - A New Age** while floating in the pool. We will be limiting the number to 40 participants. So, sign up today via *ActiveNet*.

We're especially excited to offer a **Parent-Junior** (ages 10-17) **9-Hole Golf Tournament** on Sunday, June 13 at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course. Sign up your Junior golfer via *ActiveNet*, then add the adult partner's name at registration. It's \$40 per twosome. Food is available and prizes will be awarded.



**We are looking forward to another great summer at Dobson Ranch and I hope you are, too!**

## Tennis Tip for May: The "Sweet Spot"



**By Kwong Young**  
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

### Hitting the "Sweet Spot"

When bowling, all bowlers are aiming for the No.1 pin (*Head Pin*) to have the best opportunity to strike. In archery, as well in darts, the ultimate placement shot is hitting the bullseye and this takes accurate placement and precision. In golf, when teeing off to drive the ball the farthest, one must hit a certain area of the club to accomplish this.



As tennis players, one must strike the ball in the "sweet spot" area of the racket to get the best power, comfort and control. In doing so, it shows you are accurate with your timing during ball striking.

What is the sweet spot? A tennis racquet, like a baseball or cricket bat, has a sweet spot. If a ball impacts at the sweet spot, the force transmitted to the hand is sufficiently small that the player is almost unaware that the impact has occurred.

Hitting the sweet spot is a big plus! Which is why you should make it one of your goals and practice it regularly. You'd see the following results:

- You'd be able to generate more power with less effort.
- You'd have more control.
- You'd reduce excessive stress on your body, preventing injuries.
- You'd enjoy hitting your shots even more.

Simply put, consistently hitting the sweet spot makes you a better player, period. And, who doesn't want to get better?

### 5 Reasons Why You May Not Be Hitting the Sweet Spot of your Racket:

1. Not watching the ball well during striking.
2. Moving the head too much.
3. Too wristy.
4. Too far or too close to the ball.
5. Slow down and not rush the ball.

Even the best players on the pro tour will tend to miss-hit and not hitting the sweet spot area. So, next time during play or practice, take notice of how well you are hitting your corrective strike zone on your racket face, and if you do hit this area then hitting will be "sweet."



## 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](http://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, June 7, 14, 21, 28 **6000 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6001 \$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, June 7, 14, 21, 28 **6002 \$40 R/\$60 NR**  
Wednesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6003 \$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.

**8:30 am - 10:00 am** | Sessions: Monthly  
Saturday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 **6004 \$40 R/\$60 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, June 7, 14, 21, 28 **5998 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

**10:00 am - 11:00 am** | Sessions: Monthly  
Saturday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 **5999 \$40 R/\$60 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 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

\*June Social 6/19

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

\* Classes will be held at the Saratoga Recreation Center starting May 24th.

#### 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. \*\*

\* Classes will be held at the Saratoga Recreation Center starting May 24th.

#### HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha  
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center\*  
 Time: 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. \*\*

\* Classes will be held at the Saratoga Recreation Center starting May 24th.

#### FITNESS IN THE PARK

Instructor: Nancy  
 When: Mondays & Thursdays 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 can be purchased by appointment at the La Casita Recreation Center.





## AQUA ZUMBA

**Instructor:** Karen  
**When:** Thursdays (June 3 - October 7)  
**Where:** La Casita Recreation Center Pool  
**Time:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card (expires 10/07/21)



Aqua Zumba keeps the Zumba Fitness workout party going in the pool. Aqua Zumba is classic aqua aerobics with Latin flavor added to regular Zumba routines. The typical land-based Zumba dance steps, such as cha-cha,

merengue, salsa, reggaeton, and mambo, are exaggerated and slower in water, so the water tempo is half the land tempo, creating a low-impact work out for all fitness levels. There is less impact on your joints during an Aqua Zumba class so you can really let loose. Water creates natural resistance, which means every step is more challenging and helps tone your muscles.

