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A Tradition Worth Celebrating Continues

By Richard Weinstein, President & COO Ocean Reef Community Foundation

Having just finished the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's All Charities Weekend, the number one question we are asked is, "How did you do"? While we cannot yet answer that question in terms of the total funds that we raised, we do already know that the fun traditions and excitement for Members bidding on unique offerings from the Club was apparent. That included 78 bids on a private in-home sushi lesson from ORC Executive Sushi Chef Eric Andreu, 42 bids on the Raw Bar's Billy Ronk Chicken Wings and 37 bids to be King and Queen of Reef Treats.

To return the honor and in celebration of the Club's 75th Anniversary, **Michael Berman**, Vice Chairman of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, opened Saturday's evening gala with a special presentation. Berman opened saying, "With a nod to this year's theme '**Honoring the past and building for the future**' to the first gala in 1994, when Herb Matthews sold a bottle of Ripple for \$10,000, we would like to present the Club with this custom-designed 12-liter wine bottle. It is a true work of art created and donated by **Linda** and



Town Hall was filled with energy, and bidding.



2023 Gala Chairs Anne Marie Peretz, Kelly Hertzman, Barbara Olcott



Madeleine and Brad Williams



Bonny and Rob Gothier

Steve Sherwin of Sherwin Family Vineyards." The bottle is decorated with hand-placed crystals and painted with the Club's 75th anniversary logo. He noted special thanks to Alex Tonarelli, **Ray Larkin**, **Charlie Johnston** and the Club's entire Board of Directors for their unprecedented support of our efforts.

Berman then thanked our Preferred Partners. "These businesses help underwrite the event and provide auction items that guarantees our success. NetJets, Northern Trust, Marsh McLennan, Baptist Health, Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty, Mary Lee & John Lee's Fine Wine Society, Wheels

Up, Somerset Charters, Haute Explore, Seaborne Cruise Lines, Lexus of Kendall and Lexus of West Kendall, Barton and Gray Mariners Club, and Baer's Furniture and Interior Design, and, of course, Lester Lampert Jewellers."

Event co-chairs **Barbara Olcott**, **Kelly Hertzman** and **Anne Marie Peretz**, stepped on stage to briefly share their thoughts and thanks. Barbara reminded everyone that Ocean Reef Club is all about each of the Members in the room and bidding online - that "we are what makes this special place a Club".

Kelly stepped to the microphone next and thanked

AROUND THE REEF

10th Anniversary Art & Fashion Walk Saturday, February 18

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OR "See"



Steve Grekin's photo of this sunrise overlooking the Ocean Reef Marina is beautiful even without the unusual blue streaks permeating the sky.

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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To view the full set of rules, visit oceanreef.com/rules.

SEND US YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Share Your Youngster-Tested Activities with the ORP

The Ocean Reef Press is seeking suggestions from Members for its guide to keeping youngsters happy at Ocean Reef, which will be published just in time for spring break. By **Monday, March 6**, send your best suggestions to orp@oceanreef.com on what you do with your children and grandchildren when the weather is cool, rainy, or you just need time away from the sun!

Examples of activities already submitted:

- Everglades National Park
- Puzzles (check one out at the Library!)

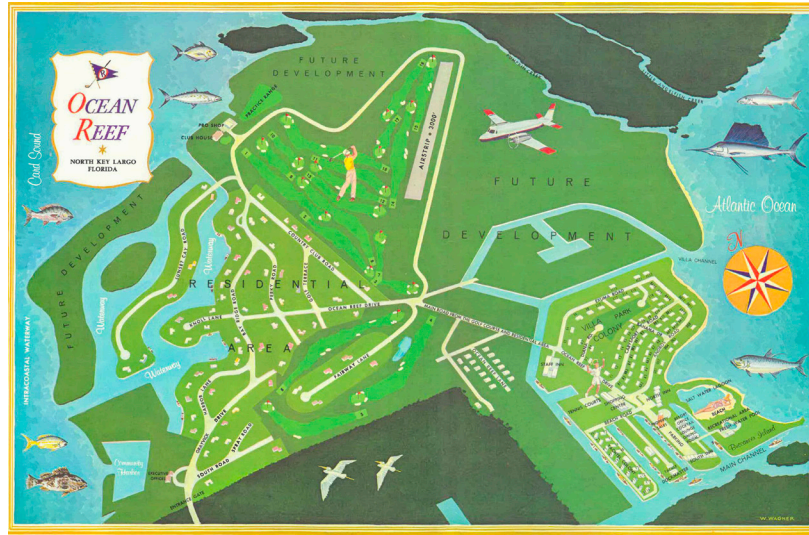
MAKING HISTORY

Forty Acres Here – Forty Acres There

By the mid-1950's, Morris Baker's Ocean Reef Club was coming into its own. Advertising was mostly by word of mouth, but the boaters who came for their first season enjoyed the old Florida ambiance and the fishing so much that they returned the following year and brought their friends. Bone fishing and deep-sea fishing were still Ocean Reef's main attractions, but Baker was always keenly aware that additional amenities would be needed – especially to drive future real estate success.

