

FALL 2021

# LA POSTA de los CABALLEROS



*Wickenburg, Arizona*

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## *LETTER FROM THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER*

Our passion is providing a memorable getaway for our guests. First time visitors and many time returners will find the authentic Ranch experience here.

We're excited about the physical enhancements to the property. From the moment you turn off Vulture Mine Road through our new entrance you'll feel like you are someplace special.

We know it's also the experiences and connections with our team that will bring guests back. We've got a thrilling mix of familiar faces and new blood ready to welcome you here. They all have a lot of energy and fresh ideas. We've highlighted a few of the new management team that you may meet within this newsletter. But, if you've been here before, we're sure you'll recognize a face or two during your stay.

You'll also see a few changes we made with our guests in mind. Let us know what more we can to enhance your experiences.

Need help making reservations for dinner or for a jeep tour? Be sure to stop by our new Concierge desk in the lobby, where they'll be ready to take care of your needs.

We hope you have so much fun you want to take us with you. Or at least a reminder of us from our new Gift shop with an array of great souvenirs, apparel and snacks.

We sure hope you're back in the saddle real soon!

Much obliged-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Hyl".

## ABOUT DAN LYLE



Dan Lyle has joined Rancho de los Caballeros Ranch and Golf as the General Manager and is leading the management team and staff for lodging, dining, activities, spa services, retail, and golf. Dan was most recently General Manager at the 4-diamond resort near Yosemite National Park, California, Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite. Previously Dan was General Manager at Yavapai Lodge and Trailer Village in Grand Canyon National Park.

Dan's career has been leading all aspects of hospitality and recreation in special places. He has led central reservations offices, hotels, recreation facilities, food and beverage outlets, retail stores, and spent many years in accounting and finance leadership roles. Dan's management style focuses on continuous improvement, service excellence, and leading teams by example.

In his free time you can find Dan skiing in Flagstaff or boating at Lake Pleasant, unless his kid's school volleyball or soccer games are being played. He is an avid cyclist, hiker, and softball player, but his golf game needs improvement.

## ABOUT THE NEW OWNERS

Our new owners are like many of you. They have been past guests for years and have many cherished memories of their visits to Rancho de los Caballeros.

They want to preserve the history and legacy of the property, but in their travels, they have seen things that can enhance the experience for guests here. They want to bring it back to what it was before and more!

The owners have a 3-year plan of improvements planned. These are being implemented during the summers, during off-season, so guest stays will not be impacted.

This first year the focus was on cosmetic and functional changes to the property. Most importantly, the ranch kitchen has been fully refurbished with all new cooking equipment and kitchen tools. Chef Jacob Ellis is thrilled to share his exciting menu made possible with these renovations. Exterior enhancements like landscaping, signage, flagstone walkways and walls, a fountain, a fire pit, resurfaced tennis and pickleball courts, a new fitness center and so much more.

Golf - Golf Pro Shop has been refreshed, upgraded the driving range and added new target greens, while the 18 holes have new flags, new bag stands and directional signage, and online booking added.

Horses - Corral redone, horse run upgraded to be more fan-friendly, new saddles, halters, tractor, hayride wagons

and other equipment. Check out Tony's new observation deck at the arena and join us for our Wrangler Rodeos!

Food & Beverage - All new kitchen, menus, and an extraordinary wine selection.

Spa- New hydro-facial machines, new pedicure chairs and linen. Browse the expanded retail selections and enjoy at the new relaxation room with a glass of wine.

Gift Shop- A new gift shop has been added that will feature ranch apparel, gifts, souvenirs, and snacks.

Skeet & Archery - New skeet machines and added archery range and equipment.

Banquets & Events - New tables, glassware, silver, and dishes, along with a refurbished kitchen

Accommodations - New linens and (8) rooms were fully renovated with tasteful décor, all new tile, wood floor, and flagstone surfaces, improved networking, lighting, and furnishings.

We can't wait to share this with you, our cherished guests. We're sure this will help you make lasting memories year after year, just like they did! The years ahead hold even more improvements that will enhance the authentic Rancho de los Caballeros experience and keep the memories alive.

*See you soon~ The Cutlers, Matins, and Kempers*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



OCT. 1, 2021  
OPENING DAY  
FOR OUR 74TH SEASON

Oct 9, 2021  
26th Annual Fly-in & Classic Car Show  
Pilots fly-in from all over Arizona and are available to talk about their aircraft. The Classy Classic Car Club will display dozens of classic automobiles for spectators to view and learn about.

*Wickenburg Airport*



Oct. 30, 2021  
22nd Annual High Desert Golf Classic  
A four-person scramble with reverse shotgun start at 9 am. Awards luncheon follows the fun out on the course. Benefits the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce.

*Los Caballeros Golf Club*

Nov 12-14, 2021  
42nd Annual Bluegrass Festival  
Grab a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy great music, arts & crafts vendors and food & drink concessions.

