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This is the time of the year to reflect on the events of 2018 and plan for 2019. In 2018, we saw our community thrive and move construction toward its completion. The New Year should see our community continue to move forward. Our new Highlands Heights (PA18) should move into a new 30 lot phase, early in the year, and we expect our Dragon's Reserve lots to almost sell out this year. This will shift the future construction area to the eastern portion of the community on MacDonald Mountain as Highland Heights continues to develop. Many of you have questioned me about the new Highland Heights lots. There will ultimately be about four parallel roads, which will all primarily face the Strip. These lots are probably going to be the best lots in the community! The old adage about saving the best for the last holds true here.

On another issue, I have a good friend who has been looking at a lot here for years. He has been checking prices for all those years and keeps being fixated on what prices were years ago. While, once upon a time, our lots were selling at \$45 per foot, our building costs have escalated so rapidly that we will never see those prices again. Our newest phase of flat lots in Highlander Heights will typically be at \$67 per foot, and costs for the next phase will be much higher. Anyone who is interested in acquiring another lot should get in now otherwise prices will be higher. That, I can guarantee.

As you drive around the community you will notice a great deal of work going on, much of it consisting of re-rocking open areas and spraying with permeon, which re-creates the natural dark varnish on the rocks. We also will be completing a new small park toward the end of MacDonald Ranch Drive. This will be targeted as an exercise park with chinning bars, sit up bench, etc., so our walkers/runners can get even more of a workout. Of course, it is always good to exercise outside in the fresh air, so this park will be a good addition. Some of the unfinished eyesores have been purchased and construction will begin again, which will help improve the community. Hopefully, by the end of this year, our community will start to look more mature and complete.

People also have been asking about the third (Viento Puntero) gate but that is probably two-plus years away. That will become our construction gate, as in two years most of our active construction will be in Highland Heights, on the mountain.

One great benefit of all this new construction is that club membership is growing and that will enable us to increase restaurant/bar hours and provide increased levels of service. That will be exciting for all of us who are members.

Lastly, I had to laugh when I heard a couple of our residents refer to our \$330-per-month homeowners association dues as expensive. Our dues are among the lowest of any luxury community, and our board works hard to keep it that way. While some communities pay as much as \$1,500 per month, ours is a bargain by any standard. Frankly, it amazes me how people will pay three times for a lot, not as nice as ours, and pay four times more for HOA fees, while the level of service remains the same.

I look forward to seeing you this year. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

Best regards,





## A message from the management: HOAIFTTF

#### Dear MacDonald Highlands residents,

As we near the close of 2018, we look back on the many projects, improvements and enhancements completed in the MacDonald Highlands community this past year. The landscape beautification project continues, and we look forward to the first quarter of 2019; and starting a project, whereas grass along Valle Verde Drive is replaced with beautiful, new artificial turf that will not only improve the look of the streetscape but come with a rebate from the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

A condensed list of some important projects completed this year include, but are nor limited to, the following:

- · Installation of multiple doggie bags stations in areas in the community identified as prime locations where pet waste was reported not being picked up.
- Replacement of the picnic tables in the park area off Foothills • Village, including other tot lot improvements/replacements.
- Re-painting of all red curbs throughout the community.
- Replacement of the water fountain by the fitness center.
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts near the fitness center.
- Replacement of the tennis court nets.

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This list does not include the plethora of other small maintenance items that are repaired and replaced on a daily basis throughout the community. This includes maintenance at the entry and exit gates at Stephanie Street and Valle Verde Drive and the interior neighborhood gates, the association streets, gutters, parks and play/ fitness areas.

The board of directors and management are excited to move into the new year. In 2019, there are plans in place to continue improvements in the community. We look to have a large number of signs replaced throughout the community that are faded, bent and/or damaged, including the signs at the dog park, and hope to have this completed by the end of the first quarter.

The water fountain at the park area off of Beneficial will have its water fountain replaced with a new style water fountain that includes a dog water fountain, which we know is a wonderful benefit to pet owners.

We also will be looking at necessary street improvements/maintenance needed in 2019, to include crack fill work, patching and sealing, so be on the lookout for information on this project. We also are looking forward to continuing the landscape beautification process.

The board and management encourage residents to provide feedback and input on issues they are reviewing, or on any other item(s) that you may have suggestions or concerns about.

Lastly, and most importantly, as a resident in the community, you

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> On the cover: Photo by David Reisman:, 2017 DragonRidge offers swimming classes for its younger residents each summer.



## FOR A NEW YOU IN 2019

• By Valerie Putnam

With the holidays in the rear view, it is a good time to refresh, rejuvenate and relax.

Many luxurious options are available close to the MacDonald Highlands community that can melt the post-holiday stress away while restoring the body to a better state of health.

• Within the DragonRidge Country Club are indulgent options such as a 50- or 80-minute Swedish, deep-tissue or sports massages.

"We also offer fascia stretch therapy or FST," said Angela Meslem, DragonRidge Tennis & Athletic Center assistant director. "We help make your layers of fascia more pliable and hydrated improving joint range of motion, strength and flexibility."

The Fitness and Tennis center has one massage room, three shower bays – including one with an aroma therapy showerhead, a traditional Finnish sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi.

Treatments are available seven days a week and require a 24hour notice. Members can call into the Tennis & Athletic Center 702-407-0045 or stop in at the front desk to book an appointment.

#### PRIVATE YOGA CLASSES

Yoga instructor Kari Klass will give private yoga sessions by appointment to club members. The 50-minute classes will be held at the DragonRidge Fitness Center. Cost is 10 sessions for \$600, 20 for \$1,100. Bring a buddy for an extra \$20 a session.



A couple's spa lounge at The Spa at Green Valley Ranch.

• Just a few minutes south on Green Valley Parkway is The Spa at Green Valley Ranch. Enticing locals with its 25 percent discounts, GVR pampers visitors with premium offerings including massage, facials, salon, body treatments and fitness classes.

"I think we truly are a hidden gem," Green Valley Ranch Director of Spa Operations Jane Cox said about the 14,000-square-foot facility. "We have such a gorgeous environment here."

GVR's several massage modalities include three specialty massages: Alpine Arnica Deep Tissue, Nirvana Stress Relief and Blues Be Gone.

Alpine Arnica is one of GVR's more popular offerings. It utilizes trigger point therapy, myofascial release and Russian massage techniques to relax sore muscles. Nirvana Stress Relief incorporates aromatherapy and therapeutic massage to unwind the body, reboot the mind and bring stress into balance. The treatment offers four different aroma therapeutic blend choices including meditation, reboot, chill or inspire.

"Typically, you are drawn to one of them," Cox said. "Your body's need will be tied up in one of them. It's interesting when that happenings."

Blues Be Gone combats the symptoms of adrenal fatigue. Prices start at \$125, before the locals' discount. Weekend treatments are priced slightly higher.

GVR uses the luxurious Naturopathica product line during its treatments. Naturopathica was designed for total wellness inside and out of the body. Products are sold at GVR for guests who want to continue the skin care at home.

Exclusive to GVR is Dr. Harold Lancer's skin care including the caviar lime facial, Lancer method facial with oxygen and Lancer Microdermabrasion treatments. Facials start around \$150 before the discount.

"We're really lucky to have Doctor Lancer's products," Cox said. "He is a world renowned dermatologist in LA."

GVR also has a full salon for men and women, offering hair treatments, make-up and nails by celebrity nail artist Jennisse.

"She has high profile clientele," Cox said. "She is known for her design technique and design choices on the nails."

Guests scheduling treatments can stay and enjoy the private pool deck. Appointments can be made online at gvrspa.com or call the Spa at 702-617-7570.

GVR also offers 19 fitness classes a week with a variety of offerings including a new Melt class. The Melt class provides gentle myofascial release using balls and soft foam roller. All classes are \$10 each and accommodate walk-ins.

The spa's cranioSacral therapy (CST) is a gentle, hands-on touch where a therapist releases restrictions in the soft tissue surrounding the central nervous system. According to LifeSpa Manager, Christina Mendoza only six massage therapists in the area specialize in CST.

"It is a unique experience," Mendoza said. "I always tell people you have to have it done yourself to put it into words."

LifeSpa offers full skin care including a variety of HydraFacials, available in 30-, 40-and 60-minute sessions.

High-quality skin care products such as Circadia, pure organic line Eminence and the French Vivier are used during the treatments and sold at LifeSpa.

Services are offered seven days a week and can be booked via the Life Time website, Life Time app, Spa reception desk at 702-802-7325 or as a walk-in.

First-time users receive a 20 percent discount on services.

Three hours of childcare is provided for free to clients receiving services as is full use of the facilities including access to the gym, pools, café and tennis. Using the tennis courts requires signing up prior to the appointment.

• Create Peace Functional Movement Institute, 2920 North Green Valley Parkway offers Sphere Therapeutix Bodywork and therapeutic fitness classes, along with infrared sauna and Pulsed Electro Magnetic Mat sessions.

