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## Associate Garage Celebrated

This past Wednesday the "official" ribbon cutting was held for the new Associate Parking Garage. While it has been open for parking since December, finishing touches like signage, landscaping and the traffic roundabout were completed afterward.

Alex Tonarelli, Ocean Reef Club President, took the opportunity to thank Members and the Board for their support, along with all the key players who worked together to complete the project on time and on budget. WGI, FL Lemark, LaRocco and General Asphalt were all instrumental in the conception, engineering and construction of the Garage and collaborated with Vaughn Roberts, SVP of Projects and Finance, on the Club side. Laura Ciampa, VP of Human Resources and Mic O'Keeffe, VP of Recreation & Sports led the development and logistics for the Associate Shuttle



Aerial view of the completed Associate Parking Garage.

Transportation program making sure that our valued associates get to their workplace safely and efficiently. "I can tell you first hand our Associates are appreciative of not having to search for parking, and we have opened up 400 parking spots for Members," remarked Tonarelli, adding, "This project has been a win-win for the community and that's why we wanted to be sure we celebrated it."



Chairman Ray Larkin and Club President Alex Tonarelli with Board Directors and Management.

## An Ocean Room Tradition Reborn

Construction on the newly-renovated Ocean Room is nearing its final stages and is scheduled to be completed next month. With the foundation and structure finalized, the interior is starting to take shape. Harper's Bar at Reef Lounge

is constructed, complete with a beautiful view overlooking Buccaneer Island, painting is underway, furniture has arrived, light fixtures are secured, and the artwork has been selected!

The aquariums, another aspect of the indoor décor and one that is a long-standing Ocean Room tradition, have also recently been installed. Members will remember the aquarium that for many years, marked the entrance to the former Ocean Room and was

visible from the dining room as well as the Reef Lounge. The newly-renovated Ocean Room will now feature not one, but two of these aquariums. At approximately 400 gallons each, the aquariums will represent two differing marine habitats – the Atlantic reef and the Pacific reef.

As are most things at Ocean Reef, the idea for these two tanks spawned out of a tale of Reef history. Director of Club Security & Safety Sonny

Vasquez, who has been with the Club for 50 years, recalled there once being two aquariums

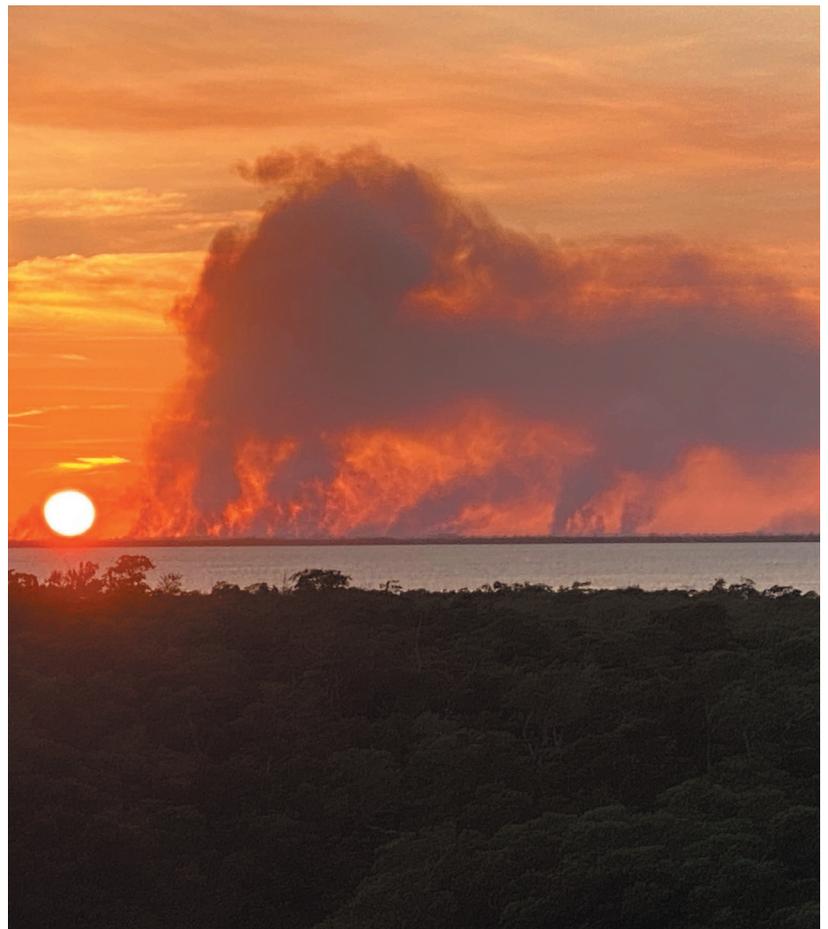
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# OR "See"



Jake Hinkebein, son of Bill and Anne Hinkebein, took this dramatic photo of the Card Sound brush fires from their Harbour House 4th floor patio on the night of Sunday, May 2.



George Overend shared his close-up point of view, also captured Sunday from the fourth floor of Harbour House Building 4.

What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before? Email [ORP@oceanreef.com](mailto:ORP@oceanreef.com) and share your discoveries.

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## Gotta Question?

What is the recipe for the Beach Bar's green drink called The Cucumber Smile? I am in North Carolina craving ORC and want to make one!

While nothing compares to the real deal, making a homemade Cucumber Smile is a great way to feel like you're right here on Buccaneer Island! We asked the Beach Bar to share their recipe:

- 2 oz. Stoli Cucumber Vodka
- 1 ½ oz. Lemonade Puree
- ½ oz. Strawberry Puree
- 3-4 Cucumbers
- Handful of Mint

For a frozen cocktail, blend with some ice, top with club soda, and garnish with a remaining cucumber slice!



The Cucumber Smile along with many other Ocean Reef favorites can be found in the "Flavors of The Reef" recipe book, available at the Gift Shop or The Burgee Shop. If you are off The Reef but you'd like a copy of the book, call the shops and they can take your order and ship to you anywhere. Just call PBX at 305-367-2611 and ask for the Gift or Burgee Shop.

Happy blending!

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# Ocean Room

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in The Ocean Room many years ago, with one being a Pacific reef theme and the other an Atlantic. Vaughn Roberts, Sr. Vice President Finance, Administration & Projects, mimicked this concept in the new plans saying, "By presenting two feature aquariums again in the new Ocean Room, in a way, we are drawing on the rich history of this Ocean Reef icon."

To fill these tanks with the proper sea life, the Club relied on Reef Aquaria Design (RAD), which specially built the tanks, and recommendations from RAD President Jeff Turner, local Aquarium Consultant Luke Popp, and the expertise of **Diane Hill**, who designed her own 1200-gallon aquarium in her Ocean Reef home.



Jeff Turner, President of Reef Aquaria Design, and Member Diane Hill review various corals, fish and live rock that are reserved for the new aquariums at Ocean Reef.

"We researched which species would work well together and then traveled to RAD to finalize the fish list," said Hill. "The Pacific tank will be home to the fish everyone expects to see – the Nemo's and the Dory's. Then on the Atlantic side, we

get to see up close the species that are local to our home at Ocean Reef. These featured tanks will provide more than just beauty and entertainment, but also an interactive and educational experience."

The tanks will also be home

to corals that are native to the different oceans, with the Atlantic reef aquarium displaying local, endangered species of coral. Roberts said, "The Club has partnered with the Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) to feature corals from CRF's Carysfort Reef nursery for educational display. The Atlantic aquarium will feature the endangered staghorn, elkhorn, boulder star and mountainous star corals."

Over the coming months, the fish will be introduced gradually as a precautionary method to ensure the water chemistry in the tanks is correct and providing the best environment for the marine life to thrive. The sensitive Atlantic corals will be introduced next season.

As The Ocean Room project nears completion, look for updates in upcoming editions of the *Ocean Reef Press*.

# A Close Call at the Range



by Jody Steele

The Card Sound Shooting Range was just too close to the fires that closed Card Sound Road these past few weeks. Thanks to the Miami Dade Fire Department, the Forestry Fire Service, and the quick thinking of Cordell Carr (Corey), Assistant Rangemaster a disaster was avoided.

On the morning of Wednesday, May 5th, we were all glad to know that Card Sound Road had opened. Concerned about the Range, **Carmen Sferrazza**, Rod and Gun Club Board Member and Corey entered the Range property. They saw that the fire crew had cut the lock to the main gate and had set up a Command Center nearby. There was evidence of burnouts along the road and

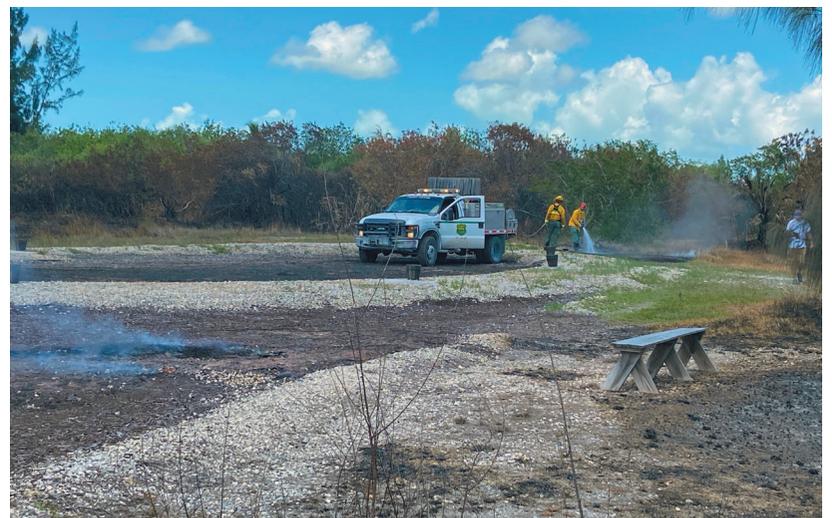
active fires were close by near the storage buildings and Skeet areas. Trees and brush had burned around the Five Stand Area and the Archery Range. However, mulch continued to burn and it was apparent that the fire could spread further. Corey "saved the day" and jumped in to the Gator (utility vehicle) and guided the fire crew with trucks and a water pumper in to the Range through the brush. The smoldering areas were extinguished and doused with water. It was a successful fight to the end. The Range was saved!

