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#### Thank You Celebration Weekend April 8-10

While this April's Celebration Weekend will mark the end of another season at Ocean Reef. a "thank you" to our Members is what this weekend is really all about. A thank you for their flexibility throughout Covid, for their patience displayed through the many construction projects, and for their continued commitment to the Club and its unique way of life.

From the Associate Garage to the Lagoon and the Ocean Room to the Clubhouse, Members have been understanding and patient throughout these major projects, which began in 2020 and continued for the better part of the next two years. And all while maneuvering through the pandemic.

The great news is, as promised by Ocean Reef Chairman Ray Larkin during the January Town Hall, the Club is finished with major construction for the next year!

"With the significant projects of the past two years now complete, we are taking a well-deserved break from construction," said Larkin. "Through next season, we will not begin any new capital projects, giving Members the chance to relax and peacefully enjoy your new amenities. We thank you for your continued support."

To drive home this Member appreciation, last year the Club began the planning of a special weekend, giving the community something to look forward to after enduring a couple uncertain Covid years. Thus,

# Let's Celebrate | Members Take to the Runway







Club Members are often seen arriving on the Airport runway but this past week, they took to Artwalk's fashion runway, modeling styles from Ocean Reef's shops and boutiques. From left, Darla Finley for J. McLaughlin, Hillary Smith for the ORC Golf Shop and Patty Ethington for Lilly Pulitzer.



Frazier family strikes a pose.



Steve Grekin shows his form in garb from the ORC Tennis Center.

the Thank You Celebration Weekend, headlined by Carrie Underwood.

"With all the twist and turns of the past two years, the Board wanted to put together something exciting and special for our Members," said Club President Alex Tonarelli. "We partnered with

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TREATS FOR TOWELS EVENT Friday, March 4 & Saturday, March 5 Field at Four Corners 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Return your Buccaneer Island towels to the Field at Four Corners - no questions asked and enjoy a complimentary ice cream and lawn games with the Recreation Team!

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### OR "See"



A stunning sunset over the 9th hole of the Dolphin Course - a view that can be seen nightly from the Clubhouse patio. Thank you, Corrine Tennent, for this shot.

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

Email <a href="mailto:orp@oceanreef.com">orp@oceanreef.com</a> and share your discoveries.

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# **Parity**

Pardon yourself with fairness Pardon others when you're able Pardon the world for unfairness

Allow access to your heart Allow your eyes to see adventures Allow yourself new opportunities

Reality can't exist without imagination Reality gives you daily jolts, lean back Reality reaches out, see it with compassion

Instinct is a gift, listen clearly Instinct comes from knowledge Instinct can reach above insecurity

Teach kindness to yourself and others Teach respect, also give respect daily Teach value, give value with delight

Your ability is to give without expectation
Your expectations should be limitless
Your life may be difficult, continue to reach for joy

-Mary Zwirn Member since 1995.

### Gotta Question?

I am trying to access the Ocean Reef website, but I don't remember my login information. Am I able to reset it?

Yes - Members now have the ability to update or reset their Ocean Reef website password on their own, directly through the Club's website!

Simply go to <a href="www.oceanreef.com">www.oceanreef.com</a>, click "Member Login", and then click "Forgot Password". You will then be prompted to provide your Member number and email address, where a link



to update your password will be

If you do not remember your username, you can retrieve it by contacting the Membership Department at 305-367-5921.

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

### Let's Celebrate

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the Cultural Center to bring Carrie Underwood, and worked with all sectors of the Club to organize an extraordinary weekend punctuated by events for all at every turn."

#### **Boot Scootin' Burgee Lineup**

The weekend will kick off Friday night with the Dancing on the Beach Bash, featuring three cover bands spanning generations and genres... The Rocket Man Show - Elton John cover band, 20Ride -Zac Brown cover band, and Majesty of Rock – Journey tribute band. Accompanied by a complimentary dessert station extravaganza and beverages available for purchase throughout the event, the complimentary Buccaneer Island concert will be the commencement to a memorable weekend.

Meanwhile at the Rec Room and Reef Club Kids, the



Past celebratory concerts on the Driving Range have included Chicago and Jimmy Buffett.

Recreation Team will wrangle up a Friday night Wild, Wild West event for those that want to enjoy some kiddo fun.

Then on Saturday, head to the Fishing Village for a Sip n' Shop event with entertainment and street-side sales from shops and local vendors.

Before the night's Carrie Underwood concert on the Driving Range, Club restaurants will open early to ensure you don't miss a beat. There will also be a familystyle BBQ at the Field at Four Corners (reservations can be made beginning March 8; 305-367-5931) to prepare you for the appearance of the country music superstar. Carrie Underwood general admission tickets are still available through ticketrequest@oceanreef.com.

When the concert is finished, the fun continues in the Fishing Village for an After Hours party where food trucks and the Burgee Bar will be open for latenight dining.

Next up, rise and shine on Sunday for brunch at Carysfort

Hall (reservations required) before taking a trip with the family to enjoy any (or all!) of the complimentary sporting events, including the Family Fun Zone, Pickleball and the Mini Masters Tournament.

Boot Scootin' Burgee Weekend, **April 8 – 10**, will be a weekend like none other experienced at The Reef. So lasso your cowboy hat and look for more information at oceanreef.com/Celebration or call 305-367-6516.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
BOOT SCOOTIN'
BURGEE BASH

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

SIP & SHOP
ALL AMERICAN BBQ
CARRIE UNDERWOOD
IN CONCERT
AFTER HOURS IN
THE FISHING VILLAGE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 RISE & SHINE BRUNCH VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS FAMILY FUN ZONE

# "Boutique D' Reef — Bringing You a Dozen Exciting NEW Vendors & Something Special for the Men"

March 1-3 from 10 a.m-5 p.m.

From botanical silk scarves and luxury handbags, to estate jewelry and bespoke men's apparel, there is something for everyone at the 32nd Annual Boutique D' Reef. Kicking off on **Tuesday**, **March 1** and running through **Thursday**, **March 3**, Ocean Reef's favorite annual event returns with a



Trevor Furbay

line-up of a dozen exciting NEW vendors and 20 beloved returning vendors for 2022. Town Hall opens its doors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of this year's Boutique for residents and visitors to peruse some of the most exclusive vendors from 120% Lino, Frances Valentine, Luxe Peddler and Jennifer Miller Jewelry...just to name a few

And... Yes!! This year, Boutique D' Reef has something specially created for the men. So, ladies, bring along that special man in your life to shop or relax ...while you shop! Mr. Trevor Furbay has added a bonus for the men by creating a special "Men's Lounge". Sit and relax while shopping his booth or chat with friends while waiting for the ladies to shop...

Trevor Furbay Bespoke Tailors and Clothiers are in Cincinnati, Ohio and Harbor Springs, Michigan. Founded by Trevor Furbay, who has 25 years' experience in the fashion industry, Trevor Furbay Bespoke focuses on craftsmanship to create a custom-tailored experience. From formal clothing to knitwear, the options are endless and uniquely tailored to your lifestyle. Trevor Furbay Bespoke will have designers such as Faherty, Johnnie-O, W. Kleinberg, Ralph Lauren, and Raffi on-hand at their booth, as well as Atelier Munro, a highend custom menswear brand offering a unique and personal approach to dressing even the most discerning of gentlemen.

All of Atelier Munro's designs are custom fit and custom

made. Trevor Furbay Bespoke has streamlined the process so that you can have custom Atelier Munro designs in your closet within three to five weeks from your appointment date. Here's how it works: Contact trevor@trevorfurbay.com to set up an appointment, visit Trevor Furbay Bespoke's booth at the 32nd Annual Boutique D'Reef starting on March 1st, get measured and fitted, choose fabrics and details and within a few weeks, have your one-of-akind garments delivered directly to your doorstep.

With over 30 choices of vendors showcasing ladies' and men's clothing, shoes, jewelry, purses, leather goods and more - you are sure to find that special something. Remember - a percentage of all sales benefit the Medical Center at Ocean Reef. Visit us on the web at <a href="https://www.mcor.org">www.mcor.org</a> and follow us on Instagram at Boutiquedreef. We will be highlighting exciting new products every day.

#### AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

# Dining with the Presidents

Our Dining with the Presidents program continues on **March 10** as we welcome Evan Thomas, an American journalist, historian and author of nine books, including "Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World".

"His greatest victories were the wars he did not fight."

Mr. Thomas' research and analysis of Eisenhower's tenure paints a portrait of a man whose past military experience led to the core of his foreign policy being the absolute rejection of war. How he avoided war in this tense nuclear age is the fascinating theme behind Mr. Thomas' book and leads us to understand the nuances of Eisenhower's demeanor and actions.



President Dwight D. Eisenhower - the topic of discussion at "Dining with the Presidents" on Thursday, March 10 at the Cultural Center.

Join us at the Cultural Center for cocktails at 6 p.m. before the presentation by Mr. Thomas, enjoy dinner and discussion at your table and submit any questions to be addressed over dessert.

Chef Philippe will again be researching ahead of time and presenting a tasty menu, which will strive to reflect our featured President's tastes.

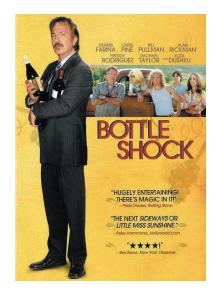
Reservations required. Thursday, March 10 – 6 p.m., \$57 ++ per person, includes dinner and speaker.

Make your reservations by emailing <u>CulturalCenter@</u> oceanreef.com.

# The Awakening of Napa

Way back in the 70's,
California was just beginning
to emerge as a premier
winegrowing region. "Bottle
Shock" is a charming movie
that tells the story of how a
chardonnay crafted in Napa
Valley catapulted California
into the wine scene across
the world. Based on the
"Judgement of Paris" organized
by British wine expert Steve
Spurrier and played perfectly
by Alan Rickman, this film
creatively relates this journey.

The Film Society will again entertain and educate with an introduction of "Bottle Shock" by Ruth Reitan, film producer and screenwriter as she shares her insight on the intricacies of the making of this film. Micah Winecoff, Ocean Reef wine connoisseur and Port O' Call Wine & Spirits Manager, will review the story of the wines of this era, and Chef Philippe Reynaud, Senior Director of Culinary Operations, will create another special dinner inspired by the film.



