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Carolyn Lumber

Safety Co-Chair – Jerry
Nies

Safety Co-Chair – DeeAnn
McCoy

Development – Mark Gold

Announcements –
Michael Alcenius

Committee Chairs

Modernism Co-Chair –
Thomas Sims

Modernism Co-Chair –
Mark Gold



Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization (ICNO) Newsletter

This Month's Board Meeting Summary

May 14, 2022

Treasurer's report: George Doomany

There will be a full report at the next Board Meeting. Our operating expenses are now completely covered by membership donations. The party paid for itself.

Membership report: George Doomany

There will be a full membership report at the next meeting. We have slightly fewer members this year, but individual donations have come in at higher amounts.

Communication/Social
Media – Jack Johnson

Web-Site – OPEN

Historian – Arlene
Young

*Board Members at
Large*

Kenny Cohen

Mike Dixon

May 14, 2022 ICNO Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

ONE-PS report: Steve Villa

ONE-PS Spring Retreat – 8:00 am – Noon, April 30, 2022
Mizell Center

- 8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast and Social – Aspen Mills
- 8:30-8:40 Introductions and Overview of the Morning
- 8:40-9:25 **SESSION 1 - CRIME/SECURITY**
- Is crime increasing? Which neighborhoods are impacted?
What are successful strategies within NOrgs to combat this problem?
Is there a decrease in enforcement?
What can ONE-PS do to assist in addressing security issues both within NOrgs and with City Government?
- 9:25-9:40 BREAK
- 9:40-10:25 **SESSION 2 - TRAFFIC ISSUES**
- Why does there appear to be little to no traffic enforcement?
Do we need more traffic police? How many?
Which NOrgs are most impacted by speeding?
How can NOrgs work more effectively with the City on traffic calming and speeding issues?
How can ONE-PS assist NOrgs in addressing traffic issues with the City?
- 10:25-10:40 BREAK
- 10:40-11:25 **SESSION 3 - ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION**
- What is the most effective way to communicate NOrg/ONE-PS concerns to the City?
Here are a few of the concerns reported in the recent survey:
- Short term rentals
 - unhoused residents
 - Noise issues
 - College of the Desert
 - Options for golf courses
 - Water conservation
 - Road surface repair
- What can ONE-PS do to ensure that relevant representatives of the City and of the NOrgs address these issues together?
- 11:25-11:30 Wrap Up and Next steps

May 14, 2022 ICNO Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Social, Annual Parties: Steve Bryan

The party was a great success. We are looking for a house for the Fall Party, November 12, 2022.

Modernism: Thomas Sims, Mark Gold

Modernism was a great success. We already have 6 houses for next February and are looking for 2 more.

Communication/Web Site: Jack Johnson

We have hired the site designer and are awaiting her notes.

Announcements/Communications: Michael Alcenius, DeeAnn McCoy

Michael is working on the next newsletter.

Safety: Jerry Nies, DeeAnn McCoy

The next Operation Lighthouse will be in the Fall and will focus on home safety and fire prevention.

Development, Landscaping: Mark Gold,

We are going forward with our plans to redo the entrance to the golf course off Camino Real. Mark and Carolyn and coordinating with Jason at the course.

Golf Club Affiliates: Bruce Moccia/ Carolyn Lumber

Bruce and Carolyn met with Gene and Phil to do a recap of the year and discuss the future plans for the Affiliate Program. Under discussion is a new plan that will have 5 tiers, a social affiliate, a single golf affiliate for the north course, a double golf affiliate for the north course, a single golf affiliate for both courses and a double golf affiliate for both courses. Affiliations will run from October 1 to September 30 and discounts will apply accordingly. One course will always be open. The club is phasing out the discount cards which will hopefully drive more people to become affiliates. Golf lessons will also be discounted. Phil and Gene would like suggestions on how to make social affiliations more attractive. They are planning more events both golf and social and are trying to schedule events on the weekends for social affiliates, including a Sunday brunch once a month. They will be sending out notices about September 1st and have indicated that they intend to take a much more active role in recruiting affiliates. We will send out our solicitation letters as usual, but they are confident that this will be the best year ever.

As previously announced, they will be digging a well from June 1 to the middle of September near the Disney fountain. This will enable them to water the golf course from "wall to wall" so there will be no dead spots.

