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12 RULES of CHRISTMAS

On the first day of membership the Club gave to me:

Rules & regulations and a book of history.

On the second day of membership the Club told me:

Your membership card should be presented for charging easily.

On the third day of membership the Club told me:

Don't share your membership card with anybody.

On the fourth day of membership the Club told me:

Dress code is a tradition, no dressing sloppily.

On the fifth day of membership the Club told me:

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On the sixth day of membership the Club told me:

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On the seventh day of membership the Club told me:

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On the eighth day of membership the Club told me:

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On the eleventh day of membership the Club told me:

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On the twelfth day of membership the Club told me:

Decorum is required for everybody.



Back To Basics



by Terry
Baxter

I love Italian food. At least once every 10 days I order the Chicken Parmigiana at Gianni and go home with a satisfied smile. I customize the order slightly by substituting angel hair in pink sauce for the spaghetti marinara pasta. The wait staff and kitchen graciously accommodate me without a raised eyebrow.

Gianni Chef de Cuisine Andrea Rodella says, "We are here to serve. I have learned one thing. If there is a constant pattern of requests, we have every reason to be flexible. I keep three pans ready on the stove to make pink, vodka, or alfredo sauce if that's what would please a Member."

Chef Andrea and Gianni Manager Luca Papini spent every night last season reviewing Members' feedback and suggestions. The initial concept for the Gianni menu was for "elevated Italian." But, many Members were used to more approachable food. Andrea said, "Luca and I worked hand-in-hand talking about improvements." Luca said, "We decided we had to create more recognizable dishes so the Members would know what to expect, more old school Italian."

Over the summer, Chef Andrea returned to his hometown in Italy, Mantova, in Lombardy. He surprised his mother after living several years in America. They toured the local restaurants, "Sometimes multiple places on the same day. Trattorias, basic rustic food. They use the fresh local ingredients – tomato, basil, pasta, mozzarella – simple and not over worked." He said he wished Ocean Reef



Gianni Chef de Cuisine Andrea Rodella says, "Try our new menu items."

Members could enjoy this authentic comfort food. So he brought some of it home.

When Chef returned to Ocean Reef, the kitchen staff tested 30 new items between the seasons, which has led to a greatly expanded Gianni menu. Seven different fresh pastas are made in-house. Recently I tried the Burrata Ravioli with tomato ragu, pistachio, and parmesan. The ragu takes hours to perfect, with five different tomato variants blended to balance the acidity. It was wonderful. Andrea has added Vegetarian Lasagna, which can be "beefed up" with a Bolognese sauce to satisfy meat lovers. He has brought back the popular pan seared veal chop, which was only available intermittently last year. He has introduced Zuppa Di Pesce, an Italian seafood stew. He calls it, "authentic, simple, and approachable. I let the seafood speak." And, Gianni offers "Joe Maiuro Pizza," the All-Charities-Winning-Specialty-Pizza. It features ricotta, truffle, pecorino, parmigiano, basil pesto, confit garlic, oven tomatoes, with poached lobster, shrimp, and scallops. Yikes.

Overall, there are five salads, 10 antipasti small plates, eleven pasta dishes, seven pizza choices, five seafood dishes, and nine chicken, veal, beef, or pork preparations. Comfort food indeed.

Before I finish, I need

to salute the serving staff.

"Serving" is almost too demeaning a term. They are ambassadors for the food – knowledgeable, friendly, and efficient – quite a change from my summer experience in New Hampshire where half the restaurants were closed

or on half-week service due to worker shortages. Ocean Reef does a spectacular job of recruiting good people, instilling the Ocean Reef ethic, and imparting the culinary traditions for each particular venue. We are lucky diners. *Buon Appetito.*



Online Dining Reservations Available

The online reservations platform is a fantastic way for Members to maximize their dining potential, by providing an easy way to make reservations and also to see what's available throughout The Reef. For example, if you request a 6:30 p.m. reservation at the Islander, but that time is not available, the system will tell you what time(s) are. So your 6:30 p.m. reservation may not be available, but a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. reservation may be. Additionally, it lets you know whether Gianni, Ocean Room or CH Prime have reservations available around your requested time. And it's all right there on screen. Equity Members can see reservations two weeks out, while Social and Legacy Members can see available

reservations three days out.

Accessing online dining reservations:

1. Visit oceanreef.com and log in to the Members' side of the website.
2. Go to "Quick Links" and select "Dining".
3. Find the restaurant you want to make a reservation for – Islander, Gianni Ristorante, Ocean Room or CH Prime – and click "Reservations" underneath it.
4. Select the desired date, number of guests, and desired time.
5. You will now see the available reservations at all four restaurants around your desired time.
6. Select one, input your information, and press "Book Reservation".
7. You're done!

If you have any questions or need more help accessing online dining reservations, visit the Membership Office or give them a call at 305-367-5921.

KEYS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The Keys Children's Foundation is proud to announce a holiday donation of grocery gift cards to 300 families in the Upper Keys. After being alerted to this special need, the KCF Board of Directors worked with the administration of two community schools to provide this contribution. The Keys Children's Foundation appreciates the Ocean Reef community for helping them help the children.

Join the Keys Children's Foundation at the "Be An Angel Luncheon" on **Monday, January 23, 2023.**



Key Largo School Administration accepts holiday donation from KCF. From left to right, Debra Ward, Assistant Principal, Darren Pais, Principal, Hannah Fisher, Assistant Principal.



Maida Court, Assistant Principal at Plantation Key School, accepts holiday donation for 150 grocery gift card from KCF.

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Monroe County representatives will be at Ocean Reef's Human Resources Computer Lab (2nd floor) on the following dates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist in Card Sound toll SunPass plan registration.

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

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Ocean Room Carries on Club History

The Ocean Room is a true Ocean Reef icon, steeped in decades of Club history having survived hurricanes, fires, and multiple renovations. This dining tradition dates back to December of 1960 when it was known as the Madeira Room.

At the time, the new 225-seat dining room was warm, elegant, and named for the stand of mahogany trees originally located on the site that were used for the restaurant's wood paneling and cocktail tables. The Madeira Room had a coral fireplace often home to a roaring fire, and waiters tossed Caesar salad with an egg at the table and served flaming Cherries Jubilee for dessert.

In Ocean Reef's earliest days,



The front page of December's Reef Review in 1985 mirrors the sentiment felt this past Saturday with this season's return of the Grand Seafood Buffet.

the Madeira Room functioned as not only the primary dining room at The Reef, but the only dining room. (To think the Club now boasts more than 15 restaurants and lounges!). The Madeira Room and neighboring Reef Room bar, known for many years now as Reef Lounge, were

the ultimate social gathering spots for decades.

Fast forward to 2022 and these two classic locations are once again the place to be for music, cocktails, light bites and elegant dinners. Perhaps in the biggest nod to history was last Saturday night's return of the Grand Seafood Buffet, offering incredible displays of stone crabs, caviar, snow crab, sushi boats filled with Member favorites, and even a dedicated oyster bar where they are hand-selected and delivered to your table. The 1960's Cherries Jubilee has been replaced with specialty Flambé desserts made to order.

If you were to read the front page article of the 1985 Reef Review, pictured here, you'd see the Saturday night Ocean Room Buffet was, even then, considered a "long-standing tradition." Now, 37 years later, the Grand Seafood Buffet is

still an Ocean Reef staple and easily the Club's most treasured dining tradition. On Saturday, December 24, you can again step foot inside the Ocean Room for the next Grand Seafood Buffet, and experience the exquisite blend of tradition and elegant, elevated flair that is synonymous with the modern day Ocean Room.

And, if you have yet to enjoy the new offerings of the Ocean Room nightly dinner menu which includes a few select Islander favorites along with a sushi bar and raw bar, now is the time to make your reservation. Enjoy a step back in time while also indulging in the modern pleasures offered by the Club's talented culinary team.

The menus and décor may change but the history and tradition that prevails in the Ocean Room represents where we've been as a Club, and where we are going.



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OCEAN REEF ALL CHARITIES



Ocean Reef Club members **Cynthia & Todd Doolan** and **Charlotte & James Drinkwater** enjoyed a fantastic long weekend on Kamalame Cay in the Bahamas last month as part of a 2022 All Charities auction package they won in February. "We laughed, snorkeled, and relaxed on the beach. The highlight was taking off in a floatplane and splashing down right in front of our marvelous villa. Thanks to All Charities for all their worthy & wonderful efforts," said Todd Doolan. This trip was donated by All Charities Preferred Partner Wheels UP.

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PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

New Online Donor Portal Coming in the New Year!



by Yurianna Mikolay,
Executive Director
Ocean Reef Community Foundation

In addition to the many great solutions the Foundation's Donor Advised Funds (DAF) offer, particularly at year-end, we are pleased to announce that 2023 will bring valuable new conveniences in the form of an online Donor Portal.

