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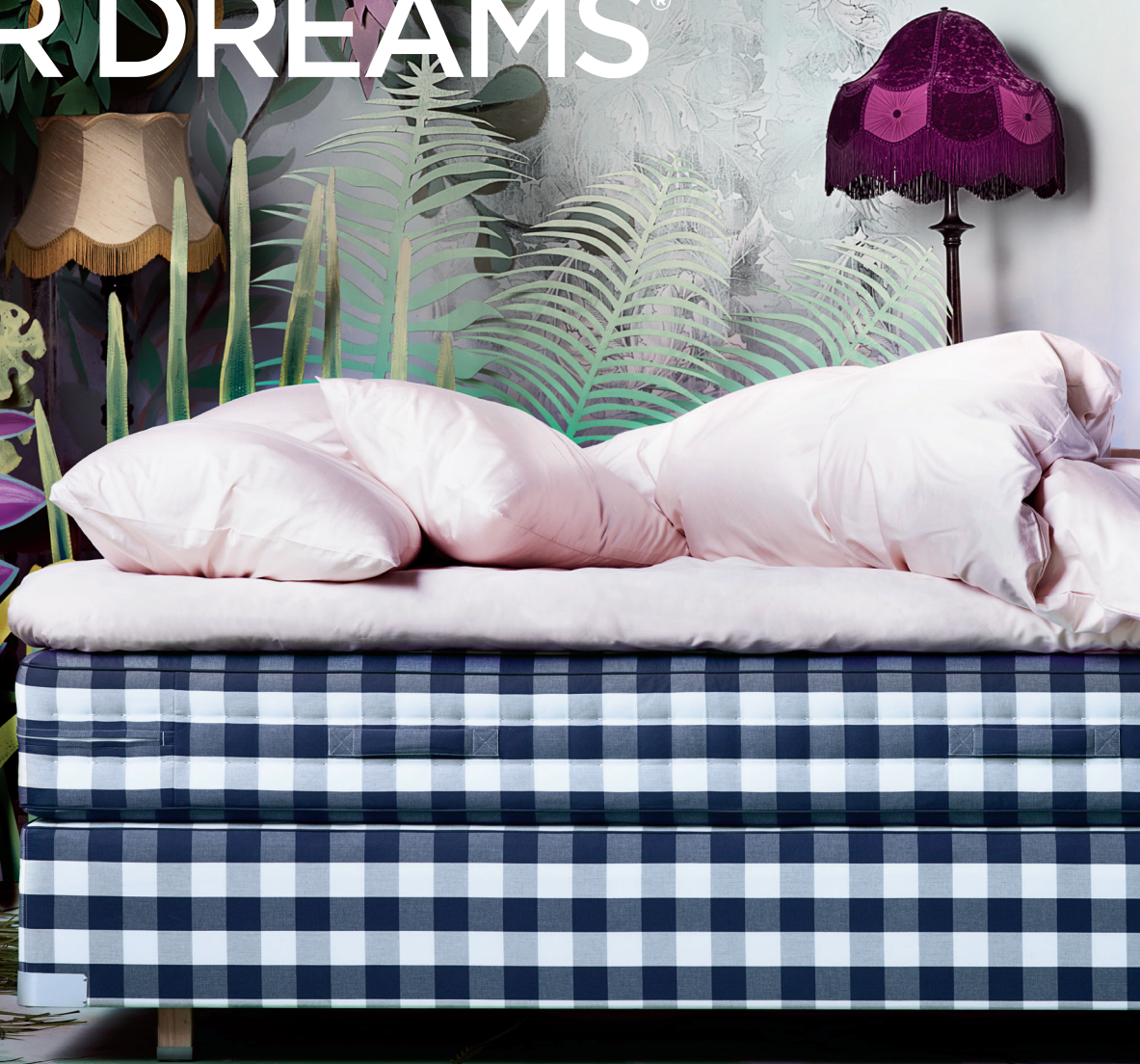


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From THE DEVELOPER

• By *Rich MacDonald*

I have spent the last few issues focusing on various community beautification projects and am happy to say they are progressing nicely.

We have picked out our lot on the mountain project and expect to have the design started as soon as the lot is graded. We've begun to build several "spec" houses, as well, to meet the growing demand from our out-of-state buyers who appear determined to get out of California and become Nevada residents. I see this trend continuing for several years to come. As long as California politicians keep picking the pockets of their best and brightest, Nevada will prosper. Smart people will always work to protect themselves. Our exposure in our market has changed as our new buyers are more anxious to buy houses, now. They don't want to wait to buy lots and build, which has created a strong demand for "spec" houses. We've started designing several new custom homes and other residents are joining us, or building their own, as well. The effect of this is that our community is building out much faster, which all of us are happy about.

Our new planning areas are moving along, but never quickly enough. These lots are the best we have and the last we will ever have. Any of you who have wanted to move up to a fantastic view lot should do so now, as the prices will never be better. I believe our appreciation will accelerate as time goes on.