## WATER AEROBICS

**Instructor:** Becky  
**When:** Mondays & Thursdays (June 7 - October 7)  
**Where:** La Casita Recreation Center Pool  
**Time:** 7:30 am – 8:20 am  
**Cost:** \$4 drop in rate, \$12 resident only for a 4-use punch card (expires 9/3/20)

This morning class will get you ready for the day. The class consists of exercises done in shallow and deep water. It will change your movements and get your heart rate going without all the jolting. Expect to have fun while working out.



## CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

### FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

**Code:** 6008  
**When:** Thursdays (June 10 - July 15)  
**Where:** Saratoga 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. (continued)

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:** 6006  
**When:** Tuesdays (June 8 - July 13)  
**Where:** Saratoga 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.

### INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

**Code:** 6009  
**When:** Thursdays (June 10 - July 15)  
**Where:** Saratoga 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.**

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft-soled shoes are recommended or bare feet. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



## GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES BY APPOINTMENT AT LA CASITA

\*\* Punch cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards expire two months from purchase date.



# Congrats to our Egg Decorating Contest Winners



*Ages 5-8*



**Second Place:** ▲  
Mliysia Salgado, 6  
"Cuddly Sheep"

**First Place:** ►  
Romy Feltmann, 7  
"The Child"

*Ages 9-12*



**Second Place:** ▲  
Dillon Stuart, 12  
"Tie Dye Egg"

**First Place:** ▲  
Matthew Law, 12  
"The Galaxy Egg"



**First Place:** ►  
Eowyn DiSanto, 17  
"Izuku Midoriya"

**Second Place:** ▼  
Laney Law, 15  
"Cosmic Egg"



*Ages 13-17*



**First Place:** ▲  
Andrea Baranyk, 18+  
"Psyanky Egg"

**Second Place:** ▼  
Jake Stuart, Age 19  
"Camouflage Egg"

*Ages 18+*



*Thank you to everyone who entered our contest!*





Meg Whelan

## Easter Social Media Photo Hunt

From Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2, our residents had the chance to guess the location of the photos posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages. The correct answers were posted each evening. A drawing was held with the names of all participants and **Margaret Whelan** was selected to win a \$50 gift card. How many locations can you guess correctly? Answers are at the bottom.



Day 1 Clue



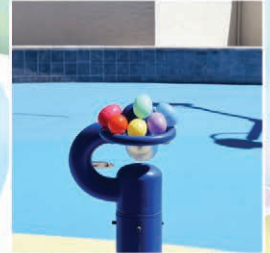
Day 2 Clue



Day 3 Clue



Day 4 Clue



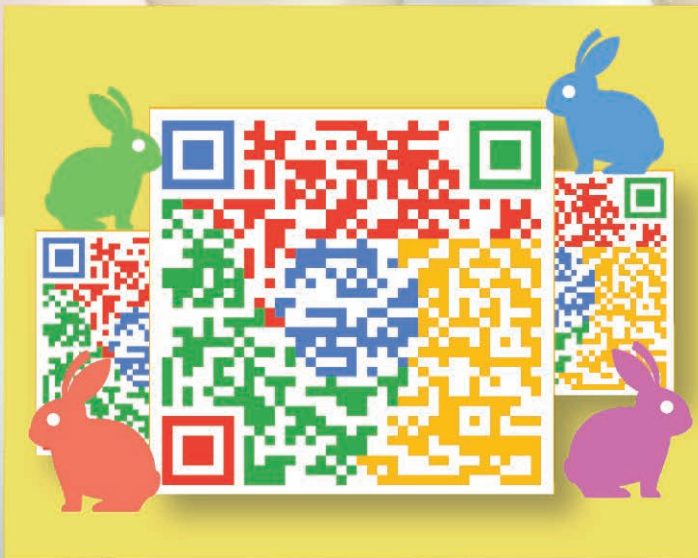
Day 5 Clue



Answers: Day 1 - Laguna Park; Day 2 - Los Altos; Day 3 - Saratoga; Day 4 - Kavanaugh Park; and Day 5 - La Casita Splashpad

## QR CODE Easter Hunt

Kids up to age 12 went looking for 10 different colored bunny pictures scattered around Laguna Park on Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4. Each bunny had a QR code to scan. When all 10 bunnies were scanned and answers were revealed, the kids sent their answers in. All participants received an Easter goodie bag.



