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Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes

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COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Get Ready for the 2026–2027 Golf Season: Connect, Play, and Belong!

It's time to gear up for an exciting 2026–2027 golf season at Cottonwood Palo Verde! Purchasing your **Annual Membership** is more than just securing time on the fairways—it's your doorway to a vibrant, connected community of friends and neighbors who share a passion for the game. **Starting Thursday, October 15, 2026**, memberships can be **purchased using cash, debit, check, or credit card** (a 3% service fee applies to credit card transactions). Beat the crowds by stopping by either Pro Shop early to get signed up and say hello to our dedicated Pro Shop team, who are eager to help make this your best golfing season yet.

2026–2027 Golf Season Rate Guide & Membership Overview

As we gear up for the upcoming 2026–2027 season, our golf operations team is excited to welcome both returning annual passholders and daily players to the fairways. For residents planning to secure an **Annual Membership, tier options** continue to offer flexibility across our facilities. Phase II homeowners can choose between the Cottonwood & Palo Verde Combo Pass ($3,350), Cottonwood Only ($3,190), or Palo Verde Only ($2,310). For Phase I & III residents, rates are set at ($4,350) for the Combo, ($4,040) for Cottonwood Only, and ($3,060) for Palo Verde Only. If you prefer a lighter commitment, consider the Palo Verde 2-Day Pass ($1,795) or the Phase II Homeowner Players Card ($249, or $349 for Phase I & III), as well as the Twilight Homeowner Players Card ($99 for Phase II; $149 for Phase I & III) valid after 2:30 PM and for CW 9ers league play.

For daily play, rates follow our standard seasonal flow, peaking during the prime winter months from January through March. At Cottonwood, prime 18-hole rate during peak season is $115 for Homeowners/Phase II and $125 for Guests/Community, dropping to $85 for mid-day play (1:30 PM–2:29 PM) and $60 after 2:30 PM. League days (CMGA & CLGA) run at $100 during peak months, while the CW 9ers rate is $60. Shoulders in November–December and April bring prime Cottonwood rates down to $90–$100, while May and summer months (June–October) offer great off-peak value with prime play ranging from $55 to $70, and mid-day or twilight rates as low as $30. Palo Verde offers a lower rate scale throughout the year, with peak prime rates set at $75 for Homeowners ($80 Guest), peak league rates at $65, shoulder prime rates at $60–$65, and summer play dipping to $35 ($20 after 11:30 AM). To keep your short game sharp, range passes are available tailored to your play frequency. Individual tokens (~25–30 balls) remain $5 each, but frequent practice players can take advantage of our discounted multi-refill Range Passes. Annual Members can purchase a Range Pass for $199, which includes three 50-token key refills (150 total tokens), with subsequent 50-token refills priced at $25. Non-Annual Homeowners can purchase a pass for $329 (includes three 50-token refills), with additional 50-token key refills priced at $35. Please note that all range key refills must be redeemed by October 15 to secure your annual passes or ask our pros any questions about the year ahead! Full Golf Rates details can be found here on our website.

Mark Your Calendar–Community Garage Sale Coming in November

Clear out the clutter or hunt for your next great find at the Cottonwood Palo Verde Fall Community Garage Sale on **Saturday, November 14!** Whether you are looking to downsize or score unique local deals, it's time to get your treasures ready. All sale items must be contained strictly within your garage or driveway and completely removed by **3:00 PM.** Homeowners are responsible for their own advertising, though one self-supporting "tent" style Garage Sale sign (up to 25" x 24") is permitted on your property for this day only, and homemade signs are fully allowed. Start gathering your items today and get ready for a fantastic day of neighborhood bargains!

October Craft Workshop Package Deal Purchase Deadline is Sunday October 4th

Save $5 when you register for all four October craft workshops with Elise! Get the full 4-class pass for just $75 *or* **$20 each class**—all materials included. Email Elise at gettingcraftywithelise@yahoo.com by **Sunday, October 4th** to claim your discounted bundle before **classes begin October 6** and happen **e**very Tuesday of the month! For additional information please email Elise.

Join us for Jim Croce Tribute This Tuesday, October 6-Tickets Still Available

Relive timeless songs and unforgettable stories of legendary singer-songwriter **Jim Croce** as TAD Management presents **Photographs & Memories** live in the **San Tan Ballroom** on **Tuesday, October 6**! Doors open at 6:00 PM, with the show kicking off at **7:00 PM** for a night packed with acoustic classics like "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," "Operator," and "Time in a Bottle." For just **$37** per person, you can gather with neighbors and friends for an incredible evening of live music and nostalgia right here at home. Tickets are selling out fast, so don't miss out—grab yours online today or stop by Homeowner Services to secure your seats!