First, a brief overview of the ongoing benefits of centralizing your giving with a Foundation DAF:

- Instant, low minimum start-up (\$10,000) for a named fund
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- Simplicity and convenience (we do the work, you get the credit!)
- Accountability and stewardship
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- Recognition of the Ocean Reef Community's generosity

The new Donor Portal will enable Advised Fund Donors to add to that list 24/7 access to real-time information about their funds whenever and wherever they want it with a secure login via the internet.



A big thank you to the Social Committee and Ladies of Card Sound Club for decorating and donating four festive tabletop Christmas trees! It worked out perfectly that we were able to deliver them to the four non-profit organizations we visited on our recent Homestead Charity Tour, which included Kristi House Child Advocacy Center, En Familia Art & Family Education Center, Three Virtues (Food Pantry & Summer Camp Programs) and PATCHES Pediatric Medical Daycare.

New features will include:

- Access to real-time balances, past contributions, giving history and statements; investment performance; tax documents and more
- Ability to submit grant requests online by choosing from a list of past grants or searching for and researching new IRS-qualified organizations via Candid GuideStar
- Real-time status of gift requests
- Access to view and contribute to community needs online through our "Co-Investment Opportunities"

While the Donor Portal will provide something of a "self-service" option for those who have come to expect online access as a modern convenience, I would emphasize that it is just that – another option. We will roll out the new program next year with some "how-to" educational opportunities. Donors who are more inclined to a full-service, lower-tech approach can continue to have it their way. (Yes, we will still take your gift requests scrawled on the envelope of a snail-mail appeal and research the new charity you heard about for you with pleasure!)

You could say the portal will put our DAF amenities on par with the big commercial providers of DAFs. But considering that they charge fees we don't and can't offer the choice of personalized service or knowledge of our local

philanthropic landscape we do, I'd argue we actually have the advantage.

While the new portal is still in the works, I thought it important information for the community to have when making year-end giving decisions. A named DAF can be opened as late as New Year's Eve in just a few minutes and give you all the time you need to decide how to donate. To

learn more, stop by our office in Suite 148 of the Ocean Reef Business Center, visit www.oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org, email foundation@oceanreef.com or call (305) 367-4707.

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Hanukkah – A Moment in Time



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

Tucked away in the Boll Garden of the Chapel and Fellowship Center at Ocean Reef are two symbols of this holiday season - the Menorah and the Creche.

Christmas

The Creche recalls the birth of the Christ-child, literally from the womb of Israel, through

the humility and devotion of a young Jewish woman, Mary from Nazareth. Culturally, no season is more widely observed in our country than Christmas. Not even the bright lights and cheerful sounds of the 'holiday' can completely over-shadow the event that is at the heart of it all – the birth of Christ.

Hanukkah

But what is the response if you ask someone about Hanukkah, and the significance of the Menorah? Unless they're familiar with Jewish history and culture, they'll likely admit they really don't have an idea what it's about. Because they share the same space in time, anyone can be forgiven for thinking that Hanukkah is the Jewish alternative to Christmas. Far from it!

Hanukkah is the celebration of a moment in time in the life of the Jewish people. It should matter to all of us, because it is a moment in time that radiates hope in God's faithfulness, even in the darkest of times.

The History

The roots of Hanukkah are in a place and time, hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. While the names Babylon, Persia, and Greece may be ancient, they are integrally part of the story of God and the Jewish people.

The Babylonians demolished the walls of Jerusalem, and destroyed the first temple. They took the Jews who survived into captivity in Babylon – a period of 70 years, called, the exile. The Jewish prophet Jeremiah wrote to them saying, "Remember the Lord in a distant land, and call to mind Jerusalem." It was never forgotten, and never will be.

The Persian king, Cyrus the Great, returned them to the land, and substantially underwrote the cost of reconstructing the city walls and rebuilding what is known as the second temple.

History has been far from kind to the Jewish people. Yet seen from a distance, God's greater purpose can be discerned in this ancient time of their suffering.

In 175 BC, a Darth Vader like figure, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, invaded the land of Judah. A Seleucid ruler, he sought to force Greek culture on the Jewish people. He confiscated the Torah scrolls, murdered the high priest, brutalized the people, banned the Sabbath, and suppressed observance of the Jewish law.

Most egregious of all, he erected an idol of the Greek 'god' Zeus in the temple, and desecrated it by sacrificing a pig on the altar of incense.

The Hammer

Judas Maccabeus, aka, the Hammer, led the revolt against the Seleucid Empire. He and his fighters defeated an overwhelming military force. Following their victory, and the cleansing of the temple, it was rededicated in 165 BC.

At the time of the rededication, there was only one day's supply of sacred oil found for lighting the golden, seven-branched Menorah, that stood prominently in the temple. However, miraculously, that supply of oil is said to have lasted for eight days.

Recalling the Miracle

The lights of the Hanukkah Menorah celebrate the miracle that took place in that moment in time, those eight days. The eight lights remind us of the power of hope to shine in the darkest of circumstances in our lives, and in our world. That hope is rooted in the faithfulness of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to his people – forever. And through them, the light of God's hope continues to shine, giving hope to the whole world.

The members of Congregation Ocean Reef will be celebrating the lighting of the Menorah each evening of Hannukah at 6 p.m. May those lights engender a greater sense of hope in God's faithfulness in each of our lives at this important time of year.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP CENTER NEWS

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AA Meeting

7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room
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SATURDAY, DEC 17

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SUNDAY, DEC 18

Traditional Worship Service

9:00 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Bob Henley

A Journey Together

10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Bob Henley

Kids Matter Worship Service

10:30 a.m., Chapel Kid's Room

Chanukah Lighting

4:00 p.m., Outside in the Chapel Gardens

Chanukah Party

4:30 p.m., Town Hall Roof Top

MONDAY, DEC 19

AI-Anon Meeting

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

Rosary Prayer

4:30 p.m., Outside in the Chapel Gardens

Chanukah Lighting

6:00 p.m., Outside in the Chapel Gardens

AA Meeting

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

TUESDAY, DEC 20

Chanukah Lighting

6:00 p.m., Outside in the Chapel Gardens

WEDNESDAY, DEC 21

Intercessory Prayer

8:00 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service

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

Chanukah Lighting

6:00 p.m., Outside in the Chapel Gardens

THURSDAY, DEC 22

Men's Community Fellowship

8:00 a.m., Led by Peter Raffalski

Chosen Season 3 Refresher

6:00 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

Chanukah Lighting

6:00 p.m., Outside in the Chapel Gardens



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There are more than 100 types of arthritis. The most common form of arthritis is osteoarthritis, occurring mostly in the hands, hips and knees. Other forms include gout, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. Rheumatoid arthritis and lupus can affect multiple organs and cause widespread symptoms. General symptoms of arthritis are pain, aching, stiffness and swelling in or around the joints, however, specific symptoms can vary depending on the form of arthritis.



Medical Center physician Manuel Torres states; "Osteoarthritis is the wear and tear of your joints and the breaking down of cartilage - sort of like the tread on car tires. This can be prevented with muscle strengthening, flexibility and mobility. Other types of arthritis can be autoimmune related and

may require a rheumatology consultation."

Unfortunately, there is no cure for arthritis and the pain and discomfort can have a negative impact on your mood and quality of life. Learn what type of arthritis you have and whether your joints are damaged. Pay attention to your joints when sitting, standing and during physical activity. Keep your joints moving by daily gentle stretching that moves your joints through their full range of motion. Know your limits and balance activity with rest so you don't overdo it. Frequent repetition of the same movements, like swinging a tennis racquet or golf club, can add to joint pain and swelling.

The holidays frequently involve long periods of car travel. Take periodic breaks from driving and stretch your muscles. Your hips and back will thank you.

Choose the right type of

activities, those that build the muscles around the joints but don't do damage. The Medical Center's Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy department can assist you with an exercise program that works for you.

Consult with your physician if you find yourself using over-the-counter pain relievers regularly without relief or your pain level is changing. Staying ahead of arthritis pain and discomfort, along with lifestyle changes to ease pain, are an important part of managing arthritis.