Enjoy this tradition of celebrating food and film by viewing "Bottle Shock" at the Cultural Center at Ocean Reef on **Monday, March 7** at 4:30 p.m.

Film Society Membership includes all films & programs-\$100

Optional dinner-\$58++ Reservations required by Wednesday, March 2 Space is limited

Remember to respond to the reservations request that will come in the Cultural Center eblast or email orfilmsocietyseries@oceanreef.com.



# **Great Decisions Lecture:** Climate Change

Dr. Jeffery Morton of FAU

Wednesday, March 2 – DATE CHANGE 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center Complimentary Lecture

The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate?

#### ORC MEMBERS - NEWS VIEWS & TIDBITS

# Memberabilia Opera for Everybody

Dinner and the Opera: Cinderella Monday, Feb. 28 – Cultural Center



by Joan Birsh

When asked if they ever go to the Metropolitan Opera simulcasts, presented in our own Cultural Center, my fellow Ocean Reef Members sometimes reply – "Opera isn't for everybody."

And 10 years ago, I was inclined to agree. I grew up in a small town in PA, where my introduction to opera consisted of an occasional *La Boheme* aria belted out by an Italian baker at the local pizzeria.

But all that changed on a Saturday in 2013 when I took a golf cart ride to the Cultural Center at 12 noon for a Met simulcast (I think it was *Turandot*). I was hooked! Opera might not be for everybody, but it most certainly was for me.

I know many of you had similar experiences in discovering the wonders of opera, hopefully at an earlier age than I did. But for those of you in need of more convincing: **Don't miss the NIGHT AT THE OPERA** (2/28/22), where after a sumptuous dinner at the Cultural Center you can savor the delights of Massenet's *Cinderella*.

I've seen this opera and, trust me, you won't want to leave after Act I. It is beautiful to look at (great costumes, some very amusing); glorious to hear (the renowned Isabel Leonard is Cinderella); familiar story (sung in English with captions); often quite funny (especially the wicked stepmother, Stephanie Blythe); and it is only an hour and



a half long (the Met shortened it to appeal to family audiences during the holiday season).

Cinderella, like all of the operas in the Met's Live in HD series, was brought to our Cultural Center courtesy of **Chris** and **Russ Fisher**. The Cultural Center is surely among the smallest venues presenting these awardwinning simulcasts, so Ocean Reef Members are enjoying an extraordinary privilege.

Russ Fisher discovered opera as a child in Iowa and in addition to family, fishing and the environment, it has remained a passion, one that he is willing to share with all of us.

So on Monday night, take the opportunity to experience what is considered to be the greatest of all the arts. I'll bet you will come away agreeing that OPERA REALLY IS FOR EVERYBODY!

# NIGHT AT THE OPERA (2/28/22)

6:00 p.m. – Cocktails
6:30 p.m. – Dinner
7:30 p.m. – Massenet's Cinderella
\$57++per person
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For ticket/dinner reservations email:
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by a red-hot country band, join him for a night of rollicking, toe-tapping and soulful tunes as he looks back and heads home.

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#### THE MET



Jinner at the Opera Massenet's CINDERELLA Monday, February 28

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For Tickets/Dinner Reservations, email: CulturalCenter@OceanReef.com

# Dedicating the Star of David

On Friday afternoon, February 4, a dedication of the Star of David for Congregation Ocean Reef took place at the Field at Four Corners. The Star of David has since been placed on the Cornerstone of the Chapel.

**Susan Hirschbiel**, president of Congregation Ocean Reef, lead the ceremony with contributions from **Nelson** 

**Sims** of the Chapel board, Chaplain Robert Henley, Rabbi Anne Feibelman, and **Michael Berman**, who held the Torah.

Rabbi Feibelman led a short service blessing the Torah, commemorating this momentous event.

The Jewish community is proud to be in fellowship with the Christian community at Ocean Reef and look forward to sharing the Chapel and Fellowship Center in the years to come.



Members watch and listen as Susan Hirschbiel leads the dedication ceremony.



The Star of David on the Cornerstone of the Chapel.



Rabbi Anne Feibelman, holding the Torah, with Congregation Ocean Reef President Susan Hirschbiel.



Wood-Mode John Rudolph

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# The Magen David & the Cross – An Interfaith Journey



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

Have you noticed the two architectural features crowning the rooflines of our inspiring new chapel? They are the Magen David, or Star of David, atop the Cornerstone, and the Christian Cross, atop the steeple.

This architectural decision was driven by neither political

correctness nor religious niceness. It reflects deeply held conviction and expresses our deepest heartfelt hope for the continuation and growth of warm, respectful relationships between our communities.

The deeply held conviction is this. For Christian followers of Jesus, our faith is inseparable from the history of the physical descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob – the Jewish people. If you attempt to extract Jesus of Nazareth from his identity and roots in the history of Israel, and his life in the Jewish culture of the first century, he could just as well be an alien who dropped into Jerusalem rather than Roswell.

What is expressed through these architectural symbols of the chapel is being lived out in substance and expressed in friendship. For the past several years, Jews and Christians have gathered for an annual interfaith study called, Lunch and Learn. The study meets for seven weeks each season, leading up to Passover and Easter.

The goal of our study is neither to homogenize nor evangelize. Its purpose is to grow in our mutual understanding of the Biblical roots of our faith and grasping their significance, without ignoring the singular article of Christian faith that defines our respective communities.

Each season, participants have discovered how much more there is to learn about our own faith, and the relationship between our faiths. Through several seasons of meeting together, our friendships have deepened, as has our shared love of God.

This season, we will be studying four of Israel's prophets from the Hebrew Scriptures – Isaiah, Ezekiel, Hosea and Zechariah. These four prophets bookend the bitter experience of Israel's Babylonian exile.

Their inspired words envision both the near and long-term promise of God's faithfulness to bring the scattered children of Israel back into their land. For Christians, they foretell the coming of a promised one called The Branch, whom Christians believe refers to the person of Jesus, our Messiah.

The first meeting will be on Monday, February 28, at 12 noon, in the Frangipani/Hibiscus Room in the Key Largo Building. Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks and cookies will be provided for each meeting. We end promptly at 1:30 p.m. Below are the meeting locations by date:

February 28 - Frangipani/Hibiscus
Room in Key Largo Building
March 7 - The Racquet Club
March 1 - Frangipani/Hibiscus
Room in Key Largo Building
March 21 - Frangipani/Hibiscus
Room in Key Largo Building
March 28 - Frangipani/Hibiscus
Room in Key Largo Building
April 4 - Carysfort Hall
April 11 - Frangipani/Hibiscus
Room in Key Largo Building

There will be a hint of sadness at our study this year. Our friend Gert Mann, of blessed memory, was Lunch and Learn's greatest champion. She will be missed. But the memory of her enthusiasm and contagious warmth will always be part of her legacy to our lives.

A few questions. "So, if I want to come, what do I need to do?" Just show up, with a desire to learn and grow.

"And if I show up, what do I need to bring?" Besides your lunch, bring a copy of the Scriptures. You can download each of them online. Study notes will be handed out each week

One final thing – be sure to bring your questions! Our discussion is always enriched by good, thoughtful questions – even some not so good ones as well!

My hope is this. Every time you drive by the new chapel and see the Magen David and the Christian Cross, let it remind you that what takes place in and through the life of The Chapel at Ocean Reef is an important part of what makes our life together in the community of Ocean Reef Club truly unique!

#### **CHAPEL NEWS**

#### Ocean Reef Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert Henley

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### Friday, February 25 AA Meeting

7:30 a.m. • Yacht Club Room

# **Shabbat Candle Lighting** 6:02 p.m.

#### Sunday, February 27 Traditional Worship Service Dr. Joe Coffey

9 a.m. • Cultural Center

#### **Catholic Mass Online**

10 a.m.

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# Contemporary Worship Service Dr. Joe Coffey

10:30 a.m. • Cultural Center

#### **Kids Matter**

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

#### **Catholic Mass**

12 p.m. • Cultural Center

### Monday, February 28 AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. • Yacht Club Room

#### **Lunch & Learn**

12 p.m., Frangipani/Hibiscus Room in Key Largo Building

### Wednesday, March 2 Intercessory Prayer

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

#### Ash Wednesday Episcopal-Anglican Service

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

#### **Ash Wednesday Catholic Mass**

9:30 a.m. • Cultural Center

#### **Message Online**

7 p.m.

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#### Thursday, March 3 Men's Book Study

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

#### Friday, March 4 Jewish Sabbath Service

6 p.m. • Carysfort Patio

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 2

#### Ash Wednesday Episcopal-Anglican Service

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#### **Ash Wednesday Catholic Mass**

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Dr. Tamkins graduated from the University of California in 1992 and completed her



Susanna Tamkins, O.D., F.A.A.O.

residency at Pennsylvania College of Optometry, in affiliation with Hahnemann University School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology. In 2001 she joined Bascom Palmer Eye Institute as the attending optometric physician at Bascom Palmers Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Clinic.

She has been involved as the principal investigator in many research studies with the National Eye Institute and has published in various Optometry and Ophthalmology medical journals.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Tamkins, please contact Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at 786-530-2289. For a listing of visiting specialists, please visit us on the web at www.mcor.org.

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Feb 25, April 22

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March 11, April 1

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March 10, 24

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March 16, April 20



# Reservation Roulette



by Terry Baxter

With the long hibernation dealing with COVID, we were all eager to get to Ocean Reef and enjoy all the amenities, shows, food and drink. We came, we saw, we tried to make

reservations. That's when the

grumbling began.

Nearby, my friends Randy and Fiona Woods explore the ten Ocean Reef dining venues that don't require reservations and demonstrated how to take advantage over a courageous weekend of unbridled eating and drinking. Bravo. But, even with so many choices, the grumbling remains. And we know whom to blame, don't we? It's THEM. They scoop up all the tee times, Vine to Table dinners, Cultural Center shows, and dinner reservations everywhere. THEY are the social members, legacy members, wedding parties, or "those conference group people." Right? Well, not exactly.

