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Oh, What Fun!



Santa on the Beach



Gingerbread Tea



Grinchmas at The Reef



Concert on the Beach



Touch a Truck, see more holiday fun on page 30

2022 in Review

As we close out another year and prepare for all the New Year promises to bring, we took a sentimental look down memory lane at some of the Ocean Reef Press headlines that best represent 2022 – a year of togetherness, a return to tradition, and continued innovation.

Member Events Goes the Extra Mile (1/7/22) –

The first front page headline of 2022 acknowledged the Club's Member Events Team for an extraordinary holiday season. Fittingly, in a matter of days, we'll be thanking them all over again for doing the same this year – "entertaining literally hundreds of Ocean Reef Club Members at a

variety of special venues for all ages". But this excellence is something the Member Events Team maintained throughout the entirety of the year, as they looked to bring back traditional favorites like Street Fairs, while also adding more events to the schedule than ever before. "Huge thanks to the team for their diligence, creativity and endless energy," wrote **Jody Steele**. It's no wonder why they won Team of the Year for 2022 (read more on page 35).

Loving Our New Home (1/14/22) –

The new Clubhouse, which opened Christmas week 2021, stands out as a major milestone of this past year, and the new Golf Shop is a key part of that. Over the preceding years, the Golf Shop moved from its original space in the old

Clubhouse, to a trailer in the parking lot and then a space by the Academy of Golf, before moving permanently into their beautiful 2,200 sq. ft. space in the new Clubhouse building, allowing them to vastly improve and increase their merchandize.

How We Got Here (1/14/22) –

That is to say, how Ocean Reef got to where it is today. January 14 published the first

in the 2022 "How We Got Here" series by **Mike Smith**, which detailed the history of all things Ocean Reef – from our humble beginnings to today. This celebration of the Club's history and tradition continues as "Making History" as we enter 2023 – our historical anniversary year celebrating 75 years as a Club and 25 years Member owned.

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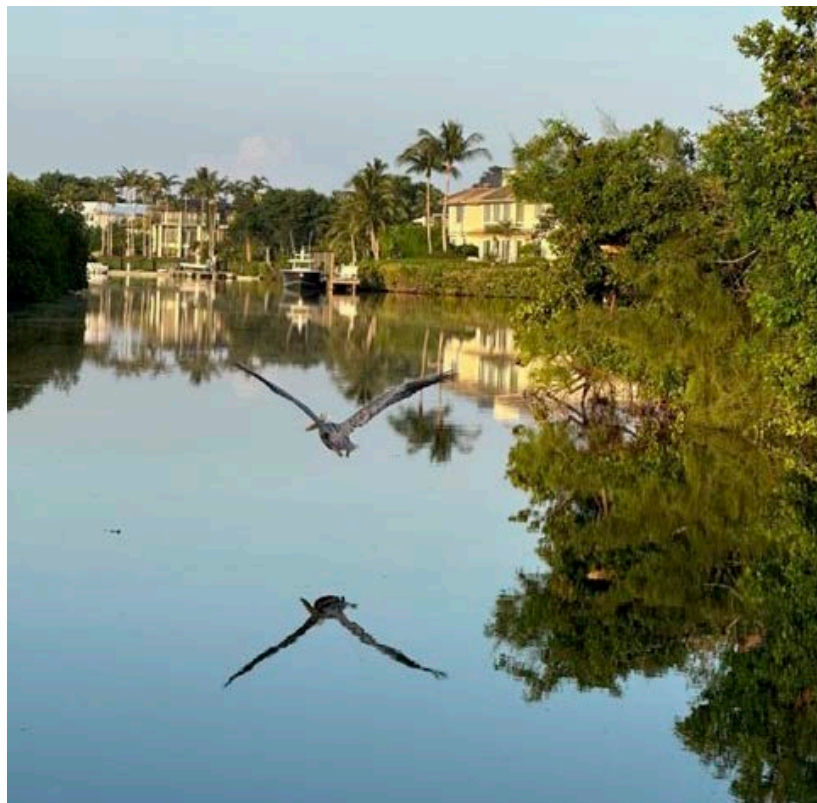
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What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before?
Email orp@oceanreef.com and share your discoveries.



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Gotta Question?

How can I get my prescriptions without leaving Ocean Reef?

There are a couple extremely convenient ways Members can get their prescriptions without having to leave Ocean Reef.

The first, the Prescription Delivery Program, has been in place for almost 20 years and is administered by the Medical Center and Public Safety. Every Monday through Friday throughout season, a Public Safety officer travels to CVS, Publix and Walgreens to collect the prescriptions of Members in the program. After the prescriptions are brought back to Ocean Reef, they are logged in a system and Members will receive a call the next day to let them know their prescription is ready for pick-up at Public Safety. Prescriptions not picked up within three or four days are transferred to the front desk at the Medical Center where they can be picked up during regular business hours. The number for the Prescription Delivery Service is 305-367-3401.

The second way to get your prescriptions without having to drive into Key Largo or Homestead is by using the Pharmacy at The Reef, which held its grand opening in February of this year. Located on the first floor of the Plaza



Building, Pharmacy at The Reef offers Members an on-property location where they can pick up and drop off prescriptions. The pharmacy also offers over-the-counter as well as compounded medication and provides various other professional pharmaceutical care. The pharmacy team has worked hard to ensure they are on the insurance plans most commonly serving The Reef. The Medical Center can select this pharmacy just like they would any other and send the e-prescription down the street versus to Key Largo. Pharmacy at The Reef is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Sunday. Their phone number is 305-780-7136.

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

MEMBERABILIA

Gone are the Good Old Days...Thanks for Good New Days



by Joan
Birsh

I am embarrassed to admit that only recently have I begun to appreciate how much the Ocean Reef Club means to me....

Like a lot of the Members who came here decades ago, I fondly remembered the "Good Old Days," when we waved at every passing golf cart; "table hopped" at the 19th Hole; seldom made a reservation; knew the names of everybody who showed up for tennis or golf.

These nostalgic memories conveniently gloss over such things as the necessity of driving (often in traffic) to Key Largo for shopping or having to put up with a variety of mediocre restaurants. We had to go to Tavernier for movies and to Miami for live theatre and doctor or dentist appointments.

Then on New Year's Eve 2021, generally a time for reassessments, I recognized that my life had permanently changed. I was a recent widow, no longer part of a loving couple. I was often sad but I was never lonely. I was living in a beautiful place. I had friends and interesting activities. **I had a new life and it was Ocean Reef Club that deserved much of the credit for my contentment – even my joy.**

If in the past I had complained about the Club's expanding Membership and new and enlarged facilities, I have now come to realize that much of what I am grateful for is the result of ORC's vision of a luxurious,

but still "family oriented" club, where Members could enjoy wonderful restaurants, sports and exercise facilities, cultural and artistic activities in lush tropical surroundings.

Instead of whining about the new Clubhouse ("Do we really need a new Clubhouse?"), I began to appreciate having this well-designed building, which affords great views of the much improved Dolphin Course; an exemplary Golf Shop; a casual Grill Room and CH Prime, which promised – and delivered – "fine dining" that is proving to be a match for top-rated New York restaurants.

Thank You Ocean Reef Club – the older and wiser me owes much to the bigger and better you. What follows are some of the many other reasons I am grateful.

MEDICAL CENTER – CULTURAL CENTER – PUBLIC SAFETY: Forgive me for lumping them together. Like so many of us Members, **I tend to take for granted and fail to fully appreciate these wonderful facilities** that protect us, entertain us, keep us healthy. They are a positive result of the growth of Ocean Reef Club. So whenever I question whether "bigger is better", I remind myself how lucky we are that, should we need them, highly-trained professionals from these institutions are only a cart ride away.

SHOPPING: **After many years of writing my "Joan the Shopper" column for the Ocean Reef Press, I feel qualified to say shopping at Ocean Reef is a treat....**The stores located in the Fishing Village (e.g. Burgee Shop; Lilly; J McLaughlin, etc.) and the outliers – (e.g. the Gift Shop; the Tennis and Golf shops; the Fitness Center and the Spa boutiques) are each and every one (including some I failed to list) better than

ever.... Writing about them in the Ocean Reef Press has been for me stimulating, interesting and (in every way except financially) very rewarding.... So a special "Thank You" from me (and I believe from many of you) for our very professional and informative weekly Ocean Reef newspaper.

MEMBER FITNESS CENTER:

From the minute the Member Fitness Center opened in 2012, I almost never missed a Zumba class. This year I decided to add a personal trainer to my exercise regimen. A big thanks to the Fitness Center for assigning me Hillary, who recognizes exactly what I need. I am beginning to understand why this place is so popular. Kudos to the Fitness Center for keeping us in good shape.

MISCELLANEOUS: **A few more benefits that have come to me from living in Ocean Reef.** I really enjoy having **Golf Carts** as a major source of transportation.... I love having a choice of so many terrific **OR Restaurants**. Special favorites are the **Raw Bar**, which seldom changes its menu or its loyal staff, and **Reef Eats**, which (as a woman who doesn't cook) keeps me well fed with take-out deliveries of the signature dishes of the top ORC restaurants Then there is **Canasta** at the Game Center; the **Met Opera Simulcasts** (shown at the Cultural Center); the **Art League** – though I paint at home, I am a member and enjoy the shows and the inspiration it offers to me and others.... **Book Club** – I belong to one, but there are many and they all provide meaningful conversation.

OCEAN REEF CLUB

MANAGEMENT: **A huge Thank You must go to the Ocean Reef Club Board and to the Club's President Alex Tonarelli and his staff. They have made a combined effort to emphasize the importance**

of Equity Membership.

This was the year that Management addressed a concern of many Equity Members, who believed they were not being given enough recognition for their special status. There was growing resentment that Social Members and other Membership categories enjoyed the same privileges as those of us who were property owners.

Though this accusation was not exactly accurate, there was enough truth to it for Ocean Reef Management to spend last summer developing and launching programs that would give Equity Members special gatherings (e.g. ice cream socials, breakfast get-togethers, a sushi making class) and the ability to reserve early for events and restaurants.

I believe that one of the most interesting ideas to come out of these management powwows, is the Equity Only Nights, which designates one night of the week (Monday to Thursday), where Gianni, the Islander, the Ocean Room and CH Prime each reserve their entire restaurant for Equity Members and their accompanied guests.

Now that is what I call "thinking outside of the lunch box".

TRUE FRIENDS: **I sometimes think that lasting friendships flourish at Ocean Reef like the lovely orchids that are attached to our trees and rebloom season after season.** I have many old friends and I have recently made new ones. We start out having one thing in common – and that's Ocean Reef – and then we go on to discover many other things we share and enjoy.

Thank You Ocean Reef for being the catalyst that turns acquaintances into true friends.

LAST WORD: Writing this article has helped me identify and appreciate the things I love most about Ocean Reef Club. I hope reading it does the same for you. Happy New Year!

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Holiday Taste Treats



by Terry Baxter

I hope you have experienced most of these culinary delights, but if not, I don't want you to overlook them.

Last night I had two first-time taste treats at the Islander. First, I finally got around to trying Executive Sushi Chef Eric's new Sashimi "Blackened Blue Fin Tataki" -- Blue Fin Tuna, blackened and grilled, citrus soy, heirloom tomato, Vidalia onion, sashimi style. What was I waiting for? Look for it at the Sushi Bar, it's wonderful. And

Kareem offered a new (to me) special version of yellowtail snapper -- buttermilk fried yellowtail, with jasmine rice and Asian slaw. I loved it.

At the Ocean Room, you can't go wrong with the Ora King Salmon Oscar -- King Crab meat, green and white asparagus, tomato confit, hollandaise. It's a wow.

Fair **Patricia** and I both enjoyed the Margarita cocktail at Palm Court Nights Cantina -- straight up, no salt, with a Grand Marnier floater. It was ice cold and delicious. I usually don't make it to dessert, because I linger over my dinner so long. But the Cantina desserts are out-of-this-world. The Churros, impossibly light and crispy, covered with cinnamon and chocolate sauce, are ethereal. The Tarta Plantano Con Dulce de Leche is a walnut crusted banana cream pie that will make you come back.

CH Prime is filled with

treats, but we always look forward to starting with the Parker House rolls. They are created in-house, sprinkled with sea salt, and accompanied by Bordier French butter. They come piping hot in a copper pan. No need to order them, they come with every dinner. Enchanting. CH Prime is famous for their silky potato puree (though they do offer baked potatoes upon request), but I have also liked the Loaded Fingerling Potatoes with crisp bacon bits, Tillamook Cheddar, and green onion. It only needs a glob of sour cream to make it perfect.

Out in the CH Lounge, we have made a number of visits to the lite bites menu. Two of the stand-outs are the Foie Gras Torchon, a mold of fresh foie gras pate, rolled in chopped pistachios, served with brioche and quince jelly. My mouth waters to think of it. And, the crispy Asian

chicken, covered with sesame seeds, orange soy glaze, and Asian slaw. There is more than enough for two.

At Gianni, Patricia got the Vegetarian Lasagna, wondering if a dose of Bolognese sauce would really make it taste like a meat lasagna...it did! And it was large enough for two more lunches at home. It's nice to finally have a baked pasta option. I also got a rave review from frequent dinner companion **Penny Cunningham** for the Veal Scaloppine. Speaking of veal, Patricia brought home a beautiful veal rib chop from Wynn's and broiled it to perfection. So much food, so little time. I am a lucky man. With the variety and number of delights like these, your holidays are sure to be happy.

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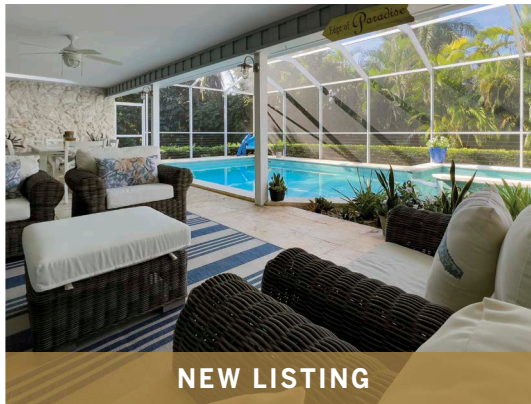
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The All Charities Ripple Effect



by Sarah A. Cart

As the new year and All Charities Weekend (ACW, this season **February 10-12, 2023**) approach, let's glance back and ponder the power of the "Ripple effect." And "Competitive bidding." And "Having fun while doing good."