All were amazed that the Tiki Hut and Shooting Stands were intact. The able fire crews shared that they had surveyed the property throughout the fire and had designated it an area to watch carefully. They did about 300 specific water drops over the Range and other areas close by which prevented enormous damage to the environment.

Minor repairs will be done over the summer and the Card Sound Shooting Range will be back next Season thanks to all that bravely helped save it and were on the spot when needed.



Aerial photo showing the aftermath at the Card Sound Shooting Range following recent brush fires.



The Forestry Fire crew extinguishes burning mulch on the Range's skeet field.



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# MEMBERABILIA After Words



by Joan  
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**I recently lost my dear husband Arthur and I am now experiencing – what so many fellow Ocean Reef Members have faced or will face in the future – a profound grief for a beloved partner with no remedy except time. But like aspirin for a headache, there is something that is not a cure but does temporarily relieve the pain. And that is the loving concern of family and friends.**

In the weeks before Arthur's death, two of his three children (Andy and Joanne) made separate visits and the third, son Philip, was with him on the day he died. Philip handled all the immediate details of an expected but still sudden death. He stayed on until my son Andrew and his wife Sheila arrived to take care of me and solve many of the problems I previously dealt with by plaintively calling "Arthur". (e.g. How much are the pool people paid? Where is the key to the Safe Deposit box? What can I do – my printer won't start? Note: the last was easy – plug it in).

Andrew and Sheila also planned "take-out" meals, (thank you *Reef Eats*), shopped at Wynn's for food for breakfast and lunch, arranged airport pick-ups and watched endless episodes of *Schitt's Creek* with me on TV.

**At the Celebration of Life (we called it "Let's Toast Arthur") 4 of our 5 children and all 10 of our grandchildren arrived – one**

**young couple came 3000 miles from California.** And not in time for the "Toast" but 2 days later in time to cheer and comfort me, my son Tom arrived from Thailand, where he had been stranded for over a year by Covid travel restrictions.

I know I was lucky. Not everyone has such a large contingent of family members, who are able to care for a grieving parent or grandparent. But all of us at Ocean Reef have another dependable support group. And that is the friends and acquaintances we have made in the Ocean Reef community.

**When a spouse or close family member dies, you are suddenly aware that living at The Reef is like living in a small town where you are surrounded by concerned friends and neighbors.**

I gratefully received chicken soup, cheese platters, sandwich platters, homemade banana bread, Dockside cakes and a profusion of plants and flowers that served as a reminder that Arthur was respected and loved and my loss was shared by others.

For many days after Arthur's death my mailbox contained a stack of beautiful cards. I loved going through them and they continue to bring me solace. I was struck by a frequent appearance of phrases like "great man", "bigger than life", "kind and generous". Words of praise I felt accurately described Arthur. And how wonderful that so many OR friends thought so too.

Then there were the emails and text messages. Because a lot of us (I am part of this group) have forgotten how to write script, I discovered a digital letter of condolence can be a perfectly good substitute for a hand-written note. It also has the advantage of being longer, more immediate and equally effective in conveying expressions of sympathy. I have read and reread them all – always with the Kleenex close by.

**I'll be forever thankful that the Ocean Reef Medical Center was here for me at the time of Arthur's death.**

Arthur was healthy and skeptical of the medical establishment for most of his life. So Dr. Carlos Smith was not only Arthur's first doctor (in 60 years) but his last. He was compassionate and understanding of Arthur's fervent desire that at 88 he wished to avoid further medical interference (including resuscitation or hospitalization). Arthur was convinced these measures would only extend his death – not his life. Dr. Smith agreed to honor his requests but

out of concern he came by on the last day of Arthur's life.

**The Cultural Center also proved to be an asset.** John Hunt and his wonderful staff made the Compass Room (I call it the Playbill Room) available for the celebration of Arthur's life. They arranged for microphones and set up our continuous slide show. They also handled all the logistics required by Covid.

**The staff of the Ocean Reef Press** prepared and printed the program for "Let's Toast Arthur" under the direction of my dear friend Molly Carroll, Managerial Editor (who did that and so much more). It was to my mind perfect, exactly what Arthur would have wanted.

**In times of crisis there are friends who become family.** Molly Carroll and my next-door neighbors **Craig and Em Wierda** are all three "children of my heart." I am deeply grateful to them and to so many others who have expressed their love and respect for Arthur and have been so sympathetic for my loss.

**Thank you Ocean Reef. This is a great place to live!**

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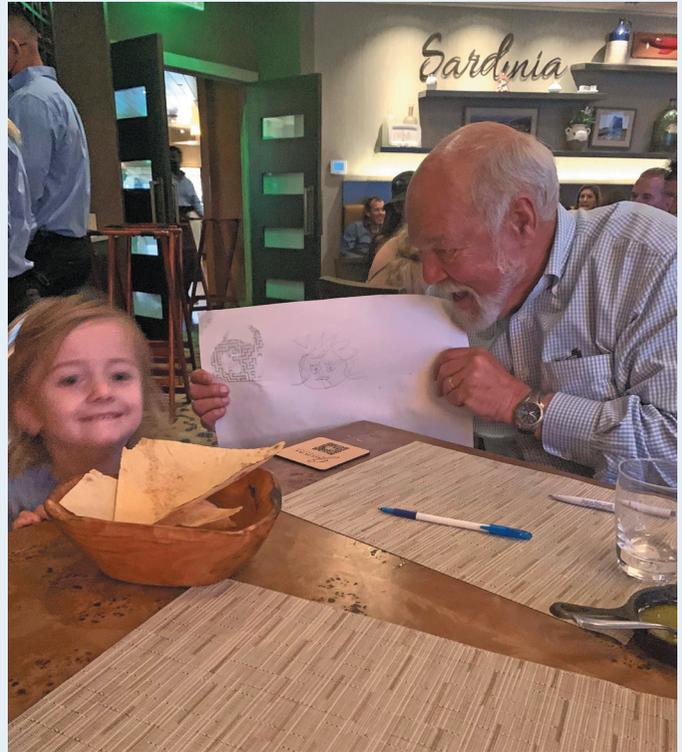
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MEMBER NEWS



On April 24th, Legacy Member Ashley Carr (daughter of Vicki Carr, granddaughter of Allen Krowe) was married to Bojan Micic in an intimate ceremony at Greenberg Park. They recently moved from New York to Miami and look forward to making many more memories at Ocean Reef as husband and wife. Photo by Carol Ellis.

OUT AND ABOUT



Marcia Martell tells the ORP: Terry Baxter is known for capturing marvels around The Reef... In this case, we turned the table on him. Our granddaughter Maisie talked about him all week after he entertained her with his artistic skills!

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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

# Summer Sun Eye Care

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The many choices of sunglass lens color are specifically suited to enhance and improve vision in certain settings and activities. Below is a guideline on the



various lens tints:

- **Gray and black** tints are best for perceiving colors at their purest form. They reduce brightness and glare. They make a great all-purpose lens.
- **Blue** lens sunglasses eliminate glare and help define contours. They also enhance color perception.

- **Dark amber, copper and brown** tints reduce glare and block blue light. They can also increase contrast and visual acuity. They are great for judging distances.
- **Green** tints can block some blue lights and reduce glare. They can also increase contrast, visual sharpness and enhance shadow, making them great for golf and tennis.
- **Red and pink** tints increase contrast by blocking blue light and enhance depth perception. They are also soothing for the eyes and more comfortable than others for longer wear-times. Consider wrap around style sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun seeping into the sides, especially when boating

where the sun is reflecting off the water. Some sunglass brands offer interchangeable lens giving you a choice of customizing the lens color to match the outdoor activity. American Cancer Society warns, "UV rays become more intense in the spring, even before temperatures get warmer and people in some areas may get sunburned when the weather is still cool because they may not think of protecting themselves if it's not hot out."

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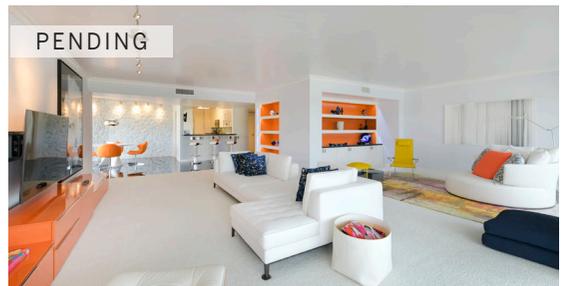
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# Mother's Day Amid Whitewater!



By Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

The summer before my ninth-grade year of high school, I had a life changing experience. The director of our local YMCA led a group of us on a fourteen-day canoe trip through the Rainy Lakes area of Northern Ontario. There were many 'mini-adventures' that took place through the nearly three-hundred miles of travel by canoe and over portages through these pristine wilderness waters.

One stands out in my memory. It was negotiating our very first whitewater. These rapids were

over half-mile long, rushing through a narrow canyon, with nearly vertical rock walls. The first canoe to enter, promptly overturned, dumping people and gear into the churning river. Needless to say, that when it came our turn, we didn't want to follow their example.

We had been instructed that to have any chance of successfully negotiating whitewater, where you start makes all the difference. We did what we were told, guiding the canoe into that 'v-shaped' area of smooth water, and once you're in it, you paddle like mad! While our run would never qualify for an instructional video, we made it out the other end, upright, wetter, and wiser.

So, what does that have to do with Mother's Day? Well, I'm glad you asked. Since the start of my nearly three-quarters of a century of life, understanding and defining the role of women in society has been a whitewater experience. These 'rapids' have steadily increased in intensity, and the bottom of the run seems to

be nowhere in sight. So, writing a 'Mother's Day and Apple Pie' piece in these tumultuous times, seems strangely out of place.

