



'Tis the Season

The holidays are upon us and 'tis the season for celebrating at The Reef. In anticipation, the Club has been eagerly planning, preparing and perfecting its time-honored events for Members and their families to enjoy during the most magical time of the year.

That being said, 'tis also the season for celebrating history and tradition as the Club enters its 75/30 anniversary year, 75 years as a Club and 30 years of Member ownership. This holiday season itself has a host of offerings that are steeped in tradition, with many of them being enjoyed by Members of all ages for decades, some going all the way back to the Member Club buyout in 1993 and beyond. Below, we acknowledge some of the upcoming holiday happenings that have brought smiles to generations of Members.

Oh What Fun!

Held every year on **December 23rd** (that's today!), Gingerbread Tea has grown to become one of the most popular holiday events since its onset more than 17 years ago, with reservations off the charts every year.

Similarly, Super Bingo has become hugely popular since the inaugural event 12 years ago. What began in Heron Hall (now Carysfort Hall) and moved to Town Hall in 2011, has adapted over the years to the casual, fun golf cart drive-in style that was first introduced in 2020. It's become so popular, the Club added a second Super Bingo to the schedule – the first on the traditional **December 26** date and the second on



Tour the Festival of Trees around The Reef. Turn to page 10 for where to find these lovely trees.

December 30.

The Reindeer Run 5K, traditionally held on **December 27**, was introduced to the holiday schedule in 2009. While 140 participants was a fantastic showing for the inaugural event, today's winter fun run sees upward of 400 participants.

Always held the evening of **December 27**, records for the Concert On the Beach go back to 2008 when local artist Kokomo performed. The event as it's known today though took off in 2013, when Michael Cavanaugh became the headliner. Cavanaugh has performed at nearly every

Concert on the Beach since then, and will return again this year.

The family-favorite Touch-a-Truck, held annually on **December 28**, saw its debut in 2010. The tried and true model has not wavered, remaining a favorite event for Members to bring their kids and grandkids every year to experience not only the heavy machinery itself, but also meet the operators and see behind the scenes, from crime scene investigators to firefighters and more.

Also this **December 28**, the Street Fair tradition returns! A holiday staple for many years, it's believed ORC Street Fairs

were in existence prior to the 1993 Member buyout. Back by popular demand, this year's Winter Wonderland theme will be everything you love about the Club's traditional Street Fairs, enhanced with even

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OR "See"



Jodi Zifferer recently enjoyed this beautiful sunset, right from her patio. With lights strung on the palm trees in the distance, it must be holiday season!

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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Share Your Favorite Club Tradition

In the spirit of the holidays, the Ocean Reef Press asks you to reflect on the Club traditions from any time of year that means the most to you and your family, and share them with us at orp@oceanreef.com. Please submit your favorite Club tradition by **Monday, January 23**, and have a very merry holiday season!

Grand Seafood Buffet

New Year's Eve Dinner Added



If you haven't yet made your plans for New Year's Eve, the Club is pleased to announce the addition of a Grand Seafood Buffet on Saturday, December 31st in the Ocean Room.

With Chef Ryan Schmidt at the helm, the traditional Grand Seafood Buffet has returned to its original home in the Ocean Room with the



addition of some modern delicacies. Sample an array of exquisite caviar, oysters, sushi and ceviche while also enjoying an overflowing raw bar of stone crabs, mussels, clams and shrimp. And that is just the beginning...

Reservations are now available for Equity Members. Reservations will open on December 28 for Social and Legacy Members. \$125++ pp for adults, \$40++ pp for ages 5-11. Visit oceanreef.com/dining and click on the Ocean Room, or email diningreservations@oceanreef.com for reservations.

Fish Tales



by Terry
Baxter

I am bravely pursuing my effort to branch out from a mere meat-and-potatoes guy to a better, well-rounded fish lover. Food therapy. This week was my boldest and most courageous step: I went for the Wolf Fish at CH Prime. Ocean Reef's Executive Chef, Jared Reardon, told me, "This is special. We are the only restaurant in Florida to have access to it. We had to challenge all of our purveyors. It was worth it, you'll see."

So, I googled Wolf Fish. This is one ugly fish. Go ahead, look it up. It's hard to imagine someone ever decided to eat it. But Chef Jonathan Kaiser searched it out for the CH Prime menu this year. "We fly it in fresh from Norway. The Wolf is a bottom fish," Chef Jonathan said. "Its diet is shrimp, scallops, oysters, and clams. The fish has powerful jaws that can crush oyster shells." Remind me not to swim where they feed.

Jonathan adds, "The delicate taste reflects what it eats." So, OK, intriguing.

I assembled a panel of experts for our expedition to CH Prime – **Heather** and **JD Dwight** accompanied Fair **Patricia** and me. This was the Dwights'



Erwin Pals, VP of Food & Beverage, Tom Brady of Culinary and the Big Bopper of Restaurant music, shows off his music library where he creates his custom music mixes for each Ocean Reef outlet.

first visit to CH Prime. They marveled at the décor and the menu. Our waiter Michael did an excellent tour of the menu choices. Heather decided to confirm my suggestion that the Turbot was a winner. JD and Pat mainly stood in readiness for any sign of jaw crushing. And I intrepidly ordered the Wolf Fish.

It looked good – a crispy brown skin over firm white flesh – and smelled heavenly. It had a sweet taste, somewhat like lobster tail, but moister and more tender. The creamy lobster sauce and asparagus was a perfect accompaniment. Heather tasted a sample and agreed it was wonderful. I think I can safely say I have accomplished my mission...I have discovered a variety of favorite fish dishes to broaden my food enjoyment: Turbot

and Wolf Fish (CH Prime), Yellowtail Classic (Islander), Ora King Salmon Oscar (Ocean Room), Lobster Night (Raw Bar), and anything from Chef Eric (Sushi Bar).

None of this new-found pleasure will diminish my love for steak (CH Prime), Chicken Parm (Gianni), Prime Rib (Islander), Mexican (Palm

Court Cantina), or fresh pasta (Gianni). Wait, is that the dinner bell I hear?

Short Takes

If you are just returning to The Reef for the holidays, don't miss the delicious "Small Plates" at the CH Lounge. Light bites were introduced a few months ago to partner Walter's fabulous Lounge cocktails. It's a perfect way to enjoy an Ocean Reef sunset on the back patio.

Erwin Pals, our VP of Food & Beverage, is quietly everywhere, a benevolent presence. Earlier, I called him the Tom Brady of culinary. Now I received a tip from a manager (who shall not be named) that Erwin is the DJ who personally selects the background music for all of our outlets. So I have granted him an additional title – the Big Bopper of restaurant music. If you have another tip to offer, drop me a note at terrybxtr@aol.com. I will keep it absolutely confidential, except to publish it in the Ocean Reef Press.

Equity Member Only Nights

This season the Club implemented dining reservations guidelines after analyzing data and listening to Member feedback. Thoughtful changes were made in an effort to improve last season's dining reservations process, to decrease cancellations, and address the increased demand for dining at the Club.

One such change was the creation of "Equity Member Only" nights at the four Club restaurants that require reservations.

As a reminder, the schedule for Equity Member Only dining is below.

Mondays: Gianni Ristorante

Tuesdays: Ocean Room

Wednesdays: CH Prime

Thursdays: Islander

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'Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the Keys
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a breeze.

Parents watched endlessly
into the night
No Santa, no reindeer,
in anyone's sight.

For north of Key Largo
just near the bay,
Santa was grounded
with a broken down sleigh.

Lady our porpoise
saw Santa's grief
And gathered her friends
who were out near the reef.

They returned in a flash
and to Santa's surprise,
They were pulling a boat
just the right size.

"All aboard," said Lady,
"Rudolph, you at the bow.
Take the wheel Santa,
we've got to start now."

Proudly they swam the canals
and the creeks
Leading the man
with the big rosy cheeks.

Parents rejoiced at their sight
by the docks,
As Santa kept busy
filling hung socks.

Till Santa had reached every child
did he rest,
From North Ocean Reef
to the end of Key West.

Meanwhile, the Conchs,
up Key Largo way,
Heard of his plight
and fixed Santa's sleigh.

