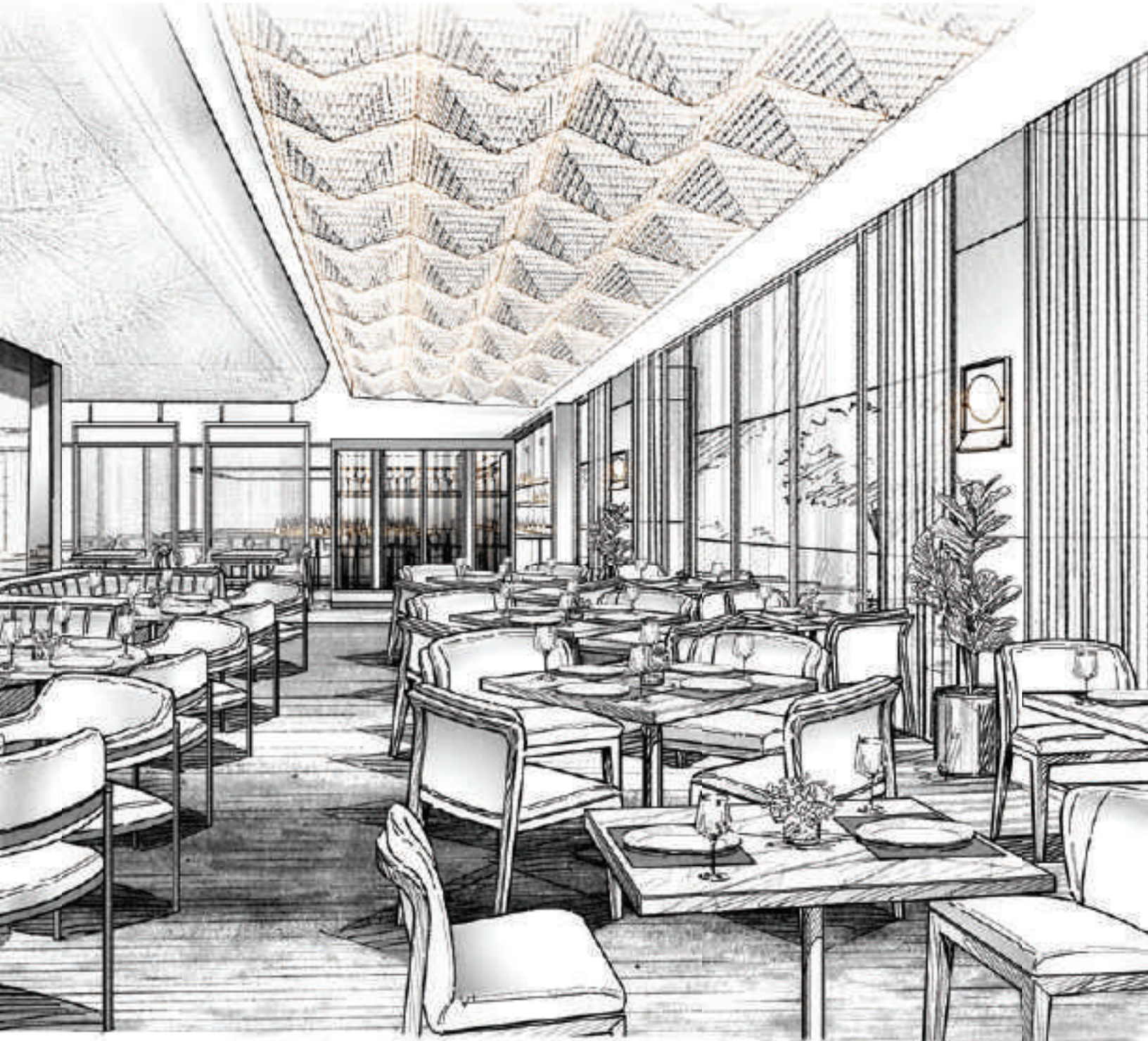


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ON THE COVER:

Artist Rendering of "Noble Heights" Restaurant planned for new luxury high rise in MacDonald Highlands. The restaurant and lounge designed by Elizabeth Blau & Associates will feature 180 seats – with 92 at indoor dining, 32 on the expansive patio, and 56 at the indoor/outdoor bar and lounge to deliver the very best strip-view dining experience in the valley.

Credit: Noble Heights
See page 14 for full story.

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FROM THE DEVELOPER

Richard C. MacDonald

PROGRESS REPORT



As the year 2022 draws to a close, our club and community are buzzing with activity. Everywhere you look, houses are covering the mountains and our empty lots are filling in! It won't be long before the only construction area will be the MacDonald Mountain area, and even that area has houses starting to proliferate. It's exciting to see our extraordinary community move toward its completion.

Not only are the houses filling in the community, DragonRidge Country Club is poised for even more exciting development. The year 2022 saw the completion of the club's new resort-style swimming pool and also the newest party venue, The Palm Court. The new year will see even more development as renovations to the main clubhouse and the fitness center move toward completion.

