



# Arroyo Roble Resort Management

## **Presidential Musings**

### **Dear Arroyo Roble Resort Homeowners**

I'm writing to you today to give you an update of some changes on the Arroyo Roble Resort Board of Directors (BOD) – don't be concerned, everything is fine.

Mr. Phil Evans (Past President) decided to retire in late 2017. As part of the retirement plan, Mr. Evans and his family decided to sell their Best Western Plus Arroyo Roble Hotel & Creekside Villas. As you may know, the Evans family are the original developers of the Arroyo Roble Resort and the Best Western Arroyo Roble Hotel, which includes ownership of seven villas located in the Arroyo Roble Resort. Mr. Evans has been an integral part of the daily operations of our resort since construction in the early 1980's. He has served as the President of the Board of Directors for the past 12 years as well.

The sale of the Best Western Arroyo Roble Hotel & Creekside Villas to Glacier House Hotels (headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona) was completed in December 2017.

As a result of the sale of the hotel and corresponding resort villas, Mr. Evans also retired from the Board of Directors, leaving a vacancy on the Arroyo Roble Resort Board of Directors. Because of the close connection between Arroyo Roble Resort and the Hotel, Mr. Evans recommended that the BOD consider replacing his position on the Board of Directors with a member of the Glacier House Hotels Company. More specifically, the person who was responsible for putting the deal together, Mr. Ryan Kucker, who is a Principal and the Chief Financial Officer of Glacier House. The BOD discussed the situation and agreed with Phil's recommendation. Mr. Kucker was asked to replace Mr. Evans for the remainder of his term, which ends in 2019. Mr. Kucker agreed and now acts as the Treasurer on the Board of Directors. Please see the additional information on Mr. Ryan Kucker and the Glacier House Hotels Company in the article in this newsletter. We look forward to a continual close relationship with the new ownership of the hotel.

I was asked by the current Board of Directors to step up to the President position as well upon the retirement of Mr. Evans. I humbly accepted the position and look forward to many more years serving the homeowners of our wonderful Arroyo Roble Resort.

Sincerely,

**David Brown**

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## ***Ryan Kucker and Glacier House Hotels Company Profile***

Ryan L. Kucker is co-founder of Glacier House Hotels, a limited service hotel management and development company based out of Scottsdale, AZ. Since co-founding Glacier House Hotels in 2015, Glacier has grown its portfolio to over 20 hotels in the Western U.S. Glacier House Hotels brands include: Element by Westin, Aloft, Fairfield by Marriott, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, TownePlace Suites, Residence Inn, Springhill Suites, Courtyard by Marriott, Best Western Plus, Home2 Suites by Hilton and Doubletree by Hilton. Prior to co-founding Glacier House Hotels Ryan entered the hospitality industry in 2006 with Tharaldson Hospitality as Chief Financial Officer. Tharaldson is one of the largest hotel management and development companies for Marriott, Hilton and IHG based in Fargo, ND. Ryan was responsible for all financial aspects of the company. In addition to hospitality Ryan also oversaw the financials aspects for Gary Tharaldson's other business ventures including, ethanol, timeshares and land development.

Ryan graduated from North Dakota State University in 2001 with a degree in accounting and currently sits on the NDSU College of Business Advisory Board. After College Ryan practiced as a Certified Public Accountant doing audit and tax work for McGladrey & Pullen LLP. Ryan's accounting background brings a financial focus to Glacier which is critical to the health and development of the company. His ability to analyze data and provide ongoing assessment of critical operational costs and budgets is instrumental in creating a higher return on investment for Glacier.

Ryan is a leader in developing relationships with investors and franchise companies creating new business opportunities. Ryan currently sits on Marriott's Element by Westin Franchise Advisory Committee.

Ryan grew up in Southwestern Minnesota and currently resides in Scottsdale, AZ with his wife and 3 daughters.

### ***Wintertime Pool Status***

We will be doing renovations to the pools and outdoor pool deck this fall/winter after November 1. The renovations will require closing the pools and spas during the renovation period. Please be patient and enjoy the new and improved results in 2019.

### ***A Reminder Regarding Reservations***

The Arroyo Roble policy for reservations is always "first come, first served". The longer you wait to reserve your 2018 time, the less likely you are to get the time you want. We recommend you complete your reservation requests as far ahead as possible.

If you plan to wait until the January or February 2019 period to use your 2018 time, you may well be disappointed. At that time, you will be competing with other owners who have also waited. For your planning purposes, those months are best thought of as a grace period for stays of only one or two nights.

