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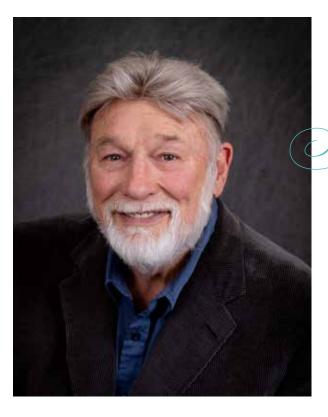
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# THE DEVELOPER

• By Rich MacDonald -

I have been unhappy and irritated for some time with the remodel of our Valle Verde entry. However, I've now located the man who did our original landscape plan. We've had him visit our community and he was blown away with how well it has come to fruition.

There are three areas of redesign:

First, the Valle Verde entry: The original trees have grown so large that the original plants are now in shade and drought-tolerant plants need sunlight. The plant pallet used is not adequate for what we want. Also, the waterfall needs to be changed. Mike McKay (our landscape architect) has a waterfall man he works with. This will put us in a much better place and create an entry of proper quality.

Second, the clubhouse pool courtyard will be completely redesigned. The pool will be removed; the fountain will be removed and replaced by a natural, quieter waterfall, a palm oasis will be added complete with fire pits and seating areas. The snack bar will be expanded to include an outdoor bar and an elevator will be used to access the ballroom. These changes will be a great addition to the events we hold there.

Third, the fitness area is being expanded and redesigned. The building will be expanded to the north and east. The men's and women's restrooms will be reversed. New massage rooms added; and food and bar areas expanded with full-time food and cocktail servers on hand. The pool area will be moved to the fitness area. Several locations for the pool are being considered. Our fitness area will become even more attractive and I'm looking ahead to having these projects completed because they will add significantly to the quality of life of our community.

I look forward to seeing you all enjoy the new club and community amenities.

Rich MacDonald

Best regards,



# A message from the management: HOA LETTER

#### Dear MacDonald Highlands residents,

on July 16, 2019, the city of Henderson adopted new ordinances that allow for the operation of short-term vacation rentals in "residential" areas of Henderson and include a requirement that short-term rental properties be registered with the city. Previously, short-term vacation rentals were not allowed in "residential" designated areas in the city of Henderson. The new ordinance became effective on Oct. 14. One of the registration requirements is for the homeowner to certify that short-term rentals are permitted in their association.

This notice is intended to place all homeowners on notice that short-term rentals are not allowed in The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch Master Association. The new city ordinance does not alter, amend or supersede this restriction. Thus, the city ordinance actually reinforces and upholds the restriction set forth in our governing documents. Therefore, our restriction against short-term rentals remains in effect.

We encourage all our homeowners to familiarize themselves with Article 12, Section 12.23 (Leasing of Units) on page 49 of the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch (the "Declaration,") which provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Leasing," for purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a Unit by any person, other than the Owner for which the Owner receives any consideration or benefit', including, a fee, service, gratuity or emolument. (The defined term applies as well to all derivations of the word lease.") Units may be leased only in their entirety. No fraction or portion may be leased. There shall be no subleasing of Units or assignment of leases unless prior written approval is obtained from the Board of Directors. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Unit. All leases shall be in writing and shall be for an initial term of no less than thirty (30) days, except with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. Notice of any lease, together with such additional information as may be required by the Board, shall be given to the Board by the Owner within ten (10) days of execution of the lease. The Owner must make available to the lessee copies of the Governing Documents.

The Board may adopt reasonable rules regulating leasing and subleasing.

All leases and rental agreements shall be in writing and subject to the requirements of the Governing Documents and the Association. All leases of a Unit shall include a provision that the tenant will recognize and attorn to the Association and any applicable Neighborhood Association as landlord, solely for the purpose of having the power to enforce a violation of the provisions of the Governing Documents against the tenant, provided the Association or, if applicable, the Neighborhood Association gives the landlord notice of its intent to so enforce and a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation directly, prior to the commencement of an enforcement action."

Any Foothills at MacDonald Ranch owner who seeks to obtain a permit from the city of Henderson will be in violation of the Association's Declaration. The Association will, therefore, take any and all necessary action, legal and administrative, to enjoin short-term rentals in the Association. This may include imposing fines, suspending the right to vote and use the Common Elements. If necessary, the Association will initiate legal action to stop the unauthorized practice and seek recovery of its fees and costs.

For additional information on the ordinance adopted by the city of Henderson on July 16, 2019, which went into effect on Oct. 14, 2019, please review the information published by the city on its website at:

https://cityofhenderson.com/community-development/short-term-vacation-rentals. This link includes a Frequently Asked Questions section.

This notice is being mailed to all current Foothills at MacDonald Ranch homeowners, will be included in the resale package given to new homeowners, and included in the new Homeowners' Welcome Package.

If you have any questions regarding the above referenced information, or any other association related matter,

please do not hesitate to contact the management office at 702-933-7764, or via email at Lroberts@rpmginc.com.

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# COMMUNITY HAS LONG HISTORY • By Buck Wargo



DragonRidge Golf Club, Hole 6.

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acDonald Highlands developer Rich MacDonald is writing a book detailing the history of the community along with that of nearby MacDonald Ranch.