Fall Overseeding Underway: Preparing Our Grounds for a Gorgeous Season!

With cooler autumn weather right around the corner, Director of Agronomy Scott Anderson and his dedicated crew are in full swing with one of the most critical maintenance periods of the year: **fall overseeding!** This annual transition allows our team to establish vibrant winter ryegrass across our fairways, ensuring our courses remain lush, healthy, and play-ready all winter long while protecting the underlying warm-season Bermuda grass. To allow the delicate new seed to germinate and establish properly, course closures and modified schedules will soon be in effect across both Cottonwood and Palo Verde, with full timetable details available on our on our website on the golf page. Because overseeding represents a major investment of community resources, we kindly ask all residents to stay completely off newly seeded areas—including walking, driving golf carts, or letting pets roam on fragile turf—as stepping on germinating grass damages delicate roots and causes costly re-seeding delays.

Alongside golf course preparations, maintenance crews are **also conducting essential pre-treatments and spraying** in common areas ahead of the winter grass transition. Perimeter and desert area spraying is **underway** along **Alma School, Riggs, and Dobson Roads**, as well as the **5-Lakes end caps, Sisk Park walking path, pool areas**, and **parking lots** at both **Cottonwood** and **Palo Verde**. Treatments are also moving to non-overseeded turf areas, focusing on West Lake, North Lake, Hidden Lake (Unit 12), and the Minnesota turf plots on the north side of Unit 20. During this time, residents are urged to exercise caution around wet turf and utility vehicles, keep off sprayed grounds, leash pets, and anticipate increased watering schedules community-wide as new seed takes root.

Curious to learn more about the science behind our turf management? Visit our Turf Talk Page for deep dives into year-round grounds care, or reach out directly to the Agronomy Department with any maintenance questions. A massive thank you goes out to Scott Anderson and the entire Agronomy crew for their tireless work, early mornings, and incredible dedication to keeping Cottonwood Palo Verde looking bright, vibrant, and beautiful—and thank you to our entire community for your patience and cooperation as we prep our grounds for a fantastic fall season!

Sunday Brunch Returns & Exciting New Menu Debuts at Palo Verde!

Sunday dining is back and better than ever at Palo Verde! Join us **every Sunday from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM** to indulge in a delicious morning spread for just **$19 per person.** It's the ultimate way to gather friends and family for a weekend treat. Pair your meal with fantastic drink specials, including our new $8 **Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar**, $5 Mimosas, with deals on Beer Buckets, Screwdrivers Espresso Martinis, and Irish Coffees. Reservations are highly recommended—**book online or call 480-895-1981** to secure your table today! (Please note: The kitchen will close following brunch service.)

Beyond Sunday brunch, October 1st marked the launch of a completely **refreshed, expanded menu at Palo Verde,** bringing an explosion of vibrant new flavors and classic favorites! Start your meal with impressive new appetizers like Philly Eggrolls or Clam Strips & Fried Oysters, or enjoy one returning fan faves like Pretzel Bites with cheese, Escargot, green goddess salad. Salad lovers will adore new creations like the Gyro Salad and the Crab Cake Salad. On the handheld front, sink your teeth into highlights like the Crab Burger (or make it a Diablo Crab!), the Hogfather Panini, Spicy Chicken Sliders, or the Captain's Reserve seafood basket.

Our Featured Entrées, Prime Cuts, and Coastal Plates bring elevated dining options to the table, including Tuscan Tortellacci, Chicken Piccata, Braised Short Rib, Canadian Walleye, and a 12oz Pork Ribeye. Plus, customize your dinner with our new "Build Your Own Plate" option—select your preferred protein (Grilled Salmon, Chicken Breast, Sauteed Shrimp, or Liver with Bacon & Onions), pick a signature sauce like Boursin Cream or Tzatziki, and pair it with two premium sides. Don't forget to explore our expanded specialty drink and martini menus—featuring the Bronx Martini, Prickly Pear Martini, and Espresso Martini—expertly paired with each entrée.

Stop by Palo Verde today to taste all these exciting additions, and reserve your spot for Sunday Brunch!