If there was mention of the importance of the suffragette movement in my high school or early college history classes, I was probably sleeping. The conflict in the late sixties, between the iconic Miss America Pageant competition, and the Women's Liberation Movement, with its call to end what were considered unfair beauty standards, left our heads spinning. Then there was the glass-ceiling. My mother finally cracked it, but only by enduring years of emotional pain, in our small-town S&L business. Her success was 'sunk' by poor, prior lending decisions of others during the financial crisis of the early 1980's.

Today, the focus is on the term – Intersectionality. The Oxford Dictionary defines it as "the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class and gender, regarded as overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage." In short, according to one article, "everyone has their own unique experiences of discrimination and oppression. . . . It is everything and anything that can marginalize people." The irony that I, labeled a privileged, white-male elite, am writing this, on Mother's Day weekend, doesn't escape me!

We seem to be overturning, drowning in a white-water culture

of victimhood. My question is, where are the leaders who can move us beyond this 'Russian firing squad' mentality in which we only seem to be shooting each other? Where are the Scott Peck's of "The Road Less Traveled," who acknowledge the true hardness of life, but show us a path forward through the tumultuous waters we're experiencing? I ask this for the sake of our daughters and sons, and our granddaughters and grandsons.

Let me return to the point that, "where you start makes all the difference." I know that the reactions and messages from many churches, in response to these times, have been as confusing and cacophonous as the issues they seek to address.

I'm not talking about the church as an answer, but rather a man. This man, if we will listen, has elevated our understanding of gender identity, and empowered us to regard everyone we meet as a person of value, equal to ourselves. He taught us to truly love one another. I'm talking about the person of Jesus.

I learned that from the many important women in my life. On this Mother's Day, in the whitewater of our times, I am grateful that they pointed me toward that 'v-shaped' entry point. I'm pretty sure that, if we would listen, this man, and no other, could bring us through this time - upright, wetter, and wiser – but together. Happy Mother's Day!

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## Chapel News

May 7-27

Ocean Reef Chaplain  
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**Sundays**  
Sunday Worship Service\*  
10 a.m. • Cultural Center

Catholic Mass Online  
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Sunday Service Online  
10 a.m. • Stream by visiting [orcchapel.org](http://orcchapel.org).

Kids Matter  
10 a.m. • Card Room at Tennis & Games Center

Catholic Mass\*  
12 p.m. • Cultural Center  
*Check Chapel website for availability after May 15.*

**Wednesdays**  
Intercessory Prayer  
8 a.m. • Card Room at the Tennis & Games Center

Episcopal Communion Service  
9 a.m. • Card Room at the Tennis & Games Center

**Thursdays**  
Men's Book Study  
8 a.m. • Card Room at the Tennis & Games Center

*\*Reservations required by visiting [orcchapel.org](http://orcchapel.org).*



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It's National Nurses Week! In honor of our local compassionate caretakers, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation highlights two non-profit partner projects this week, the Keys AHEC Health Center and the College of the Florida Keys vaccination effort.

The Keys AHEC Health Center provided rapid Covid-19 testing, medical, oral, mental health and telehealth services to nearly 3,000 students this past year, thanks in part to Foundation grants. The Center provides all children daily access to quality health care at convenient times and locations throughout the year, creating affordable, barrier-free access to primary care sites at Key Largo School, Plantation Key School, and Coral Shores High School

through the Foundation's Community Grant.

And of course we can't celebrate Nurses Week without applauding the nursing students and faculty from the College of the Florida Keys (CFK) who played such an important role in Ocean Reef's vaccination effort. They built on experience gained at Ocean Reef and continued vaccination efforts with Monroe County's Department of Health, effectively becoming the mass vaccinator for the majority of

doses distributed to the DOH. Through the COVID-19 Relief Fund, ORCF is supporting 40+ events at 300+ shots each over six months throughout the Keys, funding at least 12,000 shots in arms. With expenses covered, the team is only limited by the number of available doses!

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### Equity Membership

**Lori & James DeNooyer** are Social Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. DeNooyer are purchasing 425 South Harbor from Douglas Kinney and equity from resale list. Mr. and Mrs. DeNooyer are residents of Lake George, New York. They are members of Lauderdale Yacht Club, Key West Yacht Club and Aero Club East Africa. Their sponsors are Jackie & Jeff

Congdon and Frank Paige. **Trish & Alan Wingate** are Social Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate are purchasing Dock E-16 from Norman Tripp & E-17 and the equity from Jennifer Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate are residents of Norfolk, Nebraska. Their sponsors are Jorge Guarch on behalf of the Membership Committee and Frank McKee on behalf of the Board of Directors.

### Waitlist Social Membership

Social Membership is currently waitlisted. Posted applicants, once approved, will be added to the waitlist.

**Alyson & Matthew Booth** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Booth are residents of Dallas, Texas. Their sponsors are Lori & Cory Martin, Tim Smith and Frank McKee on behalf of the Membership Committee.

**Bridget McCullough &**

**Scott Frith** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. Frith & Mrs. McCullough are residents of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They are members of Fidler Club. Their sponsors are Robert Kurz on behalf of the Membership Committee and Frank McKee on behalf of the Membership Committee.

**Maressa Grieco & Joseph Musumeci** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. Musumeci & Mrs. Grieco are residents of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. They are members of Harvard Club. Their sponsors are Jorge Guarch on behalf of the Membership Committee and Charlie Johnston on behalf of the Membership Committee.

**Kimberly & Adrian Vergara** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Vergara are residents of Jupiter, Florida. They are members of Jonathan's Landing. Their sponsors are Steven Smith, Danielle & Carlos

Vergara and Carlos Vergara.

**Tanja & Thomas Felton** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Felton are residents of Mequon, Wisconsin. They are members of The Town Club, Ozaukee Country Club and River Wildlife Hunt Club. Their sponsors are Christy & Tim Sheehan, Kristin & John Sheehan and Pamela Coleman.

**Marianne & James Reardon** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Reardon are residents of Sudbury, Massachusetts. They are members of Beverly Yacht Club and Sippican Tennis Club. Their sponsors are William Henneberry and John Menzel.

**Nancy & Robert Arnold** are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Arnold are residents of Chatham, New Jersey. They are members of Fairmount Country Club. Their sponsors are Bernard Klepach and Jorge Guarch on behalf of the Membership Committee.

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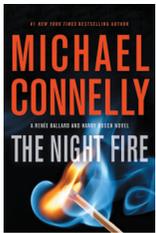
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# Summer Reading

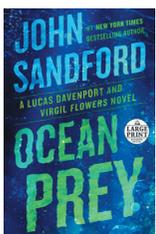


by Terry Baxter

This is a time of year I love. All of the big name best selling writers aim for the summer market. An ad for their last book as a new paperback is a dead giveaway that a new hard-cover surprise is coming. I have recently read these early comers below, so I can promise they won't disappoint. (Unless you are a gentle soul looking for romance, biography, or human struggles). I gravitate to mystery, suspense, and thrillers. I am sure my friend **Susan Bohan** can supply some more tender suggestions. Neanderthals, read on.

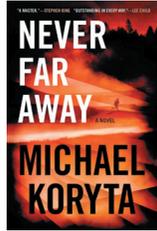


**Michael Connelly – “The Night Fire.”** Connolly's world-weary LAPD detective Harry Bosch is teamed with female partner Renee Ballard for the third book. Harry's trainer and mentor has passed away and his widow gives Harry the unsolved cold-case file that had always haunted her husband. A beautifully written and authentic police procedural. NY Times review, “Best crime novel of the year.”

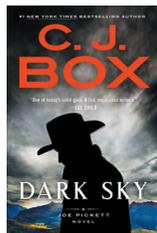


**John Sandford – “Ocean Prey.”** Sanford has written 31 “Prey” novels starring Lucas Davenport (I have read them all), and 12 with detective Virgil Flowers

(I have read all of these too). “Ocean Prey” unites the two lawmen in what might be the best police procedural he has produced yet. Wry and fast moving, Davenport faces a ruthless underwater drug smuggling gang. You will gasp for air trying to turn the pages fast enough.



**Michael Koryta – “Never Far Away.”** A vulnerable woman hides from her past in the wilds of northern Maine. (As we all know, her past will catch up). Strong suspense and wilderness adventures. “Never Far Away” is a thrilling collision between old sins and new dreams.



**C.J. Box – “Dark Sky.”** More wilderness adventures, this time in Wyoming. Game Warden Joe Pickett (featured in 21 previous CJ Box books...I have read them all) is assigned to accompany an arrogant Silicon Valley CEO on an elk hunt. It will probably not surprise you that Pickett and his client become the hunted, but many twists and turns will keep you riveted.



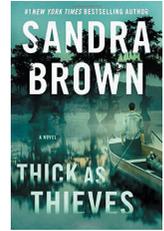
**Jack Carr – “Devil's Hand.”** This is a “save-the-world-from-annihilation” thriller, but unusually well researched and authentically presented. Jack Carr is a former Navy Seal who knows the territory, and writes with a gripping suspense that will make you late for dinner.



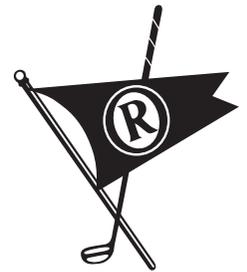
**Harlan Coben – “Win.”** Windsor Horne Lockwood III has been a recurring character in Coben's many best sellers – as the unflappable “fixer.” Now he steps into the protagonist role, which fits well. Rich, supremely self-confident, and following his own code of morality, Win brings his own brand of justice to a decade-old family mystery.



**Jeffrey Archer – “The Clifton Chronicles.” (Seven volumes, available in paperback)** I read this whole series this winter, a page-turning family



Then, if you need to tune-out Neanderthal plots and yearn for romance, turn to Sandra Brown (“Thick as Thieves” is her most recent). She combines heavy doses of both romance and mystery.