It turns out, them is us. The Club Management and Board are just as concerned about the reservation crush as you are, so they carefully analyze usage.

The outside groups and wedding parties almost universally use catered meals. Oh, they might wander in to

the Reef Lounge (wouldn't you?), but that only adds to the ambience. They rarely add to the reservation burden. Looking at the reservation records for Gianni, Ocean Room, CH Prime, and Islander, the diners are overwhelmingly Equity members and their families. The fault dear Brutus is not in our stars, but in ourselves. It is our member enthusiasm for Club dining that is driving the demand for reservations. Nevertheless a dining waiting list has developed which the Club is determined to address in a fair and equitable way.

Over the summer, the Club recognized that even with the extraordinary growth in capacity (the return of the Reef Lounge and Ocean Room, and the completion of CH Prime, Grill Room, and Toski's), we couldn't out-build the demand. "Our goal was to identify various ways to make dining reservations an easier process and more equitable for Equity Members. "We came up with a number of ideas to try for this season but we knew quickly we had not done enough," said Club President, Alex Tonarelli. "There are no easy wins, we just have to learn and evolve," he added. When the Club renewed the thirty-day "Equity window" to exclusively make holiday reservations, 400 emails requesting reservations were waiting on the opening morning. "We had 14 people in a room taking reservations, but the flood kept coming," Alex remembers. To help absorb the waitlist, the Club added several Grand Seafood buffets in Carysfort over the holidays (and will

offer one or two a month in the season to come). They limited the number of Vine to Table dinners a Member could book so more Members could have access. Erwin Pals, Vice President of Food & Beverage and Sean Carroll, Director of Beverage identified popular Vine to Table dinners and have repeated two so far on a second night (with two more to come). They have aggressively pared the waitlists as reservations have cancelled (the Islander has accommodated 1100 waitlisters since January 1st). And the Cultural Center (where cancellations are also vigorously reallocated), cleared the entire waitlist for Harry Connick Jr. by contracting an afternoon performance.

What will improve your success? Flexibility. Be willing to dine earlier or later. Large family group? Tables for 8 or more are a tall order. The Private Dining Room at the Ocean Room has been outfitted with several large ten tops, and CH Prime has one large ten top plus its own Private Dining Room (with larger tables)

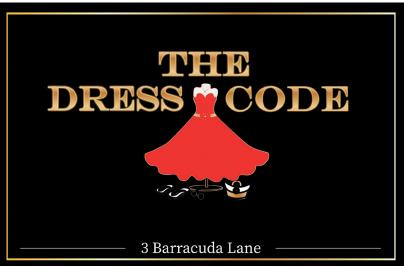
for special events. The Grill Room was designed to enlarge with outside seating. Informal choices like Waterside might be another option.

I have traditionally called dining reservations (being computer challenged). But, for this story, I thought I should check out the on-line reservation system. Kane Hanson at Member Services showed me the ropes (he had the patience of the job). Once I got my user name and password (embarrassingly easy), I went to oceanreef.com, clicked on "Club Life," then "Dining." I got a display of all the available times, by restaurant, for thirty days out. For me, this was a game changer. I could see my options in a glance, and balance the trade-offs. This might really improve your luck.

Watch for information about the member's concierge in the Clubhouse lobby who are happy to demo the system and walk you through the process.

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# Roger & Me

By Terry Baxter

**Roger Penske**, the illustrious 14-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 as car owner, had his 85th birthday this week – the same day as his current driver, Austin Cedric, won the Daytona 500 for the first time. Quite a celebration.

Years ago, when Fair Patricia and I lived aboard our boat on H Dock, Roger Penske owned the T Head at the end. He had a beautiful 153-foot Feadship, Detroit Eagle, and regularly hosted receptions on board. One soiree was just before the Homestead Indy-Car race. I was lolling on my aft deck with my end-ofafternoon cigar as the growing parade of VIPs marched by. At the last minute, I recognized the lone figure pulling a small travel bag as he passed. It was Helio Castroneves, three-time (and most recent) winner of the Indy 500! I called out, "Hey Champ." He turned and smiled. I waved the cigar, "Congratulations." He waved back and went on to the party.

Later that night, I was lolling on my back deck with my end-of-evening cigar (a favorite pose) as the guests slowly returned to their cars. Three young men approached, and I again recognized Helio Castroneves. His companions were Sam Hornish (also an Indy 500 winner) and Rick Mears (a legendary and four-time winner of the Indy 500). What a bonanza! As they reach my back deck, I held up my cigar and said, "Guys, I've got Hoyo de

Monterrey Excalibur's and Louis IV Cognac." Without a word they turned left and stepped down into my boat. I gathered more glasses and cigars, and enjoyed one of the more exciting 30 minutes of my life, talking and drinking with the driving heroes who had provided fully half of Penske's Indy 500 victories.

They left me with a warm glow. In about 20 minutes, Roger Penske himself wandered up to my boat. "I understand you are giving out decent cigars," he said. "You bet," I said, jumping up and feeling honored, "Come on aboard." "No, thanks. Just hand one over the rail, I'll take it with me," he said. I was a little taken aback, but handed a pair of cigars over the rail. "Thanks," he waved as he strolled back to *Detroit Eagle*. Well, I thought, not quite a gracious as his driving stars.

The next morning Roger Penske knocked on my boat window. "We are on the way to Homestead for the Race," he said. "How many people do you have on your Boat?" "Four," I replied. Roger pulled out four pit passes from his coat pocket. "We would like you to be our guests for the race, I hope you can come. Thanks for last night." I hope the surprise and pleasure on my face was an adequate answer.

Only at Ocean Reef could an unexpected encounter like this be common. Watching the Daytona race this week jogged this memory and my appreciation. Happy birthday Roger Penske, and congratulations on your newest victory. We are proud you are still a member of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club.



# No Reservations - Many Destinations

By Fiona and Randy Woods, Members since 2013

Perpetually hungry and chronically late making dining reservations, we revisit our Club's expanding universe of starry restaurants, bistros, bars, kitchens and commons. Fresh venues, reimagined destinations, and creative prospects beckon everywhere.

Of the 14 evening dining venues at Ocean Reef, only four take reservations: Gianni Ristorante, The Ocean Room, Islander and CH Prime. The remaining 10 offer up first-class first-come first-served seats. Aside from visiting the reliable Raw Bar, Sushi Bar and Reef Hut, we embark on a gleeful three-night voyage of discovery, navigating how to dine well at Ocean Reef without reservations.

#### **Thursday: Tides & Times**

We set a course for the new Grill Room at the Clubhouse. arriving at 6 p.m., but even this early we are not alone. By 6:30, the tide of diners is rising fast, by 7 p.m. the Grill is filled. We pepper our server, Terrence, with preparation questions, eventually opting for Seared Ahi Tuna over a stir-fry and a Clubhouse Salad with tenderloin tips. Learning that we might report on this experience, Terrence cleverly changes his name to Ricky, seeking anonymity.

We soon sail out with the ebbing tide of sated Members, which carries us on to G the Bar. Gianni Ristorante's restaurant is awash with patrons at 7:30, but tables are turning and available in the bar where we enjoy a honeyed desert and a glass of cool Chianti.

**Friday: Fetching Food & Friends** At 5:30 p.m., we are outside

the Islander joining a keen crew waiting for the doors to yield as if for a Macy's sale. Instead, they are trolling for coveted seats at the Sushi Bar. All sushi seats seized, we veer to port and anchor up at the Islander Bar where the full menu is on offer along with the camaraderie of bartenders and close-hauled neighbors.

Chef Kareem stops by and we discuss his kitchen team, of which he is very proud. By 6 p.m., the flow of diners increases, by 6:30 p.m. it reaches full flood, yet the restaurant swims easily in the current – fueled by its own energy. We share briny oysters from British Columbia and Chef Eric's Crispy Rice, and sample El Tesoro, a smoky new Añejo Tequila commissioned by the Club. An affable Member with an affinity for oysters looms large and we deliberate bivalve provenance.

At 6:45, we cast off for the Burgee Bar which we find surprisingly placid. We opt for a high-top table, our helm seat with a commanding view of the room. A steady stream of diners flow in, and we note the curious prevalence of plaid shirts tonight. Ignoring pennants and marine trappings, we find the scene more reminiscent of a warm Wisconsin tavern than of a seaside bar.

We delight in finding our favorite tennis partner, Frank, aboard here, and we are nimbly attended by our charming server Jody Anna. The truffled Wild Mushroom Flatbread and the Chinatown Noodle Bowl, with enough grilled tofu to raise soybean futures, satisfy any lingering appetite.

Across the Marina, we find a storm surge of seekers at the Reef Lounge three deep at the bar. Even the fish tanks seem busier than usual. We happen upon former neighbors who make good company, friends who, oddly, left the building soon after we moved in. Adept bar manager, Ashley, reaches through the trawlers with drinks for us, and a table is soon secured. The Raw Bar and Share

Plates menus provide ample offerings for an evening meal. Our mates partake, but we have eaten plenty.

#### **Saturday: Starry Sky Suppers**

Unhurried, the waxing moon rises bright in the east as we cruise to Town Hall Waterside. This massively popular venue, easy and accessible, offers an archipelago of foods, and renders itself a bustling twilight park. Friends, neighbors and strangers mingle and eat, and kids run and play ball, darting in and out of their parents' wakes like small guppies. We browse the offerings and settle on Chicken Tikka Masala and the recently added Street Corn Caesar with roasted chickpeas.

Later we cross to the village to nest in comfy captain's chairs on the Port O' Call Patio overlooking the docks. We order a Russian River Pinot and an Italian Scarpetta from the versatile wine list. Our elegant and genial server, Monica, is a decorated air force veteran with

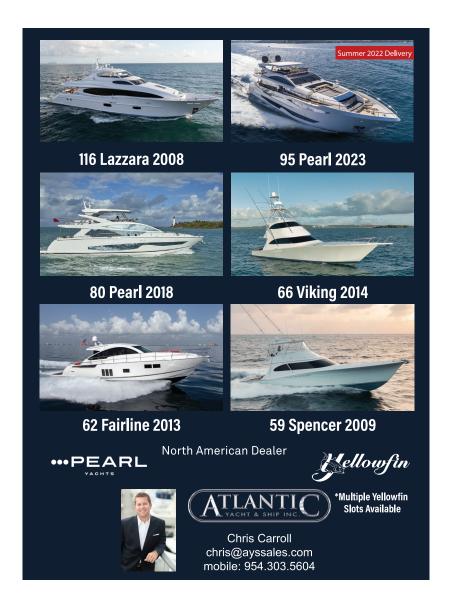
four tours in Afghanistan. She brings us a savory Charcuterie Board, and we thank her for her service.

