

Let the Bidding Begin – the Catalog's Here!

By Sarah A. Cart

What's that insert in today's *Ocean Reef Press*?

The All Charities 2022 Auction Catalog! It's big, it's bold, and it boasts all kinds of gems. It's your invitation to an armchair treasure hunt, so get comfortable and help get the fun-raising off to a record-breaking start in anticipation of All Charities Weekend, which begins a week from today (**Feb. 11 and 12**).

In what has quickly become a beloved tradition, use your preferred device to go **online to www.bidORC.org**. Soon you'll realize that bidding is as easily accessible as your favorite app and just as addictive. Place your opening bid on an item and set your maximum so, if necessary, the system can respond to competing bids on your behalf up to your established limit.

Start with First Dibs! You'll find several **first come, first serve** opportunities (see catalog pp. 22-24): A limited edition custom-made Ocean Reef jigsaw from Liberty Puzzles with artwork by our own **Joan Birsh**; great opportunities for dining fun celebrating fabulous food and wine; an eye-opening spring migration birdwatching walk close to home; and a blast of a party on Buccaneer Island under December's full moon.

Next, comb through the rest of the catalog. Be sure not to miss this season's

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More than 70 participants played in this year's Member-Guest Tennis Tournament.



Adriana Wills and Maira MaGuire, Ladies' B-Flight Champions.



Ana Fernandez & Inma Cortez, Ladies' C-Flight Champions.



Debbi Cantor and Lauren Saperstein, Ladies' A-Flight Champions.



Geoff and Christopher Noyes, Men's Champions.

Member-Guest Tennis Tournament

Noyes Family Ices Out the Competition

By Jim Morton, Director of Tennis

Even the cold and windy conditions not seen in the Keys for about 10 years couldn't chill the hot play at the 49th annual Member-Guest Tennis

Tournament held last weekend. And with Member-Guest Tennis being one of Ocean Reef Club's oldest and fondest traditions, a little chill in the air was not going to stop these competitors! This year's event welcomed more than 70 participants in Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles categories. The Noyes family proved superior, dominating the Mixed and Men's A-Flight Championships, while the three Ladies' flights crowned a mix of new and returning champs.

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AROUND THE REEF

EQUITY MEMBER GET TOGETHER

VALENTINE CRAFT

Wed. Feb. 9 4-6pm
Town Hall Waterside

Have a Valentine in mind? Join the Member Events team and make a Valentine card. They will even mail it out for you! Complimentary.

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OR "See"



The Ocean Reef pool at sunrise, captured by Carol Riley.

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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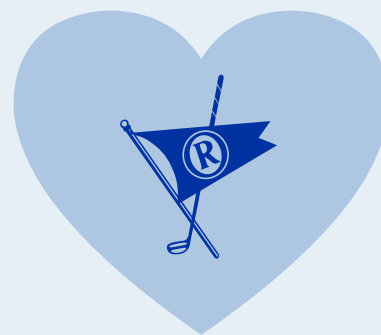
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A VALENTINE INVITATION

LAST CALL!

What kind of love story can you share in 100 words or less? It can be happy or sad, serious or silly, a success or fizzle? It should capture an actual moment in your lifetime. A myriad of emotions and/or experience reduced to 100 words. Can you do it?

Please send to the Ocean Reef Press at orp@oceanreef.com by **Monday, February 7**.
We're waiting to hear from you.

Gotta Question?

There seems to be an endless supply of beach towels for use at Buccaneer Island. Figuring how popular Buccaneer Island is on holiday weekends, they must go through 5,000+ over the time period.

Actually, during the busy holiday period this season, Buccaneer Island went through three times that many towels! The Housekeeping Team estimates they laundered about 16,000 total towels just over the seven-day stretch between Christmas and New Year's 2021. And apparently, this was a slightly lighter year. Throughout season, the count can even reach to more than 3,000 towels, just in one day.

Treats for Towels

While it may seem like Recreation has an endless supply of towels, the team has to work hard to stay on



top of restocking. Especially considering 16,000 is just the number of towels laundered and doesn't factor in that some borrowed towels never make their way back to the beach.

Granted, we know there are times that Buccaneer Island beach-goers walk out forgetting they have a towel on their cart or the grandkids come home wrapped up in one. That is why the Club is conducting its second Treats for Towels event **Friday & Saturday, March 4 & 5**.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Members can return their towels to the Fields at Four Corners with no questions asked, and receive a complimentary ice cream and lawn games. See you there!

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

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new Wonders on the Water, followed by Showcase and UP Lifting Adventures, and as you peruse all the Silent Auction sections, feast your eyes on new subcategories Great Golf, Fantastic Fishing, Bags & Baubles, and Mind & Body (the complete Table of Contents will help you find all of those and more – you will find treasures and gems on *every* page).

Start bidding on your must-haves. Keep a list. Check it often. Dream. Plan. For the big items, team up with friends, make phone calls, and set strategies. Check your calendar to determine which adventure(s) can happen when.

Online bidding closes at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, for everything *except* the Bucket Raffle for which the drawing will be held at that evening's cocktails before the

Live Auction, which is black tie and by reservation only.

See something you **HAVE** to have? Call the All Charities office (see below) to discuss possibilities. Note that some items have been updated and a few more items have been added online since the catalog went to print; be sure to re-read the actual lot listing online or in person. So much great stuff – check out all of it!

Wine Tasting and Bucket Raffle: Plan to view your dream list items during the \$50 Opening Night Wine & Bourbon Tasting & Silent Auction 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Carysfort Hall. Or if Friday night isn't an option, or you can't get to everything in an evening, return between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, and enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" courtesy of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce from noon to 2 p.m. Also on Saturday, take in the NetJets

aircraft display at the Airport 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On both Friday and Saturday, you can purchase tickets for the Bucket Raffle.

The point of it all: Your shameless generosity will enable the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's distribution of financial grants to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City plus local entities vital to Ocean Reef: The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association. Thanks to this community's tradition of generosity, over \$50 million has been distributed since 2008.

Questions? Visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org or contact All Charities at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@OceanReef.com.

Bid early, often and outrageously: It's the All Charities tradition!

GETTING YOUR BID NUMBER

Members registered for the Feb. 12 gala should find an email containing your bid number in your inbox.

Those not planning to attend but still wishing to browse auction items and bid online just need to follow three simple steps:

1. Go to www.bidorc.org
2. Click 'Create Account' at bottom left
3. Enter your name and email and click 'Register'

That's it – congratulations! You're an All Charities Bidder!

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BOUTIQUE D' REEF IS BACK

Boutique D' Reef returns to Town Hall this year, bigger and better than ever!

The 32nd Annual Boutique D' Reef is coming **Tuesday, March 1 – Thursday, March 3** and includes 30+ vendors and 10 new, carefully-curated vendors, such as 120% Lino, Elegant Stitches, Frances Valentine, Jennifer Miller and Luxe Peddler to name a few. Favorite returning and new vendors will showcase a beautiful selection of clothes, shoes, linens, jewelry, leather goods and more.

Come and shop until you drop in Town Hall March 1-3 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sales benefit The Medical Center at Ocean Reef.



Jennifer Miller Jewelry, one of 10 new vendors showcasing at Boutique D' Reef.

The Grand Inquisitor



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

While serving on a committee with a friend during our Los Angeles years, the subject of Russian literature came up in a side conversation. That conversation gave birth to a reading group of half-dozen guys who would meet together five or six times a year for dinner and a book discussion. We dubbed our group, pretentiously - The Gentlemen's Literary Society. Our wives responded with appropriate derisive laughter!

One author we read became like a powerful tide, pulling me along – Fyodor Dostoyevsky. He produced a prodigious anthology of work in his 60 years. The Russian philosopher, Nicolas Berdyaev, said of him, "So great is the worth of Dostoyevsky that to have produced him is by itself sufficient justification for the existence of the Russian people in the world."

I mention this because I've been asked to lead another book discussion at the Art League this season. I've chosen a short work, what many say is Dostoyevsky's finest writing. It is the chapter from his novel, "The Brothers Karamazov," titled "The Grand Inquisitor." My goal is to encourage those who might attend to read that chapter ahead of time. It's available online, so you don't have to purchase the book.

A legitimate question is, "What does a Russian author from the late 19th century have to say to our particular moment in time?" The answer, I suggest, is found in the old adage that those who won't learn from history, are doomed to repeat it!