Sphere Therapeutix is a revolutionary bodywork system created by founder Karina Braun Barovick. Using different sized spheres, Barovick reduces pain and myofascial tension in the body. The first appointment is \$100 and includes a body assessment. Following appointments cost \$90 for cash or \$95 for credit.

Karina performs a NeuroKinetic therapy assessment to find the root cause of the pain.



LifeSpa is inside Life Time Athletic Green Valley, and offers a full-service salon and spa for members and non-members.

• LifeSpa at Life Time Athletic Green Valley, 121 Carnegie St., offers a full-service salon and spa for members and non-members.

The spa's services include hair care, nails, skin care, eye lash extensions, lash and brow tinting, waxing, facials and customized massage.

Its seven massage therapists offer different modalities including pregnancy or RSQ, a deep pressure and trigger point massage. The therapies are available in thirty, 60-or 90-minute sessions are available.

The costs range from \$69 for a 30-minute session to \$149 for 90-minutes. Options such as hot stone or Himalayan Salt are available at an additional charge.

LifeSpa's services include hair care.

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"Basically I'm doing functional neurology," Braun Barovick said. "I work with the motor control center of the brain to check muscles to see if they are over or under working and balance those out in the brain by performing corrective exercises."

The therapeutic fitness classes are a combination of Sphere Therapeutix, stretching and yoga. The 55-minute group sessions are \$20.

"You're strengthening but also you're doing deep tissue myofascial release," Braun Barovick said. "What I like about it is it helps people that are in pain and improves range of motion and flexibility."

Appointments can be scheduled on the web site at createpeacefmi.com or call 702-576-3288.





Ken and Michelle Alber, center, join Cory and Kamie Sorensen, left, and Bryce and Kayla Harper at a Nevada Childhood Cancer fundraiser.

Ken and Michelle Alber feel blessed and want to do what they can to help children suffering from cancer along with their families.

Ken Alber has been on the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation board for about 20 years, and the MacDonald Highlands couple together help raise awareness in the community and funds for the organization that holds an annual gala, golf tournament and other fundraising events.

The foundation provides more than 45 programs and services at no cost to pediatric and adult patients and their families living in Southern Nevada. Within 24 hours of receiving a pediatric referral, the NCCF works to identify the financial, educational and psychological needs for each family.

The foundation even operates The Caring Place that serves as a complement to medical treatment by providing a health, wellness and healing arts center for families of children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses, as well as to adults touched by cancer.

"Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation works hand in hand with the medical teams to provide financial, emotional and educational services and psychological help to all families with children diagnosed with cancer, sickle cell, immune or blood or any life-threatening illnesses," said Jeff Gordon, the foundation's president and CEO. "Over the last 25 years, we have gotten a chance to touch a lot of lives from children that are ill to adult touched by these devastating illnesses that find themselves in a hard time. As we get new diagnoses and referrals, we take care of these families in any way we can by support services and financial aid."

Ken Alber is one of the owners of Penta Building Group that donates to the foundation. He and Michelle have four children in their 20s, and all are healthy. But they have seen what other families have gone through and Ken, who is a pilot, has flown a family to Los Angeles and Salt Lake City for treatments for their 9-year-old son suffering from a bone cancer.

"We have been blessed with financial good fortune with our business and we have had the benefit of raising four healthy kids and not having to encounter something like this," Ken Alber said. "It's a way to give back to others."

Michelle Alber said they want to make other MacDonald Highlands residents aware of the charity and a chance to be a part of it. Rich and Claire MacDonald and other MacDonald Highlands residents Penta Building owner supports Nevada Childhood Cancer

Ken and Michelle Alber spearhead community effort

• By Buck Wargo

attended the gala at the Bellagio with them in November when more than \$100,000 was raised. The MacDonalds are behind the annual toy drive at DragonRidge clubhouse for children suffering with cancer.

The foundation works with more than 800 families a year, Gordon said. These are families hurt hard financially and in many cases one parent has to stop working to care for the child, he said.

"We need to embrace this charity to do more to raise funds for them on a continual basis," Michelle Alber said. "It's an amazing charity to be involved with because you get to see the benefits brought to these families. People don't realize cancer just doesn't affect the person who has it. It affects the entire family. The parents have put so much money into their care of their child, and it's a financial burden put on families."

On a year-round basis, the foundation accepts non-perishable food items for its pantry for families in need, school backpacks, toys and teen items, monetary donations, grocery cards and gas cards. People can adopt a child or family in need, Michelle Alber said.

"There is so much that goes on and what one can do or contribute," Michelle Alber said. "There are a lot of opportunities for people to contribute what they can. Not everybody has the time but has the money to donate. Some people don't have the money but the time to help with camps on a Saturday. When you see a child that is sick, it touches your heart and you want to help. Nobody wants to see a child hurt."

People can call NVCCF at 702-735-8434 to donate, volunteer or to participate in the events.

"I wish I had a whole city of Ken and Michelle Alber," Gordon said. "They have a passion and heart-felt concern for people in need and that's where it all starts. They also understand that it really does take a village, a community and many people to help. They understand we are here to help each other whatever we may be going through. They have a great voice out there, and they're not afraid to talk with people that the foundation is something special and getting them involved. If a community gets involved, great things can happen for our friends and neighbors who need our help. It's a local community effort helping people right here in Las Vegas. All the dollars and funding stays right here in Las Vegas."

The Albers can be contacted by MacDonald Highlands residents at kalberkalber@pentabldggroup.com.

#### RICHARD LUKE DEBUTS

A rchitect Richard Luke's Five Star Collection opened to the public in early December. The Las Vegas-based architect launched the 20-home collection during the unveiling of his premiere show home at 663 Palisade Rim Drive.

President of Richard Luke Architects, Luke has been designing luxury homes for over 35 years.

"This is the first collection of Richard Luke homes in the valley," Kristen Routh-Silberman of Synergy/Sotheby's International Realty said. "He is responsible for some of the biggest and most popular designs in the community."

Designed for a targeted group of luxury buyers, Luke's collection of single- and two-story homes range from 5,000 square feet to 7,000

#### Price: \$2.99 M

Location: 663 Palisade Rim Drive

Size: Lot, 0.28 acre; 5,000 square feet, three en suite bedrooms, four baths, three-car garage

Features: Art gallery entry, office, media room, temperaturecontrolled wine cellar, 14-foot ceilings, full bar, 32-foot pocket door, large format imported porcelain floor, quartzite counters, kitchen island with waterfall edge, high-gloss custom cabinetry, hidden pantry, linear backlit electric fireplaces, infinity-edge pool and spa, exterior ultra-lounge with fire pit, views of mountains and Strip, home fully controlled by Control 4 smart home technology, custom lighting.

HOA fees: \$330/month

Listing: Kristen Routh-Silberman, Synergy/Sotheby's International Realty.

square feet with listing prices of \$3 to \$5 million.

Each home's unique design specifically targets the needs of demographic groups from empty nesters to families. One design incorporates an indoor and outdoor wine gallery, while another features a 60-foot lap pool and gym.

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Additionally, each home incorporates design elements specific to Luke's collection. These elements capitalize on the incredible views, modern, open floor plans, expansive pocket doors with seamless indoor-outdoor living, soaring ceilings, professional grade appliances, pools and spas, high-end finishes, prewiring for technology and unique interior and exterior architectural elements.

Conceptual work began on the project in 2016. By the end of 2017 two homes had closed. More than 50 percent of the homes in the project sold prior to the official December launch marketed solely based on plans, renderings and lot placement.

The premier show home is a 5,000-square-foot, single-story with three bedrooms, four baths, media room and office. Sited on a quarter-acre





lot, the home is listed for nearly \$3 million through Routh-Silberman.

Completed late October, the show home encapsulates the refined design demonstrated throughout the collection. Its signature Luke-styled entry makes a bold statement upon entering the expansive 6-foot-by-9-foot, glass-pivot door.

The sizeable entry corridor leads into an expansive main living area and showcases art-gallery styled walls. The glass-encased wine cellar at the end of the gallery corridor features a marble-finished back wall and back-lit bottle rods.

Imported large format Mother of Pearl porcelain tile and dramatic 12-foot ceilings give a clean, modern aesthetic throughout the main living area. A 32-foot pocket door flanks the entire space.

"All the homes have at least a 30-foot-wide pocket door," Luke said. "When you open the door, you can't distinguish between the exterior and interior and it takes advantage of the Strip and mountains views."

The great room adjacent to the formal living room offers versatility to the living space. Currently, the room is set up as a media room.

Professional grade appliances, striking, white quartzite counters with a waterfall edge and high-gloss European-styled cabinetry grace the sleek, modern kitchen. A hidden walk-in pantry enhances the refined design.

The dining area and lustrous bar provide effortless flow for meals and entertaining. A large window on the north side of the bar provides easy access to the exterior pool deck.

The master bedroom, just off the main living area, serves as a private retreat. Floor-to-ceiling bookend matched porcelain encase the 10-foot linear fireplace, resulting in a stunning focal point for the room.

