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Bob Goalby

Please quickly mark your calendars for a great experience on Friday, March 12, 2010 – we have one of the greats in golfing history speaking to us - for those of us that remember the late 50's through to the early 70's the name of Bob Goalby will quickly come to mind.

Here is an individual that had 14 PGA Tour wins and placed in the top ten, seven times during that same period – and, of course, the 1968 win of 'The Masters' was a great achievement.

Exclusive of the PGA Tour he had 32 professional wins and represented the USA twice in Ryder Cup play.

He was one of the originators of what was then called 'The Senior PGA Tour' and is now called the 'The Champions Tour'. In 2008 he was the winner of the 'Bruno Award' – it is presented annually to an individual that has made 'special and outstanding contributions to the Champions Tour'. He was a winner three times on that tour.

In addition to being a golf course designer he served as an NBC Television announcer for 13 years.

Golf must be a family tradition – Jay Haas is his nephew and Bill Haas is a great nephew – of course Bill is the 2010 winner of the Bob Hope Classic played right here in the Coachella Valley.

This is a 'must attend breakfast' – we look forward to seeing you on that day.

Getty Museum Bus Tour Rescheduled

Unfortunately the January 31 trip to the Getty Centre was cancelled because the 25 Canadian Club members who did submit their names, didn't meet the minimum of 40 participants.

There is another tour opportunity on March 7th. Palm Springs Tours already has the telephone numbers of those who signed up previously, and will contact them to verify if the new date is acceptable. Those who had not signed up before and wish to go on March 7th should phone the tour company.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Rescheduled

GETTY MUSEUM BUS TOUR

Palm Springs Tours \$43

(760) 329-2204 or (760) 251-3204

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Polo Tailgate Party

Eldorado Polo Club

Friday, March 12, 2010

BREAKFAST MEETING,

Speaker:

Bob Goalby, Outstanding golfer

Monday, March 22, 2010

WIND-UP DINNER

Desert Willow Golf Club

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Breakfast Meetings are held at

7:45 am, at Desert Falls Country Club, Country Club near Cook St., Palm Desert.

Members \$15 US

Non-Members \$20 US

February Breakfast Meeting



Fringe-Toed Lizard

You will be surprised to hear that the Coachella Valley is not technically a 'valley' - It is really a 'rift'!

All of this was very carefully explained to an audience in excess of 130 persons by Jim Cornett, a person who describes himself as a 'Professional Naturalist' – a person that has had forty years of living in the area.

His photograph show of the natural features of the area was superb – his description of the desert areas, the numerous floral species, the ever present cacti, palm trees and forests, the presence of enumerable wind farms and winds that sometimes exceed 100 mile per hour, big horn sheep, road runners, lizards, egrets and many other birds, lakes, streams, and waterfalls - and of course many. many hiking trails.

Now, why should the Valley be called a Rift - the area was created not by the action of rivers over millions of years, but by- the downward motion along cracks in the earth's crust; the bottom of the rift

valley would presently be called the Salton Sea. Of course the San Andreas Fault stretches through the Valley.

Jim Cornett provided those attending with his list of the top 10 'tours' for residents and visitors – in no order of priority they are:

1. Palm Canyon
2. Palm Springs Tram
3. Tahquitz Canyon
4. Palm to Pines Hwy
5. Coachella Valley Preserve
6. Salton Sea
7. Painted Canyon
8. Joshua Tree Park
9. Berdoo Canyon
10. Big Morongo Canyon Preserve

Truly, a remarkable morning for all of those attending.

The Desert Sun

We all know that everyone in the Coachella Valley reads The Desert Sun. Staff writer Denise Goolsby has really helped us in her January 29 column by providing her readers with our Breakfast Meeting schedule and speakers, and a bit of our background.

As she reported: "The club - founded in 1982 - has 'well over 200 members,' said club president Doug Baldwin. The group had about 120 members present at its meeting earlier this month." Many thanks Denise.

