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AROUND THE REEF

Dining Updates

- Palm Court, currently served in the Islander, will move outdoors on **Monday, November 3** with hours of operation 11:30am-3:30pm.
- Raw Bar will re-open for lunch daily on **Friday, October 3.**
- For all current dining hours of operations, please see page 31 or visit oceanreef.com/dining.

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Send-Off to Summer



Labor Day Bingo Champions, Adam Riseling (left) and Amanda and George Asman. See more photos on page 36.



Madison and Wesley Aldridge with Alaia Clavero at the Labor Day Bash.



Debbie and Brandon McCrary celebrate their anniversary at Labor Day Bingo.



The Kohan Family enjoys the buffet at Labor Day Bingo.

Sneak Peek to Season

As the season gets closer and you get ready to see all your fellow Members, you can now begin to plan special nights out with friends, your next golf tournament and even a special dinner, all with the new 2025-2026 Club & Community Calendar that recently hit your inbox (and soon, if not already, your mailbox!).

As you flip through this year's calendar, on the very first page, you'll see a list of the traditions

that hold a special place in the heart of Ocean Reef Club. These long-held traditions, some dating back to before the Member buyout, help to create the lasting memories Members and their families enjoy here year after year.

Kicking off will be The Gathering – Equity Welcome Back on **November 9**, which will mark the beginning of another great season ahead! Followed by an exciting start to golf with the Member-Guest Golf Tournament, celebrating its 53rd year, **November 12-15**. Other highly anticipated events include Vintage Weekend, Reef Cup, Blessing of

the Animals and much more.

Forming New Traditions

As the years go on, we see new traditions begin to form. This

year, we look forward to new and recent additions that enhance the Club's unique way of life. A peek into some of the new events

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ALL GOLF COURSES REOPEN OCTOBER 19

The Dolphin Golf Course is currently open, with the Hammock Golf Course reopening following maintenance on **Sunday, October 19**. At that time, all courses, including the Croquet Courts, will be open for season. Read more on page 47.

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OR "See"



Felicia M. Koretsky spots a butter Burgee in her fry pan. Breakfast of (Club) champions!

What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before?

Email orp@oceanreef.com and share your discoveries.

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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY DINING EVENT RESERVATIONS

Holiday event reservations open **Wednesday, October 1** for Equity Members and **Monday, November 3** for Legacy and Social Members.

To make reservations you may call the Dining Reservations Team at 305-367-5931.

DRIVING RANGE OPENS TODAY

The Driving Range, which has been closed due to maintenance, opens **today, September 19**. You may now use the Driving Range from 7:30 a.m. to dusk daily, except on Tuesdays when it will be closed from 12 to 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL AT BURGEE BAR

Throughout this football season, Members are welcome to enjoy lunch at the Burgee Bar from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and cheer on their favorite college or NFL Teams.

You may visit oceanreef.com/burgeelunchmenu to view the delicious lunch menu available during this time.

See page 31 for a full list of dining outlets and hours of operation.

Gotta Question?

Where can I make donations at The Reef? I have lots of bedding items that I would love to donate if anyone needs them.

Yes! Most bedding item donations can be made to the Grayvik Animal Center. They will gladly accept blankets, towels and sheets for the animals at the facility during their hours of operation, which are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have any questions about these donations, please contact the Grayvik Animal Center at 305-367-4701.

There is also a Chapel Clothing Bin located at the Chapel & Fellowship Center. This donation bin is on the east side of the Chapel off Island Drive (see photo). While the Chapel donation bin does not accept any food or household items (including bedding), they will accept gently used clothing and shoes, which will then be



distributed to those in need. For more details, you may call the Chapel at 305-367-2049.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you would like to submit a question, email the *Ocean Reef Press* at orp@oceanreef.com.



Taking a Flight Back in Time

If you've stopped by and toured the new Airport Terminal, you've delighted in the beauty, modern design and structure of the building. With floor-to-ceiling windows that allow you sweeping views of the runway and exhilarating landings and takeoffs, gorgeous sitting areas both inside and outside, a new gourmet coffee machine and retail space, and a smiling Airport Team, the new Airport Terminal is certainly a destination to visit with or without your suitcase.

A unique aspect of this new facility is the tribute to Ocean Reef's aviation history. With stunning photographs right as you step in, it's almost like being transported back in time. While these photographs themselves hold outstanding stories, it's an extra special surprise when you



While taking a tour of the new Airport Terminal, Sandra Baker Sherman sees a photo of her grandmother, Alice Baker, on the wall.

see someone you recognize. This is exactly what happened when **Sandra Baker Sherman** visited the new Airport Terminal earlier this month.

As she walked into the new facility and was taking in the



An up-close look at the photo that took Sandra back in time - her grandmother, Alice, on the Airport runway.

beauty of it, she was ultimately captivated by a photo she had not recalled seeing before, but instantly recognized as someone very near and dear to her - her grandmother, Alice Baker.

"I remember going down the runway in her golf cart as a child," said Sandra. "That photo just took me back and reminded me of what an outgoing person she was. My grandmother enjoyed the Club so much, she loved driving around giving golf cart tours. I'm sure the Airport was always one of her stops."

Sandra remembers her grandmother being initially hesitant about Ocean Reef (mainly because of the mosquitoes!), but as many Members' stories unfold, love for the Club ultimately

extended down generations. Ocean Reef became a significant part of Sandra's childhood as she visited her grandparents often, and it has become part of her daughter's story, who got married here.

With history and tradition at the heart of Ocean Reef Club's values, honoring the Airport's storied past was an important element of the new design. Seeing how deeply it resonates with even one Member makes the tribute feel all the more special.

Make a Stop

If you have not yet toured the new Airport Terminal, you can drop by, say hello to the team, enjoy a cup of coffee and the breathtaking views. During the summer, they are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drive Leisurely

Whether returning after a day, week or season away, it has often been remarked that the passage through the gate sparks a meditative moment, marked by the casual sign, "Drive Leisurely."

The speed limit across The Reef is 25mph, something rarely reached by most drivers who do travel at a relaxed pace. Despite this, the number of vehicles has been on the rise. With golf carts, cars, trucks, scooters, bicycles, runners, walkers and strollers sharing the roads, safety is always a top priority and consistently being evaluated by the Club and ORCA.

One such area is the four-way stop. Through the years, suggestions have been made and reviewed to adjust the traffic patterns at this location. The latest study, aimed to make the intersection safer for golf carts, yielded recommendations from the traffic engineer that were subsequently implemented with golf cart-dedicated turning lanes and signage added to the intersection. While the addition of a roundabout was also reviewed at this time, it was

determined by both the Club and ORCA that this would not be a safe solution for the Ocean Reef community. Ocean Reef is unique in that it is very much a golf cart community. Not only is it a means of transportation, but for families and young children, a part of the unique way of life. Introducing golf carts, bicyclists, and pedestrians into a roundabout shared with cars and large trucks presents significant safety concerns. Cars and trucks can maintain consistent speeds within roundabouts and accelerate more quickly after stopping, whereas golf carts require more time to pick up speed, creating a potentially hazardous speed differential.

Ocean Reef has operated successfully since its full development, and under normal conditions, the intersection functions adequately. While short traffic delays during weekday afternoons and some mornings, particularly during the season do occur, these brief backups do not outweigh the potential safety risks associated with adding a roundabout. A little patience is always a good solution, and let's remember to **Drive Leisurely**.

Sneak Peek to Season

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includes the recently-added Thank You Beach Party that will commemorate the season and celebrate its third year on **April 15, 2026**. You can also look forward to new and special dining events, such as Caribbean Night at Everton's on select days, a revamped Food & Wine **January 23 and 24**, the third display of Burger Bash **March 27**, and the all new Tacos & Tequila on **February 13, 2026**.

Plan Your Season

Stay up-to-date this season by accessing the digital 2025-26 Club & Community Calendar online at oceanreef.com/calendar.

While you may still have last season's calendar, which goes through December of this year, it is best to refer to the new 2025-26 Club Calendar as dates have changed (looking at you, Member-Guest Golf!) and events have been added.

The following list includes just a sample of can't-miss events this season:

- **Vintage Weekend** Dec. 4-7
- **Grand Masters Golf & Fishing Tournament** Dec. 9 & 10
- **Member-Guest Pickleball Tournament** Dec. 12-14
- **ORC Fit Games** Dec. 27
- **Festival on the Green** Dec. 29
- **Blessing of the Animals** Jan. 17
- **Member-Guest Tennis Tournament** Jan. 30 - Feb. 1
- **Triple Golf Classic** Feb. 25-28
- **Reef Cup Invitational Sailfish Tournament** March 10-14

Doggie Do & Doggie Don't

It's no secret that Ocean Reefers love their pets and they are truly part of the family, but Ocean Reef Club does have rules about your four-legged best friends.

The Club's policy states that only service animals, which are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as a dog "that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability," are allowed in all Club venues.

If your dog is not a registered service animal, as a courtesy to your fellow Members, Club Management and Associates, please be sensitive to their experience and do not bring your dogs inside areas they are not permitted, including but not limited to Club outlets, the Inn, Buccaneer Island, and more.

Below are some of the most frequently-asked questions on pet rules and regulations.

- **Are dogs allowed in Club restaurants and lounges?** No, dogs (excluding registered service animals) are prohibited in all Ocean Reef restaurants, aside from the Raw Bar deck and Reef Hut patio.
- **Can I walk my dog on the golf course?** No, taking your dog for a walk on or around the golf course is not permitted. However, if a pet's owner is playing golf during golf course hours, his (or her) dog may ride along in the cart, providing the pet is on a leash.
- **What about the Inn, Buccaneer Island and tennis courts?**
 - **The Inn:** The Inn has several pet-friendly rooms, primarily on the ground floor. Vacation Rentals offers a limited number of residences that allow pets. In both cases, the Reservations Team must be informed and approve prior

to your arrival.

- **Buccaneer Island:** Dogs, leashed or unleashed, are not allowed on Buccaneer Island – this includes Palm Court, The Point, the pool area, the Beach and the Lagoon.
- **Tennis & Pickleball Courts:** Dogs or other pets are not permitted on the courts themselves, but well-behaved pets can be leashed off to the side in designated spectator areas by each court.
- **Can I have a dog on my boat at the Marina?** Boat owners are permitted to have pets provided they are kept on the vessel or on a leash in specially-designated areas.
- **Can I take my dog into Wynn's?** No – According to their policy, Wynn's Market only allows service animals in the store. Additionally, leashed service animals may walk alongside their owner but are not allowed in shopping carts under any circumstance.
- **My dog is very well behaved. Can I walk him without a leash?** According to the ORCA Members Handbook, dogs should never be off leash in any area of the

community, outside of the Dog Park or a Member's own private property.