The porpoises sadly
said their goodbyes
To Santa and reindeer
with tears in their eyes.

But just before Santa
went on his way
He tossed them a gift -
the last in his sleigh.

'Twas a red and white ball
All shiny and bright
Signed, "From Santa with Love
on this memorable night."

Then they heard him exclaim,
high over the seas
"Merry Christmas to all
in the Florida Keys."

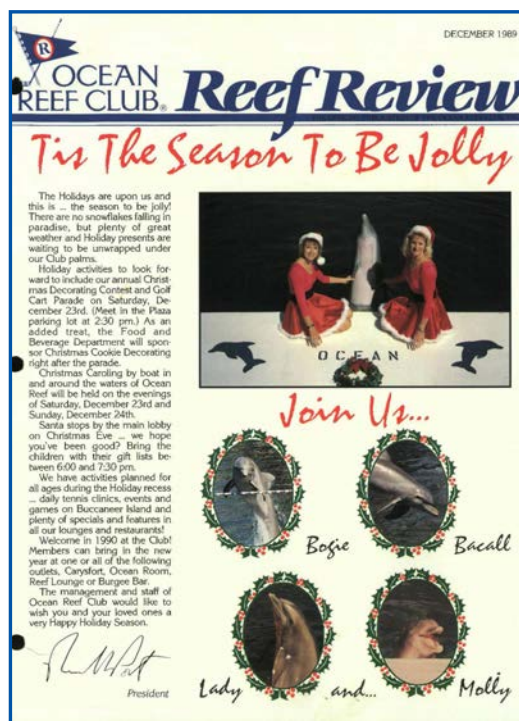
Longtime Member **Henny Frey** recently discovered a printed copy of December 1989's Reef Review, calling attention to a Member's version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas on page 18 (shown here) of the 24-page newsletter.

The front page included a holiday letter from then Club President **Russell Post**, and featured photos of Bogie, Bacall, Lady and Molly, Ocean Reef's four dolphins. In addition to Lady playing a role in saving Christmas in the poem, there was also a full page update on their training, behaviors, new dolphin pens and an invitation to come see

their special holiday show.

There were updates on Food & Beverage, Fishing, Tennis and Golf and even a shopping column (a not near as clever precursor to today's "Joan the Shopper"). New construction and development included the renovation of the "Dolphin Building," previously known as the Kingfish and the completion of the first ten Golf Manor Homes, said to have sold "in record time."

Enjoying a read through the pages of old newsletters highlights that while the dolphins may be long gone, there is so much that remains the same.



Rules Reminder: Buccaneer Island

The place for fun in the sun during the holiday week is always Buccaneer Island! Your Club would like to remind you of a few of the rules in support of Member enjoyment.

- Items left unattended for 30 minutes will be cleared from the lounge chairs and held at the Pool Desk.
- No animals with the exception of service dogs.
- No glass, stereos, coolers.
- No smoking on Buccaneer Island.
- No diapers allowed in pools and spa.

Dress Code Reminders

- Bathing suits that provide full coverage are required.
- Athletic-style tank tops permitted for men.
- No frayed or cut-off jeans/shorts.
- Bathing suit cover-ups, as well as footwear, must be worn in all areas away from the beach and pools on Buccaneer Island.
- Wearing baseball style caps backwards is not acceptable.

Thank you for helping uphold these rules to ensure that the Club's cultured family environment is carried forward. For the full set of Rules & Regulations, visit oceanreef.com/rules.

Wild World of Animals at the Cultural Center

Wild World of Animals is an exploration into the fascinating world of the wildlife we share with the planet featuring live animals including some of the most majestic, interesting, bizarre, and critically endangered

species in the world. Grant Kemmerer who specializes in wildlife education and outreach programs will bring about 16 "friends" from owls to porcupines and a capybara (world's largest rodent).

Tickets are still available for the **Tuesday, December 27** 7 p.m. show. Tickets are \$50 for Cultural Center Donor Adults; \$30 for Cultural Center Children; \$60 for Non-Donor Adults and \$35 for Non-

Donor Children. A pre-performance buffet is available for \$40++ for adults and \$20++ for children. You can reserve your seat by emailing Tickets@OceanReef.com.

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Once Upon a Time... a Happy Ending



by Mary Brady

Everyone has a story, and many of our Members are telling theirs through books and articles. Our employees also have stories that are quite remarkable. Here is a wonderful story about a couple that took great risks to achieve the American Dream.

Anna Lichvar has been working on The Reef since Halloween 1992. Her husband, Stefan, came to Ocean Reef 3 years prior.

Leaving her two young



Anna Lichvar

children with her in-laws in Slovakia, Anna joined Stefan at The Reef after Hurricane Andrew hit the Keys in 1992. There was a lot of work to be done, and Anna and Stefan were up to the task. Anna did not speak a word of English, but she was willing and able to learn. Kind of like a baptism of fire, she jumped in to tackle any task that was required. The Lichvars saw the opportunity for the American Dream, and they both

embraced it with hard work and sacrifice. Anna traveled back to Slovakia to be with her children during the summer. It was very difficult to leave them for such a stretch of time, but the opportunity to work was here in America, and she knew she must take advantage of it in order to make a better life for her family.

Working behind the scenes was Stefan, who was applying for a Green Card lottery for his immediate young family. In 1995, the Lichvars had to decide whether to come back to the USA or stay in Slovakia. Anna had a teaching job in Slovakia, and the children were nearing school age and a decision was imminent. The Green Card lottery was very difficult. The doctors each family member had to see were in Prague, and lots of palms had to be greased in order to get appointments. The paperwork was endless. Just as they were weighing their options about staying in Slovakia, Stefan received a yellow envelope saying he had won the lottery. "I guess God planned for us to go to America," Anna exclaimed. Finally, the family would be united. After 5 years, both Stefan and Anna became American citizens with their children.

In those days, Associate Staff Housing was available for a family of four. The children were bussed to school in Key Largo while the parents worked. Many young families were in the same boat, and they all helped one another. Anna and Stefan forged some mighty strong and long friendships. Many have lasted these past 27 years.

One season, Stefan's dad came to Florida to help with the kids. This was a dream come true because grandpa took over the care of Simona and Tomas while their parents worked the Ocean Room, Raw Bar, Banquet Dinners, etc. Anna said she would write the orders in English cursive in order to improve her skills.

Around 2000, Stefan left

Ocean Reef to work in the Keys. By 2001, he returned and today, works for the Club as a Banquet Bartender. In 2019, Anna left the Raw Bar, where she had been since 1997, and took a job with Ocean Reef Vacation Rentals. Before long, she realized she missed the interaction with the Members. She missed her "peeps" in the Raw Bar. It was time to get back in the swing of things. She was grateful for the experience at Vacation Rentals, but she knew her heart belonged to the Raw Bar.

"Seeing the grown grandchildren of the grandparents I came to love as my own is so gratifying. Hearing about families I have known for almost 30 years is priceless. That is my favorite part of my job. I am a people person," Anna exclaims.

"My two children, Simona is 33, and works as a Marketing Strategist at Harte Hanks in Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Furman College in South Carolina and presently lives in Ft. Lauderdale. Tomas is 32 and graduated from FIU. He is an IT technician for a hospital in Philadelphia." The proud parents worked tirelessly to give their two children the opportunity of a good education and the ability to lead productive and prosperous lives.

"I am so grateful for all the blessings I've had living and working at Ocean Reef. The people I have met along the way, the families I have come to love as my own, the beautiful landscape and blue skies. I have an amazing view from my 'office'."

Anna has left an indelible trail of "footprints of kindness" in her journey through life. As Members we have benefitted by just knowing her.

Anna is so loved by the Members that a recent post on the Ocean Reef Club Instagram account received a record 2,228 likes and 140 loving comments from Members congratulating Anna on celebrating 27 years with Ocean Reef.

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by Yurianna Mikolay,
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Thanks again to the Social Committee and Ladies of Card Sound Golf Club for decorating and donating four festive tabletop Christmas trees. The trees were delivered to provide some added holiday cheer to the non-profit organizations we visited on our December Homestead Charity Tour, including the representative of Kristi House Child Advocacy Center pictured.