Halloween Bash at Cottonwood October 31, 2026

Get ready for a full day of tricks, treats, and monster-sized fun at Cottonwood's Halloween celebration on **October 31!** The spooky festivities kick off in the **restaurant** at **2:00 PM with Free N' Fun Bar Bingo**, followed by $5 **Cash Bingo at 4:30 PM** (cards available day-of through your server for 5 games total. $5 per card). At **5:30 PM**, doors open in the **San Tan Ballroom** for the main **Halloween Bash** (ticket required; $35 per person). Guests will enjoy a mouthwatering Chicago-themed **buffet opening at 6:00 PM**—featuring Italian beef sliders, mini Chicago-style hot dogs, Chicago tavern-style pizza, coleslaw, potato salad, egg salad, and sweet Eye-Candy Cupcakes —while **DJ Tiger Tim** playing high-energy hits starting at **6:15 PM**. Don't forget to dress up, as **costume contest** judging takes place in the restaurant at **8:00 PM** with prizes awarded across four "CAT-eye-GORIES": **Most Spooky, Best Group, Most Original, and Funniest**. **Tickets** for the Halloween Bash are **available online and at Homeowner Services**.

Save the Date: Annual Celebration of Golf Event is Coming

Save the date for one of Cottonwood's most anticipated traditions—the annual **Celebration of Golf on Monday, November 9!** This member-favorite evening honors our thriving golf community, highlights season accomplishments, and brings friends together for an unforgettable night of celebration. Space is limited for this highly sought-after event, so mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 8, when tickets officially go on sale at Homeowner Services.** Be sure to secure your spot early before it sells out! Stay tuned for ticket sale information.

Upcoming Board Meetings & Workshops

Board Monthly meeting minutes can be viewed on our website and are posted on the association bulletin boards. Approved meeting minutes are available on the website here. *Board meeting dates are posted on the bulletin boards, website and In the Know. Please note that Board Meeting dates & locations are subject to change. Executive Sessions & Workshops will be held as needed. **Homeowner cards will be scanned upon entry and are required to attend meetings.** Please hold homeowner comments until the scheduled meeting time per agendas.

Monthly Board Meeting

- **Wednesday, October 28** | CLC Lecture Hall
  - **3:00pm**

Community Summary Financial Reports are available on our website here, you will need to login using your member credentials. **Full Financial Information** is available at the Administration Office during normal business hours.

Springsteen on October 13 in San Tan Ballroom

Keep the rock 'n' roll momentum going as TAD Management brings the iconic sounds of **The Boss** to Cottonwood! Join us on **Tuesday, October 13**, for an electric **Bruce Springsteen Tribute** live in the San Tan Ballroom. It's the same place & same time—doors open at 6:00 PM and the music starts at 7:00 PM—but with a whole new set of high-octane anthems like "Born to Run," "Glory Days," and "Dancing in the Dark." Tickets are **$37** each and are moving fast. Stop by Homeowner Services or visit us online to lock in your seats for another incredible night of live entertainment!

Upcoming Committee & Task Force Meetings

Committee	Date	Time	Meeting Room (CLC)
Architectural Compliance	October 13	8:30am	Lecture Hall
Audit & Finance	October 8	2:00pm	Lecture Hall
Capital Planning Committee	November 5	1:00pm	Phoenix Room
Facilties & Grounds	October 6	10:00am	Phoenix Room
Food & Beverage	November 5	11:00am	Phoenix Room
Golf Committee	October 7	2:00pm	Lecture Hall
Recreation & Entertainment	October 13	10:00am	Phoenix Room
Safety & Security	October 14	11:00am	Meeting Room 1

Understanding Upcoming Changes to Credit Card Transactions Community-Wide

To maintain responsible financial stewardship and protect our shared budget, Cottonwood Palo Verde will soon implement a **3% surcharge on credit card transactions**. Currently, the HOA absorbs roughly $175,000 annually in credit card merchant processing fees—an operational drain that equates to approximately $46 per home each year paid out of general community funds. Unchecked, absorbing these merchant costs directly contributes to overall financial loss within the HOA. Businesses outside our community have adjusted to this standard practice for years, ensuring processing costs are covered by those utilizing card networks. By making this transition, we align with modern retail standards so that credit card processing expenses are borne solely by the cardholder rather than distributed across every homeowner in the community.

It is important to clarify that this 3% surcharge applies **strictly to credit card payments**—paying with a debit card remains completely surcharge-free. Additionally, prepaid HOA gift cards offer a flexible alternative: while purchasing or reloading a gift card with a credit card will incur the 3% surcharge, using cash or debit to load funds avoids fees entirely, and spending a gift card balance anywhere in the community incurs zero additional charges. Cash and physical check payments also remain completely fee-free across all departments. Signs will be posted at all checkout counters before the policy takes effect, and residents can expect to see this updated procedure applied across all association operations, including our Pro Shops and golf memberships, food and beverage venues, Homeowner Services, HOA dues payments, and recreation or event ticketing. Thank you for your understanding as we work together to keep community expenses equitable and financially sustainable for everyone.