Our plan is to build in phases. In the main clubhouse, the Montrose dining room will be the first room to be renovated. I'm not going to describe what is planned for each area, but I believe you will all be happy with the new, intimate feel of the room when it is done. The Onyx Bar will be renovated next, with the room being lightened, the bar enhanced, a new Sushi Bar installed, and new furniture added. The renovation in the lobby will begin after the holidays. Construction will be concentrated at the beginning of each week, to minimize disruption to members. New flooring will be installed throughout the lobby, hallway, and Onyx. I'm confident you will be pleased to see the new lobby move into the 21st century.

Once the Montrose and Onyx are completed, we will shift to the Grille and patio. We will be combining them both so when the weather permits, we can open the entire room to the outside. New bi-fold doors and windows will be added to accomplish this. The new furniture will

make this restaurant a fantastic place to hang out and have a great time.

The fitness complex renovations are moving along steadily. The new café area will soon be visible, as will new spa components, and exercise areas. The fitness center will also soon have new flooring throughout, including in the exercise room. We are confident you will be impressed with the new feel of the fitness area, and will find the complex a great place to exercise, or relax and hang out with friends.

As most of our golfers know, golf courses need to rework their greens every 20 years. We are overdue and in mid-2023 we will be rebuilding our DragonRidge green complexes and making other needed improvements to the golf course. This project will bring us back to the level of quality our course requires, albeit at a great expense.

While the local real estate market has slowed from the frantic days of 2021, our specific community typically isn't impacted by the higher interest rates. We continue to sell lots which are being consumed at a fast clip. I've said this before, and some residents have taken it to heart, by relocating up the mountain. Once these mountain lots with exceptional views are gone, they're gone! There will never be lots like these again, Ever! If you want a house on the mountain, act now while there is a good selection. Our last phase is already half gone – Carpe Diem.

SEE YOU AT THE CLUB.

-Rich MacDonald

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT:

HOA LETTER

Dori Sampson



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A 2-YEAR
TERM.”**



We hope you enjoyed the Holiday season! We wanted to let you know the outcome of the 2022 Annual and Election Meeting of the Members that was held on October 26, 2022. There were four homeowners running for one open position. Incumbent Member, Gene Raper, received the highest vote count and was duly elected to the Executive Board of Directors to serve a 2-year term. We would like to thank the other Association Members that ran, Harry Brandise, Scott Schwartz, and Dan Sherbondy. We appreciate your interest in the community.

You should have received the 2023 budget packet in the mail or via email, depending on what service you are signed up for through the Association. There will be no increase in assessments for the Master or the Dragon Glen, Dragon Ridge or Retreat

Neighborhoods. There will be an increase for the Liege Neighborhood and a one-time Special Reserve Assessment. The budget was ratified at the Budget Ratification Meeting held on November 28, 2022. If you have not received your payment coupon book, please contact Management at 702-933-7764 or dsampson@rpmginc.com.

The 2023 Board of Directors Meeting schedule is available and was included with the 2023 budget packet. You can obtain the schedule online through your Assessment account portal at www.rpmginc.com, or you can contact the management office to have it mailed, emailed or faxed to you.

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In the last year we have seen lab grown diamonds flood the market. A naturally grown diamond that costs 100K will cost only about 15K when it's grown in a lab. Lab-grown diamonds are wonderful for many purposes. They are super affordable and present an opportunity that, quite frankly, did not exist a year ago for more people to afford beautiful diamond jewelry. Unfortunately, the new technology also has led to more bait and switch tactics in the jewelry industry.

When it comes to diamonds, it's important to know what you already have, and what you are thinking of buying. The only way to know if your diamond is naturally grown, versus lab-grown, is to have it x-rayed with an expensive piece of equipment. Today, many manufacturers are mixing lab grown diamonds with natural diamonds in jewelry pieces. Our business is one of the few in Nevada that has the sophisticated, x-ray technology in house. We offer a complimentary evaluation of your diamonds, including the x-ray, to let you know exactly what you have for your own peace of mind.

Recently, many of our existing customers have come in to purchase lab grown diamond rings for travelling purposes. They would rather keep their natural diamonds at home, but still have a beautiful ring to wear when they travel. If you are interested in buying lab-grown diamonds, it's important to know that the quality of lab grown diamonds can vary dramatically. There are many levels of quality and it's easy to be fooled. In our store we sell only certified lab-grown diamonds that are perfectly cut and refract light the way they should.