On another note, many of you have asked about our proposed third entry. That entry will not be open for another year and when it does it will become our construction entrance, but there will not be a significant amount of traffic going through it.

Vacation season is about to begin and many of you will be leaving for the summer to cooler climates. I wish you the best of summers and while you're away, we will be planning great events for you when the fall season occurs.

Best regards – See you at the club.

Rich MacDonald



A message from the management:
HOA LETTER

Dear MacDonald Highlands residents,

It is still that time of year to continue focusing on property maintenance. One item that has been identified that needs attention on our regular community inspections is driveway maintenance. Many residents have stamped concrete or stained/painted driveways, and these types of driveways do require maintenance on a regular basis to keep them looking their best.

While these beautiful, classy types of driveways and walkways are common in the MacDonald Highlands community, they tend to fade, become worn looking and attract staining when regular maintenance is not performed. I will provide you some suggestions for maintenance, but you should always seek recommendations from a professional contractor and have them out to inspect your property.

It is advised by most professionals that you have stamped concrete thoroughly cleaned and resealed every two to three years. A sealer will protect the color and sheen of your stamped concrete surface. If resealing has not been regularly performed, this may be why your stamped concrete driveway, entry area, patios, etc. are starting to lose their color and appeal.

You can change the color of stamped concrete by applying different

types of stains, tints or dyes when resealing. The type of coloring method you use will depend on the look desired and amount of color change or addition needed. For minor color adjustments (just so the color is brought back to life), impregnating stain or diluted acid stain are usually recommended. Remember, if you plan to change the color of your driveway or walkways from what was originally installed, you must submit for Architectural Review Committee approval through the RPMG Inc. management office, and obtain approval prior to doing so.

Driveways and walkways that have been stained or painted also regularly need maintenance. Concrete stain embeds the surface to color it translucently, while opaque concrete paint covers the top of the concrete, but is subject to chipping and peeling, especially if improperly applied. Concrete stains go on quicker, dry faster and take less work than concrete paint. Regardless of which you have applied to your driveways or walkways, regularly reapplying stain or concrete paint as needed is a required maintenance item of homeownership.

Please take a look at your property to see if there may be driveway or walkway maintenance needed at this time. We hope you find this information useful, and wish you a happy, safe and relaxing summer!

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Adolph Huddleston, director of tennis, DragonRidge Country Club

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TENNIS PRO

Adolph Huddleston

LOVES THE GAME

• *By Buck Wargo*

It took the chicken pox in the fourth grade to get Adolph Huddleston to take up tennis, and now he's made that his life's work and he loves it.

The 56-year-old Reno native opened the tennis center at DragonRidge in 2008 by serving as the director of tennis. After a two-year absence, he returned in 2016 and has picked up where he left off.

Huddleston got started with tennis by accident when he had chicken pox at the start of the semester and missed the first week of elementary school. Adolph normally played football, basketball or softball for physical education, but none of those classes were available when he returned to school to register. His remaining options were volleyball, swimming and tennis.

"I wasn't getting in the pool in Reno that time of year because it was too cold," Adolph said. "Volleyball wasn't me, and so it was tennis from that point on. I didn't think I would like it, but it was fun."

His physical education coach saw potential in him and entered him in a novice tournament where he finished fourth, even though he barely knew how to keep score. His interest in tennis led to lessons at an indoor center behind his house he didn't even know was there.

Adolph continued playing at the junior level and continued into high school. He even spent a couple of summers in Florida training and continuing to improve.

Adolph attended UCLA and walked onto the tennis team that was full of all-America players. He didn't get a chance to play in any tournaments during his three years on the team but he practiced with the team daily and further shaped his game.

Adolph played on satellite tennis tournaments in California for a short time after college before he stopped in Las Vegas in 1987 with the intent of going to Houston to continuing training for a career in tennis.

While in Las Vegas, he had a chance to hit balls with tennis players and that led ultimately to giving part-time lessons at Bally's on the Strip in the early 1990s. His full-time job was working as a plant manager for UPS but he left when he was hired full-time to give lessons at Bally's.

In 1997, Adolph went to TPC Summerlin where he worked as an assistant pro until 1999 when he was hired as a tennis pro at Anthem Country Club. He worked with residents of MacDonald Highlands at the time and when the community opened its tennis center in 2008 he was hired.

There were about 10 people who played tennis at the time the center opened, and it's grown significantly since and now has more than 100 people of all levels and ages who play, Adolph said.

"Members love how we put DragonRidge on the map in terms of tennis," Adolph said. "There are people out there every day in the evenings. No matter the heat, cold or wind. They only thing that stops them is rain."

As director of tennis, Adolph coordinates the tennis program that includes lessons and league play. He manages the five pros that give lessons and also makes sure that the tennis courts are maintained.

"He's one of the top tennis teachers in the country, and I give him all the accolades and (he has) done a great job with the program," said RJ Tessier, the tennis and athletic center director.

The center caters to all levels from beginners and juniors to high-performance players. The leagues are for each level of player. For those who want to improve, lessons are available that cost \$80 an hour for members.