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# Creative Season Comes to a Close



by Susan Bohan

The final class of the Art League Season was "Paint on Pottery" and the group was sad to see the sessions end. Under the tent **Debbie Newcomer**, who enjoys many different types of

classes, was putting the finishing touches on her delicate berry colander. **Suzanne Kitchings** was very new to the skill but her lovely hands seemed quite adept as she created her very first bowl in sherbet shades.

Everyone is looking forward to getting back to normal class size and hosting their favorite instructors but all congratulate the Board and Executive Director Sherri Harris for their hard work and imaginative ways of keeping Members safe while having fun.

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Berry colander by Debbie Newcomer



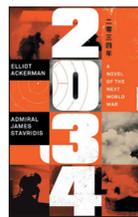
Bowl by Suzanne Kitchings

# Library Corner

by Susan Bohan

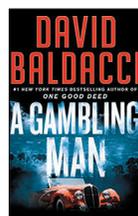
Many are on their way north, but for those enjoying the slower pace of The Reef, we have a few new books in the Library. So whether you have been waiting for the latest Baldacci thriller or enjoy the slower pace of the lives of 2 very different first ladies, the Library remains open right now four days a week, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## FICTION



**"2034: A Novel of the Next World War" by Elliot Ackerman and Admiral James Stavridis**

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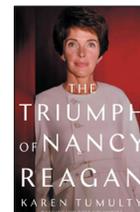
**"Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid: America's Original Gangster Couple" by Glenn Stout**

Two kids in the heart of the Jazz Age in this rags to riches tale with tragedy and criminal compulsions.



**"Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Sight" by Julia Sweig**

A riveting portrait of an underestimated political genius well ahead of her time.



**"The Triumph of Nancy Reagan" by Karen Tumulty**

Engaging addition to the literature of the consequential Age of Reagan.

# A Year at The Academy

By Jody Steele

As the school year wraps up, it is heartening to know that The Academy at Ocean Reef has had an extraordinary year. The enrollment of students expanded for a number of reasons. Children of Member grandparents and parents were suddenly without a traditional in-person school environment and Zoom became a new way of life in many homes. Applicants for admission began to rise early in the Spring of 2020 as families discovered that an accredited school with a strong academic curriculum and after school sports program was an option.

## Planning for all...

Jerome Murphy, Head of School, along with his capable faculty and staff, shifted into an active team ready to welcome new students and families for the 2020-2021 Season at The Reef. A well thought out back-to-school plan was designed and included numerous safety protocols and precautions intended to help sustain a yearlong appropriate educational program for all students. A new toddler program serving children aged 2-3 was added to meet the needs of incoming families. Class enrollment was intentionally limited across all grade levels, leading to waiting lists in many grades throughout the school year.

## A welcome to new students...

With all in place, The Academy eagerly greeted over 20 new families and 40+ new students in September of 2020. The excitement was "over the top" as happy children streamed into the building met by teachers ready and eager to teach in person. Every family has their own story and there are many ready to share their joy of what happened next...one of these experiences follows...with more to come.



Isabelle Rogers, Second Grader, and Charlotte Rogers, Toddler Class.

## Arriving from Boston...

The **Rogers family** (Alex and Alexis) had first visited Ocean Reef in January 2019 for a business conference. They immediately "fell in love" with The Reef during a chilly and rainy week and soon purchased a home. Not knowing what was ahead, they planned to spend vacation weeks and holidays with their three children at The Reef. After their oldest was enrolled in virtual learning classes in Boston (in pretty much a closed down city), they made the big move. They are now year-round residents and are ever grateful to The Academy for creating a "new normal" family experience for them in the midst of a very tough time. Isabelle, in second grade, has enjoyed developing skills in golf, tennis, and pickleball and making friends of all ages. Alexis shared that the academic program and the teachers are superb and Friday afternoons at the beach with other Academy families has been fun for the entire family. Summer camp at The Reef as well as The Academy's new Toddler Summer University are all part of their upcoming plan while Alex Rogers continues to work remotely for the time being.

## Celebrations for now...

Jerome Murphy and staff are bursting with pride as the school year comes to a close. Plans are already under way to

prepare for two special end-of-year events, Field Day and Closing Ceremonies. As Mr. Murphy notes, "Validating and celebrating our children's achievements at the end of the school year is such an important part of The Academy experience. Our children, parents, and staff have gone through a lot this year, and we look forward to celebrating our accomplishments together in June...IN-PERSON."

The Academy at Ocean Reef is a coeducational independent school for Toddlers – Grade 8 serving the entire Ocean Reef community. For more information on enrollment in the Summer Toddler Program or 2021-2022 school year, call 305-367-2409 or visit [oracademy.org](http://oracademy.org).

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### 7 FRIDAY

**Zoe's Empire Trunk Show**  
8:30am-2pm • The Spa

**Guided Paddleboard Tour**  
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Backgammon Lessons**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Silver Fit Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Advanced Croquet Open Play**  
2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

**Pickleball Battle Royal**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

### 8 SATURDAY

**Latin Cardio Dance Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Guided Eco-Kayak Tour**  
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Mom's Day Out in the Fishing Village**  
11am-2pm • Fishing Village

**Junior Tennis Clinic**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

### 9 SUNDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cycle Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**Beginners Sailing Clinic**  
9:30am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Mother's Day Brunch**  
10am • Carysfort Ballroom

**Mimosa and Flow with Mom**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Mom & Me Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

**Mother's Day Brunch**  
12pm • Carysfort Ballroom

**Advanced Croquet Open Play**  
2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

**Kayak Races with Mom**  
3:30pm • Meet at Business Center

### 10 MONDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cycle Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**HIIT Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Vinyasa Yoga**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Gianni Member Appreciation Dinner**  
5:30pm • Gianni Ristorante

### 11 TUESDAY

**Outdoor HIIT/Strength Circuit**  
7am • MFC Parking Lot

**Master Swim Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Pool

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cycle & Strength Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Vinyasa Yoga**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Silver Fit**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

### 12 WEDNESDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**HIIT Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Mat Pilates with Spine Correctors**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Golf Clinic With Dave Vihlen**  
10am • Driving Range

**Pickleball Clinic**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

**Aqua Cardio**  
11am • Member Fitness Pool

**Basketball**  
3:30pm • Basketball Courts

### 13 THURSDAY

**Outdoor HIIT/Strength Circuit**  
7am • MFC Parking Lot

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cycle & Strength Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Gentle Yoga**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Canasta Lessons**  
12:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake**  
5-9pm • Raw Bar

**Islander Member Appreciation Dinner**  
5:30pm • Islander

### 14 FRIDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**HIIT Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Gentle Yoga**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Guided Paddleboard Tour**  
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Backgammon Lessons**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Silver Fit Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Latin Cardio Dance Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Golf Clinic With Dave Vihlen**  
3pm • Driving Range

### 15 SATURDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Dynamic Flow Yoga**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Latin Cardio Dance Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Guided Eco-Kayak Tour**  
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Kids Pickleball Clinic**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

### 16 SUNDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cycle Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**Paddleboard Yoga**  
9am • Member Fitness Pool

**Beginners Sailing Clinic**  
9:30am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Guided Eco-Kayak Tour**  
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Aerial Yoga**  
11am • Member Fitness Center

For full list of events pick up a copy of This Week at the Reef!

## MOTHERS DAY

## Weekend



### SHOPPING DEALS

**May 7 - 9**  
Enjoy 25% off ladies apparel in participating Club Retail Shops, including Golf, Fitness, Tennis, Burgee Shop & The Gift Shop. Also enjoy 25% off all retail purchases at The Spa. *Excludes hard goods*

### SPA SPECIAL

**May 8 & 9**  
Moms receive a complimentary upgrade to Massage and Facial spa services, and a special gift with the purchase of a \$100 gift card.

### MOM'S DAY OUT IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

**Saturday, May 8**  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Fishing Village  
Enjoy deals, raffles and giveaways at various stores along with complimentary music, massages until 1 p.m., champagne and more!

### MOM & ME CARDIO TENNIS CLINIC

**Sunday, May 9**  
11 a.m. • Tennis & Games Center  
Complimentary for Moms!  
Details: 305-367-6583

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

**Sunday, May 9**  
Seatings at 10:00a.m. & 12:00 p.m. • Carysfort Ballroom  
Treat Mom to a special brunch on a day just for her!  
Reservations: 305-367-5931



## CLUB SHOPPING

### Member Fitness Center

Shop the latest trends in workout attire.  
Monday – Friday • 6am – 6pm  
Saturday & Sunday • 7am – 4pm

### Ocean Reef Gift Shop

Sundries, gifts, newspapers, and more.  
Sunday – Tuesday • 7am – 6pm  
Wednesday • 7am – 4pm  
Thursday • 12pm – 6pm  
Friday & Saturday • 7am – 8pm

### Golf Shop

All your golfing needs from apparel to equipment and more.  
Daily • 7:30am – 5:30pm

### Tennis Pro Shop

All your tennis needs from apparel to equipment and more.  
Daily • 8:30am – 5pm

### The Spa

Luxury skin & body care products, unique accessories & gift items.  
Sunday & Monday • 9:30am – 4:30pm  
Tuesday – Saturday • 8:30am – 5:30pm

### The Burgee Shop

Sunday – Thursday • 9am – 5pm  
Friday & Saturday • 9am – 8pm

### Peter Millar

Thursday – Monday • 10am – 5pm

### Port O'Call Wine & Spirits

Wines by the glass, artisanal cheese and charcuterie boards available.  
Daily • 11am – 8pm

## WINING & DINING

### MONDAY, MAY 10 - SUNDAY, MAY 16

#### Fitness Café

Monday – Friday • 7am – 4pm  
Saturday & Sunday • 7am – 3pm

#### Gianni Ristorante Breakfast

Monday – Saturday • 7am – 11am  
Sunday • 7am – 12pm

#### Reef Treats

Monday – Thursday & Sunday • 7am – 9pm  
Friday & Saturday • 7am – 10pm

#### Rum Runner

Daily • 9am – 4pm

#### Beach Bar & Grill

Beverage Service Daily • 11am – 8pm  
Food Service Daily • 11:30am – 5pm

#### Raw Bar

Lunch Daily • 11am – 4pm  
Dinner Daily • 4pm – 9pm

#### Reef Hut

Lunch Monday – Saturday • 11am – 4pm

#### Port O'Call Wine & Spirits

Daily • 11am – 8pm

#### Palm Court

Daily • 11:30am – 3:30pm

#### Reef Eats

305-501-5530  
Dinner Monday – Thursday & Sunday • 4pm – 10pm  
Friday & Saturday • 4pm – 11pm

#### Town Hall Waterside

Thursday – Sunday • 5pm – 10pm

#### Burgee Bar

Dinner Monday – Thursday & Sunday • 5pm – 10pm  
Friday & Saturday • 5pm – 11pm  
Cocktails Sunday – Thursday • 5pm – 11pm  
Friday & Saturday • 5pm – 12am

#### Islander & Sushi Bar

Monday – Thursday & Sunday • 6pm – 9pm  
Friday & Saturday • 6pm – 10pm

#### Gianni Ristorante

Monday – Thursday & Sunday • 6pm – 9pm  
Friday & Saturday • 6pm – 10pm  
G the Bar Opens 30 min before dinner.