Dostoyevsky lived and wrote in the decades leading up to Russia's political and social revolution. He died in 1881. Many of us have watched the film version of Boris Pasternak's "Dr. Zhivago." The revolution saw Russia abolish the monarchy, brutally murder the Tsar and his family, and ruthlessly impose a socialist form of government.

A violent revolution in our nation seems unlikely. However, there is a growing infatuation with the notion that we would be better served by a socialist form of government.

Dostoyevsky is important because from his writing, we can recognize the similarities between many of the arguments and assumptions that led to Russia's embrace of socialism, and those being proposed in the unsettling political discourse of our own time.

Berdyaev said, "Dostoyevsky was the first to see things no other had seen and always, he saw further ahead than anyone else."

What he foresaw came to pass less than 40 years following his death. What came to pass has produced more economic devastation, social misery, and religious oppression than any other political ideology in modern times.

What had he seen? He saw that the underground currents of his day, much like our own, would not lead to the promised freedom and prosperity. Rather, they would lead to bondage. He recognized that in core socialist doctrine, freedom was slowly destroyed in the name of providing happiness. Freedom, misunderstood, leads to tyranny.

His argument was that a false equality, what is being called equity today, actually leads to radical inequality. He believed socialism would eventually result in the control of people at large, by a small, centralized minority. Remember "Animal Farm?"

Many may not be aware that the fountainhead of

Dostoyevsky's thought is found in the deep roots of his Eastern Orthodox Christian faith. It was his love of Christ that led him to give up his earlier humanistic philosophy. He wrote in one of his notebooks that "no other expression of atheism has ever had such force in Europe as humanitarianism," or humanism.

At the heart of "The Grand Inquisitor" is the understanding that God-given freedom and its corresponding responsibility, is the key to our dignity as people made in God's image. He believed that "true liberty and true equality are possible only in Christ, in following the way of the 'God-made-man.'"

For Dostoyevsky, "any idea of world-wide happiness and the common unity of mankind

from which God is excluded, means disaster for humankind and the loss of our freedom."

It is his view that, whenever we think that we can make a better world without God, one in which we eliminate misery, tears and injustice, the logical development is inevitably a campaign against God in the name of the love of good. Humanistic utopian vision ultimately results in a dystopian reality.

The reading group won't turn into a revival meeting. But sober consideration of his concerns may lead us to take stock of how the current tide of our political discourse is taking us further away from the roots of our republic. Something to think about.

CHAPEL NEWS

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Friday, February 4

AA Meeting
7:30 a.m.
Yacht Club Room

Dedication of Star of David

5 p.m.
Field at Four Corners

Shabbat Candle Lighting

5:49 p.m.

Jewish Service

Rabbi Ann Feibelman
6 p.m. at Sailfish Patio
RSVP to Susan Hirschbiel
(757-469-4469 or shirschbiel@congregationor.org)

Sunday, February 6

Traditional Worship Service

Dr. Alistair Begg
9 a.m.
Cultural Center

Catholic Mass Online

10 a.m.
facebook.com/sjmkeylargo/

Contemporary Worship Service

Dr. Alistair Begg
10:30 a.m.
Cultural Center

Kids Matter

10:30 a.m.
Heritage Room at
Cultural Center

Catholic Mass

12 p.m. at Cultural Center

Monday, February 7

AA Meeting

7:30 p.m.
Yacht Club Room

Wednesday, February 9

Intercessory Prayer

8 a.m.
Card & Games Room at the
Tennis & Games Center

Episcopal Service

9 a.m.
Card & Games Room at the
Tennis & Games Center

Community Bible Study Online

10:30 a.m.
orcchapel.org

Message Online

7 p.m.
orcchapel.org

Thursday, February 10

Men's Book Study

8 a.m.
Card & Games Room at the
Tennis & Games Center

Memberabilia

Coming February 15th
DEATHTRAP
 ...a play that will
 captivate you



by Joan
Birsh

If you haven't already done so, get your ticket right away for the live performance of **Deathtrap** at the Cultural Center on February 15th.

Deathtrap is one of my favorite plays. I was there for the opening night on Broadway in 1978. And later I had a chance to interview the playwright Ira Levin for *Playbill* Magazine.

He was a very nice modest man, and not a bit scary, though I still have nightmares from the movie *Rosemary's Baby* (based on his book) and he was a recipient of the lifetime achievement award from the Horror Writer's Association. (Just one of his many awards, including four Tony nominations for *Deathtrap*, which played 1,809 performances on Broadway between 1978 and 1982.)

What's *Deathtrap* about?

That's a tough question, because *Deathtrap* is filled with unexpected twists and turns and there is a danger that too



Michael McKeever plays the aging author in *Deathtrap*. Gabriell Salgado plays an aspiring author, who has written a promising script.

much information will give the devious plot away.

Let's just say – The story revolves around an aging dramatist who plots to kill a young rival and steal his new play.

I know, it doesn't sound a bit funny, but it is. And scary too.

This tightrope between giggles and jitters presents a difficult task for the director and the actors. But lucky for us Zoetic Stage, the extraordinary theater company associated with Miami's Arsht Performing Arts Center, is up to the task. Two of Zoetic's founders are involved in the production –

Michael McKeever is playing the leading role of Sidney Bruhl and Stuart Meltzer is the *Deathtrap* director.

I spoke to Michael a few weeks ago when he and the other three actors in the cast had begun rehearsals for *Deathtrap*. "We are loving it," he told me. "What a wonderful play. Ira Levin was the king of

the high concept thriller."

Michael McKeever, who is himself a playwright (his play *Daniel's Husband* had three NYC Off-Broadway productions), says the experience of acting in *Deathtrap* has inspired him to write a thriller.

Stuart Meltzer, who with Michael founded and runs Zoetic Stage, is the most acclaimed director on the Florida scene. He has won a full shelf of Carbonell Awards (the Florida equivalent of the Tony) and he directed all of the four productions that Zoetic brought to Ocean Reef – *After, Sunday in the Park with George, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, The Gin Game*.

When I expressed astonishment at what seemed to me a Herculean task of bringing a Broadway quality production to Ocean Reef for a single night, Michael said that the Zoetic gang looked on it as "a wonderful adventure. We get to explore a play that we haven't done before and because there will be just one

performance, we approach it with a heightened focus."

Michael admits that constructing the set, creating costumes, adjusting the lighting, and having two dress rehearsals on the Cultural Center stage makes for a pretty intense 48-hour period.

Still these talented Zoetic theater professionals attest that they love the audience at The Reef. "They are astute," says Michael. "They listen and appreciate the live theatre experience."

Thank you, Michael, Stuart and the rest of your cast and crew. Ocean Reef and Zoetic Stage have formed a mutual admiration society. Next meeting, February 15th at the Cultural Center.

Tickets are \$150 Donors/\$175 Non-Donors.

Cultural Center offers a pre-theater dinner and cocktails (\$57 ++). Reservations for both are Required. . . .

At 8:00 p.m. Curtain goes up for *Deathtrap*. . . . If you opt for the show but not dinner, arrive at 8:00 p.m.

Garden Group at Ocean Reef

Event Cancelled

The unpredictable nature of the pandemic has necessitated a decision about the Garden Group at Ocean Reef House Tour. In consideration of the homes on the tour, the homeowners, and the hostesses, the House Tour scheduled for March 18, 2022, has been cancelled. The proceeds from all of the tickets for the 2020 House Tour will be donated to charities chosen by the Garden Group (unless you request a refund by February 28). Thank you for your support and understanding.

Questions?

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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Medical Lecture Series Presents: "The Genetic Revolution in Cancer Care"

February 8, 2022 – 5 p.m.
Cultural Center Theatre

Please join us on February 8th at 5 p.m. in the Cultural Center Theatre for "The Genetic Revolution in Cancer Care" with guest speaker Theodoros N. Teknos, M.D., President and Chair of Jane and Lee Seidman Cancer Innovation, University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Care in Cleveland, Ohio.



Medical Lecture Series guest speaker
Theodoros N. Teknos, M.D.

Dr. Teknos came to University Hospitals in October 2017 from Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, where he has served in several leadership roles since 2008. He served as Professor and Chair, Department of

Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Prior to his position at Ohio State, he was Division Chief, Head & Neck Oncology Division, Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. From 2007 to 2014, Dr. Teknos co-chaired a Task Force on Recurrent & Metastatic Disease for the National Cancer Institute's Head & Neck Cancer Steering Committee.