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MEET THE AARON'S *dean, alejandra & maximilian*

By Dean Aaron

The club is an integral part of our family spending quality time together. We joined DragonRidge Country Club on Mother's Day, 2020. My parents were already members, and I knew I wanted to be a member, so we decided not to put it off any longer. My wife Alejandra and I love that the club provides so many opportunities to enjoy each other's company, like at the Santa Breakfast. Our son Maximilian, who recently turned 1, was having the time of his life watching the Santa Chopper land. These moments are dear to us and will have a lasting imprint on our lives as a family. The 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza is one of our favorite events of the year. My personal favorite is the Club Championship. I'm an avid golfer and I've always loved the views, the course and the conditions. I play as much golf as possible and we attend as many events as we can. We especially love the kid-friendly events. My wife enjoys going to the club's gym, spa, and the pool in the summertime. We've recently begun a "date night" taking beginner tennis lessons together. We both like to stay active, and it's nice to get exercise, learn something new, and meet new people. It's a great tennis facility and we want to take advantage of all that the club offers. We may switch to pickleball next since we found the tennis a little challenging (laughs.) My wife is originally from Medellin, Colombia and she's made a lot of friends at the club, mostly at happy hour. She makes everlasting artificial floral arrangements inspired by her home country, which has the most diverse flora and fauna in the world, and several members at the club have purchased arrangements from her. She loves creating something beautiful for people's homes. (You can check out her website and Instagram pages below.) She is a spa fanatic, so as the new spa rooms open at the club, I'll know where to find her (laughs). We have three generations in our family enjoying time at the club, not to mention our two dogs who love going to Yappy Hour.



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"For me it's family. I just purchased my new home in MacDonald Highlands to be close to my parents down the street. This year I can have family in my life every single day, which makes life beautiful for me." - Karyne Morris-Eisen



"I am looking forward to spending time with my family and focusing on health and happiness." - Akira Back

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MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REAL ESTATE REPORT

Kristen Routh-Silberman, MacDonald Highlands Master Listing Agent



Restaurant View

Media headlines are focused on a crashing U.S. real estate market, but the truth is more nuanced with less hyperbole.

Context matters: The reality is that the market is down, but simple comparisons to a sky-high 2021 are amplifying the scale of the decline.

While existing home sales are down in the second half of 2022, the deviation from historical averages is not nearly as extreme as the drop from last year.

The pandemic housing boom pushed home prices. The current market conditions are moving toward stability. Las Vegas home values are still historically high for sellers. For buyers, the market is moving; more properties are becoming available, and sellers are lowering their prices.

The most recent report from the Las Vegas Realtors revealed that local home values fell for the sixth consecutive month in November 2022. This is a trend that is undoubtedly being felt in Southern Nevada

However, the median home price is still up 2.6% from a year ago. Consider that local home prices are nearly four times higher than they were in January 2012, when they reached their post-recession low.

There is currently a 4.8-month supply of houses available in Southern Nevada, which is a massive increase of 463.2% from the prior year. Months of supply are a good indicator of whether a particular real estate market is favoring buyers or sellers. Typically, a market that favors sellers has less than 6 months of supply, while more than 6 months of supply indicates an excess of homes for sale that favors buyers.

According to Nevada Census data, there will be a 1.51% increase in population between 2020 and 2025, as well

as a 1.46 percent increase in median income during the same period. Even though builders are bringing more homes to market, demand continues to outpace supply. Builders are still not building at a rate that meets the needs of homebuyers.

All these factors will lead to less supply and will help keep the single-family home values from crashing in Southern Nevada. The Las Vegas metro area home values are predicted to rise between 1 to 2 percent (or may remain flat) over the next twelve months.

Las Vegas LUXURY Real Estate Market

In November 2022, 63 homes sold for \$1 million or more, compared to October's 97 homes, a decrease of 34 homes. The median sales price in the Luxury Market decreased to \$1,350,000 and in October that number was \$1,530,000. Last year's price surge cannot be sustained amid the high mortgage rates which dampened the housing demand due to buyer pull pack.

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Luxury & MacDonald Highlands Real Estate Report

TOP 10 HOME SALES | MDH PROPERTIES HIGHLIGHTED

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ADDRESS	SF	BED	BATH	CAR	YEAR BUILT	SP/SF	SOLD PRICE
60 Sun Glow Ln	7,733	4	6	4	2014	\$1,293	\$10,000,000
5148 Spanish Heights	5,218	6	9	4	2009	\$562	\$8,560,000
807 Magnum Ct.	7,690	5	6	4	2022	\$972	\$7,128,087
9 Sky Arc Ct.	6,330	5	6	4	2019	\$1043	\$6,600,000
674 Dragon Point Dr.	7,458	5	6	16	2022	\$782	\$5,830,000
1 Boulderback Dr.	4,832	4	5	3	2019	\$1200	\$5,800,000
43 Olympia Hills	7,256	5	6	5	2019	\$723	\$5,250,000
4 Rainbow Point Pl	5,793	4	6	4	2022	\$880	\$5,100,000
51 Sun Glow Ln	5,952	5	6	4	2020	\$823	\$4,900,000
Quiet Moon Ln	9,221	7	8	4	2007	\$521	\$4,800,000