Visit [oceanreef.com/Dining](http://oceanreef.com/Dining) for menus and weekly specials.  
For dining reservations, call 305-367-5931.

## MOVIES

General Admission \$12 • Donors \$10 • Children (under 12) \$6  
Movie Hotline: 305-367-6306



### Sound of Metal (R)

Friday, May 7: 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Wednesday, May 12: 4:30 & 7:30pm

Runtime: 2h

Premise: A heavy-metal drummer's life is thrown into freefall when he begins to lose his hearing.



### Mank (R)

Friday, May 14: 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Wednesday, May 19: 4:30 & 7:30pm

Runtime: 2h 11m

Premise: Social critic and alcoholic screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz races to finish the screenplay of Citizen Kane (1941).



### Judas and the Black Messiah (R)

Friday, May 21: 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Wednesday, May 26: 4:30 & 7:30pm

Runtime: 2h 6m

Premise: Bill O'Neal infiltrates the Black Panther Party. As Party Chairman Fred Hampton ascends, a battle wages for O'Neal's soul.

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# Standing Appointments for Next Season



“Spa Notes” by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

The Spa is excited that so many Members have already taken advantage of our online form to request their recurring appointments for next season. If you have not yet done this and you are an Equity Member that would like recurring appointments for next season, please let us know by calling 305-367-6506 or emailing [salon&spa@oceanreef.com](mailto:salon&spa@oceanreef.com).

The form is easy to fill out and it helps our team with scheduling efficiency and maximizing availability so we

are able to accommodate as many Members as possible. We are also using the form to get your feedback on how you would prefer to receive reminders for your appointments. We are hoping to have the following options available to you by next season: Text, Email, or Phone Call.

**A few Members have suggested that we share some tips to make the form even simpler to fill out, and we are happy to oblige!**

- When asked for a start and end date, this is the day and month you want your appointments to begin and end. These dates are required for us to be able to schedule you.

- There is a small calendar icon (circled in yellow) that you can click on next to the box that asks for start and end dates.

Once you click that icon, a calendar pops up and you can click the start or end date you prefer in the appropriate box. The date will automatically fill in for you.

- If you have more than one standing request, you can choose to use the same start and end dates for each service you are requesting, or you can enter different start and end dates for each service if you like. An example of when you may want different start and end dates follows.
- Jane is requesting recurring appointments for the following: Single Process Hair Color every 3 weeks and a 60 min Massage every week. If she plans to arrive at Ocean Reef on Saturday, December 18, but already had her hair colored elsewhere on Friday, December 17, she would want her start date for hair color to be on Friday, January 14, while her massage start date would likely be

scheduled the week she arrives at Ocean Reef. If you have more questions, our Spa Coordinators are happy to assist!

## UPCOMING SPA EVENTS

**Friday, May 7**

**Zoe's Empire Trunk Show**  
8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Friday-Sunday, May 7-9**

**Retail Specials**

- Receive 25% off retail purchases (excludes Trunk Show purchases, and may not be combined with other discounts).

**Saturday & Sunday, May 8 & 9**

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# How Does Your Garden Grow?



"Dot.calm"  
by Jane Silverman

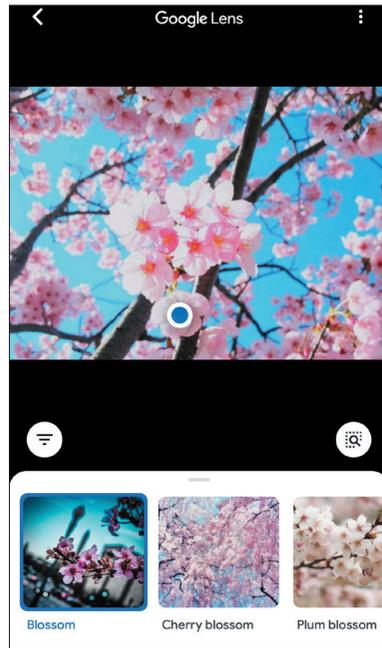
Arriving through the Ocean Reef gate, you will find on the left seven cherry blossom trees from the entrance to the fountains. At least I think they are cherry blossom trees, and for argument's sake (and for the sake of this story) let's all agree that they are cherry blossom trees. Every day when I pass these beautiful, pink-blossomed trees, I am reminded of a time when I lived in the mountains in New York State. Spring had sprung and our hilltop neighborhood was turning from grays to greens; the trees were alive again with song and our cherished cherry blossom tree was in full bloom. One sunny May morning I awoke to find the tree glittering in the sunlight. The night's sudden freeze had encased the tree and dipped each of its blossoms in a crystal-clear veneer of ice. Miraculously, the pink blossoms were as pink as they could be and each frozen flower spangled and sparkled. I think about this bejeweled tree and nature's magic every Spring.

### Turn Over a New Leaf:

The #1 gardening app in the country is the **Garden Answers plant identification app** [www.gardenanswers.com](http://www.gardenanswers.com). I downloaded it to find out once and for all if those darn trees were actually cherry blossoms. The app virtually identifies over 20,000 plants (as well as pests and diseases found on a plant) with its cutting-edge plant identification technology. Take a photo of the plant and GardenAnswers will match it with detailed descriptions.

### Pretty as a Picture:

**Google Lens** [lens.google](https://lens.google).



The Google Lens app for Android users searches by image instead of text. iPhone users can download Google and find it in the search bar (look for the small camera icon) or go to Google images.

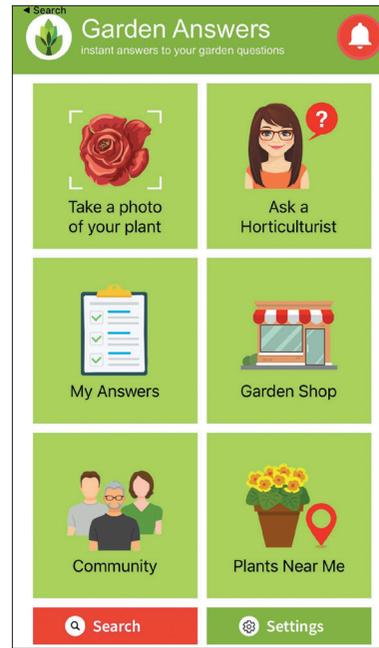
[com](https://www.google.com) is my go-to for photo searches. It lets you "search what you see" by uploading or taking a photo and searching the world wide web with an image instead of text. I use this for trees and flowers, but also to investigate the marks on fine china and antiques, a lamp or a chair I might see in a hotel or restaurant, a rare coin, a breed of dog, and so much more. For Chrome users, just click on the word "Image" in the upper right corner or download the Google app and tap on the small square next to the microphone to the right of the search bar.

### Wood You Believe?

I planted over 50 trees writing this story. It's true. I downloaded **Ecosia** to my Google Chrome browser. This search engine donates 80% of its profits from ad revenue to support tree planting programs around the world. It works just like Google and turns your web searches into trees that are planted in environmentally at-risk regions around the world every 1.7 seconds. So far, they have planted nearly 125 million trees with a goal of 1 billion. Try it at [www.ecosia.org](http://www.ecosia.org).

### To the Moon!

Fifty years ago this year, Apollo 14 brought hundreds



The GardenAnswers plant identification app [www.gardenanswers.com](http://www.gardenanswers.com) is like having a horticulturist in your pocket.

of Loblolly Pine, Sycamore, Douglas Fir, Sweetgum, and Redwood seeds to outer space to investigate the effects on germination (there was none). Upon their return, the seeds were gifted around the world

and planted throughout the United States including at the White House, Washington Square in Philadelphia, national parks, and at universities and NASA Centers. Visit [https://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/lunar/moon\\_tree.html](https://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/lunar/moon_tree.html) to find a Moon Tree near you.

### April Showers Bring May Flowers:

This is the perfect time to start planning your summer garden with your landscaper. But first, download the **iScape app** [www.iscapeit.com](http://www.iscapeit.com) which uses augmented reality (AR) to help design your outdoor living space (think yards, patios, and more). Choose from thousands of shrubs, turfs, trees, mulches, water features, fire pits, fountains, deckings, etc., that you can place and move in the app. Test it out with a photo of your outdoor space or aim your device at your actual yard or patio to create a real-time AR image. Be sure and watch the tutorial.