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

Cannabis & Pain Medicine
Michelle Weiner
March 24, July 7

Cardiology
Howard Bush
Jan 19, Feb 9

Jorge Cuello
Jan 25

Colorectal Surgery
Dan Ruiz
Dec 19, Feb 20

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

Alexandra Price 305-670-1111
Dec 16

Debra Price 305-670-1111
Dec 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
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 305-451-1819
Dec 20, 22

Nephrology
Anthony Farias
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
Jan 3, 4, 24

Zach Segal
Dec 20, Jan 17

Optometry
Lauren Nicholas
Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24

Susanna Tamkins
Dec 16, Jan 20

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 26

Joseph Fernandez
Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17

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

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

Podiatry
Pedro Abrantes
Dec 16, Jan 11, 25, Feb 17

Sophia Masri
Jan 13, 27

Psychology
Joseph Mora
Dec 19, Jan 9, 23

Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders
Raul Valor
Dec 23

Spine Care & Pain Management
Ronald Tolchin
Dec 20, Jan 10, 31

Urology
Dani Papir 786-530-2289
Dec 22, Jan 12, Feb 9

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Saturday, December 17

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XGLOSIVE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

Saturday, December 17 • Tennis

Sunday, December 18 • Pickleball

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. & 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center for more information 305-367-6583.

DECK THE WALLS

Tuesday, December 20

6 - 7 p.m. Carysfort Lobby

Come view our holiday-inspired wreaths.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Wednesday, December 21

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Town Hall Waterside

No reservations required. Complimentary.

WHERE IS THE GRINCH? SCAVENGER HUNT PARTY

Thursday, December 22

3 - 5 p.m. • Various Locations

5 - 7 p.m. • Town Hall Lawn

Pick up your Hunt List from Membership. Annual Grinchmas Party to follow.

No reservations required. Complimentary.

SANTA CRUISES THE REEF

By Car: Thursday, December 22 • 4 - 6 p.m.

By Boat: Friday, December 23 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Santa will travel The Reef in style!

Details: 305-367-6516

GINGERBREAD TEA

Friday, December 23

1 - 4 p.m. • Town Hall Waterside

Decorate your own gingerbread creation. \$60 per house • Reservations: 305-367-5931

SANTA ON THE BEACH

Saturday, December 24

5:45 p.m. • Buccaneer Island

Santa arrives at 6 p.m.

ELF TUCK-INS

Saturday, December 24

Starting at 7 p.m.

To be sure your home is on the

elves' list call: 305-367-6516

Reservations required.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24

9 p.m. • Fishing Village

11 p.m. • Chapel & Fellowship Center

SANTA'S SLEIGH WRECK GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, December 25

8 a.m. Tee Times • Dolphin Course

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FLYING TRAPEZE SCHOOL

December 26 - January 1

Field at Four Corners • \$220++ per person

Registration required for classes, space is limited. Registration Required: 305-367-6516.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Monday, December 26 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center for more information 305-367-6583.

DRIVE-IN SUPER BINGO

December 26 & 30 • 7 p.m. Start.

Business Center Parking Lot

Reservations required, \$40++ per Bingo pack.

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FATHER-SON TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, December 27 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center for more information 305-367-6583.

REINDEER RUN 5K

Tuesday, December 27

8 a.m. • Business Center Parking Lot

7:30 a.m. Pre-Registration.

\$25 per runner includes a shirt.

Details: 305-367-7493

COOKING SCHOOL: "COOL KIDS COOKING"

Tuesday, December 27

9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

CONCERT ON THE BEACH WITH MICHAEL CAVANAUGH

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 p.m. • Buccaneer Island

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

December 27 & 30

5 - 10 p.m. • Town Hall Waterside

Complimentary.

TOUCH A TRUCK

Wednesday, December 28

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 121 Marina Parking Lot

Complimentary.

CHRISTMAS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, December 28

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Tennis & Games Center

WINTER WONDERLAND STREET FAIR

Wednesday, December 28

6 - 9 p.m. • Fishing Village

Complimentary.

REAL ESTATE OPEN HOUSE TOUR

Wednesday, December 28

2 - 5 p.m. • Around The Reef

JUNIOR TENNIS ROUND ROBIN

Thursday, December 29 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center for more information 305-367-6583.

FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

Thursday, December 29

5 p.m. • Driving Range

Bracelets on sale starting December 19

at Membership Office or Concierge Desk.

Details: 305-367-5874

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Friday, December 30

9 - 11 a.m. • Sailfish Patio

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALAS

Saturday, December 31

Seatings at 6:00 & 8:30 p.m. Carysfort Hall

Seatings at 6:30 & 9:00 p.m. Palm Court

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

NYE CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, December 31

8:30 p.m. & 12:00 a.m. • Buccaneer Island

HANGOVER OPEN

Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tee Times

Dolphin & Hammock Course

CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFETS

Saturday, December 24

Sunday, December 25

4:30 & 7 p.m. Seatings. • Carysfort Hall

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

GRAND SEAFOOD BUFFET

Saturday, December 24

5:30 - 9:45 p.m. • Ocean Room

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STARLIGHT DINNERS

December 26, 27 & 30

6 & 8 p.m. • Various Locations

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LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Sunday, January 1

6 p.m. • Marlin Beach

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Proposed for Membership Through Dec. 22, 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

Cheryl & Richard Chambers are Social members applying for Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are purchasing 28 Fisherman's Cove, unit B and the equity from Robert Swanson. They are residents of Miramar Beach, Florida. They belong to Planterra Club. Their sponsors are Cliff Milam and Dr. Peter Liashek.

Mary Cresci is a new member applying for Equity membership. Ms. Cresci is purchasing 385 South Harbor Drive from a non-member and the equity from the resale list. She is a resident of Garrison, New York. She belongs to Highland Country Club. Her

sponsors are Michele & John Welch and Christine & Rodman Patton.

Jaclyn & Scott Strauss are Social waitlisted members applying for Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Strauss are co-purchasing 33 Anchor Drive, unit B and the equity from John Grunow. They are residents of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Their sponsors are Frank McKee and Sarah Cart on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Erin & Seth Felder are new members applying for Charter Dues only Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Felder are co-purchasing 33 Anchor Drive, unit B from John Grunow. They are residents of Tampa, Florida. Their sponsors are Frank McKee and Sarah Cart on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Bi-County Equity Waitlist

Jeanne & Carlos Carbonell are Social Local members applying for the Equity Bi-County Waitlist. They are residents of Pinecrest, Florida. Their sponsors are Lyman Dickerson and Michael Klotz.



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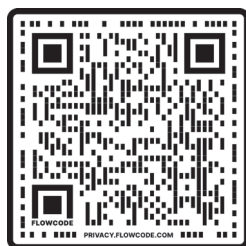
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IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



Ocean Reef Club and the Ocean Reef Conservation

Association recently approved grants in the amount of \$65,000 for visitor center display enhancements at the new John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park Visitor Center. New interactive displays, signage, videos and a living coral exhibit will greatly enhance the visitor experience.

Pictured here during last week's check presentation is **Jack Salisbury**, Chairman Ocean Reef Conservation Association; Paul Rice, Park Manager John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park; and Alex Tonarelli, ORC President.

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.



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Jólabókaflóð – “Christmas Book Flood”



“Dot.calm”
by Jane
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Stop the presses! It’s almost time for Jólabókaflóð (pronounced Yo-lah-bow-kah-FLOWED). This tongue-twister may sound like the call of a wild bird or a seasonal liquor, but it is not. Roughly translated from Icelandic, it means “Christmas Book Flood” - a charming Christmas tradition of gifting books and celebrating family.

Each November, the holiday season in Iceland begins with the much-heralded annual delivery of the Bókatíðindi



or “Book Bulletin” to every household. This publishing catalog of 1000 new books is as anticipated as our Black Friday sales and embraced wildly by this nation of bookworms who study it for prime gift-giving.

On Christmas eve you will find most Icelanders celebrating Jólabókaflóð at home with their families... curled up by the fire with a new book and a mug of hot chocolate. This quaint custom first started during World War II when gifts were scarce -- but not access to paper.

Here is a bit of Icelandic trivia for you: Iceland publishes

more books per capita than any other country. The country also has more writers: one in ten Icelanders will publish a book in their lifetime and read an average of 26 books a year. Not surprising coming from a 1000-year-old practice of Viking saga storytelling -- celebrated, read and reread throughout Icelandic history.

While we all love our Kindles and e-books, December is Read a New Book month, a perfect time to create a new “Chrismukkah” tradition in your home: the joy of giving books as gifts.

Where to start? Why not support local independent bookstores and shop from www.bookshop.org? Since 2020’s dark days of Covid, Bookshop.org has allocated 80% of all profits from every purchase to support independent bookstores around the country. They give readers the convenience of online shopping while donating more than \$23 million to small

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Farmer's Market Favorites

By Susan Bohan

The Farmer's Market is a great place to find help for taking care of family and friends over the holidays. For example, La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese has now made available beautiful charcuterie trays with an array of their delicious goodies, including salami. So whether you like gouda or gruyere, cheddar or morbier, bleu or beaufort, just place your order on Monday and pick it up Thursday or vice versa and your crowd will be impressed!