The center also offers free clinics to get people interested in tennis that Adolph said continues to grow in popularity.

"People are discovering tennis who never played it as juniors," Adolph said. "They find they like it and can play with their spouse or friends. There's a great social aspect to it, and it's great for health. You can play into your 70s and 80s. It's a game people get involved with and love it for a lifetime."

The youngest player at the center is 4 and the oldest are in their 70s, Adolph said.

"Tennis is like golf in that it's challenging," Adolph said. "You never reach your peak. You're always striving to get better."

Adolph said the game has been good to him. It's taught him a lot about life and about himself. Adolph said tennis taught him about accountability and gave him an inner confidence in himself.



Adolph Huddleston, director of tennis

"Enjoy the game, and it will always give back to you," Adolph said.

As for tips to play better tennis, Adolph said it's not about trying to win a point against your opponent on every shot you take. Sometimes, it's about being patient and keeping the ball in play and letting your opponent make a mistake, he said.

"You have to let the game evolve, and sometimes less is more," Adolph said. "The game is to get the ball in on more time than your opponent. Many times you win by wearing your opponent down."

Adolph and his wife of 24 years, Stacy, have two daughters, Kristen and Sydney and a son, Joseph.



GOLF COURSE GETS *Improvements*

Tournaments planned through fall

• By Buck Wargo

DragonRidge Country Club has announced several improvements are coming for the golf course and property over the summer and the remainder of the year.

Members aren't assessed for any improvements or upgrades to the club, golf course or other facilities.

The club is installing a state-of-the-art water pump station that will provide a more sophisticated control of the irrigation systems, according to Charlotte Evans, communications and activities director at the club. At a cost of \$500,000, the pump station, will increase overall water savings while enhancing conservation efforts. The pump station, which will be installed in December, will have a marked impact on all of the turf grass areas throughout the golf course and practice facilities, Evans said.

"It will improve playing conditions by providing better coverage and control of the water systems with new technology," Evans said.

DragonRidge uses reclaimed water to maintain fairways, roughs, surrounds and landscaped areas throughout the golf course.

Other recent improvements to the golf course include the new walk-up paths to the tee boxes. The paths are not only an aesthetic improvement, but they also help eliminate the erosion issues caused on gravel paths, Evans said. The project will continue through the summer months.

In addition, several of the golf course tee boxes were leveled and re-sodded to maximize playability and enlarge tee boxes.

The Club also acquired a \$15,000 bunker machine. The state-of-the-art equipment grooms the sand better, allowing improved playability for golfers, and maintains the sand to United States Golf Association standards, Evans said.

DragonRidge also has purchased a new \$65,000 rotary rough mower, which grooms the grass so that staff can trim the course more easily, Evans said. That helps maintain a pristine and manicured appearance at all times and ensures quality playing conditions, she said.

Other improvements to the course include upgrading the tee yardage plaques at a cost of \$14,000. The old stone tee plaques will be removed during over-seeding and replaced with bronze custom yardage markers.

GOLF NEWS

It may be the heat of summer, but there's no slowdown of member golf events happening at DragonRidge Country Club before the big year-end events kick off.

- *The course closes in September and reopens Sept. 27 after the overseed with rye grass is completed in anticipation of cooler weather.*
- *The individual match play event plays out over the summer as members schedule matches and will be completed in August.*
- *The club's newest event called the Knights Challenge, where four-member teams compete against each other in a match-play style using the handicap system, will be narrowed to a final four by the end of August, according to Chris Vossekui, director of golf at DragonRidge Country Club.*

The format has each team with one of four players squaring off against each other to accumulate points. Points are also awarded for team play.

Players selected their own teammates for the format that has 12 teams and 48 players. Competition started in March.

The finals will be held in October and November and gift cards from the golf shop will be awarded as prizes.

- *The Fall Invitational member guest event is set for Oct. 17-19.*

The Club Championship is set for Nov. 2-3.



Paul Buchi

DragonRidge member, Paul Buchi, who is among those who compete in the club's events, said the course offers the best golf membership in the state.

"The course is always in great shape, there's an awesome staff working it, and the course has playability," Buchi said. "You can play it every day."

Buchi said the experience of playing the course is different based on which of the tees you are using. The bent grass greens are as good as players will find anywhere, he said.

"There's also a really friendly atmosphere here where you are comfortable," Buchi said. "Golf is a social game, and it's the membership at DragonRidge that makes it so great. We have a great group of members, everyone gets along and we are all looking for the same great, fun experience."



Nancy Dunn, Stephanie Raper, Debbie Love, Debra Shwetz, Sandy Barletta.

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THANKS to all who helped organize the Merry Month of May Tournament

This year's Ladies' Member Guest was a huge success. Sixty-eight women from around the valley were treated to a golf experience that only DragonRidge could have provided.

The DragonRidge Women's Golf Association wishes to thank everyone that made this event so memorable, starting with Claire and Rich MacDonald. Claire and Rich sponsored the welcome cocktail party with ample libations and fantastic food that letting everyone know that this tournament was going to be special.

