

April 5-6: Golf

April 14-17: each day **History Tours** (open to all ages)

April 16-17: **Target Pistol & Shotgun Sports**

April 17: Corn Hole (open to all ages) April 30-May 1: Horseshoes

By Amy Bradshaw

t was bright and sunny on March 5, 2020, when Mesquite Senior Games kicked off the spring season with the popular long drive event. Armed with a new database, registration system, and website, our 19-year-old nonprofit was excited and ready to put on our best season ever! Little did we know that a mere 9 days later, on a day threatened by rain and high winds smack dab in the middle of our pickleball competition, that the MSG Board of Directors would make the tough decision to cancel the remaining 17 events in the spring schedule. Covid-19 had come to town, and it wasn't leaving any time soon. A couple of days later, our stunned country was shut down in an attempt to defend against this monster that no one had expected.





Here we are nearly a year later. Optimism is beginning to grow for an end to the devastating impact of the pandemic across the country. Still, our regular spring session of senior competitions seems out of the question, and we decided that the most likely time Covid will allow us a return to a full season will be in fall 2021.

In the meantime, we've planned a few single-sport competitions. These are scheduled to start in April, as progress against the pandemic and health guidelines permit. They will be outdoor activities that will provide the opportunity for social distancing while offering the healthful sport and social events our seniors need now more than ever. Golf, horseshoes, corn hole, target pistol, and shotgun sports competitions are being planned. And since we know all of our community is ready to get out and get active, the horseshoes and corn hole competitions are being planned for all ages. We are also offering fitness hikes and history tour events that will be available to anyone who wants to exercise and learn about our beautiful desert community.

This fall, a huge relaunch and celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Mesquite Senior Games is planned, complete with all the events you normally would see in the spring. Better than that, moving forward, we are planning 2 full sporting seasons each year! The seasons will include activities of all types, so seniors will have the chance to show us what they've got in the spring and fall both! We will be sending out updates as these plans are finalized, so please be on the lookout for news about these events. We are excited to be sharing our 20th Anniversary Celebration with you throughout the year. Hope to see you at the Games! V

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