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**\$1,175,000**  
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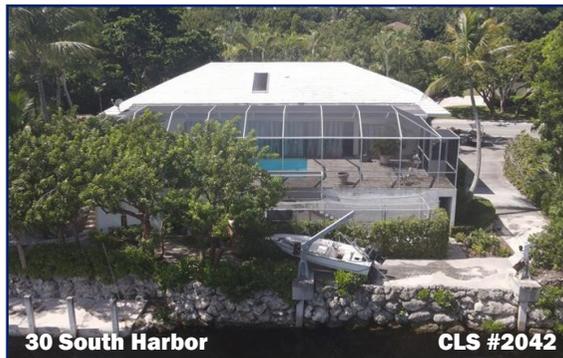


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# SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

## Caring for Our Courses

By Holly Houser, Ocean Reef Press Manager

Ocean Reef's regularly scheduled summer aeration began this week, and if you've wondered over the past few days why the Dolphin Course has been closed, this is the reason why! Like years past, the Club's two golf courses will alternately close through mid-October so the Golf Course Maintenance Team can perform much-needed cultural practices.

While aeration is typically their largest project of the year, nurturing the playing surfaces is a year-round responsibility for the Golf Course Maintenance team. This powerhouse team of 51 Associates work day in and day out to keep the Dolphin and Hammock courses in the best possible condition, doing everything from raking sand traps and refilling divots, to maintaining grass health and proper chemical balances.

### Interns Add Helping Hands

With 30,000-plus rounds of golf played each year, the Golf Course Maintenance Team has their work cut out for them, but their active intern program provides eight extra sets of helping hands each year. The Club currently has one intern on staff, with three more starting Monday, May 10 for the summer season. Come winter, a new set of four, two per course, will begin.

In addition to the added assistance these interns provide, the internship program also expands the field for potential new hires. In fact, Ocean Reef's own Bailey Sehnert started his agronomy career at Ocean Reef seven years ago as an intern and has since climbed



Summer aeration began this week on the Dolphin Course. Photo taken May 6.

the ladder to Dolphin Course Superintendent. Sehnert said internships like Ocean Reef's provide invaluable in-field experience that can't be gained from classes alone.

"An Ocean Reef intern will typically try their hand at everything related to the golf course throughout their time with us," said Sehnert. "That starts with mowing, learning how to properly regulate bunkers, and changing cups and tees. Eventually we get them involved in the chemical side of the business, dealing with fertilizers, when and what to spray, and identifying plant diseases."

### A Scientific Mindset

This niche knowledge of grass science is an expertise that requires years of schooling and post-graduate certifications. To work in the field of agronomy as a Superintendent or above, a degree in landscape operations, horticulture or the like is required.

"There's a real science to what our Team does every day," said Director of Agronomy Eric Bennett. "We study nitrogen applications, we're constantly looking at temperature or ITI rates to project growth, and we put out growth inhibitors to try and slow that growth down."

### Covid Challenges the Courses

Bennett said the Coronavirus posed a new challenge for his Team this past year, while also presenting them an opportunity to further implement their vast turfgrass knowledge: "When Members were required to ride in individual carts for social distancing purposes, the courses were experiencing two, three or four times the amount of cart traffic than usual. This caused more stress and wear throughout the course. In response, we've combatted the extra plant stress by putting out potassium and fertilizers."

Like this, much of the work

of our expert Golf Course Maintenance Team is done behind the scenes, but the end result is apparent in the first-class course conditions that have become synonymous with golf at Ocean Reef.

Whether you're an avid golfer or prefer to watch from the sidelines, the value and beauty The Reef's golf courses bring to the Ocean Reef community is undeniable, and the Club's Golf Course Maintenance Team is in large part responsible for preserving this beauty.

*See below for a complete schedule of summer course closures.*

### GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Summer maintenance commenced this month. Here are the dates the Hammock and Dolphin Courses, and the Croquet Lawn are closed for aeration.

#### Dolphin, Short Game Area & Croquet Lawn Closed

May 3 – 30  
June 28 – July 18  
August 9 – 22  
September 6 – 26

#### Hammock, Hammock Putting Green & Nursery Closed

June 1 – 27  
July 19 – August 8  
August 23 – September 5  
September 27 – October 17

# Summer Maintenance, Construction Changes & More



"From the Gold Tees" by Michael Leone, Director of Golf

The Dolphin Course, Short Game Area and Toski's will be closed for the remainder of May. We ask that Members and guests check in with our outside staff to retrieve carts on the Driving Range outside our new and temporary Golf Shop. This will be the staging area for

rental clubs, ship sticks, ORC Golf Carts and any of your golf needs until construction for the Clubhouse project is complete.

For the duration of the summer, Toski's will be closed to allow for expansion of the Short Game Area. During this transition, the Rum Runner will be fully operational on the Hammock Course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

### Memorial Day Tournament

Mark your calendars to come out and join us for the Red, White & Blue Memorial Day event on **Monday, May 31**. Everyone will play six holes from the Red Tees, six from the White Tees and six from the Blue Tees. You'll need to strategize though, as the players get to pick which holes they play from each tee! It will be a four-player team event and scoring will be 1 Best Ball of the Foursome.

Make a tee-time for the 31st and inform the Golf Staff you are interested in playing! We encourage everyone to wear their most patriotic outfits for this "Red, White & Blue" Tournament. There will also be a 9-hole competition as well where teams will play three holes from each of three teeing grounds. For more information, contact the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.

### Summer Golf Camps

ORC Summer Golf Camps are back and cover all ages of young golfers.

The Little Linksters Camp is offered to ages 5-8 and will be held June 7 – 11 and July 26 – 30. ORC Golf Camp is offered to ages 8-16 and will be held June 14 – 18 and August 2 – 6.

For information about ORC Summer Golf Camps, please contact The Academy of Golf at 305-367-2298.

### New in the Golf Shop

Be on the lookout for new Peter Millar, Polo RLX and Holderness and Bourne summer lines in the month of May! There will be a variety of summer style and colors available in the coming weeks.

New American Needle Lightweight Cotton hats have recently arrived. They are ideal for hot summer days where your head needs protection with a barely-there feel.

Maui Jim Blue Hawaii – Maui Jim's new, stylish lens color – has also just arrived. The Blue Hawaii lens has all the quality and protection benefits you are used to from Maui Jim with a great new look!

Stop by the Golf Shop, temporarily located behind the Driving Range, daily from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

# Finding the Perfect Width for Your Stance



"Swing Tip" by Derek Swoboda, Director of Instruction

Often wondered about but not often worked on is your setup

and stance width at address. The most important key to your golf swing happens before you ever move the club and that entails how you set up to the golf ball. Let's think of it this way: how easy or not would it be to focus in on a swing change or key during the actual motion? Now how simple would it be to focus in on how you set up to the golf ball prior to ever swinging the golf club?

This week, we are going to help you find your perfect stance width for your game in a series of setup tips. How

we determine these things are through specific exams which are created to determine how each person should swing the golf club. This will be different for every person and also lets us know that we cannot average a swing for everyone in this game. Rather, we can custom tailor a swing for your body and its strengths and weaknesses.

### Stance Width

When you are in your golf stance without a club, turn through to your full finished position. If you are not able to touch your right knee to your left knee, you are too wide with your feet at address. If your right knee travels past your left knee at the finish, you are too narrow with your feet at address. How you set your feet can help or hinder everything you do during your golf swing and can change the outcome of each shot.

### How Does This Change Club Face & Ball Flight?

When your stance is too wide, you will feel as though the swing is forceful and not

allowing your full power to take place. Your ball flight as a result will be big hooks to the left and pushes to the right. Feet too wide at address will not allow the body to turn properly but forces the body into what we call a sliding motion.

When the stance is too narrow we will feel very off balance on the way through our golf swing. This can also increase the way the arms work through the swing without the body at all. Some of us have done this as a drill when we have our body too involved in the golf swing in order to create a new sensation.

### How Do You Test Your Perfect Stance?

Stand in front of a mirror and turn through to your finish position, if your knees touch at the finish your stance is perfect. If they do not touch at your finish, your stance is too wide and conversely if your right knee passes your left you are too narrow. Sign up to find your perfect setup for your perfect golf swing today!



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# Stronger, Leaner and Resilient



“Fitness Focus” by Luis Bracamonte, Director of Fitness & Wellness

Fitness training offers a plethora of benefits that increase with time, effort and intensity. As it is commonly known, the harder we work in the gym, the easier life gets from a physical, emotional and mental perspective.

Lifting weights, running, swimming, and cycling do not only create leaner and stronger bodies, but also produce more resilient and clearer minds. Challenge yourself to master foundational exercises such as pushups, squats and pull ups. Push your body to endure the physical discomfort of high intensity intervals or longer duration aerobic training to develop physical and mental stamina.

Fitness training should be as common as brushing our teeth since the difference to our bodies is just as dramatic. This spring, choose to make fitness a bigger part of your life. Re-build yourself with each training session stronger, leaner and more resilient.

## Trainer Competition: The Murph Challenge

On Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 a.m., Members gathered to



Members support Fitness Specialist Matt Clynne and Fitness Director Luis Bracamonte during last month's Murph Challenge, where Clynne came out victorious.

witness and cheer for a fitness challenge between ORC's Fitness Specialist Matt Clynne and Fitness Director Luis Bracamonte. The military-inspired challenge, popularized by the CrossFit community, is called the Murph and requires participants to run a mile, perform 100 pull ups followed by 200 pushups and 300 squats, finishing with another mile run. And all this while wearing a 20lb vest throughout the entire event.

Both trainers prepared for the challenge, while Members expressed great excitement and anticipation leading up to it. At the end, it was Matt Clynne who emerged victorious, claiming bragging rights as the fittest trainer at ORC.

Matt, who has been a Member Fitness Trainer since 2019, has a great Member following due to his extremely successful boot camps and cycle classes in season. One Member, **Tina Jones**, describes Matt as “consistently helpful, professional and kind.” Jones began training with Matt early this season after suffering lower back pain and says, “Matt

has worked methodically three days a week with me for months. As a result, I am stronger and more importantly, pain free!” This summer, Matt will continue hosting group classes and will be available for personal training five days a week.