"It's a look at what challenges we faced and how we dealt with them," MacDonald said. "It's going to be interesting." MacDonald, who said he just started the book, noted he was interviewed a couple of years ago about the history of the Henderson development by the UNLV history department and by the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "I got a transcript of what I said and that's a good foundation for starting the book," MacDonald said. "I've been thinking about doing it for a long time. When my mother (Frances) was dying she said 'make sure you do your book.' "

MacDonald said there were a lot of trials and tribulations of getting the project done because the city of Henderson initially didn't cooperate and asked him to wait on the development although they bought some property from the city for it.

MacDonald and his parents started buying land that would become MacDonald Highlands and MacDonald Ranch in the early 1970s, closing the first two sections in 1971. "By the end of the 1970s, we were the third or fourth largest landowner in the valley after Howard Hughes and the Greenspuns," MacDonald said.

MacDonald along with his mom and dad, also Richard, lived in Las Vegas in 1959 and early 1960s before moving to Hawaii after going there on vacation. His dad sold land in Hawaii and Rich was a land broker of residential development as well.

"When we first bought it we lived in Hawaii and later moved back here," MacDonald said. "In Hawaii if you don't live on the beach, the best place is the hillsides. When we saw the hillsides here we knew what we could do with them and no one else really did."

The first two pieces the family bought cost less than \$1,000 per acre in the early 1970s, and, today, that same raw land is worth more than \$1 million an acre.

"Part of it I bought from the city in the mid-1970s," MacDonald said. "We had most of it by then. The last piece is something Hank Greenspun could have bought for \$125 an acre but was told it was too rough to develop, and it actually was the best property out there."

MacDonald Highlands with 1,300 acres has about 600 homes and has a capacity of just under 1,000.

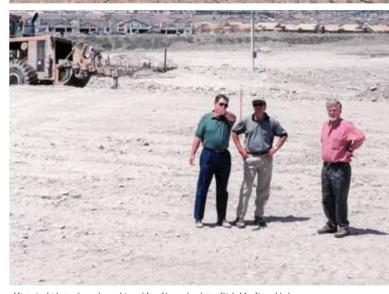
"We wanted to develop in this area very early on by the mid-1970s. We started a master plan, but we ran into a lot of opposition," MacDonald said. "Some of the major developers in the area were a little sensitive about having competition. The city said they wanted orderly development with Green Valley developed first and when that was done they would let us start. The city didn't tell me that when they sold me property."

MacDonald said they fought to push it forward and in the 1990s they launched Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch on Eastern Avenue.

MacDonald said Spanish Trails golf community was open and proved a luxury concept would be successful. It wasn't until 1998 that MacDonald Highlands started to move forward and become what it is now - a luxury, high-end golf community, MacDonald said. The development has sold 750 lots between 1998 and 2018 when MacDonald announced a plan to develop 500 acres for 200 additional lots.

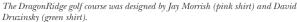






Historical photos from the archive of Las Vegas developer Rich MacDonald show the early stages of the Henderson luxury community, now known as MacDonald







Archives of Rich Macdonald.

"It's the same vision we had back then except there was one area set aside for a resort," MacDonald said. "We ended up taking that out and making it residential."

MacDonald said he was the first resident to move into MacDonald Highlands in 2001 and a couple of others were right behind him.

"I argue with Carmine Vento all the time about who was first," MacDonald said laughing. "My wife assured me we were first because I had a COO (certificate of occupancy)."

MacDonald said the community started by selling lots that were not on the DragonRidge golf course. It was 45 one-third of an acre lots and 45 half-acre lots.

"We sold all of those and had ones that went up the hill that initially weren't on the golf course," MacDonald said. "Those lots sold well, too, because they had good city views and Strip views. All that went together quickly and sold within two to three years. It was all custom lots." That trendline held until the Great Recession hit in 2008 and 2009, when there were only a handful of sales a year afterward, MacDonald said. It picked up again in 2012 and 2013.

The development has made strides since then with Christopher Homes selling a collection of town homes and houses and Blue Heron launching two separate luxury communities. The development launched a collection of homes designed by Las Vegas architect Richard Luke. The community has won a lot of praise nationally and, several years ago, showcased a New American Home for the National Home Builders Association show in Las Vegas. It gained international attention in November during the first Henderson Open professional women's tennis tournament that was broadcast on the Tennis Channel.

There's more to come.

"We're now doing the last 150 lots on the mountain itself," MacDonald said. "That's exciting because those lots blow you away with such incredible views."

MacDonald said announcements will be coming about that Development.

"We're looking to be sold out in three years," MacDonald said. "In terms of built-out, it could be seven. I think you will see it go together quickly."







Grand Ballroom, Opening Night | December 3, 2005 Claire, Rich and Paige MacDonald.

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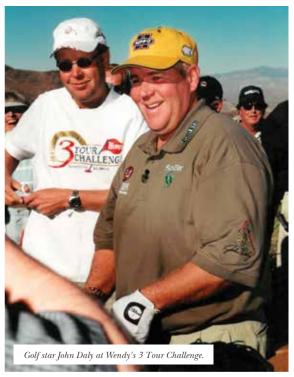


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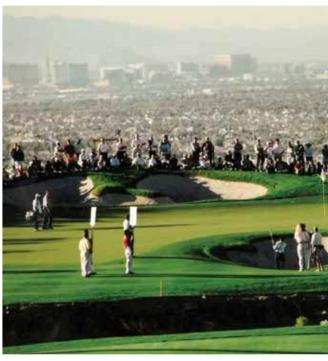


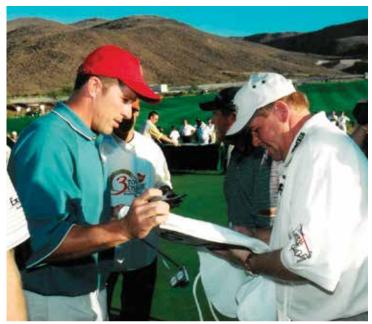
























# Construction to begin this spring

**B** lue Heron has started taking reservations for its new planned collection of homes in MacDonald Highlands called Dragon Rock.

