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The Best Bentley award went to the 1929 Speed Six Open Sports Tourer. Photo by Mark Elias.

26th Annual Vintage Weekend

Giving 'Em What They Want

"They did it right. They did it better than right." This quote, said by one spectator but felt by all at Weekend's end, embodies the sentiment of all Vintage Weekend attendees. After 26 years, the Vintage Weekend Committee, made up of Vicki Goldstein, Lenny Sikora, Bill Parfet and Bill Johnston, still manages to introduce something new and different every year, while upholding the tradition everyone celebrates.

Looking back at Vintage Weekend's roots is a testament to how far it has really come since it debuted in 1994 thanks to the vision of Vicki and **Alan Goldstein.** Without their vision, this wonderful tradition would not be one of the most anticipated events on Ocean Reef's calendar.

The story goes that the Goldsteins happened upon a classic yacht show years ago in Southwest Harbor. "It dawned on us that people who lavish so much passion on boats want to have a place to show them when they get done," said Goldstein. "It turns out the same goes for cars and planes. So that's where it all began. It started small, but you can see what it's turned into."

The first Vintage Weekend exhibited 10 yachts, and the next year, about 20 automobiles were added. A few years later, the same would be said for the aircraft, which at the time, were literally rolled down the street and parked near the dock at the Marina. For almost 30 years, Ocean Reef Club has been host to one of the most unique weekends in the country. "You can't do this anywhere else in the United States," said Goldstein. "This is the only club where you can have automobiles, boats and planes all displayed in one place. We're lucky. We're really lucky."

That's what this year's Vintage Weekend was all about –



Ooh's and Ahh's once again for the Aeroshell team as they performed above Buccaneer Island. Photo by Howie Dennis.



Cetacea was worth the wait for the long line of attendees, also earning her "Spectator's Choice." Photo by Steven Martine. Turn to page 5 for all the award winners.

appreciating the uniqueness, the history, the tradition, of not only the event, of not only the conveyances, but of the people. As Sikora said during Sunday's awards breakfast, "A lot of what Vintage Weekend is truly about is not so much the automobiles, yachts and airplanes, but in a large part it's just about the

people themselves that bring those conveyances here and those that come to enjoy them."

Taking Flight

While year after year, the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team proves to be the biggest crowd pleaser of the aviation sector, some brand new additions stole

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OR "See"



Randy Holbrook captured this patriotic perspective of Saturday's Vintage Weekend Air Show while aboard the spotter boat, which idles off The Point during the Weekend's two air shows, ready to spring into action in the rare case of an emergency.

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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Ocean Reef Tri-Delts it's time again to gather, sip and chat, **Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. at CH Lounge** at the Clubhouse. If you would like to be added to the email list for future gatherings, or let us know you will attend, email **Jane Battles**, janebattles@yahoo.com.

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I need help with navigating the Ocean Reef Club website. Where can I go?

If you need help navigating the Ocean Reef website – www.oceanreef.com - you can do so by connecting with the Club's Membership Team either by phone or in their office.

If you go in person to the Membership Office, located on the first floor of the Executive Offices, the Team there will help walk you through the entire website navigation. They can help you figure out your Member login, show you how to make dining reservations or golf and tennis tee times, show you how to check your statements, personalize your



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The Membership Office is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They can also be reached by calling 305-367-5921.

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MAKING HISTORY

Our Iconic Water Tower



by Mike Smith

Potable water was a constant problem in the early days of our club. When Morris Baker first purchased the original land on the northern tip of Key Largo in 1946, only a cement block cistern existed, and the quality of the water was questionable at best. The solution to the problem was a water tower, which was built late that year, however, filling the tank was not easy. The United States Navy had installed a water line from the mainland to supply their base in Key West and permission



The water tower over the years.

was granted to tap the line at the corner of U.S. 1 and CR 905. Two army trucks then carried the water to Ocean Reef requiring as many as eight trips per day during busy periods.

When Ocean Reef Club first opened for business in 1951, telephone service was first installed the prior year and the switchboard was located in an enclosure at the bottom of the tower. Electrical power was frequently interrupted for various reasons and the batteries for the switchboard would run down, so an idling old Ford station wagon was used to



keep the charge up. The original phone number for the Club was 'North Key Largo #1'.

But, back to the water tower, a reverse osmosis system was built at Ocean Reef in the late sixties and then in the early eighties, a water pipeline was installed connecting Key Largo to The Reef but our tower remained useful. Arriving boats and yachts could easily sight the tower and relied on it as they navigated to our Club. During the '70's,'80's, and early '90's, Ocean Reef hosted many top level politicians including Nixon, Tip O'Neill, Mitterrand, George



H.W. Bush and others. The tower proved to be the perfect place for secret service personnel to keep a watchful eye out. The tower became the symbol for Ocean Reef Club.

Having survived Hurricanes Betsy, Andrew and Irma, our tower is easily the oldest structure here. Over its life of seventy years, the color has changed many times. Originally white, then pink, it's now a beautiful yellow. No historical record exists, but it has probably been painted at least fifteen times over the years. Guess you could say it has a thick skin.

A Note of Thanks

To All Club Members:
Vintage Weekend has
come and gone to which
many of you may say "Thank
Goodness"! We can now
return to those quiet days
between now and the day
after Christmas when another
onslaught of guests will
arrive.

We hope you enjoyed the twilight aerobatic airshow on Friday night. We measure shoes on the dock on Saturday but we are going to start a new measure of guest delight: goosebumps on the skin. We have come a long way from the times when we rolled the planes down the road and put them on display in the parking lot at the Marina!

Vintage Weekend is fun, exciting and brings many new

faces to our Club, but also asks a lot of our Members who have to give up boat slips, airport landings, parking spaces, and suffer restaurant congestion, fumes and noise. The goal behind it We are fairly certain that this is the only place on the planet (as Bill likes to say) where we can exhibit aircraft, cars and boats together in the same venue and that makes us very special. It is



all is to show off our Club's unique facilities, but the Vintage Weekend Committee is always aware of what an inconvenience the event can be for our Members.

also the only place that has the expertise and training to put on an operation this big. Virtually every department of the Club and Public Safety gets involved and this year everyone did an exemplary job. Thank you all for your hard work and good cheer throughout.

For 26 years, Vintage
Weekend has had a policy
of not permitting any
commercial sponsorship,
advertising or fundraising
for any non-profit. Our
mission is simply to get
people who admire exquisite
craftsmanship and mechanical
ingenuity and value history
together to have a good time.
Visitors find this refreshing
and pretty unique too.

This year, word from new visitors was that they had never been to a place as friendly and welcoming as Ocean Reef Club. Thank you to all of you for making our Club this way and for making Ocean Reef a place we love to share and show off.

The Vintage Weekend Committee: Bill Parfet, Bill Johnston, Vicki Goldstein & Lenny Sikora

Vintage Weekend

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the show this year.

"While we're always striving to bring in some of the finest vintage aircraft in the world, it's not just about the planes themselves," said Sikora. "It's about what our spectators want to see and in turn, creating a fun and relaxed environment where they can bond with the exhibitors over shared passions."

That is why Sikora was so excited for the debut of **Jim** and Jane Slattery's very rare P-38 Lightning and two F7F Tigercats, never before seen at Vintage Weekend. (He calls the Slattery's his "new best friends" for bringing them). To understand the magnitude of the Slatterys' contributions, you really had to experience the planes from the ground at the Airport. They were much larger than any of the other aircraft on display, and in beautiful condition. On top of that, their history was unmatched with only a small handful of them remaining in this condition. (Read more about these planes in the November 25 edition of the Ocean Reef Press).

Of course, the F-16 flybys down the Airport runway were

another grand display of "giving the people what they want." It was such a rare and exciting thing to see, especially right in Ocean Reef's own backyard, that even Sikora was skeptical it would actually pull through until the minute he saw the two F-16s approach from the Homestead Air Reserve Base. If you missed it, he promises they will be back again next year.

Setting Sail

The emphasis on crowd pleasing is never more apparent than with Goldstein's "Spectator's Choice" award. Affectionately known also as the "Shoes On the Dock" award, the winner of this award is always determined by you – the spectator.

Throughout the day, the Committee literally counts the number of shoes outside each yacht (or in this year's case, the length of the line!). This year's winner never faltered because as soon as the clock struck 10 a.m. and yacht viewing began, a 20-foot long line formed outside Chris Culver's 1970 133' Feadship, Cetacea.

Culver himself attended one of the first ever Vintage Weekends that featured all three conveyances, and in the acceptance of his award during Sunday's breakfast he said to the Goldsteins, "This weekend is spectacular. All of us in this room share the camaraderie of preservation and restoration and we couldn't do it without your dedication and your vision for what this event stands for. From all of us, Alan and Vicki, we thank both of you for having this vision."