LUXURY & MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REAL ESTATE REPORT
FALL | SEPT. 15TH - DEC. 10TH, 2022

HOMES	SOLD VOLUME	SUMMER HIGHEST SALE
MacDonald Highlands	9	\$5,830,000
Anthem Country Club	21	\$5,400,000
Ascaya	2	\$6,600,000
Red Rock Country Club	11	\$4,000,000
Southern Highlands Country Club	8	\$5250,000
The Ridges	9	\$10,000,000
The Summit Club	0	\$0

LOTS/LAND	SOLD VOLUME	SUMMER HIGHEST SALE
MacDonald Highlands	5 (Almost Sold-Out)	\$1,841,040
Anthem Country Club	Sold-Out	N/A
Ascaya	0	\$0
Red Rock Country Club	Sold-Out	N/A
Southern Highlands Country Club	0	\$0
The Ridges	1 (Almost Sold-Out)	\$756,000
The Summit Club	Sold-Out	\$0



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Meghan Trager

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Meghan Trager joined the staff of DragonRidge Country club in October of 2022 as the Assistant General Manager. Her experience includes 10+ years of club management at a destination resort golf club. Prior to joining DragonRidge, Meghan was the Assistant General Manager at Tetherow Golf Club in Bend, OR. During her tenure there, she helped manage the opening of 3 new restaurants, a hotel property, fitness facility, vacation rental homes, an event pavilion and worked on a clubhouse expansion. She also served as a member of the HOA board and sat on the Member Advisory Board.

"I was introduced to the club world in the restaurant at the club and fell in love with it," says Meghan. "I've always been drawn to hospitality, but I also love the operations side of it. I started managing the restaurant and then quickly worked my way up to Assistant General Manager of the resort. I strived to learn more and made sure I got to work in and experience every department."

This strive for knowledge urged Meghan to continue her education through the CMAA (Club Managers Association of America). She is currently working through the Business Management Program and pursuing her CCM (Certified Club Manager) designation.

After moving with her family to Las Vegas from Oregon, Meghan researched the various clubs in town to see which ones appealed to her.

"The thing that initially impressed me the most about DragonRidge Country Club is the beautiful property," says Meghan. "I also love the energy that I get from the membership. Everyone is happy to be here and so welcoming. It reminded me of my old club, which is also vibrant and doesn't have the stuffy feel that some clubs do."

While the bulk of Meghan's background is in club management, she also has years of experience working in software as a project manager and is looking to apply that knowledge while DragonRidge is growing, updating and modernizing, inside and out.

"In the new year, I'm really looking forward to the renovations here. The facelift that we're giving many of the areas [at DragonRidge] will elevate everything, and it's going to further cement our spot as one of the top private clubs in the Las Vegas Valley."

Also, in the new year, Meghan is looking forward to building relationships with DragonRidge Members and their families. "I'm a people person so I like building those relationships. It's nice getting to know families over time and watching their kids grow up. I only have one of my own, but I love kids, and when off the clock I like to volunteer my time for organizations that help them."

Meghan has served on committees and chairs for The Kid's Center, The Boys and Girls Club, and the Sparrow Club, all non-profit organizations geared toward helping children in need. She is currently volunteering her time as an International Exchange Coordinator for EF, a program that matches international exchange students with host families in the area. She joined the organization after hosting an exchange student from Germany and felt compelled to get more involved.

As you can see, Meghan has a tendency to keep busy, which is an attribute that serves her well when it comes to being part of managing a growing club. "The club industry has been such a large part of my life, both personally and professionally, and I am so happy to be joining DragonRidge Country Club."

holly skarpac

EVENT MANAGER

Holly Skarpac is suited to her job. As the new Weddings and Events Manager at DragonRidge Country Club, Holly guides couples through uncharted terrain as they plan one of the most important days of their lives. She says understanding the "Five Languages of Love," the five primary ways people show their love for others, helps in the process.

"Everybody uses all five of the languages, those being Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Quality Time, Sharing Gifts and Physical Touch, and some of us naturally express ourselves in certain ways," says Holly. "My primary language of love is Acts of Service, which is perfect for what I do because you need somebody who really cares and pays close attention to the details."

Planning events came naturally to Holly at a young age as she started designing events for her friends. "I got excited when anyone would have an event or a party," says Holly, "and they would just naturally look to me for help making it all come together."

Holly grew up in a small Illinois town and moved to Las Vegas when she was in high school. It was an adjustment at first, but she now says Las Vegas will be home for life. "I'm happy that professional sports are in Vegas now, when we first moved here, we had nothing. That was the missing component, I feel, and now sports have brought us together as a community."

Beginning her career in Las Vegas, Holly worked at the MGM Resorts properties weddings on the Las Vegas Strip. "I worked for MGM Resorts planning weddings, and it gave me fantastic experiences working with people from different cultures all over the world," says Holly. After several years doing weddings with MGM, Holly moved into event catering.