October Wine Dinner: A Spirited Culinary Evening You Won't Want to Miss!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 17th,** as Palo Verde hosts a festive and unforgettable Halloween-themed **October Wine Dinner!** Chef's special four-course menu brings a deliciously haunting flair to the dining room, beginning with a Phantom Shrimp Cocktail, followed by rich Harvest Moon Gnocchi, tender Graveyard Smoked Brisket, and concluding with a decadent Midnight Indulgence cheesecake for dessert. Each exquisite course will be thoughtfully paired with hand-selected wines designed to complement every flavorful bite.

These specialty wine dinners have been selling out faster than ever, and seating for this one-of-a-kind autumn feast is strictly limited. Don't wait to treat yourself—reserve your table today **online** or by calling the Palo Verde restaurant at **480-895-1981** before seats disappear completely!

Palo Verde Restaurant & Lounge

HAPPY HOUR
Mon-Sat 1pm-4pm
Sunday ALL DAY

RESERVATIONS OR TAKEOUT
480-895-1981

LAST CALL
Sun - Tue | 6:45pm
Wed - Sat | 8:45pm

Cottonwood Bar & Grill

HAPPY HOUR
Mon-Sat 1pm-5pm
Sunday ALL DAY

RESERVATIONS OR TAKEOUT
480-895-9688
Reservations requested for parties of 8+

LAST CALL
9:00pm

Lunch Special | **Cold Salad Trio 13** 4pm | Cocktail Corner Buffet | **Garlic Butter Shrimp 20** **Friday Night Fish Fry**	FRI	10/2	Soup: **Clam Chowder** **Friday Fish Fry 18** 6-9pm | **Johnny K & Kompany** | Restaurant
4pm **| Oktoberfest Celebration - SOLD OUT** **Restaurant & Lounge Close at 3pm for setup**	SAT	10/3	Soup | **Pasta Fagoile** Chef's Special | **Chicken Teriyaki 19** 2pm | **Free N Fun Bar Bingo + Progressive** 4:30pm **| Cash Bingo |** 5 cards $25 (Cash prizes)
Lounge | 10am-7pm All Day **Happy Hour** 10am-1:30pm **| Sunday Brunch 19** ***Kitchen Closed after Brunch***	SUN	10/4	Soup | **Corn Chowder** 7am - 12:30pm | **Brunch Buffet 19** Chef's Special | **Meatball Sub 18** All Day **Happy Hour**
Lounge | 10am-7pm **Kitchen Closed All Day**	MON	10/5	Soup | **Chicken Noodle** 3pm | Buffet - **Beef & Broccoli 15** 3:30pm | **Music Video Bingo** | San Tan Ballroom **Limited Bingo Menu**
Lounge | 10am-7pm Lunch Service | 11am-6pm Lunch Special | **Shrimp Skewers 13** Taco Tuesday | **Al Pastor 15**	TUE	10/6	Soup | **Cream of Broccoli** 4pm | **Prime Rib Buffet 22**
Lunch Special **| Shrimp Skewers 13** 6pm | **Campbell's Band** Chef's Special | **Orange Chicken 25**	WED	10/7	Soup | **Potato Bacon** 4pm | **Pasta Buffet 16**
Lunch Special | **Shrimp Skewers 13** 4pm | **Pasta Buffet 20** 5pm | **Cheryl Thurston**	THU	10/8	Soup | **Vegetable Beef** Chef's Special | **Sausage & Peppers Hoagie 18** 4pm | **Team Trivia** | CW Restaurant
Lunch Special | **Shrimp Skewers 13** 4pm | Cocktail Corner Buffet | **Beef Stroganoff 20** **Friday Night Fish Fry**	FRI	10/9	Soup: **Clam Chowder** **Friday Fish Fry 18** 6-9pm | **AZ Rock Asylum** | Restaurant
Prime Rib Special 25+ Build Your Own **Pizza**	SAT	10/10	Soup | **Pasta Fagoile** Chef's Special | **BBQ Chicken Pizza 18** 2pm | **Free N Fun Bar Bingo + Progressive** 4:30pm **| Cash Bingo |** 5 cards $25 (Cash prizes)
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