### Participants included:

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Josie Anglin     | Dyan Garcia        |
| Quinn Anglin     | Ashley Hayashi (4) |
| Ella Baranyk     | Ruby Hernandez (2) |
| Emmett Baranyk   | Megan Hopkins      |
| Laura Brown (5)  | Brian Kossler      |
| George Burns     | Abigail Lee        |
| Max Burns        | Benjamin Lee       |
| Lola Castillo    | Toby Lee           |
| Zoey Castillo    | Allen Mrock        |
| Hans Chee        | Capri Martinez     |
| Robert Crabb (4) | Cruz Martinez      |
| Arianna Doris    | Sedona Martinez    |
| Gabriel Doris    | Abby Richards      |
| Lucas Doris      | Avery Wardman      |
| Olivia Doris     | Perry Wardman      |
| Romy Feltmann    | Lily Taylor        |
| Spencer Feltmann |                    |
| Everett Freeman  |                    |
| Quinn Freeman    |                    |
| Makena Frey      |                    |

(Numbers after names indicate the number of children that participated in that family.)





## Virtual



FRIDAY, MAY 21



5:30 - 7:00 PM

# Night!

Enjoy a family-friendly\* and **FREE** online **BINGO NIGHT** to win great prizes! The deadline to register via ActiveNet is May 14th at 5:00 pm. Gift Cards will be given out to the winners. Don't miss all the **FUN!**

\*Ages 8 and up

Register on ActiveNet



## SUMMER CAMP HOPE

6-12 Years Old

PRICING: R = Resident NR = Non-Resident  
10 weeks \$1,050R/\$1,103NR; First 5 weeks \$550R/\$595NR;  
Second 5 weeks \$550R/\$595NR; 1 week \$135R/\$148NR

**MAY 24 - JULY 30**  
La Casita Recreation Center  
7:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Themes, Swimming, Field Trips,  
Arts & Crafts, Games & more!

### WEEKLY THEMES:

1. We Are Family
2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
3. Fairytales
4. When I Grow Up
5. When You Wish Upon a Star
6. The Great Outdoors
7. Christmas in July
8. One Giant Leap for Mankind
9. Take Flight
10. Shark Week

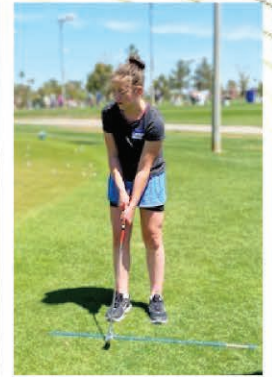
**For more information, call the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464.**



# Dobson Ranch Junior Golf Clinic #1

**Saturday,  
April 10**

**35 kids, ages 7-17,  
came out to learn the  
FUNdamentals of golf.**



**Special thanks to Dobson Ranch Golf Course and The Pops & Junior Youth Golf Program!**



# Dobson Ranch Junior Golf Clinic #2



Wednesday  
April 14



25 more kids  
came out to learn  
the **FUNdamentals**



To see many more photos from both of our Junior Golf Clinics, visit our Facebook page!

Dobson Ranch Women 18+

# WEDGES & WINE

LADIES GOLF CLINIC  
THURSDAY, MAY 13 • 6:30 PM

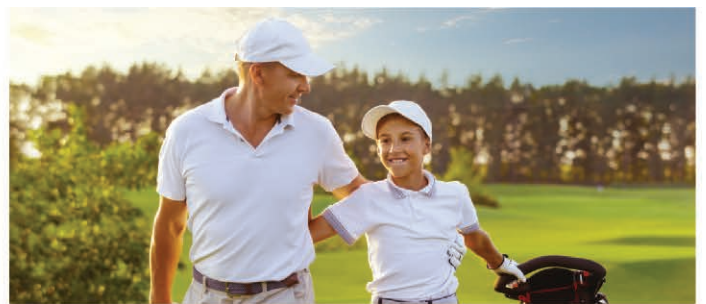
Cost: **FREE**

Includes: One complimentary glass of wine served after clinic at the restaurant. Clinic limited to 20 players. Register via ActiveNet.