(gifts can go anywhere in the nation), we'll do the work and you'll get the credit and consolidated records of all your giving.

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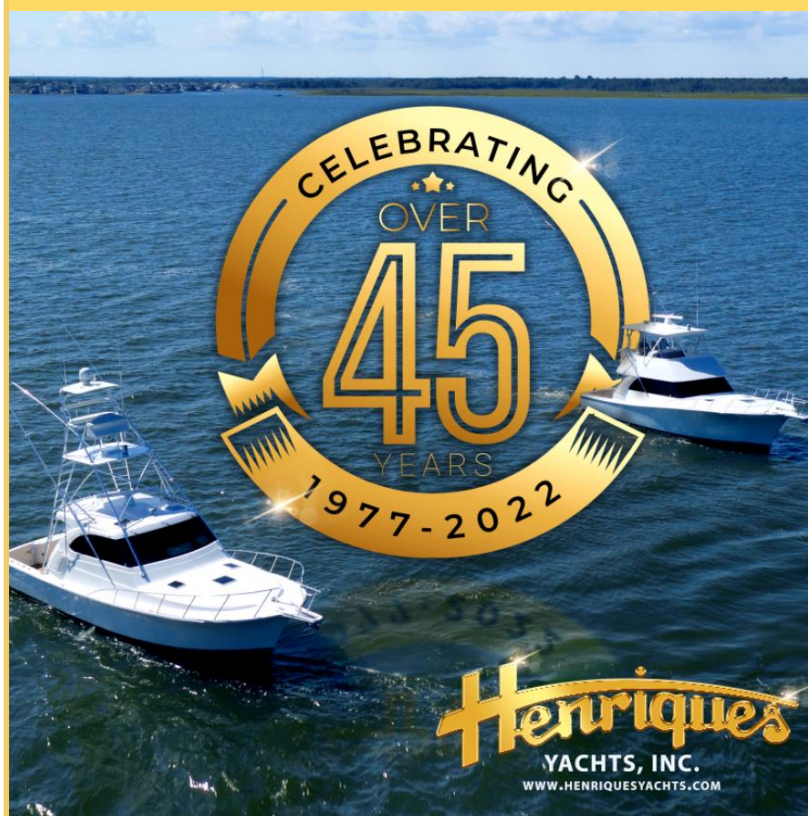
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greater food and carnival rides.

Speaking of carnival rides, the early history of Festival On the Green dates back to 1993 with "The Celebration!", which was born to celebrate the Member buyout. Originally held in April, a mile-long parade lead to Buccaneer Island where entertainment, an "unimaginable array" of food and beverages, a laser show and fireworks awaited. Eventually it moved to **December 29**, and with a location change to the Driving Range, became known as today's Festival On the Green.

The New Year's Eve celebration is also steeped in history, evidenced by the following excerpt from the history book *On The Reef*: "New Year's Eve at Ocean Reef has become a big event. Marcia and Joe Welch, the first social committee chairs, reflected that the tradition of a black tie dinner dance at Heron Hall



was continued the first year the Members owned the Club. The second year, **Pat Hindman** suggested having the party on Buccaneer Island...At fireworks time...people streamed onto the sand for dancing and fireworks over the Atlantic." Amazed at the success of the night, the Club agreed it should become a tradition and the NYE

celebration known today was born.

There are plenty more events on the Club's holiday calendar. To see them all, visit oceanreef.com/HolidayEvents or oceanreef.com/ThisWeek.

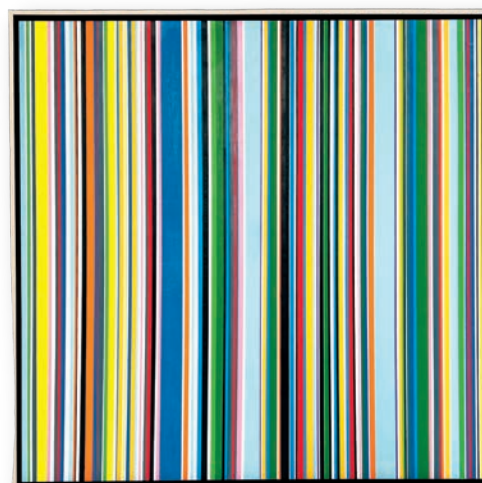
"There probably won't be snow for Christmas, but there will be lots of Santas..." – On The Reef: The Legendary Ocean Reef Club and the People Who Made it Great

Festival of Trees

Four years ago, **Barbara Hajim**, then-Chairman of the House & Grounds Committee, presented the Committee with a new holiday decor idea inspired by her northern club. That marked the beginning of Festival of Trees, which sees beautiful trees decorated around the Club, each with a unique theme that represents the different areas and aspects of life at Ocean Reef.

- Carysfort Hall Foyer
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A Gift Disguised



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

My hunch is that most families have unique holiday traditions. For some, it might be how the family gathers to open gifts – everyone wearing matching pajamas. For others it might be a special meal that the family shares only at the holidays. Or perhaps it's a special place where everyone gathers.

When I think back to my childhood, a memorable family tradition was the way our family disguised gifts. Let me explain.

When my dad was serving in the Navy during World War II, his father – my grandad whom we called Papa Shorty – he was tall and slender – bought a small, hometown hardware store. It was known locally as

Henley Hardware. My dad and grandad ran the business together.

It was a real hardware store - with electrical supplies, pipe fittings, bolts and nails, barb wire, rope, paint, tools – you name it! You could buy one of something if that's all you needed.

The boxes from the hardware store – the kind that merchandise had been shipped in – they became the source of the disguise.

We would gather on Christmas afternoon at my grandparent's small home on the edge of town. Ten of us, packed into a tiny living room – the five from my family, an aunt, uncle, and cousin, and Papa Shorty and Mamaw.

The Christmas tree stood in the corner by the window that faced the highway.

Across the room was a mantelpiece with a fancy clock on top, and a small gas stove instead of a real fireplace. And of course, there were the packages.

As kids bolt boxes quickly became our favorite. It didn't

matter if the boxes were carriage bolts or eye bolts. You see, hidden inside those bolt boxes, stuffed with tissue paper was cold, hard cash – never a lot – but we loved it. We would yell with delight – “I got a bolt box too!” They had us as conditioned as Pavlov's dog!

The adult gifts were where the creative disguises happened.

The size of the box was not a reliable indicator of what was inside. A beautifully wrapped box might be big enough to hold a small pony! But then, there would be boxes inside boxes, like a Russian doll. Finally, as everyone laughed, the treasure inside was discovered – perhaps a watch or small piece of jewelry.

If the size of the box didn't matter, neither did the weight. One Christmas, it took my dad and my uncle both to bring in a gift box! What was on the inside? As best I can recall was a 'high-tech,' eight-millimeter movie camera, weighing maybe twelve ounces.

Why so heavy? Someone had lined the bottom of the box with one-inch steel plates weighing ten pounds each.

You never knew what was going to be inside!

Thinking back on those family Christmas gatherings fills me with gratitude and nostalgia. They were simple times, wonderful times. We experienced the closeness of living and working together.

So different from many of us today, our family included.

We still laugh about the boxes disguising the gifts. But looking back on it now, I also see that there was something profound about what we did. It was unintentional, but true. It's this.

The greatest gift of all, the gift of God's love at Christmas came disguised – not in a box – but in a baby. By all outward appearances, the gift looked vulnerable, weak, and small. But lying in that manger, in a stable in Bethlehem, was the tiny life of Jesus. Who the infant Jesus was and is – God the Son - is beyond the capacity of human words to adequately convey or human thought to fully comprehend.

His coming into the world, disguised as one of us, is shrouded in mystery. Did his infant eyes still reflect the brightness of the moment of creation? Did his infant mind recall the Word he spoke that brought life into being? As his eyes focused on the tender face of his mother Mary, did he recall the face of God the Father, that only He had ever beheld, from all eternity?

I never thought of those things in my grandparent's home, as year after year we delighted in those disguised gifts at Christmas.