"I'm excited to now combine my wedding and catering experience at DragonRidge," says Holly who joined the DragonRidge team during the fall of 2022. At the time she had been entertaining several career options but says her interview at DragonRidge cemented her decision.

"I had a few opportunities within a short time period, but when I met with Meghann and Larry it just felt like it fit. They were so warm and welcoming."

In addition to the good vibes she felt during her interview, Holly was impressed by the club's venues. "I saw the gorgeous spaces," says Holly, "and I thought it would be so fun to dream of events here! The opportunity of what we can do in the ballroom or the Montrose, or the new, beautiful Palm Court, is exciting."

In the year ahead, Holly says she is looking forward to learning from each new event and creating menus with Chef Duane Jose to elevate the club to another level. "Chef Duane genuinely cares about events," says Holly,



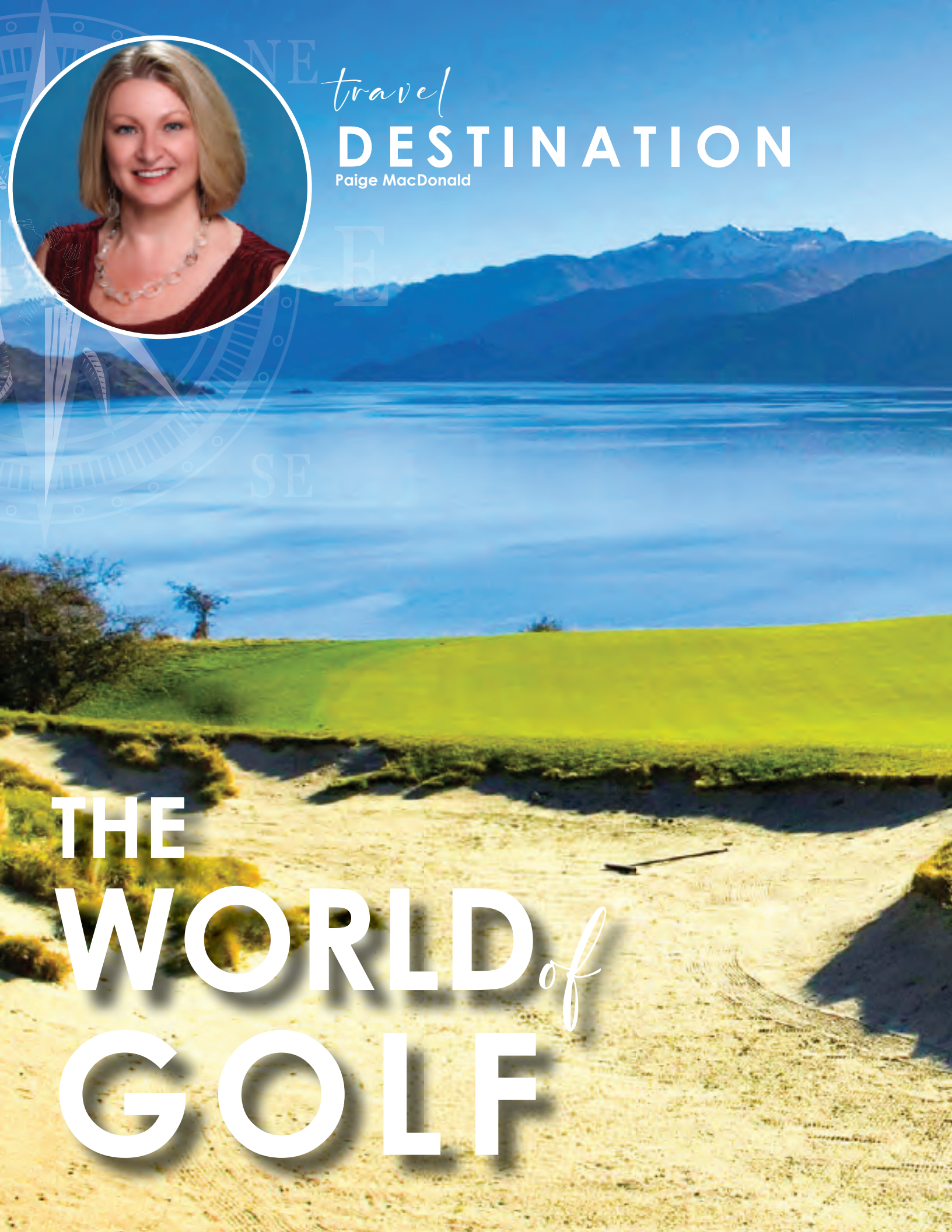
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"and that seems to be different than how most of the Strip world operates. He says whatever you need, let's make it happen."

Holly describes herself as someone who is overly optimistic. "Let's say something unexpected happened on a bride's wedding day. I let them know that there is always one thing that goes wrong. I'll say, now that we got that one thing out of the way, let's enjoy the rest of the day," says Holly. "They understand I'm not doing my first wedding and it gives them some confidence."