Then for a special meal, wander over to Lomelo's for lamb chops, strip steaks, ribeye and so many more cuts, bone in or not. They will give you tips on cooking to make you a true grill master. If it is ribs and pulled pork with all the fixings you prefer, just tell Natalie at



La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese makes holiday hosting simple by providing all the preparations you'll need to craft a beautiful charcuterie board.

Harvey's BBQ what you are planning and they will supply everything you envision. If your crowd prefers seafood, Stoney Crab Claws are the perfect choice. And of course, Jerry's always has the perfect treat for the kids with their fresh-made guacamole and salsa.

But do not forget dessert! Stop by Kool Treats for Italian ice with fun flavors like tropical rainbow, cotton candy or watermelon as well as 10 others. Or Le Petit Pain for the most



delicious brownies, tarts or other sweet surprises.

Farmer's Market is open Mondays and Thursdays.

FARMER'S MARKET LOCATION CHANGE

The Farmer's Market will temporarily move to the **121 Marina Parking Lot** on Thursday, December 22, Monday, December 26 and Thursday, December 29. The Market will return to the Field at Four Corners on Mon., Jan. 2.

Farmer's Market Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Field at Four Corners

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh
Le Petit Pain • Pasta Amore
r.f. Orchids • La Montagne
Des Saveurs French Cheese
Mediterranean Delight &
Cure Skin • Lomelo's Meat
& Seafood • Salsa y Sabor
Stoney Crab Claws
Harvey's BBQ

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
121 Marina Parking Lot

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh
Le Petit Pain • Pasta Amore
r.f. Orchids • La Montagne
Des Saveurs French Cheese
Mediterranean Delight &
Cure Skin • Lomelo's Meat
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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

16 FRIDAY

AA Meeting

7:30am • Church Board Room
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AA Meetings

Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

On Running Trunk Show

9am-2pm • Member Fitness
Center

Sweet Penelope Trunk Show

9am-2pm • Member Fitness
Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3pm • Driving Range

"Good Night Oppy" (PG)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Live DJ

9pm • Burgee Bar

17 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

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Home for the Holidays Open

House
10am-5pm • The Fishing Village

Xglosive Tennis

6:30 & 7:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

18 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members
Only)

Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour

1pm • Meet at Pool Desk

Reef Rec Room Open

2-10pm • Reef Rec Room

"Good Night Oppy" (PG)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Xglosive Pickleball

6:30 & 7:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

19 MONDAY

Beach Yoga Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

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

Equity Get Together: Holiday

Wreath Decorating
3pm-5pm • Town Hall Assembly

AA Meeting

7:30pm • Yacht Club Room
Call 305-390-4983 for additional
AA Meetings

20 TUESDAY

Cycle Class

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

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Cultural Center Museum Open

9am-4pm • Cultural Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Italian Series Cooking Class

10-11:30am • Carysfort Kitchen

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

Deck the Walls

6-7pm • Carysfort Lobby

Men's Poker Night

6:15pm • Member Fitness Center

21 WEDNESDAY

Intercessory Prayer

8am • Chapel Board Room

Ladies Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cycle Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10am • Driving Range

Letters to Santa

10am-12pm • Town Hall
Waterside

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

Dockmaster's Cocktail Reception

5-6:30pm • Yacht Club Terrace

Men's Pickleball Night League

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games
Center

"Good Night Oppy" (PG)

7:30pm • Cultural Center

22 THURSDAY

Core Class

6:30am • Member Fitness Center

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

9 Hole LGA

8am-10am • 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 • 121 Marina Parking
Lot

Where is the Grinch? Scavenger

Hunt Party
3-5pm • Various Locations
5-7pm • Town Hall Lawn

Santa Cruises the Reef

4-6pm • Oceanside

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

Burgee Bar Karaoke

6pm • Burgee Bar

MOVIES

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

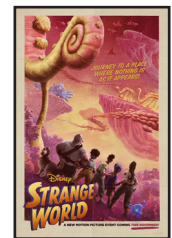
**"Good Night Oppy" (PG)**

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.

**"Strange World" (PG)**

Fri. December 23 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM
Mon. December 26 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM
Wed. December 28 • 7:30PM

Runtime: 1hr 42min

Stars: Jake Gyllenhaal, Jaboukie Young-
White, Gabrielle Union

A legendary Clades are a family of explorers whose differences threaten to topple their latest and most crucial mission.

Cultural Center Museum
Daily 9am-4pm • Open During Movies
Library Hours
Monday & Thursday • 10am-12pm

GRAND SEAFOOD BUFFET

THE TRADITION RETURNS!

Experience an elevated dining experience at the Grand Seafood Buffet.

Saturday, December 24

5:30-9pm • Ocean Room

Limited seating available. Adults:
\$85++pp; Ages 5-11: \$40++pp; Children
ages 4 and under: complimentary.

Saturday, December 31

5:30-9pm • Ocean Room

Adults: \$125++pp; Ages 5-11:
\$40++pp; Children ages 4 and under:
complimentary.

Reservations required: 305-367-5931

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

CLUB SHOPPING

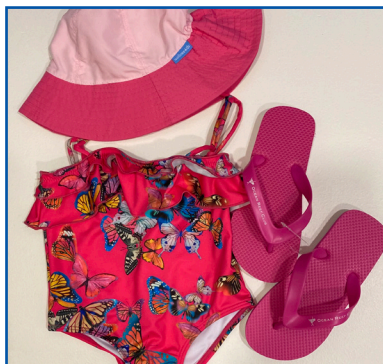
Joan the Shopper

JUST KIDDING If you have anybody on your Christmas list, who is 12 or under (even way under) hasten to the **Burgee Shop**. The room on the right side of the store is filled with stylish, practical, and fun clothes for boys and girls – and babies. The items pictured here are just a sampling of the Burgee Shop's inventory of great "kids' stuff."

Top: No thong swimsuits for our Ocean Reef baby beauties. This adorable one-piece from *Submarine mini* (\$80) provides adequate coverage, as prescribed by the Ocean Reef Dress Code (though in this case a diaper might be a useful addition) The jaunty *Wallaroo* hat (\$31) guarantees 50 + sun protection. Add the pink Ocean Reef flip flops (\$34) and this baby is "good to go" at Buccaneer Beach.

Middle: A *onesie* version of the Ocean Reef Club's unofficial uniform – the ubiquitous collared shirt.... At the Burgee Shop you can find these "infant" Polo shirts from *Garb* (\$58) in a lot of colors and styles. Let's teach these little guys that you are never too young to adhere to the Ocean Reef Club dress code.... The navy-blue ORC sweater shown here is so small you could ball it up in one hand and it wouldn't be much bigger than a grapefruit. From *Ellsworth & Ivey* (\$80). It comes in larger sizes as well.

Bottom: Burgee Kids carries clothes and accessories for



boys and girls up to the age of 12. These long sleeved t-shirts come in a soft and slinky fabric and a host of great colors. Not a surprise that they are very popular with the pre-teens (*Oceantec* \$32). NOTE; Only nine shopping days until Christmas. Many happy returns.

by Joan Birsh

OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

Ocean Reef Gift Shop

Mon.-Fri 7am – 7pm
Sat. 7am-5pm • Sun. 7am-3pm
305-367-2611, ext. 7139

Golf Shop

Daily • 7:30am – 5:30pm
305-367-5912

The Burgee Shop

Mon.-Thurs. & Sat. • 9am – 5pm
Fri. • 9am – 7pm
305-367-2611, ext. 5515

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. • 11am – 8pm
Fri. & Sat. • 11am – 9pm
Sun. • 11am-5pm
305-367-5999

Member Fitness Center

Mon.-Fri. • 6am – 7pm
Sat. & Sun. • 7am – 5pm
305-367-5820

Tennis Pro Shop

Daily • 8am – 5:30pm
305-367-6583

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, DEC. 19 – SUNDAY, DEC. 25

Palm Court

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

Palm Court Nights Cantina

Dinner Mon., Tues., Fri. & Sat. 6-9pm

Beach Bar & Grill

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm
Food Daily 11:30am-5pm • Beach Treats Sat. 11am-5pm

Islander & Sushi Bar*

Mon.-Thurs., & Sun. 5:30-9pm
Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm
Equity Member Only Night Thursday

The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm (Buffet Fri.-Sun.)
Dinner Tues.-Thurs. & Sun 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm (Seafood Buffet Saturday)
Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

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

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm • Dinner Mon.-Sat. 4-9pm
Lobster Bake Thursday

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. 11am-8pm • Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm • Sun. 11am-5pm

Reef Treats

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

Reef Hut

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

Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7am-11am • Sat. & Sun. 7am-12pm
Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri.-Sat. 4-11pm
305-367-5898

Fitness Café

Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm • Sat. 7am-3pm • Sun. 7am-2pm

The Point (Members Only)

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

Burgee Bar

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

Reef Lounge

Small Plates Daily 5-10pm
Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

CH Prime (Members Only)*

Dinner Wed., Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm
Equity Member Only Night Wednesday

CH Lounge (Members Only)*

Dinner Wed., Thurs. & Sun. 5-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5-10pm

Toski's

Open Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm • Fri.-Sun. 9am-5pm

Town Hall Waterside

Dinner Thurs. 5-9pm • Fri.-Sun. 5-10pm

Grill Room (Members Only)

Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11am-4pm • Brunch Sat. & Sun. 9am-4pm
Dinner Mon.-Sat. 4-9pm

Rum Runner

Open Daily 9am-4pm

Visit oceanreef.com/Dining for menus and weekly specials.
For dining reservations, call 305-367-5931.
*Reservations required.