But I do now, and the thoughts fill me with wonder. Maybe you'll think about it this week too. Merry Christmas!

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FRIDAY, DEC 23

AA Meeting

7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room

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Meetings

Jewish Shabbat Service

6:00 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

Chanukah Lighting

6:00 p.m., Chapel Gardens

SATURDAY, DEC 24

Catholic Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Father Hilley

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

9:00 p.m., Fishing Village

Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Chaplain Bob Henley

SUNDAY, DEC 25

Family Christmas Service

10:00 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Chaplain Bob Henley

Catholic Mass

12:00 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Father Hilley

MONDAY, DEC 26

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
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Meetings

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28

Intercessory Prayer

8:00 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Chapel Open House

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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

High Blood Pressure & Over-the-Counter Cold Medications

It's cold and flu season and if you have high blood pressure, be sure to check the ingredients and warning labels on over-the-counter remedies. Decongestants cause the most concern for people who have high blood pressure. Decongestants relieve nasal stuffiness by narrowing blood vessels and reducing swelling in the nose. This narrowing can affect other blood vessels as well, which can increase blood pressure.



Avoid over-the-counter cold remedies that contain decongestants such as: pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, phenylephrine, naphazoline and oxymetazoline. Many of these also contain high sodium content, which can also raise blood pressure.

Instead, choose a cold medication designed for people with high blood

pressure or talk to your physician about what medications are appropriate for you to relieve cold symptoms.

Helpful Reminder - Cold or Flu?

This simple acronym "FACTS" can help to distinguish between cold and flu symptoms.

• **"F" is for fever.** Not present in colds but is present in flu and frequently in COVID.

• **"A" is for aches.** This is another likely sign that your discomfort is flu related. Colds can sometimes make you feel achy; however, flu aches and headache are a symptom that happens with the immediate onset of flu.

• **"C" is for chills.** Chills can be the result of a fever, a sign not associated with colds. The combination of

chills and a fever are signs you need to see a doctor before your condition worsens. Your physician may also wish to rule out COVID exposure.

• **"T" is for tired.** Fatigue is more likely a symptom of the flu or COVID.

• **"S" is for sneezing.** Sneezing is cold associated. Sinus congestion and cough can also be present in COVID. If mucus discharge is thick or colored, it can be indicative of a more severe cold or sinus infection.

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Dec 29, Jan 5, 12, 19, 26

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Jan 25, Feb 8, 22

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Jan 5

Debra Price 305-670-1111

Jan 6, 20, Feb 3, 17

Varee Poochareon 305-740-6181

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15

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 27, 29, Jan 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19

Nephrology**Anthony Farias**

Jan 23, Feb 20, March 27

Neurology/Neuro Spine**Nancy Epstein (Spine)**

Jan 18, Feb 15, March 22

Raul Vasquez-Castellanos (Spine)

Jan 31, Feb 28, March 21, April 18

Victor Faradji

Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2

Ophthalmology**Bascom Palmer 786-530-2289**

Jan 3, 4, 24

Zach Segal

Jan 17, Feb 21, March 21

Optometry**Lauren Nicholas**

Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24

Susanna Tamkins

Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17

Orthopaedic Hand Surgery**Roberto Miki**

Jan 27

Orthopaedic Sports Medicine**Michael Swartzon**

Dec 30, Jan 20, Feb 10

Orthopaedic Surgery**Derek Papp**

Jan 12, 26

Joseph Fernandez

Jan 20, Feb 17

James Voglino

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

Podiatry**Rosa Fernandez**Tele-Med **954-385-6277 (Option 1)**

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Podiatry**Pedro Abrantes**

Jan 11, 25, Feb 17

Sophia Masri

Jan 13, 27

Psychology**Joseph Mora**

Jan 9, 23

Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders**Raul Valor**

Dec 23, Jan 6, Feb 3

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OUT & ABOUT



These festive Ocean Reef ladies got together last week for a cookie exchange (see right), hosted by Janet Williams.



Betty Hamilton and family send "Galaxy's Greetings" while decorating wreaths at the Equity Member Wreath Decorating event this week. Photo by Patti Baker.



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The Merry Christmas Blues



"Dot.calm"
by Jane Silverman

For many of us, the holidays are a wreath-making, gingerbread house-baking, Christmas caroling, non-stop series of festivities with parties, dinners, and visiting family. For many of us, the holidays can also be a stressful time of missing loved ones and overwhelming jolliness.

During the Chrismukkah season, the experts suggest meditating, yoga, and breathing exercises but these stress-busting techniques



Mii Creative, a paint-by-numbers site, allows you to create works of art from photos on your phone.

can be a turn-off for some. However, did you know that researchers from the American Art Therapy Association found that 45 mins of creative activity a day significantly lessens stress? It's a good thing... but where to start for those of us with two left hands and dubious artistic ability?

Mii Creative www.miicreative.com is a wonderful paint-by-numbers site creating canvasses from photos right from your phone or smart device. Upload any



The Jigsaw Puzzles Epic app boasts a beautiful array of over 10,000 photo puzzles.

image and they will mail you a 16x20 canvas with pre-printed numbered contours, as well as a water-based acrylic paint set and brushes; just match the numbered paints with the numbered spaces on the canvas to create an incredibly realistic bespoke keepsake.

Mii Creative is like doing a jigsaw puzzle with a paintbrush, revealing stroke by stroke a favorite photo of your home, pet, family members, florals, sunsets – anything. It has the added benefit of reducing anxiety, creating focus, and promoting mindfulness. It's a great way to unleash your inner artist and release your stress. PS: The shipping is free plus a 30-day full refund and a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

Another stressbuster is the app: Jigsaw Puzzles Epic <https://www.kristanix.com/jigsawpuzzleepic/> created by two brothers from Norway for fellow dissectologists (people who enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles). Since the pandemic, jigsaw puzzling has had a renaissance of sorts. Researchers point to

its neurocognitive almost meditative benefits as it engages both sides of the brain.

Download the Jigsaw Puzzles Epic app to any smart device and choose from a beautiful array of over 10,000 photo puzzles. Try it for free but it's worth paying \$2.99 for the ad-free premium version: X-ing out those ads between puzzles can be stressful! It's very realistic and satisfying to move the jigsaw tabs numbering from 4-625 individual pieces. Tap on the settings and options to choose your game preferences. While it's best played on a tablet, it works just fine on a phone for a quick break from season's greetings.



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Also winning was Genesis, Swope's Standardbred. The duo won the Amateur Roadster-To-Bike World's Championship.

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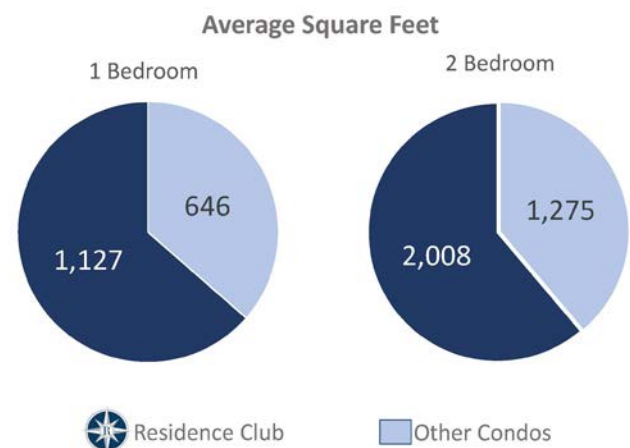
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Holiday Fun at The Academy



by Jody Steele

The Academy at Ocean Reef wrapped up an exciting few weeks of celebration before their Annual Winter Holiday Recess. After a successful Book Fair where parents and children enjoyed choosing books to read with their families or on their own, the days of holiday spirit arrived.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Fishing Village is always a lovely sight for Members to behold. The Academy students, looking especially sharp in their red shirts, performed beautifully on stage singing Christmas Carols at this special event.

The following week, deemed Holiday Spirit Week, was packed with activities. Students surprised Members and Associates with a "Caroling Around The Reef" venture where voices were heard at The Medical Center, Public Safety, Reef Treats, and the Club Offices. Jerome Murphy, Head of School, shared that Santa, although really busy this time of year, even squeezed in a visit to The Academy



Ugly Sweater Day at The Academy.



