

Desert Views

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Rams Hill's 'Smoke Tree' plan wins coveted 'Gold Nugget' award

The architectural design of Rams Hill's "Smoke Tree" plan has been honored with a Gold Nugget Merit Award from the Pacific Coast Builders Council (PCBC) and the National Association of Home Builders at the Annual PCBC Conference recently.

The Smoke Tree plan, one of the Ram's Hill Patio Homes, was designed by the San Diego office of Haver, Nunn & Collamer Architecture-Engineering-Planning, Inc. HNC has designed numerous projects at Rams Hill, including the Country Club Golf Pavilion and Scripps Satellite Medical Center. Carole Eichen, A.S.I.D., of Carole Eichen Interiors of Santa Ana decorated all patio homes models.

AI, 980-square-foot single-story detached home with three bedrooms and two baths, the Smoke Tree is designed to take full advantage of its location overlooking the Rams Hill Country Club championship golf course and the Anza-Borrego mountains. The living room, dining room and master bedroom, which stretch across the rear of the home, all have walls of glass opening onto private patios.

A corner fireplace is the focal point of the expanse of living space created by the Smoke Tree's adjoining dining room and living room. Other living room accents are a wet bar and unusually high vaulted ceilings.

The master bedroom suite features an angled wall of glass, vaulted ceilings, a skylight and a large patio. Its compartmentalized bath has double vanities with cultured marble counter tops, a luxurious step-up tub, a separate shower, and a spacious walk-in closet. A second bedroom suite features a walk-in closet, a private bath and its own patio. The third bedroom is adjacent to the living areas of the home, making it equally suitable as a den or library.

The Smoke Tree is one of six plans offered in the Patio Homes series. Other plans range from the 1,500-square-foot "Mesquite" plan with two bedrooms and two baths, to the 2,086-square-foot "Tamarisk" two-story plan with three bedrooms and three baths. Homes are currently priced from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

New Rams Hill residents fall in love with Borrego Springs

Owners of two patio homes, Fleetwood and Anna Garner have fallen in love with Borrego. "It's like Rancho Mirage 25 years ago," said Fleetwood.

When the Garners are not perfecting their tennis doubles game—Fleetwood's serve is designed to confound the opposition while Anna is a merciless opponent—at the net—they are busily involved in renovating "Old Borrego," a 10-acre ranch near Rams Hill that was the site of the original stage-coach stop and general store.

Like many Rams Hill owners and visitors, the Garners have a keen interest in aviation. Fleetwood started flying in 1936. Although his father wasn't pleased with his new-found hobby, Fleetwood earned his single and twin engine licenses and later acquired his instructor's "ticket." Not to be

outdone, Anna began her flying "career" in 1944.

Putting his knowledge of aviation to military use, Fleetwood expanded his business to operate a naval flight school during World War II. Again during the Korean War he operated a flight school for the Air Force.

In addition to owning a Cessna 210, the Garners still possess the 38-year-old Piper Cub which Fleetwood used to solo and instruct their two sons.

Although they are Borrego's leading cheerleaders, the Garners still retain strong affections for their home in Richmond, Virginia, where Anna is active in many charities and community efforts. She is on the board of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of trustees of the Science Museum of Virginia, her favorite philanthropy.



Homeowners Fleetwood and Anna Garner initiate the patio homes tennis court.

Borrego readies for annual fete

Borrego Springs will become a fairground celebrating its annual "Borrego Days," on Friday, Nov. 2, through Sunday, Nov. 4. Bill Snedecor, co-chairman of the event, has issued a special invitation to all of Rams Hill's property owners and guests.

Major planned activities are:

Friday

- "Honorary Mayor" ceremony
- "Miss Borrego" pageant
- Youth dance

Saturday

- Parade
- "Cactus Stampers" exhibition (square dancing)
- Afternoon barbeques
- Sunrise Players' production of "Oliver"
- Chili cook-off
- Music and dancing

Sunday

- Pancake breakfast
- Afternoon barbeque
- A second performance of "Oliver"

An arts and crafts show will run the entire weekend. Times for events will be posted in the Rams Hill clubhouse.