Starting Engines

Parfet and Johnston, who are described by Goldstein as "having encyclopedic knowledge of cars," have made the Concours d'Elegance blossom over the years. For the 26th annual event, they set out to feature a specific category that they believed would delight Vintage-goers, and delight it did. This year's feature collection was the Bentleys.

"Each automobile we showcase during the Concours is special in its own way, but Bill and I thought adding this new dimension to what we already had would really excite everyone at Vintage Weekend," said Parfet. "We scoured the surface of this great country to find these wonderful Bentley owners. They're hard to corral and they have incredible temperament, but when all was said and done, we had 12 Bentleys in attendance, ranging from 1926 to 1960."

The special Bentley feature did not end at the Concours red carpet. On Sunday following the awards breakfast, the Bentleys all revved their engines and caravanned from Ocean Reef for a three-day tour to Key West. "How can we get in trouble down there?" Parfet joked.

In the spirit of "giving the people what they want," next year's Vintage Weekend will again feature a special class, this time being Brass and Gas Cars. "You'll see next year how quick technology evolved," said Parfet. "These cars threw oil all over the place, so don't get too close, but you're going to have a wonderful time."

What a Ride It's Been

Vintage Weekend, over its 26-year history, has been a great ride for spectators and exhibitors alike and will not slow down any time soon.

The Committee strives (and succeeds) for more each and every year. How do they sum up Vintage Weekend? Goldstein: "It's a wonderful, wonderful thing." Parfet: "It's one of the best weekends in the world."

And Sikora: "You ain't seen nothing yet!"

To watch the video recap of the weekend, visit oceanreef. com/vintageweekend.

THANK YOU FROM THE AVIATION COMMITTEE

The aviation committee for Vintage Weekend would like to thank the entire staff of Ocean Reef Club for their hard work to make it such a successful weekend. We would also like to thank **Peter Liashek** and the Coast Guard, along with Public Safety and the Florida FWC, for their assistance in keeping the two boating channels closed during the air shows per requirements of the FAA.

We also would like to thank **Jim** and **Jane Slattery** for their huge commitment to bring three priceless aircraft here for us to enjoy, along with **Buddy** and **Wendy Stallings** for once again bringing back the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team, a crowd favorite, for their two performances.

Vintage Weekend would not be near the world-class event it has become without the assistance of Ocean Reef Club and its associates and those who make a huge contribution to share their automobiles, yachts and aircraft for all to enjoy. Thank you for all you do.

-Lenny Sikora, Vintage Weekend and Aviation Committee



The Aeroshell Aerobatic Team during Saturday's Air Show. Photo by Bob Broton.



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Best in Show 1953 Fiat 8v Supersonic Coupe Stephen Bruno



Best in Show F7F Tigercats Jim & Jane Slattery



2022 WINNERS



Most Original
Athena • 1968 Hatteras 44'
Mark Ingraham



Spectator's Choice Cetacea • 1970 133' Feadship Chris Culver



Spirit of Tradition Missy • 1953 53' Huckins Michael Turner



Best Restoration
Miramar • 1967 53' Huckins Linwood
Keith & Carol Johnson



Lifetime Achievement Award In Honor of Joe Burr Bartram Steve White • Brooklin Boatyard



Spirit of Ocean Reef Gene McNeely



Best Aerobatic Act Aeroshell Team



Best Preservation Lockheed P-38 Lightning Jim & Jane Slattery



Best Female Inspired 1957 Ford Thunderbird Convertible Terry Hines



Best Classic 1940 Packard 180 Darrin Convertible Daniel Hanlon



Best Ferrari 1952 Ferrari Barchetta Roadster Gaston Rossato



Best 50's 1957 Ford Ranchero Pick Up Raymond Herman



Best Hot Rod 1942 Willys Coupe James Denooyer



Best Mercedes 1927 Mercedes Model K Cabriolet Michael & Joannie Rich



Best Corvette
1970 Chevrolet Corvette
Ed Bossie



Best European Sports Car 1937 BMW 328 Roadster Dirk De Groen



Best American Muscle Car 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Coupe Joseph Handy



Best Odd Lot 1960 Volkswagen Single Cab Transporter Truck • Gino Francavilla



BEST BENTLEY
1929 Bentley Speed Six Open
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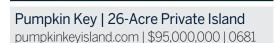
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ORC MEMBERS - NEWS, VIEWS & TIDBITS

MEMBERABILIA Sonny's Office



by Joan Birsh

On December 7, Sonny Vasquez, Director of Club Safety & Security at Ocean Reef, was the speaker at the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Sonny, who began at Ocean Reef almost 54 years ago as a bell man, enthralled the sold-out audience in the Compass Room of the Cultural Center with tales of his early days in Las Vegas ("where the bosses ran things ...and still do") and of Ocean Reef, (where he escorts the "bad guys" off the property so quickly "that hardly anyone noticed they were there"). The luncheon ended with a standing ovation for a man who is an embodiment of much that is special about Ocean Reef.

To find out more about Sonny I visited him in his office. It is a personal museum, chock full of photographs of the family and the famous, memorabilia, badges, tributes, etc. For example:

Celebrity Photos: Early in his career Sonny served as a bodyguard in Las Vegas for the third ranking man in the Commission and was familiar with all members of the Rat Pack, from Sinatra to Sammy Davis, Dean Martin, and other super stars in those wild old days of the 1960's. Later, after Sonny had been ensconced at Ocean Reef for a couple of years, Sinatra and Sammy Davis came for a short stay. Sammy misbehaved in the Reef Lounge and Sonny had to exit him off the property. More current photos include Gorbachev, Arnold Palmer, Four-Star General Jim Mattis,



Sonny Vasquez, Director of Club Safety & Security, in his office--a personal museum of his 54 years at Ocean Reef

and President Ronald Reagan at Camp David.

Presidential Photos: With the exception of Reagan, who was recovering from the 1981 assassination attempt, Sonny worked closely with the Secret Service to provide extra security for eight presidents from Nixon to Obama on their visits to Ocean Reef. And he has the pictures (many of them autographed) on his office wall to prove it.

Family Photos: Before settling down for the last 41 years with his wife Kit, Sonny admits to previous marriages (he won't say how many) and a number of children (he won't comment on that either, though the much exaggerated count from the rumor mill is 26). He and Kit had three children together and now five beautiful grandchildren. There are photographs of them and of Mexican relatives (his mother was born in Mexico, his father in Spain) and of Sonny as a boy growing up in a small Texas town. Also on the wall is a picture of Sonny in his Marine uniform. He did 3 tours of duty behind enemy lines in Vietnam.

Wedding Photos: I don't mean shots of Sonny and

Kit on that memorable day over four decades ago. What I'm talking about are the photographs of some of the over 100 couples Sonny has joined in matrimony. He's a Notary and in Florida, as in many other states, that's all you need to tie the knot. (He will officiate his 168th wedding this month.)

Sonny told me that he was once part of a ceremony in Las Vegas for friends who wanted to renew their vows on their 25th anniversary. They asked nine other couples to join them. Because "Elvis" (remember this is Las Vegas) officiated and Kit couldn't come, Sonny was a "single." His friends insisted he find someone to "marry". Always agreeable Sonny complied.

"There was an Australian men's dance troupe rehearsing next door and I asked one of them if for a hundred bucks, he would marry me."

"But I'm not gay," insisted the 6'4, muscular young man. "Neither am I," said Sonny.

The only hitch (except for the one everyone was presumably there for) came at the moment when the husband and wife were asked to kiss. "Both of us backed away very fast," said Sonny.

Ocean Reef Photos: In January 1970 Sonny Vasquez was hired by Harper Sibley as a Bell Boy (he later made them change that to "Bell Man"). He worked his way up to Bell Captain ("good tips") with the additional responsibilities for cart rentals and managing the dolphins (not to be confused with the football team).

Sonny loved the dolphins (there were a series of them, but never more than a few at a time). For many years they lived in the lagoon next to the Ocean Room and gave two performances a day.

"Those dolphins had a good trainer, were hand fed, and they were happy."

Sonny blames the animal activists for forcing Ocean Reef to get rid of them. "At one point the activists protested by launching a cage with a lemon shark into the water to scare the dolphins into heading for the open waters."

Sonny's job eventually evolved into security and as he describes it "taking care of stuff." Over his 54 years at Ocean Reef he has been witness to Harper Sibley's development of Ocean Reef: the sale of Ocean Reef Club; Hurricane Andrew; and the Member Buyout in 1993. He has also seen a whole bunch of old buildings replaced with new buildings, the membership and cart traffic increase and a series of Club presidents come and go.

Whatever the changes have been, Sonny was ready for them. His dedication to Ocean Reef for all these years has never faltered. Officially or unofficially he's always on duty "until midnight or later if there are events that warrant it".

"Ocean Reef is the safest community in the United States. I challenge anyone to argue with that."

It's my impression that no one argues with Sonny.