Academy carolers at The Medical Center.

classrooms hosting a holiday book exchange. Adding to the spirit of the week, each day had a creative theme such as Holiday Pajama Day, Ugly Sweater Day, and Holiday Hats and Socks Day.

All in all, it was a wonderful week full of spirit and holiday cheer. As students happily left for their family holiday, the dedicated Academy Staff met for a Holiday Luncheon to end the week. School opens in the New Year on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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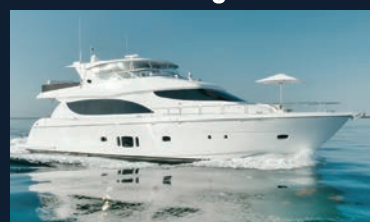
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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

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Mediterranean Delight &
Cure Skin • Lomelo's Meat
& Seafood • Salsa y Sabor
Stoney Crab Claws
Harvey's BBQ

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
121 Marina Parking Lot

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh
Le Petit Pain • Pasta Amore
r.f. Orchids • La Montagne
Des Saveurs French Cheese
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Family Fun With the Rod & Gun Club



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Want to get to know your grandchild better? Take him or her out fishing and talk to them. That was the advice of **Ed Hajim** at his Cultural Center talk, "Talk To Me", and it works for every parent, grandparent and in-law — nothing like the quiet hours between fish with nowhere else to go for hearing about a young person's plans and ideas. There will be some good excuses to get out on the water in the last week of the year — both the Fish of the Month contest, and the Holiday Tournament offer chances for fishing action and confidences, and we'll be happy to post photos of the results, or at least of the fish caught.

Sign up with **Ken Reda** at MarineMax (ken.reda@marinemax.com or 305-342-0658) for the one-day Holiday Fishing Tournament, no entry fee required and on **December**



Bill McGuire caught this nice bull red fish, one of many, this fall fishing out of Venice, Louisiana.

28, take out a team of four — members and guests — and unlimited spectators. The goal is to catch as many fish as possible — most every species counts, and points are graded by size -- but the prize is a day with family and friends and a delicious haul for dinner. All the details are on the website, RodandGun.org, and there is a Captain's Meeting in the Fishing Village at 5 p.m. the 27th. Catch a really big Mutton Snapper and/or Kingfish, and maybe you will win the Fish of the Month for December, also determined by a weigh-in at the Fishing Village Weigh Station, where the prize is a \$50 gift certificate for shopping at MarineMax.

The Shooting Range is a good place for private conversations as well. Time between rounds can lend themselves to open-ended discussions that reveal hopes and likes; bring the next

generation to the range and I assure you, more will come up than a clay pigeon. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for skeet, sporting clays, trap and air rifle, bow and pellet gun practice at a fully-stocked range with a resident Range Manager. For info plus directions, go to RodandGun.org.

CO-ED CLEAN-UP ON JANUARY 9

The Rod and Gun Club members are joining forces with the Bonefish Bonnies to help clean the mangroves of debris, with the first outing on **January 9th**, 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at Buccaneer Island. Ocean Reef Club will provide kayaks, garbage bags, gloves and water and we are looking for volunteers to come out and help. Contact **Phil French**, RGC Events Chair (events@rodandgun.org) if you are interested in taking care of your environment with like-minded friends.



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

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A properly moored boat in a National Marine Sanctuary SPA, or Sanctuary Preservation Area.

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After mooring, if you plan to dive or snorkel, raise your dive flag one foot above the highest part of your vessel so it can be seen from any angle a full 360 degrees around the boat. My recommendation is to always leave one person who can operate the boat or radio on channel 16 if

help is needed. If the current suddenly becomes strong, someone is injured, or the mooring breaks and you can't make it back you are in trouble. At least one diver who could not get back to the boat, dies annually in the Keys.

It's a good idea to turn off all non-essential electronics to minimize drain on the batteries while not being used. When you are ready to depart, take down the dive flag and start the engine. Motor forward slowly to release tension on the bridle, then release one side and retrieve the line. Finally motor back away from the mooring and then proceed at slow speed, watching the depth, until you exit the SPA.

CORRECTION

Editor's Note:

In last week's edition, the Ocean Reef Press incorrectly stated the rules about entering Fisherman's Cove from Pumpkin Creek. The corrected passage is as follows:

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 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.

To summarize, when leaving the cove, blow two long blasts, when entering the cove, blow one long blast. That way, other boats can decipher whether you are entering or leaving the cove and can position themselves accordingly.



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Danish & Coffee

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8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

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Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

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10am • Meet at Pool Desk

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Danish & Coffee

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Reformer Pilates Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour

1pm • Meet at Pool Desk

26 MONDAY

Beach Yoga Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

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11am-4pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot

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4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

AA Meeting

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27 TUESDAY

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6am • Member Fitness Center

Master Swim Class

7am • Member Fitness Pool

Pickleball Cardio

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

28 WEDNESDAY

Intercessory Prayer

8am • Chapel Board Room

Ladies Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10am • Driving Range

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

Men's Pickleball Night League

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

"Strange World" (PG)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

29 THURSDAY

Core Class

6:30am • Member Fitness Center

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Junior Golf Clinic

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7:30am Pre-Registration

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

December 27 & 30
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PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, December 28
9am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center

TOUCH A TRUCK

Wednesday, December 28
11am-1pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot

WINTER WONDERLAND STREET FAIR

Wednesday, December 28
6-9 pm • Fishing Village

FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

Thursday, December 29
5pm • Driving Range

HANGOVER OPEN

Sunday, January 1
Tee Times
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Sunday, December 25
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LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Sunday, January 1
6pm • Marlin Beach

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CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

Merry Christmas to ME –

Is it better to give than receive? I'm not sure – unless the giving and the receiving are for me! Filled with that kind of personal Christmas spirit, I bought a new golf cart.

Was it an impulse buy? Yes and no. My old cart "Big Red" was making a *bump bump bump* sound, despite the life support I had recently purchased for him (four new tires and some inexplicable mechanical gizmo).

I took the bumping to mean that Big Red was ready for semi-retirement, so I headed immediately for **Ocean Reef Golf Cart Sales**, where the very accommodating Israel Salgado promised to find a new cart to fit my exact specifications.

True to his word, he took me to a kind of Club Cart heaven, located in Service Village where the Ocean Reef cart service stashes their new carts, carts stored for Members, carts offered for resale, and conducts golf cart repairs.

I quickly spotted the cart of my dreams, but it was not in the Metallic Ice Blue color that I admired on a nearby cart of a different model. "No problem," said Israel. "We will simply exchange the bodies." Also interchangeable were the seats and hubcaps, so I got to choose those as well.

My new cart will not exceed



the speed of 19 miles an hour, though an increased speed option is available (I passed on that – so far).

This *build your own Club Cart* idea was perfect for me, but when would I get my new cart?

"I will deliver it to your house tomorrow morning," said the unflappable Israel. And true to his word, my beautiful blue cart was at my doorstep at 9:30 a.m. the next day.

I've named my new cart "Easy Rider". I thought of calling him "Shopper" but that's what I call my large stuffed dog, who sometime rides with me (please note the word "stuffed").

My carts are all male, maybe because I am feminist enough to enjoy being in full control. The name of my new blue cart gives me incentive to "go easy", something my grown children are always encouraging me to do.

Last Word: Merry Christmas to me and to you! I wish you all "easy going" in 2023.

by Joan Birsh

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History of the Card Sound Sailing Club

By Windsor D. Coffin

This past Saturday, the Bull's Eyes of the Card Sound Sailing Club sat quietly on their moorings at Baker Harbor due to weather and sailors' other commitments for the holidays. So, it's time to revisit the history of our sailing club.

