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It 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, but 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 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 which 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 also be available to anyone that wants to get some exercise and learn about our beautiful desert community.

This fall we are planning a huge relaunch and celebration of the 20th anniversary of Mesquite Senior Games complete with all the events you normally