Last spring, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) awarded 75 grants totaling \$1,742,984, and since ACW's beginnings in 2008, the number of grant requests from nonprofit organizations that assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo,



Homestead and Florida City has grown to over 100. (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

ACW's continuing evolution, from the activities of the weekend through what's offered at the Silent and Live

auctions, is what makes this possible. The items that go on the block are generously donated by Members, All Charities Preferred Partners, and the non-profit entities vital to our "unique way of life" here on The Reef (the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association, each of which benefits as well). (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

That means that everyone interested in bidding will find something that sparks joy. (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

New in 2023: Curious to learn more about wine? Then be one of the first when early bidding opens on Feb. 3 to add your name to the First Dibs list for "A Day with the Wine Academy" – earn your WSET Level 1 and depart class with some of Bordeaux's finest Grand Cru to taste and test at home. (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

Or marvel at this three-couple food and wine adventure and raise your paddle high at the Gala on Feb. 11: First, invite three other couples to join you as you gather this spring in CH Prime's new Cellar Room for a specially curated dinner and a tasting of the top nine wines

of Bordeaux from the 2017 Duclot Bordeaux Collection (including Petrus, one of the finest reds in the world). Then come summer, the six of you will travel with Ethan Dupree, your personal concierge and sommelier, for a week in southwestern France at the hub of that famed wine region. (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

Speaking of travel, you can also bid on new experiences in East Asia (one package, three amazing locations: Istanbul, the Maldives and Sri Lanka), Antarctica (penguins, whales and icebergs – oh, my!), London (three nights and seeing Elton John perform live in his *Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour*, with a backstage meet & greet), New York City (dinner, the theatre, a luxury spa outing, and U.S. Open "Tennis, anyone?") and Tuscany (think "touring" and "wine tastings"), plus for White Lotus fans, an amazing week in Sicily. And so much more. (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

New items closer to home include custom shirts and blouses from the Tom James Company, limited edition ORC Rummikub, delicious meals with awesome chefs to be enjoyed with friends old and new, and nautical adventures on Ocean Reef's waters. (*Ripple ... ripple ...*).

For your calendar: Friday, Feb. 3, online bidding. Friday evening a week later, Feb. 10, Wine & Bourbon Tasting & Silent Auction Showcase. Saturday daytime, the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce's Burgers, Beers & Bidding and a NetJets display. And Saturday night: Dinner, dancing and the Live Auction. And at 10:30 p.m., the close of online bidding.

Questions? Call the All Charities office at 305-367-5996, and/or visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org.

This new year, resolve to be a part of the Ripple effect – when the time comes to bid, don't hold back!

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MAKING HISTORY

How We Got Here



by Mike Smith

A brisk breeze threatened to blow off the hats of Joe McDonald and Frank Stoneman as they snipped the ribbon on the 2,800-foot Card Sound bridge opening the first road access to the Keys from the South Florida mainland. It was January 25, 1928. The bridge was made of wood and



employed a mechanical section in the middle that swung to the side to allow for boat traffic.

Stoneman, the first editor of the Miami Herald, whose daughter was Marjory Stoneman Douglas, and McDonald, who was Henry Flagler's right-hand man, were original members

of the Miami Club, a group of businessmen whose purpose was to promote Miami as a business location and also as a tourist destination. The bridge would give access to fertile fishing and recreational areas and further the desirability of living in South Florida. (Effectively, they were a modern Chamber of Commerce). Prior to this bridge, automotive access was primarily by ferry.

This bridge was not the first attempt, however, because the original bridge was started in 1920. When it was nearly completed in 1926, a major hurricane called 'The Great Miami Hurricane' seriously damaged the low-slung structure which had only a five-foot clearance over the water. The new design featured a nine-foot clearance and proved effective for the next 20 years.

During the 1940s the importance of the bridge began to diminish. In 1941, a pipeline was installed along the old Flagler railroad right-of-way to assure a good water supply to the Naval Base in Key West. A new road was constructed the next year over this same right-of-way and US1 was rerouted causing the usage of the Card Sound bridge to drop dramatically. The

wooden bridge had become oil soaked through the years and in 1944, a fire caused considerable damage compounded by a 1947 hurricane. In 1947, the Bridge was closed permanently and partially removed as were the other bridges across Steamboat, Tubby's and Mosquito Creeks. If you navigate through Steamboat Creek between Barnes Sound and Card Sound, evidence of the old bridge still exists (beware).

In the ensuing years, several different ideas for another bridge were formulated. The southernmost point of the mainland of the United States is Cape Sable and one proposal was to build a 22-mile bridge connecting Cape Sable to No Name Key just west of Marathon. The creation of the Everglades National Park nixed the idea. Then a monorail concept from Miami through Cape Sable to Key West met the same demise. Possibly the most interesting proposal was to connect Biscayne Bay to Northern Key Largo through Elliott Key. The plan was called 'Islandia' and named after a small community then on Elliott Key. After moving the land demarcation point near Turkey Point, this plan failed - partially because Monroe and Dade counties could not agree on the sharing of toll revenues.

One part of the 'Islandia' plan survived, the 65-foot causeway over Card Sound we now enjoy. The Capeletti Brothers, Inc. completed the work for \$1.95 million and bridge tolls were collected to repay the bonds. Opened for traffic in 1969, the graceful bridge is crossed by more than 3,500 vehicles per day.

Online Dining Reservations Makes it Easy

The online reservations platform allows Members to maximize their dining potential by providing an easy way to make reservations and also to see what's available throughout The Reef.

Equity Members can make reservations fourteen days out, while Social and Legacy Members can make reservations three days out.

The reservations window opens at 8 a.m. based on Membership type. If you are outside of the booking window, no reservations will be visible.

Additionally, if the specific restaurant and time are not available, the system will show you other available reservations on that same date.

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 available. So your 6:30 p.m. reservation may not be available, but a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. reservation

might be. Additionally, it lets you know whether Gianni, Ocean Room or CH Prime have reservations available around your requested time.

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.

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!

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Candice Millard on
James A. Garfield

Writer and journalist Candice Millard is coming to the Cultural Center for the Dining with the Presidents series on **Thursday, January 12** at 6:00 p.m. This popular dinner and speaker program focuses on US Presidents with a presentation by our guest speaker, followed by dinner and a discussion at your table.

Candace Millard will be

speaking to us about James A. Garfield and her excellent book, *Destiny of the Republic*. We all know that Garfield was a president and most of us know he was assassinated. Unfortunately, we do not know enough about this extraordinary man that died tragically. We will learn from Millard that Garfield, born into abject poverty, would have been one of our greatest presidents had he lived. We will also discover that he need not have died. He lost his life due to medical malpractice, male ego run amok, and even a touch of racism. You will not want to miss this edifying memorable event.

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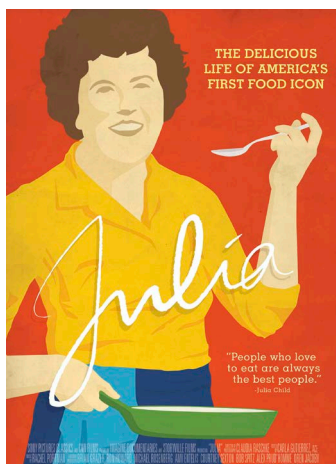
Film Society: Food & Film

The One and Only, Julia

Monday, January 9 at 4:30 p.m.

An intriguing glimpse of the legendary Julia Child and her inspiring life story, this new documentary utilizes archival footage, old photographs, and exquisite cinematography. Tantalizing, popular dishes that Julia made famous on her TV cooking shows are still amazing and featured throughout the film. The romantic relationship between Julia and her supportive husband, Paul, is beautifully told in this blissful rendition of a life well lived. Julia will definitely entertain you and perhaps send you back to your own kitchen to try some French recipes.

Beginning with an introductory presentation, Members will learn more about the art of filmmaking. After



the film, enjoy a special menu designed by Philippe Reynaud, Senior Director of Culinary Operations and Ocean Reef's very own French Chef.

Join the Film Society to view all films and programs. Optional dinner is available only with reservations as space is limited. All dinner participants must be a Film Society member to attend.

Contact the Cultural Center at orfilmsocietyseries@oceanreef.com or call 305-367-6300 for more information.

ForgetMeNots January Meeting

Happy New Year to all friends and participants in the Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots, a caregiver support group, and all who tuned into www.memory-corner.com and joined in our first Memory Corner Café at the Chapel Fellowship Center for a joyous sing-a-long.

It has been said that one day everyone will be either a caregiver or care-receiver. Regardless, caregiving is a very important role to fulfill, and joining a caregiver support group is strongly recommended.

At our coming meeting on **Tuesday, January 10th**, we are looking forward to a presentation by Marisa Alvarez, the Chief Executive Officer of Amerihealth, a home care agency. Marisa will share her knowledge and experiences gained in her study of the aging process and anticipates an active discussion with the audience.

Please reserve a place at the meeting, which starts at 12:00 p.m. on January 10th in the second-floor meeting room of the Medical Center by calling **Cynthia Weglarz** at 708-476-6350. Lunch will be served.

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Proposed for Membership Through January 5, 2023

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

Vincent Johnson is applying for Equity membership. Mr. Johnson is purchasing 16 N Bridge Lane from Stephen Campbell and the equity from resale list. He is a resident of Orchard Lake,

Michigan. He belongs to Detroit Athletic Club. His sponsors are Mark Zausmer and Michael Acheson.

Bi-County Waitlist

Nicole & Jose Costa III are Social Members applying for the Equity Bi-County Waitlist. They are residents of Coral Gables, Florida. Their sponsors are Wicho Hernandez and Margaret & Robert Lopez.

Sr. Legacy Membership

Denise & Joseph Bruno are applying for Sr. Legacy Membership Waitlist. Mr. & Mrs. Bruno are residents of Needham, Massachusetts. They are members of Bay Club. Their sponsors are Lauri & Tim Casey and Joseph Bruno.



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Black-eyed Peas, Anyone?



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

Hope you had a great Christmas, wherever you were. For me, Christmas Eve this year is one for the memories. The reason? If you were not at Ocean Reef, the temperature at nine o'clock in the evening was fifty degrees – 'brutally cold' by Keys standards.

I didn't personally witness any iguanas falling out of trees. But I'm sure they did. (And if they did, it brings the old philosophical conundrum to mind. If an iguana falls out of a tree, and no one is there to hear it, did it make a sound?) Speaking of iguanas, my friends encountered one they claimed was six feet long. It had taken refuge from the cold in the warmth of their kitchen! Public Safety bravely came to the rescue!

What I did witness at the Christmas Eve service in the Fishing Village, were more blankets and heavy coats than I knew existed at the Club. But not even the 'brutally cold' winter weather could dampen the spirits of those who came to join in the celebration of Christ's birth.

Now it's time to turn our focus to the New Year, soon to arrive. Besides watching the ball drop at Times Square, I'm sure those of you from different parts of the country have some unique New Year's traditions.

If you're like me, a native of Texas, our family observed an old Southern tradition - eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. A healthy portion was supposed to ensure "good luck" and prosperity for you in the coming year.

Thinking back, I began to wonder about the roots of this tradition. It turns out, for starters, that a 'black-eyed pea' is not actually a pea at all! It's a bean in the cowpea family! Ask yourself, "How can you put your trust in a pea, that's not a pea, to be the source of 'good luck' in the new year?" Talk about shaky foundations!

Historians tell us black-eyed peas made the journey to Americas on slave ships. This bean was brought from West Africa to feed the slaves on the long, tortuous journey across the ocean in the inhuman conditions of the hold of a ship. These victims of injustice probably didn't think about "good luck" and prosperity when eating them in those conditions.

During the Civil War, The Union Army would raid the Confederate Army's food supplies. The men in blue took everything that they considered edible from the

boys in gray, except – you guessed it – black-eyed peas.

The Confederate Army had to eat whatever they could find. They ate the beans out of necessity. African American slaves purportedly ate black-eyed peas when the Emancipation Proclamation became effective on January 1, 1863. Talk about reversal of fortunes!

Based on years of personal observation, anecdotal evidence at best, I would say that there is absolutely no correlation between eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day and "good luck" or prosperity.

The same goes for any number of our superstitious behaviors. Superstitious behaviors are "ways people think they can control their fate by performing certain tasks in a certain way to either help alleviate anxiety or to simply better their chances in a certain situation."

You know, Friday the

13th, crossing your fingers, knocking on wood, no bananas on fishing boats – wait, wait, wait – forget the last one! Don't ever do it!

Seriously, I do wish you a prosperous, flourishing New Year. But rather than trusting in any superstitious behavior, let me encourage you to consider putting your trust in these words of wisdom from the Book of Proverbs.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Those words from the Hebrew Scriptures of the First Testament have a proven track-record of being trustworthy, because the Lord, of whom they speak, is faithful to his promises, in every way.