Please note: Registered service animals, as required by law, are permitted in all Ocean Reef venues. In all areas where dogs are not permitted, including Wynn's and Club facilities, Members can expect to be asked whether their pet is a service animal. Additionally, Ocean Reef Club may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal if the animal is not housebroken or is out of control and the individual is not able to control it.

Please remember, Members are responsible for any damage caused by a pet owned by the Member or under the Member's control, and also for cleaning up pet droppings (as per Monroe County ordinance). If you have additional questions, please email orp@oceanreef.com or reach out to Membership at 305-367-5921 or membership@oceanreef.com.

Being a responsible pet owner helps maintain Ocean Reef's unique way of life. Please be mindful of your fellow Members as you enjoy time with your four-legged friends.



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ORCA NEWS

9/11
Remembrance



by Susan Bohan

Those of us over the age of 30 can most likely tell you exactly where we were and how we heard of the events of September 11, 2001. This was personal. No matter where you lived, we all shared the shock, anger and fear while we watched the details of the terrorist attack unfold on our televisions.

The 9/11 Remembrance held by the ORCA Public Safety Department was a solemn reminder to all Members, Club Associates and ORCA employees who attended just how much

we lost that terrible day, while simultaneously honoring the heroics of first responders. The morning was opened by ORCA's Ariel Airtime (VP/Director of Public Safety & Operations) and closed with remarks by ORCA Fire-Rescue Chief John Flynn, enumerating the number of people lost. Included was the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem sung live by Cynthia Taylor and ended with "God Bless America". It set the perfect tone.

Living in New York City, just 90 blocks north of the Towers, there are so many stories I could include here about the days, weeks and months that shook my City to its core. And certain things still bring back those thoughts: smoke-filled skies, smells of burning plastic, bagpipes at funerals, Kate Smith's "God Bless America" at the seventh inning stretch of every Yankees game and just passing a fire station.

We should all be proud of our men and women in Public Safety who keep us safe as multi-trained

first responders and honor those we lost by remembering the unity we felt that day.



Community members came to the Cultural Center parking lot for ORCA's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to honor lives lost September 11, 2001.

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Number of Sales	36	19	+ 89%
Total Sales Dollars	\$137,585,500	\$91,867,500	+50%
Average Sales Price	\$3,821,219	\$4,835,135	- 21%
Average Days on Market	207	192	+ 8%
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Active Listing Dollars	\$391,288,022	\$445,209,000	-12%

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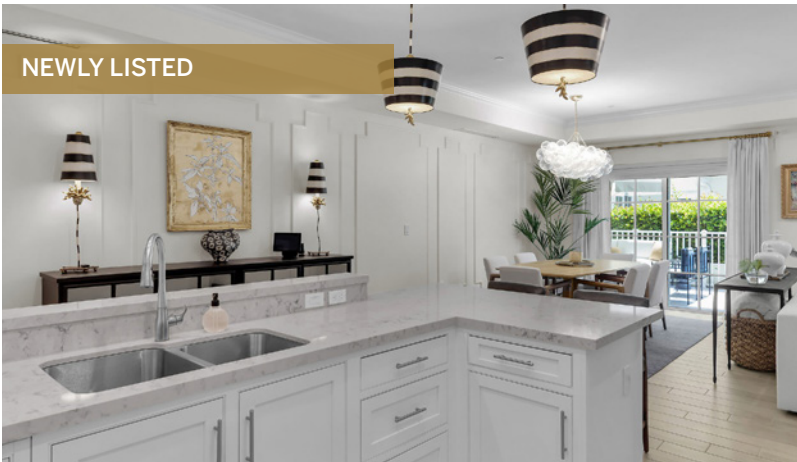
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FEATURED BOTTLE OF THE MONTH

Rochelt - Annia's Gin



Principally known for their fruit brandies, the Austrian house Rochelt has long been hailed as one of the finest and rarest producers of eau-de-vie in the world. This month, however, we will not be focusing on the Brandy that has propelled Rochelt to stardom, but instead on what was created by Alexander Rainer as a birthday surprise for his wife Annia: Annia's Gin. Rochelt produces the Gin sparingly, its first iteration only consisting of 20 liters. The Gin begins its life as pure Gravenstein Apple Brandy, aged ten years, before fresh, handpicked juniper berries are added, and the resulting mixture is distilled once more. That's all! Just two ingredients comprise Annia's Gin, making it one of the most unique bottlings in the world. Coupled with its hand-blown green Tyrolean glass bottles, Annia's Gin is not only a symphony of flavor in its purest form, it is also a beautiful sight to behold. Beginning today, **September 19**, Port O'Call will only have seven bottles for sale! 375ml - \$425

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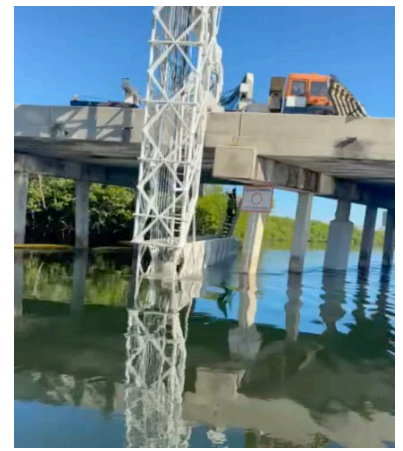
Yellow curbs on Ocean Reef Drive Bridge are removed and electrical lines were relocated.



Trees were trimmed by the FKEC to avoid electrical service issues and create optimal tree growth.



A look at the work that has been done inside the Grayvik Animal Center.



FKAA worked on the Ocean Reef storage tank.

Off-Season ORCA Upgrades & Enhancements

Here's what ORCA has been working on while you've been away: progress on building improvements, infrastructure upgrades, and community enhancements—all made possible with the support of our local and county partners and designed to make your return even more enjoyable.

Ocean Reef Drive Bridge

Electrical lines at the Ocean Reef Drive Bridge were relocated with minimal impact to local traffic. As part of the project the two yellow curbs were removed. The curbs narrowed the bridge, creating safety concerns. With the lines

relocated, the bridge is now wider, safer, and more attractive.

Tree Trimming

FKEC's certified crews trimmed vegetation around overhead lines to help maintain reliable electric service and healthy tree growth.

Grayvik Animal Center, Home of ORCAT

Work on the new veterinary clinic and home to The Reef's working cats is well advanced, with interior details, cabling, storefronts, and roofing moving forward, and new drainage now in place on site. The project remains on schedule, with completion expected on time and operations set to begin before the end of the year.

FKAA Water Tank

The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) conducted rehabilitation work on the Ocean Reef storage tank as part of a once-in-30-year restoration

project. The work included removing the old exterior finish, repairing leaks, and applying a new protective coating and paint to improve the look of the aging tanks while ensuring their long-term reliability.

Sunrise Cay Bridge

The final phase of the Sunrise Cay Bridge restoration is underway. Please follow the

posted speed limit and note that pedestrians and bicyclists are not allowed on the bridge during this stage for safety.

South Harbor Drainage Improvements

ORCA replaced the trench drain on South Harbor with individual drainage wells to improve stormwater runoff during heavy rainfalls.

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OUT & ABOUT



John and Deb Wright enjoy their late afternoon golf cart latte rides at The Reef!

MEMBER NEWS



Alexander Davide, Legacy Member and son of Equity Members Anthony and Ileana Davide, was engaged to Morgan Hirsch last August. Alexander and Morgan look forward to getting married at The Reef on March 7, 2026. Congratulations to the happy couple! Pictured from left to right: Anthony and Alexander Davide, Morgan Hirsch and Ileana Davide.

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The Cart Affair: Bringing Back the Spark



by Felicia M.
Koretsky

Golf carts age like the rest of us.

The joints creak. The seats sag. A simple speed bump can trigger an embarrassing leak. Some days you swear you can't find the horn, explaining why she hasn't been as responsive.

Once an exciting ride, your reliable sidekick who accompanied you on countless Reef adventures isn't looking so fresh anymore. In fact, the last time you were leaving the Burgee, you couldn't identify her in the parking lot.

You almost took someone else's ride, but thankfully, you realized it before you went too far.

Your best solution? A cart consultation at Golf Cart Repair. From subtle touch-ups to full fairway facelifts, they've got a procedure to bring back the old spark. Here are just some of the ways to reignite the romance:

Lighten Up with Lithium:

Think of this procedure as lipo or an Ozempic quick weight loss trick -only for your golf cart. By changing your lead-acid batteries to lithium, your cart's overall weight will shed 250 pounds instantly. You won't have to worry about adding water, the cart's battery life will last longer, and you'll go further without needing another charge. Your cart will have an extra zip around each turn. But be warned, those tight hugs around the corners might get others asking for her VIN number.

Lift Kit: Often (never) referred to as the Brazilian Butt Lift for golf carts, your electric chariot's booty and body, too, can get bumped and plumped with a nicer raised bulkier look. By adding on a lift, your cart will grow up to five more inches, making it easier to drive through puddles and post-



Ernest Howell, Cart Repair & Cart Sales Manager, showcases a recently upgraded golf cart, with brand new seats and the addition of a brush guard.

storm splashes like she owns The Reef's roads. Think of it as your wheels with heels.

Add on a Brush Guard: Give your front grill a sporty look by adding a brush guard. While mostly cosmetic, like adding veneers to your teeth, it can also help reduce damage in a fender bender.

Seat Reupholstering or Replacing: Your cart seats are showing fine lines, wrinkles, dimples, and cracks. With dozens of tropical weather-friendly materials, a variety of colors, along with different stitch designs and customizing with your name or initials, this is a quick fix and often creative approach to turning back the years on your cart's appearance.

Floorboard Rejuvenation: Tired footrests and peeling and cracked floors can make even a young cart look old. Upgrade to marine-grade flooring in colors and patterns that range from sleek neutrals to faux wood-look planks. Easy to clean, easier to love.

Lights, Mirrors, Action: Time for a vision check-up and bring back the sparkle to your cart's eyes. Clear those foggy headlights, upgrade to snappy LEDs, and pop in a fresh windshield with new side and rear mirrors. Suddenly, you're seeing the road, and everyone is seeing you. For extra flash, go for colored LED lights and earn instant street cred with the grandkids.