Dr. Teknos earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his otolaryngology residency at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary/Harvard Combined Program, Boston and a fellowship in head and neck oncology, skull base and microvascular reconstruction at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

His expertise also includes melanoma, reconstructive surgery, salivary gland tumors, sino-nasal tumors and thyroid cancer.

Dr. Teknos stated in a recent UTUBE video, "A little known fact is that patients who have cancer who are treated at a comprehensive cancer center have a 20% better chance of survival than those that are treated at a community hospital that is a non-comprehensive cancer center." The Jane and Lee Seidman Cancer Center is 1 of the 13 freestanding cancer care centers in the country.

A special thank you to Healthnetwork Foundation and **Jane and Paul Bishop** for sponsoring this lecture.

Visit us on the web at www.mcor.org.

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Please bring your identification and insurance cards to each visiting specialist appointment. They bill separately from the Medical Center.
To schedule with a visiting dermatologist, please call their office directly. For all other specialists, please call 305-367-6702.

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Daisy Elwick

Feb 10, 17, 24

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Michelle Weiner

Feb 11, May 27

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Howard Bush

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Feb 18, March 2, 30

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Dan Ruiz

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Feb 11, 18, March 4, 18

Jill Waibel 305-598-0290

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Heberto Valdes

Feb 4, March 4

Gastroenterology

Sandra Rodriguez

Feb 15, March 22

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Dan Ruiz

March 21, April 18

Soni Chousleb

March 3, April 7

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Jila Senemar

March 1

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David Coppola 305-451-1819

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Anthony Farias

Feb 7, March 28

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Nancy Epstein (Spine) 516-739-9270

Feb 16, March 16

Victor Faradji

March 3, April 7

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Bascom Palmer 786-530-2289

Feb 8, 24

Zach Segal

Feb 15, March 15

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Lauren Nicholas

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Roberto Miki

Feb 25, March 25

Orthopaedic Sport Medicine

Michael Swartzon

Feb 11, March 11

Orthopaedic Surgery

Derek Papp

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Feb 4, March 4, April 1

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Pedro Abrantes

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Feb 25, March 4

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Feb 8, 22, March 8, 22

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Feb 10, 24

Lunan Ji

Feb 16, March 16



Academy at Ocean Reef 7th and 8th graders present persuasive speeches on school policies to Head of School Jerome Murphy.

Academics in Action at The Academy

By Jerome Murphy, Academy at Ocean Reef Head of School

As part of their study of language/arts with Mrs. Evans at The Academy at Ocean Reef, our 7th and 8th graders recently spent time preparing persuasive speeches and presentations related to a school policy or rule they sought to implement or change. Each student made their presentation to Head of School, Jerome Murphy, in front of their classmates and teacher last Friday.

The school policies students chose to address or initiate were: dress code, jewelry policy, Family Night (no homework), cell phone use, implementation of kindness cards, and chewing gum in class...yes, that last one came as a surprise).

Each student, formally attired, led a PowerPoint presentation, replete with well-researched data and related anecdotes, to support their positions. Equally impressive was how well each student acquitted themselves in exercising the art of public speaking. Eye contact, good body posture, confident voice, critical thinking, and engaging interaction with the audience were all on full display during the students' presentations.

Further, their understanding of persuasive speaking was clearly apparent as each speech adeptly identified and countered the opposing side to their position. In addition to proudly recognizing the efforts of our students here, we applaud the efforts and know-how of Mrs. Evans, without whom this project and its successful outcome would have occurred.

As 8th grader Isabella Vazquez recounted, "During this experience, I learned that it's okay to make mistakes and to never give up. It's important to speak your mind if you seek change." Her classmate, Jake Davies, added, "Presenting in front of the Head of School made me nervous, but I was confident because I worked hard and I believed in the change I was proposing." Kameron Holman echoed those thoughts, "One thing I learned is how important a speaker's confidence is when trying to persuade an audience."

Reflecting further on the effectiveness of the 8th graders' persuasive speeches, Mr. Murphy was pleased to share that he has since scheduled a faculty meeting this week to discuss changes to some of The Academy's policies. As he shared with the students at the end of class on Friday, they are an integral part of our school community and we always want them to use their voices to responsibly advocate for themselves and student life at The Academy.

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Tuesday, February 15 • 8:00PM

Zoetic Stage returns to the Cultural Center with Ira Levin's wickedly funny thriller, Deathtrap. This ingeniously constructed play offers a rare and skillful blending of two priceless theatrical ingredients: gasp-inducing thrills and spontaneous laughter.

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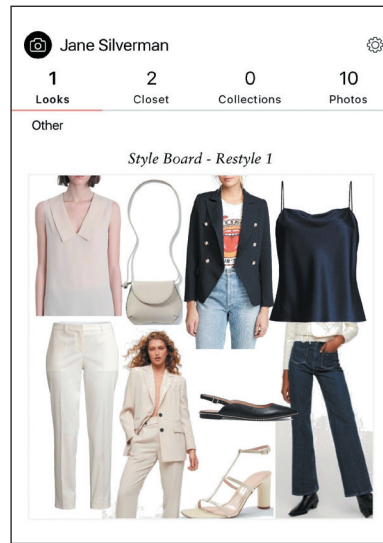
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"Dot.calm"
by Jane Silverman

With the Fishing Village's upcoming Art & Fashion Walk on **Saturday, February 19**, it occurred to me that I haven't been into an actual clothing store (outside of the ones in the Fishing Village) since sometime in early 2020. It is only just recently that my social calendar



Wishi, premium styling phone app for men and women, puts a stylist in the palm of your hand.

has started to fill up with weddings (granddaughter and a nephew), Black Ties, luncheons, dinner parties, and more. How exciting! Now

what to wear?? I dreaded returning to clothes shopping online and its infinite options followed by the dreaded walk of shame to UPS to return clothes that don't fit (or that look better in the 3"x5" image on my smartphone than on me).

That's where the **Wishi – Premium Styling app** for men and women comes in. Wouldn't it be nice to have your very own stylist? Wishi is like having a best (younger) friend (with good fashion taste) help you get dressed. There is no obligation to buy anything though there is an engagement fee of \$40 or \$90 depending on your plan and a money-back guarantee.

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It's easy and fun: download the app, take the quick style quiz, get matched with one of their accomplished stylists, and chat and share photos with them through the app to finetune suggestions fitting your style and budget; buy only what you love.

My stylist Tara and I have been texting through the app and sharing wardrobe ideas for weeks. It's been an educational process. Last weekend she came for an up-close and personal tour of my closet via Zoom. She critiqued my shoes and clothes to see what she could complement before she sent me a bespoke Style Board. Her remit: casual ensembles that fit my Florida lifestyle. She nailed it!

NEWS & HAPPENINGS

THE OCEAN REEF PLAYERS

The Ocean Reef Players are in rehearsal for their upcoming production of "It's a Great Day for the Irish". This St. Patrick's Eve Extravaganza, created and directed by **Ginger Knapp Ringdahl**, and starring a talented cast of more than 30 of your friends and neighbors, will feature Irish singing, dancing, folklore and leprechauns! Showtime is 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening, **March 16**, followed by a post-performance buffet. For reservations, call the Cultural Center at 305-367-6300.

TRI-DELTA GATHERING

Ocean Reef Tri-Delts - our February gathering will be held at Town Hall Waterside on **Thursday, February 10** at 5:30 p.m. If you want to be added to the email list for future gatherings, or let us know you will attend, email **Jane Battles**, janebattles@yahoo.com.

CATWALK DATE CHANGE

SAVE THE DATE:

17th Annual Catwalk Fashion Show & Luncheon
Monday, March 31

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Members New Works Show Open at Art League



by Susan Bohan

If you ever doubted how talented our Members are, stop by the Art League gallery to the see the entries to the Members New Works Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all next week. There are sculptures, needlework, knitting, basketry, oils, acrylics, watercolors, woodworking, mosaics, shells and pottery.

On Tuesday, fellow Members voted on their favorites in each category and the winners will boast a ribbon. But I think



Claudia Langworthy, Needlepoint

everyone can agree that taking a class with our award-winning instructors makes everyone a winner!

If the show inspires you to try a new skill, the following still have a few spaces available:

Beading with Linda Richmond

10am to 3pm, 6 classes
Mondays, February 7, 14, 21,
March 7, 14, 21
Absent for the past few years,
Linda Richmond is finally back
by popular demand.