The DragonRidge pro staff went beyond the call of duty. Ryan Sisco, Nick Palomaki, Dave Heavner and Chris Vosseequil provided their expertise in developing the format, the pairings, prize structure and most importantly, the rules allowing every golfer to enjoy the completion. A special shout out to Chris who was forced to attend way too many planning meetings.

Paige MacDonald added a special touch with a Mary Kay Make Up and A Destination Travel table. Thank you, Paige.

Brendan Bergin and his staff provided everyone with personalized golf grips to improve their games. Just maybe the new grips were responsible for some of the great shots made on the course.

The golfers were impressed with the condition of the course. Players

from TPC, Boulder City, Anthem, Spanish Trails and Canyon Gate commented about how well the course was maintained and the friendliness of the maintenance crew. The course was challenging and fair, so a special thanks to the course maintenance crew.

The outside services team took great care of the ladies. Their smiles and friendly greetings and great hustle helped get the ladies ready for a great event.

Next we send our gratitude to the friendly food and beverage staff that treated every guest as a VIP. The food was delicious, the drinks were plentiful and the service was exceptional.

Of course, the tournament wouldn't be possible without the hard work of dedicated DRWGA Tournament Committee. A special thank you to the Committee Members: Nancy Dunn, Debra Shwetz, Deb Love, Stephanie Raper, Sandy Barletta and Karen Ball.

A special thank you to our numerous hole sponsors and prize providers. There were plenty of prizes to be won via the raffle tickets sold by Charlotte Evens, Karen Tieken and Brooke Dunn.

As a final note, the DRWGA thanks all the members of DragonRidge for allowing us to use the best golf course and golf club in the valley for this fine event.

Community SPOTLIGHT

Sports couple have deep roots in the valley

• By Valerie Putnam

On any given day, Greg Murphy and his wife, Tina Kunzer-Murphy, can be found on the beautiful DragonRidge Golf Course playing their favorite sport, golf.

Members since 2008, the couple love to spend time at the Club socializing and competing against other members as well as each other.

"We're here so much," Tina said laughing. "This is our home away from home. We have this great group of friends here that we spend a lot of time with."

Golf plays a definitive role in the lives of the sports-minded couple, even being the catalyst that brought them together.

Tina, working as assistant athletic director at UNLV in the late 1980s, and Greg, a fresh hire as UNLV's grad assistant football coach, met at a charity golf event.

"I was in charge of selling raffle tickets," Tina said about the golf tournament held at Tropicana. "It was Greg's first day on the job when we met."

That meeting led to a July 14, 1990, wedding. The couple will celebrate 29 years of marriage this summer.

"Everyone that is married to a football coach can only get married in July," Tina said. "Because it's the only time they have off."

Golf is even reflected in the names of their two small dogs; Birdie, a Jack Russell mix and Bogie, a Boston Terrier.

"Birdie is Greg's dog because he gets mostly birdies," Tina jovially explained about using the golf terms. "My dog is Bogie because I do triple and double bogies most of the time."

Spending the last three decades coaching, watching, supporting and participating in various sports, their passion for golf is a small reflection of the couple's overall dedication to athletics.

"We're basically sports people," Tina said. "We laugh because we don't have a lot of other hobbies other than sports."

Over the course of their extensive careers, the couple played a significant role in the Southern Nevada athletic community.

Greg is currently working as a physical education teacher at Green Valley High School as well as its extra-curricular golf coach.

Prior to transitioning into coaching golf, he was the head football coach for Green Valley. He coached the sport for several years at area high schools including Christian Brothers, Bishop Gorman, Valley, Centennial and Green Valley.

"I've coached football for over 20 years," Greg said. "I just got burned-out, so I decided to give golf a try."

Last year, former UNLV President Len Jessup established a scholarship in Tina's name for student athletes who have grown up in Vegas and want to earn a graduate degree.

"This is one of the coolest things that we've done as a family," Tina said. "We've been so fortunate and to pay it forward a little bit is something I really like to do."

The couple's son, Stephen, and his wife live in Alabama with their two children where they work for Auburn University.



Greg Murphy and wife, Tina Kunzer-Murphy

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Wanderlust • By Claire MacDonald

Just returned from an eight-day tour in Japan. We stayed the first three nights in Tokyo at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The lobby is on the 45th floor and our room was on the 48th floor. The first night, we ate at a teppanyaki restaurant. Rich had waygu steak and I had lobster. Expensive, but good.

We met the next morning for a briefing, and to meet others in our group. Our tour guide was a woman nicknamed “Cheers.” That morning we went to the Tsukiji Fish Market. Surprisingly, it did not have a fishy smell. Rich found a vendor outside, and had a waygu meat stick.

Later, we went to the Fukagawa Edo Museum, which has reproductions of living spaces of artisans and merchants. We had a lunch of fresh sushi and sashimi. Afterwards, we visited the Asakusa Kannon Temple and did a little shopping in the area. We did a photo stop at the Imperial Palace, which is closed to the public.