Rams Hill begins season with party

"Hi, neighbors!" That's the greeting which will dominate the Rams Hill property owners' "Let's Get Acquainted" party on October 12-14. The weekend get-together also serves as "our kick-off event for the 1984-85 season," according to George J. (Bud) Kuhrtz III, President of Rams Hill.

Golfing and tennis will be featured all three days with tournaments scheduled on Saturday. A special valley tour is also planned.

Head Chef Roger Jones will prepare a weekend of culinary treats. Friday's cocktail hour will be followed by a barbeque at the clubhouse.

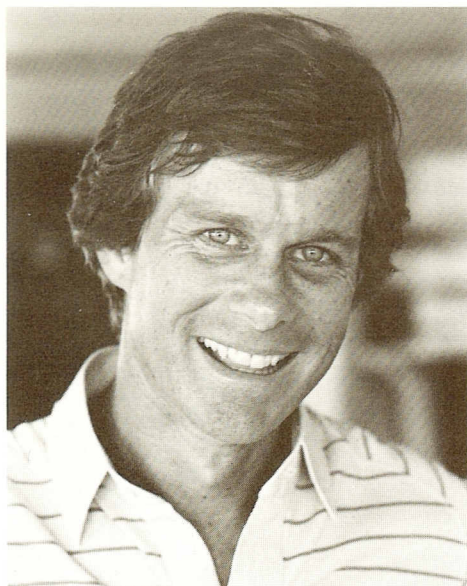
Owners and their guests will have a chance to meet with Di Giorgio Corporation Board Chairman Bob Di Giorgio when he hosts a wine tasting party Saturday evening. Later an awards dinner will honor the tournament winners.

A Sunday morning champagne brunch will give everyone a chance to toast new friendships and say "See you again soon at Rams Hill."

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Tee to cup

by John Bell
Head Golf Professional

What kinds of services can a member expect from Rams Hill's resident golf professionals?

We maintain a well-stocked Pro Shop, offer bag care and locker rentals and provide complete club repair services. Most of all, we are here to assure your enjoyment of our championship course.

Two nine-hole putting greens and a four-tiered driving range are now in full use. We are happy to report that our kiosk on the ninth tee is completely operational; its TV cameras will monitor the eighth green, ninth tee, and both fairways to assist us in ensuring your uninterrupted play. A kiosk telephone also permits golfers to phone ahead to the snack bar for food and beverages which will be ready upon their completion of the ninth hole.

Property owners will be pleased to know that we are planning monthly golf clinics as an exclusive benefit to them. Lessons by appointment are always available.

Beginning in January we will be scheduling an appearance each month by a name touring professional. Our members and their guests will be invited to meet with the celebrities. I'll have more details on that soon.

Plan on a super first season with us at Rams Hill.

Rams Hill chefs cook for British royalty

John Bitner, second in command to Head Chef Roger Jones at the Rams Hill Country Club restaurant and saucier chef Wally Zittle assisted in meal preparation for Prince Phillip, husband of Queen Elizabeth, and his daughter, Princess Anne, while they attended the late July Olympic equestrian events at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club in San Diego.

The two Rams Hill chefs spent four days preparing for a banquet and brunch to honor the visiting royalty.

The Olympic Committee wished to display Yankee hospitality by serving American-style food. The dinner menu featured roast New York with a bordelaise sauce, baked stuffed potatoes, white asparagus, tomatoes stuffed with broccoli and cauliflower, and a let-

tuce and fruit salad covered with a piquant honey-lemon dressing. The Rams Hill chefs assisted in the preparation and presentation of the meat and vegetable dishes.

The dessert, christened Olympic Cake, consisted of individual portion chocolate mousse cakes topped with a marzipan bearing the design of the five Olympic rings.