New Steering Wheels, Tires, & Enhancements: Give your cart a sporty new look by changing out its steering wheel for starters.

Then opt for black, low-gloss, silver non-polished, or racy wheels. For those softened tires explore bigger tires for comfort. Just make sure to speak to your cart counselor to make the right selection before you get thrown off the golf course for causing turf damage.

Turn Up the Speed: When your get up and go hasn't gotten up and gone anywhere since the

last time the Club offered free booze and food, dial up your cart's speed. Upgrade to a faster motor, and she'll go from 15 mph to a wild 25. You'll both feel dangerous without getting a lecture from Public Safety's Officer Arkin.

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ORCF Co-Hosts Florida Keys Nonprofit Day

Ocean Reef Community Foundation recently co-hosted the 4th Annual Florida Keys Nonprofit Day, bringing more than 120 of the region's nonprofit leaders together for a day of learning, sharing, and collaboration in Marathon. The event featured a keynote session on strategies for building resilient organizations in uncertain times, an engaging Q&A with a panel of local experts, and networking activities designed to spark fresh ideas and strong collaborations.

The annual event grew out of the Florida Keys Funders Alliance - a longtime collaboration between the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, the Community



Foundation of the Florida Keys, and United Way of Collier and the Keys. Together, the Keys' largest funding partners share a commitment to helping local causes not only through grants, but also by strengthening the organizations themselves with tools, training, and opportunities to connect.

This year's theme of Organizational Resilience

was particularly relevant at a challenging time. Monroe County funding for almost forty health and social services organizations, many of which have already taken a hit in state and federal budget changes, was cut by half in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. By working together, the Florida Keys Funders Alliance partners provide support, share

knowledge, and strengthen the network of the many nonprofits meeting critical needs throughout the Keys.

Thanks to Ocean Reef Club Members who support All Charities, initiatives like Nonprofit Day continue to thrive, helping our local nonprofits prepare for the challenges ahead.

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Tickets go on sale to Donors beginning **November 1**, and to Non-Donors beginning **December 1**.

For more information or to get involved, please email culturalcenter@oceanreef.com.

Live Performances

- **Sunday, Dec. 28**
360 All Stars
- **Friday, January 9**
Old Dominion - *Outdoor Concert*
- **Saturday, January 17**
The Four Phantoms in Concert
- **Monday, January 19 - 24**
Chamber Music Festival
- **Thursday, January 22**
Comedian Bill Engvall
- **Tuesday, January 27**
Zoetic Theater "Proof"
- **Saturday, January 31**
Outdoor Concert TBD (Pending)
- **Friday, February 6**
The Choir Of Man
- **Sunday, February 15**
Lonestar
- **Friday, February 27**
Arrival From Sweden: The Music Of Abba
- **Wednesday, March 4**
Abby Mueller – Cabaret
- **Thursday, March 12**
Cheap Trick – *Outdoor Concert*
- **Saturday, March 21**
KC & the Sunshine Band – *Outdoor Concert*
- **Saturday, March 28**
The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Campus Speaker Series

- **Thursday, January 8**
Noah Feldman - China & the US Relationship

- **Thursday, February 19**
Roben Farzad - "The Cocaine Cowboys"
- **Friday, March 6**
Mark Mills - Technology & Energy
- **Sunday, March 15**
Dan Hudak - Best Picture Oscar Talk
- **Thursday, March 26**
Zack Kass - Artificial Intelligence

Food & Film Series

- **Monday, December 15**
"Love Sarah" (2020)
- **Monday, January 5**
"Widow Clicquot" (2025)
- **Monday, February 2**
"Minari" (2020)
- **Monday, February 23**
"Marcella" (2025)
- **Monday, March 16**
"Crossing Delancey" (1988)

Dining With The Presidents

- **Thursday, January 15**
Douglas Brinkley - Nixon Tapes

- **Thursday, January 29**
Lindsay Chervinsky - John Adams
- **Thursday, February 26**
Hw Brands - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- **Thursday, March 19**
Douglas Bradburn - George Washington

Richmond Forum Virtual Series

- **Wednesday, January 7**
Ted Koppel With Amna Nawaz - "40 Years: Moments That Mattered"
- **Wednesday, January 28**
Sanna Marin - "Europe's Next Generation"
- **Wednesday, February 25**
Joe Manchin, Andrew Yang, & Justin Amash - "The Two-Party Problem"
- **Wednesday, March 25**
Tracee Ellis Ross - "On Identity, Impact, & Joy"
- **Wednesday, April 22**
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by Raquel Moraga,
Senior Membership Manager

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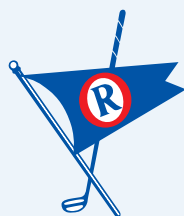
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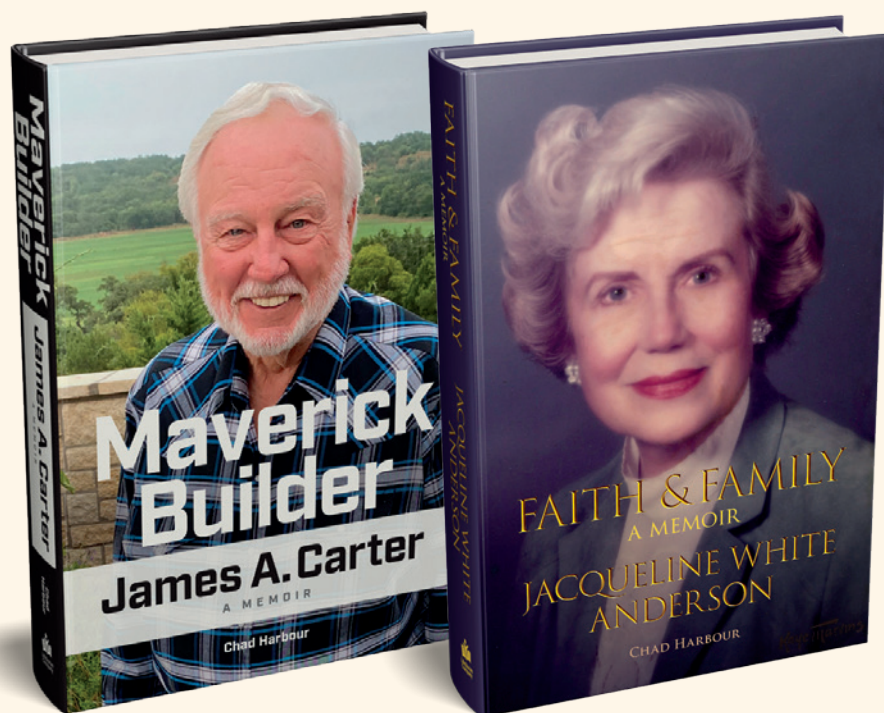
Junior Sailing Program for 25 years to the creation of the Charleston Junior Yacht Club, today, the Charleston Yacht Club is a member of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association as well as the U.S. Sailing Association. Members of the Charleston Yacht Club can enjoy regattas, cruises, fishing tournaments, and much more. Ocean Reef Members who visit the Charleston Yacht Club through the Affiliate Club Program may enjoy dining at their club. For more information on Charleston Yacht Club, visit oceanreef.com/charleston-yacht-club/.



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Convicted Civility (Part Two)



by Rev. Dr.
Dan Meyer,
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Welcome to Part Two

In part one (page 16 of the August 22 edition of the *Ocean Reef Press*) of this conversation, I made a bold assertion that what we need today is Convicted Civility. I contended that:

"You and I live in an era where there is too little CONVICTION (or too much passivity) from many of our best people. At the same time, those actively engaged in the important struggles of our age often seem to exhibit too little CIVILITY (or too much aggression) in the pursuit of their ends. The result (of both realities) is a rising anarchy in many societal sectors."

In Part one, I described some of the basic moral **convictions** that have struck people in the Judeo-Christian tradition as essential to healthy individuals or societies. More people need to stand up and speak out for these values if we are to avoid further descent into anarchy.

If you have followed the news cycle since this paper was last published, however, then you will be freshly aware that it can be risky to be someone who stands up and speaks out today. The problem has something to do with declining standards around **civility** and that is what I want to focus on today.

Reflecting on Charlie Kirk

You've likely heard a lot about the assassination of Charlie Kirk – the young conservative who was rarely shy about expressing his convictions and who called everyone in his audience to carefully consider theirs. Regardless of whether you identify with the moral values for which Charlie stood, he was someone who did his best to engage others in conversation about the beliefs and practices

that they believed would lead to a true commonwealth.

At the same time, Charlie Kirk was sometimes given to "expressional excess." I agreed with many things he said, but he sometimes made ill-considered statements that made me wince. Most of the time, Charlie was a champion for what I am calling "civility" – a respectful way of holding space for those who disagree with you. AND there were moments when he lost that bearing.

A lot of us are like that. We are a complicated mix of wisdom and foolishness. We bring value to the circles we enter AND we do or say things that would make Moses or Jesus or Mr. Rogers wince. THAT, however, is nowhere close to justification for murder.

Murders in the Building

If you survey a balanced news feed, then you know that over the past month and months, a lot of people who were simply trying to live out their moral convictions were murdered by fanatics who felt they had no right to their beliefs. The people murdered were Jewish and Christian, Republicans and Democrats, young people and older people. They were killed by those who felt that differing with them was "Hate Speech" and must be punished by death.

Some of this is the clear result of mental illness--conditions that deserve a set of thoughtful and careful responses all their own. But some of the trauma of our time is the result of a distorted, disfigured notion of what "health and safety" truly mean.

My parents taught me to differentiate between words and actions. *"Sticks and stones may break your bones, but names will never hurt you."* People will dislike and disagree with you, they said, but that's OK. That won't KILL you. It will make you more resilient.

I was trained as a political scientist at Yale, back when that university was not dominated by any particular ideology. My professors taught me to look at all sides of an issue. They said that entertaining the marketplace of

ideas and values will only make you wiser and more discerning. It won't KILL you to say what you believe and listen to others.

Today, however, it just might.

Uncommon Decency

Once upon a time, there was no talk radio, ideological television or social media. There was only face-to-face relationship among people whose proximity to one another created a mutual interdependence. People understood that they had to learn how to live with other people in real time and deal with differences.

In his book, *Uncommon Decency*, Richard Mouw, issues a winsome call to a recovery of civility in American life. "Civility," he writes, "is public politeness. It means that we display tact, moderation, refinement and good manners toward people who are different from us."

