

KINO BAY KNEWS

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From Your President...

This year, as we approach the fall season at Club Deportivo, we have very different challenges than ever before, because of COVID. Since I am not in Kino, I asked for help from others who are — Betty and Rebecca, 2nd VP Craig Gresham, and members — to consider our options. I have also been in communication with the entire Board of Directors so that we can work together.

So, here are some things to guide our thinking:

1. **OFFICIAL PICTURE:** Sonora is at Code Orange and still has the highest mortality rate in Mexico. People are required to wear masks, and public activities are restricted — stores, restaurants, businesses operate under restrictions, which are now beginning to ease. (See Manager Betty Martinez's article in this newsletter.) The Governor has made it clear that, even as things improve and re-opening is permitted, she will again impose strict lockdown if cases again begin to surge.
2. **COVID SITUATION IN KINO:** The virus is in Kino. There are active cases, and there have been some deaths. Local people are being as cautious as possible. They express concern about the influx of tourists, who create crowds and often seem to flaunt rules. Health services are at a minimum; hospitals in Hermosillo are stressed.
3. **CLUB STAFF POSITION:** Our staff is anxious to open what they can, when they can. They understand the importance of the Club to the members. They also recognize the risks and know they will need to enforce procedures and rules — wearing masks, maintaining distances, sanitizing equipment, limiting participants — to protect everyone. These are not just good ideas and choices; they are mandated by law. The staff stands ready to work with the board to find ways to do things safely, but they also will bear the burden of having to enforce the rules if there is any resistance.

This is likely to be the most difficult year in the Club's history. We were already facing a declining membership and economic challenges, then came the COVID virus.

I believe it is important to be transparent with our membership. We don't want to be alarmists, but we also don't want to mislead you with the idea that everything in Kino will be just like in the past. And none of us wants to be responsible for creating a health crisis in our Club or our community. With that in mind, and the uncertainty of the Covid impact over the next few months, I have asked that we first focus on some limited Club Outside Activities. Even then, we will need to put in place known safety precautions to best protect members and staff.

If this phase one works out, we can then consider how we might initiate some winter inside activities, depending again on the Covid impact at that time.

I encourage each of you to think seriously as you make your own decisions about returning this fall. It will be different; but with common sense, courtesy, and concern for ourselves and others, it can be possible to enjoy friends and activities. We'll just need to be more creative and flexible.

Watch for regular updates from Betty via the Club Communications list, and feel free to contact the staff with any questions you might have. Stay safe!

—James Burbidge, President

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*In Memory of Kino friends
lost to the virus...*



A word from the Office...

Many of us ask ourselves: **when will we return to our normal lives?** Every single one of us is anxious to go back to our social lives and spend time with our friends and loved ones. We at the Club are anxious to see all your smiling faces walk back through those doors. However, when we are legally allowed to resume activities at the Club, many things will have to be done differently. Although we will still be able to come together, there will be, just as you have heard time and time again, a **new normal**.

Meanwhile, during the quarantine months, the staff of Club Deportivo has been working at the Club, not only on our summer projects that range from painting to repairing cracked walls and decorating, but we have also been studying and training to be able to re-open for the 2020-2021 season. Under Mexican law, every business must meet certain criteria and comply with numerous sanitary laws. **Every member of our staff underwent a series of online, government provided training courses to deal with and prevent the spread of the virus and to operate safely.** Because we work with the most vulnerable, our training was very specific and more intense. We want to have you back, but we want to protect you.

For months we have been monitoring the situation in the state of Sonora, the Municipality of Hermosillo and our town. We have followed all government dictated protocols, including the closure and re-opening plans dictated by the Governor of Sonora. Since we are a recreation center and we also fit into the restaurant category, we will be able to conduct some activities more freely than others. In addition, we are legally required to enforce the government dictated sanitary rules which will include mandatory use of facemasks, taking temperature upon entrance, limiting the number of people we have in the building at the same time and the use of sanitizing mats and gel. While we respect the beliefs and opinions of all our members, **the use of these sanitary measures is a legal requirement by which we must abide in order to remain open.**

The Governor of Sonora, Claudia Pavlovich, has stated on several occasions that, if there is an outbreak or rise in the number of confirmed cases, she will order a partial or complete closure and mandatory contingency plan, as best as she sees fit. As a Mexican business and association, we must abide by government rules at all times.



