



HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

One Voice for the People of Homestead Valley

Next Meetings

- Mon Mar 17 at Flamingo Heights
- Mon Jun 21 at Landers

HVCC Poker Run: A Full House ♣♦♠♥

Over 80 Homestead Valley residents participated in the Homestead Valley Community Council Poker Run/County Officials Meet and Greet held on Saturday, April 24th. Players enthusiastically signed in and drew their first card at Gublers Orchids in Landers. They got a tour of the incredible facilities, and Chris Gubler generously donated several beautiful orchid plants for the event raffle.

On to Yucca Mesa Improvement Association for the second draw, and the players received a breakfast fit for a king. The burritos and bagels barely fit on the plates, and between bites several people got a chance to talk with Third District County Supervisor Neil Derry and his Field Representative Alan Rasmussen. Raffle tickets for the orchids and over 30 other prizes were gobbled up almost as fast as breakfast.



HVCC Treasurer Earlene McCloskey with the Raffle tickets, socializes with HVCC Delegate Linda Wilgues at the Landers Quilt Raffle table.

Bill Wright's pair of Kings was highest hand into the event, making everyone eager for their third card and refreshments at Belfield Hall in Landers. Cardholders got great deals in the thrift store at the front of the hall after being offered fresh coffee and a variety of iced down

sodas. People were meeting folks from other communities and the hall was filled with friendly conversation.

Flamingo Heights Community Association hosted the fourth draw and offered lunch with chili, hot dogs, pasta salads, chips, and more cold sodas to wash it all down.

It was reminiscent of the all-American family picnic many of us remember growing up. Supervisor Neil Derry and Alan Rasmussen continued to answer questions on county issues. Some enjoyed being outdoors, taking advantage of the perfect 80 degree temperature and blue skies.

Fifties style decorations adorned the Johnson Valley Community Center where the fifth and final cards were drawn. An old fashioned Ice Cream Social, offering root beer floats, banana splits, sundaes and cones comforted everyone, especially those of us with the



Field Representative Alan Rasmussen

lowest poker hands. After the Raffle we announced the winners. Roger Taylor took the first prize of \$150 for his 3-of-a-kind hand, followed by Ray Pessa's second place \$100 and Brett Hodges third place \$50 prizes.



County Supervisor Neil Derry

We are thankful to everyone who participated and contributed. The Homestead Valley Community Council raised about \$1500, which we will use to fund events like our annual Christmas Party/Toy Drive and other Homestead Valley community events.

What does HVCC do? Find out on www.hvccsite.org



HVCC Sponsors Nettie Peña's Documentary "They're Not Green"

Shown on March 20 at the Yucca Valley Community Center, it was followed by a Presentation by Jim Harvey on California AB811 Low-Cost Energy Improvement Loans.