While Matt may have won this round, the competition is not over. Luis has already challenged Matt to a rematch in mid-November. More trainers, such as Fitness Manager Casey Culp and Fitness and Golf Fitness Specialist



Matt Clynne with Tina Jones and her grandchildren, Logan and Lexie Jones.

Kevin Vermillion, also plan to join the November challenge to add to the excitement. Meanwhile, the spring and summer months give plenty of time for Members and trainers alike to take their fitness to new heights.

If you would like to take your fitness to new levels, inquire about personal training, group training and classes at 305-367-5820.

Today is the best day to start.



## YOGA AWARD

The recipient of this year's yoga award goes to Musette Winton, pictured here with ORC Yoga Teacher Moorey-Margaret Myers. Namaste!



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# Saving Our Reefs One Cleanup at a Time

By Holly Houser, Ocean Reef Press Manager

On Saturday, May 1, The Dive Shop at Ocean Reef teamed up with the Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center (FCOLC) and Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys to conduct the first of many debris dives of the 2021 season.

While The Dive Shop has been proudly conducting debris cleanups since joining the Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys program in 2018, this is a first-time partnership with FCOLC.

Started in 2016 by Fabien Cousteau, renowned aquanaut, ocean explorer and environmentalist, FCOLC is a non-profit committed to preserving and protecting the world's oceans, and encouraging public involvement and education. The Dive Shop's partnership with FCOLC and Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys aims to improve community awareness, while helping to restore the unique coral reefs for future generations to enjoy.

## What is Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys?

Jesus Gudino, The Dive Shop general manager and co-owner with **Lisa Bailey Cassidy**, describes Goal: Clean Seas

Florida Keys as "a partnership formed by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF), and Blue Star Diving Operators, who are trained in the best practices for marine debris removal and permitted to conduct this work. This includes scoping dives to identify debris hotspots, analyzing post-removal data, and reporting that data to NMSF and the Project Aware Dive Against Debris Program."

Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys developed following Hurricane Irma in 2017, in response to increased marine debris threatening the ecosystems within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. At the time, it was estimated that approximately 154,000 traps were displaced due to the storm.

## Diving Against Debris

The removal of these displaced lobster traps caused by Hurricane Irma and other storms was the focus of The Dive Shop's Dive Against Debris cleanup last Saturday. With the help of Cousteau and his team at FCOLC, 664 pounds of marine debris was recovered from Turtle Rock and Carysfort Reef, located in Ocean Reef's own backyard.

Gudino said this is the most debris their team has recovered in the three years they've been conducting the Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys cleanups.

"This is a record we never wished to break, but we are



The Dive Shop, with help from the Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center, removed 664 pounds of marine debris from Carysfort Reef and Turtle Rock last Saturday.



Collecting displaced lobster traps is a primary focus of these Dive Against Debris cleanups.

grateful to now have the debris out of our delicate oceans," he said. "Although we have worked hard to collect thousands of pounds of harmful waste over the past few years, it's clear there is still so much more to be done and we encourage all members of the Ocean Reef community to become involved."

To date, The Dive Shop has removed 7,747.6 pounds of marine debris and 11,191 feet of line from the oceans surrounding Ocean Reef.

## How Members Can Help

This summer, The Dive Shop will conduct three Wednesday debris cleanups per month and hopes to involve Ocean Reef Members in cleaning up the waters that help make Ocean Reef Club so special.

Whether a scuba diver or a snorkeler, everyone can lend a hand in helping The Dive Shop save the ocean. If you're interested in joining or learning more, call The Dive Shop at 305-367-3051.



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## RECENT CATCH

Mother and son have a successful fishing adventure. Rod & Gun Club member Wendy Brainard caught a 140 lb. tarpon while son, John Brainard, got a 170 lb. tarpon during an Islamorada fishing trip in April. Congratulations to both!

# Closing Out the Tennis Season



"Tennis Shorts" by Jim Morton, Director of Tennis

## End of Season Mixed Doubles

The final event of an incredible season took place last week at the Tennis & Games Center, giving players a chance to say goodbye to their friends and competitors and to hopefully see the last of pandemic play!

The Tennis and Pickleball courts were packed for their End of Season round robins, followed by appetizers and beverages.

The tennis players played several rounds with different partners and opponents, with first place going to **Sheila Scalia** and **Bill Dixon** as they edged out second place finishers **Sandra Fish** and **Stephen Jayne**.

## Summer Schedule Changes

With the summer season now beginning on Monday, we will be switching to our summer schedule.

**Cardio & Gameio:** Cardio (9-10 a.m.) and Gameio (10-11 a.m.) clinics will continue daily,

with an additional 8-9 a.m. Cardio clinic on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Men's "B" Night League:

ORC Tennis Professional Brad Mixson will continue running our popular Men's "B" Night Tennis League on Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. If you would like to play in it, email him at [bmixson@oceanreef.com](mailto:bmixson@oceanreef.com).

## Pickleball Clinics:

This summer, we have three Pickleball clinics on the weekly schedule; one on Saturdays for kids from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and the other two for adults on Wednesdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

For a full weekly schedule, visit the Tennis & Games Center for a printed schedule or pick up a copy of This Week at The Reef.

Additionally, if you are interested in our popular Summer Camps at the Tennis & Games Center, be sure to call the Camp Concierge at 305-367-6516 to sign up. Several of our camps are almost at capacity, so don't hesitate to register!

## Saying Goodbye to Seasonal Professionals

Finally, I would like to thank my seasonal staff for the outstanding job they did this year. Under difficult circumstances, they all rose to the occasion to contribute to the best season we have ever



Men's "B" Night League Champions Rick Capps and Andy Hofmann (left) defeated Finalists Blair Bynum and Chris Garlich 6-1, 6-4.

had at the Tennis & Games Center.

I am very happy to report that Tennis Professionals Alex Henderson and Hannah Fleckenstein have announced that they intend to return next season. However, as many of you know, popular Pickleball Professional Mike Balcom has decided to transition from

Pickleball to the real estate world and will not be returning to Ocean Reef next season.

Mike did an incredible job of creating excitement over pickleball at Ocean Reef, really helping to speed the growth of the game to its amazing popularity we now enjoy at The Reef. He will be missed by Members and staff alike!

## TENNIS RESULTS

### MEN'S "B" NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE

Monday, April 26

**1st Place:** Rick Capps and Andy Hofmann

**2nd Place:** Blair Bynum and Chris Garlich

### END OF SEASON MIXED DOUBLES

Tuesday, April 27

Tennis

**1st Place:** Sheila Scalia and Bill Dixon

**2nd Place:** Sandra Fish and Stephen Jayne



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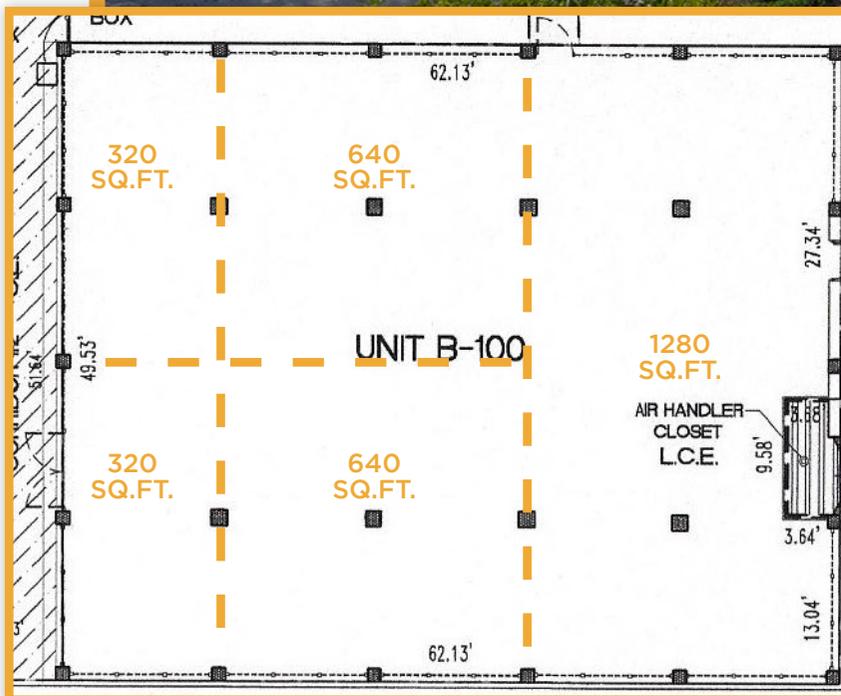
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# Performance Between the Points



“Tennis Tip” by Alex Henderson, Assistant Tennis Professional

The following Tennis Tip is adapted from James Loehr (1990), *The Mental Game*, S. Greene Press:

Jim Loehr, the eminent sport psychologist, created what he called the 16 second cure. By creating a regular routine,

a tennis player can reset whether the last point was won, lost, difficult, easy, negative experience or controversial call.

The 16 second cure includes positive gestures such as pumping a fist or applauding an opponent, a recovery or relaxation phase which includes deep breathing or muscle relaxation and a preparation phase for the next competitive bout or point. The order is Respond, Relax/Recover, Prepare and Play. Loehr realized athletes cannot maintain intensity for a long period, so he created an intensity-rhythm cycle where rest occurs and maximum effort is saved for the Play phase.

## Positive Physical Response Immediately After Point Ends (duration = 2-3 secs)

After a point, show an immediate positive physical response, whether won or lost.

Carry racquet by throat between thumb and forefinger (do not let racquet droop).

Project a confident image (shoulders back, head up) so opponents cannot see negativity. Use a high-energy walk back.

## Relaxation Response (duration = 10+ secs)

Turn away from the net since the point is over. Focus eyes not on the court but on strings, ground, or ball. Look relaxed and feel loose. Walk slowly.