Chef John reported the security was "very tight". SWAT teams were stationed on the country club grounds, and specially trained dogs were used to check the interior of the clubhouse for any explosive materials. All kitchen personnel underwent an ID check before entering the food preparation area, and both Rams Hill chefs were fingerprinted and photographed by the Olympic Security office.

Terming the extensive precautions and preparations as "a worthwhile learning experience," our two chefs noted that the salad served to the royal diners has an identical twin on the Rams Hill dining room menu: we call it "Paradise Salad."



Rams Hill chefs Wally Zittle, (left) and John Bitner get an early start in the kitchen to prepare their "Paradise Salad."

Hilltop talk

by Dee Klusmann

This summer witnessed a constant stream of homeowners and guests on the "Hill". Seen putting the "finishing touches" on their patio homes were Ken and Mary Jean Allen, Neville and Helen Baker, Eldon and Mercedes Barton, Ted and Carol Ann Gamble, and Chuck and Jean Hellerich.

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Jack and Margaret Fennie stopped by to observe progress on their unit as did Edwin and Frances Hunter. John and Jean Siegel were here for the groundbreaking of their Smoke Tree home.

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Two of San Diego's most prestigious organizations will be visiting Rams Hill. On Nov. 1, SDSU's Alumni & Associates will hold their 1984 President's Invitational Golf Tournament. The following month, on Dec. 1, Rams Hill's 18-hole championship course plays host to members of the San Diego Press Club.

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Mrs. Clara Lee Smith of Del Mar was the top bidder for a weekend at Rams Hill at the American Cancer Society's "Night of Tropical Splendor" auction in San Diego.

She will be enjoying the Rams Hill weekend with her children.

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Already enjoying the comforts of their patio homes are part-time residents Wes and Laura Bourret, Fleetwood and Anna Garner, and Geerd Von Hegerhorst.

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A new Rams Hill Design Center is open offering home buyers one-stop-shopping of window, wall and floor coverings for their new homes. Colorand, Inc., which operates over 30 design centers in Southern California, offers interior design service, as well as custom-made furniture and decorator accessories. New home-owners are invited to contact Judith Ann Vincent, coordinator of the design center, for their free consultation.



Head Chef Roger Jones has announced a new schedule for the season for the Rams Hill Country Club restaurant. Dining room luncheon hours are noon until 2 p.m. There are two seatings for dinner: 6 and 8 p.m. The dining room is closed every Sunday night and will also be closed on Monday nights until Jan. 7. Rams Hill sumptuous Sunday brunches will begin on Nov. 11. Serving hours will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Unique home care service offered

Rams Hill resort has just opened its unique Home Care Department. "This program is really special," said George L. (Bud) Kuhrt, III, president of Rams Hill.

"In our early studies of other resort and second home communities around the country, we discovered a common problem among leisure-time homeowners: They loved to spend their time relaxing and reviving their spirits in their vacation homes, but hated to "clean up the mess" before returning back to their daily routines," said Bud.

For some, the drudgery and time needed to clean a house can take all of the fun out of an otherwise wonderful experience. And for couples who love to entertain, this can create an even greater burden.

The reaction of one woman in our study was typical: "It is a real joy to have our friends over for the weekend. But the mess I'm left with on Sunday afternoon makes me want to go home with them, too."

From the beginning, Rams Hill decided it would put the fun back into resort home ownership by offering total Home Care Services to Rams Hill owners.

Dee Klusmann, manager of the home care unit, is an experienced professional in this field. "Our owners literally arrange to have us take care of any details to make their lives more pleasant, more carefree," said Dee. The home care unit handles rentals and general interior and exterior maintenance. "But we are also pleased to provide many other services: Yes, we will wash your dishes, clean your bathrooms, or whatever needs doing after you leave, while you're away, and upon your return."

"By following our owners' specific and detailed instructions, we take care of all the work and leave the fun to them. It's not like staying home," she continued, "it's easier."