The welcome dinner that night was at the teppanyaki restaurant in the Ritz-Carlton, where they served waygu beef. I don’t eat beef, so Rich got my portion again.

The next morning, we went to the Samurai Museum, which had armor and weaponry. We had a sword demonstration with a mock fight, and later the Scotsman in our group was called up for a mock fight with one of the warriors.

We also went to Tokyo’s Harajuku district where the city’s youth gather. There are owl restaurants and cat restaurants where they keep live animals. We found a costume shop where Lady Gaga purportedly shops. I bought a headdress (which you will see at Halloween at the club). Unfortunately, I didn’t think it through very well, as it is quite large and had to be hand-carried the whole trip. We took a taxi back to the hotel. In Japan, you don’t tip the driver, and you don’t open or close your door. That is done by the driver from inside.

Our fourth day, we went to Hakone, a popular hot-spring destination. We took a boat ride on Lake Ashi, then an aerial tram to the top of the mountain. We later went to a local open air museum, which has contemporary sculptures and artwork. We had lunch at the 4-star Nobu Restaurant in Hakone, where Rich again got my waygu beef. It was a nice restaurant, but unexpected in such a small town.

Our hotel in Hakone was a ryokan (traditional Japanese inn). Here, you sleep on a rather firm 6-inch mattress on the floor. The table in the living area was low, with chairs that had 6-inch legs. The bathroom had a large wooden soaking tub. You rinse off before getting into the tub, as it is for relaxing, not bathing. There was a shower to use prior to entering the tub.

We took the bullet train to Osaka. The bullet train goes 180 mph. (A new mag lift train will come out in 2027, which will go 361 mph.) It was a two-hour-20-minute ride to Kyoto where we changed to another train to Osaka, a 15-minute ride. Trains in Japan are on time and stop for only two minutes. Yes, two minutes. People get off and others get on within that two minutes, then the doors close and you are off.



Large bronze Buddha in UNESCO World Heritage site

Some quick interesting facts:

- Only 5 percent of land in Japan is residential.
- Masks are worn against germs and allergies, not smog.
- An 18 year old can get a driver's license after attending a driving camp for three weeks or taking local classes for six months.
- Some of the ladies' restrooms have a special button that, when pushed, makes a flushing sound, as the ladies don't want people hearing them using the toilet.
- Japan is the cleanest country I have ever visited.
- Young children are taught cleanliness, and even clean their classrooms at school.

We spent two nights in the St. Regis Hotel in Osaka. There was a shopping center and food area connected to the hotel. Osaka is known as a culinary capital. We strolled along the street, sampling different kinds of food. They are famous for octopus dumplings – batter-covered octopus with chopped cabbage and seaweed and topped with mayonnaise. I took a bite and gave the rest to Rich. He also ate waygu beef from a vendor. I ate some chicken meat sticks, and tempura vegetables.

The next morning, we took a bus to Nara, Japan's first capital. We visited Todai-Ji, a temple complex and UNESCO World Heritage site, which contains the largest bronze Buddha statue in Japan. We then went to Nara Park, which is the home of hundreds of deer. They wandered everywhere and you can hand-feed them special food available for sale there. They are very tame and considered divine spirits. After lunch, we went to the Kehaya-Za Sumo Pavilion where they demonstrated sumo wrestling. There are only 700 professional sumo wrestlers in Japan. The sport is much more physically challenging than I expected. It is basically two wrestlers in a 15-foot ring, and the objective is to lift your opponent or push him into putting a foot outside the ring (this is a very simplistic explanation).

The wrestlers have to take a rest between matches and were visibly winded.

After returning to the St. Regis Hotel, we were on our own for dinner, and again Rich had waygu beef. I ate pastries with chicken from the Williams Sonoma store. As much as I like Chinese, Thai and Indian food, I am not as big a fan for Japanese and Korean food.

We took the bus to Kyoto where we visited the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) where some rooms are covered in gold. The inside of the temple is closed to the public. There is a replica of the temple outside Honolulu in the Kyoto Gardens of Honolulu Memorial Park. I think the setting in Hawaii is more beautiful as it is in a mountain valley. Also, in Hawaii, you can ring the big brass bell by swinging a gigantic wooden pole. It is supposed to bring good luck.

Our last stop in Kyoto was in the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. Bamboo is kind of like a weed in that it spreads and grows quickly. Some species grow 36 inches in a 14-hour period, or an inch every 40 minutes. We walked along a trail through the grove, which is considered by some as a healing experience.

We checked into the Four Seasons Hotel in Kyoto for our last two nights. We visited a temple where we saw a tea ceremony. For dinner, we were served shabu-shabu, which is meat and vegetables cooked in boiling water. The waygu beef cooked in water, wasn't as tasty. Again, Rich got my waygu. They hadn't made arrangements for any meat for me, so I ate cooked cabbage and drank sake. I do like hot sake.

We had performances by maiko and geisha girls. The maiko is a girl between 15 and 20 training to be a professional geisha. There are 250 geishas in Kyoto. If they marry, they can't continue to be a geisha. They talk to, sing, dance, arrange flowers, serve food and drinks and generally look pretty for their clients. There is no sex involved. The white face and heavy make-up started in the 1800s because of the low stage lights.