Paint Night

5 to 7:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 9

practitioner, will offer guidance on building our immunity, which is a timely subject.

Since we could not hold our January meeting due to Covid restrictions, we searched for a location that would be appropriate for our February meeting. The Ocean Reef Catering department reserved space for us at the outdoor Town Hall Waterside. The food trucks are not open at that time, so we will provide box lunches from either Catering or Wynn's Market.

As always, we do not charge a fee for attending these luncheon meetings but rely on your goodwill offerings to cover the expenses.

If you wish to attend, it is required that you RSVP by phone to **Cynthia Weglarz** at 708-476-6350. Please include how many you will bring to the meeting by Thursday, February 10.

Thank you for your support of all the wonderful caregivers at Ocean Reef.



Tom Mackell, Acrylics

Fused Glass Jewelry

10am to 2pm, Thursday, Feb. 10

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Larry Biddinger, Woodworking



Vicki Combs, Mosaics



Betsy Chinnici, Shells



Joyce Esernia, Knitting

Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots Meeting

Tuesday, February 15
at 12 p.m.

By Cynthia Weglarz & Dr. Frank Gudicello, ForgetMeNots Co-Chairs

You are cordially invited to the February meeting of the Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots, a caregiver support group, on **Tuesday, February 15** at Town Hall Waterside, an outdoor dining location just north of Town Hall. Parking is readily available in the area used by the Farmer's Market.

We have two speakers coming to share their expertise on topics that apply to all. Miguel Gonzalez, head of the Physical Therapy department of the Medical Center, will update us on current therapies. Mara Cakans, nurse



Linda Buermann, Needlework

Rediscovering the Burgee Bar



by Jody Steele

On a chilly Saturday afternoon, we realized the Burgee Bar was open and we were pleased to find a table on the porch looking out at the Main Channel. The view was lovely, and the food just marvelous.

Kudos to Chef Jazzmine King, who was recently promoted from Burgee Bar Sous Chef to Chef de Cuisine, and is adding a variety of "American Regional Cuisine" along with retaining traditional menu items at the Burgee Bar. Jazzmine began cooking at age seven, inspired by her mom and grandma, and went on to graduate from the Mississippi University



Chef Jazzmine King, Burgee Bar Chef de Cuisine.

for Women with a degree in Culinary Arts and minors in Nutrition and Entrepreneurship. With experience at private clubs around the US, she then came to Ocean Reef as a Sous Chef.

We are working on trying everything on the menu and have not been disappointed. Warming up with a cup or bowl of bison chili or soup made in the Burgee Bar kitchen are great starters. The selection of "handhelds" burgers, sandwiches and the authentic NY pastrami was a real treat for my hubby. Jazzmine shared that the "fried green tomatoes" is a popular appetizer as are the tasty

flatbreads. The menu is really quite enormous and our goal might take a while.

Returning for dinner, we ordered Chef Jazzmine's roasted chicken with lemon pepper country gravy and the weekly meatloaf special. Both were delicious and ample to share.

Vegan choices are also available with the "noodle bowl" getting a lot of attention along with salads served in half or full portions.

Desserts are all made at the Burgee Bar with Jazzmine's special touch. We took a huge leap and ordered two because we could not resist the description from the wait staff (who are also wonderful). The spiced coconut cake with pineapple compote and toasted pecans is divine and the new chocolate chip cookie cobbler with warm fudge (baked in an iron pan) and topped with vanilla ice cream is simply exquisite.

The Burgee Bar is open for dinner and cocktails nightly beginning at 4 p.m., with an earlier opening on Super Bowl

Sunday at 3 p.m. Look for the Tailgate themed specials. It really is a beautiful setting on the Marina and Channel, but also a fun-filled space inside at the bar or in a cozy booth. The menu has something for any discerning diner (and child) on The Reef.

NEW Specialty Dinner Featuring Chef James Hackney & ORC's Chef Jared Reardon

Friday, February 25
7 p.m., Ocean Room

This newly-added specialty dinner features a collaboration between Chef James Hackney, Executive Chef from the Wequassett Resort & Club in Chatham, MA, and Ocean Reef Club's own Executive Chef Jared Reardon. Delight in a seafood menu complimented by expertly-paired wines. *Contact Dining Reservations at 305-367-5931 for reservations. \$300++ per person.*



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The following individuals are being considered for membership in Ocean Reef Club. Any communication concerning these nominations should be directed to the Executive Director of Membership, Islande Dillon, at 305-367-5921 or idillon@oceanreef.com.

Equity Membership

Kelly Jones is a Legacy Non-Local Member applying for Equity Membership. Ms. Jones is purchasing 7c Cay Harbor and the equity from the resale. She is from Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Her sponsors are Barbara Costas and Keith Hill.

Waitlist Social Membership

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

Cary Kaufman is applying for Social

Membership Waitlist. Mr. Kaufman is a resident of Westlake, Texas. He is a member of Little Traverse Yacht Club. His sponsors are Steve Nolan and Gregor Emmert.

Mary & Marc Weiser are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Weiser are residents of Ann Arbor, Michigan. They are members of Barton Hills Country Club. Their sponsors are Robert Parker and James Watt.

Susan & Thomas Friel are applying for Social Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Friel are residents of Portola Valley, California. They are members of The Beach Tennis Club and Stillwater Yacht Club. Their sponsors are Jim Brogan and Deborah & John Wright.

Waitlist Social Local Membership

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

Christine & Charlie Whorton are applying for Social Local Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Whorton are residents of Coral Gables, Florida. Their sponsors are Micha Gross, Tania & Richard Rodriguez and Frank McKee on behalf of the Membership Committee.

MEMBER NEWS



Chloe Gianatasio, Legacy Member and daughter of Philip and Lori Gianatasio, became engaged on Thanksgiving 2021 to Michael Billings. Michael is the son of Ronald and Patricia Billings of Boynton Beach, Florida. Chloe is the Director of Scientific Affairs for a company that provides continuing medical education and Michael is an attorney specializing in commercial litigation with an emphasis on construction and real estate. Wedding plans are in motion. The couple will live in Delray Beach, Florida.

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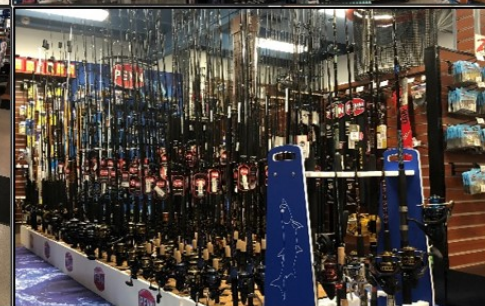
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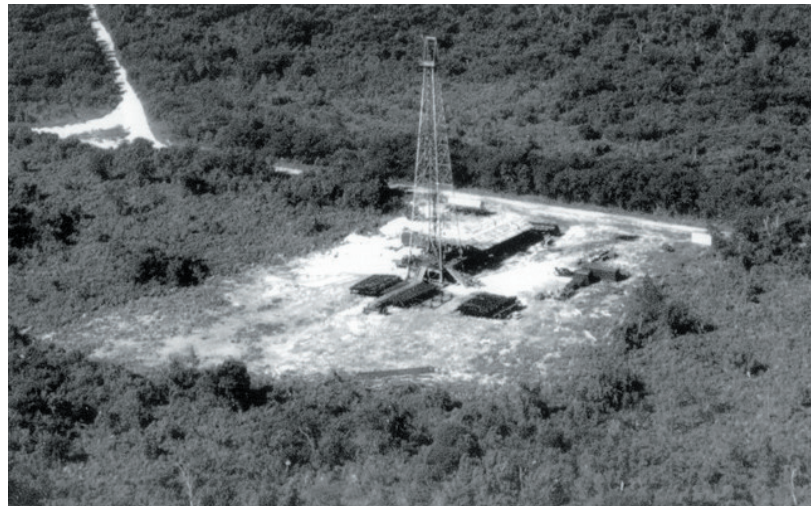
"There's Oil in Them Thar Keys"



by Mike Smith

In 1938 during construction of a bridge in the lower Keys, a huge rock was blasted loose by dynamite and the deep hole immediately filled with crude oil. Tests were made, surveys were conducted and many geologists believed the oil came from the same strata as the huge oil fields in Louisiana and Texas.