We will continue to closely follow the directions of government agencies and health authorities to ensure that our policies and practices keep our equipment safe and healthy, and actively adjusting our policies accordingly. We will make sure to notify you of any significant changes.

We are eager to begin our new season, and we wish it to be as successful as it can be in spite of the necessary rules we must follow in order to guarantee the correct functioning of our services. Therefore, we will need your cooperation in implementing healthy practices to help minimize transmission.

Please remember that **our first priority is your health and safety and that of our staff.**

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IMPORTANT UPDATE

Since Club Deportivo is legally registered as a recreation center, we are placed in the same category as movie theaters, gymnasiums, and nightclubs. Our category will not be allowed to re-open until we are on yellow or green alert. However, we can partially open our outdoor courts, with the following restrictions:

- The PickleBall net will be available Monday-Saturday from 8:00 am -12:00 noon. You must bring your own equipment (ie: raquets, golf clubs) and take them with you when you leave.
- Bring your own water bottle (no refills will be available).
- Use the restroom behind the kitchen.
- You may check your mail before you play but not after.
- Maximum of 8 people may be on courts at the same time.
- Access to the building is not permitted unless you have an appointment.

In addition, we are legally required to enforce the government dictated sanitary rules which will include **mandatory use of facemasks, limiting the number of people on the courts at any one time, and the use of sanitizing gel.**

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During the sanitary contingency, Club Deportivo took care of the needs of our members who chose to remain in the country. The staff of the Club voluntarily helped organize and run a **shopping and errand service** with Carlos Solis, a Club friend, who shopped for groceries and other basic needs in Hermosillo and delivered them to the Club so that our members would not have to leave the safety of their homes. This service is no longer available, but

was in place for under 5 months, since the pandemic began in our state.

Under the direction of our Second Vice-President, Craig Gresham, the Club also formed a **Health & Welfare Committee** which has a group of volunteers monitor the radio every night and offers medical, translation (in police matters) and emergency transportation services. This Committee still continues to work for the safety of our community.

—**Betty Martinez**, General Manager

KEEPING HEALTHY AND FIT AT CLUB DEPORTIVO



When there's a will there's a way! We have faced many challenges over the last few months, and we know we can expect more. We know the importance of exercise to boost energy, maintain independence, protect the heart, and manage symptoms of illness or pain, as well as weight. So the challenge for this season is to keep up our exercise while social distancing.



We're here to meet that challenge! Once the Club is allowed to open based on Mexican rules, we'll head outside and get started! As far as equipment goes: to participate, you will need your own mat, weights and resistance band; bringing them to and from class. The Club equipment may be used, but once you chose what you want, you must take it to and from class. Equipment may not be shared. Class times will be posted once we know when we can start classes for the season.



Weight & Stretch, Yoga, Line Dancing, Resistance Band and Breathe and Balance classes will be available during the season.



regular exercise is good for your mind, mood, and memory



We'll keep you posted when the season's weekly updates begin.

Francine Bailey, Joan Fairweather, Cathie Nall

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The best rates may be obtained by calling the Club or Don Smith's office in Nogales. Don't forget to identify yourself as a Club Deportivo member and the Club will receive a commission. The commission is only applicable when purchasing insurance by telephone or in person at the Club.

A Message from the **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

I think we are all struggling to get a sense of what will be our new reality in Kino, and what the border crossing rules will be as we start to think about our return to Kino. Nevertheless, during these uncertain times, we still have financial responsibilities to deal with to keep our Club up and running.

Dues are due January 1, 2021. They are \$105 per person and will include all months through the end of 2020. Dues paid after the due date will be \$110. The month of January is a grace period, but payments made after February 1, 2021, will include a \$10 late fee.