An Art League Trip Worth Millions



by Susan Bohan

On Sunday, there was a lot of fun had by many of our Members who attended the Million Dollar Quartet Excursion at the Miracle Theatre in Coral Gables. One of the attendees, **Mary Brady**, described it perfectly: "We had excellent seats in the third row center. We could practically shake hands with Johnny Cash, Jerry Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis. We were immediately transported to Sun Records in Memphis in December 1956! Elvis took over with his



Members have a fantastic time at Seasons 22 during the Art League's Million Dollar Quartet Excursion.

brooding demeanor and upper lip lift. Johnny Cash was unmistakable with his gravelly voice and signature all black outfit. Carl Perkins was decked out in his iconic blue suede shoes and Jerry Lee Lewis stole the show with his piano playing and show-stopping crazy antics. Adding spice to duets, Elvis' girlfriend Dyanne was an added bonus with the voice of an angel among the four male musicians. We all became immersed in the music as we rocked along with the songs. As **Albert Monk**

observed, 'You would have to be dead not to be taken into this music.'

After a scrumptious dinner at Seasons 22 across the street, we were catapulted into the holiday spirit. Nicole Melley, Executive Assistant at the Art League, made us all feel welcome along with **Karen DiMaura** who supplied water and wine for the ride home.

A fabulous time was had by all and I scratch my head and ask myself why I do not attend more of these outings."

- There are still spaces for the following excursions:
- Van Gogh, Immersive Experience -Thursday, December 29
 - Little Havana History Culture Walk & Tasting – Tuesday, January 31
 - Brickell Avenue Neighborhood Walking Tour – Wednesday, February 15
 - Zoo Miami VIP Tour – Wednesday, February 22
 - A Day at the Races – Saturday, March 4

Besides these great trips, there are also places in most of the many classes so stop by the Art League and sign up for a fun, informative day or perhaps a class to bring out your creative side.

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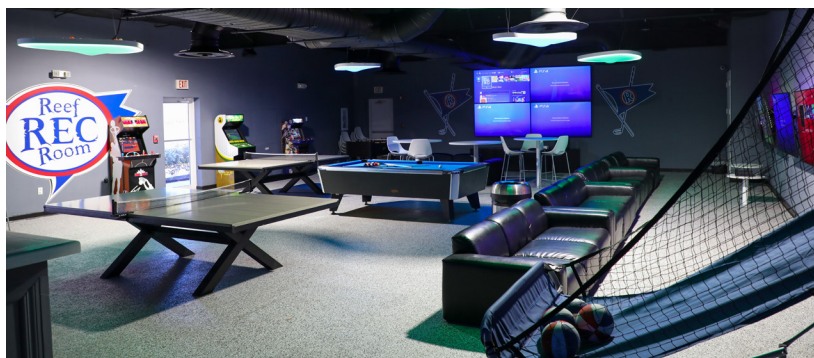
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Where to Find the Fun!



by Jody Steele



The Reef Rec Room holds endless opportunities for fun.

The Reef Rec Room is the perfect place for preteens and teenagers to find some indoor fun. Updated a few years back, it is really an exciting venue for ages 8-16 mostly in the afternoons and evenings when Buccaneer Island is closing down for the day. Chris Nelson, Assistant Director of Recreation, and Molly Lechelt, Recreation Supervisor, shared some information you will want to pass on to your children or grandchildren to consider for an entertainment choice over the upcoming holidays.

For the older kids...

This is not a Reef Club Kids type

venue, but really organized for the older kids that are more self-sufficient. Children can come and go as they please either on their own or can be dropped off by an adult. A Recreation Team Member is always in the Rec Room to coordinate the activities and even facilitate an impromptu game.

What is offered?

First of all, there are 14 huge television monitors, four are for sports and movies for those kids that just want to "chill out". The other 10 are set up for video games—all fun to play alone or in groups and the content is non-

violent. Comfortable seating—chairs and couches are set up around the entire area.

For the more active group, the Rec Room offers pool and ping pong for some fun competition. Coordinators really enjoy getting the Rec Room visitors involved in these activities and are masters in supervising it all.

So, what if the kids get hungry?

There is a concession area in the Rec Room with soda, candy, and light snacks. However, if kids have an OR card or the membership number is left with the Coordinator, food can be

ordered from Reef Eats or other restaurants. After a tough game of ping pong, a pizza and soda might be a great treat.

Where and when?

The Rec Room is open daily from 5-10PM. Saturday and Sunday the hours are a bit earlier, with opening at 2PM. Later hours for 10AM-12PM are reserved for teens 13-18 years old on select weekends and holidays. The Rec Room can also be scheduled for private events for families and friends with arrangements made by emailing Recreation Manager, Kyle Lynch at klynch@oceanreef.com. The Rec Room entrance is located next to Dry Cleaning.

Try it out!

So the Rec Room is a great place for tweens and teens at Ocean Reef to meet up and hang out with new and old friends. It is a beautiful space just filled with clever lighting, cool furniture, and lots of fun activities appropriate for this age group that sometimes really want to be together on their own.

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SPORTS

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Grand Masters Golf & Fishing Tournament



Team Business, Overall Grand Masters Champions.

OVERALL CHAMPIONS: Team Business

Michael Rich, Bryan MacDonald, Dave Johnson, Bruce Robertson

GOLF

1st Place: Gate Crasher

Mike Acheson, Bill Harvey, Todd Halsted, Scott Naz

2nd Place: Buckalot

Mike Levy, Jordan Wycoff, Kirk Wycoff, Rob Hoenscheid

3rd Place: Bad Habit

Walter Vazquez, Joe Joyner, Dragos

Alexe, Keith Bozeman

FISHING

1st Place: Knot Covered

John Loomis, Jim Loomis Jr., Drew Bell, Nathan Sutherland

2nd Place: Days Like This

Brian Platner, Carl Asman, Phil Heilpern, Max French

3rd Place: B Reel

Jim Breuer, Charles Breuer, Hadwen Fuller III, Hadwen Fuller II



Team Gate Crasher, Golf Champions.



Team Knot Covered, Fishing Champions.

The Holidays Have Arrived



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

Holiday Junior Clinics

From December 17th through the 31st, the Professional Staff will conduct junior clinics everyday at 9 a.m. Signups are limited to 12 juniors per session. Call the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912 for more information!

Santa's Sleigh Wreck

One of the favorite holiday traditions at ORC is the Santa Sleigh Wreck. Bring the family out and compete in this fun 9

hole event Christmas morning! The Santa Sleigh Wreck is an exciting best ball format where it will get more challenging as the round progresses. Tee times will be available on the Dolphin Course beginning at 8 a.m.

Christmas Sale

The Golf Shop at Ocean Reef Club is the place to do your last-minute Christmas shopping! Beginning December 13th, The Golf Shop's 12 Days of Christmas sale began on December 13 and will continue through Christmas Eve. Each day leading up to Christmas will feature a different sale item. Stop by to get your best ORC merchandise at a fantastic discount!

Hole in One!

Congratulation to **Cathy Zumkehr** for her Hole in One on the 6th Hole of the



Vintage Open Net Champions David Celentano Jr. and David Celentano, and Gross Champions Scott Heffner and Max French.



Cathy Zumkehr scored a hole in one on Hammock Course Hole #6!

Hammock Course!

Vintage Open Golf Tournament

We couldn't have asked for a better day for the Vintage Open on Sunday, December 4! 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!

Swing Tip of the Week: Chipping



by Stef Shaw, Golf Instructor

We have a lot of great new technology in the Academy of Golf that everyone should absolutely come and spend some time using. Additionally, we also have some fun new training aids, including one called the Divot Board (pictured here). It is a simple tool made of sequins that shows where the club is hitting the ground.