Members Provide the Heart in All Charities' Offerings

By Sarah A. Cart

There was once a bottle of Ripple (a 1970s lowend, low-priced, wine) that raised thousands of dollars – repeatedly – at the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's (ORCF) earliest auctions, and the unopened bottle may still exist. That treasured tale from the gestation of All Charities Weekend (ACW) demonstrates the spirit that continues to prevail: Fun. Unique. Competitive giving. Good laughs. Great causes.

This season, ACW, set for **February 10-12, 2023**, will honor the past (think

"Ripple") and build for the future (think "possibilities").

From the heart:

Over the years, entertaining items offered by Members have included everything from professionally guided birdwatching close to home thanks to **Bill Legg**, to Tour de Reef cycle parties courtesy of **Debbie** and **Bill Hartmann**, and **John** and **Mary Lee's** Cult Wine Dinner, pairing Napa cabernets with the perfect menu.

Diane and Keith Hill
have reached back to their
years living in Africa to
put a Kenyan safari on the
block three different times.
After Stephanie and Ken
Karl participated, they were
inspired to help underwrite
one more, which proved so
popular that in the excitement
of the moment, the Hills
agreed to honor the three
highest bidders with three

separate trips.

As Diane notes, "We love showing people these beautiful animals in their natural setting and letting them see how kind the Kenyan people are, guiding them through the experience and making it as safe and seamless as possible."

(Although she's also cautions, "We won't be offering another safari for a while!")

Sheer joy:

Wayne Carlisle and Gus Hillenbrand have offered variations on "Two Guys Who Love to Cook" multiple times. Their breakfasts for a crowd are legendary. Gus shares that "Wayne can go to a grocery store with no list and no menu in mind. His eves get bigger and a huge smile comes on his face as he places STUFF in the cart (sometimes he needs two). By the time we check out, he knows exactly what he'll prepare, and it is ALWAYS TERRIFIC. We both love to cook on Wayne's Japanese Teppanyaki, but when we cook on the same surface together, he tends to hog most of the space ..."

Tons of diplomacy, seeds of friendship:

Betty and Tom Schievelbein once offered the opportunity to attend the christening of the John F. Kennedy Aircraft Carrier. As Tom looks back, it was "something unique that normally folks would not have an opportunity to

witness. The best part for us was seeing the christening through the eyes of the winning bidders and making new friends as a result."

Through the years, unique Member-curated experiences large and small have helped the Ocean Reef Community Foundation foster miracles. Creative ideas and offerings are always welcome. Perhaps the 12 Days of All Charities emails that will begin arriving this coming week will inspire you! Have an idea? Call the All Charities office at 305-367-5996.

A great cause:

All Charities has raised over \$50 million since 2008, enabling ORCF to provide financial grants with an emphasis on youth, education, community, and health and family services to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City, as well as support and strengthen the non-profit entities vital to our "unique way of life" here on The Reef: the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association.

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Advent – A Season of Illumination



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

The Ocean Reef Community is filled with the opportunity for great riches in relationships. One of my favorite, perhaps like many of you, is with a young man who delivers for UPS here at the Club.

A little backstory. When meeting people for the first time, and they ask what I do, I'll sometimes say, "I'm in sales and management for a local franchise of a global company." Years ago on a flight, having stretched it out as far as I could, I finally told the person, "I'm a pastor." He gave me

his business card and offered me a job on the spot!

So when our UPS friend first asked me what I do, I wouldn't tell him. It became a bit like the old game show, "What's My Line?" He would pepper me with questions and a guess, and I'd just reply, "Nope."

Finally, he obviously asked someone else who I was and what I did – and one of you 'let the cat out of the bag!' I was outed.

The great benefit of those weeks of guessing was getting to know this outstanding young man. Through the exchanges, we began to cultivate a relationship as persons. By the time I was 'outed', his knowing what I did simply added another layer of appreciation for the friendship.

So, what's your point, Bob? What's the connection?

We all have the experience of pre-judging a person based upon certain assumptions or unfounded prejudices we hold about them. Sometimes, for no-good reason, we're either uninterested or put-off. Yet when given the

opportunity to know them, you realize how 'wide of the mark' your assumptions were.

What we do with pre-judging others is often what we do with the person of Jesus. Our assumptions about him are often shaped by an experience we have had with some of his followers. Sadly, those experiences can be far from inviting or life giving. If that's what he's like, then there's no interest.

Consequently, a choice is made to never explore who he is, and discover what he is like for ourselves.

The church is observing the season of Advent. For the uninitiated, those are the four Sundays, leading up to Christmas Day. Each Sunday involves lighting a candle, and a reading that explores and explains why he has come.

Advent is a celebration of the coming of God in the person of Jesus, from Nazareth. He entered the world as an infant, born in Bethlehem. His identity is rooted in the story of Israel - the people of God's choosing – the Jewish people. His life unfolded in the Jewish world of the first century in a province the Romans called Palestina. His story is recounted in four books called Gospels, which mean 'good news.'

Each Sunday, one of four candles is lit on a beautifully crafted bronze stand. And the language of the liturgy begins, "The light of Advent is shining more brightly."

What the language signifies is that our understanding of who He is, and what God is doing through his life, grows as more light shines.

It is an incredible story – one filled with the light of hope, peace, love and joy – the four symbolic candles on the Advent wreath.

We're told that his coming into the world will banish the darkness. There was plenty of darkness when He came. There still is. The light of his life still shines.

I've just finished reading a book titled, "The Truth and Beauty: How the Lives and Works of England's Greatest Poets Point the Way to a Deeper Understanding of the Words of Jesus."

This prolific fiction author, Andrew Klavan, deliberately put aside the understandable prejudices and assumptions he had formed about Jesus. He began peppering what he read about Jesus in the Gospels with questions.

Slowly, over time, his understanding began to change. The Romantic English poets – Wordsworth, Keats, Shelly and Coleridge - were like Advent candles for his mind and heart. The light of their writing led him to encounter Jesus in a deeper and more profound way than ever before.

As I said when I began, the Ocean Reef Community is filled with the opportunity for great riches in relationships. If I could have just one wish this Christmas, it would be that more friends would be like Klavan – doing what he did and finding in Jesus what he found.

That's what all those lights are about at Christmas! They're illuminating his life like his life has illuminated our world.



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Ocean Reef Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert Henley

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FRIDAY, DEC 9

AA Meeting

7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

Jewish Shabbat Service

5:45 p.m., With Rabbi Anne Feibelman & Cantor Adina Shafstein, Chapel Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DEC 10

Shabbat Study Session

9:30 a.m., With Rabbi Anne Feibelman & Cantor Adina Shafstein, Chapel Fellowship Hall

Catholic Mass

4:00 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Father Hilley and special music performance of Christmas Music

SUNDAY, DEC 11

Traditional Worship Service

9:00 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with guest speaker Dr Ken Hemphill

A Journey Together, with Chaplain Rev. Bob Henley

10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Kids Matter Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Chapel Kid's

Room

MONDAY, DEC 12

Al-Anon Meeting

9:00 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall B

Rosary Prayer

4:30 p.m., Chapel Living Room

AA Meeting

7:30 p.m., Chapel Board Room Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

TUESDAY, DEC 13

The Chosen Season 2

refresher

6:00 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall B

WEDNESDAY, DEC 14

Intercessory Prayer

8:00 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service

9:00 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Rev. Robert Deshaies

THURSDAY, DEC 15

Men's Group Bible Study -Lead by Peter Raffalski 8:00 a.m.

Chosen Season 2 refresher

6:00 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall





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All About the Cooking School

By Jody Steele

The Cooking School at Carysfort Kitchen has a rich and lengthy history. It officially opened in 2016, while the original Cooking School was built in 1990. The tradition to bring in outstanding guest chefs began with Chef Jacques Pepin. Since those illustrious beginnings, the Cooking School has hosted cooking classes, special dinners and private events to tantalize every palate.

Lots of Choices

Cooking classes are designated "hands-on workshop classes" or "showcase demonstration classes" that are outstanding culinary experiences taught by Ocean Reef chefs, cookbook authors, and celebrity chefs. All classes include recipes,



Mark and Helen Burish participating in the Carysfort Kitchen Culinary Program.

menus, and a delicious meal with an appropriate beverage. This Season, Members have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of cuisine (almost 30 classes) such as Persian, French, Italian, Southern style, farm to table, grilling and even more. There really is something appealing for anyone with an interest in enhancing their cooking skills.

Specialty Dinners

The Cooking School will again be hosting Specialty Wine Dinners and Specialty Spirits Dinners with Chef Betania Salles, Carysfort Kitchen Chef de Cuisine, creating a unique dining experience, and ORC Beverage Director Sean Carroll selecting perfect beverages from around the world. These evenings are memorable events that Members savor.

Something New

The Carysfort Kitchen Culinary Program is an allnew program developed by Chef Betania Salles and her talented team. These classes are scheduled for December and January and include an Italian Series, a Kids Class, and a class that focuses on knife skills. Students have the distinct experience of learning in smaller groups, developing higher level kitchen skills, and have the opportunity to take home a sampling of their creative efforts.