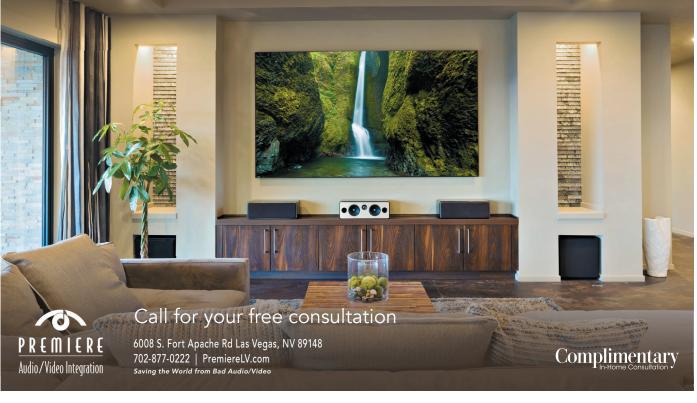
"It looks like marble, but is actually porcelain" Luke said about the fireplace surround. "It really makes a great statement piece."

Soaring ceilings and voluminous glass doors provide pool deck access from the master and breathtaking Strip views.

The master bath features his-and-her, high-gloss custom floating vanities flanking a large soaking tub and glass steam shower at its center. A finished walk in closet features built-ins and a center island.

Luke incorporated unique lighting opportunities throughout the home such as clerestory windows above the expansive pocket doors to bring in additional light and custom back lights in key areas such as the kitchen island, fireplaces and interior soffits.

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#### Wanderlust • By Claire MacDonald

In late July and early August, 2018, we went to Ireland with friends. Luckily, they had been several times before, so we were able to plan easier.

We flew into Dublin and spent two nights. Our hotel was directly across a foot bridge from the Temple Bar area, which is where most of the nightlife is. It was a great place to eat, drink and party. There are a lot of street musicians and dancers in the area, as well. We had really fresh seafood, fish and chips and Guinness stew, which has beef, potatoes, carrots, onions and a great brown sauce with Guinness beer. They serve it with a hearty, nutty grain brown bread, which is fabulous with butter. We also discovered bubble waffles, which are filled with your choice of ice cream flavors and all kinds of toppings. The waffles really do have are round bubbles instead of square holes like we usually get. While in Dublin, we took a city tour (which we usually do when we go to a new place). Although we didn't take the Guinness Brewery tour, we did find out some interesting information. The Guinness Brewery was founded in 1759, by



The Temple Bar area features bubble waffles, which are filled with your choice of ice cream flavors and all kinds of toppings.

Arthur Guinness. He and his wife, Olivia, had 21 children, but sadly only 10 survived to adulthood. Being real estate people, we found it very interesting that Mr. Guinness signed a 9,000-year lease on a brewery land for £45 per year – the equivalent in today's money of \$58.08 per year. How would you have liked to inherit that lease?

We also visited Trinity College in Dublin, where we saw the Book of Kells, the illuminated manuscript of the first four Gospels in the New Testament. The paintings on the pages of the manuscript are very colorful and done in great detail. It is said that many smaller details were painted with a single horsehair.

We also had a tour of the Trinity campus and visited the main chamber of the Old Library called the Long Room. It is 213 feet long and, it is filled with 200,000 of the Library's oldest books. It looks like something out of a Harry Potter movie.

We rented a large car and off we went, with our friend, Bill, driving and his wife, Genene, as navigator. All Rich and I had to do was sit in the back seat and enjoy the scenery. Since the Irish drive on the left side of the road, it is a little more challenging, but Bill had no problem.

We drove north from Dublin up to The Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO Site, which is a large 700-foot rock formation formed by an ancient volcano eruption with about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns. It is quite spectacular and quite a walk from the parking area.

We spent two nights in Bushmills, a small town a few miles away from The Giant's Causeway. From there, we went about 10 miles to The Dark Hedge. For those of you who watch "Game of Thrones," the Dark Hedge, with its natural archway of intertwined trees, is one of Northern Ireland's most photographed locations and the place where Arya Stark dressed as a boy to escape from King's Landing.



The Dark Hedge with its natural archway of intertwined trees is one of Northern Ireland's most photographed locations.

We also spent time at the 16th century Dunluce Castle in Northern Ireland, headquarters of the Scottish clan, Macdonald, to control the Irish Sea. Rich especially enjoyed seeing where his former ancestors lived.

The next two nights were spent in Galway, a small town on the Wild Atlantic. We visited the Cliffs of Moher. It is a beautiful area, but, unfortunately, was foggy the day we were there, so didn't see much.



A group of friends enjoy a few beers at The Galway horse races

Galway is known for its food festivals, arts and crafts events, music sessions, energetic activities, and horse racing.

The Galway horse races are the most famous Irish races and start the end of July. There were 49 races over the seven days, with prize money in excess of  $\pounds 2$  million. Over 250,000 people attend the races during the week. We lucked out and the races were held while we were in town. We went and it was great! Some of the races were steeplechase – a type of horse race in which participants are required to jump over obstacles. I bet on two horses in one steeplechase and both jockeys fell off their horses at the first jump. Half the fun at the races was people watching. The dress was everything from jeans and T-shirts, to fancy gowns. A lot of the ladies wore fancy, little hats called fascinators. I don't think I have seen them worn anywhere else except England and Ireland.

The Aran Islands are off the coast from Galway and accessible by ferry. The islands are known for their wool sweaters, which are mainly cable knit design. They come in beautiful colors and styles, and are much less expensive than if you buy them in the U.S.

Our next overnight stop was in the quaint town of Dingle, which is in the southwest part of Ireland. They are known for their local food and pubs, and it is also a popular place for Dolphin and whale watching. We saw the famine huts from the Great Irish Famine of 1845–1849, when the potato crop failed in successive years. The fungus type infestation ruined up to one-half of the potato crop the first year, and about three-quarters of the crop over the next seven years.

We also saw the Fahan Beehive Huts, which were home to an order of monks who purportedly lived there between to the 6th to 13th centuries, although some suggest that Fanah was built in the 12th century when Normans began to settle in Ireland, forcing out local families whose land and livestock was taken.

We spent one night in Killarney about three hours south of Galway. The Blue Flag Inch Beach spans for three miles of soft sand, and is the perfect place for all types of water sports, including surfing, kayaking, windsurfing, kite surfing, hang gliding and fishing. We met several people in wet suits braving the cold water and they were having a great time.

Our last two nights we stayed in Wicklow Forest, about 45 minutes away from Dublin. We visited Powerscourt, voted No. 3 in the Top 10 Gardens of the World by National Geographic. You can explore the 18th century country estate its beautiful rose, Italian and Japanese gardens and lakes.

We chose not to go around the Ring of Kerry, did not kiss the Blarney Stone nor did we stay in any castles. We just had a good time, enjoyed The New American Home 2019 coming soon! Please visit www.sunwestcustomhomes.com for more information.

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Tony Jacklin and Butch Harmon shake hands at a DragonRidge event.

## *Famed Golfers* at dragonkidge book-signing

Jacklin, Harmon have lots of stories • By Buck Wargo

MacDonald Highland residents and golf enthusiasts got a holiday treat with Hall of Fame English golfer Tony Jacklin and golf coach Butch Harmon holding court at DragonRidge Country Club.

The event organized by DragonRidge member and golf pro Jerry Holley came about as Jacklin, a 74-year-old Florida resident was on a Southwest book signing tour for a fictional novel he co-authored called "Bad Lies" about a famous golfer accused drug cheat.

Holley, a longtime friend of Jacklin, had him on stage highlighting his career that included winning the 1969 British Open at the age of 25, 1970 U.S. Open by seven strokes at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota and the first by a European player since 1926.

"It seems like the other day to me," Jacklin said about his run in 1969 by winning his first of two majors. "It's been 50 years, and it's just amazing how the time goes."

Jacklin also served as the most successful European Cup captain ever with three wins and one loss, ending a streak in 1985 of 28 years of U.S. dominance.

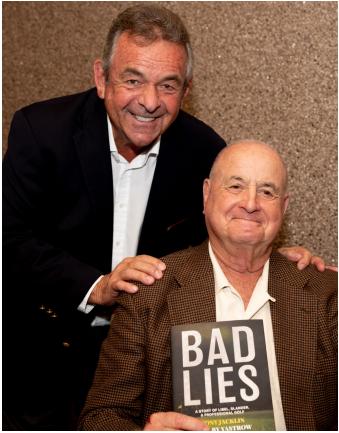
Jacklin is known for one of the most famous memorable moments in Ryder Cup history when Jack Nicklaus conceded a short putt to Jacklin in 1969 at Royal Birkdale in England, thus ensuring a tie rather than make Jacklin hit the putt as part of a show of sportsmanship.

"It was never a war as far as I was concerned," Jacklin said. "This guy is not my enemy, but a friend of mine I'm just trying to beat. If at the end of the day, you can't go up to your opponent and shake his hand and say well-played, then we have all been wasting our time."