World War II had underlined the importance of oil for our country's future. Refined oil was needed for the production of



A "wildcat" oil derrick on North Key Largo off of CR 905 ca. 1948.

toluene for synthetic rubber, gasoline, lubricants, tar, and bomb making. At the end of the war we were about to enter the golden era of the post war economic boom.

The State of Florida was anxious to participate, a sign of which was the passage of the Florida Oil Discovery Award Bill in 1941. That bill awarded the first company to strike oil in the state the sum of \$50,000. Humble Oil Company (later ExxonMobil) won the prize

striking oil east of Naples in 1943. Numerous wells were drilled in the next few years, some as deep as 12,000 feet, all showing favorable signs of oil bearing strata, but no flow.

In 1948, Sinclair Oil Company began drilling a short distance from Ocean Reef's front gate (not far from the end of Coral Lane in the Hammock area). The land was under lease from the Florida Internal Improvement Board and the 150-foot derrick is pictured

left. The 'wildcat' driller was Harry Morgan Company from Shreveport, Louisiana, and they ceased drilling at a depth of nearly 12,000 feet which was comparable to the strike depth of the Naples well.

Drilling continued in the Keys in other areas such as Barnes Sound, Plantation Key, Big Pine Key, and Key West. All were dry, however, each produced enticing results that showed 'oil stains' and tar. By the mid '60's, all efforts to drill slowly faded away as did Florida's dream of becoming a major oil producing state... thankfully.

HISTORY BUFF?

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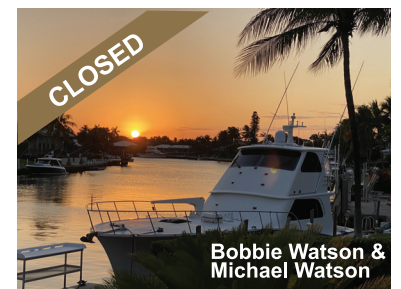
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Personalized Jewelry at The Spa



"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

Thank you to everyone who came out for our DIY Jewelry Making Class with Mariana from MLO Jewelry. All of the bracelets and necklaces looked wonderful and the class certainly inspired me to continue creating my own pieces at home! Everyone who attended the class received tools to take home so they can do just that.

For those who missed it, we received great feedback and have since had several Members call The Spa to request another class. So, we added one on **Saturday, February 26** at 2 p.m.! Space will be limited, and the demand



Members create their own jewelry at the recent MLO Jewelry Making Class.

is higher now, so sign up early. It is \$199 to attend, which includes all materials and tools, which are yours to keep.

Register to attend by calling The Spa at 305-367-6506 or emailing jbarron@oceanreef.com.

Similarly, on **Saturday, February 5 (tomorrow!)**, Mariana from MLO Jewelry will be at The Spa for her trunk show and is offering personalized stamping of jewelry. This can include letters, numbers and symbols on select tag charms. Come make your mark with custom engraving on select MLO Jewelry designs. These are great for Valentine's Day!

Upcoming Spa Events

• **Saturday, Feb. 5** – Custom Jewelry stamping at the Trunk Show with Mariana from MLO Jewelry; 9am-3pm

• **Friday, Feb. 11** – Valmont Fragrance Discovery
Stop by for a personalized complimentary consultation and receive a gift with purchase. Call The Spa to schedule; 10am-2:30pm

• **Tuesday, Feb. 22** – Babor Gift with Purchase Event
Stop by for a complimentary skincare consultation and receive a free gift with purchase.

• **Saturday, Feb. 26** – MLO Jewelry Make Your Own Jewelry Class \$199, *limited space available, must call or email to register ahead of time* (305-367-6506; jbarron@oceanreef.com).

Spa Trunks Shows

• **Saturday, Feb. 5** – MLO Jewelry Trunk Show with personalized stamping; 9am-3pm

• **Tuesday, Feb. 8** – Zoe's Empire Trunk Show; 9am-3pm

• **Wednesday, Feb. 9** – Isabella Adams Trunk Show; 9am-3pm

• **Thursday, Feb. 10** – Be the Light Malas Trunk Show; 9am-3pm

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Celebrating a Decade at the Dog Park

By Holly Houser,
Ocean Reef Press Manager

It's no secret Ocean Reef loves its dogs – a point made evident by our annual Blessing of the Animals celebration, frequent Yappy Hour events, and the Dog Park at Ocean Reef. Remaining a staple in the lives of many Members and their dogs for 13 years, the Dog Park at Ocean Reef was finally able to celebrate its 10-year anniversary last week (yes, it was three years in the making. Thanks Covid!).

What became especially evident at the celebration was this – the Dog Park is as important for the Members who frequent it as it is for their pets. In fact, it may be the happiest place on The Reef, where broad smiles and tail wags abound.

"Before the Park's creation, our dogs were the only part of our family that didn't have a place of their own at Ocean Reef," explained **Stacy Schmetterer**, who was the first Co-Chair of the Dog Park Board along with **Lin Brown**. "Having the Dog Park makes life at Ocean Reef complete for dog owners."

That explains why so many Members and their pooches came out to the Park on

The plaque, in its new home at the Dog Park, honors Members that played an integral role in the Park's creation and reads:

The Ocean Reef Dog Park

Est. 2009-2010

CREATORS

Michael Betz
Lin Brown
John Lee
Claude Kershner III
Stacy Schmetterer

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Dog Park Board Members debut the new bronze statue at the Dog Park Anniversary.



Darrell Helms and Maya.



Patrick, Janine and Parker Mullady.



Barbara Olcott and Lisa Desmond.

January 26 in support of its 10th anniversary, where Dog Park Chairman **Sarina Kinney** addressed attendees.

"I am sure there are many here who remember when we had to walk along the golf courses or go to what is now Greenberg Park to exercise our dogs," she said. "As so often happens at Ocean Reef, a group of Members recognized the need and set their minds to resolving it."

This group of Members included **Claude Kershner III**, who led the search for a plot of land to host the Dog Park, along with fellow ORCAT board members, ORCA staff, Schmetterer and Brown. The search committee quickly discovered property owned by the Ocean Reef Community Foundation. The Foundation donated it to the Dog Park and with support from neighboring Harbour House and The Sanctuary, development of the Dog Park began.

The first Dog Park, now known as the Large Dog Park, was built in 2009, with the Small Dog Park following suit in 2010. Now over a decade has passed and the Dog Park has become more than just a place for the pets.

"Thanks to the vision of the founding members, we now



Shirley Shumway with Finny and Zoey.



Itsy Hamilton.



Rachel Cohen and Maxi.



Kelsey Thiele and Max.

have a social gathering spot with the common denominator of our love of dogs," said Kinney. "The expression, 'I heard it at the Dog Park' is a true thing."

Martina Hamilton, who was at the anniversary celebration with her pup Itsy, agreed saying, "Honestly, Itsy brings me to the Dog Park because I enjoy it!"

Before attendees went on to enjoy the rest of the celebration, Kinney revealed a statue and

said, "In honor of our anniversary and in recognition of our founders, lead donors and all of you who continue to support the Parks, we offer this bronze in tribute of the hard work that brought this wonderful park to reality."

The statue will stand between the Small and Large Parks as homage to those who made the Dog Park at Ocean Reef possible.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

4 FRIDAY

Golf Fitness Class

7am • Member Fitness Center

Beach Yoga Class

8am • Buccaneer Island

Everglades Alligator Farm Tour

\$65++ Reservations Required
8:45am • Meet at Nature Center

MGA Old Buddy Event

9am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

Open Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw

9am • Academy of Golf

Men's Day Tennis Round Robin

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta & Backgammon Open Play

10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

RGC Card Sound Range Open

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

9-Holers Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw (Members Only)

2pm • Driving Range

Come Sail with Us

Reservations Required
2pm • Card Sound Sailing Club

Croquet Mixer Open Play

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3pm • Driving Range

Pickleball Organized Play

4-6pm • Tennis & Games Center

"West Side Story" (PG13)

4:30pm • Cultural Center

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

"West Side Story" (PG13)

7:30pm • Cultural Center

5 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Pickleball 101

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Reef Club Kids Open

9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse

MLO Jewelry Trunk Show

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Guided Eco-Kayak Tour

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10am • Meet at Pool Desk

RGC Card Sound Range Open

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Quickstart Tennis Clinic

2:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Mixed Doubles Tennis

Round Robin

3:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Reef Rec Room Open

6-10pm • Reef Rec Room

Lighted Standup

Paddleboard Tour

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6pm • Buccaneer Island

Live Performance:

LeAnn Rimes

8pm • Cultural Center

6 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Beginners Sailing Clinic

\$35++ Reservations Required
9:30am • Meet at Pool Desk

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Kids Matter

10:30am • Cultural Center in the Heritage Room

Guided Paddleboard Tour

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1pm • Meet at Pool Desk

Croquet Mixer Open Play

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

"West Side Story" (PG13)

7:30pm • Cultural Center

7 MONDAY

MGA Weekly Event

9am Shotgun • Dolphin

Cooking School: Modern Traditions

9:30am-12pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Farmers Market Open

11am-4pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot

Learn & Play Croquet Beginners Clinic

2:30-3:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Women, Wickets & Wine

3:30-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Food & Film: C'est la vie!