Location: Dobson Ranch Golf Course



CALL DOBSON RANCH REC. CENTER  
FOR MORE INFO • 480-831-7464



# PARENT-JUNIOR 9-HOLE TOURNAY

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 13**  
Dobson Ranch  
Golf Course

**TWO PERSON TEAMS**  
1 Parent & 1 Child (Ages 8-17)  
**SHOTGUN START 5:00 PM**  
**INCLUDES:** Golf cart, 1 drink ticket per person.

**\$40\***  
per team

**FOOD** available for purchase.  
**PRIZES** will be awarded.

\* Donation to The Pops & Junior Youth Golf Program

**REGISTER VIA ACTIVENET TODAY.**  
**QUESTIONS? CALL 480-831-7464**



## 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](mailto: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

Michelle Masters, Chairperson

**People First = Liberties First**

# Dobson Ranch Republicans



Each of us has inherent gifts that we are meant to give this world, which means our freedoms and liberties must be protected.

Monthly meetings and other events

- \* exciting speakers \*
- \* local & national news \*
- \* election updates \*

Subscribe for updates: [www.DRGOP.com](http://www.DRGOP.com)

Follow us: [f @DobsonRanchRepublicans](https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchRepublicans)

Questions?: email [DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com](mailto:DobsonRanchGOP@gmail.com)

Monthly meetings the First Thursday each month  
7pm-8pm @ Native Grill-Dobson  
\*\*Business networking 6:30pm-7pm\*\*

## Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979



So many ways to do the above!  
Please share how you are doing just that at the email below.

**Community Voices!**

Send an email:  
[golfingjack@msn.com](mailto:golfingjack@msn.com)

*"These are the times that try men's souls."*  
- Journalism broadcast in 1776 by Thomas Paine.



## Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

The DRR (Dobson Ranch Retirees) Club has started moving towards what was once our normal. While we haven't yet reached that point, we've started up activities that have been on hold for many months because of the pandemic.

Our biking and hiking activities have been taking place for many weeks, and in April we kicked off our Happy Hour, Women's Lunch, and Men's Breakfast activities. On May 3rd, we had our first general club meeting in more than a year. Since our community is still having to deal with the pandemic, our activities are not being conducted as they once were.

We have to deal with restrictions in the planning, preparing and conducting of our activities. This includes limiting the number of attendees, and finding locations and venues that permit us to gather in groups to enjoy ourselves. It is to the credit of our activity chairs that we've been able to get things started. Since we haven't been able to gather in groups, we've had to use online tools to manage dealing with restrictions. It's almost as though we now have a club webmaster, and she has been managing the process we use to limit attendance.

It now seems as though that light at the end of the tunnel isn't a train headed toward us. It may actually be the end of the tunnel.

God Bless You!  
Frank



No surprise here... our bikers keep rolling along. This ride on April 6th was led by **Frank Mizner** in and around the Tempe area.



Looks like our bikers misplaced their bikes, but they were at a very pretty place... Mesa's Red Mountain Lake.

## Easter Tourny Saw Keen Competition For Our Last Contest Until Things Cool Down

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Dobson Ranch Pickleball just returned to summer hours, starting at 7:00 am until cooler weather returns in late fall. We continue to play mornings on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and evenings on Monday and Thursday under the lights starting by 7:00 pm.

Our Easter Tournament came off without a hitch Saturday, April 3rd, but featured a reduced field of just six teams due to holiday absences and a few on the disabled list. To make up for it, we played to 15 and ate just as many seasonal snacks as usual during breaks in play.

