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Wednesdays At Cactus Jack's

FREE LINE DANCING WITH CARRIE MCNEISH

By Vanessa Selby-McGuigan

Carrie McNeish is now at Cactus Jack's on Wednesdays. She made her move when Gina Lombardi, business partner of Art Perez, approached her about coming to their location. McNeish says, "They saw an article about how I needed a new location for my line dancing lessons, and they got in touch with me, which was so organic and awesome."

McNeish says that the experience at Cactus Jack's has been great and that everyone is really working together. In fact, there is a server, Karen Hopkins, who works Wednesdays and "she is very involved with the line dancers, taking orders, speaking on the microphone and getting out on the floor to do a few steps herself." In addition to that, McNeish explains that "the sound quality is fantastic. Our sound engineer, Ken Kareta, worked for years with Joe Cocker."

McNeish also points out that the "line dancing there is about having fun. It is not about being a ballroom dancer." (She has separate classes for that.) Wednesdays at Cactus Jack's "is about having fun, meeting people and being active."

In addition to free line dancing lessons, guests can expect much more when they visit Cactus Jack's. In fact, Lombardi, says they are "well known for their burgers and homemade buns."



She added that they have a great happy hour Monday through Friday and that their "\$5.00 Margaritas are made with high-end Tequila, such as Roger Clyne's Mexican Moonshine." Not only that, Clyne is actually performing at Cactus Jack's on Friday, January 8 at 8:00pm.

Lombardi is extremely proud of Clyne's performance as well as many other performances at the bar, adding, "We are Ahwatukee's live music venue." She says they book great acts and many are even nationally known.

For more, visit Cactus Jack's at 4747 E. Elliott Road, call 480.753.4733, or go online at <http://www.cactusjacksbar.co/>.

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