A Private Party

If you are looking to host an afternoon or evening cooking class for family or friends, the Cooking School can help you customize your own special event. A get together to celebrate an anniversary or birthday or just cook for fun is sure to entertain all ages. These popular classes are always a hit.

So sit back with your copy of Taste, call Dining Reservations at 305-367-5931 to plan your culinary excursions at Carysfort Kitchen.

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USCG Auxiliary Course: "Suddenly in Command"

Thursday, December 15 1-3 p.m. **Key Largo Building**

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 navigational and weather 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 pljr51@gmail.com and give your name and contact phone number.

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Tuesday, December 13, 10:30am-

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Monroe County representatives will be stationed at Ocean Reef's Human Resources Computer Lab (2nd floor) on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays now through January 19, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist Members in registering for the Card Sound toll annual SunPass plan.

- Tuesdays, December 20, 27 & January 3, 10, 17
- Wednesdays, December 14, 21, 28 & January 4, 11, 18
- Thursdays, December 15, 22, 29 & January 5, 12, 19

For any questions or further information, please contact Olympia Newton, Budget/Contract Administrator, at newton-olympia@ monroecounty-fl.gov or 305-853-7359. The annual pass, which costs \$420 for the 2023 calendar year, allows unlimited trips for frequent users through the Card Sound Toll Plaza for a registered two-axle vehicle.





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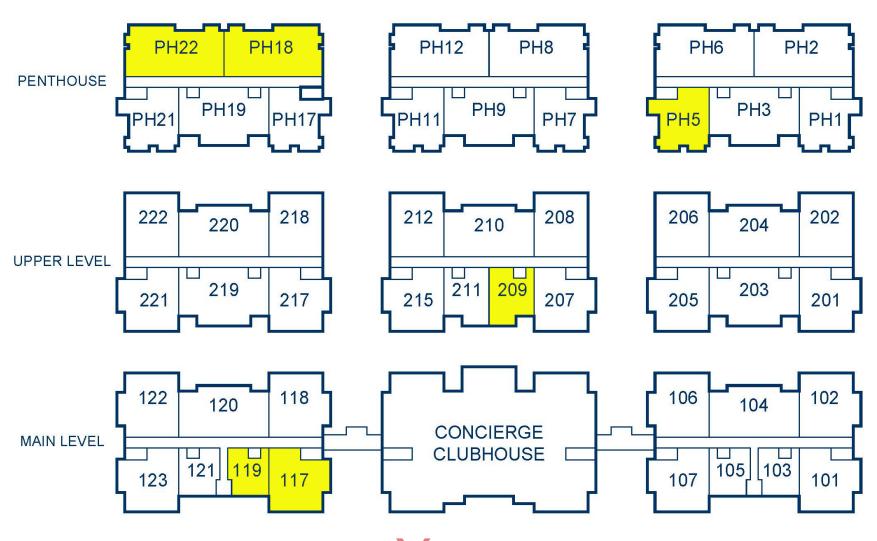
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PH5	\$2,995,000	2/2.5	1,858	NO	2243
209	\$2,650,000	1/2	1,414	YES	2229
119	\$2,195,000	1/1.5	1,127	NO	2222



NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Stay Healthy Check List

Stay on the road to healthy habits by starting these steps and by keeping as a reminder when you stray. Health is a daily practice. I totally regret eating healthy today- said no one!

- •Eat in moderation and include fruits, veggies and whole grains daily.
- Drink alcohol in moderation. For women it's one drink daily and two for men.
- •Hydrate by drinking plenty of water. Urine should be clear to slightly yellow.



- •Don't smoke or use tobacco. Get help if you struggle with quitting or backslide. Your physician can help with products or programs to quit smoking.
- •Thoroughly wash your hands -it's one of the easiest

things you can do to help prevent colds and flu.

- •Stay up to date on your vaccines and inoculations. If vou're not sure about vour last inoculations, like tetanus for example, check with your physician.
- •Stay up to date on your recommended cancer screenings: colonoscopy, PAP smear, mammogram and PSA.
- •Strive for 7-8 hours of sleep nightly. Help your body get into a rhythm by going to bed and waking up at the same time each day. Stay off computers and phones when it's close to bedtime.
- Take a break and de-stress. Meditate or go for a walk to clear your mind.

- •Strive to exercise as part of your daily living, even if it's just a walk.
- •Stay social. Meet a friend for coffee, make plans with your family or even a fun outing with friends.

Be healthy- stay healthy. Have you had your annual physical? Call the Medical Center today to schedule

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Audiology Daisy Elwick Dec 15, 22, 29, Jan 5, 12, 19, 26

Cannabis & Pain Medicine **Michelle Weiner** Dec 9

Cardiology Howard Bush Jan 19, Feb 9 Jorge Cuello

Dec 14, Jan 25

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz Dec 19, Feb 20

Dermatology Alysa Herman 305-444-4979 Dec 15, Jan 5, 19

Alexandra Price 305-670-1111 Dec 9, 16

Debra Price 305-670-1111 Dec 9, 16, Jan 6, 20

Varee Poochareon 305-740-6181 Dec 19, 21

Jill Waibel 305-279-6061 Jan 10, Feb 6

Endocrinology Jeremy Bleicher Jan 23, Feb 6, March 6

Heberto Valdes Jan 6, Feb 3, March 3

Gastroenterology Sandra Rodriguez Dec13, Jan 24, Feb 14

Gynecology **Jason James** Jan 12, Feb 9, March 9

Jila Senemar Jan 10, Feb 7, March 7

Holistic Medicine David Coppola Dec 13, 15, 20, 22

Nephrology **Anthony Farias** Dec 12, Jan 23, Feb 20, March 27

Neurology/Neuro Spine Nancy Epstein (Spine) Dec 21, Jan 18

Raul Vasquez-Castellanos (Spine) Dec 13

Victor Faradji Feb 2, March 2

Ophthalmology Bascom Palmer 786-530-2289 Dec 13, Jan 3

Zach Segal Dec 20, Jan 17

Optometry Lauren Nicholas Dec 9, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24 **Susanna Tamkins**

Dec 16 **Orthopaedic Hand Surgery**

Roberto Miki Dec 30, Jan 27

Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Michael Swartzon Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 10

Orthopaedic Surgery Derek Papp Dec 22, Jan 12, 26 **Joseph Fernandez**

Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17

James Voglino

Jan 13, Feb 13, March 3, April 7, May 26

Rosa Fernandez Tele-Med 954-385-6277 (Option 1) Dec 16

Podiatry Pedro Abrantes Dec 16

Sophia Masri Dec 9, Jan 13, 27

Psychology Joseph Mora Dec 19, Jan 9, 23

Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders Raul Valor Dec 23

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Farmer's Market Favorites

By Susan Bohan

The Farmer's Market at Four Corners has so many wonderful vendors. From stone crabs to skincare, brownies to barbeque, prime meats to pineapple, the choices are broad and varied. But during this holiday season there is one in particular that you should check out: John's Jungle Handmade Market Baskets.

Sourced from gifted weavers in Bolgatanga, Ghana, the baskets and purses are made from River Grass known as "elephant grass" and well over half the proceeds provide needed funds for thousands of families in the region. Originally John was part of a group that went to the region to help build wells for clean water. But when an artisan took him to see the craftsmanship of the local weavers, he realized he could



John's Jungle Handmade Market Baskets

market their wares and bring dignity to an entire community through their purchase.

So on Monday, December 12, as you tour all the various vendors, make sure you stop by John's Jungle to choose a unique gift for a friend knowing you have given a priceless gift to better entire villages in Ghana at the same time. Win, win!

Membership Giving Tree

Ocean Reef Club is collecting holiday gifts for low income and needy children living in the Keys. You can help! Purchase a gift for a boy or girl ages 0-17. Drop off your wrapped or unwrapped gift to the Membership Office between now and Wed., Dec. 21.

We are also collecting \$20.00 gift cards that will be delivered to the children currently staying at the Children's Shelter in Tavernier. Amazon gift cards are also appreciated as the Children's Shelter can send items via Amazon Prime. They really enjoy their special trips to Bealls to purchase items that they might need while staying at the shelter!

Your generosity and holiday spirit will be much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Office at 305-367-5921.





WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

9 FRIDAY

AA Meeting 7:30am • Church Board Room Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

Sweat Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10 & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3pm • Driving Range

"Banshees of Inisherin" (R) 4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony 5:15pm • RCK Clubhouse

Reef Club Kids Open

6-10pm • RCK Člubhouse

Live DJ

9pm • Burgee Bar

10 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Cardio Boxing Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

8 & 9am • Tennis and Games Center

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Reef Rec Room Open

2-10pm • Reef Rec Room

Grand Seafood Buffet

5:30-10pm • Ocean Room

Reef Club Kids Open

6-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

11 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour 1pm • Meet at Pool Desk

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

"Banshees of Inisherin" (R) 4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

12 MONDAY

MFC 10-Year Anniversary

All Day • Member Fitness Center

Beach Yoga Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis and Games Center

Library Open

10am-12pm • Cultural Center

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta & **Backgammon Open Play**

10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10 & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

Aqua Cardio Class

11am • Member Fitness Pool

Farmer's Market

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

AA Meeting

7:30pm • Church Board Room Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

13 TUESDAY

6am • Member Fitness Center

Master Swim Class

7am • Member Fitness Pool

Sweat Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Pickleball Cardio

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Cultural Center Museum Open

9am-4pm • Cultural Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

Backgammon Open Play 10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

Memory Café

10:30am-12pm • Chapel Fellowship

Barre Sculpt and Restore 2pm • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games

Men's Poker Night

6:15pm • Member Fitness Center

14 WEDNESDAY

Intercessory Prayer

8am • Chapel Living Room

Ladies Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cycle Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10am • Driving Range

Mah Jongg, Canasta & **Backgammon Open Play**

10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

Equity Get-Together: Cookies & Caroling

3-5pm • Tarpon/Cooking School

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games

An Evening of Bridge, Canasta, & Games

4:30pm • Card & Games Room

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

"Banshees of Inisherin" (R) 7:30pm • Cultural Center

15 THURSDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Center

Core Class

6:30am • Member Fitness Center

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

9 Hole LGA

9am • Hammock Golf Course

Cultural Center Museum Open

9am-4pm • Cultural Center

Gentle Yoga Class 10am • Member Fitness Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

Backgammon Open Play 10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

Farmer's Market

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

Burgee Bar Karaoke

6pm • Burgee Bar

GRAND SEAFOOD BUFFET

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MOVIES

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"Banshees of Inisherin" (R)

Fri. December 9 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM Sun. December 11 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM Wed. December 14 • 7:30PM Runtime: 1hr 54min

Stars: Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Kerry Condon

Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming consequences for both of them.



"The Hours" • Met Live in HD Sat. December 10 • 12:55PM Runtime: 3hr 15min \$25 at the door

Renée Fleming makes her return to the Met in the world-premiere production of The Hours. The story follows three women from different eras who each grapple with their inner demons and their roles in society. The premiere radiates with star power with Kelli O'Hara and Joyce DiDonato joining Fleming as the opera's trio of heroines. Phelim McDermott directs this compelling drama, with Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin on the podium to



conduct Puts's poignant and powerful score.

"Good Night Oppy" (PG)

Fri. December 16 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM Sun. December 18 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM Wed. December 21 • 7:30PM Runtime: 1hr 45min

Stars: Angela Bassett, Steve Squyres, Moogega Cooper

The film follows Opportunity, the Mars Exploration Rover affectionately dubbed Oppy by her creators and scientists at NASA. Oppy was originally expected to live for only 90 days but she ultimately explored Mars for nearly 15 years.

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

Library Hours Monday & Thursday • 10am-12pm

CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

PETER MILLAR.... Just in case you are under the misguided impression that there isn't a "real" men's store at Ocean Reef, go immediately to Peter Millar.... This small boutique (on the Raw Bar end of the Fishing Village) has a grand collection of menswear, which they describe quite accurately as - Timeless style with a modern twist.... The model shown here is wearing three of Peter Millar's best sellers.... A collared shirt (the unofficial uniform at Ocean Reef) is encouraged for many of the OR restaurants - even CH Prime & Lounge, provided it is topped by a jacket. This Tillis Performance shirt from Millar is perfect whenever/wherever. It is super soft, classic fit with a custom print, hand-designed in Millar's own creative studio. The shirt pictured features golf symbols (hats, balls, etc..) There is another one with tiny images of cocktails, that would make a festive holiday gift. (\$110) Peter Millar is famous for endurable and attractive pants. The Performance Five-Pocket pants (shown) are an alternative to jeans but softer (100% polyester) and classier. They come in a heap of colors (\$110). ... While I was at Peter Millar, a customer came in for "yet another pair" (his words) of the popular Hyperlight Apollo



sneakers (shown on the model). These comfortable slip-ons are made of textured yarns with a molded heel cup (\$248) Peter Millar offers many items that would make great gifts – a lightweight vest, cotton sports shirts in classic checks and plaids, the best walking shorts. Reminder: Only 15 shopping day until Christmas....Last word: "One of the nice things about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with a present."

by Joan Birsh

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WINING & DINING

MONDAY, DEC. 12 - SUNDAY, DEC. 18

Palm Court

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

Palm Court Nights Cantina

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Helping the Keys Children's Foundation

This season of thanks affords us the opportunity to share gratitude around the table with our families, reflect upon the past year and celebrate those special moments of the past and those to be made in the future with our children and their children. What blessings we have to cherish!

There are families in our backyard who are not so fortunate and there's no better time than now to help! Families in the Keys with limited childcare resources have been gifted the security of summer STEM programs at our local elementary schools to keep children engaged, stimulated and safe during summer months. Hundreds of children have been afforded the opportunity to attend



The Luncheon

For more than 20 years, the

camps at Jacob's Aquatic
Center. Numerous Keys kids
have had the chance to attend
field trips, college visits, take
part in before school care
and after school tutoring
and moreover, thousands of
meals have been provided
to children who may have
otherwise gone hungry. All
this, thanks to the generosity
of the Keys Children's
Foundation.

Foundation's "Be An Angel Luncheon" has been the primary fundraiser for these grantees. The 2023 luncheon will be held on January 23, 2023 and features activist and former "Honorary Student Spokesperson for the UN World Food Programme" Lauren Bush Lauren. Lauren is the CEO, Creative Director and Co-Founder of FEED Projects, LLC, a social business and impact-driven lifestyle brand whose mission is to "create good products that help FEED the world". She has been recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of their "Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs" in 2009, and in 2010, was named one of Inc. Magazine's "30 under 30".

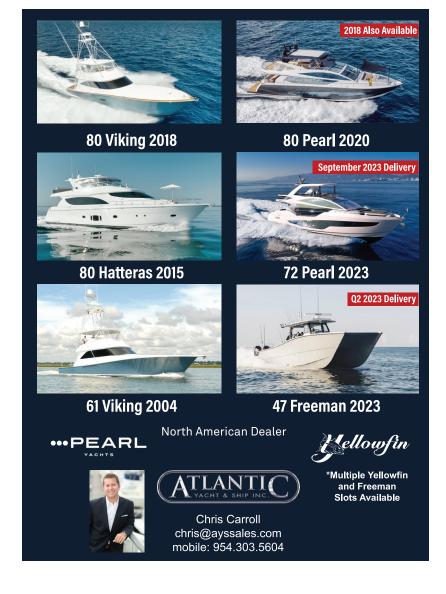
From Small Beginnings

The Keys Children's Foundation was established more than 28 years ago to provide assistance for needy children in the Keys - an all volunteer board, everything we do is "for the kids". The Florida Keys Children's Shelter, originally established by ORC Members to care for homeless children in the community, continues to be one of the recipients of the largest grants. The Foundation supports organizations in the Upper Keys providing support for needy children. These resources can include access to technology at Key Largo School, the ability to seek dental treatment through the needy fund at Coral Shores

High School, scholarships to YMCA summer camp or to college via Take Stock in Children and so much more. The Foundation supports the school food pantry in Tavernier that provides food for children who might not have food at home - this pantry sends bags of food home with children on the weekend to ensure they do not go hungry when they can't take advantage of school meals - the hardship is great and so nearby. The needs served are broad and diverse. The KCF and their assistance allow needy children in the Keys to participate in school activities and be part of the scholastic experience in ways they would not otherwise. In so many ways, this assistance helps local kids "just be kids".

How You Can Help

We hope you will join us for our Angel Luncheon on January 23, 2023 that is sure to be an inspiring afternoon reminding us that help does not always have to be in the form of a grand gesture. It instead can be offered by a small, but mighty group of people who care enough to take the time and rally their resources to make a difference in our community. Proudly, this event sells out almost every year. Invitations are in the mail now and ticket information is available by contacting Didi Streit at 203-621-8660 or didistreit@gmail.





Christmas Card-iology: a **Timeline**



Dot.calm" by Jane Silverman

December 9th is National Christmas Card Day – the unofficial date to mail your Holiday cards to friends and family. Whether you are concerned about the environment (in the US nearly 2 billion Christmas cards are sent each year using 300,000 trees) or just a procrastinator (like me), more and more people are turning to e-cards instead of snail-mail for their seasons' greetings; In fact, people hit "send" on over 500 million e-cards last year.

This new normal for virtual cards lacks the elegance and tactile dimension of traditional greeting cards (there's nothing like a mailbox or a fireplace mantle brimming with holiday greetings). Nevertheless, e-cards still convey the essence of the holidays: a personalized message of joy, love, family, and peace on earth.