Sitting beneath bright stars in a deep sky, we consider the abundance of living and eating at Ocean Reef.

#### The Scuttlebutt

In each dining venue there is an ebb and flow of diners that is more predictable than the moonrise. The tide begins to swell at 6 o'clock, and by seven it reaches its peak. By seven thirty it turns, and after eight o'clock, the dining world is again your oyster. Even at its busiest, the number of options, indoors and out, assures there is never a long wait. Best of all, the opportunities to mix and mingle, greet old friends, and make new ones is an undeniable and unpredictable pleasure.

It is from these unplanned interactions that community at Ocean Reef is woven.



### We've Got Mail!



by Jody Steele

We have two beautiful stories, two lovely couples, and two great locations to get your mail at Ocean Reef Club. What a delightful coincidence that some major changes in these businesses are all happening at the same time.

Even though we are hooked on email, texting, ordering online, and working remotely, we still send out packages and need to deal with our favorite express delivery services to reach the world outside of The Reef. Ocean Reef Members value our Pak Mail and UPS stores, but they are more than just sites to do business—they are part of our larger community.

Juan and Iris Pesina have been



The Pesina family recently purchased Pak Mail at Ocean Reef.

managers of Pak Mail for almost two decades. In September of 2021, the Pesinas contacted the CEO of Annex Brands with the desire to buy Ocean Reef Pak Mail. They felt it was time to transition to ownership and build a lasting legacy for their family. The Pesinas expressed that "we feel very passionate about what we do, and love helping people and building strong relationships with the Ocean Reef community." Along with two adorable sons, Juan says



The UPS team with owners John Karlovec (back left) and Marilyn Clark (right).

that this store is their "baby." As this hard-working couple have built up this site together, they are now pleased to be the owners of Ocean Reef Pak Mail after all these years.

John Karlovec and Marilyn Clark are Equity Members who first met in Cleveland, starting families with their respective spouses. Many years passed and they created wonderful lives with three children each. Sadly, both became widowed years apart, but they happily reconnected

and became a couple, spending months at Ocean Reef together. Last May, John saw a "for sale" sign on The UPS Store and made an inquiry about purchasing the franchise. John and Marilyn thought it would be an adventure to purchase a business together as part of another "new chapter" in their lives, while deepening their involvement in the Ocean Reef community. It all came true and they are now proud owners of The UPS Store at The Reef.

So, we have these two convenient centers ready to handle our mailing throughout the year and especially during the holidays. No trip off property is necessary for that gift that needs to arrive in two days or even be packed for mailing. Both couples have a great staff, all the materials you need for shipping, and are ready to help with outstanding customer service. We are lucky to have them at The Reef and offer congratulations on their new business ventures and a happy ending and beginning for both couples.



Our runabouts aren't just boats, they're 26-foot, 430-horsepower heirlooms. So while choosing to enjoy your summers from the mahogany, chrome and hunter green cockpit might be a no-brainer, let's just say, we hope you only have one heir. grandcraft.com









# Mark Your Calendars for these Art League Events



by Susan Bohan

March is a busy month for the Art League so mark your calendars with the following dates to make sure you do not miss anything:

#### **ART SHOWS:**

#### March 1-11 Works of Kathleen Denis, Linda Apriletti & Jacqueline Roch

These three women are award winning Plein Air artists whose works can be found in many Members' homes. Join us for the

Opening Reception on March 1, 5-7 p.m. to enjoy the natural beauty their art is famous for and possibly bring one home for your own walls.

# March 1-3 DaNisha Sculptures & Ceramics

Dan, the sculptor and his wife Nisha, a painter, once again collaborate to produce a wide array of whimsical sculpture in this brief Pop-Up Show.

# March 15-25 Ardmore South African Ceramics & Textiles

Experience this breathtaking collection of one-of-a-kind world-famous sculptures, including dancing elephants, pouncing leopards, gentle giraffes and many more treasures.

#### **EXCURSION:**

#### Monday, March 7 History of Miami Boat Cruise on Miami River

Historian Dr. Paul S. George will narrate as you cruise the

5.5-mile long navigable river to discover both its history and future.

#### **BOOK CLUB:**

#### Wednesday, March 16 "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Bob Henley will facilitate the discussion of the chapter on The Grand Inquisitor, which should be both lively and thoughtful.

#### Wednesday, April 20 "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson

**Don Waite** will facilitate the discussion of this critical time in Europe as Churchill stood up to Hitler during the Blitz.

Your support of the All Charities Weekend strengthens entities, like the Art League, that enhance Ocean Reef Club's Unique Way of Life and enables the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to provide for thousands in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City. Call 305-367-5996 to learn more.

# ART LEAGUE CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF CREATIVE COMMUNITY

#### Friday, March 18

The entire Ocean Reef Community and their families are invited 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Cultural Center parking lot to celebrate the many years the Art League has been a part of the community. There will be complimentary food and beverages for the adults and cotton candy, cupcakes and popcorn, as well as games and activities for the children. More information to come.

Floral Bowl by DaNisha



Pastels & Oils by Jacqueline Roch

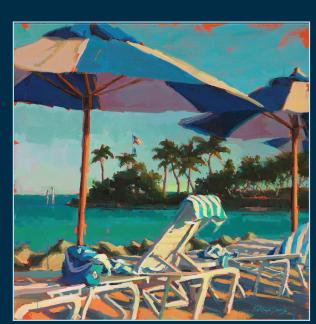
# Ocean Reef Art League "FINE ART EXHIBIT"

Join us for the Opening Reception on Tuesday, March 1 from 5-7PM Exhibit from March 1-March 3 are Sculptures by DaNisha

# **Exhibits from March 1-March 11**



Oil Paintings by Linda Apriletti



Acrylic Paintings by Kathleen Denis



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# **Associate** Spotlight:

Chelly Alvarez

Chelly Alvarez has been a familiar face at the Fitness Café for the past nine years, and recently, she's taken her expert Nutty Blue-making talents to the Catering team.

Chelly's promotion to Catering Manager is a culmination of 13 years at Ocean Reef. Alvarez first joined Ocean Reef Club's Retail department in 2006. After leaving in 2009 for a two-year stint off The Reef, she returned in 2011 to work at Reef Treats. Then in April of 2013, Alvarez was promoted to the Fitness Café where she held roles from Supervisor and Manager to Lead



Server. Last month, Alvarez transitioned her Club and culinary experience to Catering, where she is helping the team manage weddings, special events, private Member parties, and more.

Congratulations Chelly!

# Proposed for Membership

Through March 3, 2022

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 Stacey & Thomas Ewing**  are Social Non-Local Members applying for Equity Membership. Mrs. & Mr. Ewing are purchasing 39 Harbor Green from Frank Perryman and the equity from the resale. They are residents of Atlanta, Georgia. Their sponsors are Daniel Hathaway and Anne & Chip Matthews.

Tracy & Donald Suntrup are Social Non-Local Members applying for Equity Membership. Mrs. & Mr. Suntrup are purchasing 208 Bimini and the equity from the resale list. They are residents of St. Louis, Missouri. Their sponsors are Chris Garlich and Kevin Fitzpatrick.



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# Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Luncheon Speaker

Mote Marine Laboratory



by Christina Sarmiento, Executive Director Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

The Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce invites all Members to attend their upcoming Chamber Luncheon. Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium President and CEO, Dr. Michael Crosby, will be outlining Mote's critical response to Florida's Coral Reef and the unique

research-focused approach for resilient reef restoration at the Chamber's **Wednesday**, **March 2** Luncheon. To register for the event, email <u>director@oceanreefchamber.org</u> or visit <u>www.oceanreefchamber.org</u>.

#### **About Dr. Michael Crosby**

Dr. Crosby was appointed President and CEO of Mote Marine Laboratory in 2013 after previously serving for three years as Mote's Senior Vice President for Research.

He came to that position following appointments as Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Hawaii Hilo and Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development at George Mason University. Dr. Crosby also served in a federal Senior Executive Service position as Executive Director of the National Science Board. He joined the Board from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where he served as

Senior Advisor for International Science Policy in the Under Secretary's Office of International Affairs and earlier as the Chief Scientist and National Research Coordinator for all the Marine Sanctuaries in the US.

#### A Message from Mote:

Coral reefs, our "rainforests of the sea," are fighting for their lives. These vital ecosystems are sliding into functional extinction due to past decades of pollution, poor fisheries practices, ship grounding and dredging, that have cumulatively left corals severely weakened against current seascape-level threats: increasing ocean temperatures, acidification and devastating coral disease that spread like wildfire through the Florida Keys in recent years. Our reefs have passed a tipping point. They can no longer recover and continue their self-perpetuating existence on their own.

This environmental disaster is urgently calling for a

response and during the Ocean Reef Chamber's March 2nd Luncheon, Dr. Crosby will go into detail about how Mote Marine Laboratory is answering that call with innovative science and novel partnerships.

Upcoming April Luncheon with Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez Wednesday, April 6

12-1:15 p.m. • Cultural Center

### About the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

The Ocean Reef Chamber has a number of programs that exist to benefit Members of Ocean Reef. From hosting the All Charities Burgers, Beers, and Bidding luncheon, to providing heavy-hitting speakers on critical topics through our monthly luncheon series, and our unforgettable Welcome Back Paw-ty, there is always something happening at your Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact director@oceanreefchamber.org or 305-340-8905.