I think I'll have a dose of Proverbs and skip the black-eyed peas. I hope you'll consider the same. Happy New Year.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP CENTER NEWS

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AA Meeting

7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room

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Meetings

Jewish Shabbat Service

6:00 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

SATURDAY, DEC 31

Conservative Shabbat Service

9:00 a.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

Catholic Mass

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

SUNDAY, JAN 1

New Year's Day Service

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

Kids Matter

10:00 a.m., Chapel Kids Room

Catholic Mass

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

MONDAY, JAN 2

Al-Anon Meeting

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

Rosary Prayer

4:30 p.m., Chapel Living Room

AA Meeting

7:30 p.m., Chapel Board Room

Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JAN 4

Intercessory Prayer

8:00 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service

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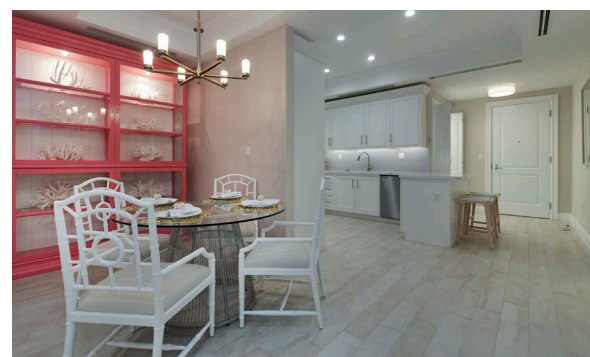
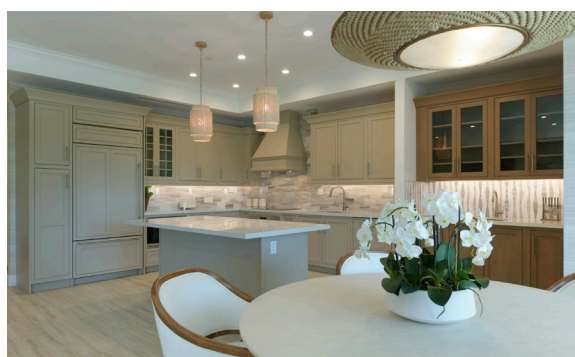
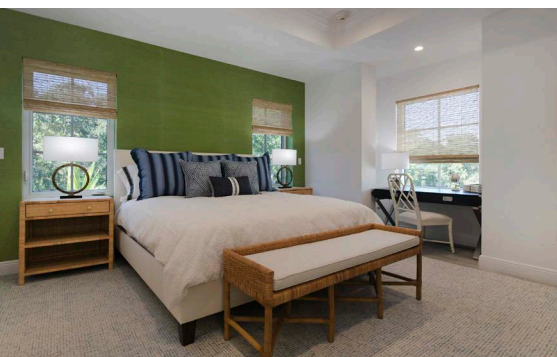
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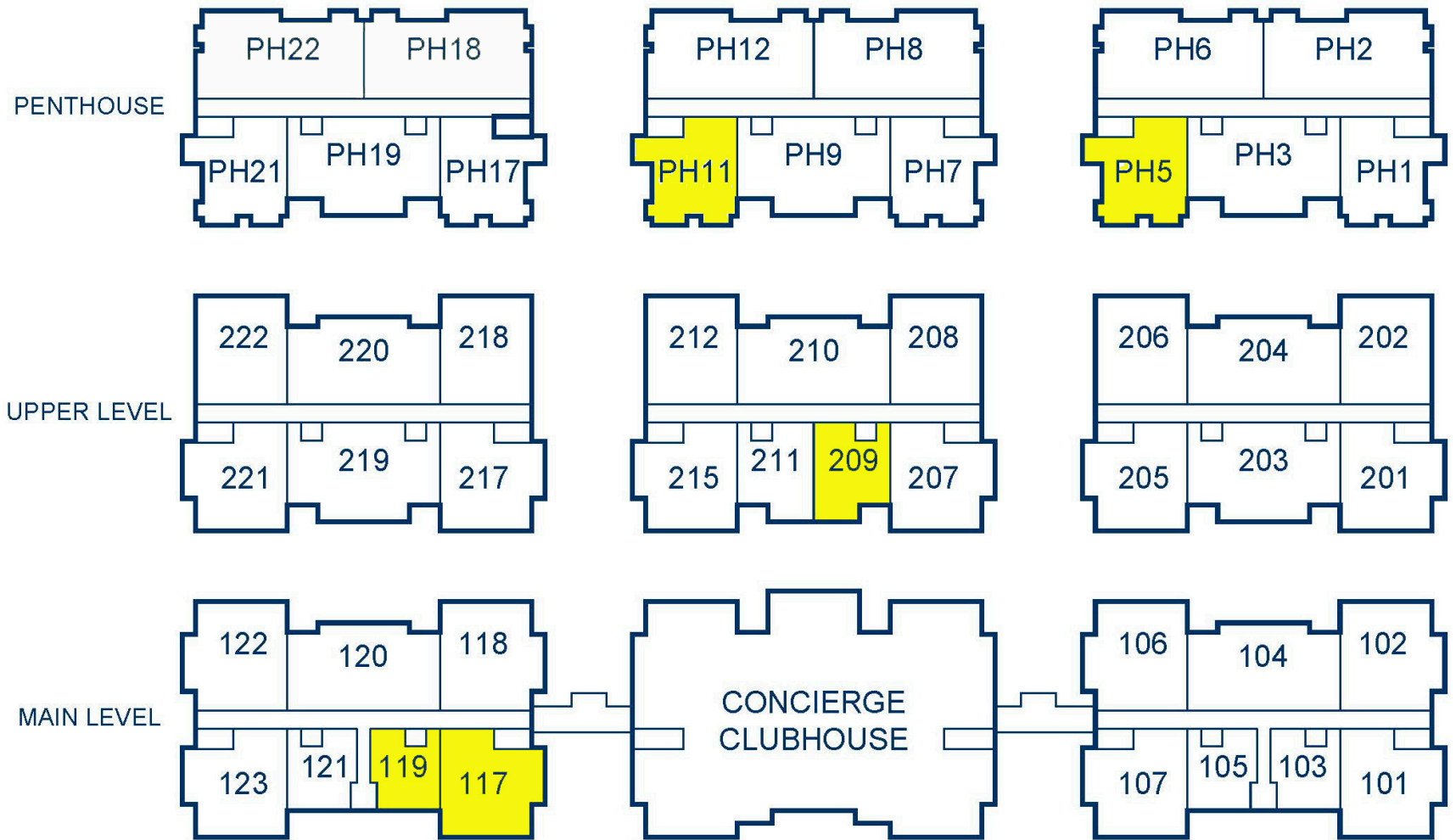
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Signs and Symptoms

Symptoms can differ from person to person and may begin within minutes or an hour or more later. Typical symptoms include hives, itching, skin flushing, swelling of the lips and mouth, throat tightness, or

voice hoarseness. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or cramping can also be symptoms.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe allergic reaction and is life-threatening. These symptoms can include the above but also involve difficulty breathing, wheezing, and feeling as if the tongue is swelling and the throat is closing. Severe allergic reactions are an emergency and require calling 911 right away.

Emergency Help - Don't Delay

When allergic reactions, such as the above take place, dial 911. Tell the 911 call taker that you are at Ocean Reef and describe the problem. It is not recommended that you transport the individual experiencing the allergic reaction to either Public Safety or to the Medical



Center by golf cart or motor vehicle, as this will generally delay emergency care. Ocean Reef Firefighter-Paramedics are trained and equipped to treat severe allergic reactions and will transport to an emergency medical facility when necessary.

Many individuals who are aware of their allergic reactions to either food, insect stings, or other triggers

carry an Epi-pen, which does require a physician's prescription. Epi-pen prescriptions can be filled at the Pharmacy at The Reef or any of the Key Largo pharmacies.

Dr. Rene Fernandez, Medical Director of the Medical Center, states the following, "Keep in mind that the use of an Epi-Pen may afford someone only a short window of effect and use of this device almost always merits further evaluation and monitoring -- EMS being the best solution for serious allergy reactions as they have specific protocols and supplies to safely handle these issues and escalate management if needed."

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Cannabis & Pain Medicine

Michelle Weiner

March 24, July 7

Cardiology

Howard Bush

Jan 19, Feb 9

Jorge Cuello

Jan 25, Feb 8, 22

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz

Feb 20, April 17

Dermatology

Alysa Herman 305-444-4979

Jan 5, Feb 2, 16

Debra Price 305-670-1111

Jan 6, 20, Feb 3, 17

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

Jill Waibel 305-279-6061

Jan 10, Feb 6

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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

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Nephrology

Anthony Farias

Jan 23, Feb 20, March 27

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Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2

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Jan 3, 4, 24

Zach Segal

Jan 17, Feb 21, March 21

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Lauren Nicholas

Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24

Susanna Tamkins

Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17

Orthopaedic Hand Surgery

Roberto Miki

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Michael Swartzon

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2022 in Review

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New Doors Keep Opening (1/21/22) –

"The level of excitement and enthusiasm from Members for the new dining venues at the Clubhouse has the entire Culinary Team thrilled," **Terry Baxter** began this front page article on the Grill Room, but so many other new doors opened this year as well. In addition to the Grill Room, Members delighted in CH Prime, CH Lounge (which now also serves light bites), Toski's at the Turn, Palm Court Nights Cantina, plus the reopening of the Ocean Room and Town Hall Waterside and the enjoyment of expanded hours of operation. Ocean Reef now boasts 19 restaurants and lounges, the most in its history.

Let's Celebrate (2/25/22) –

2022 was a year of celebration – celebrating the big and small moments after the Club, Members and Associates powered

through a couple challenging years, only to come out stronger. That's what the Boot Scootin' Thank You Celebration in April 2022, featuring headliner Carry Underwood, was all about. A thank you to the Members for "their flexibility throughout Covid, for their patience displayed through the many construction projects, and for their continued commitment to the Club and its unique way of life."

The Essence of Tradition (3/4/22) –

"It's no secret that at the core of Ocean Reef Club is a deep history, rich with tradition," began this front page article. "For almost 75 years, generations upon generations have taken part in these traditions that intrinsically make Ocean Reef a family club." 2022 saw the celebration of decades-long traditions - the 49th Member-Guest Tennis Tournament, 26th Vintage Weekend, 50th Member-Guest Golf Tournament, 46th Bag Room Open and 37th Reef Cup,

to name a few. This emphasis on tradition will become a major theme of 2023, culminating in the April Anniversary Celebration.

Cool Cars, Hot Coffee (3/11/22) –

While we treasure tradition at Ocean Reef Club, we also celebrate innovation. Last year's intro to Cars & Coffee is the perfect example of this. Jerry Henn spearheaded the idea to bring Members together in "an easy and lighthearted manner to mingle and fawn over beautiful cars." When Henn brought his concept to the Member Events Team, so began the brand new event that will continue into the New Year, with the first monthly gathering of 2023 being held Saturday, January 7. See the ad on page 36.

Better Together (5/6/22) –

Perhaps no other headline better reflects the overarching theme of this past year, which was celebrating a return to "normal". What emerged from the year is the essence that life at Ocean Reef is "not about the facilities, but it is about the people, about being together, about connecting and sharing with fellow Members, neighbors and Associates."

Lagoon Beautification (7/29/22) –

In mentioning Buccaneer Island's Lagoon, we must also acknowledge that this past year, the Club committed to not begin any major capital projects as a way to give Members the chance to peacefully enjoy the new amenities at their Club. The Lagoon was one of the few spaces to be done in two phases, recently completing the two-part re-nourishment and beautification plan originally set in motion in 2021. All agree the enhanced landscaping, paved walkway and increased parking it was well worth the wait.

Cheers to a New Dining Season (11/11/22) –

With the new dining season brought new dining guidelines and offerings. From shortened reservation windows, to revised

cancellation policies, special Equity-only nights, increased seating and more, the Club has seen improved availability and reduced cancellations compared to recent years. Furthermore, there's been so much new to celebrate at each individual restaurant, like the addition of sushi at Waterside, Islander favorites at the Ocean Room and light bites at CH Lounge.

A Raised Paddle for Pickleball (11/25/22) –

As **Joan Birsh** said in her article, "This sport is here to stay." In anticipation of Pickleball's quick growth at Ocean Reef, the Club added three courts this summer to the Tennis & Games Center, which now boasts an equal number of tennis and pickleball courts. While Pickleball will take time to reach the level of tradition Member-Guest Tennis celebrates (50 years in 2023), it is quickly developing its own beloved traditions – the Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament celebrated five years in 2022. With that, many new tennis, Pickleball and croquet events were added to the 2022 schedule and will continue into 2023.

Welcoming L'Atelier: ORC's New Tailor (11/25/22) –

When the Members asked, the Club listened. And Members indeed rejoiced at the addition of a permanent tailor at ORC Dry Cleaning after years without one. While this wasn't a massive undertaking it represents the Board and Management's focus on Member feedback. 2022 was largely about prioritizing the Member experience, and this was primarily done by reviewing and acting on results from the Member surveys, which revealed themes from the need for a tailor to Mexican cuisine to dining priority for Equity Members. The Club has worked hard to deliver and will continue to do so in 2023 and beyond.

With that, let's give a nod to the year 2022, and welcome all that we have to look forward to in 2023. Happy New Year!

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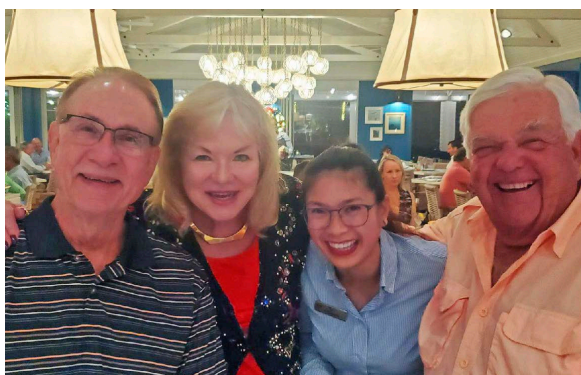
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The Grinch and Sara Steele had great fun during last week's Grinch Scavenger Hunt and Party.



Jim and Pat Engel and Dichel Owsley shared these photos "appreciating the wonderfully friendly staff at the Islander." The Associates pictured above are Pam and Howie.