In 1954, Morris Baker finally built his own residence on North Key Largo's only hill. Moreover, because his feet were always planted firmly in the present while his head and heart lived in the future, Baker designed their home on Card Sound so that it could easily be converted into a clubhouse for the Ocean Reef Golf and Country Club he'd had in mind since the very beginning. The home was located next to Baker Harbor, now the location of Card Sound Sailing Club, which he had dredged so he could dock his boat nearby. He'd begun purchasing land for the golf course several years earlier and had obtained the only high ground available.

Morris' son Roger Baker described those acquisitions saying, "You have to understand that development money was not available in wholesale quantity. This was kind of bottle fed to take a piece and develop it, and



An early stylized map.

take another piece. The land acquisition was tracking along the same way, 40 acres here, and 40 acres there."

One of the forty-acre plots was acquired from the Reimersbug (Pennsylvania) Coal Company, but the largest – seven hundred acres was purchased from the Crane plumbing family of Minneapolis. Concerning the dredge and fill operations, **Baker said, "Let me put it this way. There will never be another Ocean Reef.** You would never be able to do it today because of the new regulations." According to Mrs. Baker, those seven hundred acres had first been platted and owned by wealthy Miami developer Richter Clyde Perky during the real estate boom of the 1920s. Today Perky is mainly remembered for a plan he devised to control mosquitoes. Basing his plan on research done by a Texas physician, he built two towers on Sugarloaf Key and lead them with bat bait. The idea was to lure large numbers of bats to the towers. Since mosquitoes comprised a major staple of the bats' diet, he felt sure having a lot of bats in the area would

drastically reduce the mosquito population. Unfortunately, a hurricane in 1929 severely damaged the towers and his scheme failed.

Through no fault of his own, Mr. Perky, who had been a very successful developer in Miami, had no luck in real estate in the Keys. On Key Largo, he built a road that ended at his platted lots near Pumpkin Creek where

he sold a few parcels, but he lost most of the land for back taxes when Florida's real estate market tanked. Mrs. Baker also recalled that eighty-acres of Mr. Perky's land were purchased by General Ivor-Thorn Gray, a storied mercenary who served with Swedish, British, and Chinese armies. In 1935, then-Florida Governor David Scholz named him major general of the Florida militia and chief of the governor's personal staff. On this land, General Gray built a three-bedroom home he named Grayvik. He later sold the home to the Horace Hills Irvine lumber family of St. Paul, Minnesota. Morris Baker later purchased the land from the Irvine family and used the home as an office building.

-Excerpt from *On the Reef, The Legendary Ocean Reef Club and the People Who Made it Great* co-authored by the late Dick Farmer and Shirley Shipley.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Please join us **Wednesday, February 22** at Palm Court at 12 p.m. We would like to welcome those Members and prospectives for a casual get-together. Look forward to seeing you there. RSVP by emailing franmurphy1284@gmail.com.

-Gayle Tallardy, Fran Murphy, Sally Weisleder, Candy Sutfin



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Visit oceanreef.com/Dining for Grill Room brunch, lunch and dinner menus.

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the Silent Auction chairs **Susie Misini Hassett** and **Cathy Totonis** for their hard work and the stunning look of the Silent Auction room. She added thanks for the Foundation staff and the talented culinary and catering team from the Club including Erwin Pals, Philippe Reynaud, Christian Sarquis and Sean Carroll. Anne Marie then kicked us off by demonstrating how to make the evening successful as she raised her bid paddle (a converted Pickleball paddle with her bid number on it) and the auction was underway.



Steve Sherwin, of Sherwin Family Vineyards, and Michael Berman, Vice Chairman of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, present the custom-designed 12-liter wine bottle donated to the Club by Linda and Steve Sherwin.