## Preparation Response (duration = 3-5 secs)

Turn around to face the net. Pick up alertness level. Quickly plan out the next point using imagery. Use a positive cue or thought to energize such as “let’s go!”

## Ritual (duration = 5 secs)

Feel confident and know what you want to do. Perform deliberate routine whether serving or receiving. If serving, for example, bouncing the ball at least two times, or if receiving, shuffle or sway as eyes are fixed on the ball.

At first, this will feel unnatural and forced! With practice, it will become natural and take on your personality and flavor.

# Pickleball End of Season Celebration



by Justin Romero, Head of Racquet Sports

Last week, we had our Pickleball End of the Season Round Robin, followed by drinks and hors d’oeuvres. The number of players that showed up to celebrate what we have accomplished this season during this interesting

year was incredible. It was a joy to see 50 pickleball players playing, eating, drinking, and sharing stories about all of the good times that were shared this season. Thank you all for making it special.

We hope to keep this momentum rolling in to the Summer Season with Adult, Tween, and Kids Pickleball camps through June and July. Registration is now open by calling the Camp Concierge at 305-367-6516 or logging on to [oceanreef.com/summercamps](http://oceanreef.com/summercamps) to reserve your spot.

- **Tween Pickleball Camp**  
June 28 – July 2  
Ages 8-12
- **Adult Pickleball Camp**  
July 5 – July 9

- **Kids Pickleball Camp**

July 19 – July 23  
Ages 5-10

In addition to the Summer Camps, we have also added three Pickleball clinics every week.

- **Adult Pickleball Clinic (Intermediate - Advanced)**  
Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- **Kids Pickleball Clinic**

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- **Adult Pickleball Clinic (Beginner)**

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If you have questions about the new clinics or you’re interested in booking private or group lessons, call the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.



An incredible showing of Members participants in the Pickleball End of Season Round Robin.

# TENNIS Player of the Week



Alexa Elliott

Alexa grew up playing tennis and recently rediscovered her love for the game. She is dedicated and loves playing whenever she can. She even wakes up for 7 a.m. lessons. Alexa says she hopes to be able to play and compete with her dad, **Bruce**, one day. As her coach, I can say she is well on her way to giving her dad a competitive game!

Congratulations Alexa on being this week’s Tennis Player of the Week.

# Card & Games Summer Schedule



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

As the winter season is coming to an end, things are still very busy here in the Card & Games Room and that is a great thing. We are excited to see more players, particularly Canasta players, coming back to the comfort and safety of the Card & Games Room.

This summer, the schedule will remain full and it will be a great time to learn Bridge, Canasta or Backgammon. If you're interested, contact me at 305-367-6609 and we can set up a time for you.



While the bridge, canasta and mah jongg games may have looked a bit different, the Card & Games Room finishes out a great season with plenty of Member involvement.

### Calling All Ladies

Ladies! If you would like to get together with your friends for an evening of Ladies' Poker, give me a call and I can fill you in on the details. Great idea for Ladies' Night Out!

### Upcoming Bridge Lesson

The next Intermediate/Advanced Bridge Lesson on **Tuesday, May 11** at 3 p.m. will be on Cue Bidding. Learn how

to investigate bidding for Slams without getting too high. This is a fun class that you will take away a lot from.

Refer to This Week at The Reef for the May 18 and 25 Bridge Lesson topics.

### Weekly Schedule

The Card & Games Room will continue to have Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge and Backgammon Open Play

daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the summer. Additionally, the schedule is as follows:

### Mondays

- Live Duplicate Bridge Game 1-4 p.m.
- Men's Card Night, 6:45 p.m.

### Tuesdays

- Intermediate/Advanced Bridge Lesson 3 p.m.

### Wednesdays

- Online Duplicate Bridge Game 1:05 p.m. (Please be online/seated at 12:55 p.m.)

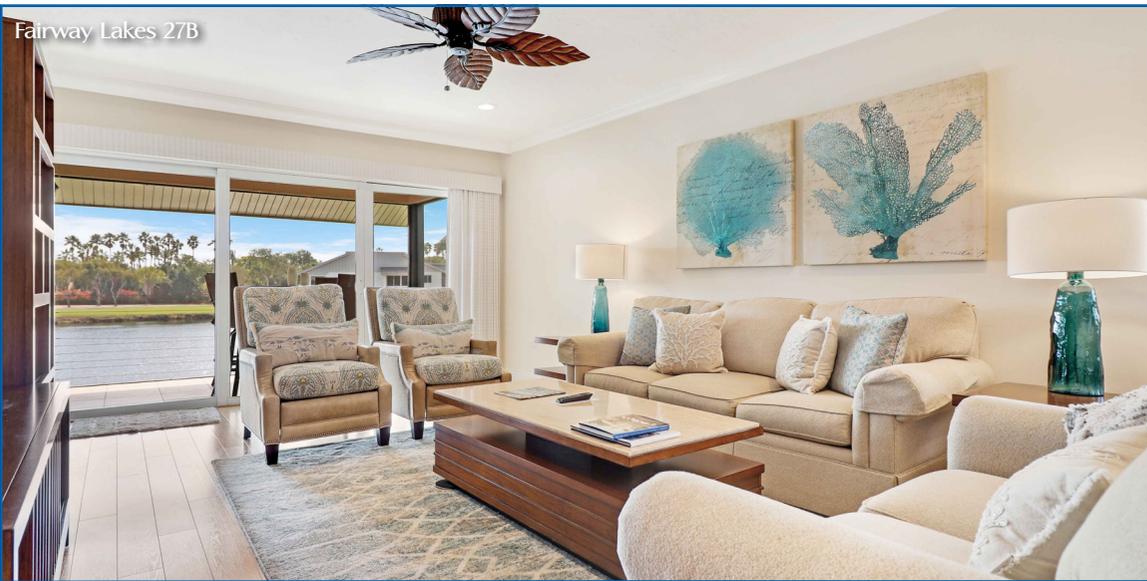
### Thursdays

- Beginner's Bridge Lessons 10 a.m.
- Bridge Lesson: Play of the Hand/Open Forum 3 p.m.
- Canasta Lessons 12:30 p.m.

### Fridays

- Live Duplicate Bridge Game 1-4 p.m.
- Backgammon Lessons 10 a.m.

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# Overcalling Over Weak Two Bids

When the opponents open a weak 2 or other preempt bid, it makes it difficult to find the right contract. If you pass, you might miss game. If you bid, you may not have enough bidding space to find the correct contract. Here are some tips:

## WEAK 2 OPENING BIDS

### Direct Seat

Over the opponent's weak 2 opening bid:

If you have:	Then do this:
12-16 HCPs and 5 card suit	Bid your suit. (Simple Overcall) Example: 2♥-2♠ = 5 spades (12-17 HCPs)
12+ HCPs and 3-4 cards in all unbid suits.	Takeout Double.
17+ HCPs and 5 card suit	Double then rebid your suit.
16+ HCPs and 6 card major suit	Bid the suit at game level. Example: 2♥-4♠ = 6 spades (16+ points)
15-18 HCPs balanced hand with stoppers in the opponent's suit	Bid 2NT (Systems such as Stayman & Transfers are ON)
18+ HCPs balanced hand with stoppers in the opponent's suit	Double then rebid NT

### Examples - RHO opens 2♥:

1. ♠KQJ92 ♥765 ♦KQJ ♣32	2. ♠KQJ9 ♥76 ♦KQJ ♣K972	3. ♠KQJ92 ♥76 ♦KQJ ♣AK	4. ♠QJ97 ♥KQJ ♦A72 ♣K32	5. ♠KQJ972 ♥765 ♦K32 ♣32
Overcall 2♠	Double	Double then rebid spades	Overcall 2NT	Pass

### Balancing Seat

If your RHO opens with a weak 2 bid and your partner and LHO passes, then you can stretch to make a bid. Mentally add an "Ace" to your hand and use the guidelines above.

You can stretch even more if you are short in their suit and have favorable vulnerability (they are red and you are not).

## BRIDGE RESULTS

### ONLINE BRIDGE GAME

#### Wednesday, April 28

1. Denny Morgan – Dedie Nutt
2. Fred Bacher – Ed Kavanaugh
3. Suzy Shields – Martha Kavanaugh
4. Barbara Besse – Anne Fletcher
5. Liz Gordy – Jody Ledford

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE GAME

#### Section A

#### Friday, April 30

1. George Aronoff - Mimi Whitbeck
2. Beverly Platner - Brian Platner
3. Joyce Fowler - Ted Fowler

#### Monday, May 3

1. Mimi Whitbeck - Gail McConnell
2. Liz Gordy - Monica Phillips
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5. Ann Petersen - Hollis Petersen



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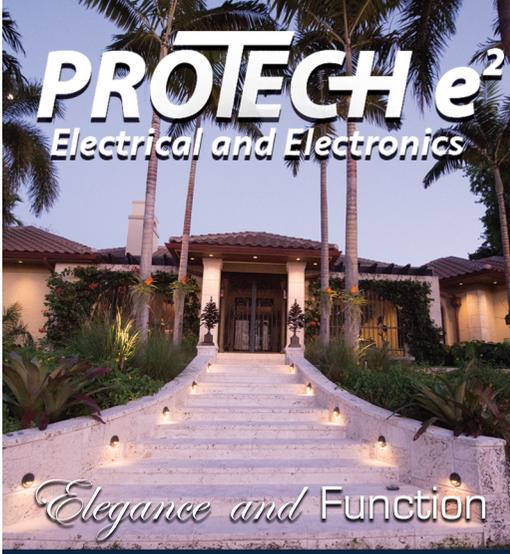


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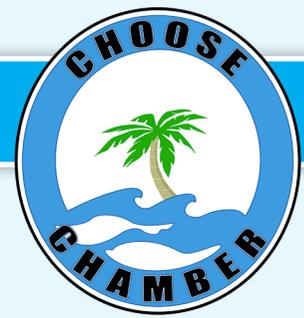


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