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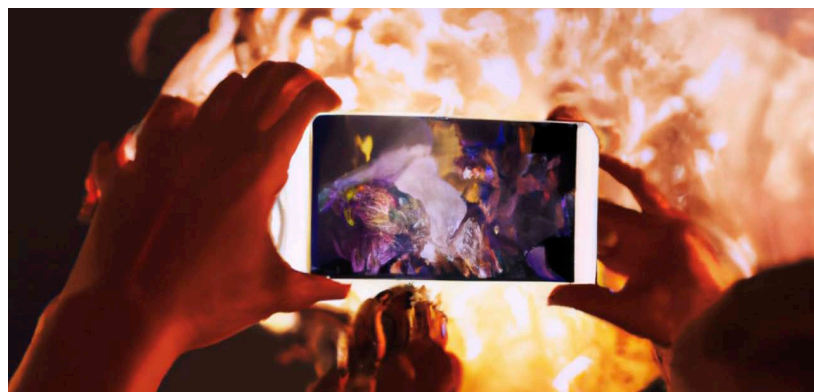
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New Year's EVEning



"Dot.calm"
by Jane
Silverman

Looking back at New Year's Eve evenings past... I reminisced on the many ways I celebrated: in Paris, sipping champagne from a sabered bottle on a rooftop overlooking the Eiffel Tower; in Vienna, sitting by a Christmas tree decorated with lit candles while exchanging small pink marzipan pigs for luck; in Athens, slicing into a vasilopita "jewelry" cake overlooking the Acropolis; in Hawaii, with shooting stars and sand between my toes on a beach; and on our RV, with my love, watching Times Square festivities on TV. Welcoming the New Year can be fine art! But nothing compares to



Using the Magisto Video Editor and Maker app or Slideshow Creator app, you can capture your memories and create share-worthy videos in minutes.

the camaraderie and oneness of joining our neighbors at Buccaneer Island to end the year and begin the new. A la Ocean Reef. With smartphones flashing and recording every magical moment, the scene is one big social media outpouring of anticipation and fun. A great way to share all your memories from the night is with a short film capturing the celebration and sparkle as you countdown with your nearest and dearest (and a few hundred new best friends). Ready to upgrade your photos and videos to professional-looking mini-films?

My 19-year-old son (aka my "tech guru") and his friends all use the iMovie or Clips app; both are great but perhaps too many options for the tech-challenged.

This season, I am really enjoying the Magisto Video Editor and Maker app (with its very helpful Help Center under settings), as well as the even easier-to-use Slideshow Creator (turn your memories into movies) app by Animoto. Both offer beautiful graphics, effects, filters, and music with ready-made templates you can customize with text and stickers. How easy? Select photos or

videos from your camera roll, and pick a style that fits your mood, choose songs from their library and create share-worthy videos in minutes.

For Magisto, click "Make a new video" to start a free 60-second film and for Slideshow Creator, the free version is up to 20 photo/video uploads. For longer videos and a few more bells and whistles, try the Premium pay versions.

SURPRISE: You can use both these videos for free by Xing out of each premium version ad page that repeatedly pops up. Good luck and happy New Year! Bonne Année! Guten Rutch! Kali Chronya! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other."

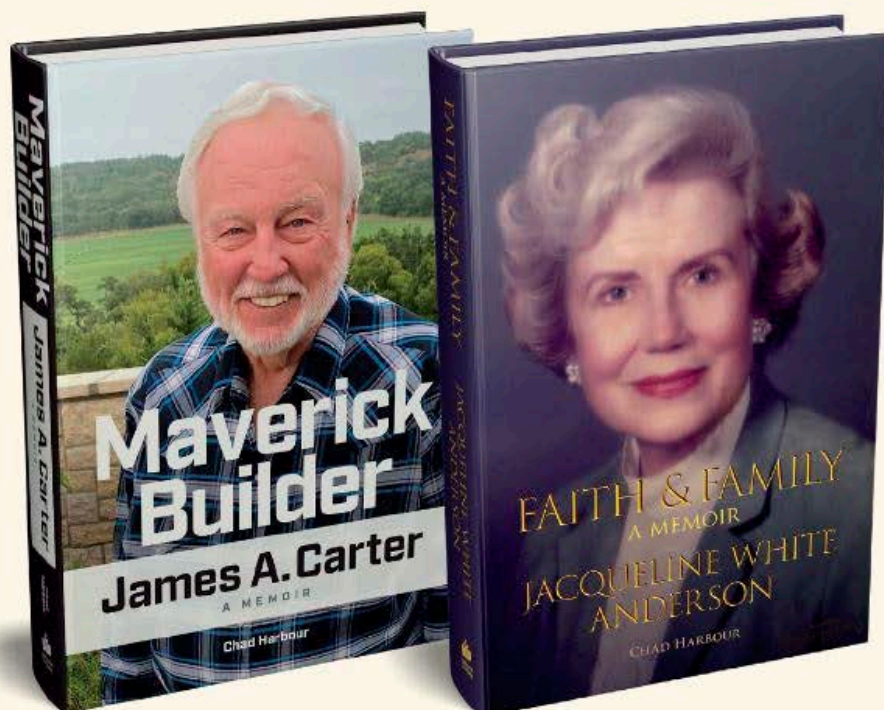
— **Anonymous**

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

— **Abraham Lincoln**

"I thought yesterday was the first day of the rest of my life but it turns out today is." — **Steve Martin**

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THE ACADEMY AT OCEAN REEF

Compassion at the Academy



by Jody Steele

The Academy at Ocean Reef continues to emphasize the building of appropriate character development throughout the school year. As part of the ongoing curriculum at all grade levels, the entire faculty is involved in the teaching of a monthly character theme. Recognizing the importance that character education plays in a student's development, their self-esteem and confidence, and in the school's culture, The



The following students, pictured with Head of School Jerome Murphy, were recognized in December for their demonstration of compassion: VV Leake, Sebastian Escobar, Juliette Escobar, Avery Smith, Teddie Davies and Joshua Lyons.

Academy incorporates character education into the daily lives of its students. The Head of School, Jerome Murphy, Counselor, Jamaica Angelillo, and all staff are all actively involved in developing our future moral leaders.

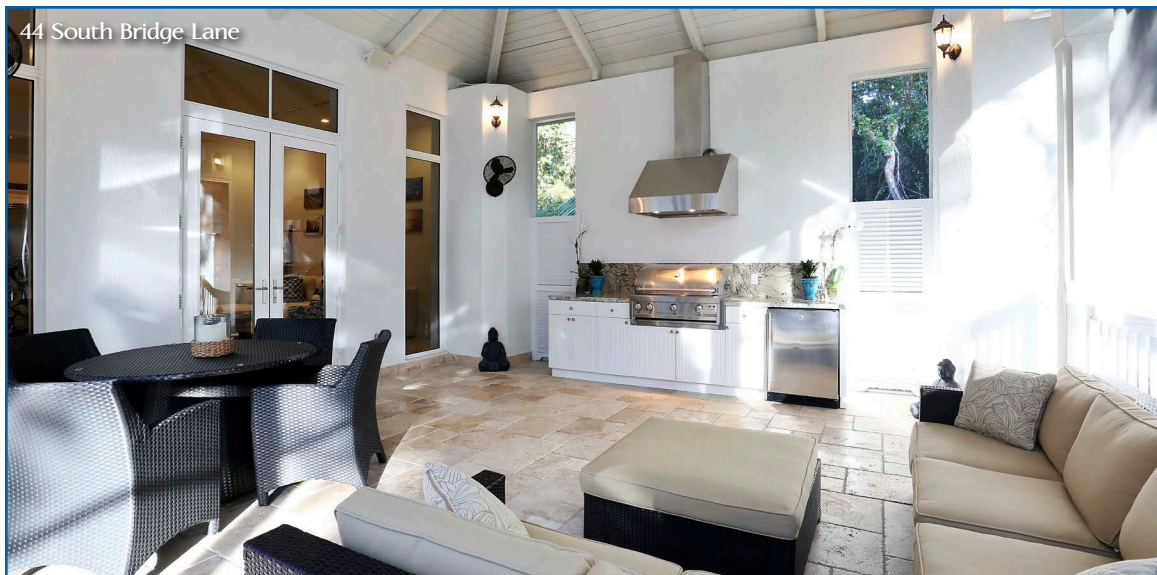
This past month, the

character theme was "compassion". Starting with the Toddler and Pre-K classes, children were read meaningful books, viewed short videos, and talked in groups about feelings and making the right decisions. In Kindergarten and other elementary classes,

students read stories together and created scenarios that demonstrated compassion. Older students in Middle School grades worked on identifying their own compassion and in a discussion activity reacted to prompts that illustrated the steps to responding. Ideas for books with this theme were recommended to parents at all grade levels so these discussions could have follow up at home.

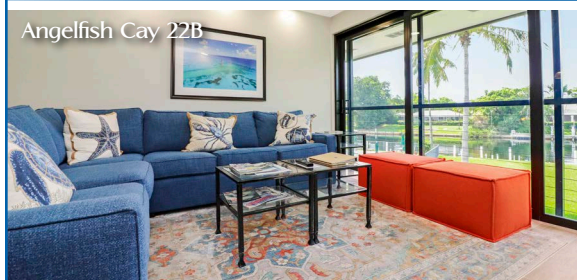
At the end of the month, students who have shown a special understanding of the character theme through their words and actions are selected for an award at a Academy assembly. Six proud students were recognized in December for their demonstration of compassion. This character program will continue throughout the school year as part of preparing each student for future success.

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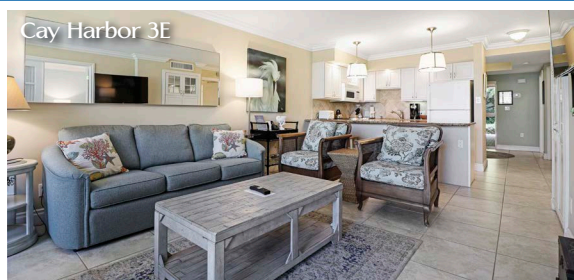


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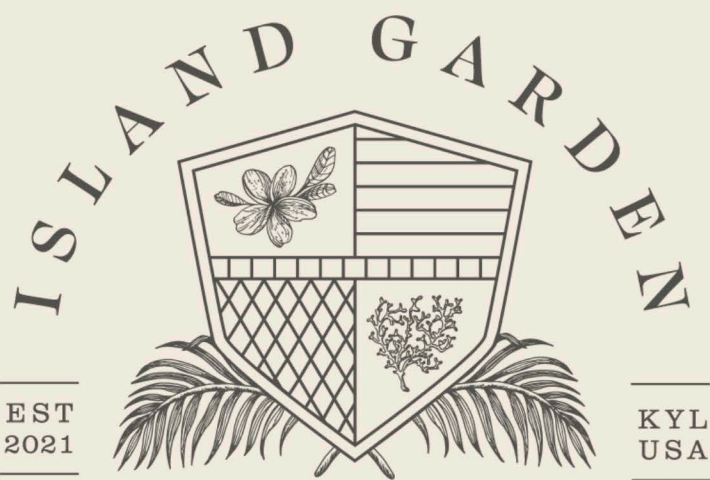
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Make the Art League Your New Year's Resolution



by Susan Bohan

If you are like many of us, you will make a New Year's Resolution. Rather than the usual, perhaps it would be fun to promise yourself to tackle something brand new and discover your creative side by taking a Session (6 classes or per class) at the Art League. The following are a variety of activities to find a different side of yourself and maybe meet some new friends as well:



Watercolors Made Easy with Monica Bankowski

10am to 3pm
Mondays – January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13

Quilting with Lizzie Stebbins 10am to 1pm

Mondays – January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 20, 27

Knitting with Jenny Baumer 3 to 5pm

Tuesdays – January 3 through April 25

Creative Drawing with Andres Lopez

10am to 3pm
Wednesdays – January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 15, 22

Stained Glass & Mosaics with Veronica Gutierrez

10am to 3pm
Wednesdays - January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 15, 22

Paint on Pottery with Marijke Browning

10am to 3pm
Wednesdays – January 4 through April 26

Apple Basket with Cheryl Conklin

4:30 to 6pm
Thursdays – January 5, 19, February 2, 16, March 2, 23, April 13, 20

Hands on Clay with Stacey Frisch

10am to 3pm
Thursdays – January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 16, 23

Oils & Acrylics with Carmen Kelley

10am to 3pm
Thursdays – January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 16

Oils & Acrylics with Andres Lopez

10am to 3pm
Fridays – January 13, 20, 27, February 10, 17, 24

And mark your calendar for the next Art Show Opening on **January 3**. It will be a selection of works from the many wonderful Instructors here at the Art League.

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

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Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

Supporting the Community



by Brad Copeland, Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce President

Your Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce wishes all Ocean Reef Members happy holidays and a joyous New Year! We want to thank you for making 2022 a great year. Our Chamber businesses are grateful we get to do business in this wonderful community.

In this time of giving, we wanted to reflect on how our members contribute to the growth and prosperity of the



Courtney Dorchak, RD

community around us. This year, your Chamber distributed five scholarships to employees of Ocean Reef Club, Ocean Reef Community Association, Medical Center at Ocean Reef, and ORU Associates.

Additionally, our Chamber Board Members serve many organizations throughout this community, including The Florida Keys Children's Shelter, The Academy at Ocean Reef, New Hope Corps, Habitat

for Humanity, Ocean Reef Conservation Association, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, ORC to name just a few!

We also serve the community by providing a variety of interesting, informational and even inspiring speakers of interest not only to the businesses in and around Ocean Reef, but to Club Members as well.

Over the past year, the Chamber hosted an outstanding catalog of heavy-hitting speakers and honored guests, including elected officials, prominent business executives, and subject matter experts. Past programs have featured Sarah Fangman (Superintendent National Marine Sanctuary Foundation), Scott Winters (CEO Coral Restoration Foundation), Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, Judge Albert Kelley and Commissioner Jim Mooney.

Ocean Reef Chamber Luncheons provide an excellent opportunity to gain insight on key issues affecting the Ocean Reef Community from high-profile speakers, as well as connect with prominent business and community leaders. These monthly meetings bring together business executives, small business owners, enterprising entrepreneurs, and civic leaders from Monroe and Miami-Dade County.

Meet Our January 4 Luncheon

Speaker – Courtney Dorchak

Courtney Dorchak, RD, is a

Registered Dietitian, Diabetes Specialist, and Founder of The Keys to Nutrition. Courtney hails from Key Largo and has practiced here in the Florida Keys for the past 10 years. She was the sole dietitian at Mariners Hospital for seven years, where she was in charge of the nutritional care for the inpatients and outpatients before she opened her private practice, The Keys to Nutrition.