The newest community in the Blue Heron portfolio, Dragon Rock is adjacent to The Sleeping Dragon, a unique rock outcropping in the middle of the hillside. The community offers five of the most popular and often-requested Blue Heron home floor plans. Dragon Rock will feature a model home, set to begin construction in the spring. There are 50 lots and 47 are for sale. Prices have yet to be announced for the homes that will likely be priced at more than \$1 million.

Logan Ziegler, Blue Heron's design manager, said the five floor plans will range from 2,800 square feet to 7,600 square feet and include one story and two stories. The average lot size is about one-half acre, with lots available of more than two acres.

"What is unique about Dragon Rock is every lot is unique," Ziegler said. "It's not a cookie-cutter 50-by-100 lots row-by-row. Every lot has a unique shape, form and vantage point. Some are nestled into the mountain. There is quite a variety. Some are more private and others more exposed up on a hillside. There are some big lots and some with private drives. Some lots are smaller. Depending on how the lot feels will determine what plan people choose." Ziegler said The Sleeping Dragon is a key geological formation in the area in its appearance as a dragon's spine and where the DragonRidge club got its name.

"We're offering a unique collection of our plans," Ziegler said. "This will be progressive architectural design with great options, and we are offering natural stone and large pocket doors like you see in our

#### • By Buck Wargo

custom-home designs."

Elsewhere in MacDonald Highlands, a Blue Heron show home remains under construction and is expected to be completed by the summer. There will be a sales team in place and tours will be provided to the public when it's completed.

The three-level home called Vegas Modern 001 is valued at more than \$20 million.

It has a sunken outdoor living space between two waterfalls, a private garden with a gourmet kitchen and bar connecting to a spa and fire pit and elevated sky suite with views. There's a library loft and gallery leading to an outdoor deck with a sky walk

On the hillside above it, Blue Heron is building a seven-home community called Equinox with homes that range in price from \$4 million to \$8 million. Five lots have been sold, one reserved and one lot measuring 2.5 acres and priced at \$2 million is available. Three homes are under construction.

Blue Heron has come up with a modern design concept to showcase the development called Draco.

Kristen Routh-Silberman, the master listing agent for MacDonald Highlands, said Blue Heron's designs have changed the way people live in homes and they're "super excited" about Blue Heron's latest project.

"MacDonald Highlands is on fire," Routh-Silberman said. "It has been constant non-stop people buying lots and houses.

We had a Blue Heron house in Equinox that set a record of like \$814 a square foot for the valley. It sold for \$4.375 million."

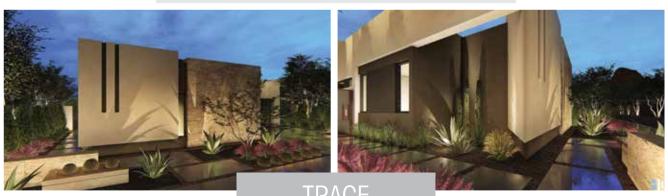
























• By Kristen Routh-Silberman

 $\Gamma$  irst and foremost, we want to send our love and support during this difficult time of the coronavirus crisis. Please know that during this time, we will continue to serve your real estate needs and do everything we can to offer our knowledge and support.

The Sotheby's International Realty MacDonald Highland sales office will remain open and available to show property by appointment. We also will be providing online and video consultations as well as the ability to live stream property tours for you.

International and historical data shows that as the pandemic spreads and more stringent lockdown measures are put in place, the volume of real estate transactions will drop.

The available data from China, South Korea and Italy shows the current pandemic will likely cause a temporary, but dramatic, drop in overall real estate transactions.

Property transactions in China during the early stages of the outbreak dropped significantly, nearly 100 percent, during the first few weeks of the crisis. It is already showing signs of recovery but is still down over 50 percent from the same time last year.

In South Korea, national deal volume was down 80 percent in the first nine days of March, and down 90 percent in the nation's capital of Seoul.

Zillow's recent research on pandemics shows a similar trend from Hong Kong during the SARS outbreak in 2003: Transaction volumes fell by 33 percent to 72 percent as customers avoided human contact ("avoidance behavior," like avoiding travel, restaurants and public gatherings). After the epidemic was over, transactions snapped back

The president of The National Association of Realtors (NAR) reminded us that we still are in the midst of a housing shortage and while interest rates remain at an all-time low, buying still makes sense for many. The rental market is so weak with very little inventory, people will still need to buy. My sense is that we may see more conservative moves, but again, people still need a place to live. Most banks are offering incredibly low-interest equity lines of credit, so it may not be a bad idea to open one just in case for the future.

All real estate businesses will be moving quickly to adapt to the changing environment. It's those that are able to move the fastest, adapt gracefully and have the strongest foundation and balance sheet that will survive and thrive in the recovery.