New Business: Doug Patterson

The development committee will solicit ideas from neighbors on things that could be improved with some of the proceeds from Modernism Week. The committee will also establish how much money should be spent on charities

Meet One of Your ICNO Board Members

Michael Alcenius



Gary Lindensmith (L), Michael Alcenius (R)

Recently retired from the position of Chief Compliance Officer for Valor Healthcare, Michael provided accreditation and regulatory compliance oversight for the organization's fifty-five contract Veterans Administration Community Based Outpatient Clinics across the United States. He also supported all infection control functions including development and maintenance of protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic and participated in a nationwide COVID 19 Taskforce.

Prior to Valor Healthcare, Michael was recruited by Ardent Healthcare/Lovelace to fill the position of Director of Quality and Risk Management for Lovelace Healthcare Healthcare System in New Mexico.

Before relocation to New Mexico, Michael enjoyed a sixteen-year career as Associate Director of Standards at the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. During his years there he assisted with development of standards that address quality and safety of patient care in outpatient and inpatient settings. In addition, he trained Surveyor staff and assisted in the development of education programs for staff and accredited organizations. Following his tenure in the Joint Commission central office, he joined the Field Service Section as a hospital and ambulatory accreditation program Surveyor.

During a two-year leave of absence from Valor Healthcare, Michael worked with the Mihalik Group consultancy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The project scope focused on developing an accreditation and quality program for UAE Health Ministry hospitals and primary care centers throughout the country.

Trained as a Physician Assistant and Cardiopulmonary Perfusionist, he also holds pre- and postgraduate degrees in Biology, Epidemiology, and Public Health. He is board certified in health care quality through the Healthcare Quality Certification Board and holds the designation of Certified Specialist in Healthcare Accreditation from the Association for Healthcare Accreditation Professionals.

Michael and his Husband Gary Lindensmith, an Architect, relocated to Palm Springs from Washington, DC and purchased a home in Indian Canyons in the spring of 2018 and recently completed an extensive renovation.

Gary spends the majority of his free time volunteering at the Palm Springs Animal Shelter and Michael enjoys volunteer duties at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

Indian Canyons Golf Resort Hires New Manager



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It's an exciting move for the PGA professional; after cutting his teeth as an assistant golf pro at a municipal course in Lafayette, Indiana, he worked his way through the golf business, managing and instructing at daily fee, semi-private, private, corporate, and resort facilities. He has come to be known as "the fixer" for his ability to take golf courses to the next level, and that's exactly what he envisions for the legendary spot. Those who know Woodrum say he's a professional who just "gets it." As a top operator in the golf industry, he knows how to

run operations, he knows how to tackle challenges, and he knows how to provide an enhanced golfer experience.

Though each position he's held has been different, and every course is unique, he'll use his experience to observe and get to know this venue—how it runs and what shapes its identity. He has more than 20 years of experience as a general manager, director of golf, and consultant working at locations such as Stonehenge Golf Club in Virginia, Carolina Golf Group in North Carolina, El Tigre Golf Club in Mexico, and the Brickshire Golf Club and Royal New Kent Golf Club (both also in Virginia).

He earned a degree in business management from University of Cincinnati, studied electrical/aeronautical engineering at Purdue University, and took golf business-related courses at PGA of America in Palm Beach Gardens in Florida.

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— Phil Woodrum, General Manager,
Indian Canyons Golf Resort

Woodrum brings a fresh perspective to the Indian Canyons Golf Resort that will benefit the property in many ways.

“It is great getting back to the resort arena and to have the opportunity to work on two wonderful courses,” he shares. “I’m also excited to be working with the Agua Caliente Tribal Council and the team at the Tribal Administration Plaza to make a difference.”

Me Yah Whae caught up with the new GM to discuss how he got started in the game and what he's looking forward to most:

Where does your love of golf come from?

I found the game of golf during my freshman year of high school and played it while I played baseball. I loved that I was in control of what I could or could not do in golf. Anything you get out of golf you earn, and that was very appealing.

Can you pinpoint a specific moment in your life that may have served as a catalyst for your career?

When I was hit three times in the head during my last baseball game! I decided that golf was safer. I loved it and was good at it, and it just seemed like a good fit.

Walk us through a typical day in your shoes.

