

# RIDGELINES



## Continually Beautifying Our Landscape

It was a busy summer season enhancing and enriching the landscape at Indian Ridge. Our fantastic maintenance team makes our facility look nearly perfect every season. These enhancements may not be apparent at first, but they seamlessly add to the beauty of Indian Ridge.

The bunkers in the Arroyo course received additional new sand, and the greenside bunker at Arroyo 5 was remodeled. The lake edge on Arroyo 9 was rebuilt. Members will be happy to learn that the cart path turn-around on Arroyo 4 back tees has been widened.

Over on the Grove course, new bridges were installed on 13 and 18. The cart path on Grove 2 was widened, and the tee surface was regraded to allow for traffic to pass during shotgun starts. The clocks on the driving range are new this season.

Fitness enthusiasts and JK's visitors will be happy to learn that a new golf cart parking lot was constructed in front of JK's, allowing for ample cart parking. A new walking path and landscape lighting were installed near the Pickleball courts, and four new drinking fountains were installed in the Tennis and Pickleball facilities.





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

And another season begins!

It is my honor and privilege to welcome the return of our seasonal members along with our permanent residents to a new season in our paradise. We start this year in excellent shape. Our finances remain strong and stable; we were able to keep dues increases this season relatively low, especially when compared with other clubs in the desert. Our membership is basically full; we have a golf waiting list of 25 people, with most enjoying Club membership. Our calendar of activities and events is once again jam-packed, with waitlists expected for many events. Therein lies a question your Board has faced in recent planning sessions: how do we expand our footprint and facilities to allow for a greater participation? It is a challenge we are facing.



While most of our members were away and or traveling, the summer found Hall and our dedicated and extremely competent staff quite busy. Our projects tackled this summer include:

- Adding 4 new Pickleball courts together with a new viewing area, so important to our growing participation
- Refurbishing the Kramer Room
- Adding a new “prep room” desperately needed for our overly crowded kitchen
- Adding two new bridges and other improvements to continue to upgrade our magnificent golf courses
- And, of course, our major project—the rebuilding of a beautiful and expanded JK’s Cafe.

We are diligently completing the design for our planned 2024 Clubhouse expansion, which will increase the capacity of our kitchen, increase the size and create a mixed indoor/outdoor element of the Palmer Patio, and add two new meeting rooms for member activities. We hope to be able to submit the completed plan to the membership early this season. Our capital reserve is expected to cover the entire cost of this expansion without the need for any assessment.

Our culinary team has been hard at work this summer crafting a new menu that tantalizes the senses and speaks to the diverse tastes of our membership. From the elegant dining experience of the Ridge Room to the casual ambiance of the Arroyo Grille and Palmer Patio, you are invited to savor menu standards and new creations together with your favorite libations and impressive wine list.

Your voice matters. The responses from the survey we conducted last season helped guide our short- and long-range planning. As we embrace the prospects of new beginnings, we continue to invite you to share your thoughts, ideas, and expectations. The Board is listening. Together, we can continue to elevate our country club experience to unparalleled heights.

While the world continues to shift around us, our Club remains a steadfast oasis of leisure, relaxation and connection. The essence of what makes Indian Ridge so special is unwavering. Friendships are forged, families bonded and memories continue to be made. The laughter on the Pickleball courts, the camaraderie at the “19th hole,” the shared joy of club events and so many different activities are the heart and soul of Indian Ridge. My wife Freddi and I are looking forward to sharing this season with you.

Marvin Gelfand  
President  
Indian Ridge Board of Directors



## Opening Week Golf School

Indian Ridge Members went back to class with three days of educational and motivating golf school. This was a great way to readjust fundamentals and get a head start into the golf season. Staff was able to connect with members and help them grow in their golf journey.

The three sold-out days featured lessons on full swing, short game and putting. Members worked on everything from chipping and pitching to distance control, reading the greens to grip, aim, stance and posture. Our excellent golf pros made sure to put the “fun” in fundamentals!



## Welcoming Back our Members

Our season opening parties are so enjoyable and well-attended, that we again scheduled back-to-back nights to accommodate all those who wished to attend! Our wonderful Club staff rolled out the red carpet for members and threw two unforgettable parties. An array of impressive food stations positioned throughout the main Clubhouse dining areas provided a variety of tasty selections for any “foodie.” The sparkling crystal centerpieces and ice sculptures enhanced the mood as the DJ played a memorable playlist and members gathered and reconnected.





# Around the Ridge



## Speaker Series Events

Indian Ridge is once again hosting our popular speaker series events this season. The roster of engaging presenters begins with two current members who are former television talk show hosts and producers. Each session ends with no-host food & beverage service in the Arroyo Grille and Palmer Patio. These five upcoming, informative sessions will cover a variety of topics for the enjoyment of our members.

## Summer Adventure with the Travel Club

Fifty-one members of the Indian Ridge Travel Club boarded the beautiful Silver Sea Silver Moon on August 27 for a 12-day adventure cruising around Iceland and The British Isles. We had the opportunity to spend some time in Reykjavik prior to boarding the ship. The itinerary was perfect, enabling us to see so many interesting places: 3 stops in Iceland (Heimaey, Djupivogur, Seydisfjardur), 2 stops in Scotland (Stornoway, Oban), 2 stops in Ireland (Belfast, Waterford), Fishguard in Wales, and 2 stops in the UK (Liverpool, Falmouth). We disembarked in Southampton.