The Card Sound Sailing Club (CSSC) was founded in 1967 by Phil Connors and Nelson Jeffress. They, along with a group of other sailors, began racing with eight 14-foot O'Day Javelin centerboard sloops and by the end of the first season, club membership totaled 35 sailors. Of course, as anyone with nautical interests knows, a sailing club needs a burgee and it was Nelson's wife, Ann Jeffress, who took up that task. Racing continued



Bull's Eyes race toward the windward mark. Photo Credit - Bill Overend.

and the club grew but after several years of racing Javelins, it was determined that a larger, roomier, and stiffer boat would attract more sailors to the club. After some research, attention quickly focused on Cape Cod Shipbuilding's Cape Cod Bull's Eye. By the fall of 1973, nine Cape Cod Bull's Eyes (Bullseyes, as they're colloquially known) were added to the fleet. Both Bull's Eyes and Javelins sailed for several years, but as time went on the Javelin fleet began to shrink as the Bull's Eye fleet grew. By 1984, the Bull's Eyes' popularity amongst the sailors

had seen that fleet grow to 20, while the Javelins had been completely phased out leaving just the Bull's Eye racing at the CSSC. As the years continued and racing grew, off-the-water social events were added, such as our monthly "Hot Dog Day" (started by **Alan Goldstein** when he was CSSC Commodore in the early 1990s), the weekly "Nooner's" after racing social, and the annual Angler's Club Luncheon. Sunday radio-controlled model yacht racing on Buccaneer Island Lagoon was also part of the CSSC's activities from 1983-1994, after which it became its own separate entity, the Card Sound Model Yacht Club. In 1989, the CSSC held its first Bullseye National Championship. This five-race regatta was won by CSSC members Eugene Corley and Owen Coon who competed against 20 other Bull's Eyes with sailors from several clubs from around the country. Since then, the Bullseye Nationals have been hosted by the CSSC five times

and all but one of those regattas were won by local crews. Today, the Ann Jeffress' burgee still flies over the CSSC's Baker Harbor facility. Our club numbers around 60 members and 23 Bull's Eyes racing on Saturday mornings with informal "Beer Can" racing beginning in January on Friday afternoons.

We're always looking for new friends to come join the fun! If you're a seasoned sailor or have an interest in sailing, come visit us. We're located at the corner of Sunset Cay Road and Sailboat Harbor Drive. As always, we invite those interested to visit our Baker Harbor facility any Saturday at Noon for "Nooner's." This is where we gather around to hear the days' racing results and discuss the racing action. If you'd like to receive more information about the CSSC, please contact our Membership Chair, **Gary Sayia** at 201-919-7432, gsayia@aol.com, or our Commodore **Bill Reynolds** at 614-296-7592, bill.reynolds@hotmail.com.

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Congratulations to the crew, which included Peggy Johns, owner; Matt Rabenstine, captain; Hunter Clark, mate; Marissa Williams, photographer; Bonefish Bonnies Board Member **Carol Andrews** and **Tom Grote**, Brad Zimmerman, Jake Turek, David Dotterweich and Bryan Limsang.

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Weather Foils Racing on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin,
CSMYC
Commodore

As Commodore of a yacht club, sailing club, or a model yacht club, the story is the same when making the call to cancel racing due to weather. The easy calls are the ones where its blowing like crazy or stormy. Unfortunately for the Commodore, it's rarely that simple. Having previously been a Commodore at Ocean Reef's Card Sound Sailing Club and Maine's Winter Harbor Yacht Club, I can tell you that making the decisions for a model yacht club might be the most difficult. With our East Coast 12 Meter



Al Mast on the shore of the Pond. Photo credit - Erin Coffin.

model yachts, we can race in very light air conditions and quite windy conditions that would keep most full-sized racing boats at the dock. But for two Sundays in a row, Mother Nature threw me "curveballs."

Sunday, December 11 was a gorgeous day with wind that was forecast to be light and then trending calm during our racing time. All forecast models were saying the same thing. But, no, the exact opposite happened, the wind was



The only action on the Pond were from the "bubblers". Photo credit Erin Coffin.

calm and then came up to a sailable velocity. So, we could have raced. That brings us to December 18. The forecast was for rain and storms early with calm winds until right about the time we would be rigging our boats to prepare to race. But, as luck would have it, the rain and calm conditions lasted longer than forecasted, so those of us who made the trek to the Pond called the racing for the day. This time the drizzle and not-too-distant thunder did make

the decision a little easier.

So, with that last cancellation, the CSMYC practice racing season is over. With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays this year, we will have two weekends off to prepare for the start of Series Racing on January 8. Even though we will not be racing, keep reading the Ocean Reef Press through the holidays for articles about the CSMYC and our model yachts.

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." So, swing by the Buccaneer Island lagoon in the New Year if you are curious and have questions. If you would like more information about our model yachting club and our EC12 model yachts, please contact me, **Windsor Coffin**, at csmyc12@gmail.com.

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KLAC & ORC Players Come Together for the Winter Doubles Tournament & Other News

By William Hinkebein, Ocean Reef Croquet Chair

The morning started out a bit rainy and chilly on December 16. The start of the Winter Doubles Tournament was delayed a short while to allow the lawn to drain and dry. As Justin Romero was announcing the tournament structure and teams, the sun broke through to begin a lovely day, showing off the lawn in great condition, thanks to the Golf Course Maintenance Team.

Seven teams total, some whom traditionally play at KLAC and several who play solely at ORC, were ready to begin. ORC loves having players from KLAC come to the ORC events. After all, we are all ORC Members.

Team **Adelaide Schultze Jared** and **Ben Cart** came out on fire busting top seed **Laura** and **Kendall Hendrick** in the first round. Adelaide nailed two incredible long shots displacing her opponent's ball, while ending up in the wicket. It became apparent that any team could win the tournament on this day. Other first round winners included team **Carol/Bob Blackburn** and team **Bill Hinkebein/Alan Thomson**.

The overall play was superb as all matches were hotly contested. Every hoop was hard fought with multiple clearings and re-sets. The level of concentration was outstanding throughout this event. All teams won at least two of their six games, including **Leslie/Jack Phillips** and **Julie/John Hilton**. Team **Francesca Johnson** and **Cary Kerger** were hot and cold on this day winning a big four of six games but in their two losses, they scored zero hoops.



Winter Doubles Croquet Tournament competitors.

Ultimately, team Hinkebein/Thomson came out on top with five wins, while team Johnson/Kerger placed second with four wins (including the tie-breaker against the Hendricks). Thanks to all players who made this a competitive and fun event.

Upcoming Play & Events:

- **Open Play** is Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 2-5pm. Feel free to just show up and play. Sometimes there's just a few players, other times it's a full lawn. This is a great way to learn from your fellow club members.
- **A beginner's clinic**, conducted by Coach Justin Romero, is Mondays, 2:30-3:30pm.
- **UNDER 40-Year-Old Golf Croquet & Cocktails** learn and play is Thursday, December 22, 3-5:30pm and Thursday 1/5, 3-5:30pm.
- **Women, Wine & Wickets** will be held at 3:30-5pm on the following Mondays: January 9, 23, February 6, 20, March 6, 20 and April 3.
- The next fun tournament is the **3-Wicket Tournament** on **Friday, January 13**, 1pm until finished.
- One of the biggest events on the schedule in 2023 is the annual **KLAC vs ORC Golf Croquet Challenge**, this year on **Friday & Saturday, March 17 & 18** hosted by Anglers. This team match is an invitational, thus, the best way to get invited to play on Team ORC is to place first or perhaps second in one of the many events on the ORC lawn. Only 12 persons can play on the Team ORC for this event.



Cary Kerger and Francesca Johnson, 2nd place, Winter Doubles Tournament.

Other Golf Croquet News:

Many players are still yet to return to The Reef for season. However, we have already had several "open play" sessions with 16 or more players. So, for those of us already here, this is an ideal time to practice - distance rolling, clearing balls, shooting the hoop and jump shots. A good way to learn how to improve your overall game is to watch YouTube video tutorials and then practice what you see.

Of course, the best way to learn is to get a private lesson from Coach Jim Morton. A small group of just two or four persons can learn so much in one short hour...all for about the cost of a lunch at the Raw Bar.



Alan Thomson and Bill Hinkebein, Winter Doubles Tournament Champions.

Any questions about mallets, balls, reserving lawn time, clinics or lessons, please reach out to Justin Romero at 305-367-6583.