#### **WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 25 FRIDAY

**Golf Fitness Class** 

7am • Member Fitness Center

**Everglades Alligator Farm Tour** \$65++ Reservations Required 8:45am • Meet at Nature Center

**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

**Membership Friday Freeze** 1-3pm • Business Center Parking

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

2pm • Driving Range

**Come Sail with Us** Reservations Required 2pm • Card Sound Sailing Club

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

**Golf at the Basketball Court** 3:30pm • Basketball Courts

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

**Live Music: Juan Areco Trio** 6-10pm • CH Lounge

**Specialty Dinner** 7pm • Ocean Room

Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG13) 7:30pm • Cultural Center

#### **26 SATURDAY**

**Danish & Coffee** 

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

**Triple Golf Classic** 

8:30am Shotgun • Hammock Course 8:45am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

Reef Club Kids Open 9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse

**Gameio Tennis Clinic** 

10am • Tennis & Games Center **Guided Eco-Kayak Tour** 

\$65++ Reservations Required 10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**RGC Card Sound Range Open** 10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

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**MLO Jewelry Spa Trunk Show** 9am-1pm • The Spa

6-9pm • The Point (Members

**Reef Rec Room Open** 2-10pm • Reef Rec Room **Live Music: Brittany Bogdansky** 6-10pm • CH Lounge

**Lighted Standup Paddleboard Tour** 

\$75++ Reservations Required 6pm • Buccaneer Island

#### 27 SUNDAY

**Danish & Coffee** 

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

**Beginners Sailing Clinic** \$35++ Reservations Required 9:30am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Guided Eco-Kayak Tour** \$65++ Reservations Required 10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**USCG Auxiliary Course: Suddenly in Command** 10am-2pm • Sailfish Room

**Kids Matter** 

10:30am • Cultural Center in the Heritage Room

**Croquet Mixer Open Play** 2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

**Reef Rec Room Open** 2-10pm • Reef Rec Room

Cocktails

5–8pm • The Point (Members

**Live Music: Brittany Bogdansky** 6-10pm • CH Lounge

"Spider-Man: No Way Home" (PG13)

7:30pm • Cultural Center

#### 28 MONDAY

**Golf Fitness Class** 

7am • Member Fitness Center

Tai Chi Class

7:30am • Member Fitness Center

**MGA** Weekly Event

8-10am • Dolphin Course

**Pickleball Senior Doubles Club Championships** 

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

**Larry Cohen Bridge Seminar** 8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

**Gianni Member Appreciation** Dinner

5:30pm • Gianni Ristorante

Men's Night Tennis League 5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Opera Dinner: Cinderella** 6pm • Cultural Center

Men's Card Night

6:45pm • Tennis & Games Center

#### 1 TUESDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Center

**LGA Senior Club Championship** 8-10am Shotgun • Hammock

**Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw** 

9am • Academy of Golf

**RGC Card Sound Range Open** 10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

**Boutique D'Reef** 10am-5pm • Town Hall

Croquet Crocodile Cup 2pm • Croquet Lawn

Intermediate/Advanced Bridge

3-4pm • Card & Games Room

**Fat Tuesday Celebration** 6-8pm • Town Hall Waterside

Gameio Tennis Clinic 4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Vine to Table Dinner** 

#### 2 WEDNESDAY

**LGA Senior Club Championship** 8-10am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

Ladies' Pickleball League 8am • Tennis & Games Center

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

**Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** 12pm • Town Hall Waterside

Ocean Reef Bridge **Championships Session #1** 1pm • Card & Games Room

Wine & Putting Clinic with Stef Shaw 4:30pm • Putting Green

Live Music: Fanni Sarkozy & Kai Sanchez

5-9pm • CH Lounge

Mens Pickleball Night League 5:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games

Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG13) 30pm • Cultural Center

#### 3 THURSDAY

9 Hole Ladies Weekly Event 8-10am • Hammock Course

Pickleball Men's League 8-9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Canasta Club Championships** 9am • Card & Games Room

**Gameio Tennis Clinic** 10 & 11am • Tennis & Games

**RGC Card Sound Range Open** 10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

**Beginner Croquet Open Play** 2-3:30pm • Croquet Lawn

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake** 5:30pm • Raw Bar

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

Live Music: Brittany Bogdansky 6-10pm • CH Lounge

#### MOVIES

General Admission \$12, Donors \$10 Children (under 12) \$6 Tickets go on sale half an hour before showtime. Movie Hotline: 305-367-6306



"Spider-Man: No Way Home" (PG13)

Friday, February 25 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, February 27 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 3 7:30pm

Runtime: 2h 28min Stars: Tom Holland, Zendaya **Tobey Maguire** 

Premise: With Spider-Man's identity now revealed, Peter asks Doctor Strange for help. When a spell goes wrong, dangerous foes from other worlds start to appear, forcing Peter to discover what it truly means to be Spider-Man.

**Cultural Center Museum** Daily 9am-4pm • Open During Movies **Library Hours** 

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#### **FARMER'S MARKET**

Located in the 121 Marina Parking Lot from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, February 28

Jerry is Here • Le Petit Pain Pasta Amore • r.f. Orchids La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese • Mediterranean Delight Lomelo's Meat & Seafood Salsa y Savor • Black Duck Harvey's BBQ

Thursday, March 3

Jerry is Here • Le Petit Pain Pasta Amore • r.f. Orchids La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese • Mediterranean Delight Lomelo's Meat & Seafood Salsa y Savor • Black Duck Crystal Nuts • Harvey's BBQ Bon Appetreat • Mozzarella

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#### **SPOT ON SHOPPING**

#### **Joan the Shopper**

**Boutique D' Reef** – March 1 to 3 I love this annual event when Ocean Reef's Town Hall is transformed into a highclass shopping mall with some of the country's finest boutiques.... This year there are eleven new venders (three pictured here.) And there are 22 repeaters.... I asked a few Members, veterans of dozens of Reef boutiques, what their first stop would be at this 32nd Annual Boutique D' Reef ....Betsey Skudder says she always heads immediately for the Romantic Room, which has easy-to-wear and colorful blouses, pants, sweaters.

....Martha Kavanaugh believes Charlotte Brody is the place to go for a special occasion dress.... Pat Baxter can't resist the beautiful Jodi Rose shawls....Jewelry favorites of Connie Taylor are Clara Williams (for the mix and match magnetic options) and Lisa Taylor (for the name and for the necklaces with antique lockets and fobs).... Christine Patton and a lot

of other savvy Members make a bee-line for *Catch All*, which has an extensive collection of linens and sleepwear....As for me, my first stop will be *Tulips Little Pop Up Shop*, where there

#### THREE NEW VENDORS



Jennifer Miller Jewelry - NYC



Frances Valentine - NYC



Viajiyu Shoes – Florence, Italy

are fashionable dresses, pants, sweaters, etc. ....Buy without guilt at Boutique D' Reef. All profits benefit Ocean Reef's Medical Center Foundation.

Joan Birsh

#### WINING & DINING

#### MONDAY, FEB. 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 6

#### **Palm Court**

Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

#### **Beach Bar & Grill**

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm Food Daily 11:30am-5pm

#### **Beach Treats**

Sat. & Sun. 11am-5pm

#### Islander & Sushi Bar\*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

#### The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm Breakfast Buffet Mon. & Sun. Dinner Mon.-Thurs. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

#### Gianni Ristorante\*

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm G the Bar opens 30 min. before dinner

#### **Raw Bar**

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm Dinner Daily 4-9pm

#### **Rum Runner**

Daily 9am-4pm

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#### **Reef Treats**

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 7am-9pm Fri. & Sat. 7am-10pm

#### Toski's

Snack Bar Daily 9am-4pm

#### Reef Hut

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11am-4pm Dinner Mon.-Sat. 5pm-8pm

#### Reef Eats

305-367-5898 Breakfast Daily 7-11am Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-11pm

#### **Town Hall Waterside**

Thurs.-Sun. 5-10pm

#### Fitness Café

Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm Sat. & Sun. 7am-3pm

#### The Point (Members Only)

Coffee Sat. & Sun. 7-10am Cocktails Fri. 6-9pm • Sun. 5-8pm

#### Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun 5pm-12am • Fri. & Sat. 5pm-1am

#### Reef Lounge

Lite Bites Mon.-Sat. 5-10pm Cocktails Mon.- Thurs. 5-11pm Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

#### CH Prime (Members Only)\*

Tues. 6:30-10pm • Wed.-Sun. 6-9pm

#### CH Lounge (Members Only)

Tues. 7-10pm • Wed.-Sun.5-10pm Member Appreciation Hour Wed. 5-6pm

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#### **OUT & ABOUT**







#### **TOP LEFT: Tri-Deltas at Waterside**

Tri-Delts held their monthly gathering at Waterside, welcoming sisters from an array of college chapters with a few new faces hailing from the University of Miami and the University of Missouri. A big thank you to Jane Battles for organizing the monthly cocktails.

#### **TOP RIGHT: Academy Values Assembly**

The Academy at Ocean Reef has a "Values Assembly" monthly. Congratulations to the pictured students with Head of School Jerome Murphy who were honored as best examples of the value of "Commitment". From I to r, Sebastian Escobar, Mila Beaver, Hawk Skinner, Oliver Thomson, Siena Wright, Isabelle Vasquez.

#### **BOTTOM LEFT: Halfway Road Block Party**

More than 50 Halfway Road neighbors got together this past week for an outdoor block party.



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# Farmers Market Favorites

By Susan Bohan

With so many wonderful participants at the Monday and Thursday Farmers Market, it is difficult to choose where to look first. As someone who has previously cooked for a family of six, I am now always looking for shortcuts to make time in the kitchen less frequent and faster.