During his visit, Jacklin recounted his first trip to Las Vegas in the fall of 1967 that he said was his most memorable when he played at the Sahara Invitational and finished fifth. He made the visit with his dad, a steelworker who had never been to America, on his way to play in Australia.

"It was a different place and different ownership," Jacklin said. "You wore a coat and a tie and were happy to dress up going out to the casino. Being back on the tour in those days I got to know Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra personally and played with Dean Martin."

Before the event, he and Harmon, the former coach of Tiger Woods, were mingling and talked about their playing days on the PGA Tour, the 1970 U.S. Open where Harmon made the cut and talked about Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer.



From left, Tony Jacklin and Shelby Yastrow wrote "Bad Lies."



From left, Shelby Yastrow, Tony Jacklin, Jerry Holley and Butch Harmon.

Jacklin said he became good enough to play with the best players in the world on weekly basis by watching and learning. The game was more difficult with the old equipment and course conditions that weren't as good.

"I was 23 and ambitious when I came over to America and knew if I wanted to be the best player in the world, I had to be where the best players are. Everything I learned was right here," Jacklin said. "I was the first (European on the PGA Tour) to win here in 1968 and learned the American way and what you have to do be excellent."

Jacklin won \$10,200 for winning the British Open in 1969. The winner took home \$1.89 million in 2018.

"The prize money was laughable compared to today, but that's what television has done," Jacklin said. "We couldn't get on television. It was only the last three or four holes because they had to lay miles of cable for one hole."



The calendar is out for the 2019 golf season at DragonRidge Country Club and members are encouraged to look for many ¬new events with some details still being finalized.¬

"It's going to be a great and exciting year," said Chris Vossekuil, director of golf at DragonRidge. "Our golf committee has come up with a fun calendar for the whole 2019. There's a lot of new events and events with new formats to freshen them up moving forward. It will be a great year for the club and golf events."

• One of the first big events of the year is the Super Bowl Scramble set for Feb. 3 on the day of the NFL's championship game.

"There was a small thing on the side last year and that went over well," Vossekuil said. "The club will help run that this year."

It will be a two-person scramble with a handicapped system played the morning of the game, and there will be other fun activities leading up to and related to the game, Vossekuil said.

• In celebration of Valentine's Day, the club will hold a Sweetheart Best Ball competition on Feb. 9. A member-member competition is set for March and 10.

"We're going to come up with two different formats for each to make it more challenging and strategic in how you select your partner," Vossekuil said. "It will be an exciting and different format than the standard best ball format."

- A masters blind draw best ball will be held on April 13.
- The MacDonald Match Play will be held May 11, while the Match Play Finals are set for June 22. The U.S. Open Blind Draw Best Ball will be held June 15.

• The summer season wraps up with a new event set for July 4 called the Firecracker Open whose format has not been finalized, and the Summer Roast is set for Aug. 24.

- The club will be closed for reseeding Sept. 3-26.
- The Fall Invitational MMG will be held Oct. 17-19. The Club Championship is set for Nov. 2 and 3, and the Santa Shootout will be held Dec. 7.

- Ladies Day weekly member games are held on Thursday mornings through May 31.
- The Friday Cash Game runs the entire year through Dec. 28 when the course is open. The start time is noon prior to Daylight Savings and 1 p.m. when the clock changes.

#### TENNIS

The tennis schedule was still being finalized for the club at the end of December, but many of the same events are on the schedule for 2019.

R.J Tessier, the tennis and athletic center director, said there will be an event celebrating Valentine's Day in February with mixed doubles. There's a giveaway of chocolates, strawberries and a bouquet of roses.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day tennis festival in March in addition to a spring Calcutta and junior tennis camp.

- The St. Patrick's Day event is round-robin play of mixed doubles, and people are encouraged to wear green. Cocktails are served.
- The Calcutta involves pairing up the best players with a random drawing for prize money for the top three spots. There's a handicapped system for the mostly mixed-doubles event. There are usually four calcuttas a year, Tessier said.

People are encouraged to sign up about three to four weeks ahead of any event, Tessier. There's no cost for members and typically there's a \$15 charge for non-members.

#### HIKES

The club also hosts monthly hikes on weekdays that will start in February to off-site destinations across the valley. People carpool to locations and go to lunch afterward.

The club sends out e-mails blasts on Sunday afternoons to alert members of coming activities.





Real ESTATE REPORT

MacDonald Highlands sells 37 lots this year More growth predicted for 2019

• By Kristen Routh-Silberman

We began 2018 at a running pace and the market leveled out in the last half of the year. As a new luxury home destination, MacDonald Highlands was in high demand and our numbers show it again this year. For those of you counting, MacDonald Highlands sold a record-breaking 125 lots this year. The big news for the year was that we announced the final phase of MacDonald Highlands and began sales in Highlander Heights, the final MacDonald Highlands neighborhood from the developer.

MacDonald Highlands' sales partner activity reached new heights in 2018, as well.

• Christopher Homes Vu closed an impressive number of town homes in 2018. So much so that they bought 83 more lots and announced two new projects at MacDonald Highlands; Vu Estates and Vu Pointe.

• The Richard Luke 5 Star Collection released nine new custom homes in 2018 and have sold six. With that current collection, 65 percent sold, Richard Luke will unveil a new collection for 2019.

• Blue Heron's MacDonald Highlands show-home "Vegas Modern 1" broke ground and they sold two of their eight custom homes in a project called Equinox in MacDonald Highlands.

Here's how MacDonald Highlands Real Estate stacked up in 2018

Community	Lots sold–Custom		Builders	Pending	Total
MacDonald Highlands	37		83	5	125
The Ridges, Summerlin	6		16	0	22
Southern Highlands	9		0	0	9
Ascaya	8		0	0	8
Community	homes sold	pending	total	2018 highest sale	
MacDonald Highlands	33	16	49	\$7,750,000	
The Ridges, Summerlin	47	3	50	\$7,000,000	
Southern Highlands	23	4	27	\$7,250,000	
Ascaya	1	0	1	\$5,200,000	

#### LUXURY HOME SALE NUMBERS FOR 2018

886 Homes sold in guard-gated neighborhood, \$750,000 +

• 33 in MacDonald Highlands or 4% of the luxury market

51 Homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods, \$2M to 2,999,999M

• 5 in MacDonald Highlands or 10% of the luxury market

26 Homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods, \$3M to 3,999,999M

• 2 in MacDonald Highlands or 8% of the luxury market

8 homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods, \$4M-4,999,999M

• 0 in MacDonald Highlands or 0% of the luxury market

11 homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods over \$5,000,000+

• 1 in MacDonald Highlands or 9% of the luxury market

#### Top 2018 Sales in Las Vegas Valley

was once again Queensridge at 9504 Kings Gate court, which sold for \$10 million.

- 2 sale was in The Ridges at 45 Painted Feather Way, which also sold for \$8,900,000.
- 3 sale was in MacDonald Highlands at 731 Dragons Ridge Way, which sold for \$7,750,000.
- f sale was in Southern Highlands at 27 Eagles Landing Circle, which sold for \$ 7,250,000.
- 5 sale was in The Ridges at 7 Sable Ridge Court, which sold for \$7,000,000.

SOURCES: MLS and public records

The Las Vegas real estate market in 2019 looks steady and bright. With the new California governor coming into office in 2019, my prediction for MacDonald Highlands is that we will continue to see California buyers throughout 2019. Building prices are increasing as are lot prices and this will have a negative impact on volume. While this may mean decreased lot sale volume, the sales prices of the lots will be higher and may achieve the same sale goals. However, for the homeowner, this will make resale houses more competitive and attractive to a buyer. I cannot stress the importance of continuing to make home improvements and updates to your home. This will make all the difference to achieving top dollar and selling over your competition. 2019 should prove to be a great year to sell a house in MacDonald Highlands.

I am so pleased that 2018 turned out to be an outstanding year for MacDonald Highland's real estate and am very excited for 2019 and are looking forward to assisting in the continuation of rising sales and values for MacDonald Highlands.

All the best and happy new year!

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New Year's Eve is a big night at DragonRidge. Members come out for a fine dinner, dancing and fireworks to welcome the new year. Spirits were as 2019 arrived.





Scott and Darlina Manthei



From left, Richard Luke, Kristen Routh Silberman, Leo Moschioni, Claire MacDonald, Paige and Rich MacDonald.