Looking forward to seeing you on the beautiful lawn!

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Tennis & Games Was Abuzz



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

If you heard a buzz around The Reef last weekend, it was coming directly from the Tennis & Games Center. We hosted XGLOsive Tennis/Pickleball events from 6:30-8:30pm on Saturday and Sunday. The event was a high success with over 140 participants combined. Some were saying it was the most fun and energetic event seen at the Tennis & Games Center. If you did not get a chance to play or watch, we will look to have them back again! A special thanks to all participants, spectators and staff.



With holiday season around the bend, it is important to note we will be switching to our "Holiday Schedule" meaning starting **January 19th**, in addition to our normal schedule we will have Cardio Tennis daily at 8am as well as Quickstart, Jr. Clinic, and Advanced Jr. Clinics daily. Please call the Pro Shop at 305-367-6583 to sign up for all of our clinics.

You can also sign up now for our special traditional events, such as Mother-Daughter Tennis Round Robin on **Dec. 26th**, Father-Son Tournament on **Dec. 27th**, and Junior-Teen Round

Robin and Pizza Party on **Dec. 29th**.

Coming up on the Pickleball front is one of the most soughtafter events of the year. ORC's 6th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro. Here is your chance to play with some of the best talent in the game! Limited spots are available. Registration opens **Dec. 20th** to Equity Members and **Dec. 27th** to Social and Legacy Members. No registration necessary if you want to come watch. The Pros include: Jay Devilliers, JW Johnson, James Ignatowich, AnnaLeigh Waters, Catherine



Tyler and Wynn Massey

Parenteau, Anna Bright, Jorja Johnson and Justin Romero.

We also excited to announce Paul Fecteau as our new Croquet Touring Pro. Paul is an eight-time Hillsboro Club Summer Croquet Champion, a National Croquet Club Palm Beach County Summer League back-to-back Champion, and a USCA-certified golf croquet referee. He will be available for lessons and clinics on Saturdays from 9am-2pm starting **January 7th**.

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Starting High on the Low Volley



"Tennis Tip" by Alex Henderson, Assistant Tennis Professional

Something I noticed during my amazing first week back at Ocean Reef is that the low volley is the most challenging shot for most of our Cardio and Gameio participants. I get that! This is a shot that requires careful and consistent preparation. Here are three fundamentals to get you started:

- 1) Use a continental/hammer grip.
- 2) Create a 90-degree angle between the racket handle and your forearm. This gives you a strong wrist and makes it easier to keep it locked in position. This angle should put your strings above the wrist and above the ball, around chest/shoulder level. Maintain 90 degrees throughout the entirety of the shot.
- 3) Open the racket head by either angling your palm (on a forehand) or the back of your hand (on a backhand) to the sky. As you bring the racket to the ball, lead with the outside edge of the racket and knife the ball to get backspin and a lower bounce.



One of the best ways to practice your low volley technique is on the backboard. This forces the racket work to be compact because of how little time there is to react. Think how beautifully it will transfer to the backspin chip/slice approach, which is so effective in doubles. I'm looking forward to seeing you knifing your volleys like the pros. Thank you for making my first week back so special. I'll see you on the courts!

TENNIS RESULTS

MEN'S "B" NIGHT LEAGUE WEEK 11

1st Place: Bill Dixon and Kevin Scalia (tie)

2nd Place: Tony Olmert and Richard Weinstein (tie)

Tennis

Players of the Week

Charlotte, Isabell and Theodore Rogers



Favorite tennis game?

Isabelle: Jail

Charlotte: Poison Ivy

Theodore: Fruit Salad

Favorite activity other than tennis?

I: Playing video games.

C: Art.

T: Watching the planes at the airport.

Favorite reef treats flavor?

I: Chocolate

C: Vanilla with candy corn

T: Vanilla with M&M's



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

Improving and maintaining our bodies and minds is a lifelong journey. The journey includes nutrition, exercise, mindset, and recovery. Our fitness specialists have done a great job throughout the years keeping Members engaged in their fitness journeys. But, our fitness specialists do not just help those who are here for the season and year; they can also make an impact for Members and their families visiting for a few days.

Recently, **Brian Holland**, who has been doing stretching sessions with ORC Fitness and Stretching Specialist Kurt Gelinis for several months, was enjoying a special daddy-and-daughter trip along with three other dads and their nine-year-old daughters. One of the dads hurt his back as soon as he arrived at The Reef. According to Holland, his friend was barely able to walk, and the group was concerned he wouldn't be able to participate in all the



Whether it's strength, flexibility, speed or balance, this expert Member Fitness Team provides many different methods to help you stay fit.



ORC Fitness and Stretching Specialist Kurt Gelinis jumped into action on Buccaneer Island to help a guest with debilitating back pain, ultimately saving his daddy-daughter trip to The Reef.

activities he had planned for the weekend. Holland was at Buccaneer Island when he saw Kurt, who happened to be there to take part in a Member Fitness team picture. Holland called Kurt and asked him if he could see his friend at the Member Fitness Center and help him out later in the day. Kurt said he could work on him right there on the beach. After Kurt finished, Holland's friend not only felt better but

could play golf, pickleball, and even a pickup game of basketball.

This story, which we appreciate Holland for sharing, is one example of what the Member Fitness team can do for the friends and families of Members visiting during the holidays. We encourage all Members and their families to take full advantage of our fitness and wellness offerings. To book stretching sessions, Pilates, yoga, or personal training, contact us at 305-367-5820.



Welcome Back Joan Scholz
Joan Scholz, ACE Certified Personal Trainer, returns to Member Fitness for the season. Joan retired from personal training a year ago after several years as a fitness professional and many successful seasons at Ocean Reef Club.

Those who know Joan, know of her energy, enthusiasm, professionalism, caring persona, and attention to detail. Joan's specialties include Move It or Lose It for Parkinson's Disease, strength and resistance training,

balance and flexibility, including aerobic exercises to build stamina and heart health.

Joan is elated to return to the Member Fitness Center as a Fitness Specialist, where she has impacted many Members. We are elated as well to welcome Joan back!

If you would like to schedule training sessions with Joan, please feel free to contact her via email jscholz@oceanreef.com or call the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820.

Upcoming Events

Stamina Challenge

Friday, December 23
9am to 12pm
Test your stamina with a conditioning circuit designed by ORC Fitness Specialists.

Ugly Sweater Day

Saturday, December 24
Get into the holiday spirit and wear your best ugly sweater to the gym. Complimentary smoothies for participating Members.

Sound Bath

Saturday, December 24, 11am
Experience a live sound bath, led by our resident expert Elisabet Stadelman.

Ho Ho HIIT Class

Thursday, December 29, 2pm
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Monthly Golf Pro-Am



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

Our second Pro-Am of the season is now in the books! First off, thank you to all of our participants for coming out. As a staff, we love events where we get to play in a competition with the membership and your support is truly appreciated.

Mother nature threw some showers at our afternoon wave but our competitors were committed to complete the competition! We had some fantastic scores from another stellar field of teams this month. Leading the way was the team of **Cathy Ripich, Beth Noyes, Christopher Noyes** and Pro **Zach Haynes** with a fantastic score of 83 (23 under par)! The team of **Jay Guarch, Andy Woodman, Geoffrey Noyes**, and Pro **Aaron Hart** fell one shot short with a stellar team score of 84. In third place, with another great score of 87, was the team of **Bob Garces, Calvin Philips, Scott Heffner** and Pro **Dave Vihlen**.

The competition of the pros is always exciting, and



9 Hole LGA Candy Game Shamble

this month's was no different. With an amazing score of 62 (9 under par), **Zach Haynes** took home the Low Professional for the event.

Ultimate Demo Day

Come out to the Driving Range **Friday, December 30** for our Ultimate Demo Day! The new year is always the time to buy the latest and greatest golf equipment. The premier manufacturers are releasing their new equipment lines that are sure to benefit everyone's game. Ultimate Demo Day will feature Titleist, TaylorMade, Callaway and XXIO. Call the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912 to book your appointment now.