While the ship and its amenities were amazing, the best part was getting to travel with so many of our friends and neighbors. Our travel agent Susan Reder treated us to a dinner at the ship's French restaurant, La Dame, where we got to spend a wonderful evening together. There were several impromptu happy hours where we all congregated, and it was fun to see familiar faces at the pool and throughout the ship. As you can see from the pictures, a good time was had by all.

The 2024 cruise will be a 12-day adventure August 2-14 on Oceania that will include Istanbul, Greek Islands, Dubrovnik, Ephesus, Crete, Athens and more. We hope to see many of you there.







### Sunset Social with a Twist

Our Halloween Sunset Social is called the unofficial launch party of the season for a reason – it’s the first big night celebration filled with ghoulish delights, tasty drinks and buzzing activity. Members come dressed in fun, full costumes and spread a little bit of magic and mischief. Our Halloween Sunset Social is always a well-attended event!



### Looking Forward to a Season of Events

It’s great to welcome back our seasonal members as they return to Indian Ridge. We are excited to launch our active social calendar.

Ring in the New Year at the Club with all of your friends, and start the year fresh with monthly hikes hosted by our Health & Fitness Director. The Evening of Food & Wine in January offers great food with delightful and intricate wine pairings. Or join us for new casual events: Boots & BBQ in January and ‘70s Disco Party in April. Of course, don’t forget to swing by the Clubhouse every Friday for our evening Sunset Socials. Meet your friends there or make new ones - Sunset Social is a fun gathering for all.

At Indian Ridge, there is always something to do, no matter what your interest!

# Health & Fitness Center

## Fitness Center Update

There were many activities for our members to enjoy at the Fitness Center during the summer. Aqua fitness was very well- attended, as were Tai Chi and Sculpt classes. And, of course, Members were still taking advantage of our well-equipped gym and our great personal trainers.

There are several new offerings and equipment to look forward to at the Fitness Center as the 2023-2024 kicks off with a Fitness Open House. According to our Fitness Director, Chet Sheehan, Members will be pleased to learn that Performance Studio circuit classes will now be held earlier in the day as requested. There are also many pieces of new equipment for Members to experience, including beautiful new Technogym spin bikes for our popular outdoor spin classes, a new echo bike in the studio and new mats, balls and bands for group classes in the aerobics studio.

For those who enjoy the great outdoors, Chet has scheduled a series of hikes each month on some of the Valley's popular local hiking trails.

Our popular Fitness Challenge will begin in January and will be enhanced with four interesting lectures: Aging Gracefully, Brain Health, General Fitness for the Aging Adult and Gut Health.



## Checking In On The Spa

According to our Spa Director, Jenna, it was a very busy summer at the Spa. Usage was way up, with all of the departments consistently fully booked, especially the hair and nail salon.

Despite all the summer activity, the team took the time to plan for the 2023-2024 season. Some of what you can expect to see:

- 4 new staff members--2 stylists and 2 massage therapists
- The Retail Boutique is now carrying Kerastase Hair Care, Salt & Stone Body Care and SkinBetter (a medical grade skincare line)
- The hair salon is:
  - Now using Goldwell Color (including the Ammonia Free line called Top Chic Zero)
  - Offering Fusio Dose Treatment which is completely customized to your hair and its needs and provides INSTANT results. And it's done right at the shampoo bowl, requiring no additional time!
- The Nail Salon has added more than 50 new colors to the Dazzle Dry collection!



# Philanthropy at the Ridge

## Helping our Coachella Valley Neighbors - Mark your Calendars!

Last season, Indian Ridge generously donated twenty five 50--gallon barrels of food for FIND Food Bank (Food In Need of Distribution). FIND is a local charity that provides food to local Coachella Valley families who are facing high food prices and, as a result, food insecurity.

Because the cost of food continues to escalate, Indian Ridge will again be proudly hosting a food drive for FIND Food Bank. This season's drive will be Monday, January 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Rainbird Circle, next to the HOA office. Volunteers will be there to help with your drop-offs.

Mark your calendars and pick up some non-perishable foods on your shopping trips.

Let's help our Coachella Valley families in need. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



## Indian Ridge Scholarship Fund: We Make Dreams Come True

Thanks to the generosity of Indian Ridge members, the Scholarship Fund provides grants for higher education for Indian Ridge employees, their children and now their grandchildren. This season, we are providing scholarships to 27 recipients – a 50% increase over last year.

In addition to scholarships for college, the Fund offers grants for vocational school and GED support. Every qualified applicant receives funding.

All funding comes from Indian Ridge members. Exciting news this year: a generous member has offered to match the first \$10,000 donated by members who have not contributed to the Fund in the past. See our website – [www.indianridgescholarship.com](http://www.indianridgescholarship.com) – for details.

The website also provides more information about the Fund, along with a video featuring some of our students. You'll see that we really are making dreams come true.







## Indian Ridge Demand Continues Strong

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, there were 61 homes sold in Indian Ridge -- a slight reduction from the 75 homes sold in the preceding year. We are back to a pre-Covid real estate market. The good news is that the average home price has increased to \$1,303,885. Compared to pre-COVID numbers, this marks a substantial increase of 65% from \$791,180. This significant uptick in average home prices presents a great opportunity for sellers.

The expanding inventory is poised to draw in more prospective buyers, adding momentum to the market. Coupled with the appeal and demand for the Club's sought-after facilities and amenities, there is an optimistic outlook for a favorable sales season.

Our On-Site Sales Office at Indian Ridge maintains a vigilant watch on real estate transactions and trends influencing home sales. The team is always available for discussions about the market at large or to address any inquiries specific to your home.



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