MacDonald Highlands as a community is solid and in a strong financial position. The Sotheby's International Realty network is showing solidarity throughout our global community and is in a very solid and strong position as well. In fact, Sothebyrealty.com online web traffic was up 16 percent year over year just this past weekend (March 21-22.)

As of today, we continue to receive requests to show properties and to buy residences in Las Vegas and in MacDonald Highlands. People are still relocating to Las Vegas from California. We do expect those numbers not only continue, but to increase in the third and fourth quarter of this year. When showing property, we are now wearing gloves and providing them to buyers and agents and giving everyone a lot of social distance to look at homes and lots.

Your Sotheby's MacDonald Highlands Real Estate team is here to assist you in every way possible and we are committed to providing you with the utmost service and guidance moving forward.

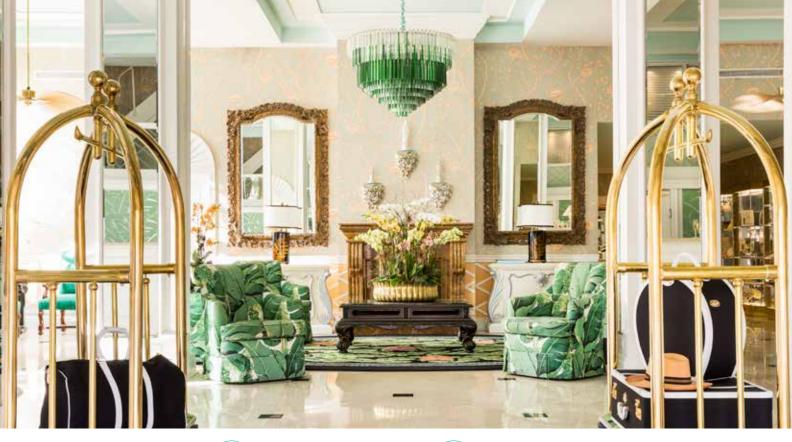
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There are times when you just want to get away I for a few days and not spend over a few hours of travel time.

In January, we did such a trip. We left on a Friday morning and got home on a Tuesday evening.

We had three full days plus two partial travel days. Just perfect for a short getaway.

Our first trip was to Palm Beach, Florida. We flew from Las Vegas to Ft. Lauderdale, then picked up a rental car and drove about an hour to Palm Beach on Interstate 95. Since a lot of cruise ships leave out of Ft. Lauderdale, the flights are good. Southwest has a non-stop flight that leaves Las Vegas about 8:30 a.m. Most flights have one stop.

We stayed at The Colony Hotel, which is less than a block from Worth Avenue, the main shopping street in Palm Beach. It was built in 1947 and is Palm Beach's pinkest hotel. The hotel is well-maintained, and the staff was great. They have a couple of really great restaurants, which we enjoyed, and had entertainment in the evenings. The only problem I found was that there was no business computer

for use by guests, but they did print our boarding passes for us.

From the hotel, it is only a few blocks to the ocean, and their beach butler can deliver food to you in a pink Yeti cooler, with dishes, silverware, ice and napkins. If you want to peddle, they have beach cruisers that you can borrow for free. If you want to paddle board, you can borrow those for free also. Want to bring your pet? For a small fee, cats and dogs will be catered to with custom-branded beds and treats from The Colony's kitchen.

Want a hotel with direct access to the beach, there are several choices. The Breakers is the legendary resort on a privately owned beach. You also could check out Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, and Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach. These are also Virtuoso hotels, which offer additional amenities and daily breakfast when booked with A Destination Travel. Not what you are looking for? There are a lot of hotels which are very close to the beach.

Shopping on Worth Avenue is one of the best shopping areas in the country. It is an easy walk



Photos Coutesy of The Colony Palm Beach

through the streets lined by palm trees. It is interesting that there are shops in the courtyards behind the shops on the main street. You find international shops, as well as locally owned businesses. I am a shopper, and really had fun here. Restaurants are disbursed both on the street and in the courtyards, and the food is really good. It is just a challenge where you want to eat. I would recommend reservations, though, as they fill up quickly at lunch and dinner.

There are several shopping centers and malls close by. It is fun to see the various shopping areas and the different stores they have. There are quite a few Italian designers, some of whom I visited while in Italy last year.

We didn't just shop. We also took a tour of the area with a local guide. We drove past Mar-a-Lago, which was quite close to our hotel. Of course, you can't stay unless you are a member of the private club or with a member of the club, or with a special invitation. The president built the separate Donald J. Trump Grand Ballroom which holds about 700 people. The ballroom is booked almost every evening. There are eight seaside cabanas, with a 100-foot-by-50-foot pool, on the full-service private beach, which is attached to Mara-Lago by a tunnel. The guide told us that she goes to a coffee shop in the mornings, and the secret service people there complain about how challenging it is to keep the president safe.

The tour guide also said that James Patterson also has coffee in the same coffee shop, and when he is there by himself, he is very approachable and talks to other patrons. If he is with his wife, he only talks to her.

We also took a tour of the Flagler Museum. Henry Flagler built this mansion as a gift for his third wife. It had 100,000 square feet and 75 rooms. Flagler was married three times. His second marriage was to the nurse who took care of the sickly first Mrs. Flagler. The second Mrs. Flagler began communicating with other worlds via a Ouija board. She said it was her fate to be married to Russia's last czar,

Nicholas II. Henry decided she was nuts, and had a physician friend agree that his wife was incompetent and had her committed to a

sanitarium. When he was 70 and still married, he met 24-year-old Mary Lily Kenan, a singer and pianist. He wanted to marry Mary, so he talked the Florida legislature into passing a bill that made incurable insanity grounds for divorce. After Henry's divorce was finalized, the Legislature overturned the bill. Henry Flagler left \$2 million in his will for his second wife, Crazy Alice Ida. She outlived him by 17 years, dying at the age of 82, and claiming, till the day she died, that her next husband would be the Russian czar.