Season's Greetings: Some of my favorite ecard sites for the holidays include: www. bluemountain.com, www. ojolie.com/cards and www.



Prang's 1881 Christmas Card design competition: 1st prize winner, Elihu Vedder's young woman with ribbons.

and www.smilebox.com to create bespoke e-cards with photos, music, and more.

The evolution of the e-card actually began almost 200 years ago:

Victorian England 1843: Printed commercial holiday cards became all the rage in Victorian England thanks to Sir Henry Cole – a man with admittedly too many friends and not enough time to write long letters to each of his friends and acquaintances.

USA 1880s: Printed holiday postcards became all the rage on both sides of the Atlantic. In Boston, Louis Prang "the father of the American Christmas Card", printed the first American card and hosted a design competition with over 800 entries voted on by the general public. The winners' art was displayed at galleries in NY and Boston and created our country's first national pop-art movement; it launched a Christmas card-





holiday cards, custom music cards, digital gift cards, or even celebrity "smash-ups" through Blue Mountain.

Cyberspace 1990s: 150 years later, Judith Donath became our modern-day Sir Henry Cole. She invented the electroniccard, aka e-card, in 1994 at the dawn of the internet era from her perch at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT's)

Media Lab; the card included basic text and simple imagery and quickly had millions of users.

Just a few years later, the first e-card company, Blue Mountain www.bluemountain.com, began to deliver holiday magic with online greeting cards. The first cards featured animated animals some of which spoke, sang, or moved when clicked on.

2022: Now owned by American Greetings, Blue Mountain has retained its position as a leader in the field with beautiful and personalized animated holiday cards, custom music cards (that play music when you swipe to open), digital gift cards, and celebrity "smash-ups" with personalized video greetings featuring celebrities like Dolly Parton, Christina Aguilera, and others.

Snail mail or email, the message is the same: Peace on Earth, Good Will to All, and batteries not included.



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Garden Group Spreads Joy for the Holidays

Each December, members of the Garden Group at Ocean Reef put together festive arrangements to be delivered to members of the ForgetMeNots group and others around The Reef who may not have the opportunity to get out and about often during the holiday season. It is a special tradition bonding two of Ocean Reef's Clubs within the Club together.

This year's Garden Group creations were handmade Christmas center pieces, made possible by Garden Group President Cathy Jansen, Garden Group Program Chairman Suzanne Sayia, and ForgetMeNots President Cynthia Weglarz, whose volunteers were kind enough to distribute the houses to members of the community.







Art League Holiday Show & More



by Susan Bohan

The Holiday Show will remain up until December 23 so do not miss it. Added this week are a few exquisite last-minute gifts of Ardmore Christmas ornaments, table runners and napkins. And if the paintings exceed your budget, there are still a few reasonable smaller ones available as well as lovely jewelry, silk wraps and baskets.

Excursions

Van Gogh Immersive Experience

Thursday, December 29, departs 9:15 am and includes lunch
A rare glimpse into the genius

of one of the greatest artists of all time. The following description by Nicole Melley, Executive Assistant of the Art League who just returned from the exhibit, sums it up best: "The Van Gogh exhibit is beyond breathtaking and is unlike any art exhibit I've seen thus far. Located in Miami's Historical Olympia Theater, the installation surrounds the original architecture of the theater. With life size sculptures, replicas of Van Gogh's paintings and dozens of digital projectors, it will take you back in time to each painting along with a Virtual Reality experience taking you through a day in the life of the artist, narrated by Van Gogh himself! This is more than an art museum. You can get into the artist's head, understand his thought process and dive back in time to the 1850's!"

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.



New ORC Salon & Spa Satellite Location



"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

With the Holidays just around the corner, our spa and salon team is getting busier by the week! Many of you have been calling to secure hair and nail appointments, massage and facials, makeup for parties, and more. We love the hustle and bustle of the holidays, and love seeing as many appointments as we can, so we are excited and happy to announce that we have a new satellite location at



Rick Brock with Perry the Barber in the new Residence Club satellite location.

the Residence Club! The Residence Club is Ocean Reef's newest condominium community and offers all the comforts and conveniences to help you experience peace of mind, including the beautifully designed salon and spa facility. This satellite location allows us to add 2 additional hair stations, 2

mani/pedi stations, and 1 treatment room for massage. Our team loves being at the ORC Residence Club Salon & Spa, and we are all happy to add appointment availability for our Members, especially during this time of year! This location will be open Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. upon demand. We have a select

service and treatment menu available, and we are open for appointments now.

We are also happy to announce that we have added several new providers to our talented team for both locations this season, including:

- •4 additional Nail Technicians, including another that specializes in acrylics
- •2 additional Hair Stylists
- •2 additional Barbers
- 4 additional Massage Therapists

For more information about either Spa & Salon location, please call us at 305-367-6506.



SPORTS

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BONEFISH BONNIES

Cheers to Bonnie Nancy Zakon



by Sarah A. Cart

The American Museum of Fly Fishing (AMFF) recently announced that Ocean Reef's own **Nancy Zakon** will be the recipient of AMFF's 2023 Izaak Walton Award, which honors and celebrates individuals who live by the Compleat Angler philosophy.

Nancy, as past president of the International Women's Fly Fishers, instructor in Orvis' first women's flyfishing schools, a designer of Orvis' first women's fly-fishing gear, founder of Juliana's Anglers and Sporting Club of New York City, and Bonefish Bonnies, has been a trailblazer for women in fly fishing.

The award will be



Nancy Zakon

presented online on March 13 and a celebratory reception at the Key Largo Anglers Club will follow on March 14.

Sharing Nancy's story on March 13 will be Mary Bloom, past president of the Bonefish Bonnies: Fanny Krieger, founder of the Golden West Women Fly fishers; Sara Low, the 2010 Fly Fisher of Distinction by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum and author of A Guide's Guide to Fly-Fishing Mistakes: Common Problems and How to Correct Them; Lori-Ann Murphy, co-founder of Reel Women Fly-Fishing Adventures; and the legendary Joan Wulff,

affectionately recognized as "The First Lady of Fly Fishing."

Past winners include Paul Bruun, Paul Dixon, Flip Pallot, Tom Rosenbauer, Rachel Finn, Jim Klug, James Prosek, **Tom Davidson** and Ed Jaworowski. Like Nancy, their passion for the sport of fly-fishing and involvement in their angling community provides inspiration for others and promotes the legacy of leadership for future generations.

A reminder that entries are being accepted for the first of this season's three Bonnies-only tournaments, Fishin' Funatics, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6. The competition focuses on the fun of fishing, whether on the flats, the reefs or offshore. Although the deadline to sign up isn't until mid-January, those who sign up by Dec. 15 will receive a special incentive reward. Entry forms are available in the drawer beneath the Bonnies' Bulletin Board in the Reef Treats lobby or can be downloaded from www.BonefishBonnies. com.

Bonnie FAQS:

Since 1999, the Bonefish Bonnies have enjoyed fishing fun and friendshipexpanding adventures via monthly luncheons, educational programs, travel adventures and local tournaments. In addition to the Fishin' Funatics, this season, the group's annual offshore competition, "Bonnies Love Sails," is set for **Monday, March 6**, and the organization's traditional flats competition, will take to the waters on **Monday**, **April 3**.

Bonnies bring together women interested in fun, friendship and fishing. The group is open to all women of Ocean Reef and Key Largo Anglers Clubs and their mothers, daughters or granddaughters. Individual events are priced separately. To join, register online at www.BonefishBonnies.com by completing both the Membership Form and the Waiver and Release Form (in addition to your signature, don't forget to check the "I agree" box on the waiver). For additional information, check the Bonnies Bulletin Board in the Reef Treats lobby or reach out via BonefishBonnies1@gmail.

Newcomers are welcome throughout the season.



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OCEAN REEF YACHT CLUB

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 120 members of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club cruised aboard 25 boats under sunny skies to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. While there, they enjoyed a lovely luncheon overlooking the Bay with the Miami skyline in the distance. To commemorate the occasion, KBYC Commodore Randolph Clark and ORYC Commodore **Don Bermant** (pictured right) exchanged club burgees. It was such a fun outing, plans are already afoot to return to KBYC next season.



USCG Auxiliary Ocean Reef Flotilla



by Peter Liashek, Flotilla Public Education Officer

Recently, 14 ORC associates completed the Florida State Boating Course taught by our Flotilla Staff Public Education Officer Peter Liashek, with assistance from another flotilla instructor, Barney Steele. The course is a state requirement for any individual born after January 1, 1988, who wants to operate a boat on Florida waters.

The Ocean Reef flotilla traditionally teaches this course to all associates in the early fall and in late season so as to allow them to enjoy the excellent boating in the Florida Keys. It was postponed the past two years due to Covid restrictions.

Peter will be teaching his "Suddenly in Command" course on **December 15th** at 1-3 pm in the Key Largo building. This course covers what to do in an emergency situation while out on the water, and has been a popular course with all ORC Members.