^ From left, Debbie Shwetz, Tina Kunzer-Murphy, Julie and Paul Buchi, Leon Shwetz and Murphy





Johnny Lincoln and Emil Syska



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#### WEDNESDAYS -

Afternoons: Hump Day Happy Hour 5-7 p.m., Onyx Dinner Service: 5-8 p.m., Montrose

#### THURSDAYS -

Mornings: Jan. 5-May 25: DRWGA Ladies Day DragonRidge Women's Golf Association

#### FRIDAYS -

Afternoons: Jan. 6-Dec. 29: Friday Golf Cash Games Afternoons: Happy Hour ½ Priced Drinks 5-7 p.m., Onyx Dinner Service: 5-8 p.m., Montrose

#### JANUARY -

- Jan. 5 Ice Breaker Golf Event
- Jan. 5 USGA New Rules Meeting
- Jan. 9 Ladies Tennis Boot Camp
- Jan. 13 Tennis Mixer for The Australian Open
- Jan. 15 Golf Interclub at DragonRidge
- Jan. 26 Clam Bake On The Driving Range & Golf Skills Challenge (Open To The Hoa Community)
- Jan. 27 Couples 18 & Dine

#### FEBURARY -

- Feb. 3 Super Bowl Scramble Golf Event
- Feb. 9 Sweetheart Best Ball Golf Event
- Feb. 10 Valentine's Tennis Mixer
- Feb. 13 Couples Yoga at Fitness
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Dinner In The Montrose
- Feb. 15-17 Captain's Cup Golf Event 2019
- Feb. 21 Themed Dinner In The Montrose TBD

#### MARCH

- Mar. 2- The Masquerade Ball At DragonRidge
- Mar. 7 Ping Fitting Van On The Range
- Mar. 9 Biddin' For Bottles
- Mar. 9-10 2019 DragonRidge Member-Member Tournament
- Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Themed Happy Hour In The ONYX
- Mar. 17 Couples 18 & Dine
- Mar. 24 Tennis Mixer for St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 28 Wine Dinner In The Montrose



This Thanksgiving, about 270 people participated in the MacDonald Highlands Turkey Trot. Runners and walkers, some with children and dogs, make the short trek around the community, to help raise funds for the American Lung Association. Eric Vescuso appeared as the team mascot, a turkey. Sonya Ladd sang the national anthem to start the annual event.





Johnny Lincoln and Emil Syska



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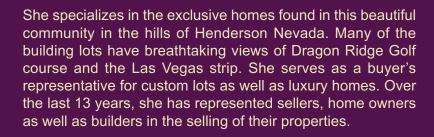
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This is the time of the year to reflect on the events of 2018 and plan for 2019. In 2018, we saw our community thrive and move construction toward its completion. The New Year should see our community continue to move forward. Our new Highlands Heights (PA18) should move into a new 30 lot phase, early in the year, and we expect our Dragon's Reserve lots to almost sell out this year. This will shift the future construction area to the eastern portion of the community on MacDonald Mountain as Highland Heights continues to develop. Many of you have questioned me about the new Highland Heights lots. There will ultimately be about four parallel roads, which will all primarily face the Strip. These lots are probably going to be the best lots in the community! The old adage about saving the best for the last holds true here.

On another issue, I have a good friend who has been looking at a lot here for years. He has been checking prices for all those years and keeps being fixated on what prices were years ago. While, once upon a time, our lots were selling at \$45 per foot, our building costs have escalated so rapidly that we will never see those prices again. Our newest phase of flat lots in Highlander Heights will typically be at \$67 per foot, and costs for the next phase will be much higher. Anyone who is interested in acquiring another lot should get in now otherwise prices will be higher. That, I can guarantee.

As you drive around the community you will notice a great deal of work going on, much of it consisting of re-rocking open areas and spraying with permeon, which re-creates the natural dark varnish on the rocks. We also will be completing a new small park toward the end of MacDonald Ranch Drive. This will be targeted as an exercise park with chinning bars, sit up bench, etc., so our walkers/runners can get even more of a workout. Of course, it is always good to exercise outside in the fresh air, so this park will be a good addition. Some of the unfinished eyesores have been purchased and construction will begin again, which will help improve the community. Hopefully, by the end of this year, our community will start to look more mature and complete.

People also have been asking about the third (Viento Puntero) gate but that is probably two-plus years away. That will become our construction gate, as in two years most of our active construction will be in Highland Heights, on the mountain.

One great benefit of all this new construction is that club membership is growing and that will enable us to increase restaurant/bar hours and provide increased levels of service. That will be exciting for all of us who are members.

Lastly, I had to laugh when I heard a couple of our residents refer to our \$330-per-month homeowners association dues as expensive. Our dues are among the lowest of any luxury community, and our board works hard to keep it that way. While some communities pay as much as \$1,500 per month, ours is a bargain by any standard. Frankly, it amazes me how people will pay three times for a lot, not as nice as ours, and pay four times more for HOA fees, while the level of service remains the same.

I look forward to seeing you this year. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

Best regards,





### A message from the management: **OAIFT**

#### Dear MacDonald Highlands residents,

As we near the close of 2018, we look back on the many projects, improvements and enhancements completed in the MacDonald Highlands community this past year. The landscape beautification project continues, and we look forward to the first quarter of 2019; and starting a project, whereas grass along Valle Verde Drive is replaced with beautiful, new artificial turf that will not only improve the look of the streetscape but come with a rebate from the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

A condensed list of some important projects completed this year include, but are nor limited to, the following:

- · Installation of multiple doggie bags stations in areas in the community identified as prime locations where pet waste was reported not being picked up.
- Replacement of the picnic tables in the park area off Foothills Village, including other tot lot improvements/replacements.
- Re-painting of all red curbs throughout the community.
- Replacement of the water fountain by the fitness center.
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts near the fitness center.
- Replacement of the tennis court nets.

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This list does not include the plethora of other small maintenance items that are repaired and replaced on a daily basis throughout the community. This includes maintenance at the entry and exit gates at Stephanie Street and Valle Verde Drive and the interior

neighborhood gates, the association streets, gutters, parks and play/ fitness areas.

The board of directors and management are excited to move into the new year. In 2019, there are plans in place to continue improvements in the community. We look to have a large number of signs replaced throughout the community that are faded, bent and/or damaged, including the signs at the dog park, and hope to have this completed by the end of the first quarter.

The water fountain at the park area off of Beneficial will have its water fountain replaced with a new style water fountain that includes a dog water fountain, which we know is a wonderful benefit to pet owners.

We also will be looking at necessary street improvements/maintenance needed in 2019, to include crack fill work, patching and sealing, so be on the lookout for information on this project. We also are looking forward to continuing the landscape beautification process.

The board and management encourage residents to provide feedback and input on issues they are reviewing, or on any other item(s) that you may have suggestions or concerns about.

Lastly, and most importantly, as a resident in the community, you may very well see things on a daily basis that we may either miss on our monthly inspections or that may come up between inspections. If you notice maintenance items in the community needing attention, i.e. a broken sprinkler head, a raised sidewalk panel, a sink hole in a street that you drive on daily, a common area light out, a street sign down, etc., please let the management office know so they can have the issue rectified right away. We thank you for your assistance in helping keep your community a beautiful, well-maintained, and safe place to call home.

I hope this information is useful and informational to you, and wish you and yours a very happy holiday season! If you have any questions regarding the above referenced information, or any other association-



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> On the cover: Photo by David Reisman:, 2017 DragonRidge offers swimming classes for its younger residents each summer.

FALL 2018







Ken and Michelle Alber, center, join Cory and Kamie Sorensen, left, and Bryce and Kayla Harper at a Nevada Childhood Cancer fundraiser.

K en and Michelle Alber feel blessed and want to do what they can to help children suffering from cancer along with their families.

Ken Alber has been on the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation board for about 20 years, and the MacDonald Highlands couple together help raise awareness in the community and funds for the organization that holds an annual gala, golf tournament and other fundraising events.

The foundation provides more than 45 programs and services at no cost to pediatric and adult patients and their families living in Southern Nevada. Within 24 hours of receiving a pediatric referral, the NCCF works to identify the financial, educational and psychological needs for each family.

The foundation even operates The Caring Place that serves as a complement to medical treatment by providing a health, wellness and healing arts center for families of children diagnosed with lifethreatening illnesses, as well as to adults touched by cancer.

"Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation works hand in hand with the medical teams to provide financial, emotional and educational services and psychological help to all families with children diagnosed with cancer, sickle cell, immune or blood or any life-threatening illnesses," said Jeff Gordon, the foundation's president and CEO. "Over the last 25 years, we have gotten a chance to touch a lot of lives from children that are ill to adult touched by these devastating illnesses that find themselves in a hard time. As we get new diagnoses and referrals, we take care of these families in any way we can by support services and financial aid."

Ken Alber is one of the owners of Penta Building Group that donates to the foundation. He and Michelle have four children in their 20s, and all are healthy. But they have seen what other families have gone through and Ken, who is a pilot, has flown a family to Los Angeles and Salt Lake City for treatments for their 9-year-old son suffering from a bone cancer.

"We have been blessed with financial good fortune with our business and we have had the benefit of raising four healthy kids and not having to encounter something like this," Ken Alber said. "It's a way to give back to others."

Michelle Alber said they want to make other MacDonald Highlands residents aware of the charity and a chance to be a part of it. Rich and Claire MacDonald and other MacDonald Highlands residents

# spotlight

Penta Building owner supports Nevada Childhood Cancer

Ken and Michelle Alber spearhead community effort

• By Buck Wargo

attended the gala at the Bellagio with them in November when more than \$100,000 was raised. The MacDonalds are behind the annual toy drive at DragonRidge clubhouse for children suffering with cancer.