Flagler died of injuries sustained in falling down a flight of marble stairs in 1913 at the age of 83. The house was sold to investors, then in 1959 was saved from demolition by one of Flagler's granddaughters, who established a nonprofit trust, and opened it as a museum in 1960.

For your short getaways and all your travel needs, stop in or call A Destination Travel.

Don't forget to attend the following events by A Destination Travel at DragonRidge Country Club, Montrose Room, on Travel Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, all 702-248-1234.

- April 14 The 16th Anniversary Party for A Destination Travel and a Polynesian Night with Paul Gauguin Cruises
- May 12 African Travel
- June 16 Globus Tours



Summer camp starts May 26 • By Buck Wargo

mash and Splash returns as the 2020 motto for summer camp in MacDonald Highlands.

Summer camp kicks off the day after Memorial Day on May 26 at DragonRidge's Tennis & Athletic Center.

The camp, which will run through July 31, is named for its activities, which include tennis in the morning and an afternoon swim after lunch in which kids bring their own food.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., but kids can choose to do the 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. tennis and fitness and athletic development session or continue on for the second half of the camp.

"A lot of the parents like the drop-in tennis because they can come in any day of the week - one day or five days or whatever they want to do," said Camp Director Rick Storozuk.

The camp typically has 20-plus kids a day. It covers ages 5 to 13.

The tennis-only camp costs \$25 daily for members and \$30 for non-members. The drop-in rate is \$45 for a half day. Nonmembers pay \$50 for a half-day drop in rate.

The weekly half-day rate for members is \$155 and \$170 for others.



There is a 10 percent discount for siblings, starting with the fee for the second child.

Registration starts the last week of April.

The tennis program includes a warm up and working on hand, eye and foot coordination with exercises and athletic development. The program is designed for the level of the players. There's a beginner level with a 36-foot court, intermediate level with a 60foot court and intermediate advanced level with a 78-foot court.

The junior tennis program runs Monday through Thursday during the school year with three levels.

The current junior tennis program is Mondays from 4 to 5:30

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There is a 10 percent discount for siblings, starting with the fee for the second child.

Registration starts the last week of April.

The costs for the junior tennis program are \$15 for members for one hour. People should call 702-407-0045 for non-member rates and enrollment.

p.m., Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the homeowners association courts. It has daily drop-ins and monthly sign-ups.

In the summer, that will run Tuesdays starting May 26 for ages 5 to 13 in the evenings when it's cooler. It will start at 6:30 p.m. and run for one hour to 90 minutes. There will be two levels - orange ball and green-dot yellow ball. Parents should call for enrollment. Prices are \$15 for members for one hour and \$20 for 90 minutes for members. People should call for non-member rates.

There's a separate high-performance junior tennis program for kids during the summer mornings. Call for more information for the program that runs from 6 to 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Storozuk said Smash and Splash participants do a combination from either once or twice a week to weekly. That's a great option because some camps require lengthy signups. It gives options for parents when they leave for vacation, he said.

Parents like the camps because they want their kids to be active, learn a sport for their lifetime and have fun. It builds leadership and life skills, Storozuk said.

"It's like a team," Storozuk said. "The counselors get to know everybody and what they like. It's very individualized because it's such a small group. I look forward to seeing everybody for summer camp," Storozuk said. "Let's have some fun."

This summer, the club will return offering swim lessons for kids at the pool for infants to teenagers. That starts in May. Call the club at 702-407-0045 for more details.

For more information on the camp, Storozuk can be reached at 702-205-8670 or at rtstennis@hotmail.com.







## Offered to boys and girls 5 to 15 • Staff Report

The kids' aerobic gymnastics classes for girls and boys ages 5-15 are now open to the community. The classes are held at the DragonRidge Tennis and Athletic Center.

"We build more than just strong bodies, we build strong leaders," said coach Stephanie Furstahl.

Furstahl is a three-time World Champion Athlete from Hungary. As the coach for children's Aerobic Gymnastics she is focused on

training future leaders, not just strong Bodies.

"For me, coaching and teaching is my passion and purpose in life. Working with young athletes to build not only their physical strength, but their mental strength, is my drive and dedication every day. As a team we are not only building champions, we are here to build future leaders for this world. I would love the opportunity to serve you and your family to build a strong legacy."

You can have your child come attend a free class. Registration is open. Email stephaniefurstahl@hotmail.com or call 702-780-9678 for more information. Website is www.usaerobics.com.

Coach Furstahl said she is looking for 10 kids to be part of her movement and leadership program. The program will focus on: discipline, empathy, character building and respect for one another, along with creating sustainable healthy habits. This program is much more than just strength and technique, it's life skills.

The program, which is held in the DragonRidge Tennis and Athletic Center, is open to children from throughout the community, including members and non-members of DragonRidge Country Club. III

### Training sessions are available at DragonRidge Fitness Center:

- Monday 4:30 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 5:30 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday 10:00 11:30 a.m.