So, the question on everyone's mind remains, "How did you do?" We are finalizing the numbers but we already know we will once

again make a difference in the lives of those that rely on us outside the gates, as well as those who enjoy all of the Ocean Reef non-profits



2023 Silent Auction Chairs Susie Misini Hassett and Cathy Totonis will serve as the 2024 Gala Chairs.

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And the Winners Are...



by Sean Carroll,
Director of Beverage

Of the many wonderful events that take place during All Charities Weekend, one of the Members' favorites is voting on what new wines will be featured property-wide on all Club wine lists. As in year's past, there were 10 white wines and 10 red wines to choose from. It was a wonderful turnout last Friday, keeping up with Ocean Reef traditions. So here are your 2023 All Charities wines:

2022 Long Meadow Ranch Sauvignon Blanc, Rutherford, California

In the late 1800s, the majestic Long Meadow Ranch property thrived with vineyards, apple orchards, olive groves, hay and a goat milk dairy until farming fell dormant during Prohibition. Over the following years, the property became swallowed by the encroaching forest until the Halls bought the property in 1989. The Hall family carefully breathed life back into the land, nurturing it back to its glory, and then some, by cutting back the abandoned olive trees and replanting the vineyards and apple orchards as you see them growing today. Home to the Mayacamas Estate, the rugged 650-acre landscape nestled in the foothills of the Mayacamas Mountains also gave way to a long, sweeping meadow, thus the name Long

Meadow Ranch was born. An excellent Rutherford growing season produced lovely uniform Sauvignon Blanc fruit that resulted in an outstanding wine full of concentration and complexity. A mouthwatering acidity adds energy to elegant aromas of lemongrass, grapefruit, Bearss lime, honeydew melon, and kiwi that were retained in the precision of a slow cold fermentation.

2021 Orin Swift "Abstract" Red Blend, California

One of many definitions of the word abstract, is a summary of something larger, encompassing the crucial elements, making it easy to comprehend on the fly. Abstract, in its own way, is an abstract of Orin Swifts winemaking mission. It will always have his signature drinkability, comprised of fruit from quality vineyards across California and creates

conversations—be it about the wine or the label. For those new to Orin Swift, Abstract is a beloved starting point. An opaque purple core with a glowing mauve rim, the 2021 Abstract brings forth opening aromas of muddled blue and blackberries with a frame of dark chocolate brownie and seasoned leather. The wine enters with class, being soft and lush, with notes of ripe plum, boysenberry and Santa Maria tri-tip. Grippy, chewy tannins, the wine closes with pleasing sarsaparilla and blackcurrant. It is a blend of Grenache, Petite Sirah and Syrah.

These wines will be making their debut in all outlets starting next week as we get new wine lists printed throughout property. As always, they will be in Port O' Call as well.

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Age Old Concerns



by Terry Baxter

My daughter Ashley was sure her life was over when she was about to turn thirty... thirty was SO OLD. I repeated the usual platitude -- age is just a number. In her birthday card I told her, "When you were born, I was 29 times your age. When you were 10, I was only four times your age. Now that you are 30, I am less than twice your age. Before you know it, we will be THE SAME AGE!" She shrugged it off as "goofy Dad math." She survived crashing through the age-thirty barrier with no discernable impairment.

But now, as I contemplate the current situation, I seem to be aging. I have noticed that all our friends are aging. Even our young friends go on getting older with alarming regularity. It's like Mark Twain said about the weather, "Everyone complains about

it, but nobody does anything about it." Fortunately, **Ed** and **Barbara Hajim** (who are both ageless) are helping to address our plight. They are generously sponsoring the Ocean Reef visit of friend and noted expert Dr. Annette Medina-Walpole, Chief of Geriatrics and Director of the University of Rochester Aging Institute. Dr. Walpole will present a free lecture in the **Cultural Center, February 22nd, at 3 p.m.** She will talk about what helps us to be young -- hobbies, physical activities, creative endeavors, social engagement -- and details the research to back it up.

Aging is an inevitable, natural and lifelong process that each of us will experience. Many factors influence the way we age. Some of these, such as genetics, are not in our control. Others — like exercise, diet, social engagement, and addressing our mental health — are within our reach. There is no 'Fountain of Youth', so we must take charge of our own health and lives as we age. Dr. Medina-Walpole will share her expertise and the science behind how each of us can ensure that we age with vitality.

TRI-DELTA FEBRUARY GATHERING

Ocean Reef Tri-Delts - our February gathering will be held at CH Lounge on **Thursday, February 23** at 5:30 p.m. If you want to be added to the email list for future gatherings, or let us know you will attend, email **Jane Battles**, janebattles@yahoo.com.

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5:30PM:
Act I & II

7:30PM:
Dinner

8:30PM:
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ALL CHARITIES
 The Heart of Ocean Reef
February 10-12 2023

HONORING THE PAST AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE WAS THE ALL CHARITIES THEME FOR 2023. IN THAT SPIRIT, OPPORTUNITIES TO DO GOOD WHILE HAVING FUN WERE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, CULMINATING WITH THE GALA AND LIVE AUCTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN TOWN HALL.