Mouw stresses that civility is not just play-acting. You don't simply mask your basic hostility toward somebody else with insincere words or grudging concessions. Civility doesn't mean holding a relativistic view that every idea or approach is equally valid. Some ideas and actions are genuinely stupid or destructive, including, perhaps, some of our own.

Civility requires an authentic willingness to respect someone else, not because we believe they are right about everything, but because they are God's creation.

It involves trying to understand what they think and feel and where that came from. It means seeking to perceive the pressures they are under, the experiences they've had, the real-world needs or imagined demons that haunt them. It means listening deeply enough that we earn the right to have our convictions truly heard by them.

Hundreds of years ago, a diverse group of people came together and hammered out a new charter. There were many differences that could have divided them and destroyed their project, but they focused instead on what they had in common – a holy conviction that all people were created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. They enshrined in a *Constitution* and then a *Bill of Rights* the vision of an unusually CIVIL society – one with due process, mutual respect, checks and balances, and a core Judeo-Christian value system designed by a Creator to advance a common good.

Let's refresh that dream.

This will require a level of humility, courage, sacrifice, and compromise that will be a stretch for all of us. But let it begin. Let this convicted civility be the newfound passion in our homes and religious communities, in our neighborhood and civic circles, in our workplaces and government. Let's become again a people of both truth and grace (John 1:14).

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

SUNDAYS

In-Person Summer Worship Service
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Online Summer Worship
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MONDAYS

AI-Anon Meeting
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Intercessory Prayer
Chapel Board Room, 8:30 a.m.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Rosh Hashannah Services
Tuesday, September 23
Chapel Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Kol Nidrei
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Yom Kippur – Day of Atonement
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We Mourn the Loss

Elizabeth Henry Caldwell



Elizabeth Henry Walley Caldwell ("Betsy") went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 7, 2025. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, L. Hardwick Caldwell, Jr. She is survived by her two sons Zach Walley (Auburn), and Ned Walley (Kurt), and her five stepchildren Hacker Caldwell (Kitty), Ted Caldwell (Beth), Charlotte Caldwell (Jeffrey), Mark Caldwell (Ann), and Tina Currin (Sam). She has

four Walley grandchildren, 16 step-grandchildren, and 29 step great-grandchildren.

Betsy was born June 2, 1940, in Wilmington, Delaware. Her parents, William Anderson Henry and Bessie Maynard Henry, as well as her sister, Mary duBignon Lyne, all predeceased her. She attended the Tower Hill School in Wilmington for 11 years before graduating from the Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Next, she graduated from Vassar College.

When not loving and helping her family, she enjoyed her many Bible studies, small groups, and teaching about the Lord. She took great pleasure in the many Sunday school classes she taught to young children, which was a big joy throughout her life. Giving back to the community as a volunteer was also very important.

She was always active and thrived in many sports such as tennis, golf, diving, walking, and especially croquet. Betsy was a passionate and competitive bridge player and was never one

to shy away from challenges, such as repelling down the side of Chattanooga's tallest building to raise funds for charity and skydiving more recently at age 82. During her life, she was an ardent adventurer and relished her many travels all over the world.

For over 30 years each winter, she enjoyed her second community at Ocean Reef Club, and her many friends, Bible studies and bridge groups.

On **Saturday, September 20**, a visitation will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m., at The Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, 316 North Bragg Avenue, Lookout Mountain, TN 37350.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church (lmpc.org), the Chambliss Center For Children (chamblisscenter.org), or the service organization of your choice.

Visit the online obituary heritagechattanooga.com to post tributes and share memories.

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Rosh Hashanah Services

Tuesday, September 23
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Kol Nidrei - Erev Yom Kippur

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Pat Henry



Mary Patricia Henry peacefully departed this life on September 13, 2025. Her passing leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of her devoted family and countless friends, who will forever hold her dear to their heart.

Born on February 11, 1940, in Brooklyn, NY, Pat was one of eight children born to the late Sylvio and Margaret Laino. A testament to her unwavering

dedication and intellect, Pat graduated at the top of her class from Bishop McDonald, earning her nursing degree. Her passion for caring for others led her to a fulfilling career as a compassionate and highly skilled nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Islip, NY. She thrived in the demanding environment of the operating room, where her steady hands and calming presence brought comfort and assurance to countless patients and their families.

In 1961, a pivotal moment in her life arrived when she married the love of her life, Stan Henry, at the beautiful Saints Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church in Deer Park, NY. Their union blossomed into a lifelong partnership, filled with shared adventures, unwavering support, and an abundance of joyful laughter that echoed through their home for over six decades. Pat was an enthusiastic and highly skilled bridge player, finding immense joy.

Pat was a resident of Ocean Reef Club, where she spent more than 20 years immersing herself in its active community. She delighted in the camaraderie of her friends, often spending her days playing golf or in the card room playing bridge. Her commitment to the Club extended beyond leisure, as she was also active in the Ocean Reef Yacht Club, embracing the nautical lifestyle, as well as being a dedicated participant in the Film Society, indulging her love for the arts.

Pat's enduring legacy is carried on by her beloved husband, Stan Henry, who stood as her steadfast rock for over six decades, their bond a true inspiration. She is also survived by her loving daughter, Dara Hubbard, and her cherished son, Stuart Henry, both of whom will continue to embody the profound kindness and remarkable strength that defined their mother. Her memory will be forever treasured by her adoring grandchildren, who

brought immeasurable joy and light into her life: Jillian Schlesinger, Griffin Schlesinger, Emmy Schlesinger, Tyler Henry, Ella Henry, and Cooper Henry. Each of them holds a special place in their hearts for their grandmother, remembering her warmth, wisdom, and boundless love.

In accordance with the family's wishes, services will be held privately with a celebration of life to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made in Pat's memory to [makingthebestofeveryday.org](https://www.makingthebestofeveryday.org). This non-profit regional hospice center provided invaluable comfort and support, ensuring her final days were peaceful, dignified, and surrounded by loving care. Her family extends their deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff of this organization for their compassionate assistance during a tender time.

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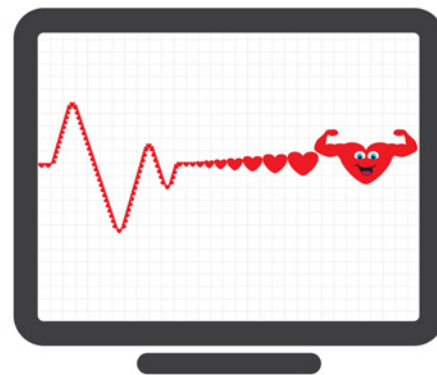
We are pleased to announce the addition of cardiologist Benjamin Hurwitz, M.D to our Visiting Specialists program. He is a Board-certified physician with the Cardiovascular Wellness Center located in Homestead and a Baptist Health affiliated physician. He attended the Sackler School of Medicine in Tel Aviv, Israel and received his advanced training at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease, Miami Beach.

Dr. Hurwitz diagnoses and treats various heart-related health conditions, including arrhythmia, high blood pressure and heart disease. He also serves as the Chief of Medicine at Homestead Hospital and serves on the hospital's Medical Staff Quality Committee. Outside

of work, Dr. Hurwitz is active in the cardiology community, contributing regularly to scientific publications and speaking at conferences and industry events. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, and the American College of Physicians.

The Centers' visiting cardiology specialty also includes the choice of two additional physicians, Julio Barcena, M.D, also affiliated with Baptist Health, and Howard Bush, M.D, affiliated with Cleveland Clinic, Weston, FL.

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Elena Roth
Sept 25, Oct 23

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Susanna Tamkins 786-530-2289
Oct 17, Nov 21

Orthopaedic Hand Surgery

Annie Plate
Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18
Roberto Miki
Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 12

Orthopaedic Sports Medicine

Michael Swartzon
Sept 26, Oct 10, Nov 21

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Derek Papp
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James Voglino
Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 12

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Anne Taylor
Oct 4, Nov 29, Dec 27, Jan 3

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Brigette Smith
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Oct 9, Nov 6
Sophia Masri
Sept 26, Oct 3, 24

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Sarah Couper
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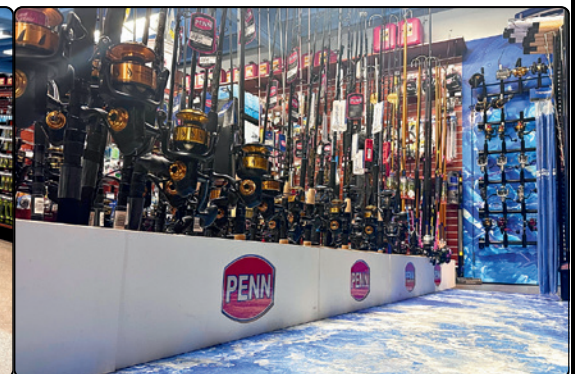
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Associate Spotlight: Newton Samuels

By Susan Bohan

The "Backbone of Banquets" is how both Marisa Bozzo, Banquets Manager, and Nick Biscoito, Banquet Sous Chef, described Newton Samuels, recently awarded "Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter" when I asked why they nominated him. Wow! That is quite a compliment and, as I spoke with them as well as Newton, I could see why.

Beginning as a Seasonal in 2016 with a background in



Newton Samuels, Banquets.

Hospitality in Jamaica, he quickly became a full time Associate moving from Lead Banquet Cook to his present position at Ocean Reef as Banquet Supervisor. His soft-

spoken demeanor belies a very determined and skilled young man. As he admits, "I like being busy and work well under pressure. I like to be hands-on but know when to delegate and enjoy teaching others." Nick agreed by commenting, "I have never heard him raise his voice." Marisa concurred that he was amazing and they always know that the job will be done right.

What exactly does a Supervisor of Banquets do? He is involved in ordering, prep and execution of meals and everything in between. There can be a buffet for 2,000 at Festival on the Green, 500 for the Reef Cup or 400 at a

wedding's plated dinner. Not to mention Thanksgiving when there are 400 dinners at Carysfort, 500 in Town Hall and oftentimes 60 or more deliveries, many last minute! He oversees it all and is always the last to leave. "I put my love into everything we make. I enjoy seeing the Members enjoy themselves....even if it results in a few back-to-back 16-hour days during peak times."

So next time you enjoy a fabulous buffet or plated dinner at an event, just know that there is a hardworking team supervised by Newton planning, coordinating and preparing your meal to look effortless and taste delicious.