Holiday Junior Clinics

Now through December 31st, the Professional Staff will be conducting junior clinics everyday at 9 a.m. Sign ups are limited to 12 juniors per session. Call the Golf Shop for more information!

Hangover Open

As a standing tradition, we are excited to kick off 2023 with the Ocean Reef famous Hangover Open on **Sunday, January 1**. Last year, we had an outstanding 350+ players in the field, and we hope to see this number continue to grow. Like years past, the tournament will feature a Bloody Mary Bar, Beer Mug Trophies, and a tshirt for every tournament participant.

For the event, tee times will be available from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on both the Dolphin and Hammock Courses. Teams will compete in a 1 Best Ball Shamble format. Now is the perfect time to recruit a team and strategize over which course you would like to play.

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"Swing Tip"
by Derek
Swoboda,
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We have all been there during our rounds of golf.... Driving the golf ball well and we end up in a fairway bunker. How do we hit solid shots out of these situations and what should you do to improve your fairway bunker game?

Step 1: Choose the right club

You MUST choose a club that will easily clear the lip of the bunker you are in. This

is vital for advancing the golf ball even if it does not give you the greatest amount of distance. The goal from these situations is to get the ball out cleanly in one shot as far down the fairway as you are safely able to.

Step 2: Wedge the inside of your back foot

When you set up for your shot you should dig in ONLY the inside portion of your back foot. This will help create leverage and allow you to push as you normally would when you hit a shot. The most common challenge in hitting full shots from fairway bunkers is our feet tend to slip when we use the ground simply due to the sand underneath us.

Stand nice and tall and swing away for success out of the next fairway bunker you find.

GOLF SCOREBOARD

LGA Candy Game Shamble

Thursday, December 15

1st Place: Tania McCann, Carol Schafer-Yates, Patricia Baxter, Carolyn Sheehan

2nd Place: Marcy Aultman, Nancy Mitchell, Betsy Skudder, Charlotte Curry

3rd Place: Linda Buermann, Deborah Geller, Michele Welch
Longest Drive: Kelly Hertzman (Hole #5)

Closest to the Pin: Roz Smith (Hole #6)

Monthly Pro-Am

Friday, December 16

1st Place: Cathy Ripich, Beth Noyes, Christopher Noyes, Pro Zach Haynes

2nd Place: Jay Guarch, Andy Woodman, Geoffrey Noyes, Pro Aaron Hart

3rd Place: Bob Garces, Calvin Philips, Scott Heffner, Pro Dave Vihlen

Lowest Professional: Zach Haynes

MGA Weekly Results

Monday, December 19

1st Place Gross: Kristian Fortis,

Mike Materna, Mark Kavanagh, John Kazmer

2nd Place Gross: Ricky Fortis, Michael Jones, Buzz Hilberg, Calvin Philips

1st Place Net: Bill Wonfor, Peter Coleman, Tony Olmert, Larry Brady

2nd Place Net: Jason Sugavanam, Douglas Totura, Michael Betz, Jack Salisbury

3rd Place Net: Joe Holl, Joey Rivera, Philip Russel, Henri Van Der Eerden

Closest to the Hole: Bill Wonfor (Hole #6), Bob Garces (Hole #17)

LGA Santa's Sleigh Wreck

Tuesday, December 20

1st Place: Jody Betz, Susan Shuldman, Jessica Blackie, Bonnie Franzblau

2nd Place: Donna Archibald, Sally Newman, Cathy Ripich, Cynthia Egan

3rd Place: Staci Berry, Hope Fortis, Britta Garcia, Cindy Baird

Closest to the Hole: Elizabeth Conklin (#2), Nancy Love (#12)

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Card & Games Corner



by Gregg Van Dyke,
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of Card &
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I will be away for the Holiday Season. I will be shoveling snow in Minnesota as you read this. After my first shovel full, it reminds me, like all of you, why we are in Florida. David Babcock will be here to take good care of you in my absence.

There will be the normal schedule of Duplicate Bridge Games – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. in my absence. David will direct.

The next Men's Poker Night will be **Monday, January 2**. There will be no Poker on Monday, December 26.

Pick Up Games

Canasta Pick Up Games will be starting Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Come over between 12 and 1 p.m. Just show up and we will put games together like we did pre-Covid. If you need to learn or brush up on your skills, lessons are available Thursdays at 12:30 p.m., or just stop in and watch. This is a wonderful way to meet people.

Mah Jongg pickup games are also available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Texas Holdem Poker Tournaments

The first Men's Texas Holdem Poker Tournament was held Tuesday, December 13. Congrats to the winner, **Harvey Bundy**, who played very well against a strong field. Second place went to **Stan Henry** and third place was **Fred Flippen**.

The next Men's KO Tournament will be held **Monday, January 16**. Sign up by calling the Card &



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The first Ladies' Texas Holdem Poker Nite is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19**. Get ready for a great night of Cards & Cocktails and lots of prizes. Sign up at 305-367-6609.

Larry Cohen Returns

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

January Schedule

The next Canasta Lesson will be available on Thursday, starting **January 5th** at 12:30 p.m. They are complimentary and an easy way to learn a new game. Once you learn it you have it for life.

Bridge lessons are available on any subject you are having trouble with on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 3 p.m. starting **January 6th**.

I will do Backgammon at Waterside on **Thursday, January 6** at 6 p.m.

Backgammon lessons are available in the Card & Games Room on Fridays starting **January 7** 10:30 a.m. Call to let me know you are coming. I have backgammon games that you may check out and take home to practice.

The January Card & Games Room schedule is coming out soon so look out for it in the Card & Games Room.

Last-Minute Stocking Stuffer Alert!

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Bridge expert Larry Cohen returns to the Card & Games Room on Monday, January 16 for another Bridge Seminar.

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Bridge Tip of the Week

Responding to 1NT with 5-4 in the Majors

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

10+ HCPs (Smolen Convention)

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

the 4-card major in either of your majors)

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

ALERT! – THE 3-LEVEL BID IN THE SMOLEN CONVENTION REQUIRES AN ALERT FROM PARTNER.

When you are 5-5 in the Majors you can use a convention called Weissburger.

Over 1NT you start with 2C which is Stayman. If partner responds with a Major, Great, you have your fit.

However if Partner bids 2D, then you bid 3D which says you are 5-5 in the Majors and partner should bid their 3 card Major.

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

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



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Suzy Heilpern
2. Chloe Beatty -
Jay Beatty
3. Beverly Platner -
Brian Platner

Afternoon Pairs Friday, December 16, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Amy Salisbury -
Judie Berry
2. Joanne Wills -
Kay Meinhardt
3. Monica Phillips -
Paula Pendergast

Section A East-West

1. Beverly Platner -
Dorothy Kemp

2. Suzy Heilpern -
Brian Platner
3. Rosemary Jones -
Cynthia Mitchell

Afternoon Pairs Monday, December 19, 2022

Section A North-South

1. Adelaide Jared -
Joanne Wills
2. Judie Berry -
Denny Morgan
3. Paula Pendergast -
Monica Phillips

Section A East-West

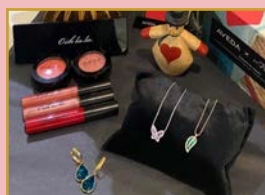
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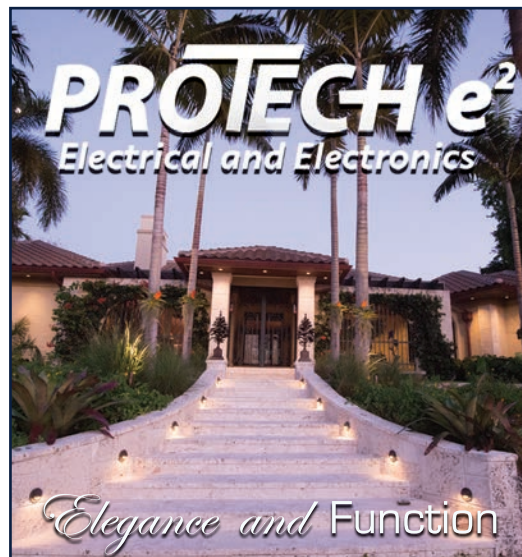


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