Denise also writes the popular and exciting The Desert Sun feature "Honoring Our World War II Heroes". She profiles desert veterans and publishes their memories of World War II every day, Wednesday through Sunday,

through the end of this year - the 65th anniversary of the end of the war World War II .

We have been asked to help find any Canadian World War II veterans living in the Coachella Valley and that he or she should contact Denise at 1-760-778-4587 to relive a part of history and have it recorded in The Desert Sun.

There are a lot of snow-birds here that remember the 1940's.

Polo Tailgate Party



It is not too late to register for the Sunday, February 28 (**Not on March 1st**) Polo Tailgate Party - that is the day that is called the 'Eldorado February Final Set' - something that you do not want to miss. Not only the game – but the tailgate party – great refreshments while you sit under your sun shade in your own portable (folding) chair on the berm - only a few feet from the edge of the Polo Field.

Tickets are available by phoning Dave Anderson at (760) 674-4973 and sending a check payable to the Canadian Club. Tickets will

not be sold at the door. Members \$15, Non-Members \$20.

There are two matches scheduled on Sunday. A preliminary match will be at 12:30 pm and the season championship final at 1:30.

An Announcer will explain the game as it is played. Carefully watch the numbers on each rider, the No. 1 player takes the most offensive position on the field; the No.2 player covers the No.3 player of the other team and the No.3 player is the tactical leader (normally having the highest handicap) and the No. 4 player is a very strong defensive player.

The bar opens at 12:30 and lunch at 12:45. Lunch includes beer, wine, soda pop, iced tea, water and sandwiches, wraps, fruit, veggies, chips, eggs, etc.

You will be in the sun for several hours so you need to bring a folding chair, and an umbrella and sunscreen if you so choose. Find more about the club at <http://www.eldoradopolos.com>

Directions to Eldorado Polo Club

Hwy 111 to Washington

South on Washington to 50th Ave.

East (left) on 50th to Madison

South (right) on Madison to 51st

East (left) on 51st for ¼ mile to Eldorado Polo Club

North (left) into the driveway. You can park on the driveway or park inside the fence on the right hand side of the driveway

The playing field is on the right hand side of the driveway - look for the Canadian flag and two Mercedes SUVs.

The Club House and grandstand are for Polo Club members only.

Wind-up Dinner Monday, March 22, 2010



Last year's exceptional 'Wind-Up Dinner', was organized by Jay Sanderson (327-2673). Picture a beautiful spring evening looking out over Palm Desert's Desert Willow golf course. We just had to go back again.

Social hour with a complementary glass of wine starts at 5:30, and dinner with wine is served at 6:30.

Mail your cheque to our P.O. Box, or pay for it at our March 12 Breakfast Meeting, and mark it in your calendar. Members - \$50, non-members \$60. It will be an evening that you will not forget!

Golf Tournament

Oh, what a beautiful day!

The annual golf tournament was held at the Palm Desert Country Club on Monday, February 15 - a magnificent day - especially considering that the previous year was rained out for the golf - even though the dinner was held. A total of eleven groups played in the Scramble.

At the dinner function, David Anderson, the chairman of the event announced that the winners were Ken Hallat, Barb Hallat, Trudy McDaniel and Jim Mercier.

The runner up team was determined through retrogression comprised Jim Elliot, Pat McAlister, Rod McDaniel and Ed Moul - making the third place team David Leishman, Robert Hunter, Penny Moul and Robert Friesen

Canadian Club Of The Desert Charitable Donation

As many of you know, The Well In The Desert is a local charitable organization serving the needy. It was founded in 1996 by retired Canadian Paediatrician, Wayne McKinny, M.D.

On behalf of our members, the Club has made a one-time donation of \$500 to the Well. This was possible because our reserve fund had accumulated a positive cash position beyond our foreseeable needs, thanks to high levels of participation in club activities.

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