Courtney obtained her Bachelor's degree in Nutritional Sciences from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. She completed her dietetic internship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She also holds a Master's degree in Nutrition from The University of Alabama.

She provides office visits in Key Largo and telehealth consultations nationwide. She hosts grocery store tours and walk and talks at local parks. Courtney is a marathon runner and Ironman triathlete.

Courtney's presentation, "Health is Wealth", will not be your standard nutrition talk on what or how much to eat. Instead, Courtney will discuss "the how" behind eating and other factors that influence our consumption.

Join us on **Wednesday, January 4** at 11:45 a.m. at Town Hall Waterside to learn more about mindful eating and the keys to nutrition.

To register, email director@oceanreefchamber.org or call 305-340-8905.



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Dazzle Dry Nail Polish at The Spa



"Spa Notes"
by Jillian
Barron, The
Spa Director

I know many of you are busy and lead active lives that leave little time for anything else, which can make it difficult to make time for beauty treatments and maintenance, including taking care of nails and having them manicured. If you have not heard of Dazzle Dry, then you must! This polish dries in 5 minutes, wears like a gel without the light and is actually a natural, vegan-friendly system. I had my



doubts, but when I tried it I loved it. Dazzle Dry was the first and only polish to be free of Nitrocellulose, Toluene, Formaldehyde, and Camphor on the market. It doesn't yellow your nails and is fortified with vitamins that actually strengthen your nails. I know it sounds too good to be true, but once you try it you will see how great it is!

Dazzle Dry's Founder and President is Dr. Valenty, who spent 35 years as a

bio-organic chemist before she was President of Dazzle Dry. After she discovered the dangers lurking in everyday nail care products, she became determined to create a more natural alternative, one that would promote healthier nails and deliver the same high performance as its artificial competitors. In 2007, she did just that. She started her own nail care line free from harmful chemicals, animal by-products and animal testing. To this day, Dazzle Dry is the only quick-drying, long-lasting natural nail care system of its kind.

Dr. Valenty also hired a natural nail care specialist with more than 25 years in the industry as her Director of Education, Silva Nahabedian. During Silva's career as a celebrity nail technician, she had struggled to find products that didn't just look good on her clients but were actually good for them. Once she discovered

Dazzle Dry, she realized that the hypoallergenic formula made it perfect for even the most sensitive skin types, while its lasting benefits were beyond anything her clients had ever experienced.

From there, she joined the Dazzle Dry team and became determined to help Dazzle Dry establish its reputation in the industry and its signature application process for long-lasting, quick-drying nails.

Here at The Spa, we have Dazzle Dry Kits for purchase with detailed instructions as to how you can use the system at home on yourself to get "gel polish results" without going to the salon, or, you can schedule a Dazzle Dry mani or Pedi with one of our nail technicians. We love Dazzle Dry and know you will too! Call the Spa at 305-367-6506 to schedule.

The Spa at Ocean Reef is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Library Corner

By Susan Bohan

We all make New Year's Resolutions but instead of giving up something you like, perhaps choose a less painful one and decide to read more! The Library at the Cultural Center will be extending days and hours shortly so there will be fewer excuses to not stop by and enjoy some of the latest fiction. And while doing that, re-acquaint yourself with some familiar writers and maybe discover some new authors in the process: For example:

"Oath of Loyalty" by Vince Flynn –

A Mitch Rapp novel. A fragile détente between 2 powerful men written by Kyle Mills in the style of the master.

"Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus –

A fun, comic novel that tackles

feminism, resilience and rationalism in a refreshing way.

"Sparring Partners" by John Grisham –

Three novellas with characters familiar to Grisham readers.



"One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle –

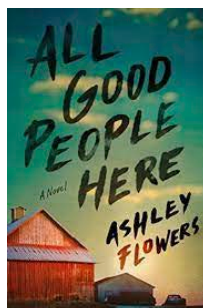
A daughter feels her dead mother's spirit as she embarks on the trip they planned but when her mother re-appears, the story of loss and love begins.

"The Good Left Undone" by Adriana Trigiani –

A lush and immersive novel of 3 generations of Tuscan artisans.

"The Butcher and the Wren" by Alaina Urquhart –

Debut novel with dark mysteries of the Louisiana bayou and a cat-and-mouse game between a pathologist and a serial killer.



"All Good People Here" by Ashley Flowers –

Debut novel of secrets in a small town and one woman's obsession to find the truth.

"Fox Creek" by William Kent Krueger –

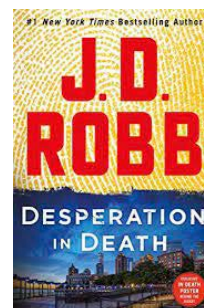
A healer, a hunter and the mercenaries sent to find them and the woman who sought their help.

"Sea of Tranquility" by Emily St John Mandel –

A story of humanity across centuries and space.

"Killers of a Certain Age" by Deanna Raybourn –

The "Golden Girls" meet James Bond in this story of 4 female assassins who must retire.



"Desperation in Death" by J.D. Robb –

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Touch a Truck



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

30 FRIDAY

AA Meeting

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

Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3pm • Driving Range

Cardio Boxing Class

4pm • Member Fitness Center

"Devotion" (PG-13)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Starlight Dinner Buffet

5-8pm • Marlin Beach

Family Fun Night

5-10pm • Town Hall Waterside

Drive-In Super Bingo

7pm • Business Center Parking
Lot

Live DJ

9pm • Burgee Bar

31 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Beach Boot Camp

7:30am • Main Beach

Cardio Boxing Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

8 & 9am • Tennis and Games Center

Flying Trapeze School

9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners

Grand New Year's Eve Buffet

5:30-9:45pm • Ocean Room

Reef Club Kids NYE Party

6-12:15pm • Tennis & Games
Center

New Year's Eve Gala

6 & 8:30 pm Seatings at Carysfort Hall
6:30 & 9pm Seatings at Palm Court

Reef Rec Room NYE Party

6-12:15pm • Reef Rec Room (8+
years)

NYE Celebration & Fireworks

Display
8pm-1am • Buccaneer Island

1 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members
Only)

Hangover Open Golf Tournament

8am-1pm • Dolphin & Hammock
Course

Flying Trapeze School

9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners

Junior Golf Clinics

9am • The Driving Range

"Devotion" (PG-13)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Low Country Boil

6pm • Marlin Beach

Starlight Dinner Buffet

6pm • Marlin Beach

2 MONDAY

Beach Yoga Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class

8am • 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

Learn and Play Croquet Clinic

2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

HIIT Class

4pm • Member Fitness Center

AA Meeting

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

3 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

LGA Weekly Event, Lunch to follow

8:30am • Hammock Golf Course

Cycle Class & Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Reef Club Kids Open

9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

21 WEDNESDAY

Intercessory Prayer

8am • Chapel Board Room

Ladies Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cycle Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10am • Driving Range

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

Fit Camp

12pm • Member Fitness Center

Live Duplicate Bridge Game

1-4pm • Card & Games Room

Arts & Crafts (Burgee Flag Ceramic Mugs)

2pm • Buccaneer Island

Stretch & Mobility Class

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

Men's Pickleball Night League

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games
Center

"Devotion" (PG-13)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

4 THURSDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Center

Core Class

6:30am • Member Fitness Center

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Gentle Yoga Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

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

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am & 11am • Tennis & Games
Center

Farmer's Market

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games
Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

Reef Rec Room Open

5-10pm • Reef Rec Room

Family Night! Dodgeball at Four

Corners
7pm • Field at Four Corners

Burgee Bar Karaoke

9pm • Burgee Bar

MOVIES

General Admission \$12, Donors \$10

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**"Devotion" (PG-13)**

Fri. December 30 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM

Sun. January 1 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM

Wed. January 4 • 7:30PM

Runtime: 2hr 19min

Stars: Jonathan Majors, Glen Powell,
Christina Jackson

A pair of U.S. Navy fighter pilots risk
their lives during the Korean War and
become some of the Navy's most
celebrated wingman.

**"Triangle of Sadness" (R)**

Fri. January 6 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM

Mon. January 8 • 4:30PM & 7:30PM

Wed. January 11 • 7:30PM

Runtime: 2hr 27min

Stars: Charlbi Dean, Harris Dickinson,
Woody Harrelson

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EVE BUFFET**THE TRADITION RETURNS!**

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Saturday, December 31

5:30-9:45pm • Ocean Room

Adults: \$125++pp; Ages 5-11:
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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

Port O' Call No need to fret if New Year's Eve is imminent and you are flat out of bubbles. Just hurry over to **Port O' Call** and seek the expert advice of manager **Micah Winecoff**, who can recommend the best bottles to buy for the December 31st celebration and the forthcoming 2023.... Micah's first choice for New Year's Eve is **Shramsberg Mirabelle Brut Rose**. In a side- by-side tasting with an imported champagne, Micah is sure that "no one would be able to tell the difference". For my money, there is one significant difference: The Napa Valley Mirabelle is a great value at \$32. That's half the price of a French champagne. (By the way, Shramsberg wines have been served at the White House for the past 50 years) Micah's other recommended bubbly is the **Charles Heidsieck Brut** (\$57). This French champagne is a big award winner. It obviously has Micah's vote and that is significant since Micah is just two examinations



away from becoming a Master Sommelier, the highest level of achievement in the wine world. (At last count there were only 230 contenders who earned that honor) **LAST WORD:** My wine cellar (aka cupboard) was depleted at Christmas, so I asked Micah to suggest a white and a red wine that are in my price range. I followed his advice and bought the **Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc** (\$18) and the **Sea Sun Pinot Noir** (\$20) Nothing like having a world class wine expert at our very own **Port O' Call**.

by Joan Birsh

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Traffic Road Study CR 905/US1 Junction 16-23 January

By Robert Broton, P.E.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a traffic study using road counters and video to determine the root cause of the long backups on the Southbound CR905 where it ends and merges with Southbound US1. During the busy Keys Season, legendary backups at this junction have regularly been up to 4 miles and 40 minutes, impacting local, visitor, and business traffic into Key Largo.

The former County Commissioner implemented a stop-gap change preventing traffic to short cut around the junction and exit through the neighborhoods by closing Loquat Road. Though this did prevent Southbound Traffic from entering the neighborhood, it had a traumatic effect on the local businesses, cutting their revenue by up to 50%. In addition, new delivery and safety concerns surfaced as closure further aggravated the backup delays on CR905. The Commissioner's untimely death resulted in no planned alternative corrective action until now.

Our new County Commissioner, Holly Raschein, has taken up the lead. She has collected almost 300 protest letters to utilize

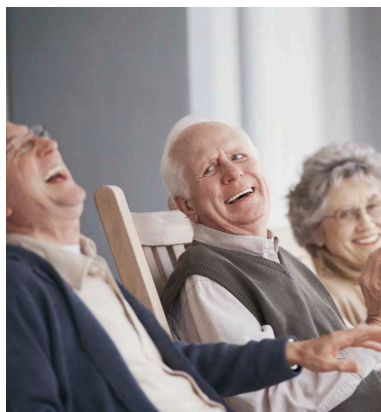
the existing fully functional traffic light at the CR905/US1 junction during high traffic times. All this takes is FDOT adjustment to the existing programming. Loquat Road will be reopened (temporarily) to complete the traffic and

alternatives analysis. Thanks to the Commissioner for coordinating the State and County resources for this effort.

Anyone experiencing delays in this area should call 511, the FDOT hot line and report it.

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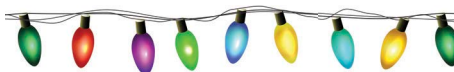
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Awarding Associate Excellence

Since 2004, Ocean Reef's Awards of Excellence program has recognized Associates that go above and beyond in making lasting impressions on Members, guests and each other. From providing exceptional service to supporting their colleagues, these are the Associates that help make Ocean Reef so unique. Earlier this month, the outstanding Associates for 2022 were recognized at the Club's annual Associate Holiday Party, held in Town Hall.

Traditionally, Awards of Excellence recognizes individuals in three categories – Associate of the Quarter/Year, Manager of the Quarter/Year, and Team of the Quarter/Year. The recognition process begins with manager-submitted nominations. Upper management then vets those nominations, reviewing items like satisfaction scores, attendance, safety record, volunteer record and more, and chooses winners for that quarter. Then at year's end, based off the same criteria, yearly winners are selected from the pool of quarterly winners.

In 2020, a new Associate Spirit Award was also implemented. This award honors those who exemplify the spirit of Ocean Reef,



Associates of the Year: Lawrence Biles, Nancy Rodriguez and Molly Lechelt.



Managers of the Year Ryan Schmidt and Holly Houser



Team of the Year, Member Events.



Associate Spirit Award Winner Jesus Quinones.

combining a positive attitude with tremendous teamwork and a readiness to help others.

"The past couple of years have shown it truly takes each and every Associate working together to keep the Club thriving," said Club President Alex Tonarelli. "While we are proud of all of our Ocean Reef Associates, we give an extra special thank you to the 2022 award winners who have shown passion and a willingness to exceed at all that is asked of them."

Congratulations to the 2022 Awards of Excellence winners:

Associates of the Year

Nancy Rodriguez – Staff Housing
Lawrence Biles – Accounting
Molly Lechelt – Recreation

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Jesus Quinones – Tennis & Games Center Maintenance

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MALE RUNNERS

8 & Under

1st Place: Tyler Csendes

Ages 9-12

1st Place: Mac Boardman

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Martin Barco (1st Place Overall)

Ages 20-29

1st Place: Will Seale

Ages 30-39

1st Place: Warren Hansen

Ages 40-49

1st Place: Benjamin Farmer

Ages 50-59

1st Place: George Wagner

Ages 60-69

1st Place: Scott Mirskin

Ages 70+

1st Place: Jim Engel

FEMALE RUNNERS

8 & Under

1st Place: Cotter Shields

Ages 9-12

1st Place: Elise Myers

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Reagan Moore (1st Place Female Overall)

Ages 20-29

1st Place: Reanne Rust

Ages 30-39

1st Place: Kearsley Rubinson

Ages 40-49

1st Place: Kate Myers

Ages 50-59

1st Place: Bonnie Zeigler



Martin Barco, 1st Place Overall



The Logemann family



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The Cossey and Johnson families



Reagan Moore, 1st Place Overall Female

Ages 60-69

1st Place: Sindee Furshman

Ages 70+

1st Place: Brenda Harter

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Congratulations Erika Jones

South Florida Merchandiser of the Year

Our Golf Shop's own Manager, Erika Jones, PGA, was recently named South Florida PGA Southern Chapter Merchandiser of the Year for the Private Facility category.

