

May 2024

YUMA EAST COUNTRY CLUB

"Offering our members recreation, entertainment, physical and mental benefits in a welcoming and safe environment."

Membership desk hours: Mon. Tue. Thur. Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Important News & Announcements for You

New Office Hours

The office in the clubhouse will be staffed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. These hours are posted on the door and also on our website.



Bingo. **OLE!**

Cinco de Mayo

May 5th - 2:00 p.m.

The first Sunday of the month is reserved for our Ice Cream Social, but this month, we're adding to it and expanding it into a full-fledged fiesta. In addition to the usual ice cream (\$3.00 a bowl), we're encouraging people to bring a snack or appetizer to share while we celebrate this south-of-the-border holiday. The donation bar will be open, so you can have a cold brew (or other libation) and enjoy a sampling of snacks before you settle down to **Card**

Regatta and Lawn Farewell Party

The 2024 Annual Regatta was a blast! The new location worked wonderfully for the races, and the motorboats were so much fun to watch. This year's winner of the regatta was Dodd Lowe. That was pretty amazing because he also was our much-in-demand bartender for the event. Thank you to the whole team led by Chris Tuckerman (games) and DeeAnn Mooney (head chef). You all made it a great day!



Mother's Day Remembrance Potluck

May 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Join us to remember all of those women who have been so important in our lives. Our mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, and also special friends who mothered us and helped us grow. Bring a dish, and if you can, bring a picture of your special loved one. We'll use them on the tables as decorations and also as a way to share the stories of our lives.

Artist in Residence

May's *YECC Artist in Residence* is Doug Weatherston. Doug has been practicing the art of calligraphy for forty years and has sold his work at art shows, online, and privately for many of those years. His designs have also been reproduced and marketed in Christian Bookstores nationally. He says:

"I'm so happy that I was asked to present my work during Mother's Day week, since it was my mother who taught me calligraphy. She had taken classes at the local library, and one day when I was back home visiting, she asked if I would like to learn the basics. We sat at the dining room table, and she gave me my first lesson. Now I look forward to sharing this ancient artform with my YECC friends."

Samples of Doug's work will be on display in the clubhouse throughout the month of May, and he will give an introductory lesson to all those who attend this month's...

Craft & Chat

On **Wednesday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m.**, Doug will teach fellow artists and crafters the basics of "beautiful writing" (calligraphy). For a \$5.00 fee, Doug will provide paper, pen, line sheets, instructional materials, and a one-hour lesson. Come give it a try--it's easier than you think!

May Work Day

Saturday, May 25th at 8:00 a.m.

Weed Whackers Wanted! On the last workday, the volunteers sprayed weed killer around half of the perimeter of the YECC property. They also trimmed palms, removed trees that damage the walls, and pulled weeds. We still have a lot of spraying to do before we can schedule a burn day. So, join the team on May 25th. We'll have coffee and donuts to get us going.



Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.

Join us for this annual recognition of those of our service members who died in serving our country. At 9:00 we will have a ceremony out by the new flag plaza, and following the ceremony you will be invited inside for coffee and pastries. Be sure to join us in honoring our veterans.

New YECC Flag Plaza



We are closing in on enough funds to finish the next step on the new flagpole and veteran's plaza. Our goal is to have the area weed free, the lawn cut out, and pavers and gravel laid for our Memorial Day Celebration. Donations are still needed as we push forward on the final stage of the project: a very special sign that would curve around the back edge of the pavers and demonstrate our pride in our veterans. If you have not seen the plan for the project, be sure to stop by the clubhouse lobby and check it out. Thank you to all who have already contributed to this important project.

Flag Etiquette - Half Staff, Half Mast

Scheduled days when the American flag is at half-mast:

- Peace Officers Memorial Day - 15 May (sunrise to sunset)
- Memorial Day - the last Monday in May (sunrise until **noon**)
- Patriot Day - 11 September (sunrise until sunset)
- Korean War Veterans Armistice Day - 27 July (sunrise to sunset)
- National Firefighters Memorial Day - 5 May (sunrise to sunset)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 7 December (sunrise to sunset)

If your flag is at the peak of the pole, lower it all the way, then rapidly raise it to full-staff, then lower it slowly to the middle of the pole. If you are starting out to raise the flag from the bottom, raise it rapidly to full-staff and then lower it slowly to the middle of the pole.

At sunset, raise the flag back up to the peak. Memorial Day honors the war dead in the morning, but then at noon, it is raised by the living to show that the nation lives, for the flag is a symbol of a living nation.

Flags flown on land are "half-staff." Flags flown on ships are "half-mast."

Summer Wall Project

Beginning on May 1st, the resurfacing and painting of the large wall around the pool area will begin. The professional estimates for this job were way out of our budget, but the board decided we couldn't wait another summer to begin vital restoration, so we ask members who are able to work for about an hour starting at 6:00 each morning. We will erect a shade tent to help everyone stay cool. The first step is to scrape the damaged material, then we'll clean up the mess and patch the wall with QuickCrete. We have used this material on other restorations, and it does really well. After the repair dries, we will paint.

If you would like to volunteer for this project, meet us at the wall near the east side parking lot and bring a scraper. Be sure to wear old clothes and have a mask--the dust is unbelievable. Our goal is to complete this step in our outdoor beautification by fall.

Congratulations



Recently, **Pete Thompson** was given a beautiful black granite plaque by his wonderful wife Nancy for the Yuma Armed Forces Park, located at 291 Gila Steet. This very special place was built on the site of the old railroad depot. More than 2,000 plaques are on its walls, and the concrete amphitheater seats a couple of hundred people. This is a must see for our Yuma Veterans and all of us who appreciate their service.

Dodd and DeeAnn welcome their first grandchild! New babies are always an exciting family event, but the first grandchild is the ultimate thrill. On Friday, April 19th, Oakley Ray Ybarra made her grand entrance. DeeAnn Mooney and Dodd Lowe were thrilled to be there to welcome her. Be sure to congratulate the proud grandparents when next you see them.



Thank you to the **volunteers** who came out to kill weeds and trim trees at the club. We filled the dumpster to the brim with palm fronds and bags of weeds. The project's not complete, but we made a good start.

Thank you to **Janet Slocum** for her watercolor presentation at the April Craft & Chat. She encouraged us to let our inner six-year-old out and have fun playing with all the pretty colors.