In December, we will again publish a reminder that dues are coming up, with a review of the payment policy. We will include **an invoice** and instructions on how to pay if you are not in town. Of course, you are welcome to pay early!

As always, we emphasize that all members **must be in good standing**, with dues paid, in order to use the Club in any manner. Our Club managers are responsible for enforcing that policy.

Respectfully submitted,

– **Jan Vala**, Membership Committee



Kino Bay Desert Golf Club

The course is open and in great shape, thanks to Manuel and family. We have had a fairly large number of players from Hermosillo this summer. Hopefully some of them will become full members in the fall. Depending on circumstances, there may be an increase in annual fees.

Safe traveling to all, and we look forward to your return to Bahía de Kino for another fun year of golf!

— *Robert Burnam for Marvin Pickle (President)*

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With what we are experiencing in today's world, where is paradise?

We all know Kino is a paradise that we all cherish.

The charitable giving committee has worked to provide for needs of the Kino community and for the challenges of life during COVID here, just as around the world. The team has focused on personal hygiene provisions, such as diapers and feminine pads, for the most vulnerable of old Kino, along with food and medical care. We all have hardships; but if we can help others just a little bit, it sure goes a long way.

Your donations to the back-to-school program to provide children with supplies for classes are and will be much appreciated. You can either bring down supplies, or send money (pesos or dollars) to the Club via credit card or PayPal, to help students as they head back to class — which is dependent on official mandates relative to the COVID situation. No child should be left behind.

First Responders Coordinator Rick Fisher, Betty Martinez, Harold Becker, Jim Kennedy, and myself, take turns monitoring CH 24 at night, in case there is an emergency during the pandemic.

Whether you decide to return to Kino or stay in place where you are is a personal decision. In the meantime, the world can not sit still and needs to move forward. We'll all do the best we can. Enjoy every day that we have, and **MAKE A GREAT DAY!**

Craig Gresham, 2nd V.P.

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Web Page News...



This season, I am planning on re-imagining the website. A fresh start. We need one.

I will be deleting all the photos from last season and loading new ones that show us having fun in a totally different way, yet to be discovered. Covid doesn't have us beat!

I'll also delete all photos in the Kino Bay Photo Gallery so that pictures uploaded will be new and fresh.

An idea: Let's have a photo contest at the end of this season. Our members can vote on best photos. I have an idea of first, second and third prizes, but that can wait. Just email me your best photos, and I will upload them into the Photo Gallery under Kino Bay.

We are a hardy group who have found each other at our own version of Land's End. No matter how we got here, we are here to stay.

I hope to see you soon.

—**Bev Kolosseus**, Web Person

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BAR

Hi, all! We're not sure when we'll be back in Kino, and you may not be either! Opening the bar will depend on conditions and the officials. We'll do it as soon as possible and will let you know.

Stay safe, and I look forward to giving everyone an elbow bump as soon as possible!

The beer guy,

Paul Stanley — 602-463-2363 or elfrigate@gmail.com

Outdoor Activities

HI SPORTS FANS:

It has been awhile since we last communicated. Hope you are all well.

When our Board and President Jim huddled, we agreed that things won't be done as they always have been, and we may need to be a bit more creative.

So the first outdoor activity that came to mind was "Pin the mask on the donkey". That's been ruled out, since sticking a pin in a donkey is dangerous, and there is a shortage of masks and donkeys in Kino. (Easy....we still need humor in these times.)

Seriously, if the golf course is good to go; we could accomplish social distancing and other protocols.

Also, many have requested reviving poker runs, or maybe just club quad rides. Either could be done safely.

Many of our outdoor activities may not occur as scheduled. When and what we do will largely be determined by the Governor's mandates, plus the will and availability of our Club members.

HELP: Think "out of the box" with ideas to consider. I need to hear from you.

SORRY, NO DONKEY GAMES!!!!!!

Can't wait to see your smiles.

—**Kent Ogden**, Outdoor Activities Director

Indoor Activities

Well, this is quite a fix we are in at Club Deportivo. I'm ready, willing and **unable** to get on with some entertainment; and by the time we gather again, Kino will be empty! The good news is that now I have time to think up some new fun and interesting Friday night social hours.