In chipping, there's one simple thing to remember - wherever your head is, that is where the club is going to hit the ground. Here, I've

included a few pictures of me using the divot board to show how much of a difference it makes to have your head in the correct position.

The basic, simple set up for chipping is to have your feet closer together. What most people will then tell you, is to make sure that you have a little bit of weight on your left foot. Some people can misinterpret that though by allowing the weight to go left, while their head stays back. If I take a chip shot with that set up, the club will most likely hit the ground behind the golf ball. When I take another chip shot using my similar set up, but this time, allowing my head to move towards the target side of the ball, the club is now able to hit the ground in the correct spot.

For more tips like these and to try out some of our new equipment, set up a lesson by calling the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.



Stef Shaw demonstrates incorrect head placement with the undesired outcome of the club hitting behind the ball.



Here, Stef demonstrates correct head placement and the preferred outcome of the club hitting the ground in the proper spot.



GOLF SCOREBOARD

LGA Lemon Squeeze Event

1st Place: Teresa Ferrarone, Mary Logan, Ann Beardsley, Carolyn Sheehan

2nd Place: Marilyn Clark, Jessica Olefson, Debbie Brady, Carol Cameron

3rd Place (Tie): Ann Liashek, Erin Seale, Allison Roesser, Cathy Jansen

3rd Place (Tie): Adelaide Jared, Linda Buermann, Betsy Skudder, Charlotte Curry

3rd Place (Tie): Beth Joyner, Esther Vazquez, Carter Rountree, Lisa Schultz

3rd Place (Tie): Stacey Lahey, Kristi Davidson, Parris Bozeman, Francesca Johnson

Longest Drive: Kelly Hertzman (#12)

Closest to the Hole: Marcy Aultman (#16)

2nd Place: Hillary Smith, Christine Langley, Ruth Holl, Laura Reed

3rd Place: Katherine Weiland, Pam Gibson, Cathy Zumkehr

Closest to the Pin: Pam Gibson (#5), Joli McCormack (#11)

MGA Weekly Event

1st Place Gross: Bill Miller, Michael Lahey, Richard Chambers, Larry Brady

2nd Place Gross: Miroslav Fajt, Charlie Simms, Jeff Fassbinder, Stan Henry

1st Place Net: Michael Watson, Michael Conley, Buzz Hilberg, John Spina

2nd Place Net: Sean McCormack, Connor McCormack, Matt McCormack, Michael Hayes

3rd Place Net: James Davidson, Dan Miller, Tony Rodriguez, John Kazmer

Closest to the Hole: Dick Satterfield (#9), Rick Chambers (#18)

LGA Ribbon Day

1st Place: Cynthia Egan, Jodi Betz, Diane Petrosino, Britta Garcia

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Rod & Gun Club Gifts of the Season



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Want some gift suggestions for the sportsperson on your holiday shopping list? The Rod and Gun Club can offer you a few ideas...



For the marksman (or woman), how about a shooting vest and

cap with the Rod & Gun logo? A snappy look in keeping with the newly refurbished and landscaped range. The best in eye protection is also available, with changeable lenses to match the weather. If the shooter is dedicated in his or her practice, maybe a gift certificate for the Rod & Gun range, to pre-buy rounds or rent a gun for the season would be a nice surprise in their stocking — see **Carmen Sferrazza** (carmen@asi-group.com) for details. The Shooting Range is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am to 3 pm, see RodandGun.org for directions.



For the fisher person, probably the newest essential is the "hoodie"

shirt, which has found popularity because of its cover-up potential as well as its comfort. Orvis has a nice version, called the Horseshoe Hills quarterzip, which comes in three colors. Another good idea for the stocking of an angler is a new neck gaiter, since you can never have enough protection. Let them know at the checkout counter that you are a Rod & Gun member and get an additional 10% off clothing purchased at Orvis!

MarineMax is another great place for last-minute shopping — while the serious sportsman might be excited about the new, exclusively offered Penn Slammer DX Spinning reels, or the latest in Yeti gear, dedicated shoppers know that the rows and rows of shelves of useful gear and gadgets is a stocking stuffer's heaven, and the same 10% member discount goes at checkout.

Coming Up! Holiday Fishing Tournament

Meanwhile, get the team together to participate in the

Holiday Fishing Tournament on **Wednesday, December 28**. Our one-day event is family and friends oriented, with four anglers (and unlimited spectators) in the boat. Scoring varies by species and size, but since so many fish are on the list, points mount up fast. Just contact **Ken Reda** at ken.reda@marinemax.com or 305-342-0658 to enter. Info is also available on the Rod and Gun website calendar.

Whatever your gift intentions, however, make sure that your recipient is a member of the Rod & Gun Club — because membership supports the many significant environmental and educational activities provided by the club, as well as enjoying the shooting facilities and fishing events, discounts at MarineMax and Orvis, and social events. You can find the application at RodandGun.org.

Remember to send your sporting photos to pattonchristine@me.com to share.



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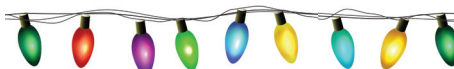
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The Treasure of Fisherman's Cove



by Robert Broton, Flotilla Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary-Ocean Reef

A combination of natural water flow and man-made dredging created one of the most iconic areas of Ocean Reef. These acres of water are surrounded by 88 residences with docks, all overlooking the cove and its inner island. The key to its success is easy access by water to Pumpkin Creek, Angelfish Creek, Card Sound Intercoastal and the reefs of Key Largo. It is a fragile balance of nature with

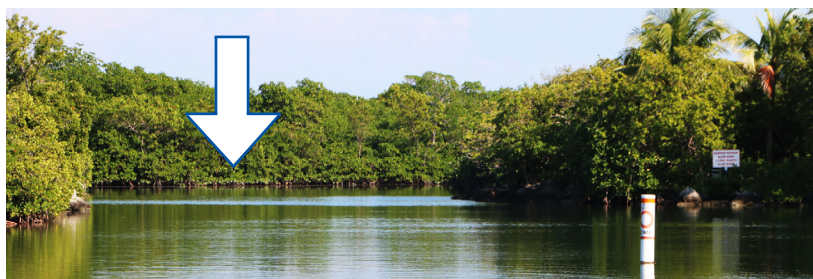


Proof that waves erode the coral walls, causing boulders to fall into the cove.

man. This balance is being corrupted by unaware boaters.

Cove balance requires **NO WAKE**. The unnecessary wave action disturbs the coral walls and erodes them from the underside resulting in boulders tumbling into the cove, destroying the shoreline.

Safety is also concern. When leaving the cove by boat, send someone forward to listen first. To prevent collision, a sign is posted, "Narrow passage. **Blow horn two long blasts. Slow speed.**" Sound these blasts



Blast horn 20 feet past the sign.

for two to five seconds and **20 feet PAST the sign** to project the sound outward into the creek - otherwise it is not heard. Sounding too early disturbs the community and is ineffective. When entering from Pumpkin Creek, listen first, then **one loud blast**

two to five seconds directed into the channel before entering. If you hear another boat after entering, use 5 short blasts as a warning. Be sure your horn is loud enough to be heard.

Fisherman's Cove is a treasure - let's keep it that way.

ORYC 2022 RAFT-UP



The weather outside was delightful, and the company, too, as the Ocean Reef Yacht Club enjoyed cruising to Card Sound for a sunset raft-up on Friday, Dec. 9. Celebrating the season were more than a dozen boats and at least six dozen mariners. Commodore **Don Bermant** had a fine time snapping these drone shots.

Getting "Game Day" Ready

By Bill Reynolds, CSSC Commodore

Our Bullseye fleet of eight boats came to the line December 10th with winds out of the Northwest blowing a comfortable 8-14 mph but with a choppy Card Sound. The Race committee was able to run four races for the day. This early in the season is like pre-season football. We are, for the most part, not in "game day shape" and most were just a bit tired by the time the last race was over. However, the reward was our first Hot Dog Day of the season and everyone was hungry and thirsty.

First place honors for the day went to **Peter and Maggie McChesney** sailing **Neil Sullivan's** #801. Second honors went to **Gary Sayia** and **Tom**

McKenzie followed by **Jim Lampman** and **James McCann**. Competition was tight with only two points separating 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Actually 1st and second tied with 8 points with the tie breaker going to Peter and Maggie.

The December schedule will see racing on the 17th for Dingley race day #3, the 24th for The Wreath Cup and the final Dingley series race day #4 on the 31st.

If you have an interest in sailing, crewing or just getting involved with a fun bunch people who like sailing come on over to Baker Harbor on a Saturday. We get the boats ready to go around 8:30 and return to the harbor close to noon where we gather around the refreshment cart to celebrate the day. So come on down!