Everyone is excited to hear of the Board's approval for renovation of our six courts into eight courts, using the latest construction techniques called post-tensioned concrete, which should be very durable for many years to come. We will continue to play at Los Altos through the summer heat until a start date is set in the fall to begin work. The remodeled bathrooms at Los Altos continue to be a big hit, and will serve those using the pool well all summer once things are up and running again.

To those who read this who may not be on our email list, please join us so we can maximize our opportunities for play as we approach court remodeling later this summer. We will be relocating temporarily once demolition gets under way, so watch for further word on timing and a new location.

We continue to welcome new resident players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We provide balls for drop-in play through the generous donations of our players, and can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate attire including court shoes. Please contact **Rich Bitner** ([rebitner@cs.com](mailto:rebitner@cs.com)) or **Frank Mizner** ([planner1948@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:donna85202@gmail.com) to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

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Easter Tournament winners received hand-made bunny trophies made with pickleballs and a pink or purple Peeps® marshmallow bunny treat.



## Retirees' Hiking Club

By **Barbara Stout**, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Hello Hikers,

Right: Our Hiking Club did the Balanced Rock hike in early April... and even had one of the guys join them... **Jack Magura!**

**Happy Hiking,**  
Barb



Six Hiking Club ladies and **Jack Magura** (behind the camera) enjoyed one of the groups favorite hikes... Butcher Jones at Saguaro Lake.

## Women's Club

By **Patty Smith**, Women's Club President



Normal is slowly coming back! **Out to Lunch** met at **Wildberries**. Our first gathering for lunch since last year. It felt so good to be with everyone in person. We also had three

ladies that want to join us: **Barbara Stout**, **Marilyn Edelman** and **Becky Hilder**. Welcome!

This month we went to **Macayo's**. **Bunco** maybe just around the corner. **Pauline**, **Barb** and I completed the Maricopa County Parks 100 miles in 100 days hiking challenge.



We are proud of **Kathrine Blomquist** for all she does making Dobson Ranch the best place to live. She shares her talents with the Recreational and Water Management committees. She is also the President of the Dobson Dolphins.

I do hope all you wonderful ladies had a beautiful Mother's Day. Please take time to remember the reason for Memorial Day. God Bless those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. May they rest in peace.

**Blessings,**  
Patty

# 41 Years and Still Splashing!

Registration is now open for the **Dobson Dolphins** swim team's 41st season! Sign up your swimmer(s) today using the "ONLINE REGISTRATION" link at **DobsonDolphins.com**. Registration is open to residents and priority is given in the order the online form was completed.

The season starts Tuesday, June 1 and ends July 23. The team practices Tuesday-Friday mornings at Los Altos Recreation Center's Jr. Olympic pool and is open to swimmers ages 5-18 years old. (Please note that swimmers must be able to perform strokes adequately for their age). Like last year, the team will follow safety guidelines for group sizes and social distancing.

Registration is \$90 for Dobson Ranch residents for the 8-week season and includes a team T-shirt, trophy and lots of fun. Annual favorites include Time-Trials, Water Fun Day, and Picture/Donut Day, to name a few. And, don't forget the popsicles!

The team sincerely appreciates the support from **Dobson Ranch** and the **Mesa Hohokams**. Now more than ever, exercise and camaraderie are of vital importance to the children of the community and we welcome the opportunity to provide the best swim team possible. Last season there was an extensive waitlist, so don't delay - sign up today at **DobsonDolphins.com**.



## Go Dolphins!



## Mesa Public Schools Announces Expanded Summer Programming

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/MPS



Photos by Tim Hacker

### Summer Academy Opportunities

Summer opportunities abound for students at Mesa Public Schools. Starting June 1, district students in kindergarten through 12th grade can participate in a variety of exciting learning and enrichment activities. Many opportunities will be available free or at a reduced cost thanks to federal coronavirus relief (ESSER) funds. Programming includes site-based opportunities at every school, music camp, Xplore, online learning and more.

Eisenhower Center for Innovation Principal **Robby Meldau** is excited for the summer program and says his teachers have committed to providing rich learning opportunities that are also fun for the students.

“We want this summer school to look and feel different than years past,” Meldau says. “This experience is about restoring a relationship to school and learning for our students.”