Photos provided by Charlotte Evans

# Q: What are some of the obvious changes folks will notice in the Golf Shop at DragonRidge?

**A:** The selection. We're switching to different kinds of brands. Instead of selling just the basic economy brands that used to be popular here, we are now going with the high-end luxury brands as well as lifestyle brands. These are items that players can wear on and off the course. You will see more athletic wear, more hoodies, more lifestyle pieces, not necessarily golf specific clothing. You'll see more contemporary personality pieces. We're not like many (golf shops) stuck in a 1987 time warp anymore.

#### Q: How has golf fashion changed?

A: The golf industry is changing; it's becoming more lifestyle driven. People want a polo shirt and pants that they can wear golfing and then out to dinner. That's kind of what we are after here, the dual-purpose clothing. We are going to be getting the brands that you are not able to find at your big box stores such as Golf Galaxy or PGA Superstore. You're going to start seeing RLX, Ralph Lauren, Foray Golf for Women. We are going to stock more high-end lines, such as Greyson. The price point will not be extravagant, but the quality will be undeniably better.

# Q: If I am not a golfer, but I have friends and family who golf, what should I be looking for in terms of Father's Day, Mother's Day and birthday gifts?

A: The timing for your question couldn't be better. We will be sending a 25 percent off coupon this week to ALL MEMBERS that can be used in the Golf Shop. As I mentioned before, some key brands are very popular. I would check out the RLX brand cashmere hoodies (and) cashmere sweaters. The fall line will have much more of the lifestyle (not golf-specific) brands. Before December we will bring in a lot of non-golf items for purchase.

## Q: Has the volume of business changed in the store since you took it over?

**A:** Yes. The volume of shop sales has increased dramatically, and the range of items has increased dramatically. We have more options for sale, and they are conversation pieces. Instead of two



If you've visited the DragonRidge Golf Shop recently you've noticed it's overflowing with eye-catching, contemporary merchandise. DragonRidge Country Club Assistant Golf Professional Dave Heavner has been dividing his time between lessons on the DragonRidge golf course and meetings with vendors, including a trip to golf's equivalent of fashion week – the PGA Merchandise show in Orlando. Heavner, a former Marine who served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, has been stocking the Golf Shop with state-of-the-art merchandise that is fun, fashionable and functional. He sat down with DragonRidge Director of Communications Charlotte Evans to discuss the method to the golf shop's new and improved madness.

brands of an item we now carry six brands. In the fall it will be an even larger number

#### Q: What inspires you as the purchaser?

A: I dress more modernly, and differently, than some of the other golf professionals around here. We have terrific options, now. The golf industry is changing and even on the PGA tour the guys are wearing items that used to be a faux paus for golfers to wear. We no longer wear just pleated khaki pants and white shirts anymore. We wear five-pocket pants and sneaker golf shoes. Our pieces are fashion. Also, it's not cotton anymore. There are great, fun fabrics like cashmere. Our game is really getting up in the golf industry.

#### Q: I'd be remiss if I didn't ask about all the cool hats.

A: The hats have been selling fast! We've got flat bills, the "dad hats" as they are called nowadays. The hats are fashion pieces, they aren't just for utility. You wear a hat, now, because you want the hat to say something. It's cool to wear a fun hat. They say things that are funny. We have some surprises coming. Let's say... orders that are member specific. I don't want to give it away. Recently, some of our fastest sellers were the "No 1 Cares What U Shot" hats. Those sold out quickly.

#### Q: Can you share some intel on the Golf Shop?

**A:** Every month you'll pretty much get a new brand. So you may walk in every month and every month you'll see a totally different golf shop. Every month you'll want to check out what's cool that has just dropped in the golf shop. All of the golf pros here are really good at assisting customers.

#### Q: What's your vision for the Golf Shop's future?

A: The future vision for the golf shop is that it will no longer be just a golf shop. It will be a community shop. That's why the lifestyle pieces are coming in. If you are a member at DragonRidge Country Club you will receive a 10 percent discount on all of the great apparel that we have to offer throughout the year. Please stop by and see what we have in stock and if we don't have it in stock we can special order some of the items for you.



Las Vegas Realtor Nancy Storey is one of the first residents of MacDonald Highlands.

Photos by Tonya Harvey



# SPOTLIGHT Realtor Nancy Storey

One of MacDonald Highland's first residents

• By Valerie Putnam

 ${f A}$  dorned with striking purple highlights in her hair, Nancy Storey is as spirited as her hair color.

"Purple is my favorite color," Storey said about her highlights. "I keep saying I'm going to get rid of it, but I bet I get a compliment a minimum of three times a day."

Over the course of her life, Storey has lived overseas, traveled extensively, participated in traditional fox hunting, tandem skydiving, trained for and ran several marathons and flew on an American spy plane into a communist country.

"I love being adventurous," Storey said. "At least I was when I was young."

Today, her favorite adventure is Shadow, her 8-year-old golden retriever.

"I've had him since he was 16 months old," Storey said. "He is the total love of my life."

A longtime resident, Storey is an unwritten chapter in MacDonald Highlands' history. She may, in fact, be the area's first resident.

This dubious honor, though, is in playful contention with the community's developer, Rich MacDonald.

"We joke about who got here first," Storey said about the debate. "I think Rich did beat me by a couple of months. We'll give him the credit. He won." Her first memory of MacDonald and his wife, Claire, was on one of several houseboat trips she made on Lake Mead with a group of professional businesswomen called the Houseboat Hussies.