*Everett Bowman Rodeo Arena*

Nov 25, 2021  
Thanksgiving Day Celebration  
Come join us for the Thanksgiving Day holiday and a great week of family, friends and Ranch hospitality. Enjoy special desert cook-outs, hosted cocktail receptions and much more!



Dec. 3-4, 2021  
32nd Annual Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering  
Join Wickenburg in celebrating its cowboy heritage at this special event! Get to learn more about the ranching lifestyle through poems, stories, and songs from the featured performers.

*Locations: TBA*

Dec. 10, 2021  
27th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights  
Bring Christmas home with a delightful light parade in downtown Wickenburg.

Dec 21, 2021 –  
Jan 1, 2022  
Holidays at Rancho de los Caballeros!  
Throughout the holiday week, enjoy our full complement of activities and special events. Desert cookouts, all-day lunch rides, team penning, hosted cocktail receptions and much more — it all creates the perfect holiday environment.

Dec 24, 2021  
Christmas Eve  
Join us as we sing Christmas carols and decorate the 18-foot Ranch Christmas tree. Children place their boots by the fireplace for Santa to stuff with presents for Christmas morning.

Dec 25, 2021  
Christmas Day  
The day starts with a visit from the jolly man in the red suit. Children and adults alike will receive presents from Santa and have a great photo opportunity in front of the Christmas tree or near the roaring fireplace. Join us for a Christmas feast with all the trimmings.

Reserve your space for our 2-hour afternoon family horseback ride.



Dec 31, 2021  
New Year's Eve  
Ring in the New Year with a delicious dinner in the Ranch dining room, followed by our New Year's Eve celebration. The live band keeps the music rocking throughout the evening for partygoer dancing and enjoyment. Enjoy a midnight champagne toast and a late-night snack as you usher in the New Year.

# CAMP CABALLEROS

Kids ages 5-12  
can join us for crafts & activities  
at two sessions daily.

Morning 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Evening 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All children are welcome  
to participate in ring rides  
every day at 10:15 am

## Friday

Morning: *Nature Hike, learn about  
desert plants and animals*

Evening: *Board Game Night*

## Saturday

Morning: *Field Day, Cornhole,  
Horseshoes, Soccer*

Evening: *Star Gazing, includes a craft*

## Sunday

Morning: *Diamond Painting*

Evening: *Movie Night, Weather  
permitting on the lawn, families welcome*

## Monday

Morning: *Arts and Crafts, Older children  
will enjoy leather crafts and/or wood  
burning*

Evening: *Kids Choice, Crafts, Games,  
outside activities, indoor movies*

## Tuesday

Morning: *Tennis*

Evening: *Evening Hike with flashlights,  
visit horses in night pasture*

## Wednesday

Morning: *Rock Painting, Kids will collect  
their own rocks and paint them*

Evening: *Camp Fire, roasting  
marshmallows and making s'mores*

## Thursday

Morning: *Western/Wickenburg History  
with Craft*

Evening: *Glow in the dark freeze tag*

*Note: Activities subject to change without notice.*

## VISIT US ONLINE AT RANCHODELOSCABALLEROS.COM

Feb 11-13, 2022

### Gold Rush Days

Come join us for the 74th anniversary  
celebration of Gold Rush Days. Activities  
include the Senior Pro Rodeo competition,  
carnival, Gold Rush Days parade and much  
more!



Feb. 18-19, 2022

### Cowgirl Cadillacs, Horses For Ladies- From Ladies (Horse Auction)

It is with deep admiration and a tip of the  
hat to the remarkable women of the old west,  
that drives Cowgirl Cadillacs. Every horse is  
offered by a woman who strives every day to  
live up to the example set by those early female  
trailblazers. Onsite here at the ranch!

*Rancho de los Caballeros*



Mar 25 – 27, 2022

### Cowgirl Up at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum

Take more than 50 incredibly talented female  
artists, bring them together, and you have the  
twelfth season of Cowgirl Up at the Desert  
Caballeros Western Museum. View the work  
of some of the West's best female artists,  
including paintings, drawings and sculptures  
of the American West.



Apr 15-17, 2022

### Come Enjoy an Easter Celebration “Ranch Style”

Come join us here at Rancho de los Caballeros  
for a family Easter celebration in the Sonoran  
Desert. Great hospitality, food and family are  
the stars of this annual show! Don't miss the  
Easter Bunny, riding on horseback for the egg  
hunt, followed by our famous Ranch Easter  
Brunch!

MAY 8, 2022

### MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 8, 2022

CLOSING DAY FOR THE  
2021-22 SEASON



# WELCOME TO JACOB ELLIS EXECUTIVE CHEF

Chef Jacob Ellis began his culinary career in 2012 at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa in Paradise Valley, AZ under celebrity Chef Beau MacMillan, where he spent four years honing his skills. In that time, Jacob quickly rose through the ranks and assisted Chef Beau in multiple national cooking events across the country.