4:30pm • Cultural Center

Gianni Member Appreciation Dinner

5:30pm • Gianni Ristorante

Men's Night Tennis League

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

Vine to Table Dinner

6:30pm • CH Prime

Men's Card Night

6:45pm • Tennis & Games Center

8 TUESDAY

Open Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw

9am • Academy of Golf

Isabella Adams Spa Trunk Show

9am-2pm • The Spa

RGC Card Sound Range Open

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

LGA Invitational

1pm Shotgun • Dolphin & Hammock Course

Croquet Crocodile Cup

2pm • Croquet Lawn

Pickleball 101

2:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Intermediate/Advanced Bridge Lesson

3-4pm • Card & Games Room

Pickleball Organized Play

4pm • Tennis & Games Center

Vine to Table Dinner

6:30pm • CH Prime

9 WEDNESDAY

LGA Invitational

8:30am Shotgun • Dolphin & Hammock Course

Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball Clinic

9-10:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Be the Light Malas Spa Trunk Show

9am-2pm • The Spa

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10am • Driving Range

LifeBreath Class

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Wine & Putting Clinic with Stef Shaw

4:30pm • Putting Green

Dana Estate Wine Tasting

5pm • Port O' Call

10 THURSDAY

9-Hole Ladies Member Guest

9am Shotgun • Hammock & Dolphin Course

Pickleball Beginner Clinic

10-11:30am • Tennis & Games Center

RGC Card Sound Range Open

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Farmer's Market

11am-4pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot

Bridge Lessons: Play of the Hand & Open Forum

2:30pm • Card & Games Room

Croquet Open Play

3:30-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5:30pm • Raw Bar

Islander Member Appreciation Dinner

5:30pm • Islander

"Licorice Pizza" (R)

7:30pm • Cultural Center

Live Performance: The Simon & Garfunkel Story

8pm • Cultural Center

MOVIES

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"West Side Story" (PG 13)

Friday, February 4

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Sunday, February 6

4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 9

4:30 & 7:30pm

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Lomelo's Meat & Seafood

Salsa y Savor • Black Duck

Harvey's BBQ

Thursday, February 10

Jerry is Here • Le Petit Pain

Pasta Amore • r.f. Orchids

La Montagne Des Saveurs French

Cheese • Mediterranean Delight

Lomelo's Meat & Seafood

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SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

TREASURE HUNT....

Never mind hearts and flowers. With Valentine's Day 240 hours away, I'm thinking JEWELRY **Reef Gallery** – This top-of-the-line jewelry store/art gallery is where Members go for the "biggies" (high quality and high priced jewelry). The magnificent bracelet pictured is a Citrine stone in an intricate sterling silver setting \$1750 **Dockside Living** – The popular *Crislu* line at Dockside has wonderful fake bracelets, necklaces, rings. There's a replica of Princess Diana's engagement ring (a big sapphire surrounded by diamonds \$60,000).

Dockside's price for the *Crislu* look-alike \$178. **Burgee Shop** – This better-than-ever store has a new line of jewelry that includes Ocean Reef pennants in silver, gold or in the blue enamel (pictured here). Prices range from \$70 to \$130. I bought one to wear and one to give (a perfect

birthday present for a fellow Member). **Spa** – At the entrance to the Fitness Center there's lots of jewelry for sale by The Spa. I was intrigued by the stretch beaded bracelets for men from *energie*. I'm not sure what they do but their slogan is "positive energy is contagious!" (\$40). Note: Tomorrow (2/5) The Spa is hosting a trunk show of MLO Jewelry..... **Gift Shop** – Here's where I can find those amazing drop earrings. Also bangles – beaded, silver and painted wood like the ones pictured here. (\$30-45) My life is a costume party and these OR stores are my jewelers!

– Joan Birsh



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Equity Get Togethers

What began a few years ago as a way to bring Equity Members together at The Reef over the summer, has evolved into an event series that Members can look forward to all year long.

The January get-togethers, pictured here, featured a fun scrapbooking event as well as an evening of trivia.



Helen & Pam Burish



Carolyn Allen, Denise Haney and Anne Hinkebein

Here is what's coming up for February:

Valentine Craft

Wednesday, February 9
4-6 p.m.
Town Hall Waterside

Wine Social

Wednesday, February 23
5-7 p.m.
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Mixed Doubles Madness

Starting on Friday afternoon in the Mixed Doubles flight, it was immediately evident there would be a high level of play amongst this year's participants.

In the A-Flight, the mother-son team of **Beth** and **Christopher Noyes** won their flight, edging out **Anne Barnes** and her guest **Gabriel Ghini**. Then in the Final on Saturday, the two teams split sets 7-5, 3-6 before the Noyes team clinched a very entertaining tiebreak 10-7 to take the title.

The Mixed B-Flight was also a very close match as the team of **Warren McHarg** and his guest **Diane Barkers** won two hard-fought 7-5 sets to clinch their title against the very scrappy team of **George Blaha** and guest **Krissie Verbic**.



Beth and Christopher Noyes, Mixed Doubles A-Flight Champions.

Unparalleled Ladies' Play

In Saturday's play, again under less than optimal conditions, we were able to play all of the matches in all six round robin flights before having a delicious Ocean Reef-Catered luncheon at the Tennis & Games Center.

In the Ladies' C-Flight, the team of **Ana Fernandez** and her guest **Inma Cortez** defeated the team of **Emily Tompkins** and her guest **Melissa Luneau** in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 to win

their first title.

In the Ladies' B-Flight, **Adriana Wills** and her guest **Maira McGuire** won a battle of strategy, defeating **Cindy Banigan** and guest **Keri Jordan** 6-4, 6-2.

Finally, in the Ladies' A-Flight, **Debbi Cantor** and her guest **Lauren Saperstein** won their title by default as their opponents, **Christine McHarg** and **Diane Barkers**, had to withdraw due to an injury before the match.

Ruthless Men's Matches

The men were divided into two equal flights on Saturday with the team of **Geoff Noyes** and son **Christopher Noyes** down one game going into their final round. To advance in the tournament, they needed team **Alberto Suarez** and **George Pino** to win four games

against **Patricio Wills** and his partner **Gabriel Ghini**, which would then result in a tiebreak between the Noyes team and **Wills & Ghini** that would determine what team moved on to the Finals on Sunday.

Suarez & Pino were up to the task, winning enough games to send team **Wills & Ghini** and team **Noyes** into a tiebreak playoff. The result was team **Noyes** edging out **Wills & Ghini** 10-8 to move on to the Finals.

In the other Men's flight, the team of **Tom Anderson** and **Greg Zimmerman** dominated their flight to reach the Finals.

In Sunday's Men's Final, **Geoff** and **Christopher Noyes** played their best tennis as they defeated **Anderson & Zimmerman** 6-1, 6-2, giving the **Noyes** family two amazing wins in this year's tournament.