There are also 2018 RCI weeks left to bank if you are unable to use your 2018 week here at Arroyo Roble. Just give us a call at 928-282-7777 ext. 1154 or email [rci@arroyorable.com](mailto:rci@arroyorable.com) to make that request.

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## **Arroyo Roble Food Basket Program**

The Resort food basket program is still going strong. Each month we take nonperishable food items to the local Verde Valley food banks. If you wish to participate, please bring your food items to the front desk when you are checking out. Thanks to you, we can give the gift of giving all year long.

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**IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR HAVE A NEW PHONE/ EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE LET US KNOW!** Contact owner services at 928/282-7777 ext. 1131 or email: [ownerservices@arroyoroble.com](mailto:ownerservices@arroyoroble.com)

## **Annual Homeowners Meeting Wednesday November 7th 1:00 PM Arroyo Roble Resort Roja Roca Room**

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## **Traffic Alerts**

Pavement work on State Route 89A between Cottonwood and Sedona begins in early September through November 30th, 2018. The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers to plan for delays on State Route 89A between Cottonwood and Sedona this fall while a pavement-repair project is underway. Crews will have lane closures in place in both directions Mondays through Fridays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or email [Projects@azdot.gov](mailto:Projects@azdot.gov).

***For what's going on in Sedona visit:***

[www.VisitSedona.com](http://www.VisitSedona.com)

***For a list of trails in the Sedona area visit:***

[www.alltrails.com](http://www.alltrails.com)

## ***Beautiful Fall and Winter Hikes in Sedona***

### **Trail Name: Soldier Pass Trail – FS#66**

Elevation: 450 foot gain (4450-4900 feet)

Time: 2 ½ hour's round trip

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 2 ¼ miles one way

**GPS (Map):** 34°53'03.4"N 111°47'01.8"W

**Access:** From the junction of Routes 89A and 179, take 89A west 1.2 miles to Soldiers Pass Road on the right. Go 1.5 miles to Rim Shadows Drive, then right 0.2 miles (keep straight ahead where Rim Shadows branches left) to a gated entry road the trailhead parking on the left.

**Description:** The first half of this trail is often busy, and there is jeep tour and off-road vehicle traffic nearby. Enter at the signed trailhead which is open only from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The trail dips to cross a wash then climbs out to the Devils Kitchen sinkhole just off the trail to the right at 1/4 miles. The trail then goes over level ground for 1/4 mile to the "Seven Sacred Pools" (photo) to the left of the trail.

It continues on in the partial shade of Arizona cypress and intersects the end of a jeep road at 1.2 miles. The trail forks at the wilderness area boundary sign 1/8 mile further on. The right branch leads up rather steeply for 1/4 mile to an arch. Great views. The left branch is the main trail. This leads out of the wash on a moderate grade. Most of the shade is lost, but the views open up.

The trail becomes increasingly steep and rocky as it climbs to the pass. Nearing 2 miles, it levels out on top of Brins Mesa, then continues for another 1/4 miles where it intersects Brins Mesa Trail. Ultimately, scenic vistas can be enjoyed south into Sedona and north into the wilderness and the red cliffs of the Mogollon Rim. Return by the same route for a 4.5 mile round trip hike.

### **Trail Name: Hardings Springs Trail – FS#51**

Elevation: 750 foot gain (5400-6150 feet)

Time: 1 hour roundtrip

Rating: Moderate to Strenuous

Distance: 0.7 miles one way

**GPS (Map):** 35°00'02.0"N 111°44'15.2"W

**Access:** From the junction of Routes 89A and 179, take 89A north 12 miles to the entrance of Cave Spring Camp on the left (milepost 385.5). Park where you can. The signed trailhead is directly across 89A from the Cave Spring Camp entrance.

**Description:** This trail originally was one of several that provided a way for cattlemen to drive their stock in and out of Oak Creek Canyon. For today's hiker, that means it's wider than most Oak Creek Canyon trails and not as steep as some. So, if you're looking for a gradual climb to the canyon rim, complete with rest stops along the way where you can enjoy the view both up and down canyon, you've found it.

All of Harding Springs Trail is in the shade of a mixed conifer forest characteristic of central Arizona canyons. That adds another to this trail's already impressive list of pluses by keeping it reasonably cool in summer. And when you top the rim, you have the option of continuing either north to Cookstove Trail or south to Thomas Point Trail to complete a loop hike. Then again, you may want to go back by the same friendly route that brought you here.

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