In her off-work hours, Holly can be found running, attending professional sporting events, and hanging out with her three nephews. "I like to spend a lot of time with family. I consider myself a professional auntie. I get to spoil my nephews and then give them back (laughs). Keeps me busy."

The year ahead is likely to be incredibly busy for Holly, but she is looking forward to the challenge. "I can honestly say I love what I do. Every single day I love getting to work with different people, celebrating different things," adds Holly. "Whether it's a baby shower, or a bridal shower, or a wedding, or bachelorette party, or whatever it is, I love that there is always a reason to celebrate."



travel

DESTINATION

Paige MacDonald

THE WORLD *of* GOLF



New Zealand

If you haven't heard the exciting news yet, DragonRidge Country Club is doing a major golf course renovation. The tentative dates of closure will be May 1, 2023 until mid to late November 2023. My first thought was "golf vacation!" I am ready to help you explore golf courses all over the world. Here are some sample itineraries to make the most of your time away from your home golf course, now and during the renovations. I can tailor your trip to your interests and time frame.

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- Activities at Gleneagles, such as the world-famous Shooting and Fishing School, the Equestrian School (which is one of the most impressive riding centres in Europe), the Gundog School (the first of its kind in the world), and also off-road 4x4 driving on two specially developed courses. The Club also features two swimming pools, outdoor hot pool, tennis courts, gymnasium, cycle, hike, and walking/running tracks.
- Round of golf at Carnoustie (tee times can be limited on the Championship Course) with option to play the Buddon Links Course.
- Round of golf at St Andrews New Course. Those wishing to play the famous Old Course are entered into the ballot, which is drawn 2 days prior to the day of play.
- Accommodation at The Balmoral, a Rocco Forte hotel
- Round of golf at the second of the three famous Gleneagles courses: the PGA Centenary Course.
- Meet an expert local guide and private vehicle for a half-day sightseeing tour of Scotland's capital city. Head up to



Verdura Sicily

Edinburgh Castle, see the 'Honours of Scotland', or the Scottish Crown Jewels, and enjoy stunning views of the city. Continue down the Royal Mile, past St. Giles High Kirk, to Holyrood Palace, the King's Official Residence in Scotland. (You may tour the staterooms of the palace if no member of the Royal Family is staying there at the time.)

LUXURY GOLF TOUR OF PORTUGAL:

Lisbon, Portugal to Algarve, Portugal, 9 Days

This private tour features rounds of golf at Portugal's most beautiful golf courses, private touring of the country's cultural and scenic highlights, and accommodation at the top hotels and resorts in each destination.

- Private arrival and departure transfer to and from hotels
- Daily Breakfast
- Accommodation in Lisbon at luxury hotel: Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon, Olisippo Lapa Palace, Verride Palacio de Santa Catarina or Bairro Alto Hotel
- Ancient Alfama district, Belem, culinary spots, museums, crafts, Portugese tiles, lace, gardens, upscale districts
- Evening tickets to fado performance
- Morning round of golf at Oitavos Dunes
- Afternoon flexible touring in Cascais or Lisbon
- Full-day private excursion to Sintra
- Palaces, gardens, Jewish quarter, castles, Moorish design, Portugese tiles
- Activities such as a private cooking class, a tour of Portugal's most prestigious tile factory, hands-on lessons in traditional Portuguese arts
- Private transfer to Algarve, with touring of Alentejo region en route, including lunch reservation at a winery
- Accommodation in Algarve at luxury resort: Vila Joya or Vila Vita Parc Resort & Spa
- Morning round of golf at Monte Rei Golf Club North Course
- Morning round of golf at San Lorenzo Golf Course

SICILY GOLF TOUR:

Taormina, Italy to Palermo, Italy, 14 Days

The mild Mediterranean climate and development of new courses over recent years has made Sicily into Europe's hottest new golf destination for the casual or serious player. Why not savour the very best of traditional Sicily with golf on some of Europe's most unique and challenging courses – all year round!

- Private arrival and departure transfer to and from hotels
- Daily Breakfast
- Play a round of golf on Italy's oldest course. Situated on the lava plains of Mount Etna, lava flows present an unusual obstacle on this course.
- Experience one of Sicily's newest golf destinations: Donnafugata where you'll find a PGA standard course designed by Gary Player
- Spend an afternoon at the beautiful golf resort of Verdura, set along the island's coastline.
- Play a round of golf on the PGA championship course at Le Madonie amidst olive groves and orange trees
- Experience Europe's largest active volcano up-close as you take a cable car up to the lunar landscape of Mount Etna
- Enjoy a private chocolate demonstration with a local artisan
- Gain a special insight into the region's olive oil production with a delicious olive oil tasting on a local estate
- Discover the local nuns' secret almond sweet recipe in the town of Erice.
- Enjoy a wine-tasting in a historic cellar in Marsala

TEE OFF IN NEW ZEALAND:

Bay of Islands, New Zealand to Auckland, New Zealand, 14 Days

This itinerary highlights a selection of New Zealand's world renowned golf courses, stays at some of our luxury lodges and fantastic excursions in each region.