A Florida State course for all ORC Members/associates will be scheduled in January of next year. Stay tuned for more announcements in the Ocean Reef Press.

CSSC Stays Dry This Week

By Bill Reynolds, Card Sound Sailing Club Commodore



CSSC stayed on land this past week to observe and enjoy Vintage Weekend. We will be back on the water December 10th for the next races of the Dingley series followed by Hot Dog Day around noon in Baker Harbor. If you have an interest in sailing, crewing, serving on race committee or attendant boats, you are invited to join in.

As always, you may contact me by phone or email - **Bill Reynolds**, 614-296-7592, bill.reynolds@hotmail.com - or **Gary Sayia** at 201-919-7432, gsayia@aol.com.

CSSC wishes you a very merry and happy holiday and the best New Year!

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December...& Golf Croquet is Full On!

by William Hinkebein, Croquet Chair

As Members return to Ocean Reef Club, the beautiful croquet lawn is seeing much increased activity. Many players have been coming out to the Open Play sessions that are held Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays, 2-5pm. The increased activity is good for our game skills, camaraderie and fun. Just show up and play!

Director of Racquet Sports
Justin Romero has set up a full
schedule of events, tournaments
and Golf Croquet clinics and
educational opportunities to
learn and improve our games.
Please pick up the full Golf
Croquet Schedule at the Tennis
& Games Center ASAP so you'll
know what's happening. Also
know that Coach Jim Morton
is available for lessons. Contact
305-367-6583 to sign up for a



Kendall and Laura Hendrick finished 2nd in the 2022 United States Croquet Association Golf Croquet Club Team Tournament.

clinic, lesson or event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mondays: 2:30-3:30pm Beginners Clinic by Coach Justin Romero
- Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays& Sundays: 2-5pm Open Play
- Friday, Dec.16: 8:30am until finished, Winter Doubles Tournament. Sign your team up by Dec. 13 by calling 305-367-6583.

• Thursdays, Dec. 22 & Jan. 5: 3-5:30pm, Under 40 YO Cocktails & Croquet. Sign up by calling 305-367-6583.

A Special Thanks

A special thanks to Ms. **Carol Blackburn** for keeping our Croquet Tiki Hut bulletin boards up to date with info and great photos. Anyone, player or not, is invited to the Croquet Tiki Hut to see all that is happening.

Another special thanks to Mr. **Ron Sekura** who runs the golf croquet league called The Croc Cup, which begins January 12 and runs for six consecutive Thursdays.

Special Event Alert

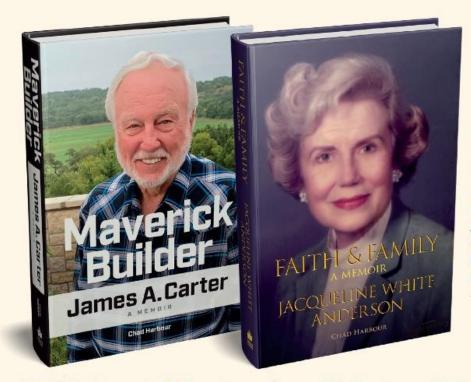
The 2023 Ocean Reef Club vs. Anglers Club Golf Croquet Challenge will be **March 17 & 18**. This event is an annual fun and competitive match now in its 21st year. This is an invitational event. Participating players must qualify by winning or perhaps second place in a 2023 scheduled event. Some players may be selected by their consistent play, enthusiasm and participation

throughout the season. Only 12 of ORC's top players can participate.

Other News

Last weekend was the 2022 United States Croquet Association Golf Croquet Club Team Tournament at the National Croquet Center (NCC) in West Palm Beach. The tournament consisted of over 100 players from multiple clubs from 10 different states. There were three different "flights" or competition levels: Championship Flight, First Flight and Second Flight. With multiple games on Friday and Saturday, the ORC team of Laura and Kendall Hendrick won their respective First Flight block thus qualifying for the playoffs on Sunday. They then won their quarter final match to reach the semi-finals. Upon winning in the semis, Team Hendrick reached the finals for the second year in a row. Ultimately, the Hendricks lost in a hard fought close match to place second overall in Flight 1. Many congratulations!

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6th Member-Guest **Pickleball**



Center Court" by Justin Romero, Director of Racquet Sports

It is hard to believe that is has been 6 years since our permanent courts were installed at Ocean Reef. Time flies, and the game has grown substantially within those 6 years bringing family and friends together, hosting some of the greatest Pros in the sport, and a contagious energy that adds great value to the Tennis & Games Center.

One of the highlight tournaments that has always been a hit since day 1 is our Member-Guest Pickleball Tournament. This weekend we celebrate our 6th Annual and it will not disappoint.







2021 Member-Guest Pickleball Champions, from I to r, Ryan VanNest and Stacey McCann, Mixed Doubles, Kelly Jones and Nicki Smith, Women's Doubles, and Matt Stevens and Jeff Babbitt, Men's Doubles.

Boasting over 70 players this event starts off with a 6:30pm Checkin and Cocktail Party and Friday night. Play starts Saturday at 9am with Ladies' Doubles kicking off the tournament. The Men are to follow starting at 11am. After lunch we will start our Mixed Doubles Flight at 2pm. All teams who finish at the top of their respective flights will be invited to the Semi-Finals on Sunday which kicks off with 9:30am Mixed Doubles semifinals and finals. Men's and Ladies' Semifinals will kick off at 11am and following the finals will be the award ceremony and champagne toast.

Come support and watch some great Member-Guest Pickleball played this weekend at the Tennis & Games Center Pickleball Courts.

First "105" Tennis Tournament

105 is a game that has taken Ocean Reef Tennis by storm. The rules are simple, gather your team of 4 or 5 players, and play to 105 points. However, there are incentives to get more than one point per time. If you hit a groundstroke winner, it is worth 5 points. A volley winner is worth 10 points. An overhead winner is worth a whopping 20! Every team has a different strategy and it will be exciting to see which one prevails this Friday, December 9th (TODAY) at 11am.

See you on the courts!

TENNIS RESULTS

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

Monday, December 5 Week 9 Results:

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- PUMPKIN CAY 63B 2/2 OCEANFRONT
- ANGELFISH CAY 30A 3/2 DOCKAGE
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Team of the Week

The Academy Kids!



The Academy kids showed their commitment and consistency this week by showing up rain or shine to their four practices. They continue to show enthusiasm by being energetic, always striving to get better, and learning new things on and off the court. They have fun the whole time, starting with the warm-up, then the drills, and of course the tennis games! I should add they enjoy some snacks too! Their favorite part is the tennis games. Their favorite games include Jail, Strike and Fire Ball.

PICKLEBALL TIP

Anticipation is Key



by Frankie Ngo, Pickleball Professional

It's not always having the fastest hands when standing on the Kitchen Line. Rather, it's about anticipation. Anticipating the next shot on the pickleball court can be broken down in to two components:

- (1) reading your opponent's paddle movement and
- (2) predicting the next shot based on ball placement, patterns and body language.

To elaborate, watching your opponent's paddle face and which way it is angled

will hint at which way the next ball is going to be hit. To predict the next shot in a rally, having knowledge of trajectory, shot percentages and ball placement that manipulate an opponent's center of gravity and balance is key. Such knowledge can be picked up by playing often and finding patterns that other players play. This knowledge can also be gained by asking Kevin or I about our favorite plays. For example, one of my go to's when engaged in a dink battle is to dink behind someone's left foot to either get a pop up or dink in a straight trajectory.

Next time you are out on the court, try my favorite play and join me for a lesson to master strategic ball placement on the pickleball





Vintage Open Golf Tournament



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

We couldn't have asked for a better day for the Vintage Open! The perfect conditions allowed for some great scores. The Gross Division had several teams that were in the hunt to win the Gross Champion title. Two teams were tied at 75 after the 18-Hole Alternate Shot Format. After a

scorecard playoff, the team of **Scott Heffner** and **Max French** came out on top to defend their title. The Net Division was not as tightly contested as one team rose above the rest. Congratulations to the team of **David Celentano** and **David Celentano Jr** with an impressive net score of 63!

9 Hole Ladies Golf Association

It was another great day for the 9 Hole LGA Family Tee Shamble, which allowed all players in the field to tee off from the fairway. The yardage advantage gave the opportunity for low scores, and our teams didn't let it go to waste!

There were two teams that tied for low score with an impressive 23. Congratulations to team **Stacey Lahey, Katy Miller, Stacy Scott, and Parris**

Bozeman and team Patricia Baxter, Helen Burish, Libby MacAulay, and Karin Teglia.

Congratulations also to our Closest to the Pin - **Francesca Johnson** hit it to 26'6" on Hole 9 and **Rose Alexander** hit it to 18'0" on Hole 5.