Associate Spotlight: Jaime Pesantes

By Susan Bohan

"We are the complimentary Uber of Ocean Reef," is how Jaime Pesantes (PM Bellstand Supervisor) describes the Bellstand Associates, so it is no surprise to anyone who works with him that he was recently named a Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter for his work with the 15 members of his team.

With over seven years as a Bellman himself, Jaime is uniquely qualified. He is known to be proactive in anticipating the Club's needs: Is there a

late function for Catering or Banquets where our Members will need transportation; did someone leave their glasses at the Raw Bar; are more planes than usual arriving at the Airport; does a crew member need help getting groceries to their boat; or sometimes they have even been called upon to deliver a meal. "It is my job to make sure we are always available when needed. Knowing we are an integral part of the Club keeps a smile on our faces."

According to Alex Ponce, (Bellstand/Transportation Manager), who nominated him, "When I took on my new position, I immediately knew this is the person I wanted to mentor. He is a natural leader. He holds himself accountable, which is how he has gained respect throughout the Club. He makes sure everyone is wherever and whenever needed." "It is not unusual to have a call for 'All Hands on Deck,' where Alex and I have to add ourselves to the list of available drivers," adds Jaime.

Just spending time with these two men, you can tell they have a great relationship with a "can-do" attitude. They both admit that they brainstorm constantly on how to do things

even better, which, to my mind, would be pretty hard to do.

Whether you are stopping by the Inn for your morning coffee, grabbing a newspaper, indulging your dog with their

special treats, or noticing the numerous white cars and vans marked "Bellstand," a tone of competence has been set by a very well-liked leader.



Jaime Pesantes, Bellstand.



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Taking the Helm

Ben Claus Proves Perfect Choice to Captain ORC Golf



by Annie Miles

It's been one year since eight-year veteran Associate Ben Claus moved seamlessly into the top leadership position of Ocean Reef Golf and kept the staff on an even keel. He held together an exceptional core group and added what most would agree was an outstanding crew of new Associates to sustain the premier golf program for which Ocean Reef is known. Ben enthusiastically accepted the challenge and capably steered the team to deliver the kind of excellence that the Membership has come to expect. "I was appreciative of the



Ben Claus, Director of Golf.

opportunity to step into the role of Director of Golf," Ben explained. "The first priority was to recruit an Associate team that would be excited to be here and set us up for a successful year."

Ben's recruiting strategy focuses on hiring the person, not the skills. "We can always teach an Associate the skills needed, but you cannot teach good chemistry, a strong work ethic, and uncompromising integrity." He said the most positive part of his first year as Director of Golf was watching the team accept and grow into their new roles, quickly becoming a cohesive group of golf

professionals. Another positive was the "tremendous continuous support that he and the team received from the Membership and Club Management."

Having such capable Associates at the core of golf operations was crucial to this year's success, Ben noted. He works closely with Colin McCabe (Head Professional), Justin Seybuck (First Assistant Golf Professional), Tim Watson (2nd Assistant Golf Professional), Matt Costigan (Outside Operations Manager) and Ashley Waggoner (Golf Shop Manager) toward a common goal of exceeding Member expectations with all things golf. "Most importantly," Ben emphasized, "is making sure that each leader is engaged and motivated in their specific role. I make a conscientious attempt to touch base with each Associate on the staff every day." He said the principles in the book "You Win in the Locker Room First: The 7 C's to Build a Winning Team in Business, Sports and Life"—coaching, character,

communication, commitment, contagious energy, caring and consistency—molded his leadership philosophy.

Ben admitted that assuming the Director's job was not without its challenges. Scheduling and coordinating the multiple weekly and monthly events can be difficult when trying to ensure that they fit appropriately within the Club calendar, avoiding conflicts with other Club events. "Never let them see you sweat" might be an apropos description of his job, as he strives to always represent ORC Golf in a distinctly professional and affable manner.

Last year's MGA Chair Jeff Dorsey described Ben's contributions at ORC in this way: "I had the pleasure of working with Ben for the past several years through the Mentor-Mentee program and the MGA. What I learned about Ben is that he is the definition of a golf professional. He is extremely hard working and never complains. He has made providing a positive experience for both Members and the Golf

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Associates the top priority. Not only is he a very good player but an even better guy. We are lucky to have him at Ocean Reef."

Becoming Director after only one year with the MGA as First Professional simply built upon his impressive resume. He started at ORC on the outside operations, then worked his way to the retail shop where he handled all hard goods and golf ball orders. A native of Maine, Ben grew up in South Berwick attending Marshwood High School where he competed in ice hockey, baseball, and golf. He completed internships while attending Coastal Carolina University, earning a degree in Business Management. Those internships included working at Ledges, running tournaments for the New England Professional Golfers Association (NEPGA), trekking out West to work in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at The Golf Club at Black Rock and finally interning at Nantucket Golf Club. He also held part-time positions at South

Carolina's Pine Lakes Country Club and Grande Dunes Resort Club. His professional resume includes tenure at Massachusetts' Weston and Boston Golf Clubs and The Ridgewood Country Club in New Jersey, before coming to Ocean Reef.

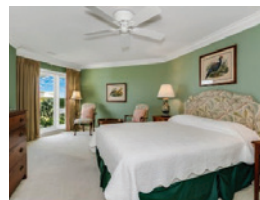
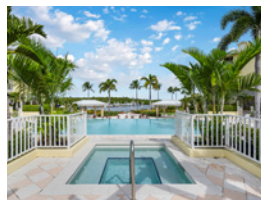
"It was evident after doing a detailed search of candidates, that Ben's time at The Reef, knowledge of the Membership and previous work experiences at various well established golf clubs, made him the best choice for the role," said Alex Tonarelli, Club President.

Ben said all those experiences paved the way for becoming Director of Golf, but no previous job gave him the opportunity to grow his leadership skills the way this past year has, citing the huge expansion of his responsibilities as Director. Ben summed up his voyage navigating year one, concluding, "I came on board to lead, but ended up learning more than ever. I'm proud that we offer a superbly unique golf experience, just like the unique way of life offered by the very special place that is Ocean Reef."



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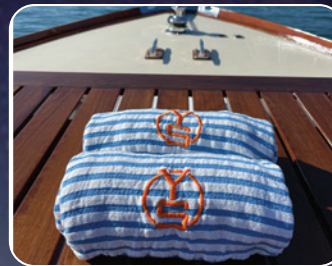
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Pat and Randy Holbrook celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Los Sueños, Costa Rica with family, RJ Holbrook, Theresa Setter, Marie and Geoff Zimmerman, grandchildren Remington, Grayson and William. Pat also surprised her family by coming out in her original wedding dress that she made herself. Congratulations to 50 years of marriage!



Cole Davies son of Legacy Members Keith and Erin Davies and grandson of Equity Members Kevin and Sheila Scalia proudly represents ORC on the Outer Banks.



Bill and Vicki Combs, enjoying a nice dinner at The Diving Horse in Avalon, NJ with their entire immediate family. Quite a special moment when all 14 of them are together in one place!

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OCEAN REEF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Opens Season with Sheriff Rick Ramsay



by Nicole
Navarro,
Executive
Director
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The Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce will kick off its 2025–26 luncheons on **Wednesday, October 15**, at the Cultural Center. This first luncheon of the season promises to be both celebratory and inspiring, highlighted by a keynote address from Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay.

The October luncheon invites Ocean Reef Club Members and chamber members to reconnect after the summer. Guests will enjoy networking, a catered lunch, and an opportunity to hear from one of the Florida Keys' most respected public servants.

Sheriff Ramsay's devotion to public safety spans nearly four decades. After graduating from the Florida Keys Institute of Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy in 1987, he joined the Monroe County Sheriff's Office as a road patrol deputy. Over the years, he advanced through patrol, investigations, special operations, corrections, and the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force. In 2004 he was appointed undersheriff, and in 2012 he won election as Sheriff, earning overwhelming support from Monroe County voters and continuing to serve in that role today.

Ramsay is the most decorated deputy in the agency's history, receiving more than 150 commendations, including the prestigious Medal of Valor for saving a man trapped in a drainage pipe filled with lethal fumes. He has completed advanced training at the FBI



Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay will be the speaker of the first luncheon of the 2025-26 luncheon season.

National Academy, the Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development Course, and the National Sheriffs' Institute Executive Training Program, underscoring his lifelong commitment to professional excellence.

Community involvement is equally central to his legacy. Ramsay volunteered as a firefighter in Marathon for 15 years, rising to the rank of deputy chief, and he continues to champion community policing—an approach credited with reducing crime rates and restoring environmentally distressed areas across the Keys. He serves on numerous nonprofit boards, including the Florida Keys Children's Shelter, United Way of Monroe County, and the Monroe Association of Remarkable Citizens, and has earned honors such as the Community Foundation Unsung Hero Award (three times), the Samuel's House Men of Valor Award, and the Imogene Synon Award. Under his leadership, the Sheriff's Office earned the National Sheriff's Association "Triple Crown" accreditation, one of only a few dozen agencies nationwide to achieve this distinction.

Event Details

The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. Registration and sponsorship information is available through the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce office and website at oceanreefchamber.org. The October 15 gathering sets the tone for a dynamic season of connection, collaboration, and community impact.