We flew from Narita Airport, so we took the bullet train from Kyoto to Shinagawa, where we had 15 minutes to find our new train platform. We made it and were glad to catch our plane home.



Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto



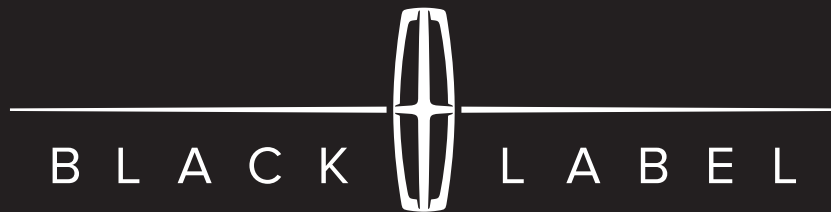
Kinkaku-ji Temple in Hawaii



Deer in Nara Park

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Angeles Scorsetti by her pool.

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Designer and family trade high-rise for golf course home

• By Kristen Peterson

Angeles Scorsetti and Steve Mason spent eight years living atop Mandarin Oriental (now Waldorf Astoria) in a stunning penthouse with views that had them waking up (and saying goodnight) to the metropolis below.

The luxury home on the Strip with its impeccably elegant rooms and unmatched views was their landing pad when moving here from Los Angeles in 2011.

But the temptation of the luxury hubs on the ground was inevitable. She's a decorator. He's in real estate. Together, they own Scorsetti Design and have a penchant for buying and transforming homes.

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Scorsetti said.*

It was MacDonald Highlands that drew them out of the glass tower. Scorsetti had clients in the area and loved the neighborhood. They bought a nearly 10,000-square-foot home on DragonRidge Golf Course and moved in this year after a six-month remodel.

She's in two tennis clubs. They love the happy hours and socials, and Scorsetti recently celebrated her birthday at the DragonRidge clubhouse with a pool party, a DJ, parasols, floral displays and dozens of friends. The couple is already building another home in MacDonald Highlands and planning to stay a while.

"For me, it's like a lifestyle," Scorsetti said. "MacDonald Highlands is the new Beverly Hills."

Their home, a two-story, sprawling open floor plan with marble floors and the feel of an intimate luxury resort and spa (an ambiance they both prefer) is designed with luxury furniture, finishes and lighting from their own company. Floor-to-ceiling windows slide open to the outdoor kitchen and the pool area, as does the grand foyer with its three chandeliers glowing above a chaise lounge stretching across the room.

The art collection is their own, mostly large-scale nudes in sculpture, mosaics, reliefs and mixed-media. A gorgeous large pop-art style portrait of Scorsetti, posing and decked in Chanel, greets visitors at the top of the stairs. Scorsetti is used to looking perfect for portraits. She's been a model and actress most of life. Soon, she may be on reality TV. Pilot episodes, she said, are in the works, focusing on her business transforming interiors of homes, as well as Scorsetti as the career woman and "lady boss."

The Argentine-born decorator and her love for fashion and design has been in the industry since she was 18, when she was living in Argentina with her Italian mother and Argentine father. She wanted nothing more than to open showrooms. By 20 she had four and was traveling to European cities and spending time in the States — Miami, New York and Los Angeles. She had her own home, career and responsibilities. In 2003, she moved to L.A. and worked for a couple of design firms before opening her own. Acting and modeling, she says, is just a hobby. Design is her main interest.



Steve Mason and Angeles Scorsetti and son, Rocco



Angeles Scorsetti in her "dream closet"

When not working or out socializing she and Mason like to relax at home with their son, Rocco, and Chihuahua, Princess (who has her own stylish wardrobe). There, Scorsetti might disappear into "Angeles' Dream Closet," a Chanel-inspired boutique off the master bath on the first floor. The intimate space displaying her vast collection of fashion and design is truly the piece de resistance, and her favorite room.

Crystal chandeliers illuminate the intimate closet with large black-and-white display counter. Chanel bags, clutches, designer heels and impeccable stilettos are set in lit display cases up to the ceiling. Fragrances and design books are stacked within reach. Garments hang organized on multiple racks. It is a richly designed space that Coco herself would have likely applauded.

There may be no Rodeo Drive in MacDonald Highlands but the creative Scorsetti made sure she isn't without a Chanel boutique. Perhaps someday it will make a reality television cameo.



Angeles Scorsetti by the pool in her MacDonald Highlands home.

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Real ESTATE REPORT

Las Vegas real estate market to outpace nation

• By *Kristen Routh-Silberman*

The luxury housing market in Las Vegas is strong. I am happy to report MacDonald Highlands still continues to lead the luxury residential market in Vegas.

According to the local Multiple Listing Service, 219 luxury homes sold for more than \$1 million in 2019. Of those, 158 were in guard-gated neighborhoods, and 21 were in MacDonald Highlands. That accounts for 10 percent of the overall luxury market (including nongated) and 15 percent of the guard-gated home sales.