The foundation works with more than 800 families a year, Gordon said. These are families hurt hard financially and in many cases one parent has to stop working to care for the child, he said.

"We need to embrace this charity to do more to raise funds for them on a continual basis," Michelle Alber said. "It's an amazing charity to be involved with because you get to see the benefits brought to these families. People don't realize cancer just doesn't affect the person who has it. It affects the entire family. The parents have put so much money into their care of their child, and it's a financial burden put on families."

On a year-round basis, the foundation accepts non-perishable food items for its pantry for families in need, school backpacks, toys and teen items, monetary donations, grocery cards and gas cards. People can adopt a child or family in need, Michelle Alber said.

"There is so much that goes on and what one can do or contribute," Michelle Alber said. "There are a lot of opportunities for people to contribute what they can. Not everybody has the time but has the money to donate. Some people don't have the money but the time to help with camps on a Saturday. When you see a child that is sick, it touches your heart and you want to help. Nobody wants to see a child hurt."

People can call NVCCF at 702-735-8434 to donate, volunteer or to participate in the events.

"I wish I had a whole city of Ken and Michelle Alber," Gordon said. "They have a passion and heart-felt concern for people in need and that's where it all starts. They also understand that it really does take a village, a community and many people to help. They understand we are here to help each other whatever we may be going through. They have a great voice out there, and they're not afraid to talk with people that the foundation is something special and getting them involved. If a community gets involved, great things can happen for our friends and neighbors who need our help. It's a local community effort helping people right here in Las Vegas. All the dollars and funding stays right here in Las Vegas."

The Albers can be contacted by MacDonald Highlands residents at kalberkalber@pentabldggroup.com.



RICHARD LUKE DEBUTS By Valerie Putnam **Five Star Collection** 

A rchitect Richard Luke's Five Star Collection opened to the public in early December. The Las Vegas-based architect launched the 20-home collection during the unveiling of his premiere show home at 663 Palisade Rim Drive.

President of Richard Luke Architects, Luke has been designing luxury homes for over 35 years.

"This is the first collection of Richard Luke homes in the valley," Kristen Routh-Silberman of Synergy/Sotheby's International Realty said. "He is responsible for some of the biggest and most popular designs in the community."

Designed for a targeted group of luxury buyers, Luke's collection of single- and two-story homes range from 5,000 square feet to 7,000

#### Price: \$2.99 M

Location: 663 Palisade Rim Drive

Size: Lot, 0.28 acre; 5,000 square feet, three en suite bedrooms, four baths, three-car garage

Features: Art gallery entry, office, media room, temperaturecontrolled wine cellar, 14-foot ceilings, full bar, 32-foot pocket door, large format imported porcelain floor, quartzite counters, kitchen island with waterfall edge, high-gloss custom cabinetry, hidden pantry, linear backlit electric fireplaces, infinity-edge pool and spa, exterior ultra-lounge with fire pit, views of mountains and Strip, home fully controlled by Control 4 smart home technology, custom lighting.

HOA fees: \$330/month

Listing: Kristen Routh-Silberman, Synergy/Sotheby's International Realty.

square feet with listing prices of \$3 to \$5 million.

Each home's unique design specifically targets the needs of demographic groups from empty nesters to families. One design incorporates an indoor and outdoor wine gallery, while another features a 60-foot lap pool and gym.

Additionally, each home incorporates design elements specific to Luke's collection. These elements capitalize on the incredible views, modern, open floor plans, expansive pocket doors with seamless indoor-outdoor living, soaring ceilings, professional grade appliances, pools and spas, high-end finishes, prewiring for technology and unique interior and exterior architectural elements.

Conceptual work began on the project in 2016. By the end of 2017 two homes had closed. More than 50 percent of the homes in the project sold prior to the official December launch marketed solely based on plans, renderings and lot placement.

The premier show home is a 5,000-square-foot, single-story with three bedrooms, four baths, media room and office. Sited on a quarter-acre





lot, the home is listed for nearly \$3 million through Routh-Silberman.

Completed late October, the show home encapsulates the refined design demonstrated throughout the collection. Its signature Luke-styled entry makes a bold statement upon entering the expansive 6-foot-by-9-foot, glass-pivot door.

The sizeable entry corridor leads into an expansive main living area and showcases art-gallery styled walls. The glass-encased wine cellar at the end of the gallery corridor features a marble-finished back wall and back-lit bottle rods.

Imported large format Mother of Pearl porcelain tile and dramatic 12-foot ceilings give a clean, modern aesthetic throughout the main living area. A 32-foot pocket door flanks the entire space.

"All the homes have at least a 30-foot-wide pocket door," Luke said. "When you open the door, you can't distinguish between the exterior and interior and it takes advantage of the Strip and mountains views."

The great room adjacent to the formal living room offers versatility to the living space. Currently, the room is set up as a media room.

Professional grade appliances, striking, white quartzite counters with a waterfall edge and high-gloss European-styled cabinetry grace the sleek, modern kitchen. A hidden walk-in pantry enhances the refined design.

The dining area and lustrous bar provide effortless flow for meals and entertaining. A large window on the north side of the bar provides easy access to the exterior pool deck.

The master bedroom, just off the main living area, serves as a private retreat. Floor-to-ceiling bookend matched porcelain encase the 10-foot linear fireplace, resulting in a stunning focal point for the room.

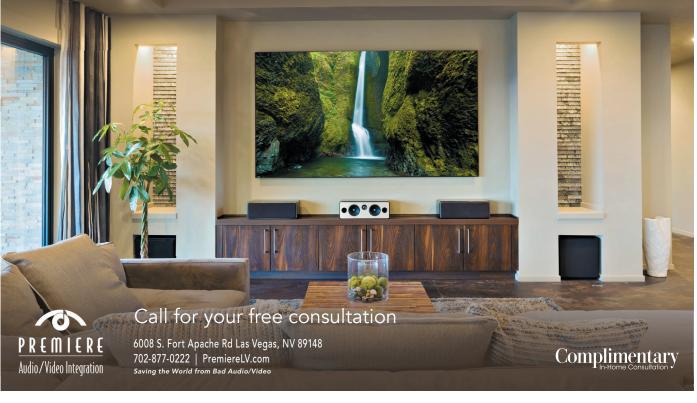
"It looks like marble, but is actually porcelain" Luke said about the fireplace surround. "It really makes a great statement piece."

Soaring ceilings and voluminous glass doors provide pool deck access from the master and breathtaking Strip views.

The master bath features his-and-her, high-gloss custom floating vanities flanking a large soaking tub and glass steam shower at its center. A finished walk in closet features built-ins and a center island.

Luke incorporated unique lighting opportunities throughout the home such as clerestory windows above the expansive pocket doors to bring in additional light and custom back lights in key areas such as the kitchen island, fireplaces and interior soffits.

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#### Wanderlust • By Claire MacDonald

In late July and early August, 2018, we went to Ireland with friends. Luckily, they had been several times before, so we were able to plan easier.

We flew into Dublin and spent two nights. Our hotel was directly across a foot bridge from the Temple Bar area, which is where most of the nightlife is. It was a great place to eat, drink and party. There are a lot of street musicians and dancers in the area, as well. We had really fresh seafood, fish and chips and Guinness stew, which has beef, potatoes, carrots, onions and a great brown sauce with Guinness beer. They serve it with a hearty, nutty grain brown bread, which is fabulous with butter. We also discovered bubble waffles, which are filled with your choice of ice cream flavors and all kinds of toppings. The waffles really do have are round bubbles instead of square holes like we usually get. While in Dublin, we took a city tour (which we usually do when we go to a new place). Although we didn't take the Guinness Brewery tour, we did find out some interesting information. The Guinness Brewery was founded in 1759, by



The Temple Bar area features bubble waffles, which are filled with your choice of ice cream flavors and all kinds of toppings.

Arthur Guinness. He and his wife, Olivia, had 21 children, but sadly only 10 survived to adulthood. Being real estate people, we found it very interesting that Mr. Guinness signed a 9,000-year lease on a brewery land for £45 per year – the equivalent in today's money of \$58.08 per year. How would you have liked to inherit that lease?

We also visited Trinity College in Dublin, where we saw the Book of Kells, the illuminated manuscript of the first four Gospels in the New Testament. The paintings on the pages of the manuscript are very colorful and done in great detail. It is said that many smaller details were painted with a single horsehair.

We also had a tour of the Trinity campus and visited the main chamber of the Old Library called the Long Room. It is 213 feet long and, it is filled with 200,000 of the Library's oldest books. It looks like something out of a Harry Potter movie.

We rented a large car and off we went, with our friend, Bill, driving and his wife, Genene, as navigator. All Rich and I had to do was sit in the back seat and enjoy the scenery. Since the Irish drive on the left side of the road, it is a little more challenging, but Bill had no problem.

We drove north from Dublin up to The Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO Site, which is a large 700-foot rock formation formed by an ancient volcano eruption with about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns. It is quite spectacular and quite a walk from the parking area.