- Private arrival and departure transfer to and from hotels

- Flights and helicopters during tour
- Daily Breakfast
- Helicopter flight from Auckland Helipad to The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs
- Round of Golf at Kauri Cliffs
- Bay of Islands Boat Cruise incl Lunch
- Round of Golf at Kauri Cliffs
- Private vehicle transfer to Rotorua Airport helipad where you will lift off and enjoy an Exclusive Mt Tarawera and Orakei Korako Helicopter Excursion incl. Picnic Lunch
- At the conclusion of your excursion you will land at Kinloch Manor and Villas
- Round of Golf at Kinloch Golf Course
- Round of Golf at Wairakei Golf Course
- Round of Golf at Cape Kidnappers
- Guided Winery Tour in the Hawke's Bay Region
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- Visit Historic Arrowtown, Skyline Complex, Kawarau Bridge Bungy, Queenstown Tandem Skydiving, Lake Hayes Walk
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Coach *Liam Hunt* WINS PGA SECTION *award*

Although he is known for his hard work coaching Junior Golfers at DragonRidge Country Club, Liam Hunt says he was shocked to learn that he won the annual Southwest PGA Section Award for Junior Player Development.

"I didn't think I was going to get it," says Liam. "In fact, I originally thought it was a chapter award. When they called me and said you won the annual Section Award, I was like... no way."

His mentor Mike Davis, a PGA Master Professional and Director of Instruction at DragonRidge Country Club, was less surprised. "Liam beat out a lot of very good PGA Professionals from Arizona," says Mike. "He's been working hard at it with me for five years, although he's only been a PGA Member for 10 months. It's surprising, but when you look at the things that he's done, the compassion he shows for the kids, the quality of his instruction, this award justifies what we're doing here."



DragonRidge Junior Golf Instruction grew ten times in size over the past several years. "When I started coaching with Mike, it was just a few kids," says Liam. "Now, it's pretty big with more than a hundred golfers. We are getting a lot of kids, younger and older."

In addition to teaching the Junior Program, Liam gives private lessons. "I fell in love with teaching golf when I was only 13, and I did it as a volunteer." Says Liam. "Today, I love working for Mike. We've got a great program, a great facility, and best of all - great kids."



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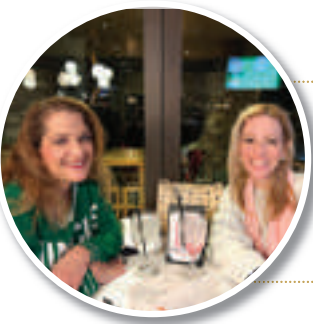


"I look forward to being offended by everything." - Simon Millington

"I hope to see all the wars happening now end, so we can all go back to loving each other, enjoying peace and happiness" - Max Rose



"I want to spend more time with family. I want to travel, and I want to play more golf!" - Bill Boldt



"I'm looking forward to spending time with family and rejuvenating friendships." -Nancy Alamo

"I'm looking forward to relaxing and spending more time on myself." -Stephanie Rosenthal

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Ingredients:

2 oz Maker's Mark Bourbon

½ oz Carpano Antica Sweet Vermouth

1 dash Angostura Bitters

Crushed Ice

Luxardo Maraschino Cherry

Combine ingredients (stirred, not shaken) and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with a Luxardo Maraschino Cherry.



THE
detox-tail

We call this "The Detox-tail" mocktail, but it's awfully good with vodka!

Ingredients:

1 Strawberry

Fresh Ginger; To Taste

1 oz Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice

1 oz Fresh Squeezed Lemon Juice

Club Soda

Ice

Muddle Fresh Ginger and Strawberry

Squeeze Lemon and Orange Over Mixture

Shake with Ice

Strain Over Fresh Ice

Add Soda

enjoy!

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"I'm looking forward to good health, getting more involved in the activities in MacDonald Highlands, and taking more yoga classes at the fitness center." - Sonya Petetti

"I'm looking forward to the new golf course at DragonRidge and everything that it brings." - Neal Yung

"I'm looking forward to some really incredible business opportunities that are coming through this year." - Sam Petetti

"I look forward to the end of the 15 days to slow the spread." - Paul Bykowski



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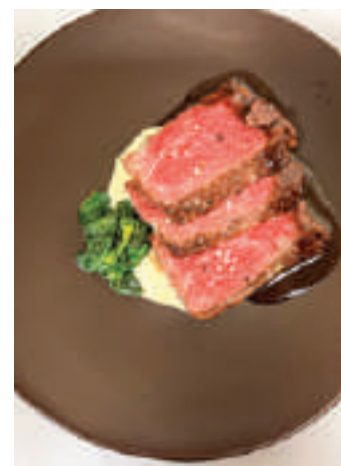
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DragonRidge Country Club Event Highlights