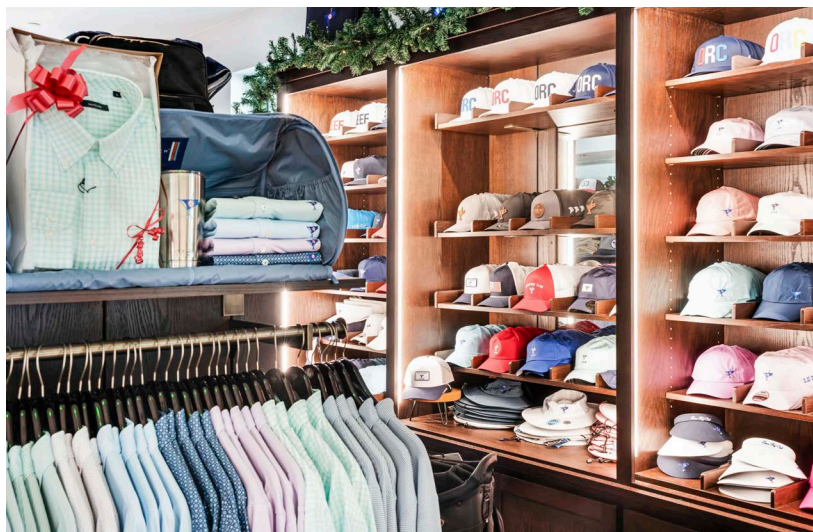
Annually, the Merchandiser of the Year award bestows "special recognition on a South Florida PGA Golf Professional who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of merchandising."

Jones has managed all aspects of Golf Shop merchandising since she joined the Club in 2020.



Since then, she's excelled through several challenging Shop location moves, finally settling this year in the Golf Shop's new home in the Clubhouse where she was tasked with improving and increasing the merchandise to fill the larger, 2,200 sq. ft. shop.

Congratulations Erika!



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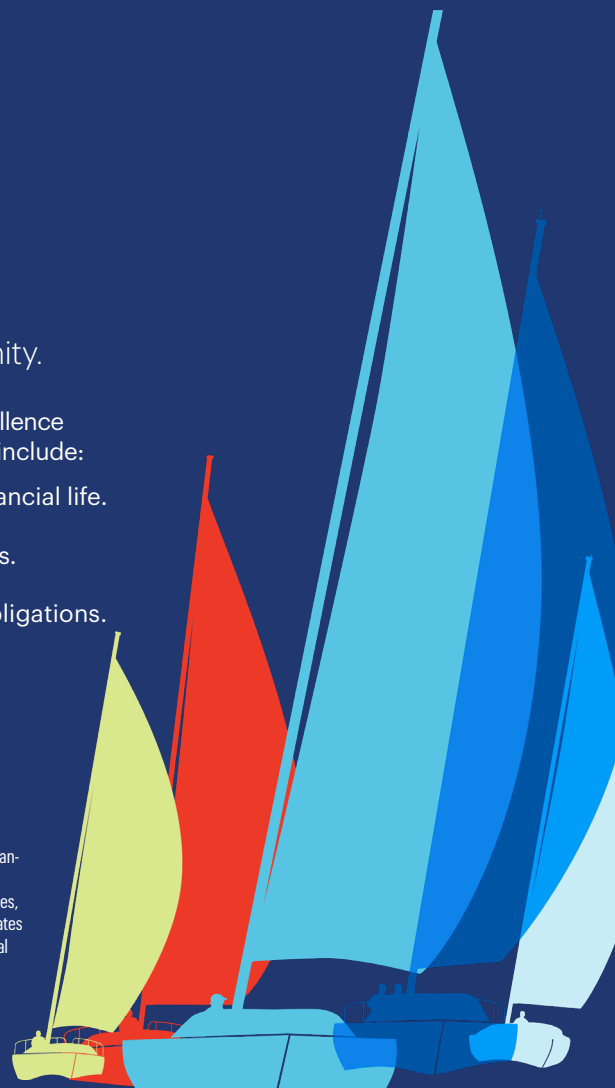
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Men's South Florida Interclub



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

Ocean Reef Club hosted the Men's South Florida Interclub event last week, inviting five other clubs from South Florida to come and compete in this match play event. Each club hosts one event and points are tallied up as the events play on. Team Ocean Reef is off to a hot start after the first two events! Ocean Reef collected 31 points on their home turf with the nearest team collecting 19. After the first two interclub events, Team Ocean Reef is leading the way with 56 points. They hold a 15-point lead heading into the next round, which will take place next month.

South Florida Interclub Standings

Ocean Reef Club – 56
Turnberry Isle – 41
Trump National Doral – 36
FLCC – 34
Lago Mar – 28
Deering Bay - 20

New in the Golf Shop

It never rains here at Ocean Reef Club, but just in case, the Golf Shop now has umbrellas that fit right over your golf bag! These are convenient when a small shower pops up in your round of golf. They do not take up much room and can be placed right in your golf bag. Stop by to get yours today!

A Busy Month in Golf

2022 was a fantastic year in golf and we are excited to get 2023 off to a flying start! The month of January is one of the busiest for Golf events. The month starts with the biggest field event



New in the Golf Shop – umbrellas for your golf bag.

of the year, the Hangover Open! The rest of the month consists of many major events such as the MGA Interclub with Card Sound, the LGA Member-Member, Member-Professional and several more. The Golf staff is excited to crown new champions.

Santa's Sleigh Wreck Tournament

The Ocean Reef Club Professional Staff hopes everyone had happy Holidays. On Sunday, we celebrated Christmas day with our Santa's Sleigh Wreck Tournament. Even with the frigid temperatures, teams remained jolly and took on the modified best ball format. The Santa's Sleigh Wreck format is not an easy task to conquer, especially with Jack Frost nipping at your toes!

Teams loaded up their sleighs with hot chocolate and winter caps to take 1 Best Ball on Holes 1-3; 2 Best Balls on Holes 4-6; 3 Best Balls on Holes 7 & 8; and ALL BALLS counted on Hole 9. Several teams had their stockings filled with birdies and eagles.

The team of **Alec Crossgrove, Peter Crossgrove, Tom Austin** and **Max French** received the greatest gift of all with a Gross Score of 81!

In the Net Division, the team of **Pam Kraik, Newell Kraik, Andrew Kraik** and **Daniel Kraik** made it onto the nice list with a score of 64.

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event

Last week's 9 Hole LGA event was our Ribbon Tournament. In this format, each participant played their own golf ball on each hole. When the group approached the green, colored ribbon(s) were tied on the flag stick. Each player was assigned a color and if their color ribbon was on the flagstick, their score would count for the hole. If there were multiple colored ribbons tied to the flagstick, the player with the lowest net score of those colored ribbons counted for the team score.

This is certainly a challenging format as every shot truly counts! After all groups finished, one group scored under par. With a score of 32, congratulations to the team of **Stacey Lahey, Katy Miller, Parris Bozeman** and **Kristi Davidson**. Great playing!

We also had two contest holes. **Cathy Jansen** was the only one to hit the green on Hole 12, winning our Closest to the Pin award. Stacey Lahey hit a bomb early and held up after all players finished, winning our Long Drive on Hole 13.

MGA Weekly Event

Even with the weather, this week's MGA had 62 players compete in the competition. It was great to see families together. Within the MGA, we had a total of seven father-son teams taking the golf course. The event was

on the Dolphin Course and the format was better ball of partners (Gross and NET). Frigid temperatures and breezy conditions presented a challenge for most players, but this was not the case for our gross winners. **Bo** and **Andy Andrews** were red hot throughout the entire round with birdies all over the scorecard. Their two-man team score blew away the field coming in at 10 under-par for a 61! In the NET division, another family team, **Ryan** and **Bill Bonner** shot a 31 on the back 9 to pair with a 33 on the front for a total of 7 under-par, 64!

Closest to the hole winners were **Buzz Hilberg** (1'11" on #5) and **Bo Andrews** (2'11" on #16). Congratulations to all of our winners!

LGA Weekly Event

Thank you to everyone who came out and braved the Ocean Reef wintery conditions for last week's LGA event! T's & F's took place on the Hammock Course where the chilly conditions still could not keep a few of the participants from getting hot on the golf course. There were some fantastic scores including a personal best 9 hole score from Cynthia Egan who carded a 35 on the back nine. T's & F's only requires 9 solid holes, but many of today's participants went well and beyond that. See page 41 for full results.

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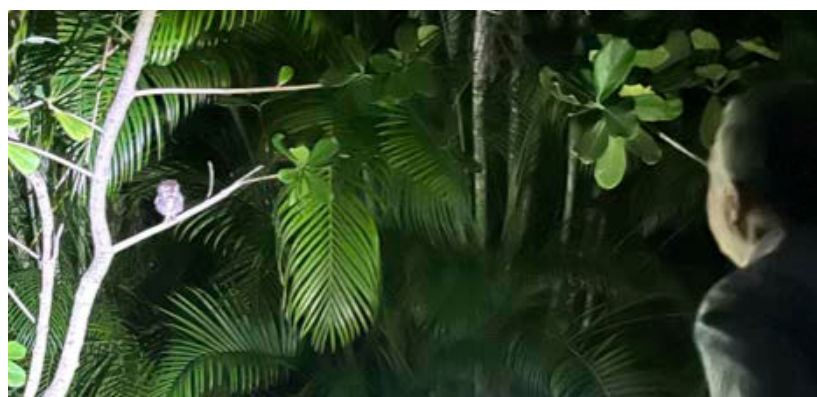


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Earlier this month, Sherwood Newell, ardent birder and son of Sherley Newell, with daughter/granddaughter Courtney, captured these photos of a Screech owl at Ocean Reef for the third year in a row. In the bottom photo, the owl and Sherwood were both staring directly at each other!

GOLF SCOREBOARD

Santa's Sleigh Wreck Tournament

1st Place Gross: Alec Crossgrove, Peter Crossgrove, Tom Austin, & Max French

2nd Place Gross: Tom O'Hara, Linda O'Hara, David O'Hara, & John O'Hara

1st Place Net: Newell Kraik, Pam Kraik, Andrew Kraik & Daniel Kraik

2nd Place Net: Geoff Noyes, Beth Noyes, Brad Noyes & Chris Noyes

2nd Place Gross: Max French & Phil French

1st Place Net: Ryan Bonner and Bill Bonner

2nd Place Net: Phil Heilpern and Michael Conley

3rd Place Net: Rudy Leake and Charlie Simms

4th Place Net: Buzz Hilberg and Dan Cronin

Closest to the Hole: Buzz Hilberg (#5) and Bo Andrews(#16)

9 Hole LGA Ribbon Tournament Thursday, December 22

1st Place: Stacey Lahey, Katy Miller, Parris Bozeman, Kristi Davidson

2nd Place: Courtney Bridge, Rachel Kelley, Jennifer Leonard
Closest to the Pin: Cathey Jansen

Longest Drive: Stacey Lahey

MGA Weekly Event Monday, December 26

1st Place Gross: Andy Andrews and Bo Andrews

LGA Weekly Event Tuesday, December 27

1st Place Gross: Eva Rubinstein

2nd Place Gross: JoAnn Titley

1st Place Net: Cynthia Egan

2nd Place Net: Linda Roberts

3rd Place Net: Christine Langley

4th Place Net: Diane Petrosino

Closest to the Hole: Linda Roberts (#6) and Christine Langley (#17)

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Reading The Grain



"Swing Tip"
by Derek
Swoboda,
Director of
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Playing golf in South Florida presents a different set of challenges than we see in the northern states. Chipping and pitching the ball from around the greens can get sticky.....literally. How do you read the grain and what do we do in different situations on the golf course? How do you tell what the grain is doing?

Feel the Grain in Your Practice Swing

The easiest way to know what the grain is doing is by taking a practice swing and hitting the ground when doing so. If the

grass feels smooth and easy to get through, there are no worries and your shot should be simple and straight forward. If you feel the grass grab the club or the club sticks into the ground a little bit, you may want to take less loft and open the club face.

Taking less loft and opening the club face is a great way to expose the bounce of the club. In an effort to escape the digging of the club into the grass, you will need to let the bottom of the club hit the ground instead of the leading edge.

Why Take Less Loft?

When you open the club face, you will add loft back to the club and the ball will go higher and shorter. Due to this, we will need to use the club with a lesser amount of loft so we can get the ball to our target simply.

Can You See the Grain?

Always look for darker vs lighter shades of grass. The easiest way to know where the grain is, is to hit the ground near your ball in a

USGA RULES OF GOLF SEMINAR FOR MGA, LGA & 9 HOLE LGA MEMBERS

Wednesday, January 4

The Golf Professional Team is excited to announce that Scott Davis from the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) will host an on-course rules seminar next **Wednesday, January 4**, available to all MGA, LGA and 9 Hole LGA members! As we enter into the heart of the season, this is a great way to sharpen your knowledge of the rules of golf.

Scott Davis represents the FSGA as their rules expert and we are happy to have him return and help us all learn with common and uncommon scenarios on the golf course.

The seminars will take place on the Hammock Course first hole. Join us for this rules seminar during "Happy Hour!" Wine and beer will be provided.

Please RSVP for your respective event:

9 Hole LGA Seminar • 3-4 p.m.

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LGA Seminar • 4-5 p.m.

RSVP by emailing Zach Haynes at zhaynes@oceanreef.com

MGA Seminar • 5-6 p.m.

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Friday, January 6th –

- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Practice (all welcomed)



Gardiner Bridge (right), one of the 2022 Champions, pictured with Professional Catherine Parenteau.