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Sweat Fitness Class

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Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Everglades Alligator Farm Tour

9am • Meet at the Nature Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9-10am • Tennis & Games Center

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10-11am • Tennis & Games Center

Cocktails5-8pm • The Point
(Members Only)**Steakhouse Night
at the Grill Room**

5-9pm • Grill Room

Equity Get-Together:**Lagoon Libations**

6:30pm • Marlin Beach

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

20 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee7-10am • The Point
(Members Only)**Cardio Tennis Clinic**

8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

Cycle Class

9-9:30am • Member Fitness Center

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Tennis Clinic

11am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center

Football at Burgee Bar

12-5pm • Burgee Bar

Cocktails5-8pm • The Point
(Members Only)**Steakhouse Night
at the Grill Room**

5-9pm • Grill Room

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

21 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee7-10am • The Point
(Members Only)**Cardio Tennis Clinic**

8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Beginners Sailing Clinic

9:30am • Buccaneer Island

In-Person Summer Worship Service

10am • Chapel Fellowship Hall

Guided Eco Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at the Pool Desk

Mat Pilates Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10-11am • Tennis & Games Center

**Online Worship Service on
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11am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center

Football at Burgee Bar

12-5pm • Burgee Bar

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour

1pm • Buccaneer Island

Cocktails5-8pm • The Point
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22 MONDAY

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

AI-Anon Meeting

9am • Chapel Fellowship Hall

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9-10am • Tennis & Games Center

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Barrelattes Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10-11am • Tennis & Games Center

Men's Night Tennis League

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

Gianni Member**Appreciation Night**

6-9pm • Gianni Ristorante

AA Meeting

7:30pm • Chapel Board Room

23 TUESDAY

Pickleball Open Play

8:30-10am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9-10am • Tennis & Games Center

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10-11am • Tennis & Games Center

Rosh Hashanah Services

10am-12pm • Ocean Reef Chapel Sanctuary

Reformer Pilates Class

11am • Member Fitness Center

24 WEDNESDAY

Intercessory Prayer

8:30am • Chapel Boardroom

Pickleball Open Play

8:30-10am • Tennis & Games Center

**CPR First Aid & AED Refresher
Training Course**

8:30-11am • Public Safety Training Room

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9-10am • Tennis & Games Center

Vinyasa Yoga Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10-11am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10-11am • Driving Range

Pickleball Clinic(Intermediate/Advanced)
11am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center

25 THURSDAY

Pickleball Open Play

8:30-10am • Tennis & Games Center

**CPR First Aid & AED Full
Training Course**

8:30am-3pm • Public Safety Training Room

Cycle Strength Class

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• 4:30pm**Wednesday, October 1**
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Joan the Shopper

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Burgee Shop

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J. McLaughlin

Scattered throughout the store are a surprising number of shoes in a variety of styles. High and low-heels, sandals, comfortable flats and beautiful loafers like the *Reina Shoes* pictured. (\$278).

by Joan Birsh

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THE ACADEMY AT OCEAN REEF

The Academy Opens for the 2025-2026 School Year



by Jerome Murphy,
Head of School

Following The Academy's opening on September 2, it was so refreshing to welcome all of our students back! While much work is always done over the summer preparing our facilities and programming for the year ahead, the school building is just not the same without the laughter, the joy, the shrieks and yes, occasional tears which accompany a school catering to children 18 months-8th grade!

With this year's enrollment topping 90 students, 20 of whom are new, I have been pleasantly struck over the last two weeks by how much positive energy and excitement our new families have instilled in our school culture. Given the beauty of our surroundings at Ocean Reef Club, no surprise perhaps!

Following significant improvements to our facilities, including phase two of our Beautification Projects, we



A morning assembly at The Academy welcomes the little ones back for another exciting school year!

have resurfaced all of our classroom floors, relandscaped our recess area, and are nearing completion of the Outdoor Nature Center.

Our middle school students will be responsible for maintaining all of our vegetable and fruit gardens, as well as the Coral Lab tanks we are scheduled to install later this fall. Following our work with Ken Nidemyer from Reef Renewal, our students will further their understanding of the important role coral reefs play in a healthy marine environment.

We are also excited to continue our educational partnerships with a host of organizations related to Coral Reefs and Marine Life science. Those organizations include Mote, Marine Lab, Coral Restoration Foundation, and Ocean First Institute,

to name just a few. As part of The Academy's ongoing commitment to developing responsible stewards of our environment, we are fortunate to have such a host of experts to guide our children's education when it comes to protecting our environment!

Not to be outdone, we are also delighted to incorporate

our Toddlers and Pre-K students into our field-based programming. With "field trips" planned to the ORC fire station, the Medical Center and the local library, we know our students will revel in those experiences.

It's great to have all of our Academy children back for another exciting year!



The Academy's new Outdoor Nature Center.

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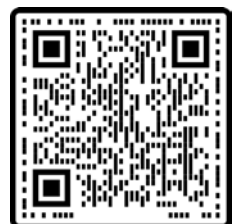


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Labor Day Bingo



Labor Day Bash



Adriana Pappas Jewelry



"Spa Notes"
by Michelle
Santiago,
Spa
Manager

Adriana Pappas Designs is no stranger to The Reef. We are excited to share that we are now carrying her newest collection at the Spa Boutique! This is one of those lines that we can't replenish fast enough. In case you aren't familiar with the brand, it is a contemporary jewelry brand based in the USA, known for handcrafted pieces that draw inspiration from nature, global fashion trends, and the founder's coastal upbringing in Florida. Adriana Pappas grew up in Florida, near the coast, immersed in beach life. The ocean, shells,



Stop by the Spa Boutique and see all that Adriana Pappas Designs' new collection has to offer.

and these natural elements played a big role in inspiring her aesthetic. She started in fashion early, working in retail, owning boutiques, and working as a buyer/merchandise. These experiences shaped both her eye for design and her understanding of what customers want. The seed idea came when she was on

the beach, looking at a shell accessory she had purchased, and thought she could do something better, not just copying, but elevating the idea, giving it higher quality, design care, and function.

The brand uses natural shells, freshwater pearls, often combined with metals plated (precious metal platings) and sometimes gemstones. The line includes necklaces, earrings, bracelets, anklets and body jewelry, and also items for men and children. Styles cover everything from simple, dainty pieces to bold statement items. Handmade & U.S.-Based Production the brand emphasizes being handmade in the USA. This includes craftsmanship and oversight. Also, being based in the U.S. helps with shipping, quality control, customer service, etc. Adriana Pappas stresses the importance of investing in good materials and design.

The coastal nature inspiration gives the brand a distinct

identity. It appeals to people who want pieces that feel natural, relaxed, beachy, but still fashionable and polished. The handcrafted aspect and use of natural materials (shells + pearls) can give each piece slight uniqueness.

Each piece offers versatility for everyday wear, vacation or resort wear, pieces that can be layered, mixed, etc. Great for gift-giving the designs are often visually appealing and suited to a wide audience. Stop by the Spa Boutique to view Adriana Pappas's new collection.

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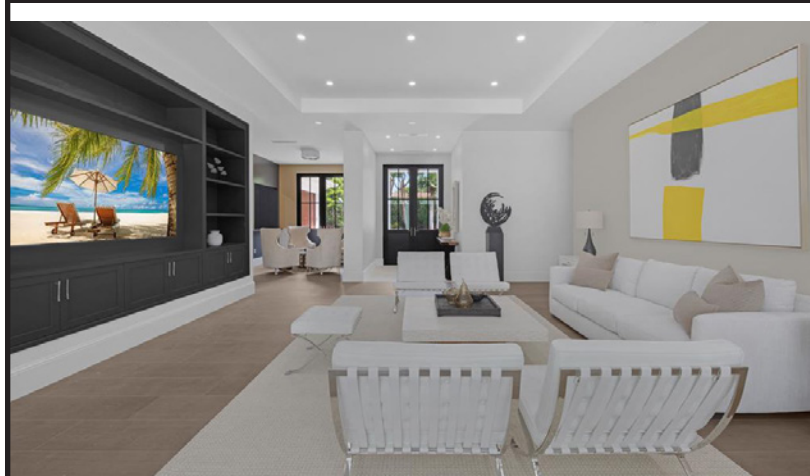


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Chef Betania's Kitchen

Cheddar & Scallion Pancakes (Serves Four)



by Betania Salles,
Carysfort Kitchen Chef
de Cuisine

This savory pancake is perfect for breakfast, a fun brunch or simply a quick snack. They are fluffy and full of flavor, and served with scrambled eggs and bacon, they are just perfect!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsps. sugar
- 1 1/2 tsps. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper, freshly ground
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk, room

temperature

- 2 tbsps. grapeseed oil, + 2 tbsps. for skillet
- 1 cup sharp white cheddar, shredded
- 1/2 cup scallions, thinly sliced
- To serve: scallions chopped, crisp-cooked bacon, whipped cream cheese

Directions:

- Whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and pepper in a bowl.
- Add eggs, buttermilk, and 2 tbsps. of oil. Whisk until just moistened. Do not overmix; a few small lumps are fine. Fold in cheese and scallions.
- Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium. Drizzle skillet with oil; rub with a paper towel to evenly coat.
- Cooking in batches, ladle 1/4 cup batter per pancake into skillet, spreading in an even circle. Cook until edges begin to set and undersides are golden, two to three minutes. Flip; cook until golden and crisp, two to three minutes more.
- Top with more scallions, bacon, cream cheese.



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Limitless



"Fitness Focus"
by Luis
Bracamonte,
Director of
Fitness &
Wellness

Life is a blank canvas, and we are the artists. Our dreams and goals are often met with barriers, but those limits can be removed through consistent effort. One of the most significant limits we face is what our bodies are capable of doing—whether it's a lack of strength, endurance, or mobility. The good news is that these limits can be overcome. Through training, we can build the qualities needed to expand what is possible.

Yes, it becomes harder to build muscle, improve flexibility, and increase cardio-respiratory capacity as we age. But it is equally true that improvement is always possible, at any age.

The Role of Strength & Conditioning

Regular strength and conditioning training is one of the most powerful tools against rapid aging. Movement becomes difficult not simply because of age, but because of the loss of muscle mass and strength. Falls become more likely when our fast-twitch fibers aren't trained, reducing our ability to react quickly. Stiffness creeps in when we neglect strength,



Chris Ellis with daughters Ava and Emma Ellis embark on their final ascent at the 29029 Everesting event in Whistler.



Joannie Rich became the first person to finish twenty 29029 events. Pictured is Joannie and her husband, Michael Rich, placing her red finisher hat on top of Mount Tremblant. This was a very special moment for Joannie and it is the first 29029 that Michael has attended.

mobility, and flexibility work.

Strength is the foundation of freedom in movement. The stronger and more resilient we are, the more options we have for living life on our terms.

The Changing Return on Investment

In our teens and twenties, the return on investment from training is exceptionally high. Recovery is fast, and gains come quickly. These are the years to build as much physical capacity as possible.

In our thirties, forties, and fifties, recovery slows and progress requires more intention, but the ability to maintain high levels of fitness is still within reach. With consistency, these are decades where we can do just about anything.

From our sixties onward, fitness declines more rapidly, making it critical to double down on strength, mobility, and conditioning. Training becomes less optional and more essential if we want to maintain independence, vitality, and quality of life. Having said this, the difference that strength, conditioning, and mobility training can have during these decades regarding athletic performance is substantial. Just a few months ago, an 80-year-old became the oldest runner to complete the Badwater 135-mile desert race. The oldest

competitive bodybuilder is a 100-year-old World War II veteran, the oldest person to summit Everest did it at 80 years old, and the oldest person to swim the English Channel did it at 73 years old. Fitness training is a game-changer.

Training for Body & Brain

The benefits of physical training extend beyond the body. Conditioning at higher intensities has profound effects on brain health. For decades, science has reminded us: what is good for the heart is good for the brain.

