



# CANADIAN CLUB OF THE DESERT NEWSLETTER

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## January Breakfast Meeting

Our January guest speaker will be Morgan Levine of Desert Adventures who will entertain you and inform you of the wonders of the Desert.



Morgan Levine

Selected as the best front line staff in the entire desert by the Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Authority, Morgan has lived in the desert for 25 years and presently lives in Indio. When she is not guiding jeep tours, Morgan works with numerous environmental groups to protect the areas cultural and

natural resources, winning many national awards.

Morgan will amaze you with her knowledge of the desert that includes history, geology, culture, ethno-botany, animal life and much more.

## President's Message

I'm pleased to have been asked to serve as the president of the Canadian Club of the Desert by my Board colleagues; with a strong and committed Board the task is both fun and rewarding.

Here we are in another winter season, the twenty-seventh year for our Club in the Coachella Valley. Many of our friends are again migrating south to escape winter's chilly blast and renew the friendships that our winter sojourns have created.

Looking ahead at the next six months the Board has put together an active agenda of breakfast meetings and social events that I encourage you to participate in and enjoy.

The breakfast meetings provide a forum to discuss subjects of

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, January 16, 2009  
BREAKFAST MEETING  
Speaker: Morgan Levine  
Coachella Valley History**

**Friday, February 13, 2009  
BREAKFAST MEETING  
Speaker: Larry Wild  
Humorist**

**Monday, February 16, 2009  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Palm Valley Country Club  
12:30 Tee-Off - Register Early**

**Sunday, March 1, 2009  
12.30 pm  
Polo Tailgate Party  
Eldorado Polo Club, Indio**

**Friday, March 13, 2009  
BREAKFAST MEETING  
Speaker: TBA**

**Breakfast Meetings are held  
at 7:45 am, at Desert Falls  
Country Club, off Country Club  
near corner of Cook St., Palm  
Desert.**

## RESERVATIONS:

346-0510, 779-8587 or 776-0982,  
Members \$15 US,  
Non-Members \$20 US  
Tickets will be held at the door.

local interest and national awareness for Canadians temporarily residing far from home.

The social events, including the Golf Tournament, the Polo Club tailgate party and the Wind-up Dinner provide an opportunity to meet new and past friends in a social environment. Trips to local spots of interest can also be organized if there is interest within the membership; just let us know what you might like to have the Board organize.



Doug Baldwin - President

I strongly support the original founding principles of our Club;

- To promote our National Identity;
- To provide a forum to discuss issues of interest and concern;
- To increase awareness and understanding of Canada by our American friends and neighbours.
- To learn more about the United States of America, Canada's largest trading partner and where we enjoy outstanding hospitality.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Our activities provide us with an opportunity for social

interaction and to act as ambassadors for Canada.

### Thank You David

A note of special thanks to David Stowe, who has served as President of The Canadian Club of the Desert for the past two years.



David Stowe – Past President

David brought strong leadership to the Board and the Club, personally committing the time and the energy to ensure that all of us who participated in the Club's activities enjoyed that participation and looked forward to the next outing. I'm pleased that David will continue to serve on the Board.

Doug Baldwin

### Robert Burns Supper

Twenty members of the RCMP pipe band will perform at the Robert Burns Supper on January 24, 2009 hosted by The Scottish Society of the Desert.

The Society extends an invitation to Members of the Canadian Club to attend. Members should contact Ina Gibbons at 200-9190 or [inagibbons@yahoo.com](mailto:inagibbons@yahoo.com) for reservations and further information.

### New Board Member



Harry Schaefer

The Board has gained a new member with Harry Schaefer from Calgary, where he was born, graduated from UofA, was married and gained three children and seven grandchildren.

Harry is a Fellow of the Alberta Institute of Chartered Accountants. He has been Chair, Vice-Chair or Director of many private and public corporations in the energy, corporate management, investment, education and healthcare fields.

For many years the Schaefer's ventured each winter to Maui - but that changed early in 2006 when they first came to the

Desert. Later that year they acquired their first home and in the following year moved to their present residence in Palm Desert.

Joanne and Harry are tennis players; Harry claims not to play golf well, while Joanne is a good bridge player.

### **Polo Tailgate Party**

In March 2008 a number of the Canadian Club Board Members were given permission to hold a tailgate party to watch the finals of the 2007-2008 Indio Polo season. This was enjoyed by all those attending and proved to be a great success. We have been given permission to have a group at the 2009 finals on Sunday March 1st.

Two matches are scheduled on Sunday. A preliminary match will be at 12.30pm and the season championship final at 1.30pm. This should be an excellent match.

A surprise to some, Indio is the largest polo centre in the U.S. and the Eldorado Polo Club is the leading club here with seven or eight polo fields.

Polo, known as the sport of kings, is a fast, thrilling, dangerous and very expensive sport. The playing field is nine times the size of a football field. The game is simple in concept, but you can Google websites that explain the game and rules in detail. There will be a play by play commentator who explains the game as it unfolds.

We will be tailgating on a ten foot high raised berm along one side of the field that offers an excellent view. The Canadian Club will stake out an area there for lunch and refreshments and to watch the game.

Lunch will be served at 12.30 that includes sandwiches, wraps, devilled eggs, chips, fruit, veggies, and cookies. Refreshments (beer, wine, water, sodas and iced tea) are

also part of the all-inclusive price of \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

We are limited to 75 people this year, so tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis at the January 16 Breakfast Meeting.

Chairs are not provided.

NB: Bring your own folding chair and umbrella as you will be sitting in the full sun.



Snapshot from the 2008 polo party

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