- 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Member/DUKE Round Robin (registration required)

Saturday, January 7th –

- 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Practice (all welcomed)
- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Exhibition – Cocktails – Meet and Greet (all welcomed)

Sunday, January 8th –

- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Practice (all welcomed)
- 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Gameio Clinic (registration required)



The 2022 Pickleball Pro-Am saw fierce competition exhibited by Members and Professionals alike. The 6th annual event on January 8 will prove to be no different!

Monday, January 9th –

- 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Practice (all welcomed)

6th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro

January 7th-8th

Join us for a fun weekend of Pickleball by watching or playing side-by-side with top-ranked Pickleball professionals. The committed Pros this year are Jay Devilliers, Anna Leigh Waters, JW Johnson, Catherine Parenteau, James Ignatowich, Anna Bright, Justin Romero, and

Jorja Johnson.

To sign up to play, email Justin at jromero@oceanreef.com. Space is limited. This event is free to watch.

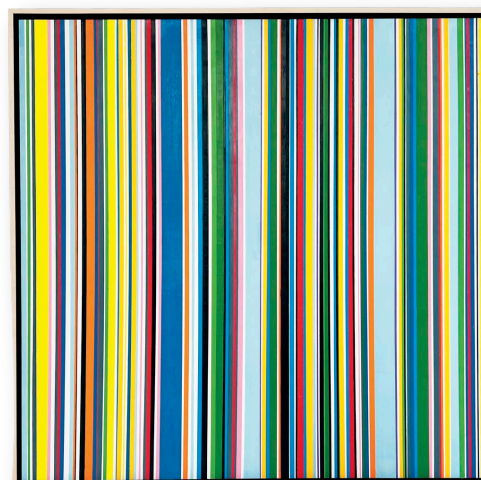
Schedule:

Saturday, January 8th –

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Group 1 Pro-Am Round Robin
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Group 2 Pro-Am Round Robin

Sunday, January 9th –

- 8:30 a.m. Pro-Pro Doubles/ Mixed/Singles



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Tennis Tip of the Week

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"Tennis Tip" by Hannah Fleckenstein, Head Tennis Professional

- 1) We have nine tennis courts, nine pickleball courts and one croquet lawn.
- 2) We have 15 associates on staff specializing in tennis, pickleball, croquet, facility maintenance and merchandising!
- 3) We offer four+ hours of clinics daily across tennis, pickleball and croquet. Stop by

our Pro Shop for our weekly schedule!

4) This year is the 50th Annual Tennis Member-Guest Tournament (**February 3-5, 2023**). To register, please contact Member Events at 305-367-6583 or register online at oceanreef.com/MGT.

5) The Tennis & Games Center Staff is excited to be here to serve all of you! Stop by our Pro Shop (if you haven't already) daily 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to meet us and check out everything we have to offer!

SAVE THESE JANUARY DATES:

105 Tournament: January 6

Duke Blue Devils Tennis Retreat: January 6 – 10

Ocean Reef Club Tennis Pro-Am: January 15

Singles Tennis Club Championship Draws Posted: January 18

Tennis

Players of the Week

Sam and Emma Fetner



How long have you been playing tennis?

Sam: Since I was 3 years old and played at Ocean Reef Club for the first time.

Emma: Since the second I could walk I had a racquet in my hand.

What is your favorite tennis memory?

S: When I had an all access pass to Ashe Stadium while I

worked on the film "Battle of the Sexes".

E: My high school team played a match and I got to play on Ashe Stadium where all of the greats played before me.

What is your favorite thing to do at ORC besides playing tennis?

S & E: We love to go on boat rides!

Who is your favorite professional tennis player and why?

S: Roger Federer because he defines "Pro" Athlete.

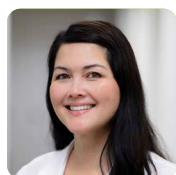
E: Carlos Alcaraz because I am inspired by his career and I am excited to see where it goes.

What is your favorite tennis shot?

S: Backhand cross court passing shot.

E: Forehand down the line.

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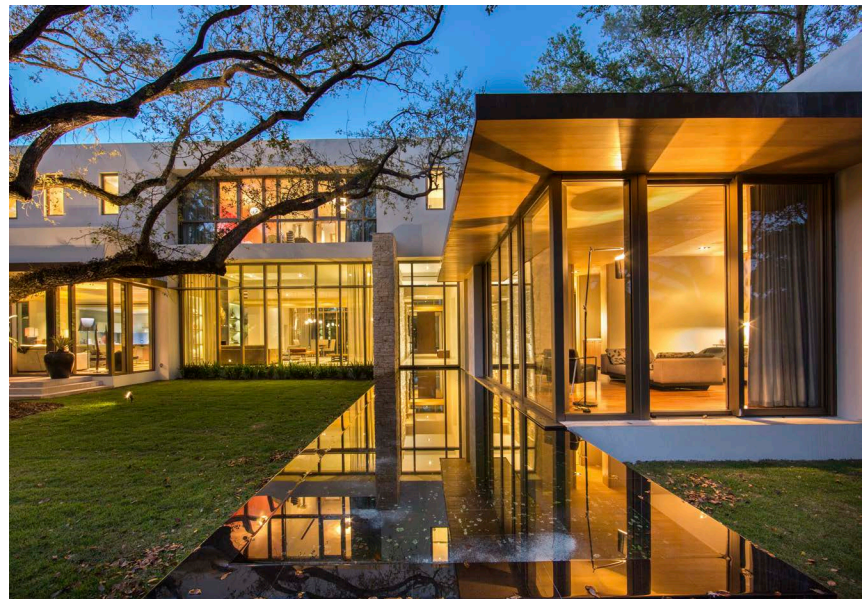
Year round Brian McCalister is known to his MarineMax coworkers as quite a character but this holiday season he took it to new levels. Each day of the week leading up to Christmas he donned a different festive outfit and spread joy to everyone he saw around The Reef. Whether driving the forklift, stopping by the Medical Center or popping into Wynn's, everyone agreed his smile and holiday cheer were contagious.



Brian, pictured center, with MarineMax coworkers Tito Gonzalez and Tronell Davis.



Brian with MarineMax General Manager Ken Reda.



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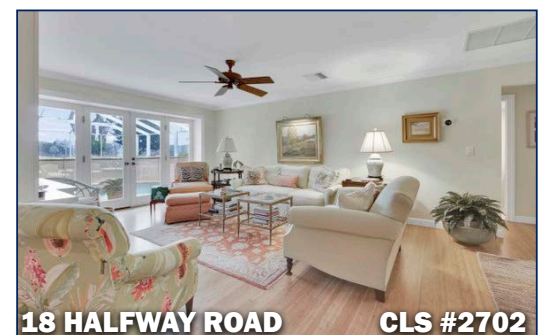
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Under 40-Year-Old Events, Coach Paul Fecteau lessons & Upcoming Events

By William Hinkebein, Ocean Reef Croquet Chair

The first of two Under 40 YO Golf Croquet & Cocktails Learn & Play sessions was held on Thursday, December 22. We all had a great time on this beautiful day learning, playing, and meeting new friends. Thanks to all who came out. The next U40 is **Thursday, January 5**, 3-5:30 p.m.

Coach Paul Fecteau is coming to ORC to teach and coach both how to play and basic rules in each session. Coach Paul is a multiple club champion at Hillsboro Club and a USCA Certified Referee. This begins **Saturday, January 7**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call the Tennis & Games Center to sign up at 305-367-6583.

Upcoming Play and Events:

- **Open Play** is Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 2-5 p.m.

Feel free to just show up and play. Sometimes there are just a few players, other times it's a full lawn. This is a great way to learn from your fellow Club Members. Your fellow Members will help you learn better play.

- **Beginners Clinic**, conducted by Coach Justin Romero, Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Coach Justin Romero will teach the basics of croquet and do a walk-through of fun games.

- **UNDER 40 Year Old Golf Croquet & Cocktails** learn and play is **Thursday, Jan. 5**, 3-5:30 p.m.:

Coach Justin Romero will teach the basics of croquet and do a walk-through of fun games.

- **Women, Wine & Wickets:** 3:30-5 p.m. on the following Mondays: 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20 and 4/3.



Heather McHold Campbell, David Schmelzer, Bill Hinkebein, 1st Place winners Sarah Lane Poole & Emily Poole, and Coach Justin Romero at the 40 & Under Croquet & Cocktails Learn & Play.

Ladies just show up and play. Enjoy a glass or two of vino on ORC. No sign up necessary.

- **Crocodile Cup League Play:** **Thursday, January 2**, 2 p.m., is the first day of 7 Croc Cup play days that will be on Thursdays 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and the grand finale and awards are Sunday 2/26.

Players are matched up with a doubles partner for each individual game and drawn randomly. Points are accrued each game each week leading to the final score result on Sunday, February 26. Players must participate in at least one of sessions 1-3 (dates 1/12, 1/19, and/or 1/26) to be able to play in sessions 4-7 (dates 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 2/26). A player does not have to play every week to participate in the Croc Cup.

- **3-Wicket Tournament** on **Friday, January 13**, 1pm until finished:

Just show up and play. Teams are drawn on-site to play fast-paced 3 wicket games. This is a fun tournament with single or double elimination depending on how many arrive to play. No sign up necessary.

- **The Judy Ladies Singles Tournament:**

This is an annual ladies' singles tournament. Sign up at the Tennis & Games Center, 305-367-6583.

- **ORC versus KLAC Golf Croquet Challenge:**

One of the biggest events on the schedule in 2023 is the annual KLAC vs ORC Golf Croquet Challenge, this year on **Friday, March 17** and **Saturday, March 18** hosted by Key Largo Anglers Club. 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 Team ORC for this event.

Other Golf Croquet News:

Many players are still yet to return to The Reef for the 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 up.

Practice distance rolling, clearing balls, and shooting the hoop. Also very important is being able to make a jump shot. A good way to learn a jump shot and how to improve your overall game is to watch YouTube video tutorials, showing how to hit the ball, strategy and of course jump shots. Then go out and practice what you see in the videos. Of course, the best way to learn is to get a private lesson from Coach Paul Fecteau (Saturdays), Coach Jim Morton or Coach Justin Romero. A small group of just two or four persons can learn so much in just one short hour....all for about the cost of a lunch at the Raw Bar.

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

Looking forward to seeing you on the beautiful lawn!



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New Year, New Possibilities



"Fitness Focus"
by Luis Bracamonte,
Director of
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gain. People who work out regularly can practice doing so in every session. The opportunity to overcome discomfort and integrate resilience into our lives are some of the greatest benefits of exercise.

As we celebrate the new year, we also celebrate the advent of all the great challenges and opportunities ahead. Do not shy away from difficult workouts and new adventures. Dare to be physically and mentally stronger than last year. Dare to take the next step toward that literal or



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metaphorical mountain ahead. Connect your mind and body through physical activity and exercise. The choice to begin is yours, the choice to go back is yours, the choice to keep going is yours, and the choice to not quit and make not quitting a habit is most definitely yours.

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Friday, January 6th at 12 p.m.

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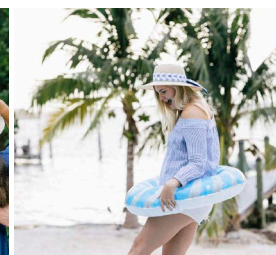
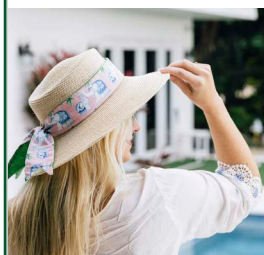
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Yearend at the Rod & Gun Club



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

New Year's Eve is in our sights, and it's time for a resolution or two. Most people I know want to feel better, look better, or be more skilled at what they like to do. Getting fit or losing weight, classic New Year's resolution targets, can require a long, sustained effort, but improving execution of a physical activity can be as quick as Saint Nick going up the chimney.

For instance, if you want to be a better shooter, coaching from an expert might be the best way to improve your game, and the Rod and Gun Club is proud to be hosting the very distinguished instructor, Paul Montealegre

for lessons at their Range. Paul is a world-class sporting clays, trap, box bird champion for the past decade, winning national and international competitions, including the 2020 SxS National Championship. He is also a NSCA certified instructor, founder of the Escopeta shooting Academy in Houston, Texas, and will be offering beginning, intermediate or master lessons at the Card Sound Academy, open Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To book a lesson, email the Range at range@rodandgun.org. Whatever your skill or specialty, Paul can help you move to the

next level of your game.

Fish of the Month — Kingfish and Wahoo

January's quarry are each delicious eating as well as a challenge to catch. The Wahoo, which can be over 150 lb., is one of the fastest fish in the sea, especially appreciated for the strength and speed of their first run. The Kingfish, or King Mackerel, generally 10 to 30 lb. (but can be larger) is also known for its speed and fight. Catch a good-sized example of either and bring it to the MarineMax Weigh Station for an official weigh-in and you

are instantly a contender for the \$50 MarineMax gift certificate First Prize.

Reminder — Kayak Cleanup with the Bonefish Bonnies
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VHF radios operate above the top end of the conventional FM radio band. VHF radios have been used ubiquitously by police, fire and other public safety agencies since the 1930s. As an engineer for Motorola, I enjoyed the opportunity to design both



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transmitters and receivers from the components to systems. Your onboard radio operates the same way on most channels with one critical exception. This is Digital Selective Calling (DSC) exclusively on channel 70.

DSC was added to marine radios in 1992. All radios built after 1999 have DSC capability. Extensive use of digital signal processing and GPS was made possible by the semiconductor advances in computing power in the 1980s and further advanced for cell phones. The improvement made by this technology is coding and redundancy significantly extending the usable range more



than 3 to 5 times. While no one may hear you on the radio, everyone is repeatedly sent the digital distress signal until its acknowledged. All you need to do is **open the little red door** and push the button firmly once. Most newer radios also have built in GPS and will display if the MMSI has been entered. If your radio and handheld do not have a DSC – get a new one.