After leaving Sanctuary, Jacob moved on to Top of the Rock in Tempe, AZ where he was fast promoted to Chef de Cuisine. Jacob remained at Top of the Rock until 2019, when he was offered the position of Specialty Chef at the acclaimed, Forbes 5-star hotel, the St. Regis San Francisco.

Jacob spent several months fine-tuning his cuisine and skills as a chef in San Francisco, before accepting the Executive Chef position at Oak Tree in 2020.

Jacob has come home to his roots in Arizona and is excited to be the new Executive Chef at Rancho de los Caballeros and start the next part of his culinary journey.

## NEW MENUS

Scan the QR Codes below or visit <https://bit.ly/3AHnf87>

BREAKFAST



LUNCH



DINNER



WINE



FILET MIGNON | DEMI | CABERNET GASTRIQUE | POMMES PUREE | SHALLOT RING

## New Leadership Team Members



**T.J. ORBIN, PGA**  
HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

T.J. joins Los Caballeros after spending the previous 6 years in Hawaii. He was most recently the PGA First Assistant Professional at Kapolei Golf Club on the island of Oahu. T.J. also spent time at Ko Olina Golf Club, as well as the Four Seasons Resort Lanai's Manele Golf Course.

During his time on Oahu, T.J. assisted the setup and operation of the LPGA Lotte Championship in 2018 and 2021.

While on Lanai, T.J. taught golf to many guests of the Resort, most notably Jimmy Buffett and Pierce Brosnan.

Before moving to the islands, T.J. was the First Assistant Professional at The Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course in northern Idaho, and an Assistant Golf Professional at The Links at Gettysburg, Royal Manchester Golf Links, and Briarwood Golf Club, all located in his home state of Pennsylvania.

T.J. started playing golf at the age of 11 and has been in love with the game ever since. In addition to golf, T.J. loves to play any sport he can, is an avid Washington Football Team, Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh Penguins, and University of Pittsburgh fan, enjoys the outdoors, and is excited to discover what Wickenburg and the rest of the Southwest has to offer.



**CHERYL STREET**  
DIRECTOR OF SALES

My passions are hospitality destination development and guest experience, so this is the perfect opportunity.

My most recent resort job was as GEM (Guest Experience Manager) at Bluegreen Resorts Cibola Vista Resort, enhancing the activities and interactions with guests and owners. One of the best events for the kids, Jolly Jurassic Holiday, involved large t-rexes in Santa hats playing games with guests on the lawn. Adults loved the Wine Pairing with Girl Scout Cookies event (girl scouts sold a record number of boxes).

I'm very creative and have a garage full of props from theme parties I've done for non-profit groups.

Much of my experience is in the leisure market, primarily with timeshare properties from the property level (Activities Program) to marketing properties with golf, spas, F&B, beaches and horses in highly demanded destinations across the Americas and Caribbean.

I lived back east as a child (South Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia), but spent most of my years in Tucson and Phoenix, so southwestern hospitality comes second nature.



**MARSEY HARPER**  
ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Hi, my name is Marsey Harper and I moved to Congress, AZ in August of 2020 so my husband and I can be closer to my parents and help them out when needed.

I was born and raised in Colorado, mostly spending my time in Northwest Colorado where I went to High school and met my husband, John. We have one child together who still lives in NW Colorado.

I have been office manager for various industries over my 30-plus-year experience including a payroll software company, electrician contractors and foundation contractors.

I really love the weather here and this opportunity so close to home is refreshing after so many years of long commutes. My husband and I are excited about exploring AZ on our dirt bikes and in our jeep, looking at wildlife and rock hunting and shooting. We plan to stay here a very long time and I'm thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this great company.





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*W*e are very excited for all the new happenings at Los Caballeros Golf Club starting with the staff. New Head Golf Professional TJ Orban (see bio), returning assistant golf professional Cameron Potts and new assistant professional Conor Berlin. These gentlemen bring energy, enthusiasm and professionalism to Los Cab that is unmatched in Arizona. An added wrinkle is former head golf professional (1988-1997) Van Batchelder has been coaxed out of retirement to assist in bringing Los Caballeros back to prominence in the Arizona golf world.

Golf Course Superintendent Cale Lang and his crew have been busting their tail all summer on golf course improvements : Enlarging tee boxes and greens, widening fairways and approach areas, tree trimming, building target greens on the driving range and adding a new tee box on hole #17.

The most notable golf course addition is the conversion of hole #17 from a Par 4 to a Par 5. By adding the championship tee box and moving each current tee marker back one tee box Los Caballeros becomes one of less than 400 Par 73 golf courses in the world! This not only compliments our terrific collection of Par 5s, but makes better use of our smallest green, where even a wedge shot can be tricky.

All in all we are very excited to share with you the ongoing improvements on the golf course, the new golf shop merchandise (can you say cowboy boots!) and the ambience that is truly AZ golf as it should be.

Van Batchelder, PGA  
Los Caballeros Golf Club



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*Full  
Swing!*