Men's Golf Association

The format for this week's MGA event was ABCD - 1 BB on the Odd Holes, 2 BB's on the Evens. This format requires teams to double down on the even holes to separate themselves from the field. In the Gross competition, the group of **Dragos Alexe**, **Jeff Dorsey**, **Tony Rodriguez**, and **Cal Philips** led the way to shoot a -1 (105). In the Net competition, the team of **Ralf Sellig**, **Rick Chambers**, and **Ray Smith** took

home the title with a little help from their blind draw, to shoot a total score of 12 under par 94!

Our closest to the hole contests were won by **Joseph Caruncho** (Hole #2- 3'9") and **Roger Rodriguez** (Hole #17 – 1'9").

Ladies' Golf Association

What a spectacular day we had on the Hammock Course for the Step Aside Scramble! The weather and course conditions were remarkable which lead to some impressive scores. In the Step Aside Scramble, some teams found it strategic not to always choose the longest drive. Our teams that came out on top expressed how important it was that all teammates contributed and it was a team effort from start to finish! See full results below.

SWING TIP

Signups Are Open With Golf Greats

Mike Adams, Terry Rowles & Bruce Rearick



"Swing Tip"
by Derek
Swoboda,
Director of
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Mike Adams and Terry Rowles, two of the world's greatest golf instructors, will again be visiting the Club for two separate golf teaching sessions this season.

Session 1 – Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15

- •Morning attendance from 8am-12pm
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GOLF SCOREBOARD

Vintage Open December 4th, 2022

1st Place Gross: Scott Heffner and Max French

2nd Place Gross: Andy Timmerman and Joe Joyner **1st Place Net:** David

Celentano and David Celentano Jr.

2nd Place Net: PeterCrossgrove & Dennis Gonzalez3rd Place Net: Jeff Fassbinder

& Phil Heilpern **Closest to the Hole:** JoAnn

Titley (Hole #5), Andy Timmerman (Hole #16)

LGA Step Aside Scramble

1st Place Gross: Linda Roberts, Staci Berry & Deborah Wright

1st Place Net: Karen Davidson, Mona Brewer, Cassandra Moffett, Jodi Hilton

2nd Place Net: Carol Andrews, Joyce Guyton, Hope Fortis, Laura Reed

3rd Place Net: Hillary Smith, Marita Sladky, Jennifer Forelli, Vicki Carr

Closest to the Hole: Linda Roberts (#6), Jacquie Cardone (#12)

LGA Weekly Event

1st Place (Tie): Stacey Lahey, Katy Miller, Stacy Scott, Parris Bozeman

1st Place (Tie): Patricia Baxter, Helen Burish, Libby MacAulay, Karin Teglia

3rd Place: Cathy Jansen, Cynthia Hilberg, Susie Hassett, Rachel Kellev

Closest to the Pin: Rose Alexander (#5), Francesca Johnson (#9)

MGA Weekly Event

1st Place Gross: Dragos Alexe, Jeff Dorsey, Tony Rodriguez, Cal Philips

2nd Place Gross: Albert Rex, Michael Conley, Geoff Noyes, Luis Arguello

3rd Place Gross: Max French, Paul Archibald, Blair Bynum, John Kazmer

1st Place Net: Ralf Sellig, Rick Chambers, Raymond Smith 2nd Place Net: Cliff Milam,

Douglas Totura, John Reed, Robert Falk

3rd Place Net: James Davidson, Joe Hertzman, Peter Shea, Larry Brady

Closest to the Hole: Joe Caruncho (#2), Roger Rodriguez (#17)

Racing on the Pond Begins



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

Last Sunday was a beautiful day to start practice racing for the 2023 Card Sound Model Yacht Club Racing Season, which begins in January. We had a beautiful northeast breeze and sunny skies with 7 sailors and their East Coast 12 Meter model yachts ready to put those boats through their paces. Between those 7 sailors, the good group of spectators, and welcoming the newest member of our club, **Joe Robillard**, it was a fantastic way to begin the season!

For the last few years, we have used the Sundays in December as practice racing days. It has been since April that we've had



EC12s getting ready for the start. Photo by Erin Coffin.

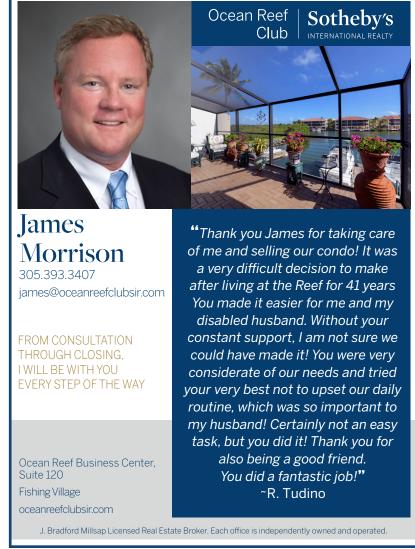
our EC12s on the water so our sailors need to get reacclimated with the routine. Plus, some of our members go back and forth to their northern homes this time of year or have family commitments during the holiday season even if they are on The Reef. Using the month of December as practice gives most of our sailors a chance to get some practice. But a big reason for practice racing is that our boats haven't sailed since April and sometimes issues can pop up from lack of use. Jim Seale learned this the hard way when he found his rudder was seized up. Saltwater is the enemy of almost anything metallic and adds quite a

bit of extra maintenance that our friends in other model yacht clubs don't have to contend with sailing on freshwater. But Jim's rudder issues are not insurmountable, and we'll see him back on the water soon. I even found an issue on my boat that I had forgotten to correct in the off-season. Fortunately, I brought my spare parts box with me figuring someone would need something at the start of the season. Turns out that someone was me!

Between last minute adjustments we all made and trying to assist Jim in getting on the water we only managed to get four races. As such, all races on the day counted towards the final standing for the day. Normally, we will race five or more races meaning that each of us drops our worst race from the scoring. It may be practice, but we're still quite competitive with one another! Winning the day of practice racing was **Al Mast.** Second place went to **Jay Connelly** who sailed **Pike Noyes'** beautiful new EC12 that he acquired in the spring. Rounding out the top three was, yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday....and this season, Christmas, and New Year's Day) from December until the end of April at "the Pond." Races begin at 10AM and we are always looking for new members to join our group of model sailors. So, swing by the Buccaneer Island lagoon as early as 9AM 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.





10 Years of Member Fitness



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

On Monday, December 12, the Member Fitness Center and Spa building will turn 10 years old since its renovation. The Member Fitness and Spa departments receives hundreds of Member visits daily, making the building one of the hotspots on The Reef. A few months back, Club + Resort Business magazine even ranked us number one among private club and resort wellness in the country. Additionally, I have had the honor of serving as the Chairman of the Fitness and Spa Association (CSFA) for three years. The CSFA is a national organization that provides networking and education to professionals working in private club fitness, spa, and wellness across the United States and beyond. This has helped us keep our finger on the pulse of the private club wellness world for years.

In season, Member Fitness hosts over 70 group classes per week and over a dozen special events and trunk shows per month. The classes include Pilates, yoga, Zumba, Silver Fit, Fit Camp, HIIT, cycle, water aerobics, masters swim, strength and conditioning, muscle toning, Tai Chi, cardio boxing, and more.

The Member Fitness Team is comprised of over 35 fitness specialists and coordinators. Fitness Specialists is an umbrella term that includes personal trainers, yoga teachers, Pilates instructors, stretching specialists, water exercise, swim, and group instructors of various fitness formats. Several of our personal trainers are also group instructors. We also have several visiting specialists every season to help bring different perspectives and skills

Looking back, we have many special memories and success stories to be proud of. The Member Fitness Center is more than a gym; it is a place where Members come to improve their physical fitness and overall wellness next to one another in an environment that is both safe and positive.

Looking forward, we are always seeking to improve the Member experience by hiring knowledgeable and passionate fitness professionals, buying the best fitness equipment in the market, and looking to add new programs and

technologies such as the Miha Bodytech Electro Muscle Stimulation system.

The Member Fitness Center's main purpose is to enhance our Members' quality of life by improving physical, mental, emotional, and social wellness. We want to see our Members enjoying their favorite activities and sports for as long as possible. Fitness is more than looking, moving, and feeling better; it is also a way to manage stress and connect with ourselves and others. By embarking on a personal fitness journey, we open ourselves to greater possibilities and adventures.

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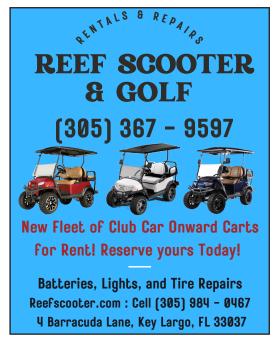
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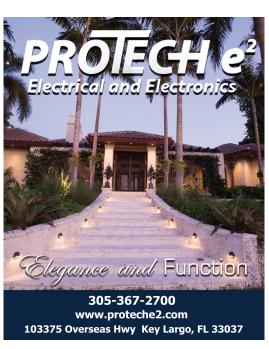
















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