Coming across the vendor Black Duck was great timing. I was promised that by using some of their special glazes or tapenades, they would make me feel like the gourmet cook to which I have always aspired! The most popular item is the Mango Key Lime Tequila Marinade. It is especially good on fish because it turns any catch-ofthe-day into a special treat. The Blueberry Chardonnay Balsamic Glaze is fabulous with just a small amount of oil over a fresh salad as was the Raspberry



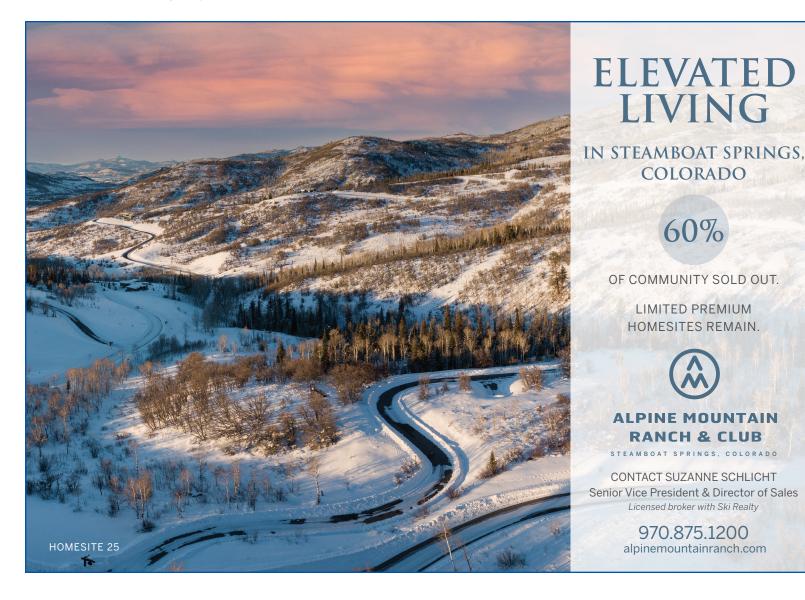
Black Duck's glazes and tapenades will have you cooking like a

Merlot Glaze. Since I often add fruit to mine, each was perfection. The Bourbon Bacon Mustard and the Roasted Garlic Horseradish Mustard Tapenades are great on breads, vegetables or really anything you might use pesto on. All their items are made in small batches to ensure maximum quality and have a long shelf life. Once opened, each will stay good in the fridge for about 10 months and depending how you use them, add flavor to about 10 meals. If you are particularly fond of all natural foods, their balanced blends offer you the best mix of nature's flavors.



Cynthia Bendeck with Crystal Nuts and her various flavors of nuts and nut butters.

The next table over was covered in varieties of flavored nuts and special butters derived from them. Crystal Nuts is the brainchild of Cynthia Bendeck. Originally from Honduras, she moved to Miami and earned an MBA but when her grandmother passed away, her focus began to change. She added Culinary School to her list of achievements and began to make caramelized peanuts using her grandmother's recipe to earn extra money on weekends. She soon became a regular at the Aventura Mall and has successfully expanded ever since. All her nuts are gluten free, dairy free and vegan, which pleases Keto followers immensely. All are manufactured in a commercial kitchen in Florida and are sourced in small batches from farms all over the United States, including macadamias from Hawaii and peanuts from North Carolina. Cynthia not only creates delicious products for snacking, she is an interesting person with a purpose who was a delight to speak with. So if you have never munched on Chili & Lemon Pistachios, Caramelized Pecans, Chocolate Covered Walnuts, or melted Raw Cashew Butter on your morning toast, you have to stop by!

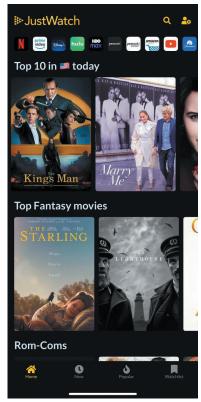


### Dotcalm: Must-See TV



'Dot.calm" by Jane Silverman

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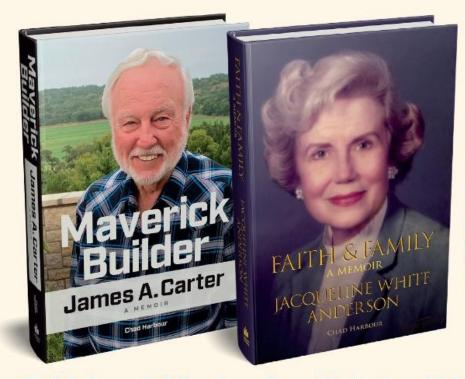
Click on the Listings tab to see what's on by channels listed alphabetically or click on Find Channel to search for your favorites. Swipe the time bar across the top to pick the time. So easy. Like the good old days.

For better than prime time viewing, download the Annenberg Foundation's **Explore.org** app, which streams live up-close encounters with wildlife and nature. Many of its 130 cameras around the world are manually controlled by remote operators who focus on the lions, tigers, wild hippos, and elephants from the Great Rift Valley in Africa; but you can also spy on an eagle nest in Iowa, a Great Dane puppy nursery in Massachusetts, or pandas in China. Check out the relaxing "zen den" where you can watch the aurora borealis or "Sloth TV"; it's unscripted and unpredictable. Take a deep breath (okay pour a drink) and watch - it's magical when wildlife steps into the frame.

#### DENISON UNIVERSITY GATHERING

Ocean Reef Denison graduates - we are planning a gathering in the Spring. We think it would be great to have a list of all Denison alums on The Reef, so if you are a Denison alum or know others who are alums, let us know and we will add you/them to the list to receive information about future gatherings. Email Pat Shouvlin (patrick@shouvlin. com) or Anne Taylor (doctorannetaylor@ gmail.com).

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Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

The Spa is so excited to launch a new line of anti-aging products and supplements formulated to make your skin, hair, nails, and body healthier. The secret to good health, inner beauty and fighting the common signs of aging is a well-rounded, holistic approach to health, wellness and youthfulness. Today's in-the-know beauty consumers recognize that integrating an internal approach with a wellrounded plant- and herb-based daily supplement regimen is just as important as what is used on

the surface of the skin. Based on this philosophy, Hush & Hush products were created.

Dr. Marc Ronert, a European Board Certified Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon who believes that beauty, health and wellness are intrinsically woven, is the founder of Hush & Hush. His pioneering work in Germany with advanced 'tissue expanders' used in today's cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgeries and the formulations of his acclaimed topical global skincare brand have made him an expert in his discipline.

Dr. Marc and his team have applied 15+ years of cellular research in developing precise, problem-solution, anti-aging formulas comprised of potent formulations backed by peerreviewed clinical science. They only source ingredients with uncompromising research so that getting your daily dose of wellness is that much easier. Through his years of research, Dr. Ronert has a

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Some of my favorites from the Hush & Hush line include:

#### • Deeply Rooted products

- A complete supplement for healthy hair growth, healthy scalp, increased shine, and added volume and density.
- Plant Your Day Chocolate vanilla plant-based vegan protein powder for optimal gut

health and balanced skin.

• Time Capsule – An antiaging multivitamin supplement for men and women that boosts collagen production, adds moisture to the skin with hyaluronic acid, protects against environmental damage, and gives a natural boost of energy.

Come to The Spa this week, stop by and check out the entire line, or call to learn more!

#### Upcoming Spa Events MLO Jewelry Class Sat., Feb. 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Make Your Own Jewelry Class - \$199, limited space available. Must call or email to register ahead of time. (Call 305-367-6506 to register or email jbarron@oceanreef.com)

#### **Spa Trunk Shows**

- Idalia Baudo Jewelry Trunk Show – Fri., Feb. 25, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- MLO Jewelry Trunk Show Sat., Feb. 26, 9 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- Zoe's Empire Trunk Show Fri., Mar. 11 & Sat., Mar. 12, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.







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# **SPORTS**

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# Tennis Club Championship a Resounding Success



'Tennis Shorts" by Jim Morton, Director of Tennis

This year's Tennis Club Championship was a resounding success at the Tennis & Games Center. To start, we had 44 players participate in the event, requiring us to run the Men's A-Flight on Saturday afternoon instead of during its traditional morning time.



Ladies' A-Flight Champions Tricia Holbrook and Taylor McHarg.

Adding to the excitement of the weekend was the big crowd that showed up to watch the finals and to get a chance at winning the 4 box seats at the Miami Open (won by **Taylor** 



Men's A-Flight Champions Tony Baumer and Ralf Sellig.

McHarg and Bebe Hofmann) that were raffled off at the end of the tournament. Topping it off, we had an extremely high level of play in all of the flights, resulting in great matches. And finally, Tricia Holbrook won her fourth title, while two-time defending Men's A-Flight Champions Wally Hayward and Will Young were knocked off in their bid for a third consecutive title. Exciting stuff! In the Ladies' A-Flight,

Charlotte Drinkwater and Kathleen Metzman came in first in the round robin with Tricia Holbrook and Taylor McHarg taking second by playing a softer, slower game against the hard-hitting duo. However, in the finals on Sunday, Holbrook and McHarg showed great patience by consistently hitting deep shots followed by well-placed net shots to win the title 6-3, 6-2.

Just the opposite seemed to happen in the Men's A-Flight final, where the hard-hitting defending men's champions, Hayward and Young, couldn't



Ladies' B-Flight Champions Lisa Guyton and Lynne Jackson.

seem to find a solution to the consistent, steady play of **Tony Baumer** and **Ralf Sellig**, who won in dominating fashion 6-2, 6-1.

In the B-Flights, the team of **Kevin Fish** and **Andy Hofmann** proved too strong in their final winning 6-0, 6-1



Men's B-Flight Champions Kevin Fish and Andy Hofmann.

against **George Pino** and **Ricky Fortis**, earning the right to play next year in the A-Flight.

The Ladies' B-Flight final was the closest match of the day, as the team of **Lynne Jackson** and **Lisa Guyton** edged out **Gaye Van Der Eerden** and **Karen Ernst** 7-5, 6-3.

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#### **TENNIS RESULTS**

Men's "B" Night League
Monday, February 21

1st Place (tie): Dave Jackson
1st Place (tie): Philipe Aldahir
1st Place (tie): Richard Weinstein

# Tennis Tip of the Week

Using High-Percentage "Neutral" Shots



by Kendall Stephens, Assistant Tennis Professional

One of the biggest things I notice when I'm watching club-level tennis, is that players want to pull the trigger and attempt an offensive shot too early in the rally.

When you watch professional tennis, you realize that 80% of the rally, they are hitting a "neutral" ball. This means hitting a high percentage shot to keep the rally going, and move your opponent around the court with high efficiency.

Your goal throughout most points should be to hit high percentage "neutral" balls, and let your opponent pull the trigger and go offensive. For example, if you are in a rally and notice that your opponent is getting impatient with their shot selection, that is a telltale sign for you to keep giving them a high percentage neutral rally ball, and let them pull the trigger and try to win the point.