I would like to thank all you great folks who said "YES" when asked to participate in the programs for both Western Night and the Luau Dinner. I'll let you know when we pick it up again next season.

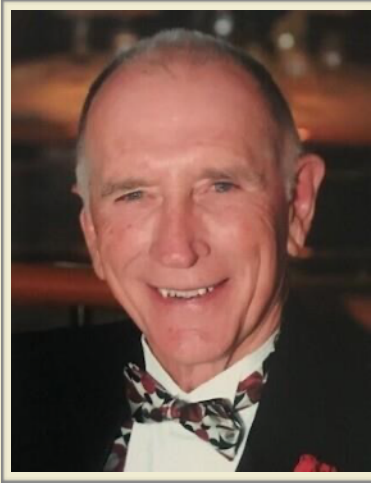
Please let me know if you have any ideas for activities you think would be fun. Of course, I'll ask for your help in setting them up!

I hope everyone stays well and has a fun month, no matter where you are.

—**Anne Stern**, Indoor Activities Director

Howard J. Powers

Club Deportivo and the Kino community lost a true friend on July 13, 2020, with the passing of Howard Powers. Howard and his wife, Lynne, were involved in nearly every aspect of the Club, always there to lend a hand and an historic perspective when the Club struggled with growing pains. Lynne tells us their Kino story in the accompanying article.



Howard's education in Wisconsin began in a one-room schoolhouse, grades 1-8. He graduated from St. Mary's High School, attended Ventura Junior College in California, and then Arizona State University, where he played football for the legendary Frank Kush. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college, earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education.

Following graduation, Howard served in the Arizona Army National Guard for six years.

In 1951, Howard moved his family of five from Wisconsin to Arizona, and remained a resident of Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Glendale for 69 years.

During his 31-year career as an Educator, Coach, and Administrator, he served Maryvale High School, North Phoenix High School, and Camelback High School. He was a dedicated Rotarian for 46 years with the Phoenix East Rotary Club, where he served as Club President; and he was the Arizona 5510 District Governor, 1996 to 1997.

Howard loved life, his family, sports, Globe Trotting, cruising, and dancing; and he had unbelievable "Handyman" skills. Son Howard played linebacker at the University of Arizona, and son Bret played quarterback at Arizona State and The Ohio State University. Above all, Howard was an American Patriot. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Howard lost a short battle to heart disease on July 13, 2020. He is survived by his wife for 56 years, Sigrid (Lynne); Howard J. Powers II (Arden) Chicago, IL; Bret Powers (Megan); grandson Gavin, Huntington Beach, CA; and sister Sandra Medeiros, Concord, CA.

Those who wish to remember him may donate to: Glendale Rotary Club Education Scholarship in the names of Matt O. Hanhila and Howard Powers, to be Awarded to worthy students at Glendale Community College majoring in Mathematics or Education. Send to: Glendale Rotary Club, PO Box 987, Glendale, AZ 85301.

THE POWERS STORY, by Lynne

We came to Kino Bay with our sons, Howie age 6 and Bret age 3, on Veterans Day, 1974, to trade used clothing and household items with the Seri Indians, and knew then that we would return.

The next time we visited Kino was Thanksgiving of 1977. Again we traded with the Seris, camped on the beach near the Deposito (which wasn't there yet), and woke up early to a magnificent "Fly-By" of hundreds of Sea birds skimming the Mar de Cortez.

We saw "Se Vende" signs along the boulevard and looked into purchasing something. In February of '78, we bought our lot on the beach.

That summer we rented for six weeks at the Mision del Sol while we were having plans drawn up for our beach house. We made ten trips to Kino during the school year to see the construction process. (Have any of you read, *God and Mr. Gomez*? Great story to read when building a house in Mexico.) At that time, there were only 50 houses on the Beach side of Mar de Cortez, and only 55 on the other side of the street.