"We even had hats made," Storey said about the group's name. "Claire was one of the captains and Rich came out before we launched and barbecued."

Storey was at the right place at the right time when she discovered MacDonald Highlands on what she calls a "fluke."

"There was nothing but a trailer and I walked in and inquired about it," Storey, who is a real estate agent, said about the Toll Brothers Stonehaven community. "They teach you in real estate school to purchase the least expensive house in an expensive neighborhood. So, I bought one."

Storey purchased the home in 2001 sight unseen. She entered the contract purely on trust as the model homes hadn't been built yet.

"I was taking a chance," Storey said. "But I knew it was going to be a good community."

Her home was a single-story, almost 3,000 square feet with two bedrooms and a three-car garage. The base price was \$379,000.

She got to know the Toll Brothers' developer so well they asked her to sell the models after the community sold out.

After living in Stonehaven for four years, she sold her home for more than \$800,000 and purchased her second, and current home in the community.



At left, 8-year-old golden retriever, Shadow, with roomate Lolli. Photo provided by Nancy Storey

Storey has seen the development transform from an empty, dirt-filled site to a high-end luxury community.

"There was nothing here for three or four years, only the construction workers building the infrastructure," Storey said. "There was a gate. The golf course opened in 2000 and the clubhouse shortly after.

"There always has been a real sense of community," She continued. "It's a place I can live forever."

The adventures in Storey's life began long before moving into MacDonald Highlands.

Born in Pennsylvania, she grew up on the East Coast as an only child. Her family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, when she was in the second grade.

As a young child, she had to overcome a health challenge. Rather than distracting her, it drove her to live life and do the things she desired. She attributes this determination to her father's encouragement.

"My father was the most influential person in my life," Storey said. "He always made me believe there was nothing in life that I couldn't do."

At 16, she was determined to learn how to ride a horse and fox hunt, which was against her mother's wishes.

"I remember riding in the car and seeing these horses jumping and saying, 'I want to do that,' "Storey said. "My mom turned around and said, 'that would be too hard for you.'"

In spite of her mother's admonition, one year later Storey was jumping horses and chasing foxes.

Storey went on to attend the University of South Carolina where she earned an undergraduate degree in education and a graduate degree in counseling.

During her college summers, she worked with disadvantaged high school children as part of an Upward Bound program.

As she approached the completion of her graduate degree, encouraged by some of her friends, Storey applied to work for the Department of Defense in the Philippian Islands. She got the job, without an interview.

"I'm 22 years old, my parents are crying and I'm getting on this military plane by myself," Storey said. "I'm thinking, 'I'm free."

The job was stationed at the Clark Air Force Base on Luzon Island in the Philippines. There she taught remedial and gifted children, as well as reading to advanced kindergarten children. Her typical class had only five or six students.

"It was a nine-month contract," Storey said about the position she held for eight years. "They sent me home every summer. I don't think I would have stayed there so long if they hadn't sent me home every summer."

This season in her life was marked with adventure.

"Back then as a young female, you could get away with anything," Storey said. "They would just take us places. It was crazy."

She recalled a time when she and her friends hitched a ride aboard an American plane to purchase gold at Vientiane, Laos.

"We purchased gold bracelets and necklaces that were 24k gold," Storey said. "I purchased a bracelet for \$165, which I sold last year for \$2,800. "I was asked not to take photos from the plane," She said. "That's when I found out it was an Air America spy plane." She also traveled aboard a smuggler ship to visit a neighboring island.

"I was told it was on its way to Borneo," Storey said about the ship. "I had interesting travels."

"We would go to Bali or Bangkok for long weekends," She continued. "We had so much fun."

While stationed overseas, Storey met her now ex-husband, Francis Storey, who was in the Air Force.

The couple moved to Las Vegas while he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. Storey immediately got a job with the Clark County School District teaching gifted and talented students.

"I walked in off the street and got an interview," Storey recalled. "I got offered four jobs."

She worked for the School District for two years at two different schools, Robert E Lee and Ruby Thomas.

While working at the School District, Storey received her real estate license in March 1980. She transitioned from teaching to selling real estate after the school year ended.

"I had to make a decision," Storey said. "I knew I couldn't do both."

One of her first experiences as a listing agent involved taking a substantial risk. She discovered 28 lots on Sunrise mountain. She commissioned a builder to build custom homes and Storey sold the properties.

"Somehow we tied up all the lots," Storey said. "We found buyers for all of them."

Storey and her husband divorced in the late 1980s after eight years of marriage.

Even though Storey transitioned into real estate, she continued to help children. She started volunteering at the Department of Family Services Child Haven facility.

There she fell in love with a family of five children, who came into the foster system. The children inspired her to begin volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for the Clark County CASA program.

"I always ask for what I want so I went to the supervisor and asked for their case," Storey said. "They gave me the case."

She continued to volunteer for the next 15 years and even served on the CASA board. To this day, she remains in contact with the original five children she worked with as a volunteer.

"They are now in their 30s," Storey said. "The youngest ones I have less contact with because they are with a wonderful family. I have more contact with the three oldest."

Besides children, Storey has a passion for helping animals.

She works with Goldens Without Borders. The organization transports international abandoned animals into the United States and places them in loving homes.

"We had an event in MacDonald Highlands at the park a couple of months ago," Storey said. "We're hoping to do another one but we're having trouble receiving the dogs because of the (corona) virus."