There will be points where your opponent hits a high-level winner, but the chances of them doing that all match to beat you are very slim.

Make your opponent beat you! Don't beat yourself. Good luck!

#### Book a Lesson with a Pro

Put this tip to the test during a lesson with one of our Tennis Professionals. To schedule, call the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.

# **Pickleball**

Players of the Week

Renee & Keith Alexander

Where are you two from? Larchmont, New York.

How long have you been playing pickleball?
One week!

Aside from pickleball, what other activities do you enjoy at Ocean Reef Club?

Swimming, tennis, golf and fishing.

What is your favorite pickleball memory or moment?

Playing with our two boys.

What do you like most about pickleball?



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# Advanced Organized Play Coming to the Club



by Kevin Girard, Head Pickleball Professional

We are proud to announce that we will be adding another session of Organized Play to our weekly calendar. This session will be for the more competitive pickleball player. Advanced Organized Play will be held Fridays from 2:30-4 p.m. beginning **Friday**, **March 4**. In order to participate you must have an interclub or USA Pickleball rating above a 3.4. If you don't have a rating, one of our Pros can administer the



Skinny Singles Tournament Men's Champion Ron Roscia, Ladies' Champion Gabi Gibson, and Men's Runner Up Gardiner Bridge.

hour-long test and get you all set-up.

For more information, please contact Kevin Girard at kgirard@oceanreef.com or call the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.

#### **Skinny Singles Tournament**

We held our second Skinny Singles Tournament of this season on Thursday, February 17 with 12 participants. Both men and women competed in their own bracket. The format was double elimination with games to 11 (win by 1). On the men's side, **Ron Roscia** edged **Gardiner Bridge** in the finals and **Gabi Gibson** defeated **Liz Angelone** on the ladies' side. Lots of good competition and we look forward to next month's tournament, which will be held **Thursday, March 17** at the Tennis & Games Center.

Ladies' & Men's Senior Club
Championship
On Monday, February 28,

the Senior Club Pickleball Championship will be held at the Tennis & Games Center. Minimum age of 60 is required for this one-day tournament, as the men and ladies fight for the crown. Winners get their names etched on the club plaque in the Tennis & Games Center. We will have an 8:30 a.m. start time.

#### **Touring Pro Scott Moore**

Our touring pros have been a great success this season and we are excited to have top senior pro Scott Moore visiting The Reef on **Thursday, March 3**. The two clinics will be broken up by skill level. If you have a rating of 3.4 or below, you will be in the morning clinic from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and if you have a rating of 3.5 or higher, you will be in the afternoon clinic from 1-4 p.m. Don't miss out on an opportunity to learn from one of the best players in the game!

For registration or more information on the above events, please contact kgirard@oceanreef.com or 305-367-6583.



#### **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

# "Suddenly in Command" Course



by Peter Liashek, Flotilla Public Education Officer

The Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary will present the popular course:

"Suddenly in Command"
Sunday, February 27
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sailfish Room in Carysfort Hall

This course is intended to provide guidance for those boat occupants, such as guests, friends, spouses, etc., who may find themselves "suddenly in command" if the boat captain is no longer able to operate the boat for whatever reason. You are now in charge! Learn what to do in an emergency situation on the water.

#### **Topics Include:**

- How to use the VHF to call for help.
- How to determine your location in any body of water and give that information to rescuers.
- Flare usage, life jackets, anchoring, emergency gear, etc.
- A discussion of pertinent cell phone apps.
- Following the formal presentation will be a "show and tell" of recommended safety equipment as well as a question and answer period.

Please RSVP to <u>pljr51@gmail</u>. <u>com</u> and give your name and contact phone number.

#### **RECENT CATCH**



Nancy Love shares, "Catch of the day!" from the Dolphin Course 7th fairway.



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### Golf Croquet News & Events

By William Hinkebein, Croquet Chair

The Croquet Lawn continues to be busy with many various events and activities. Due to the increase in play, we want to remind all to reserve your lawn time. Reservations are easily made by calling the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583. You can reserve one or two courts on the lawn.

#### **Hot Dog Sunday**

The annual Hot Dog and Golf Croquet event was held on February 20. Some 20 players came out on this overcast and relatively cool Sunday. Thank you Jim Morton and ORC for providing the very nice set up of dogs, fixings, chips and drinks. Also, a special thanks to **Anne** and **Laney Hinkebein** who brought a fabulous box of gourmet cupcakes from Reef Treats.



Hot Dog Sunday.

#### **Crocodile Cup**

The Crocodile Cup continues league play on Tuesdays 2-5 p.m. Final dates for this league are Tuesday, March 1 and the grand finale on **Sunday, March 6**. Regular Open Play will resume on Tuesdays 2-5 p.m. beginning on March 8. Thank you **Ron Sekura** for creating and running this golf croquet league.

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

Sign up beginning today, February 25. There are limited spaces so call 305-367-6583 ASAP.



Carol and Ron Sekura and Susan Jensen Reichardt.

#### Open Play Sundays & Fridays, 2-5 p.m.

Open play for all levels. There can be maximum of 16 players on the lawn at one time (double banking) on the two courts. Those waiting to play in the next game must play in groups of four on a "first come, next to play" basis. Please adhere to this courteous way so all can play. When the Croc Cup ends, Open Play will also include Tuesdays.

# Women, Wickets & Wine Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m.

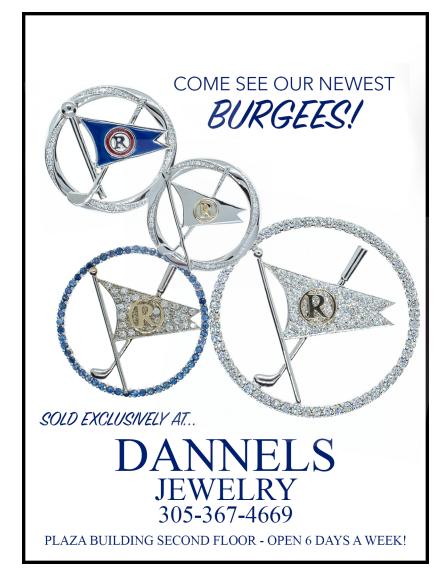
Come join the ladies for afternoon golf croquet followed by a glass of vino with your croquet friends. ORC-provided wine on March 7 and 21. Otherwise, BYOB.

# ORC vs Anglers Club Invitational Friday, March 18

The ORC Team has been selected by the Croquet Committee, who had to make difficult decisions as there were many in consideration. This team, based on skill, ability and effort (and availability for team practice and day of event), will take on the Anglers Club on March 18 in this 20th annual event.

#### **Lessons & Clinics**

Contact the Tennis & Games Center to book lessons or join clinics with Coach Jim Morton or Justin Romero.





# 46th Annual Bag Room Open Begins



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

Ocean Reef Club is rich in history and hosts many events that cater to its unique way of life. One of these traditions unlike any other - 46th Annual Bag Room Open - is set to begin the weekend of **March 4 & 5**.

The Bag Room Open is an Individual Match Play event between the Golf Professionals of Ocean Reef Club and Card Sound Golf Club, and is followed closely by both staff and Members. It is very common to see hundreds of Members spectating this wonderful event.



February Pro-Am Champions - Keith Bozeman, John McCormack, Jay Guarch and Pro Justin Seybuck (front middle).

The Bag Room Open was first held in 1977 as a staff organized event and has since evolved into a Member-run tournament – a transition that has led to the event's incredible growth in popularity. The Bag Room gives The Reef's golf professionals a chance to showcase their talent and provides a way for Members to extend their gratitude to the staff. Golf and the generosity of the Members are important reasons why Ocean Reef Club is so special to all of us.

#### **February Pro-Am**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this month's Pro-Am! It was a tight race but the winning team brought the heat. Congratulations to the winning team of Keith Bozeman, John McCormack, Jay Guarch and Pro Justin Seybuck (see more results on page 37). Our next Pro-Am will be taking place on Friday, April 15. Mark your calendars!



#### New in the Golf Shop -Riomar Shoes

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## Golf Scoreboard -

#### MGA Sr. Club Championship

February 14 & 16

Overall Gross Champion: Mike Daniels Overall Net Champion: Jerry Henn Super-Senior Champion: Calvin Philips Flight Champions: 55-62 Gross: Joe Joyner 55-62 Net: Dragos Alexe 63-69 Gross: Mike Daniels 63-69 Net: Jerry Henn 70+ Gross: Jeff Dorsey

#### **9 Hole Ladies Heart Tournament**

70+ Net: Tony Rodriguez

Tuesday, February 15

1st Place: Kristine Voulgaris, Daisy Gonzalez, Kelly Hertzman, Laura Sanchez 2nd Place: Susan Reichardt, Anne Gormley, Kym Read, Alison Ward 3rd Place: Linda Westervelt,

Louis Spina, Teresa Ferrarone,



Mike Daniels, MGA Sr. Club Gross Champion.

Wendy Brainard Longest Drive: Alison Ward (Hole #5) Closest to the Hole: Anne Gormley (Hole #6)

#### **LGA Heart Tournament**

Tuesday, February 15

1st Place: Barbara Olcott, Joan Flippin, Suzy Rice, Meg Shields 2nd Place: Hillary Smith, Bessie Connelly, Nancy Grote, Margaret Shouvlin 3rd Place: Nancy Vamvakas, Kathi Whitaker, Laura Zausmer, Jennifer Forelli

Closest to the Hole: Kathy



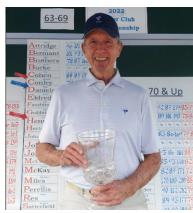
Jerry Henn, MGA Sr. Club Net Champion.

Markel (Hole #5), Joan Conley (Hole #18)

#### 9 Hole Ladies Weekly Event

Thursday, February 17

1st Place: Sheila Wagner, Mary Johannson 2nd Place (tie): Laura Sanchez, Kristine Voulgaris 2nd Place (tie): Connie Riley, Christa Murray 2nd Place (tie): Libby MacAulay, Susan Reichardt 2nd Place (tie): Wendy Brainard, Anne Gormley Longest Drive: Kathleen Metzman (Hole #18)



Cal Philips, MGA Sr. Club Super-Senior Champion.