OTHER LUXURY COMMUNITY SALES SO FAR THIS YEAR

- *The Ridges, 21*
- *Anthem Country Club, 17*
- *Southern Highlands, 16*
- *Red Rock Country Club, 9*
- *Seven Hills, 9*
- *Lake Las Vegas, 2*
- *Ascaya, 0 homes*

On the developer lot/land front. It's crazy. We only have 30 developer lots left on our list to sell at present. Rich MacDonald will release the final 80 custom lots as they are mapped by the city. After that, no more developer lots will be left as MacDonald Highlands will be sold out. If you are thinking about building your dream house: Dream now.

While spring has traditionally been a great market for Vegas real estate. This year, it was a little different. We had weather – and lots of it. The rain is fabulous for the desert, but in my opinion, not for luxury real estate. We saw decreased traffic in March and April, and didn't start to see people come back out of the rain to shop for luxury homes until the second half of May. California also had a very wet spring. I don't think that is a coincidence.

Consequently, our spring sprung 2-plus months later than usual. I expect to see increased volume in summer this year, which is usually a slower time for the luxury market. But this year, I think summer will be different. We can already see that effect in the MacDonald Highlands Real Estate Office in the Country Club. We have had lots of activity in June so far and see people starting to come out, drop into the office to start shopping for properties again.

If your house is on the market, hang tight and don't throw in the towel because it is summer. This summer should be good for you, especially since Californians just paid taxes at their new higher tax rates in April, and the SALT deduction cap kicked in this year. Californians should be buying in Vegas throughout the summer this year.

MacDonald Highlands is more than a home, it's a lifestyle. A luxury lifestyle that is firmly entrenched as the top luxury destination in Henderson. Together, let's keep it that way.

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BLUE HERON *Builds Vegas* MODERN 001

A show home in Dragons Reserve

• By Valerie Putnam

Blue Heron's Vegas Modern 001 takes architecture and design to a whole new level.

Located at 685 Dragon Peak Drive inside MacDonald Highlands Dragons Reserve, the 14,100-square-foot, three-level masterpiece showcases stunning views of the Strip and surrounding mountains.

It features three bedrooms including a main-floor master suite with private outdoor experience and secondary sky master suite, eight baths, office casita, digital den with integrated cutting-edge technology and craft room with pet experience.



Blue Heron founder and CEO Tyler Jones



Vegas Modern 001 is a showcase home in Dragons Reserve that is expected to be completed early next year.

The property is on 1.26-acre lot adjacent to Blue Heron's latest custom community, Equinox. Equinox, which is half sold out, features seven custom lots, according to Blue Heron founder and CEO Tyler Jones

The home is currently under construction, with an expected completion date early next year. Once completed, the home will go on the market for over \$20 million.

"What we feel makes good quality residential design is trying to achieve a sense of energy and excitement, and at the same time a sense of relaxation and well-being," Jones added. "It's opposite ends of the spectrum, but to me that's what makes a great home.

Another key architectural feature is a cantilevered sky walk joining the library loft to an exterior deck off the secondary master sky suite. According to Jones it extends 20 feet past the deck.

Other highlights include a formal dining room centered between a private garden and custom glass wine display, a three-level powder room, Sky Lounge entertainment level with theatrical effects, sunken exterior living spaces surrounded by two waterfalls and a gourmet outdoor kitchen connected to a spa and fire pit.

Besides incredible design, Vegas Modern offers cutting-edge technology and energy-efficiency, utilizing a brand-new energy management system.

Partnering with the East Coast firm, Racepoint Energy, Blue Heron's show home introduces the innovative technology to the West Coast.

"This home is going to be net zero for electricity," Jones said. "It shows you don't have to compromise on design to have an energy efficient home."

DragonRidge MEMBER EVENTS



JULY

- July 4, Thursday – Fireworks Spectacular on the Driving Range at DragonRidge Country Club. Open to the entire MacDonald Highlands community. Free admission. Events start at 6 p.m. Live music, gourmet food trucks, full bar, activities.
- July 14, Sunday – Wimbledon White Tennis mixer at the DragonRidge tennis courts, 9 a.m.
- July 16, Tuesday – A Destination Travel reception. Open to the entire MacDonald Highlands community, 5 p.m. in The Montrose inside the DragonRidge Clubhouse.

AUGUST

- Aug. 10, Saturday – Family Fun Day, The Grand Highlands Ballroom, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Food, games, activities and prizes. Open to DragonRidge members and guests.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 2, Monday – Labor Day – DragonRidge is open
- Sept. 3, Tuesday – Golf Course closes for overseeding
- Sept. 19, Thursday – Movie Premiere Night in The Grand Highlands Ballroom. Las Vegas debut of major motion picture. Open to DragonRidge members and guests. Cocktails begin at 6:30.
- Sept. 27, Friday – Golf course reopens after overseeding.