The cool thing about my position is that there is not a typical day in the golf business. One day it's the food-and-beverage aspect, the next minute it's tee times, then guests. We start with a daily plan, but it usually goes out the window by 10 a.m. The way I see it, my position is to ensure the quality of the facilities and team. With that in mind, I talk to everyone, from the team to guests to Tribal Administration Plaza (TAP) officials to everyone in between. Our goal is to improve our facility daily and to be known as one of the best facilities in this area.

How do you plan to differentiate the Indian Canyons Golf Resort (ICGR) experience for players?

We have plans for the season that will differentiate us from our competition, but for now we are going to make our hospitality and service the best it can be. Finding ways to say yes instead of no, going the extra steps for everyone out here, making sure that we do the right thing every time for every guest.

From a player's perspective, what makes ICGR unique?

The South Course is short and friendly, and the North is longer and harder. It's unique to find those differences at one facility.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I enjoy leading the team, talking to our guests, and working to make this resort the best golf experience for our golfers.

*This article appears in the Spring/Summer 2022 edition of **Me Yah Whae**, a publication of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. To view the digital edition, click [HERE](#).*

It also appears in this month's edition of Palm Springs Life.

City Council Speed Reduction Initiative

Please note the reduction in speed on Toledo and Murray Canyon to 40 mph!

Other Topics

Upcoming Board Meetings (Zoom meeting links and/or instructions will be sent out prior. All ICNO members are invited to attend) All meetings are on Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PST unless otherwise noted.

- June 18**
- August 13**
- September 17**
- October 15**
- November 12**
- December 17th**

Need to Recycle Biohazardous Waste?

Palm Springs Disposal Service conducts a weekly free drop off at their satellite site right next to the Palm Springs Animal Shelter at 1100 Vella Road on Saturdays only from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm October through May and 7:00 am to Noon June through September. This includes medical waste and paint disposal. Just load up your trunk, drive through, and the friendly staff will remove your items and provide a receipt.

Palm Springs Art Museum News

- Relaxation of COVID regulations continue. Just show up with a mask. No need to make reservations online! Hours have not yet been changed. F, Sa, Su – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Th 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm free). Closed M through W.
- Now on exhibit at the PSAM Architecture and Design Center on S. Palm Canyon – Pattern Play: The Contemporary Designs of Jacqueline Groag. Jacqueline Groag (British, born Prague, 1903–1986) was one of the most influential and versatile pattern designers of the post-war era. Whether abstract or representational, her avant-garde and naively charming patterns for textiles, dress fabrics, wallpaper, and laminates helped define the popular contemporary style and exerted a far-reaching influence on British design.
- Now on exhibit at the main museum:
 - Leon Polk Smith 1945 – 1962
 - Gonzalo Lebrija: Miracle of the Eternal Present *and* History of Suspended Time (A monument for the impossible)
 - Frederick Hammersley: Selection of Works on Paper
 - Outburst: Devin Reynolds
 - Outburst: Mr. Wash
 - The Influence of Modern Mexican Art Beyond the Borders: Selection of Paintings from the Collection *and* Selection of Works on Paper from the Collection
 - Contemporary African Art
 - Pure, Simple, ad Beautiful Forms: Glass from the Collection

Palm Springs Animal Shelter News

- Stop by and see the amazing pups and cats available and say hello to the new Executive Director, Dan Rossi from the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh.
- Palm Springs Animal Shelter is happy to provide low-cost vaccines available to the public every Thursday from 4-6PM excluding holidays. You do not need to be a Palm Springs resident to attend.
 - All Dogs must arrive on a collar and leash *Please no retractable leashes*
 - All Cats must be in secure carriers.
 - Please bring animals into the Community Room entrance on the left side of our main entrance.
- Prices are as follows:
 - Dogs: Rabies (Required for all dogs age 3 months and up) \$15
 - DA2PP- \$20
 - Bordetella- \$20
 - CIV Canine Influenza Virus- \$25
 - Cats: Rabies (Required for all cats 3 months and older) \$15
 - FVRCP- \$20
 - Other Services: Pyrantel Dewormer- \$20
 - Microchip (Implant & Registration)- \$25

If you would like to see updates and information from other community organizations, please provide suggestions.

Mark your calendars now for the fall Indian Canyons Neighborhood party on November 12, 2022. Details to follow.