Poston Junior High Principal **Michael Rapier** says summer academies are a wonderful opportunity for students entering junior high to launch their on-campus experience in a smaller group.

“Students will be able to walk from class to class, see where the cafeteria is located and build their confidence,” Rapier shares. “Teachers are looking forward to building relationships with students, and we can support and remove any anxieties they may be experiencing.”

### School-based Programming and Online Learning

Free school-based programming for students in grades K-8 is available June 1-18. For students in grades 9-12, free school-based programming runs June 1-July 9 at all senior high sites except Skyline High, which will offer programming June 1-30. Transportation and meals will be provided at school-based programs.

**Mesa Digital Learning Program (MDLP)** will provide free online learning for enrolled students in grades 5-12. All courses are self-paced and taught by appropriately certified teachers. Shepherd Junior High hosts free summer music camp for students in grades 3-8 June 1-18. Classes include band, orchestra, ukulele, music composition and guitar. Students are grouped by ability level based on their years of experience.

The community education department will offer free senior high summer school for enrolled students in grades 9-12. The program runs June 1-18 and June 21-July 9 at Dobson and Red Mountain high schools.

Summer Xplore is a full-day instructional and recreational program available five days a week from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. The program is offered June 1-July 28 at Franklin at Brimhall, Hermosa Vista, Mesa Center for Success at Jordan and SHARP. Additional locations may be added. Reduced fees are \$82.50/week with a one-time \$12.50 material fee.

Learn more at [mpsaz.org/summer](https://mpsaz.org/summer).



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The Official Publication of the Dobson Ranch Homeowners Association

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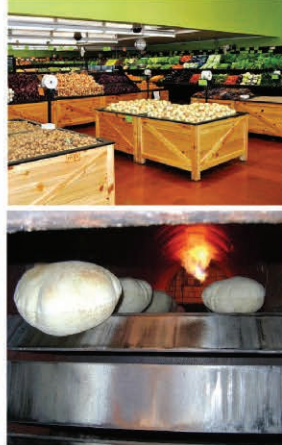
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**HI, MY NAME IS EMMA** – I'm a 17 year old responsible H.S. student living in Dobson Ranch. I'm available to babysit, house sit or dog sit. 5 years experience. Babysitter/CPR certified. Reasonable rates and I have my own transportation. 480-489-5439.

## CLASSIFIED AD COSTS & DEADLINE

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Payment is due at time of ad placement. Contracts are not required for classified advertising.

**The new Classified Ad deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication date. No exceptions.**



Mama and her ducklings on Lake 8 by Patty Smith



# Calendar of Events

MAY 2021 / JUNE 2021

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at [dobsonranchhoa.com](http://dobsonranchhoa.com) for updated info.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
10 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room	11 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room	12 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm. Board of Directors Workshop 6:00 pm Grande Room	13 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room  LADIES GOLF CLINIC 6:30 pm DR Golf Course	14  LAST DAY TO ENTER ART SHOW COMPETITION	15 Sunday 16
17 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room Budget and Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room	18 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room	19 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm. Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.	20 Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room	21  FAMILY BINGO NIGHT 5:30 pm (virtual)	22 Sunday 23
24 25 26 27 28 29 <b>SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Grande/Chica Room</b>					
31 Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Saratoga Room	1 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room	2 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Saratoga	3 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room	4	5 Sunday 30
31 1 2 3 4 5 <b>SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Grande/Chica Room</b>					
 Memorial Day La Casita Recreation Center & Office CLOSED	8 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room	9 Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Saratoga Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Saratoga	10 Healing Yoga 8:15 am Saratoga Room Aqua Zumba 6:30 pm La Casita Pool Master Planning Committee 7:00 pm Chica Room	11  FLICK 'N FLOAT 7:00 pm Los Altos Pool	12 Sunday 6
7 8 9 10 11 12 <b>SUMMER CAMP HOPE - La Casita Recreation Center 7:30 am - 5:30pm Grande/Chica Room</b>					
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