All through her life, Storey retained her spirited, adventurous nature. On a personal dare, she tandem skydived; and at age 50 she started running. Joining the track club, she began training to run half- and full marathons.

"I wanted to see if I could run," Storey said. "I've made a lot of good friends."

Storey's memory of the first half-marathon, San Diego's finest included Oprah Winfrey passing her during the race. "I remember Oprah beating me," Storey said.

She belonged to the track club for over 10 years. In that time Storey competed in 17 half-marathons and one full marathon in St. George, Utah.

Today, she enjoys working out at the MacDonald Highlands fitness club and walking.

"I tell everyone I trudge," Storey said about walking. "I don't run anymore."

As an experienced Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices with over 40 years' experience, Storey works with a diverse mix of clientele. She leads a team of eight Realtors. Currently, she is rebranding her team around the sports industry as the Storey Sports Team and developed a website showcasing a montage of photos taken with the local sports teams.

"It is my goal to support the local professional and collegiate teams," Storey said. "This is my new passion and challenge in life."

Storey said she supports the Raiders Foundation, Las Vegas Golden Knights Foundation and the UNLV Foundation.

"I am at the point in my life where I don't have to worry about anything," Storey said. "And I can truly be of service to people."



Nancy Storey at home with Shadow.

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#### **APRIL**

- April 2-5, Junior Tennis Challenger
- April 3 CCSD Spring Break Begins
- April 11- Easter Egg Hunt (Open to the entire HOA)
- April 12 Easter Brunch in the Grand Highlands Ballroom
- April 21 Founders' Celebration ~ 20th Anniversary of DragonRidge Country Club (Open to entire HOA)
- April 23-25, -Men's Member Guest Tournament
- April 30- May 2, Ladies' Member Guest Tournament

#### MAY

- May 8 Cinco De Mayo-Themed Happy Hour
- May 10 Mother's Day Brunch in the Grand Highlands Ballroom
- May 13 Sunset Yappy Hour (Open to the entire HOA)
- May 16 Knights Challenge
- May 17 Couples' 18 & Dine
- May 20 CCSD School Year Ends
- May 25 Memorial Day Pool Party
- May 26 Summer Tennis Camp Begins

#### JUNE

- June 5-7 Captain's Cup Tournament
- June 11-14 USTA (L6) Junior Tennis Challenger
- June 20 DragonRidge LUAU at the Pool
- June 21 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast in the Dragon Grille
- June 25 Tennis Calcutta Bidding Party



Happy 20th birthday to MacDonald Highlands

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#### JULY

- July 1 Sunset Yappy Hour (Open to the entire HOA)
- July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular (Open to the entire HOA)
- July 12 Tennis Wimbledon Round Robin

#### **AUGUST**

- Aug. 8 Family Fun Day in the Grand Highlands Ballroom
- Aug. 10 CCSD School Year Begins
- Aug. 20 DragonRidge Club Night
- Aug. 22 Summer Roast
- Aug. 31-Sept. 17 Golf Course Closed for Overseed

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Sept. 7 Labor Day Pool Party
- Sept. 18 Golf Course Reopens After Overseed
- Sept. 23 Sunset Yappy Hour (Open to entire HOA)





#### **OCTOBER**

- Oct. 5-11, Henderson Tennis Open 2020
- Oct. 10 Knights Challenge Semifinals
- Oct. 15-17 Fall Invitational Men's Member – Guest Tournament
- Oct. 18 Couples' 18 & Dine
- Oct. 22 -26, Junior Fall Tennis Classic (L6)
- Oct. 24 Kids Halloween Party at Fitness Center (Open to entire HOA)
- · Oct. 30- Halloween Happy Hour

#### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 7-8, DragonRidge Club Championship
- Nov. 14 Knights Challenge Finals
- Nov. 15 Couples 18 & Dine
- Nov. 26 TURKEY TROT 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK (open to entire HOA)
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Feast in the Grand Highlands Ballroom

#### **DECEMBER**

- Dec. 5- Santa Shootout
- Dec. 6 Breakfast With Santa in the Grand Highlands Ballroom
- Dec. 13 Couples' 18 & Dine
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party in the Grand Highlands Ballroom











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Tennis & Athletic Center

Monday - Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Monday - Sunday: 6:00 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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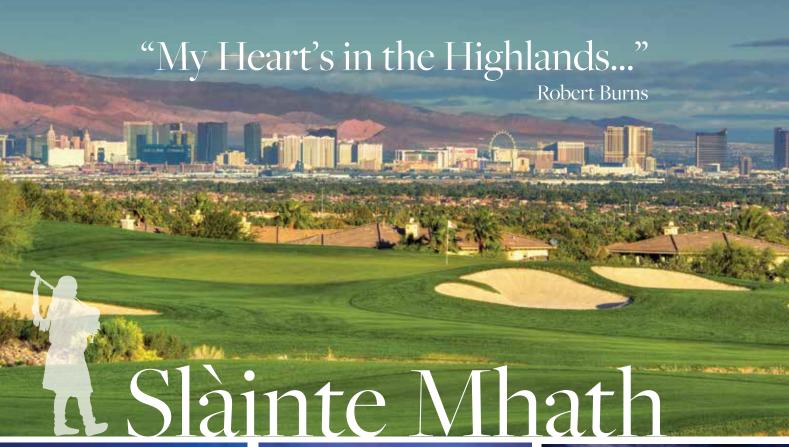


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