Tennis & Pickleball Results

Skinny Singles Pickleball Tournament

Thursday, January 20

1st Place: Nick Benenati
2nd Place: Gardiner Bridge
3rd Place: Don Bermant

Men's "B" Night Tennis League

Monday, January 31

1st Place: Bill Dixon
2nd Place (tie): Dave Jackson
2nd Place (tie): Greg Hogarth

Member-Guest Tennis Tournament

January 28-30

Mixed Doubles A-Flight

1st Place: Beth & Christopher Noyes
2nd Place: Anne Barnes &

Gabriel Ghini

Mixed Doubles B-Flight

1st Place: Warren McHarg & Diane Barkers
2nd Place: George Blaha & Krissie Verbic

Ladies' A-Flight

1st Place: Debbi Cantor & Lauren Saperstein
2nd Place: Christine McHarg & Diane Barkers

Ladies' B-Flight

1st Place: Adriana Wills & Maira McGuire
2nd Place: Cindy Banigan & Keri Jordan

Ladies' C-Flight

1st Place: Ana Fernandez & Inma Cortez
2nd Place: Emily Tompkins & Melissa Luneau

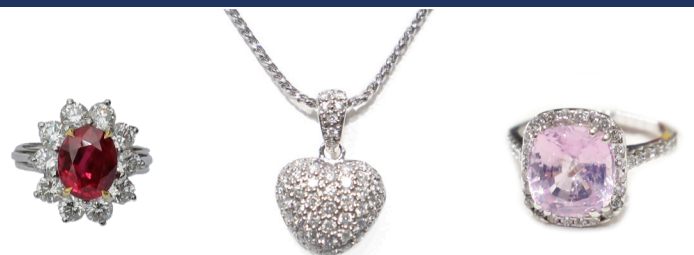
Men's Flight

1st Place: Geoff & Christopher Noyes
2nd Place: Tom Anderson & Greg Zimmerman

REEF GALLERY



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TENNIS OUT & ABOUT



Linda Noble shared this photo taken last month at the Racquet Club at Ocean Reef: Here we have Lacy Rice, Jim Leenhouts, John Noble and Bill Chaney with Racquet Club Tennis Pro Willie Cakans (center). These men have a combined age of 363 years and are entering their 39th year of drills on the Racquet Club tennis courts. Many thanks to Willie and the seven tennis pros who proceeded him. Way to go boys!

Pickleball

Players of the Week

Patrick & Teresa Gutierrez

What do you two love most about playing Pickleball?

The camaraderie and people you get to meet and share the court with.

How did you two start playing Pickleball together?

Patrick was a guest of Mike Shields and we got matched up for mixed doubles for this past year's Member-Guest Pickleball Tournament.

What is your favorite Pickleball memory so far?

The ORC 2022 Pickleball Member-Guest!



What is your favorite thing to do at Ocean Reef Club, aside from playing Pickleball?

Golf.

Patrick concluded the interview by saying he is nuts about Pickleball, Teresita and Snapples the Parrot.

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Pickleball Club Championships Right Around the Corner



by Kevin Girard, Head Pickleball Professional

The Doubles Pickleball Club Championships will be held at the Tennis & Games Center on **Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13**. The annual event has men's and ladies' teaming up to claim the crown for the 2022 season. This is a Member-Member team tournament.

The first round matches begin Saturday, February 12 at 8:30 a.m. for the women,

11 a.m. for the men. The tournament will wrap up on with the semi-finals and finals on Sunday the 13th.

The Mixed Doubles Club Championship will also be here before you know it – **Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2**. On the Men's side, **Ron Roscia** and **Matthew Stevens** look to defend their 2021 title, and on the ladies' side, **Michele** and **Jackie Urbinati** are defending champs.

Skinny Singles Tournament Results

The Tennis & Games Center hosted their first Skinny Singles Ratings Tournament of the 2022 season on Thursday, January 20. Six Members, including both men and women, participated in the double elimination tournament.

"Skinny" singles is a style of play in which you only use half of the court and play against a lone opponent. In the end, **Nick Benenati**

outlasted **Gardiner Bridge** in the finals defeating him 15-12 after battling through the loser bracket after Bridge won their initial meeting. **Don Bermant** took third place. Congratulations all!

The next Skinny Singles Tournament is scheduled for **Thursday, February 17**. Mark your calendar.

Touring Pro Scott Moore

Our touring pros have been a great success this season and we are excited to soon host top senior pro Scott Moore at The Reef on **Thursday, March 3**.

Scott will be teaching two group clinics while here - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Don't miss out on an opportunity to learn from one of the best players in the game!

For registration information for the above events, please contact Kevin Girard at kgirard@oceanreef.com or the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6853.

UPCOMING CARD & GAMES EVENTS

An Evening of Bridge in the Ocean Room

Tuesday, February 8
4:30pm: Bridge Play Begins
7pm: Dinner Buffet

Backgammon at Town Hall Waterside

Thursday, February 10
6 p.m.

An Evening of Canasta or Mah Jongg in the Ocean Room

Thursday, February 17
4:30pm: Play Begins
7pm: Dinner Buffet

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RECENT CATCH



LEFT: Tom Duff with an 8 lb. Mahi landed on Reelin in the Keys offshore in 1300 feet of water. Tom stands below the Dorado flag from The Giggling Marlin in Cabo San Lucas with their motto, "Catch Filet N' Release." Photo submitted by Charles Simms.

MIDDLE & RIGHT: On January 25, George Harms caught his first swordfish of the season, weighing 350lbs., along with Captain Bob Matthews and Rob Cannon on LOW BID. John and Kathy Weiland came to the rescue with their scale to help weigh the fish in. It was a good 3-hour fight but George finally won.



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A New Ladies Croquet Tournament Winner

By William Hinkebein,
Croquet Chair

The Judy, our ladies-only golf croquet singles tournament, was held last Friday.

Being a singles, not a doubles event, an individual plays both balls. Playing singles is a sure way to sharpen your shot skill and strategy.

This event had both A and B flights. Players gathered early to shoot around and warm up. It is important to take at least 15-20 minutes to practice distance rolling, shooting the wicket, and jump shots before a tournament.

As the 9 a.m. start time arrived, a quiet nervousness came upon the players. This is the only ladies singles event of the season so winning this is quite prestigious and allows for annual bragging rights. Several devoted players came out to the tournament. These girls are some of the most determined and fun players.

Fine play was displayed in both flights from the beginning. In Flight A, one player came out on fire winning a combined 14 of 19 wickets over two games. This young lady has put many lawn hours into her game this season. She has been playing most every day in open play, in small groups and practicing on her own. This player is known as a student of



The Judy participants (l to r) Karen Uebele, Carol Santemma, Betsy Caldwell, Carol Blackburn, Judy Wilson and Laura Hendrick.

the game, learning all she can and practicing, which all paid off. We are all very happy for Flight A Winner **Carol Blackburn!**

In Flight B, every game was close. All wickets were fiercely competed and good defense was on display. When the dust settled, one player won all her games. This girl has put in much lawn time learning and playing. She is always asking questions on strategy. She has become one of the most improved players so far this season. Many congratulations to Flight B Winner **Judy Wilson!**

Ongoing & Upcoming Events Lessons & Clinics

Contact the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583 to book lessons or join clinics with Coaches Jim Morton or Justin Romero.

The Crocodile Cup: Tuesdays 2-5pm

This league continues every Tuesday through March 1, with the Grand Finale on Sunday, March 6. The Croc Cup replaces regular Open Play on these Tuesdays. Teams are drawn by chance for every game.

Open Play: Sundays & Fridays 2-5pm

When the Croc Cup ends, Open Play will also include Tuesdays.

Golf Croquet Doubles Championship: Friday, February 11 8:30 a.m.



Flight A Winner Carol Blackburn.

Teams may sign up by calling the Tennis & Games Center. Only 10 teams maximum.

Golf Croquet Singles Championship: Friday, March 4 8:30 a.m.

Sign up beginning February 25 by calling the Tennis & Games Center.

ORAC - ORC vs Anglers Club Invitational Golf Croquet Match: Friday, March 18

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"Fitness Focus"
by Luis
Bracamonte,
Director of
Fitness &
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The habit of regular exercise improves so many aspects of life. Our bodies are meant to move, therefore in whatever capacity we are able to, move well and often we must. The habit of regular exercise increases our capacity to do more with our bodies and to manage our feelings, emotions and thoughts naturally and effectively. Exercise always works if enough time and consistency it's given to its practice. Here are 15 reasons why exercise matters.

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5. To age gracefully and youthfully.

6. To clear our minds and increase our focus.
7. To continue playing the games we love to play and play them better.
8. To increase our desire for adventure.
9. To walk through life with greater joy and confidence.
10. To increase our physical, mental and emotional resilience.
11. To test our present selves against our past selves in order to keep building a better future self.
12. To increase our capacity to deal and recover from injuries and illnesses.
13. To increase our capacity to add new skills.
14. To enjoy living longer.
15. To stay humble in the knowledge that self-improvement is infinite and never ending.