We joined Club Deportivo in May 1978, and when Filiberto Vargas was the manager, he showed me our original membership form. There was no Club house, so we met at the Posada Del Mar, or at members' homes. Immediately we became active. Our Mom, Cleone, typed all of the names, addresses, and call names; we were *Powerhouse*! We also published the first three or four Club Directories. Howard's school printed them on its offset machine press.

That summer the Club sponsored the first annual International Fishing Tournament of several held in late June or early July.

Howard went on sea rescues with "Old Blue" and "Okie," who both were serving as Club Presidents. Also, several Club members had small airplanes they flew into and out of the Kino Bay Airport. We flew once to Guaymas with Jim Muster, for lunch and back; and one time a family of three flew the four of us to Kino from Deer Valley Airport!

There was no TV nor telephone service, only CBs.

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RESCUE ONE

Evidently there has been an intermittent problem with calling on VHF channel 24 due to power outages, etc. When using a VHF, you should always have channel 16 in your scan program. Channel 16 is the universal worldwide emergency channel/hailing channel.

When using 16, call for the person you are trying to contact, then switch to a working channel just as you would when using 24. Beware that channels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 will not serve as working channels.

The port captain also uses Channel 16, and the police monitor Channel 16. So rather than reinventing the wheel, try using 16 if 24 will not work.

—**Ron Leetch**, “Northstar” 1st V.P./Rescue One,
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Dr. Dale Kemmerer	Sunrise	242-0079
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Butch Geier	Boat Jockey	242-1160
Carl Overcast	Overcast	242-0735
Margaret Roebuck	Nighten Gale	KBRV sp. #3
Jim Wilson	El Pato	KBRV sp. #174
Bill Holloman		242-0983

Dear Kino Bay...

Our dog sterilization program is still going strong. So far this year Dr. Jose has neutered or spayed 128 dogs!



We recently read a statistic that says 1 female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce over 96,000 puppies in 7 years. Do the math: 128 times 96,000 dogs equals more than 12 million dogs. It's a growth industry for sure, but we believe our efforts through KBNSA are making a difference.

Thanks Kino for your support.

Bev and Ray Kolosseus & Bill and Nancy Berg

THE POWERS STORY

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The Marlin Restaurant was the place to go for a magnificent seafood buffet, and a good hamburger could be had at a restaurant where the Seri Museum is now.

Enough of then. In the '90s Howard's Phoenix East Rotary Club helped obtain the first fire truck in Kino; and from 2002 until 2012, they donated Spanish Dictionaries to 90 or more Lazaro Cárdenas Elementary School 5th graders.

Our sons were with us each summer and learned to “de-tox” from civilization by reading books, enjoying nature, boogie boarding, fishing, and water skiing. To this day, we still do not have a TV in our Kino house.

Sunsets were our special time, and many friends learned to beat our colorfully painted pots & pans as the sun set into the sea or behind Tiburon.

Howard's passing, caused by genetic congestive heart failure, lasted only about six weeks; and I truly miss him. Our sons have professional careers which keep them from getting to Kino, but they loved their times there.

And I hope to get there in the coming year, as the pandemic is more controlled, to see those beautiful sunsets again. We treasure the many close friendships we have had in Kino and thank you all for your caring and support. Hope to see you at “Powers del Mar.”

—**Lynne Powers**

Our Club Kitchen...



by Rick Hussey, Meals Director

We are still looking forward to putting this pandemic in the rear-view, hopefully sooner rather than later. Unfortunately, that event on our horizon appears to remain a ways down the road yet. Until the club can resume normal indoor activities and our membership feels safe gathering for meals, the kitchen will remain closed and the meals calendar is cancelled. When it appears we may be able to resume business as ‘usual’, **Judy Hazen** and I will build a new meals plan and start working with members to prepare. We are truly appreciative of everyone helping with our meals and look forward to the days when we can gather and break bread together again.

Stay Healthy and come enjoy our club soon!

—**Rick**

All about fund raising...

From Fund Raising Chair Sandie Burnam

BENEFIT DINNER

Call me a Pollyanna, but I'm going at this as if everything will be back to "normal" by the Benefit Dinner date of March 13 (tentative).