Closest to the Hole: Gina Barbarino (Hole #17)

#### **February Pro-Am**

Friday, February 18

1st Place: Keith Bozeman, John McCormack, Jay Guarch, Pro Justin Seybuck

2nd Place: Bradley Young, Dean Teglia, Karin Teglia, Pro Derek

Swoboda

3rd Place: Fredrick Sherman, Jodi Betz, Michael Betz, Pro

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Closest to the Hole: Jeff Dorsey (Hole #9)





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# Gone Without the Wind



by Frank Schneider, Card Sound Sailing Club Commodore

The gods of wind have been testing the patience of the Card Sound Sailing Club (CSSC) sailors once again. Will there or will there not be enough wind to have a race on Saturday morning?

Predictions didn't look good the night before, so it was on the shoulders of the Race Committee again to judge early in the morning whether or not to be out on Card Sound trying to start a race.

The decision came in by radio 8:30 a.m. – "Come on out sailors, we see a light breeze building up."





With the wind gone on Saturday, many needed help getting back to their moorings. Photos by Gordana Schneider.

And out the fleet went, eager to get the second race of the Magic Series on its way.

The Race Committee boat was anchored south of Pumpkin Key and once the boats arrived there, the wind did the opposite of building up - it went down to almost zero. Gone was the chance to have a race, it had to be canceled. And gone was the fleet soon, pulled back to their moorings by some attending

power boats or by exhaustive paddling efforts of their crews, rewarded in Baker Harbor by cold drinks and snacks from our bar cart.

How different sailing was Friday, the day before. Five boats came out to participate in our Beer Can Race for fun and race training in pleasant 7 kts winds. A simple upwind/ downwind course was set by Clarke Moody and Gary **Sayia** so sailors could practice their spinnaker handling in ideal conditions.

We encourage everyone, especially the new or lesser-experienced Members, to come out Friday 2 p.m. to improve their skills. Everyone interested in sailing, please contact our CSSC membership chair, Gary Sayia, at <a href="mailto:sayia@aol.com">sayia@aol.com</a> for more information.

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# Breezy Conditions on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

After missing the previous Sunday due to the passage of a cold front, the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club returned last Sunday to racing on the waters of the Pond. However, while conditions were perfect to start racing as the day progressed, they became very marginal.

The forecast had been consistent all week leading up to Sunday and called for breezy conditions to subside throughout the morning, but within a reasonable range for



Sim Wooten makes adjustments to Jim Seale's EC12 as Jim looks on. Photo by Erin Coffin.

sailing with our smaller "B" rigs designed for heavier wind. It certainly started out with perfect conditions, but as the morning progressed the wind did not taper off. In fact, the wind increased to the edge of the operating limit of the "B" rigs. Although there were a few collisions on the day, all the sailors did an amazing job handling the wind, but it was the less experienced EC12 sailors that were exceptional in

these challenging conditions. After a full morning of racing with five races run, yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**, took the overall win for the day by barely edging out a very fast **Sim Wooten** who finished the day in second. Third place went to the always-consistent **Erin Coffin** who manages to navigate the racing and is the official club greeter for all the folks around Buccaneer Island who have questions about the

CSMYC and our fleet. One final note, we congratulate **Bill Overend** on acquiring a beautiful EC12. Our fleet continues to grow!

We will try it all again on Sunday for another morning of races. Long-range forecasts at the time of this writing are calling for relative calm, so hopefully a bit more breeze enters the forecast by the time we get to Sunday.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) from December until the end of April at "the Pond," also known as the Lagoon on Buccaneer Island. 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 <a href="mailto:csmvc12@gmail.com">csmvc12@gmail.com</a>.



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## Welcome Kurt Gelinas to MFC Team



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

I am pleased to announce that Kurt Gelinas, certified personal trainer and AIS (Active Isolated Stretching) stretch therapist, has joined the team at Member Fitness Center. Below Kurt shares his journey.

I was born and raised in Connecticut (go Huskies) and recently moved to the Key Largo. My career started in 2009 when my best friend asked if I was interested in becoming a personal trainer. He saw that I felt lost working on an associate degree in Business Management at the



Kurt Gelinas, MFC Trainer & AIS Stretch Therapist

local community college. School was difficult for me at that time because my father had just passed away. My dad owned a plumbing business, which allowed me to be his "gofer" during the summer months. I built a strong relationship with him and had the opportunity to observe how to interact with customers and how to be respectful towards them.

Having some knowledge on what it was like to work for yourself, I studied to become a certified personal trainer. I went into business with my best friend, and we owned a small training studio in my hometown of Oakville. After leaving the studio, I next worked for a corporate gym, built up experience, and moved on again to my next adventure. In 2011, I began working for a health and wellness center. Both physical therapy and cardio rehab businesses shared space with the fitness center. Most of my knowledge was learned from interacting with the doctors and physical therapists. Roughly 75% of the members were 65 and older and many of them were there for pre- and post-surgery assistance. Every health and wellness professional in the facility shared their expertise with each other. For me, that was priceless because I would not be where I am today if we did not work as a team.

A year into my new job, I began shadowing my soon-to-be AIS mentor and great friend, John. I had stretch questions for him almost daily. This process went on for many years and with every year that passed, I learned a little more. I practiced the technique on my training clients and eventually mastered several

stretches. Every few months he asked when I was going to get certified in the stretch. Then October of last year I made the decision to fly down to Florida for my AIS certification. My mentor was ecstatic and eager to brainstorm his techniques with my updated knowledge.

The most important month of my stretch journey began in January of 2022 - a fellow AIS instructor suggested I move down to Key Largo and work as a stretch therapist and personal trainer. It did not take much convincing and soon I found myself looking for open positions. Although it was easy to say yes to the idea, it was a difficult decision to make because I would leave my family in CT and move 1,500 miles away for an opportunity that not many have a chance to cross paths with. I now live in Key Largo and have a position as your next AIS therapist at ORC. Thank you for reading my journey in a nutshell. I look forward to meeting you and potentially working together.





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Larry Cohen Seminar Monday



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

The Larry Cohen Seminar is finally here! Sign up to join him at the Card & Games Room on Monday, February 28 and learn from the best bridge instructor around. For details and registration, call 305-367-6609.

#### **Coming Up: Ocean Reef Bridge Championship** March 2, 16 & 23

The Bridge Championship will be held over the course of three sessions. Your best two sessions count.

#### **Ocean Reef Canasta Championship** March 3, 10 & 17

The Canasta Championship will also be held over the course of three sessions with your two best sessions counting.

#### **Backgammon at Town Hall** Waterside

Thursday, March 3, 6 p.m. Two tables will be available for play.

#### Men's Texas Hold'em Knockout **Tournament**

Monday, March 7

We will host one more Knockout Poker Tournament this season.

#### An Evening of Bridge & Canasta

Thursday, March 24

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#### **Ladies' Poker Night**

Thursday, April 7

For the ladies, there will be one last Ladies' Poker Night on Thursday, April 7

To get more details and to register for any of the mentioned events, call 305-367-6609.

For the full Card & Games weekly schedule, visit oceanreef.com/Events or pick up a copy of This Week at The Reef.

#### **Mah Jongg Saturdays**

We will have Mah Jongg play on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. I will try for different time and date if this does not work Out

#### **Canasta Scores**

I have some great daily scores to report. Jan Broton and Gail Freed had a high Game Score of 15,595, as well as a high hand of 7835. Jeanette Ragucci and Irene Ayers had a 12,840 Game Score. Lily Bertran and Gail Freed had an 11,355 Game Score. Fran Bell and Elaine Bolash had 18,135. Great job!

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#### **BRIDGE TIP**

# Responding to 1NT with 5-4 in the Majors

When partner opens 1NT, the idea is to see if you have a fit in the Majors. This is done by using Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. But what happens when you have 5-4 in the Majors? This is where a series of bids would show your shape to the NT Opener.

## 10+ HCPs (Smolen Convention)

With 10 or more points, you want to go to game. Use Stayman first (2 ♣) to find a 4-card major fit. Then if partner bids a major, simply raise it to the 4-level. If partner denies a major (rebidding 2 ♠) then use the Smolen Convention to find a 3-card fit with your 5-card major (since partner denied the 4-card major in either of your majors)

Smolen Convention: Used to show partner 5-4 in the Majors and game going values. Start with Stayman. Then if partner denies a 4-card major, jump to the 3-level with the shorter major (which partner does not have). Partner will go to game with a 3-card fit or simply bid 3NT. The idea behind this convention is to have the stronger hand play the hand.

West North East South

1NT Pass 2♠
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♥!
= 5 spades and 4 hearts
Pass 4♠ or 3NT

West North East South
1NT Pass 2♣
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠!
= 4 spades and 5 hearts
Pass 4♥ or 3NT

#### ALERT! – The 3-level bid in the Smolen Convention requires an Alert from partner.

Also 1NT- 2C- 2D- 3D shows 5-5 in the majors by responder. It is called Weissburger.

#### **BRIDGE RESULTS**

## Unit 128 STaC Tournament Wednesday, February 16

#### **Section A North-South**

- 1. Fred Bacher Ed Kavanaugh
- 2. Dedie Nutt Gail Yoh
- 3. Judie Berry Suzanne Kitchings
- 4. Joyce Fowler Ted Fowler

#### **Section A East-West**

- 1. Joanne Wills Jay Beatty
- 2. Marianna Brink Barbara Gooch
- 3. Ann Petersen Hollis Petersen
- 4. Pat Henry Mimi Whitbeck

## Unit 128 STaC Tournament Friday, February 18

#### **Section A North-South**

- Monica Phillips Paula Pendergast
- 2. Ed Kavanaugh Fred Bacher
- 3. Joanne Wills Kay Meinhardt

#### **Section A East-West**

- 1. Dorothy Kemp Bessie Connelly
- 2. Susan Mann Evelyn Turner
- 3. Suzanne Grandis Gordana Schneider

#### Educational Fund Game Monday, February 21

#### **Section A North-South**

- 1. Joyce Fowler Ted Fowler
- 2. Rosalie Svete Pat Henry
- 3. Cynthia Comenos Nancy Grote
- 4. Rosemary Jones Kay Meinhardt

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