Encoded in the DSC signal is your GPS position, identity, description of your vessel and emergency contact information that you entered when you obtained your unique 9 digit number and entered it into the radio. Numbers can be obtained on the web: <https://www.boatus.com/MMSI/MMSI/ObtainMMSI>. If you need help, get in touch with any of our ORC Coast

Guard Auxiliarists and we will also do a Vessel Safety Check. For convenience, use your phone address book contacts to store under your boat name, state registration numbers, all your MMSI numbers, friends' MMSI numbers and Coast Guard MMSI test as individual phone numbers.

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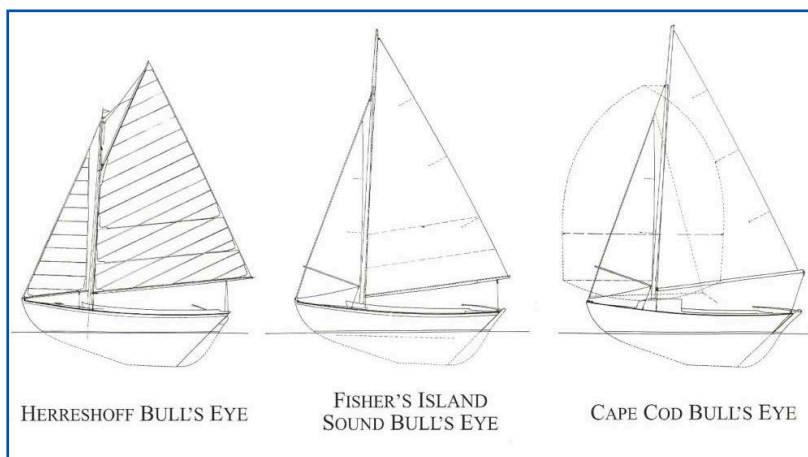
History of the Bull's Eye

By Windsor D. Coffin

With the holidays upon us, the weather outside has indeed been frightful.... well, for the Florida Keys anyway! Unfortunately, these conditions have kept Card Sound Sailing Club's fleet of classic sailboats moored at their dock in Baker Harbor. But, normally, we race on the waters of Card Sound almost every weekend through the beginning of April. As there are no racing results to report on with the cancellation of Christmas Eve's Wreath Cup race, and since I gave you a history of our club last weekend, it seems appropriate to now give you a brief history our classic racing sailboats.

The origins of the boats we race, the Bull's Eye, go all the way back to 1914. The

hull was originally designed by Capt. Nathanael Greene Herreshoff, "The Wizard of Bristol." This design, officially known as the Herreshoff Bull's Eye, was penned as a wooden, gaff or Marconi rigged, open cockpit sailboat with a waterline length of 12 ½ feet and through transom tiller placement. It was that waterline length which gave the boat the nickname for which it is best known, "12 ½". For many years the design remained the same, but in 1938 the Herreshoff Bull's Eye adopted some design tweaks and the tiller placement was moved above the transom. Owing to these changes, this boat became known as the Fisher's Island Sound Bull's Eye. But change again was in the air for the Bull's Eye when in 1947 Cape Cod Shipbuilding (CCSB) purchased the design for the Bull's Eye, among others, from Herreshoff Manufacturing. As one of the early pioneers



Evolution of the Bull's Eye. Courtesy Bullseye Sailing Assoc.



George Lucas and family racing a Bull's Eye. Photo by Bill Overend.

of fiberglass construction, CCSB in conjunction with "Capt. Nat's" eldest son Sidney, designed a new boat based on the original 12 ½ design. This new boat's hull was essentially the same as the original Herreshoff Bull's Eye but was given a new deck design that added a cuddy, and the original wooden spars were changed to more modern aluminum spars. Also, this new boat was offered only in the Marconi-rig configuration. Subsequently, in 1949 the first fiberglass 12 ½ derivative was born and was dubbed the Cape Cod Bull's Eye. Apart from a few design updates in the intervening years that did not involve anything to do with the hull design or shape, the boat is essentially the same today as it was when the first one was built in 1949. To this day, CCSB still custom manufactures brand new Cape Cod Bull's Eyes.

Today, the Card Sound Sailing Club's fleet of Bull's Eyes number 23 (including

two owned by Ocean Reef Club) with the oldest boat of all of them nearly 70 years old and our newest a mere five years old. Given the rarity of Bull's Eyes in Florida we, as a club, do our best to keep ahold of these sailing gems.

We are always looking for new friends to come join the fun! If you are a seasoned sailor or have an interest in sailing, come visit us. We are 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 would 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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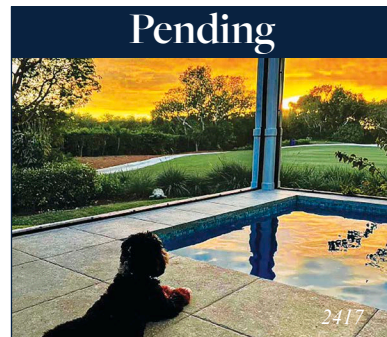
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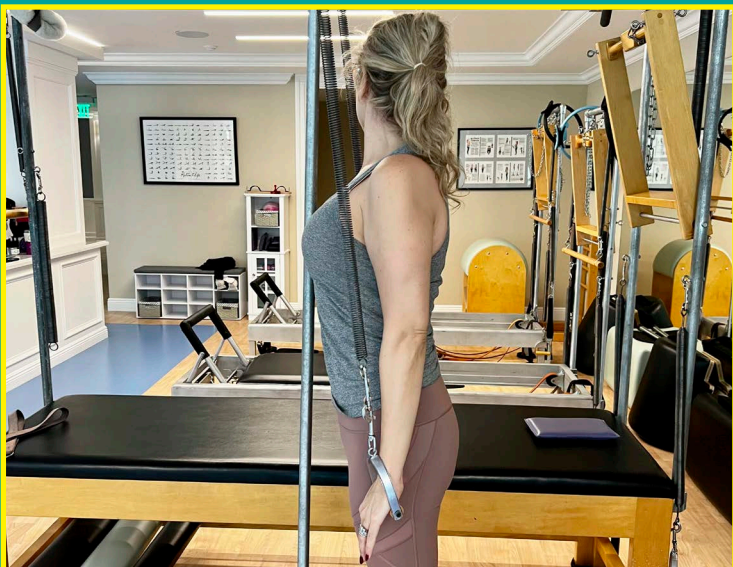
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Brief History of the CSMYC



by Windsor D. Coffin,
CSMYC
Commodore

Sailing has been a long-time activity at Ocean Reef Club. Whether it be physically on the water over on Card Sound in a Cape Cod Bull's Eye or standing on the lagoon shores of Buccaneer Island racing a radio-controlled sailboat, passionate sailor/members have enjoyed the competition and camaraderie that sailboat racing affords. Since the calendar provided us with Christmas and New Year's Day on Sundays this year, radio-controlled racing is on hold until January 8. In the meantime, here is a brief history of our radio-controlled racing



The racing sailboats of CSMYC, the EC-12. Photo by Erin Coffin.

club here at Ocean Reef.

For 40 years, the Card Sound Model Yacht Club (CSMYC) has offered Ocean Reef Members a fun way to enjoy the passion of sailing without ever setting foot in a boat. Beginning as an activity of the Card Sound Sailing Club (CSSC) in 1983, radio-controlled sailboat racing allowed sailors an entirely different way to experience their passion in the protected waters of the pond behind Fairway Lakes. In time, radio-

controlled sailing moved to the Buccaneer Island Lagoon (also known to us as "The Pond"), which offered a larger venue for the quickly growing fleet. Racing thrived on the Pond through the 1980's and part of the 1990's. Frequently, during that time, the number of sailors who would show up to race would be so great that the fleet would be split in two. There would simply be too many boats to race at one time so there would be double the number of races for the spectators to marvel at. In 1994, the sailors of the radio-controlled fleet formed their own club, the CSMYC, and separated from the CSSC. While the split was a bit acrimonious at the time, the current membership of the CSMYC is almost entirely comprised of current and former CSSC members. Any lingering acrimony has long since been consigned to the history books. We are still racing on the Pond on Sunday mornings to this day.

But the history of radio-controlled sailboat racing at Ocean Reef does not end there. Our Ocean Reef Press article in next week's issue is devoted to the history of the model yacht that we race, the East Coast 12 Meter.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday 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. Our sailors are always willing to discuss our racing sailboats and, for interested sailors, there are even a few currently available for sale here at The Reef. 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.

On behalf of the CSMYC and our members, I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

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Card & Games Corner



by Gregg Van Dyke,
Director
of Card &
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While I am away in Minnesota for the Holidays, David Babcock has been here taking good care of you in my absence.

The normal schedule of Duplicate Bridge Games – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. – have been continuing in my absence. We will host Men's Poker Night again on **Monday, January 2**.

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.

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Texas Holdem Poker Tournaments

The next Men's Texas Holdem Poker Tournament will be held **Monday, January 16**. Sign up by calling the Card & Games Room at 305-367-6609.

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Larry Cohen Returns

I am excited to welcome Larry Cohen again 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 out. Grab one from the Card & Games Room.

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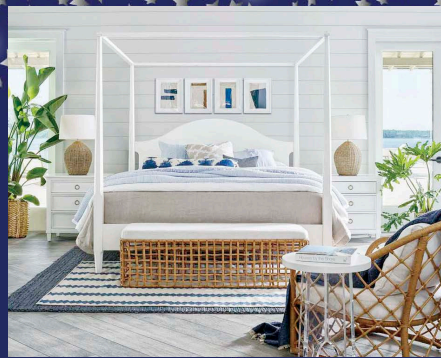
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Bridge Tip of the Week

Passive Opening Leads

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

In other situations, you'll want to be more patient and make declarer work for all his tricks. Your goal on these hands is to make a safe opening lead that won't give declarer a "cheap" or undeserved trick.

A safe lead may also be an attacking combination -- such as a suit headed by AK, KQJ or QJ10 -- and these are usually good choices for a lead to any contract. If you aren't dealt these easy holdings, you'll sometimes have to select a passive lead. Passive leads include:

- A lead from a topless suit (such as 8762), especially one in which you don't expect partner to hold an honor. When in doubt, lead through strength by choosing a suit dummy (rather than declarer) has bid.
- A lead from length -- such as fourth best from Q9653 or K87432. Even though underleading an honor is standard to a notrump contract, it can be risky against a suit contract. Length, however, gives you a margin of safety. The longer your suit, the less likely it will be that declarer needs to develop his own tricks in that

suit.

- A trump, in some cases.

How do you know when a passive lead is your best choice? Here are some of the contracts and types of auctions that call for a safe, non-attacking opening lead: **The opponents are in 6NT or a grand slam.**

An exception is if the opponents bid 6NT after an auction that suggests that their main source of tricks will be a long suit. In this case, you may want to make an aggressive opening lead (away from an honor) to try to set up a trick you can cash if you get the lead later.

The auction tells you that declarer has a strong hand and dummy (and/or partner) will be very weak.

Suppose your RHO opens 2NT (20-22 pts.) and LHO raises to 3NT. What's your lead from ♠986 ♥AQ62 ♦KQ43 ♣Q6?

If you follow the "fourth from longest and strongest" rule, you'd choose the ♥2 or the ♦3. But with almost all the outstanding honors on your right, either of these leads has a high risk of giving declarer a gift. Partner can't hold more than 2-3 high-card points, so it's not a good idea to count on him for help in a specific suit.

A more attractive choice is a passive ♠9. This is unlikely to set up tricks for your side, but it probably won't help declarer. You'll be on lead

again soon, and if your spade lead was indeed safe, you should consider continuing the suit. If a switch is necessary, you'll have a better idea of which suit to choose later.

Note that you should not lead a diamond honor. A diamond will probably be right only when partner has the ♦J (or the unlikely ♦A), so if you do choose a diamond lead, it's better to lead low (the ♦3). If partner has no honors (declarer and dummy have any combination of the ♥A, J, 10 and 9), leading the ♦K will give declarer three eventual tricks. If you instead lead low, declarer can't take more than two tricks in the suit.

You're defending a suit contract where the opponents are fairly balanced.

On these hands, declarer will usually have to play the side suits himself, so it's best to sit back and wait for your tricks.

Suppose you're on lead as South holding ♠Q74 ♥5 ♦108432) Club) KJ64 after this auction:
West East
1H
2NT* 4H *(Jacoby 2NT, forcing heart raise)

The opponents have shown game-level strength and their hands rate to be semi-balanced. Opener's 4H rebid showed a minimum with no singleton, and responder might have chosen a different way to raise hearts if he had a very distributional hand. You expect that declarer will have to lead the side suits himself, so you want to avoid leading any suit that will make it easier for him to find missing honors.

The singleton trump is probably the most dangerous lead (partners always seem to hold ♥Qxx). It's also risky to lead away from your club or spade honors. That leaves your "nothing" suit -- diamonds -- so try the ♦3.

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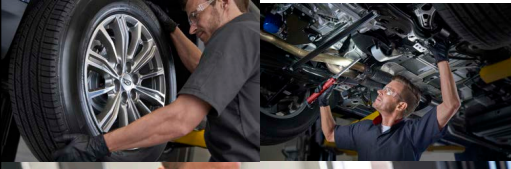


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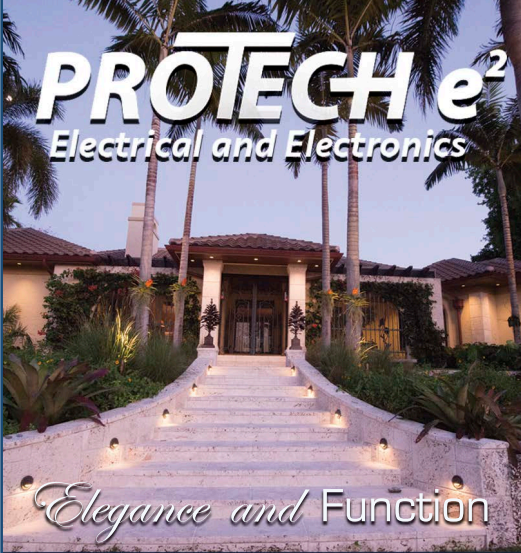
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