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6th Annual Pickleball Member-Guest



"Center Court" by Justin Romero, Director of Racquet Sports

This year's 6th Annual Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament boasted some of the highest tournament level of Pickleball ever seen at the Club. Not only was it played at a high level, but the participation was the highest to date with 57 teams entered to show their talents throughout three divisions. The divisions were Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. In the Mixed and Ladies' divisions, teams were separated into an A and B Flight. Pickleball Committee Chairman **Fred Sherman** said, "The Annual



The Member-Guest Pickleball Tournament celebrates its 6th year of competition.

Member-Guest Tournament has become wildly popular and the level of play is top notch. It is so good, ESPN should televise. It was a great two days."

See below for results.

XGLOsive is Here!

XGLOsive Tennis and Pickleball comes to Ocean Reef this weekend, **December 17 & 18!** Spaces are limited so sign up today by calling 305-367-6583. This Saturday and Sunday, XGLOsive turns traditional tennis and Pickleball into a fun, no pressure, social experience for people of all ages

and abilities. \$50pp. Light bites are included and cocktails will be available.

105 Tennis Tournament

The inaugural 105 Tennis Tournament was held last week at the Tennis & Games Center. Congratulations to our winning teams! See page 31 for results.

The next 105 Tournament will be on Friday, January 6. Sign up

by calling the Tennis Pro Shop or emailing Carolina Quevedo, Tennis/Pickleball Concierge, at cquevedo@oceanreef.com.

U-40 Croquet & Cocktails

Join us for a U-40 Croquet and Cocktails Party on **Thurs., Dec. 22** starting at 3 p.m., with playing and imbibing continuing until the sun sets at 5:30 p.m.! Call 305-367-6583 to sign up.

MEMBER-GUEST PICKLEBALL RESULTS

Men's Doubles A Flight – Keith King/Brien Baker def. Mike Shields/Kirk Haggarty 9-11, 11-6, 11-8

Ladies' Doubles A Flight – Nikki Smith/Stacey McKay def. Kim Moritz/Susie Pizutti 11-3, 11-4

Ladies' Doubles B Flight – Kam Krouskos/Melissa Baker def. Teresa Haskett/Taylor Madaffari 11-6, 11-7

Mixed Doubles A Flight – Keith King/Susie Pizutti def. Matt Stevens/Tulsa Douglas 11-4, 9-11, 11-7

Mixed Doubles B Flight – Maggie Polisano/Tucker Deane Krantz def. Molly Lanzon/Patrick Hopper 11-7, 11-7

Tennis

Players of the Week

Bob & Christie Zoba



What is your best tennis memory?

Playing tennis together at Monte Carlo.

What keeps you playing tennis?

We can always play together, there are great health benefits and because we have met amazing people through Tennis.

What is your favorite activity in ORC besides tennis?

Church involvement and golf.

What are you most looking forward in this season?

Embracing the community here because everyone has been so welcoming and great. We look forward to meeting more people and having our kids visit.

Favorite shot?

C: Forehand slice

B: Down the line topspin

Favorite tennis player?

C: Roger Federer

B: Rafa Nadal

When did you start playing tennis and why?

C: I started playing tennis around my 40s' when a friend of mine begged me to join a clinic that I didn't want to but I am so glad I did today.

B: I started playing seriously around my 40s' when I moved to Puerto Rico since you can play all year round unlike in Ohio.

How many years have you been a member at ORC?

C: I have been coming to Ocean Reef since I was 7 years old and I was a Legacy Member for over 40 years, but Bob and I just became Equity Members this past June.

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Pre-match Warmups



"Pickleball Tip" by Kevin Girard, Pickleball Professional

One aspect of the game that is often overlooked is your pre-match warmup before you play. Make sure that you warmup all of the shots that you plan to hit in the match.

Dinking

Dink back and forth with your partner for at least a minute or so. Keep that ball bouncing in the kitchen. Our touch comes and goes, so make sure you have a good feel with your dinking game before you head to the baseline.

Third Shot Drops From the Baseline
Make sure you are confident

with your 3rd shot drops before you begin play. The last thing you want to do is have your first 3rd shot drop of the day be during the match! I recommend getting at least five drops inside the kitchen line on both your forehand and backhand side.

Drives From the Baseline

Hit some hard drives from the baseline with your partner up at the kitchen line. Not only will it help you with your drives, but your partner can practice their volleys on balls that have pace.

Volleys

Stand across from your partner at the kitchen and hit some volleys with pace. This should certainly wake you up while getting your hands ready for the fast paced exchanges.

Serves and Returns

Warm up your serve diagonally with your partner. Have them catch the ball then serve right back to you. After a few good

serves start to return your partners serve back to them concentrating on keeping it deep. Serve and return to both the even and odd sides of the court if you have time.

You want every advantage you can have before you play, so let's make sure we take our pre-match warmup seriously. Get out there and win some matches!



105 Tennis Champions Bill Dixon, Carolyn Allen and Shelia Scalia, and runners up Jan Broton, Britta Garcia and Priscilla Pilon.

TENNIS RESULTS

105 Tennis Tournament

1st Place Team: Bill Dixon, Shelia Scalia, Carolyn Allen
2nd Place Team: Priscilla Pilon, Britta Garcia, Jan Broton

Men's "B" Night League

1st Place: Tyler Massey
2nd Place: Andy Hofmann
3rd Place: Bob Zoba
4th Place: Bill Sport

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The Challenge of Staying Fit



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

Fitness combines several factors, including strength, conditioning, flexibility, mobility, power, agility, and balance. This means that to become fit, we must address several factors. Here is how to develop some of these core factors:

Strength: to get stronger, regularly practice lifting moderate to heavy weights. A combination of bodyweight, free weights, and machines are optimal for developing muscular strength. Strength training will increase muscle, bone, joint, and ligament strength and resilience. This makes the body more resistant to injury while increasing the speed



Harold Brewer is the first to walk in on the Member Fitness Center's reopening day 10 years ago (left), and is first again on its 10-year anniversary last week (right).



of recovery if injuries do occur. Strength is also the basis for speed, power, balance and agility.

Conditioning: cardiorespiratory conditioning is a marker of how well our heart and lungs work during moderate to high activity. Improving cardio-respiratory conditioning increases our energy levels and desire to be more active, which leads to countless benefits. To improve cardiorespiratory conditioning, focus on developing

aerobic endurance through steady pace exercise and anaerobic endurance through fast-paced strength and conditioning workouts and interval training such as in a cycle, bootcamp or a HIIT class.

Flexibility and Mobility: supple muscles and joints with an optimal range of motion perform better, have greater potential for strength, speed, and power, and are more resilient to injury. Flexibility and mobility are developed through various stretching, massage, specific range of motion exercises, breathing techniques, and overall movement quality. Yoga and Pilates are great ways to work on flexibility and mobility. Booking regular massage and stretching sessions can make a significant difference in our quest to become suppler and decrease the risk of injuries.

Power: power is a combination of strength and speed. It is the ability to produce force fast, to be explosive, and overcome resistance in the shortest period of time. Power is an essential quality in almost every sport, including golf and tennis. As we age, we lose power more quickly than we lose strength, making power training an essential factor in our quest to slow down the aging process through fitness. To train power, perform exercises such as medicine ball throws, jumps, fast moderate to heavy lifts, and sprints against resistance, such as pushing a sled.

Speed and Agility: speed is the ability to move our body in one direction as fast as possible. Agility is the ability to accelerate,

decelerate and change directions quickly with good form. These two factors benefit greatly from strength training but must be developed separately for the best results. Interval training and multidirectional exercises that work on quickly changing directions are common ways to develop speed and agility. Sports such as pickleball and tennis can improve significantly by becoming more agile.

Balance: balance is the ability to control where our bodies are in space. Balance also refers to our ability to regain the desired position after a sudden shift. Essentially, the better our ability to actively and reactively control where our bodies are in space, the fewer chances we have of falling and the greater our ability to perform in sports.

The qualities and skills we can train in a gym are as extensive as our physical potential. When we challenge ourselves to become and stay fit, we embark on a lifetime journey. We are not yet able to stop the aging process, but through fitness, we can keep our bodies strong, flexible, mobile, powerful, fast, agile, well-conditioned, and balanced for as long as we live.

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Bridge Tip of the Week

Bidding With Interference

Bidding would be a lot easier if the opponents did not interfere. But we know this is not the case. Here are some guidelines when the opponents get in our way:

After a Suit Overcall

Suit Responses:

If your partner opens and the next opponent overcalls in a suit then 2/1 Game Forcing (including 1NT Forcing) are OFF. We now revert to Standard Bidding:

- New suit at the 1-level promises 4 pieces (6+ points).

- New suit at the 2-level promises 5 pieces (10+ points).