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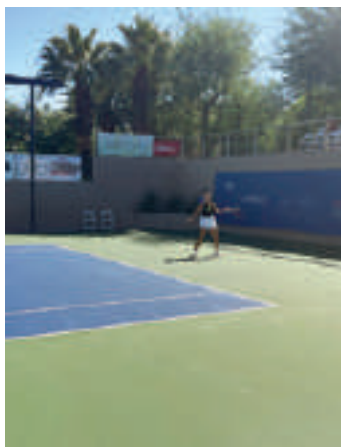


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Henderson Tennis Open Oct. 10th - 16th

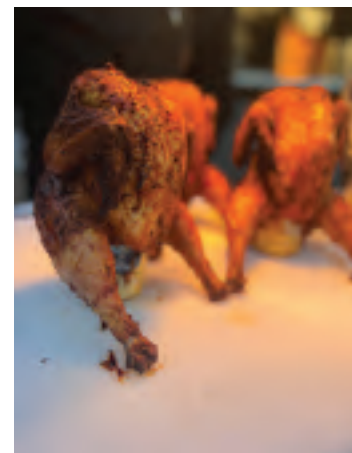




Henderson Tennis Open Oct. 10th - 16th



Men's Fall Invitational Oct. 20th



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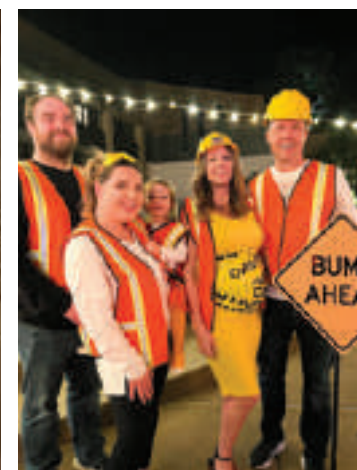
Halloween Yappy Hour Oct. 25th

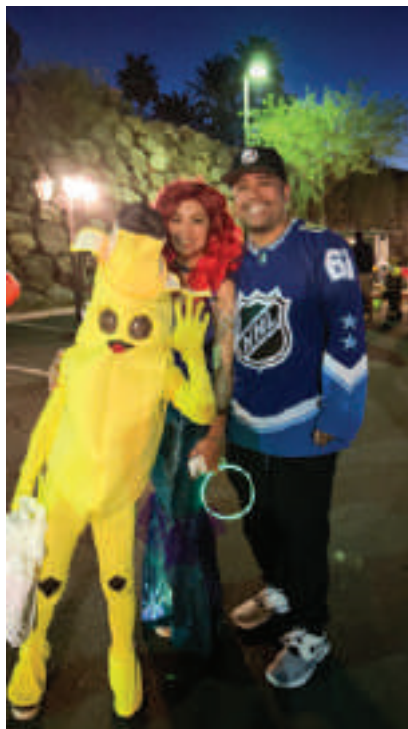


Halloween Tennis Mixer Oct. 27th



Halloween Happy Hour Oct. 28th





Trunk or Treat Oct. 29th



Nevada GOP Benefit Concert Oct. 30th



Brunch with Cleopatra Nov. 3rd



Middle West Whiskey Dinner Nov. 3rd



Fall Festival Nov. 6th



Fall Festival Nov. 6th



Turkey Trot Nov. 24th



Holiday Sweater Yappy Hour Dec. 6th



Breakfast with Santa Dec. 11th

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DragonRidge *events*

JANUARY

- Jan. 4: Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- Jan. 6: Live Music
- Jan. 7: USTA 40+ Tennis League
- Jan. 8: USTA Mixed Doubles Tennis Begins
- Jan. 9: Six Week Fitness Challenge
- Jan. 10: Sunset Yappy Hour
- Jan. 14: Manners Matter
- Jan. 16: Hike: Historic Railroad Hiking Trail
- Jan. 20: Chinese New Year Happy Hour
- Jan. 22: Australian Open Tennis Mixer
- Jan. 25: Ladies' Tennis League Boot Camp
- Jan. 26: Trivia Night
- Jan. 30: Ladies' Tennis Spring League
- Jan. 31: Member Money "Meat Up"

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1: Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- Feb. 10: Sweetheart Tennis Mixer
- Feb. 11: Sweetheart Scramble
- Feb. 12: Super Bowl LVII Party
- Feb. 12: Super Bowl Scramble
- Feb. 13: Couples Yoga
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Dinner
- Feb. 21: Mardi Gras Happy Hour

MARCH

- Mar. 1: Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- Mar. 7: Sunset Yappy Hour
- Mar. 12: St. Patrick's Day Tennis Mixer
- Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour
- Mar. 17: Green Beer Burpee Challenge
- Mar. 18: USTA 18+ Tennis Begins
- Mar. 23: Trivia Night

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March 16th - June 1st
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