Cardiovascular conditioning is built gradually through consistent lower and medium-intensity training. The capacity for high-intensity effort is not given; it's earned.

Removing Your Limits

Your body is an intricate, organized structure of cells, tissues, and systems working together to allow you to live, move, and experience the world. The gym is not just a place to build strength; it's a laboratory for removing limits.

Every hour spent building muscle, improving strength, enhancing mobility, and training your conditioning expands your capacity for life. Every rep, every set, every effort removes a barrier between who you are today and who you could become tomorrow.



Anton Schutz and Anton Jr. on top of Whistler Mountain after finishing the 29029 challenge. Anton Jr. was the first finisher at Whistler, finishing the 36 hour challenge in 17 hours.

The key is daily improvement, regardless of age or fitness level.

So the question is: What limits do you want to remove?

A Challenge in the Mountains

The 29029 Everesting events challenge participants to hike up a mountain, take a gondola down, and repeat until they reach the elevation of Mount Everest, which is 29,029 vertical feet. Participants have 36 hours (Friday 6 a.m. to Saturday 6 p.m.) to complete the challenge. The 29029 is a unique you vs. you challenge that is a personal test of grit, determination, and resilience. The locations include destinations such as Jackson Hole, Whistler, Mount Tremblant, Sun Valley, Stratton, and Snowbasin.

Several Club Members have experienced the 29029 events. Many of them several times, but none more than **Joannie Rich**, who recently became the first person to finish the event 20 times.

All 2025 events sold out within minutes, but anyone interested can reach out to Fitness Director, Luis Bracamonte, or fellow member, Joannie Rich, to reserve a ticket for the 2026 season, which will go on sale in a few weeks.

The Club will provide training support in preparation for the events. To reserve a spot or learn more about the events, contact us at 305-367-5820.



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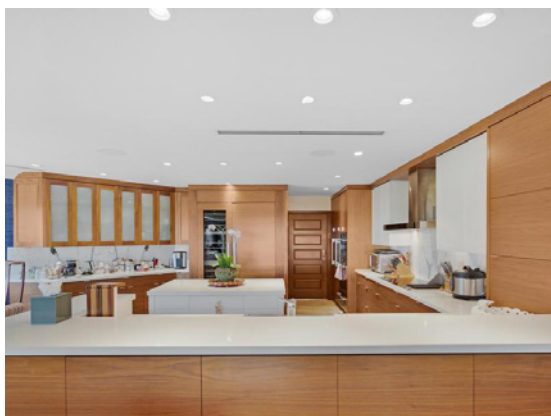
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by Mary Bloom,
Bonefish Bonnies

The Bonefish Bonnies membership auto-renew begins **October 1**. Members will be automatically enrolled for another season of fishing, fun and friendship. Dues will be charged to members' Ocean Reef Club accounts. Should someone not wish to renew, they should email BonefishBonnies1@gmail.com before **September 21** to make their wishes known.

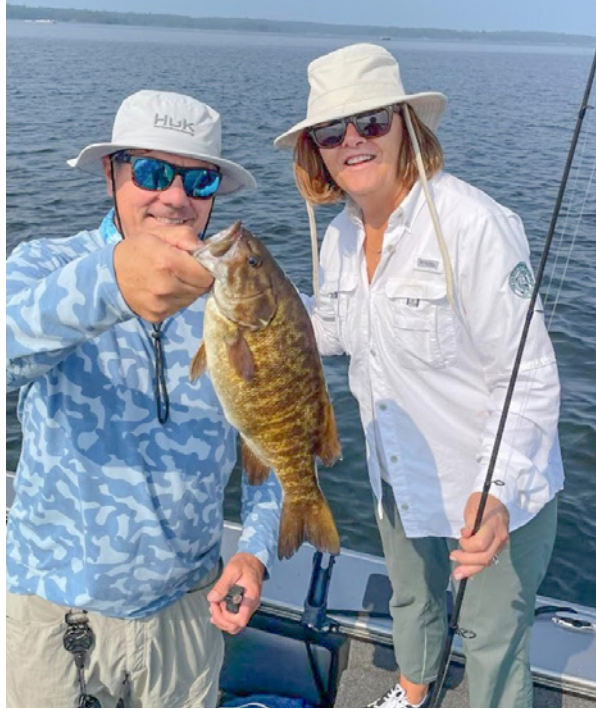
Women who are members of the Ocean Reef Club and/or The Anglers Club are welcome

to join the Bonnies by signing up at BonefishBonnies.com. Dues are \$125 for the 2025-26 season. Renewing members as well as new members should visit BonefishBonnies.com to

sign their liability waivers.

The Bonnies Board of Directors looks forward to greeting members at the Welcome Back Luncheon on **November 19**. President

Kristina Ersek sent a quote that describes being a Bonnie perfectly; "The ocean connects us, the fish challenge us, and the laughter keeps us coming back."



Bonefish Bonnie Sandra McAughey.



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Kara Metz and fiancé Clark Moyle (pictured far right in the first photo and center right and far right in the second photo) had a special surprise waiting for them at home. They were beyond delighted to take out their brand-new boat and have two amazing swordfish catches back to back. As Kara said, "Two for two on the new 82!"

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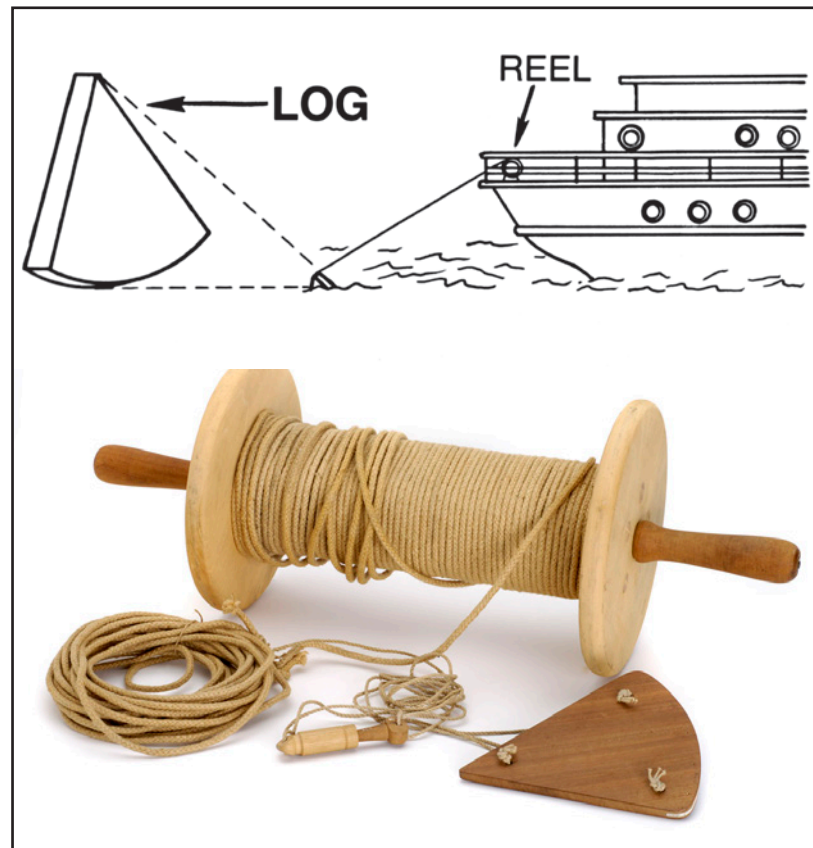
Maritime navigation relies on a practical system of measurements which have evolved over centuries of practical seafaring and geographic calibration.

The Nautical Mile: Not Your Average Mile

The distance of one **statute mile**, or 5,280 feet, is ascribed to the Romans who named 1,000 soldiers' paces a *mille*. The **nautical mile** of 6,076 feet aligns logically with Earth's geography: 60 nautical miles equal one degree of latitude globally, and one degree of longitude at the equator. If Legionnaires had taken slightly longer strides, we might all be using the same nautical mile.

Most maritime distances are calculated in nautical miles, however, U. S. Intracoastal Waterways and navigable rivers are measured and marked in statute miles, conforming to adjacent land measurements.

A **cable length**, used by navies and commercial



A Chip Log tossed over the aft rail of a ship determined speed until mechanical speed logs were introduced. Royal Museums, Greenwich.

mariners, is 1/10th of a nautical mile or 100 fathoms (see above) equaling 600 feet in a convenient decimal correlation.

Sea distances in the English world were original measured in **leagues** of three nautical miles. Jules Verne, however, used **French metric leagues** of four kilometers aboard the submarine Nautilus to recount the distance, not depth, of approximately 44,000 nautical miles travelled.

Knots: Speed with a Twist

Prior to the 19th Century, a vessel's speed was determined

by a Chip Log: a piece of weighted wood attached to a knotted line played out from a ship's stern. The number of pre-spaced knots passing through a sailor's hand, timed by an hourglass, indicated a ship's speed in **knots**.

Today we use electronic logs that report a boat's speed through the water, which, because of sea currents, are often quite different from GPS speed over the seabed.

Navigators and aviators employ nautical miles per hour, or **knots**, for time-speed-distance calculations just as

miles per hour is used on land.

Fathoms: Deep Thinking

The **fathom**, a measurement equal to six feet, has its origin in the length of outstretched arms, and is widely used by fishermen, the Sailing Directions, cartographers and anyone wishing to project a nautical aptitude. We often see lines of equal depth (Isobaths) drawn on nautical charts. Depths are reported in fathoms, meters, or feet, sometimes in combination, and it is vital to know which datum is being published.

Anchor chains are often measured in **shots** or **shackles** of 90 feet, and our exploration vessel carries five shots of chain marked in five-fathom increments.

The U.S. Naval Institute offers many historical details of The Nautical Mile in the November 1949 edition of *Proceedings* magazine (digitized) for those wishing to fathom the entire story.

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Cooperation on Land & Sea

by Ignacio Borbolla, Director, Rod & Gun Club

Recently, we were honored to host 14 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) officers for a day of camaraderie, appreciation, and sport—sponsored jointly by the Rod and Gun Club and Ocean Reef Club.

The day began with a round of golf on our beautiful course, where members and officers had the chance to connect,

share stories, and enjoy some friendly competition. Following the round, the group gathered at the Golf Grill for a well-deserved lunch, celebrating not only the game but also the important role these officers play in protecting and preserving our natural resources.