- 1NT would show a balanced hand with 6-10 HCPs (with stoppers in the opponent's suit)

- Raise in partner's suit would show 3 card support and 7-10 points

- Double raise in partner's suit would show 4 card support and 6-9 points

- Triple raise in partner's suit would show 5 card support and 6-9 points.

- Cue Bid would show a Limit Raise (11-12) or Better

Examples below:

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♠ = 4 spades and 6+ points
	1 ♣	1 ♦	1NT = 6-10 HCPs with diamonds stoppers (no 4-card major)
	1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥ = 5 hearts and 10+ points (forcing)
	1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠ = 3 spades and 7-10 points (non-forcing)
	1 ♣	2 ♦	3 ♠ = 4 spades and 6-9 points (non-forcing)
	1 ♣	2 ♦	4 ♠ = 5 spades and 6-9 points (non-forcing)

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	1 ♥	Double = Shows 4 Spades
	1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠ = Shows 5 Spades
	1 ♣	1 ♠	Double = Shows 4 Hearts
	1 ♣	1 ♦	Double = Shows 4 Hearts AND 4 Spades
	1 ♥	1 ♠	Double = Shows 4 Clubs AND 4 Diamonds

Negative Doubles

Don't forget about Negative Doubles!

Card & Games Corner



by Gregg Van Dyke,
Director
of Card &
Games

I had a great time at the North American Bridge Championships in Phoenix, AZ. There were a total of 7,000 tables in play for the week. I qualified into the finals of three major events and finished above average. It was fun to compete against the best in the world. My thanks to David Babcock for taking good care of the Card & Games Room in my absence.

Texas Hold 'Em

The first Men's Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament was held Tuesday and was well

attended. Winners will be announced in next week's column.

The first of the Ladies' Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournaments is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19**. Get ready for a great night of cards, cocktails and lots of prizes. Sign up by calling 305-367-6609.

Bridge, Canasta & Games Dinner

Our first Bridge, Canasta and Games Dinner was held on Wednesday and had 40 people competing in Bridge and Canasta. The next one will be in February. More details to follow.

Larry Cohen Seminar

I am excited to announce that Larry Cohen will be coming back to Ocean Reef on Monday, January 16th. Sign up early for this so you don't get left out.

Backgammon at Waterside

I will host Backgammon at Town Hall Waterside on

Thursday, December 22 at 6 p.m. Call if you'd like more details.

Schedule Updates

The December Card & Games Room Schedule is available. Pick up a copy at the Card & Games Room.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are all Live Duplicate Bridge Games starting at 1 p.m.

Bridge lessons are available on any subject you are having

trouble with on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 3 p.m.

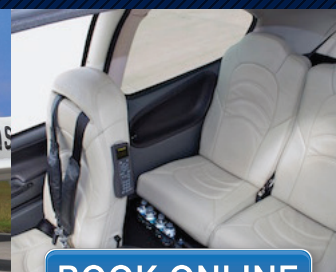
Tuesdays and Thursdays we'll also host Mah Jongg from 1 to 4 p.m. Call for reservations.

Backgammon lessons are available on Friday mornings at 10:30. Call me at 305-367-6609 and let me know you are coming. I have backgammon games that you may check out and take home to practice.

Looking forward to a fun holiday season.

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Bridge Results

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Section A

1. Patty Kent - Bessie Connelly
2. Jay Beatty - Adelaide Jared
- 3-4. Kathy Bahl - Elizabeth Coleman
- 3-4. Beverly Platner - Brian Platner

Friday, November 18, 2022

Section A

1. Dorothy Kemp - Beverly Platner
2. Pat Henry - Charles Simms
3. Mel Zwirn - Mary Zwirn

Monday, November 21, 2022

Section A

1. Barbara Besse - Ron Besse
2. Denny Morgan - Judie Berry
3. Pat Henry - David Babcock
4. Beverly Platner - Brian Platner

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Section A

1. Adelaide Jared - Jay Beatty
2. Dedie Nutt - Gail Yoh
3. Pat Henry - Charles Simms
4. Dorothy Kemp - Bessie Connelly
5. Mary Zwirn - Mel Zwirn

Friday, November 25, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Judie Berry - Denny Morgan
2. Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast
3. Norman Sorensen - Susan Post

Section A East-West

1. Dorothy Kemp - Beverly Platner
2. Gail Yoh - Dedie Nutt
3. Suzy Heilpern - Carolyn Fovel

Monday, November 28, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Rosemary Jones - Kay Meinhardt
2. Judie Berry - Denny Morgan
3. Paula Pendergast - Monica Phillips

Section A East-West

1. Beverly Platner - Suzy Heilpern
2. Brian Platner - Dorothy Kemp
3. Barbara Besse - Ron Besse

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Section A

1. Dedie Nutt - Gail Yoh
2. Joanne Wills - Denny Morgan
3. Beverly Platner - Brian Platner
4. Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast
5. Joyce Fowler - Ted Fowler

Friday, December 2, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Joyce Fowler - Ted Fowler
2. Dedie Nutt - Gail Yoh
3. Bessie Connelly - Carolyn Fovel

Section A East-West

1. Dorothy Kemp - Beverly Platner
2. George Aronoff - Brian Platner
3. Ann Petersen - Hollis Petersen

Unit 128 STaC Tournament Monday, December 5, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast
2. Dorothy Kemp - Bessie Connelly
3. Mary Zwirn - Mel Zwirn

Section A East-West

1. Adelaide Jared - Joanne Wills
2. Suzy Heilpern - Beverly Platner
3. Chloe Beatty - Jay Beatty

Unit 128 STaC Tournament

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Section A

1. Ed Kavanaugh - Fred Bacher
2. Adelaide Jared - Jay Beatty

3. Paula Pendergast - Monica Phillips
4. Beverly Platner - Pat Henry
5. Joyce Fowler - Ted Fowler

Unit 128 STaC Tournament Friday, December 9, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Paula Pendergast - Monica Phillips
2. Kay Meinhardt - Joanne Wills
3. Fred Bacher - Adelaide Jared

Unit 128 STaC Tournament Friday, December 9, 2022

Section A East-West

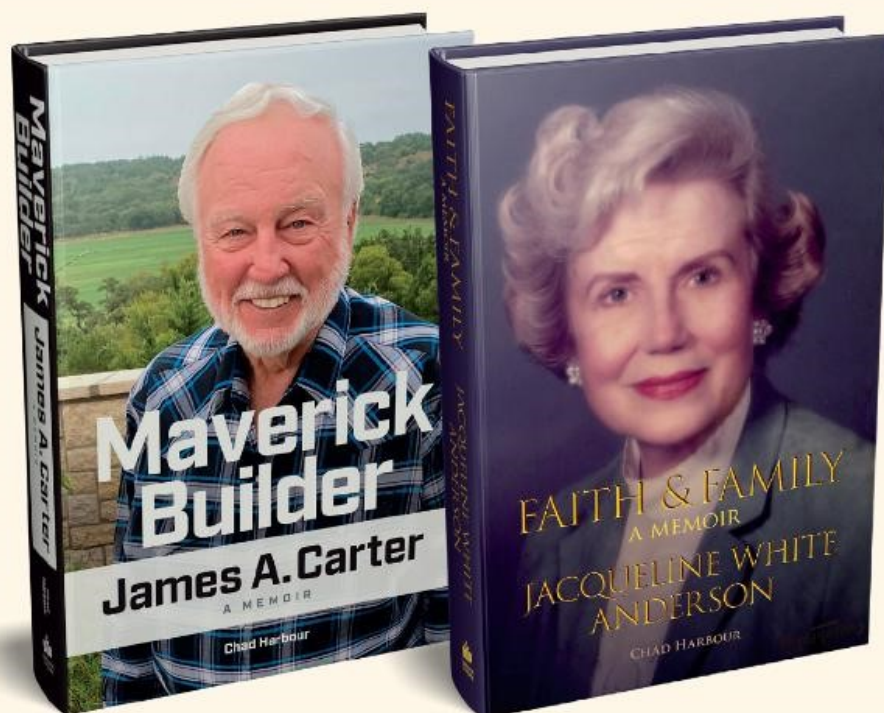
1. Pat Henry - Suzy Heilpern
2. Dorothy Kemp - Beverly Platner
3. George Aronoff - Brian Platner

Afternoon Pairs Monday, December 12, 2022

Section A

1. Pat Henry - Rosalie Svete
2. Ann Petersen - Hollis Petersen
3. Ed Kavanaugh - Fred Bacher
4. Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast
5. Brian Platner - Dorothy Kemp
6. Suzy Heilpern - Beverly Platner

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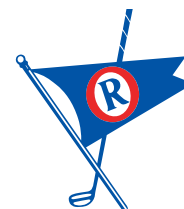
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