Independence Day

• By Buck Wargo

Fourth of July will be another big-time event at MacDonald Highlands. There's live music, craft beer and food trucks that start well before the fireworks show begins that evening. Admission is free for the festivities that start on the driving range at 6 p.m. The event is open to all DragonRidge Country Club members and MacDonald Highlands residents and their guests.

Every year the crowds gets bigger, so people are encouraged to give themselves plenty of time to get through the gates at MacDonald Highlands.

There are plenty of places to park near the driving range, including the DragonRidge Country Club parking lot and neighboring streets.

Blankets and chairs are allowed on the driving range and people can set up blankets and chairs as early as 4 p.m. No staked tents or awnings are allowed.

There will be multiple gourmet food trucks that will start serving the crowd at 6 p.m. The food trucks include; Guido Pie Pizza Truck, Churros, EDO Gastro Tapas & Wine and Treasure Ice Land Shave Ice Truck.

There will be a cash bar on the driving range where there will be live music by the Lucky Devils.

In addition, there will be kid's games, a giant water slide and other activities.



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Luxury magazine, published by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, held its Eco Couture showcase May 31 at Vu town homes, developed by Christopher Homes, at MacDonald Highlands. Models wore eco-friendly fashions and everyone got to tour the Vu models. Other sponsors were Look Style Society, Gaudin Porsche and TBird Jewels.



Christopher Homes founder Chris Stuhmer, and wife, Michelle.



Model poses at Luxury party



A model shows off the town home's art



Ashlee Beckwith and Nancy Storey



Guests at the Luxury party celebrate elegance



Party guests at Vu.



Annette Daskalos, MacDonald Highlands developer Rich MacDonald, Luxury Publisher Blue Ash and Jeanne Massey



RJ Publisher Keith Moyer and Sales Director Tracy Sinopoli

The Merry Month of May Tournament drew 68 players this spring. It was DragonRidge Country Club's annual Ladies' Member-Guest event.



Brooke Edlund and guests



Sherry Jackson and guests hold their trophies



Debbie Love and friends place high in the tournament



Rita Shill and guests



Director of golf Chris Vossekuil, center, stands with Rebecca Mastrangelo and her friends



Debbie Love and guests on putting course



Stephanie Raper and guests

This spring, DragonRidge Country Club hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner in the Montrose dining room and many happy hours with live music at the Onyx Bar.



Gene and Stephanie Raper, Debra Shwetz and a Cyndi Lauper character



Characters at the event included Sherlock Holmes, Pee Wee Herman and Cyndi Lauper



Diners work to solve clues



A Michael Jackson character and Leo Moschioni



From left, Jeff Spevack, Bart Zimmer, Steve Shill, Randy Williams and Dan Paulsen at a happy hour at Onyx Bar



Monica Jackson, Anna Zakowska, center, and Olga Sattler

Members of the DragonRidge Country Club went on a wellness hike into La Madre Mountains at Red Rock National Conservation Area on April 19.

On May 12, the club hosted its annual Mother's Day brunch in the Grand Highlands Ballroom. About 200 members and guests attended.



DragonRidge Country Club members on a hike.



Hikers pose for a snapshot at La Madre Mountains at Red Rock National Conservation Area



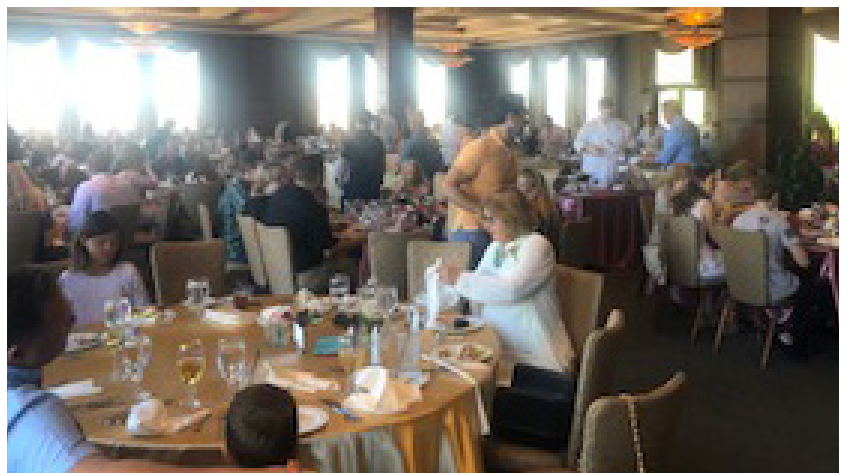
About 200 people attend the annual Mother's Day Brunch



The Mother's Day event included an arts and crafts corner for the kids



The food was over the top



The ballroom was filled with members celebrating their mothers on May 12

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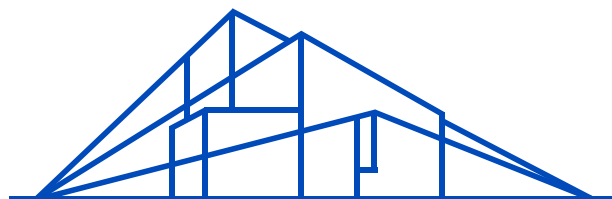
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