This event was a true success, fostering goodwill and strengthening the bonds between our community and those who serve to safeguard Florida's environment and wildlife. We are grateful to both the Rod and Gun Club and Ocean Reef Club for their support in making this meaningful day possible.



The Rod & Gun Club and Ocean Reef Club hosted Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation officers for a day of camaraderie out on the green.



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Summer Golf Course Updates



"From the Gold Tees" by Ben Claus, Director of Golf

We are thrilled with how the summer has gone so far, with continuous activity on the golf course, as well as favorable dry weather throughout the summer months. We appreciate all our golfers' cooperation when it comes to filling divots, repairing ball marks, and raking up their markings in the bunkers. We do ask that you continue these practices to ensure you leave the golf course in better condition than you found it. Thank you for doing your part!

When it comes to enhancing our membership experience, we

have a few projects that are in the works on the golf courses for the 2025-2026 season. To begin, we are recreating the first tee experience on the Hammock Course! Set to be completed in November, the first tee of the Hammock Course will have a completely new look, with more usable space and cart parking before beginning your round. We are excited for the change it will bring, and know all our golfers will enjoy a refreshed look as we begin the new season.

Furthermore, our scheduled maintenance on our Driving Range nets allows for improved security of Anchor Drive, as well as the Associate Housing building. You may have noticed the maintenance and closure of the Driving Range from Sunday, September 14 through Wednesday, September 17. Although inconvenient for our golfers who would've liked to practice during this time, we know this improvement increases the security of the surrounding areas.

Although some of our golfers may have utilized this already, we have added a shoe cleaner by the stairs adjacent to the cart barn of the Clubhouse! This small addition has gone a long way towards ensuring cleanliness of the Golf Shop and Grill Room. Be sure to spray down your spikes upon the conclusion of your round to keep them looking fresh.

We are excited to announce that the Dolphin Course is now open through the season! The fairways are as lush as ever, and the greens are rolling true. We want to thank the Golf Course Maintenance Team for all their hard work during these hot and humid months, preparing the course for a busy season of play. For the next four weeks, the Hammock Course will undergo its final closure of the summer.

For those playing the Dolphin Course for the first time this summer, you may notice some enhancements to the course itself. First, the coquina waste area on the right side of Hole #3 has been replaced with rough grass to improve the drainage following drenching rains, as well as to protect any wayward shots from ending up out of bounds. The waste area in between #13 green and #14 tee has also been replaced with rough.

Secondly, and most importantly, the 5th hole project, as we renovate the green complex, is coming along great. Until we open it in November, the hole will remain closed, so please proceed directly to hole #6 (after

taking a look at #5!) upon the completion of hole #4.

Finally, our Golf Course Maintenance Team has added a new feature to hole #16 on the Dolphin Course, which should provide some eye-catching color.

Watch a full video on all of the golf updates at <https://shorturl.at/qUhxxt>.

Labor Day Golf Tournament

Thank you for spending a memorable holiday with us here and competing in our Stableford Tournament on the Hammock Course. Our winners shined bright, and shot some incredibly high scores to beat the pack in route to victory.

The friendly nature of our Stableford scoring system protected high hole-by-hole scores in any event that took place. As our players could not exceed a score of Net Double Bogey, which resulted in zero points. Furthermore, a Bogey issued one point, Birdie two points, Eagle four points, Double Eagle six points, and an Albatross granted the player eight points to any elusive golfer able to secure golf's greatest feat.

Congratulations to **Luis Arguello Jr.** for winning first place in the gross division with a final score of 25 points. In the Net Division, **Luis Arguello** secured top honors with 46 points! Tony Jimenez rounded out our Net Division leaderboard with 39 points after sneaking into second place, winning on a scorecard playoff. Great playing to all!

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Dolphin Course is Open!

The regular summer course maintenance, which began May 5, is wrapping up! The Golf Course Maintenance Team has been working hard to prepare the courses to be in the best possible condition come season. As of **Sunday, October 19**, the normal summer maintenance, which comprises core aeration of the greens, tees and fairways, will be complete with all courses and green spaces reopened for season. Please see below for the course closure schedule:

Hammock Course Closed

September 8 – October 19

All Facilities Open

October 19

GOLF SCOREBOARD

2025 LABOR DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

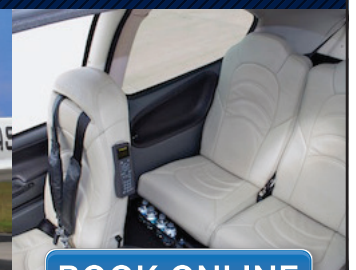
1st Place Gross: Luis Arguello Jr.

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Tournament Schedule



by Hannah
Fleckenstein,
Director of
Racquet Sports

As the new season gets underway, Ocean Reef Club Tennis & Games Center is preparing for an exciting slate of tournaments across tennis, pickleball, and croquet. These events bring together Members, guests, and friends of the Club for spirited competition, camaraderie, and plenty of fun on the courts and lawns.

Tennis

- Member-Associate Tennis Tournament, Oct. 22
- Swing Into Season, Nov. 11
- Tennis Mixed Doubles Club Championships, Nov. 22 & 23
- Thanksgiving 105 Tournament, Nov. 28
- Tennis Junior Round Robin & Pizza Party, Nov. 29
- Holiday 105 Tournament, Dec. 26
- Mother-Daughter Tennis Tournament, Dec. 26
- Father-Son Tennis Tournament, Dec. 28
- Tennis Junior Round Robin & Pizza Party, Dec. 30
- Women's Collegiate Tennis Exhibition, Jan. 2-5
- 105 Tournament, Jan. 17
- Member-Guest Tennis Tournament, Jan. 30 - Feb. 1
- Ocean Reef at Fisher Island Club Interclub Match, Feb. 4
- 105 Tournament, Feb. 14
- Tennis Pro-Am Tournament, Feb. 15
- Fisher Island Club at Ocean Reef Club Interclub Match, Mar. 4
- 105 Tournament, Mar. 13
- Ladies' & Men's Tennis Doubles Club Championships, Mar. 21 & 22
- Easter 105 Tournament, Apr. 3
- Singles Club Championships Final, Apr. 18
- Bring-A-Pro Tournament, Apr. 19

- End of Season Round Robin, Apr. 28

Pickleball

- Member-Associate Pickleball Tournament, Nov. 6
- Swing Into Season, Nov. 11
- Pickleball Junior Round Robin & Pizza Party, Nov. 30
- Member-Guest Pickleball Tournament, Dec. 12-14
- Holiday Pickleball Tournament, Dec. 31
- Pickleball Pro-Am, TBD
- Senior 70+ Pickleball Tournament, Jan. 22
- Ocean Reef at Fisher Island Club Interclub Match, Feb. 4
- Ladies' & Men's Pickleball Doubles Club Championships, Feb. 7 & 8
- Senior Pickleball Mixed Doubles Club Championships, Feb. 13
- Fisher Island Club at Ocean Reef Club Interclub Match, Mar. 4
- Senior Pickleball Doubles Club Championships, Mar. 20
- Pickleball Mixed Doubles Club Championships, Mar. 28 & 29

- End of Season Round Robin, Apr. 28

Croquet

- Swing Into Season, Nov. 11
- Croquet Women, Wickets & Wine, Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 2 & 16, Mar. 2, 16 & 30
- Croquet Under the Lights, Jan. 25 & Feb. 15
- Croquet Singles Club Championships, Feb. 27
- Croquet Doubles Club Championships, Mar. 6
- ORAC Croquet Tournament, Mar. 13 & 14
- End of Season Round Robin, Apr. 28

Looking Ahead

With a full calendar ahead, the season at Ocean Reef Club promises something for everyone — from seasoned competitors to social players just looking to enjoy a day on the courts or lawn. Sign up early for their favorite events—especially the Member-Associate Tournaments, which are fast approaching!

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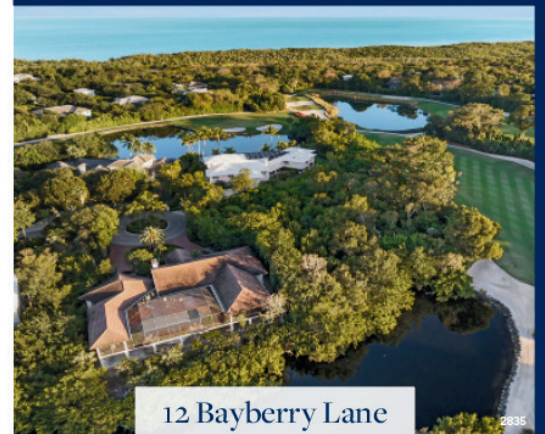


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by Alex Mabred,
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Professional

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How to Apply It

- Imagine the kitchen area as your cornhole board.
- Your goal is to "land the beanbag" (the pickleball) softly into the target zone.
- Just like in cornhole, success isn't about power - it's about touch, arc, and accuracy.

Drill

Set up small targets (cones, towels, or even an actual cornhole board at the NVZ). Practice dinking or dropping the ball so it lands and "sticks" in the target. Focus on soft hands and consistent follow-through.

TENNIS RESULTS

CURRENT STANDINGS IN MEN'S NIGHT SUMMER LEAGUE

1st place: Andy Hofmann

2nd place: Tyler Massey

3rd place: Scott Schwalback

CROQUET



**Elizabeth "Betsy"
Henry-Walley-Caldwell**
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Her Light Will Continue to Shine

Betsy has been a cornerstone of our Croquet Club for many years dedicating countless hours and resources to help make it the thriving community that it is today. Her contributions have been numerous and significant. Betsy served on the croquet committee for many years before and after chairing the committee from 2010-2015.

But perhaps most importantly, Betsy has been a friend and mentor to so many of you, she has welcomed new members with open arms, sharing her knowledge and passion for the game and helping to foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie among us all. Her dedication and commitment has been an inspiration, and we are so grateful. We could not have achieved all that we have without her.

Her legacy will continue to be felt for many years to come.

On behalf of our entire Club we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for her long-time dedication, service and true friendship. "Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every-day."

-Carol Blackburn, Croquet Committee Chair

Tennis

Player of the Month

Bill Sport

What is your favorite thing about playing tennis and pickleball at ORC?

I've been playing tennis at Ocean Reef for 43 years, and I recently started playing pickleball because my daughter started playing. Playing pickleball with her on the weekend is my favorite thing to do at The Reef.



What is your favorite restaurant at The Reef?

We love dining at the Clubhouse and Reef Lounge because of the small plates, music, and ability to meet our friends and make new ones.

What do you look forward to most this season?

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