We spent two nights in Bushmills, a small town a few miles away from The Giant's Causeway. From there, we went about 10 miles to The Dark Hedge. For those of you who watch "Game of Thrones," the Dark Hedge, with its natural archway of intertwined trees, is one of Northern Ireland's most photographed locations and the place where Arya Stark dressed as a boy to escape from King's Landing.



The Dark Hedge with its natural archway of intertwined trees is one of Northern Ireland's most photographed locations.

We also spent time at the 16th century Dunluce Castle in Northern Ireland, headquarters of the Scottish clan, Macdonald, to control the Irish Sea. Rich especially enjoyed seeing where his former ancestors lived.

The next two nights were spent in Galway, a small town on the Wild Atlantic. We visited the Cliffs of Moher. It is a beautiful area, but, unfortunately, was foggy the day we were there, so didn't see much.



A group of friends enjoy a few beers at The Galway horse races

Galway is known for its food festivals, arts and crafts events, music sessions, energetic activities, and horse racing.

The Galway horse races are the most famous Irish races and start the end of July. There were 49 races over the seven days, with prize money in excess of  $\pounds 2$  million. Over 250,000 people attend the races during the week. We lucked out and the races were held while we were in town. We went and it was great! Some of the races were steeplechase – a type of horse race in which participants are required to jump over obstacles. I bet on two horses in one steeplechase and both jockeys fell off their horses at the first jump. Half the fun at the races was people watching. The dress was everything from jeans and T-shirts, to fancy gowns. A lot of the ladies wore fancy, little hats called fascinators. I don't think I have seen them worn anywhere else except England and Ireland.

The Aran Islands are off the coast from Galway and accessible by ferry. The islands are known for their wool sweaters, which are mainly cable knit design. They come in beautiful colors and styles, and are much less expensive than if you buy them in the U.S.

Our next overnight stop was in the quaint town of Dingle, which is in the southwest part of Ireland. They are known for their local food and pubs, and it is also a popular place for Dolphin and whale watching. We saw the famine huts from the Great Irish Famine of 1845–1849, when the potato crop failed in successive years. The fungus type infestation ruined up to one-half of the potato crop the first year, and about three-quarters of the crop over the next seven years.

We also saw the Fahan Beehive Huts, which were home to an order of monks who purportedly lived there between to the 6th to 13th centuries, although some suggest that Fanah was built in the 12th century when Normans began to settle in Ireland, forcing out local families whose land and livestock was taken.

We spent one night in Killarney about three hours south of Galway. The Blue Flag Inch Beach spans for three miles of soft sand, and is the perfect place for all types of water sports, including surfing, kayaking, windsurfing, kite surfing, hang gliding and fishing. We met several people in wet suits braving the cold water and they were having a great time.

Our last two nights we stayed in Wicklow Forest, about 45 minutes away from Dublin. We visited Powerscourt, voted No. 3 in the Top 10 Gardens of the World by National Geographic. You can explore the 18th century country estate its beautiful rose, Italian and Japanese gardens and lakes.

We chose not to go around the Ring of Kerry, did not kiss the Blarney Stone nor did we stay in any castles. We just had a good time, enjoyed The New American Home 2019 coming soon! Please visit www.sunwestcustomhomes.com for more information.

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Tony Jacklin and Butch Harmon shake hands at a DragonRidge event.

## *Famed Golfers* At Ragonridge Book-signing

Jacklin, Harmon have lots of stories

By Buck Wargo

MacDonald Highland residents and golf enthusiasts got a holiday treat with Hall of Fame English golfer Tony Jacklin and golf coach Butch Harmon holding court at DragonRidge Country Club.

The event organized by DragonRidge member and golf pro Jerry Holley came about as Jacklin, a 74-year-old Florida resident was on a Southwest book signing tour for a fictional novel he co-authored called "Bad Lies" about a famous golfer accused drug cheat.

Holley, a longtime friend of Jacklin, had him on stage highlighting his career that included winning the 1969 British Open at the age of 25, 1970 U.S. Open by seven strokes at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota and the first by a European player since 1926.

"It seems like the other day to me," Jacklin said about his run in 1969 by winning his first of two majors. "It's been 50 years, and it's just amazing how the time goes."

Jacklin also served as the most successful European Cup captain ever with three wins and one loss, ending a streak in 1985 of 28 years of U.S. dominance.

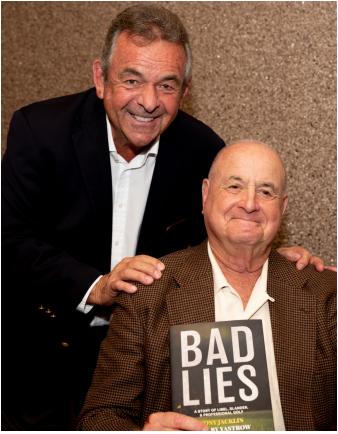
Jacklin is known for one of the most famous memorable moments in Ryder Cup history when Jack Nicklaus conceded a short putt to Jacklin in 1969 at Royal Birkdale in England, thus ensuring a tie rather than make Jacklin hit the putt as part of a show of sportsmanship.

"It was never a war as far as I was concerned," Jacklin said. "This guy is not my enemy, but a friend of mine I'm just trying to beat. If at the end of the day, you can't go up to your opponent and shake his hand and say well-played, then we have all been wasting our time."

During his visit, Jacklin recounted his first trip to Las Vegas in the fall of 1967 that he said was his most memorable when he played at the Sahara Invitational and finished fifth. He made the visit with his dad, a steelworker who had never been to America, on his way to play in Australia.

"It was a different place and different ownership," Jacklin said. "You wore a coat and a tie and were happy to dress up going out to the casino. Being back on the tour in those days I got to know Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra personally and played with Dean Martin."

Before the event, he and Harmon, the former coach of Tiger Woods, were mingling and talked about their playing days on the PGA Tour, the 1970 U.S. Open where Harmon made the cut and talked about Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer.



From left, Tony Jacklin and Shelby Yastrow wrote "Bad Lies."



From left, Shelby Yastrow, Tony Jacklin, Jerry Holley and Butch Harmon.

Jacklin said he became good enough to play with the best players in the world on weekly basis by watching and learning. The game was more difficult with the old equipment and course conditions that weren't as good.

"I was 23 and ambitious when I came over to America and knew if I wanted to be the best player in the world, I had to be where the best players are. Everything I learned was right here," Jacklin said. "I was the first (European on the PGA Tour) to win here in 1968 and learned the American way and what you have to do be excellent."

Jacklin won \$10,200 for winning the British Open in 1969. The winner took home \$1.89 million in 2018.

"The prize money was laughable compared to today, but that's what television has done," Jacklin said. "We couldn't get on television. It was only the last three or four holes because they had to lay miles of cable for one hole."



The calendar is out for the 2019 golf season at DragonRidge Country Club and members are encouraged to look for many ¬new events with some details still being finalized.¬

"It's going to be a great and exciting year," said Chris Vossekuil, director of golf at DragonRidge. "Our golf committee has come up with a fun calendar for the whole 2019. There's a lot of new events and events with new formats to freshen them up moving forward. It will be a great year for the club and golf events."

• One of the first big events of the year is the Super Bowl Scramble set for Feb. 3 on the day of the NFL's championship game.

"There was a small thing on the side last year and that went over well," Vossekuil said. "The club will help run that this year."

It will be a two-person scramble with a handicapped system played the morning of the game, and there will be other fun activities leading up to and related to the game, Vossekuil said.

• In celebration of Valentine's Day, the club will hold a Sweetheart Best Ball competition on Feb. 9. A member-member competition is set for March and 10.

"We're going to come up with two different formats for each to make it more challenging and strategic in how you select your partner," Vossekuil said. "It will be an exciting and different format than the standard best ball format."

• A masters blind draw best ball will be held on April 13.

• The MacDonald Match Play will be held May 11, while the Match Play Finals are set for June 22. The U.S. Open Blind Draw Best Ball will be held June 15.

• The summer season wraps up with a new event set for July 4 called the Firecracker Open whose format has not been finalized, and the Summer Roast is set for Aug. 24.

• The club will be closed for reseeding Sept. 3-26.

• The Fall Invitational MMG will be held Oct. 17-19. The Club Championship is set for Nov. 2 and 3, and the Santa Shootout will be held Dec. 7.

• Ladies Day weekly member games are held on Thursday mornings through May 31.

• The Friday Cash Game runs the entire year through Dec. 28 when the course is open. The start time is noon prior to Daylight Savings and 1 p.m. when the clock changes.

#### TENNIS

The tennis schedule was still being finalized for the club at the end of December, but many of the same events are on the schedule for 2019.

R.J Tessier, the tennis and athletic center director, said there will be an event celebrating Valentine's Day in February with mixed doubles. There's a giveaway of chocolates, strawberries and a bouquet of roses.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day tennis festival in March in addition to a spring Calcutta and junior tennis camp.