In the month of December, your Member Fitness team performed 2,721 personal training sessions, taught classes to 1,152 participants and hosted 6,437 gym attendants. Around The Reef we can see a vibrant and active scene of walkers, runners, bikers, golfers, soccer, tennis and pickleball players. Our community understands the link between activity and life fulfillment. Let us keep the pace and keep thriving as individuals and as a community.

PUSH UP CHALLENGE RESULTS

Ladies:

- 1st Place:** Joannie Rich – 20 points
2nd Place: Jamie Benario – 14 points
3rd Place: Kathleen Metzman – 12 points

Men:

- 1st Place:** Bob Schwartz – 20 points
2nd Place (tie): Paul DiMaura – 14 points
2nd Place (tie): Darrell Helms – 14 points

NEXT CHALLENGE:

Wall Sit
Wednesday, February 9
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Test your lower body strength and endurance!

**The points go towards this season's Fitness Championship.*

Lower Crossed Syndrome & What We Can Do About It



by Jaspal
Mahal, ORC
Golf Fitness
Specialist
and
Personal
Trainer

One common complaint among golfers that come to see me for Golf-Fitness Consultations is of lower back pain. Although the first instinct may be to try and directly strengthen the back, the cause for pain can typically be attributed to weaknesses and imbalance elsewhere. One such condition is called Lower Crossed Syndrome (LCS). LCS is a muscular imbalance resulting in postural changes that leads to lower back pain over time.

Prolonged sitting, poor posture, and a sedentary lifestyle are all causes of LCS. The prolonged sitting can lead to shortened hip flexors which leads to tightened lower back muscles, which then creates weakened core and glute muscles. With poor posture, muscles can end up being stressed from one side more than the other, or create higher tension in some areas. Some symptoms usually experienced by people with LCS include reduced mobility of stiffness in the lumbar through pelvic

region, pain in the hip flexors, groin, spine, and glutes, a protruding stomach from an overly arched low back, and tension in the lower back/glutes.

Exercise is the most immediate fix to LCS, while lifestyle changes can help prevent it from becoming a problem. The first step in treating LCS is loosening the hip flexors and lower back, which can be achieved using foam rolling and floor stretches. The next step is strengthening the weak abdominal and gluteal muscles. Things like glute bridges are an excellent and simple exercise that can be done at the gym or at home. The Cat-Cow stretch can also start to incorporate flexibility in the back and hips. Some lifestyle changes that can help prevent LCS from becoming an issue include incorporating more movement into your daily life. Getting up every 20-30 minutes and walking or stretching can help keep your hip flexors a little less tight and wake the glutes up.

If you do feel like you suffer from LCS or want to have a more flexible and functional body, contact the Member Fitness Center and schedule a session with a personal trainer today!

Jaspal Mahal teaches Golf Fitness in a small group-training format every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m. Jaspal is also available for personal training. To book sessions or to request a consultation, please contact the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820.



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CSMYC Frostbite Cup



by Windsor
D. Coffin,
CSMYC
Commodore

It was a beautiful morning last Sunday with perfect conditions for sailing in all but one metric, the temperature. While much of our country would have been thrilled to have temperatures in the low 40's, it's uncommon for us to experience these chilly conditions in the Florida Keys. As such, it was a small group of 4 sailors who came out to brave the condition and enjoy sunny skies and crazy northerly wind conditions.

Since there were so few of us that sailed on Sunday, the regular racers among us decided to suspend the Season Series



Bill Overend getting acquainted with racing an EC12. Photo by Erin Coffin.

for the day and sail a one-day series we dubbed the "Frostbite Cup." After launching our boats in the surprisingly chilly water and after a few adjustments to the starting line, we set off and raced six races for the second Sunday in a row. Also, for the second Sunday in a row, that pesky northerly wind wreaked havoc on our race strategies. You simply had to hope that you would be at the right

place at the right time to catch the waves of wind that would come through. When racing wrapped for the day yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**, took the one-day series with four wins. Second Place went to **Erin Coffin** who sailed a very consistent series and took a win in Race #3. In Third Place was **Al Hill** who inexplicably found himself stuck at the windward mark a few times but did take

the win Race #1. Finally, the fourth member of our "Frostbite" group of sailors was **Bill Overend** who is still learning the odd sailing conditions and situations that come with radio-controlled sailing on the Pond.

Hopefully, this coming Sunday we will be back racing for the Season Series, but I think that the Frostbite Cup will return in the future when conditions warrant.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) from December until the end of April at "the Pond." Races begin at 10 a.m. and we are always looking for new members to join our group of model sailors. So, swing by as early as 9 a.m. if you are curious and have questions. If you would like more information about our model yachting club and our EC12 model yachts, please contact me, Windsor Coffin, at csmyc12@gmail.com.

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Learning How to Race a Bullseye



by Frank Schneider,
Card Sound Sailing Club
Commodore

The Card Sound Sailing Club (CSSC) annual sailing clinic is meant to help new members or less experienced sailors shape their sailing skills and confidence to get to a higher and more competitive level.

Gary Sayia, our Membership Chair and one of our most decorated sailors, is instrumental in the two-day clinic, which starts in Baker Harbor with chalk talks, sailing and racing tips, and instructions, plus an



Clinic takes new sailors out on Card Sound.

introduction in spinnakers handling.

Then it gets hands-on practical:

A group of members, volunteering as instructors, have their boats ready to take the clinic participants as their crew out on Card Sound to practice what they just have learned.

Gary, commanding the activities from a powerboat, observes and corrects if necessary.

Most challenging for novices is raising and running a spinnaker and the instructors on the boats have to help

them go repeatedly through the maneuver with growing confidence.

After the two-day clinic, the participants are invited to join us in our so-called Beer Can Races, which will be held from now on Friday afternoons 2 p.m. in conjunction with the ORC Recreation team. These races act as training races for our members, while allowing other interested sailors to join with ORC instructors on board.

Everyone interested in sailing, please contact our CSSC Membership Chair Gary Sayia at gsayia@aol.com for more information.



Sailing Clinic participants receive land instructions.



Gary Sayia, instructor and CSSC membership chair.

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Join ORC Teaching Pros for Wine Wednesday



by Stefanie Shaw, Golf Teaching Professional

Wine Wednesday is starting to become a popular attraction at The Reef! Every week, Director of Instruction Derek Swoboda and Teaching Professional Stef Shaw welcome golfers to meet at the Dolphin Putting Green at 4:30 p.m. for a fun and interactive hour of short game with wine.

Each Wednesday begins at the cooler filling your cups with wine (included) and continues



with instruction on a specific topic, followed by fun games and drills on how to practice the newly-learned skills. Common weekly topics rotate among chipping, pitching or bunker, as well as multiple

stations for putting.

The information is understandable, the wine is always available, and the stations and games are new every week!

It's also become a great way to

meet new playing partners and friends.

All skill levels are welcome and the cost (\$40) includes wine. Please call the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912 or sign up on Foretees.

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

One of the marquee golf events here at the Club is in the books! The annual Member-Professional Golf Tournament took place January 23 and 24 on the Dolphin Course and Card Sound Golf Club.

This is a fabulous tradition here at the Club as Members invite golf professionals from around the country to play at Ocean Reef Club. One Member and one professional team up to compete in a better ball of partners format. The professional talent that is hosted



Member-Professional Gross Champions Scott Heffner and Pro Brad Miller.

here is second to none, and this proved to be true with the very low scores that were posted.

Cool and blustery conditions could not slow down our champions. The team of **Scott Heffner** and Brad Miller ran away with the title carding rounds of 62 and 65 for a total score of 127!



Low Net Winners Michael Watson (right) and Pro Landon Michelson.

In the net contest, the team of **Michael Watson** and Landon Michelson fired a net 60 in the final round to claim low-net.

The third and final contest is an individual contest between all of the golf professionals. The Low Professional carded rounds of 62 and 65. Congratulations to Brad Miller on these two impressive rounds!

Mixed Couples Championship Saturday, February 12 our annual Mixed Couples Golf Championship will take place on the Hammock Course. In this championship, 2-person teams, consisting of one male Member and one female Member, will compete in a shamble format. The lowest net score of the event will be crowned the Mixed Couples Champions!

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9 Hole Ladies Weekly Event

Thursday, January 27

1st Place: Susan Reichardt
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