Beause of your generosity of time and money, last year's Benefit bottom line was over the top. We can only hope that we will somehow measure up to that new standard in 2021.

Of course, many donations are needed to make this happen, and items made by our friends always bring in the big bucks. This won't be the last plea for donations, but it gives you some time to start gathering and creating!



LIBRARY

Our library is open and thriving, with new donations. New rules are that only two people can be in the library at a time. There is hand sanitizer to use coming in and going out. You also might want to check out the new window covers...just sayn'.

—Sandie Burnam, your Librarian

ALTERNATIVE Fund Raising

We need committee members! There are many of you, both guys and gals, with great suggestions and the know-how to implement them. We need you on the Fund Raising Committee!

Raffles are a good idea. Possibly you quilters could get together and make a quilt...pieces of furniture that have been refurbished or are new... painting a mural on someone's wall...a boat trip, etc., etc., etc.

I realize this may draw off some of the funds from the Benefit, but the Club needs money NOW!!

Bottom line...**PLEASE volunteer for the Fund Raising Committee!**



Depending on rules set by Club Management, we plan on having our first Bingo session on November 2 and will continue as usual on Mondays, with the bar opening a 1:00 p.m. and games starting at 2:00. The balance of 1,200 pesos (to be verified) is still in the Kino Ball account. Hopefully, some lucky player will win it at the first session. Your Club needs your support, so...

Please come play with us!



Important message from KLK

After much discussion and serious consideration, we as the KLK Board, have decided to postpone KLK meetings until next season when hopefully conditions are such that it is safe to gather. The Board will continue monitoring conditions and when safe we will work on a plan to restart. In the meantime we will continue to keep the membership informed.

There were many things that led to this decision. Many of us are in the high risk category which makes us more vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus which makes it dangerous for us to socialize in groups. The health and safety of our membership was and is our first priority. As numbers are currently increasing throughout the country another concern is with individuals coming into the country from other areas of the US and Canada. Many would be driving which would necessitate staying in hotels along the way and stopping for food and gas. Another important factor is the ever-changing quarantine restrictions which vary from state-to-state and country to country that we must/should adhere to. We feel the potential for bringing contagions in from out of state and country could be problematic.

Another concern for the Board is the social distancing issue. We want to meet with friends we have not seen since last season. We want to socialize and catch up but we feel that with the government social distancing requirements and protocols that this will not be possible.

We ask everyone to continue to stay safe and healthy. Please keep KLK in fresh in your minds and hopefully we will all come together soon. Once this passes we will need ideas to bring us all back together.

I know that many of you will be disappointed with our decision and will question its validity. Please remember that we have considered this decision from a social, financial, and health viewpoint. Please read below for what we have proposed.

1. KLK will not meet this upcoming season and will resume in the fall of 2021. This is assuming that all the danger of Covid 19 has passed.
2. The KLK scholarship program will continue. The scholarship program will continue to receive donations. The program has temporarily eliminated the peer tutoring requirement but the grade point average (GPA) of 80% or greater will remain in effect. Anyone wishing to make donations, should contact Diane Ackerman or Judy Hazen.
3. There will be no KLK sponsored golf tournament in February 2021. We will have to revisit a date for the following season. Assuming that we have a golf course.
4. KLK dues will be suspended for the upcoming season and resume fall 2021.
5. I would like to ask that KLK board members remain in their positions until KLK functions resume and at that time we can decide on how to proceed with the filling of board positions.
6. KLK's money will remain in a secured location until either the treasurer or I return.

We will miss seeing you in October at KLK and hope you will stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for supporting us in this difficult decision.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Brown

President, Kino Ladies Klub

Statement of purpose of the KINO LADIES KLUB

To hold out our hands to welcome ALL women in the community. To provide a venue where women can get to know one another, become acquainted and develop friendships. Also to serve the community with our combined efforts and talents by working and socializing with one another. To be useful to the community by providing goods and services and to organize, facilitate and coordinate as deemed beneficial.