• The St. Patrick's Day event is round-robin play of mixed doubles, and people are encouraged to wear green. Cocktails are served.

• The Calcutta involves pairing up the best players with a random drawing for prize money for the top three spots. There's a handicapped system for the mostly mixed-doubles event. There are usually four calcuttas a year, Tessier said.

People are encouraged to sign up about three to four weeks ahead of any event, Tessier. There's no cost for members and typically there's a \$15 charge for non-members.

#### HIKES

The club also hosts monthly hikes on weekdays that will start in February to off-site destinations across the valley. People carpool to locations and go to lunch afterward.

The club sends out e-mails blasts on Sunday afternoons to alert members of coming activities.





# RealeSTATE REPORT

### MacDonald Highlands sells 37 lots this year More growth predicted for 2019

• By Kristen Routh-Silberman

We began 2018 at a running pace and the market leveled out in the last half of the year. As a new luxury home destination, MacDonald Highlands was in high demand and our numbers show it again this year. For those of you counting, MacDonald Highlands sold a record-breaking 125 lots this year. The big news for the year was that we announced the final phase of MacDonald Highlands and began sales in Highlander Heights, the final MacDonald Highlands neighborhood from the developer.

MacDonald Highlands' sales partner activity reached new heights in 2018, as well.

• Christopher Homes Vu closed an impressive number of town homes in 2018. So much so that they bought 83 more lots and announced two new projects at MacDonald Highlands; Vu Estates and Vu Pointe.

• The Richard Luke 5 Star Collection released nine new custom homes in 2018 and have sold six. With that current collection, 65 percent sold, Richard Luke will unveil a new collection for 2019.

• Blue Heron's MacDonald Highlands show-home "Vegas Modern 1" broke ground and they sold two of their eight custom homes in a project called Equinox in MacDonald Highlands.

#### Here's how MacDonald Highlands Real Estate stacked up in 2018

Community	Lots sold–Custom		Builders	Pending	Total
MacDonald Highlands	37		83	5	125
The Ridges, Summerlin	6		16	0	22
Southern Highlands	9		0	0	9
Ascaya	8		0	0	8
Community	homes sold	pending	total	2018 highest sale	
MacDonald Highlands	33	16	49	\$7,750,000	
The Ridges, Summerlin	47	3	50	\$7,000,000	
Southern Highlands	23	4	27	\$7,250,000	
Ascaya	1	0	1	\$5,200,000	

#### LUXURY HOME SALE NUMBERS FOR 2018

886 Homes sold in guard-gated neighborhood, \$750,000 +

• 33 in MacDonald Highlands or 4% of the luxury market

51 Homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods, \$2M to 2,999,999M

• 5 in MacDonald Highlands or 10% of the luxury market

26 Homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods, \$3M to 3,999,999M

• 2 in MacDonald Highlands or 8% of the luxury market

8 homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods, \$4M-4,999,999M

• 0 in MacDonald Highlands or 0% of the luxury market

11 homes sold in guard-gated neighborhoods over \$5,000,000+

• 1 in MacDonald Highlands or 9% of the luxury market

#### Top 2018 Sales in Las Vegas Valley

was once again Queensridge at 9504 Kings Gate court, which sold for \$10 million.

- 2 sale was in The Ridges at 45 Painted Feather Way, which also sold for \$8,900,000.
- 3 sale was in MacDonald Highlands at 731 Dragons Ridge Way, which sold for \$7,750,000.
- sale was in Southern Highlands at 27 Eagles Landing Circle, which sold for \$ 7,250,000.
- 5 sale was in The Ridges at 7 Sable Ridge Court, which sold for \$7,000,000.

SOURCES: MLS and public records

The Las Vegas real estate market in 2019 looks steady and bright. With the new California governor coming into office in 2019, my prediction for MacDonald Highlands is that we will continue to see California buyers throughout 2019. Building prices are increasing as are lot prices and this will have a negative impact on volume. While this may mean decreased lot sale volume, the sales prices of the lots will be higher and may achieve the same sale goals. However, for the homeowner, this will make resale houses more competitive and attractive to a buyer. I cannot stress the importance of continuing to make home improvements and updates to your home. This will make all the difference to achieving top dollar and selling over your competition. 2019 should prove to be a great year to sell a house in MacDonald Highlands.

I am so pleased that 2018 turned out to be an outstanding year for MacDonald Highland's real estate and am very excited for 2019 and are looking forward to assisting in the continuation of rising sales and values for MacDonald Highlands.

All the best and happy new year!

Synergy Sotheby's International Realty at MacDonald Highlands

New Year's Eve is a big night at DragonRidge. Members come out for a fine dinner, dancing and fireworks to welcome the new year. Spirits were as 2019 arrived.





Scott and Darlina Manthei



From left, Richard Luke, Kristen Routh Silberman, Leo Moschioni, Claire MacDonald, Paige and Rich MacDonald.



^ From left, Debbie Shwetz, Tina Kunzer-Murphy, Julie and Paul Buchi, Leon Shwetz and Murphy





Johnny Lincoln and Emil Syska



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#### WEDNESDAYS -

Afternoons: Hump Day Happy Hour 5-7 p.m., Onyx Dinner Service: 5-8 p.m., Montrose

#### THURSDAYS ·

Mornings: Jan. 5-May 25: DRWGA Ladies Day DragonRidge Women's Golf Association

#### FRIDAYS -

Afternoons: Jan. 6-Dec. 29: Friday Golf Cash Games Afternoons: Happy Hour ½ Priced Drinks 5-7 p.m., Onyx Dinner Service: 5-8 p.m., Montrose

#### JANUARY -

- Jan. 5 Ice Breaker Golf Event
- Jan. 5 USGA New Rules Meeting
- Jan. 9 Ladies Tennis Boot Camp
- Jan. 13 Tennis Mixer for The Australian Open
- Jan. 15 Golf Interclub at DragonRidge
- Jan. 26 Clam Bake On The Driving Range & Golf Skills Challenge (Open To The Hoa Community)
- Jan. 27 Couples 18 & Dine

#### FEBURARY -

- Feb. 3 Super Bowl Scramble Golf Event
- Feb. 9 Sweetheart Best Ball Golf Event
- Feb. 10 Valentine's Tennis Mixer
- Feb. 13 Couples Yoga at Fitness
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Dinner In The Montrose
- Feb. 15-17 Captain's Cup Golf Event 2019
- Feb. 21 Themed Dinner In The Montrose TBD

#### MARCH -

- Mar. 2- The Masquerade Ball At DragonRidge
- Mar. 7 Ping Fitting Van On The Range
- Mar. 9 Biddin' For Bottles
- Mar. 9-10 2019 DragonRidge Member-Member Tournament
- Mar. 15 St. Patrick's Themed Happy Hour In The ONYX
- Mar. 17 Couples 18 & Dine
- Mar. 24 Tennis Mixer for St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 28 Wine Dinner In The Montrose

## MacDonald Highlands TURKEY TROT

This Thanksgiving, about 270 people participated in the MacDonald Highlands Turkey Trot. Runners and walkers, some with children and dogs, make the short trek around the community, to help raise funds for the American Lung Association. Eric Vescuso appeared as the team mascot, a turkey. Sonya Ladd sang the national anthem to start the annual event.





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#### **EXPANDED FALL HOURS 2018**

Clubhouse (Closed Mondays)

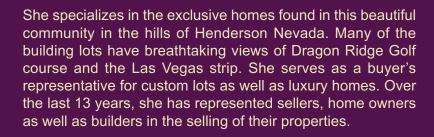
DragonGrille: Tuesday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday - Sunay: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Featuring Chef's Brunch Specials) Onyx Bar: Wednesday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Featuring Half Off Happy Hour 5pm-7pm) Thursday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Onyx Bar Weekly Specials -Friday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Featuring Half Off Happy Hour 5pm-7pm) Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Featuring Golfers Soup & Sandwich Buffet) Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Brunch Specials from Dragon Grille available) Montrose Dining: Wednesday - Friday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. **Reservations Recommended** (702) 614-4444 reception@dragonridgecc.com Tee Times: Tuesday – Sunday: begin at 7:30 a.m. Pro Shop: Tuesday - Sunday: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tennis & Athletic Center Monday - Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tennis Court Hours Monday - Sunday: 6:00 a.m. - 10 p.m. *Child Care Hours* (with 24 hour notice) Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Utilities Henderson Utilities - 702-267-5900 NV Energy - 877-860-6020 Cable (Cox) - 702-966-2290 Medical Services Emergency - 911 St. Rose Medical Services - 702-564-2622 Henderson City City of Henderson - 702-267-2323 Animal Control - 702-267-4970 Parks and Recreation - 702-267-4000 Chamber of Commerce - 702-565-8951 Other Clark County Sheriff - 702-828-3231 U.S. Postal Service (89012) - 702-837-1624 BOARD MEMBERS Paul Bykowski ..... President Rich MacDonald ..... Vice President Gene Raper ..... Treasurer Martin Wilner ..... Secretary

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