Dominic Di Napoli



Shirley and Si Johnson



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Juan Perez is Appointed ORCA President



Juan Perez

The Ocean Reef Community Association is pleased to announce Juan Perez as ORCA President and COO. Prior to Chip Iglesias' departure last month, Perez was serving as Vice President and Director of ORCA Public Safety, a position he held for three years.

The ORCA Board of Directors' Search Ad Hoc Committee worked with a third-party recruiter to select and recommend a qualified candidate.

Before joining the Ocean Reef Community Association, Mr. Perez's esteemed career included serving as Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, the highest

position in the agency. During his time as director, Perez instilled the values of integrity, respect, and service throughout the organization. He also deepened ties with the community and incorporated new technologies to improve service to those residents.

Since working at ORCA, Perez has successfully enhanced the overall capabilities of the Public Safety Department. His improvements include advanced training,

Member Services system upgrades, stronger agency partnerships, and increased employee morale. He also demonstrated his remarkable ability to handle crises and critical events during the recent migrant landings. His relationships with federal, state, and local first responders were invaluable during these situations.

Perez has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 256), National Executive Institute (Session 42), Major Cities Chiefs Association's Police Executive Leadership Institute, Florida International University Chapmanville Leadership Development Program, and FBI Leadership in Counter-Terrorism Training.

"Please join the ORCA Board and me in welcoming Juan "J.P." Perez as our community

association's president and COO," said ORCA Chair Anne Lovett. "Under his leadership, the board and staff look forward to continuing to advance the mission of providing exceptional city-style services to the Ocean Reef community."

ORCA also thanks former President Chip Iglesias for his transformative leadership and wishes him all the best in his new endeavor as Manager for the City of South Miami. He leaves the association in a stronger position and with an exceptional team to continue our community's success.

As Perez transitions into his new job, Director of Operations Ariel Artime will serve as acting Vice President and Director of Public Safety. Artime has 27 years of Miami-Dade Police experience leading and protecting communities and has overseen ORCA operations for nearly the past two years.

Our Big, Beautiful World

DREW DOGGETT

Our Big, Beautiful World is a 50-minute talk that reveals the connections we share across species and borders. An extraordinary argument for how all beings on this Earth are more alike than not. In this presentation, Drew will take you to the remote speck of land known as Sable Island, home to wild horses.

Drew Doggett, an award-winning photographer and director whose work tells the extraordinary stories of diverse cultures, communities, and wildlife through a fashion-inspired lens.



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Sat., March 4 at 4 p.m.
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The Campus Series at the Cultural Center is pleased to announce an added event featuring **Mike Tirico** (NBC Sports Anchor and play-by-play announcer) and **Bill Martin** (former Athletic Director at the University of Michigan and past President of the U.S. Olympic Committee), both ORC Members, as they discuss the current status of the sports world and have an interactive question and answer session with the audience. This event will be held on **Saturday, March 4, 2023** and begins at 4 p.m. in the Cultural Center theater. It is open to all



Mike Tirico

ORC Members and their guests on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no charge. You can also enjoy complimentary beer before heading into the theater.

Mike Tirico is the voice of NBC Sports' biggest events, handling play-by-play for Sunday Night Football – primetime TV's #1 show for an unprecedented 11 consecutive years. He has called a multitude of sports in his career including the NBA, NHL, college football and basketball, golf, tennis, World Cup Soccer, and



Bill Martin

anchored Olympic broadcasts. He has also served as lead play-by-play announcer for Notre Dame football on NBC, hosted the Triple Crown races, the Indianapolis 500, and NBC's coverage of the Stanley Cup. In May 2022, Mike earned the Sports Emmy for Outstanding Sports Personality – Studio Host. He is a graduate of Syracuse University where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

Bill Martin served as Athletic Director of the University of

Michigan from 2000 to 2010. During this term, he served as Chair of the Big 10 Athletic Directors and was heavily involved in the creation of the Big 10 Network. A lifelong sailor, he served as President of the United States Sailing Association, the governing body of the sport. He has also served as a board member and President of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and received its highest honor, the General Douglas MacArthur Award. In 2008, Bill was named Athletic Director of the Year by the Dodd Foundation and in 2017, he was inducted in the National Sailing Hall of Fame. He holds a B.A. from Wittenberg College, and an M.B.A. and an honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Michigan.

Join both Mike Tirico and Bill Martin at the Cultural Center on **Saturday, March 4** at 4 p.m. for sports talk.

Dining With the Authors

Ann Patchett



Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett is a celebrated author, devoted reader, and a champion of literary culture. She published her first story in *The Paris Review*, while still a student at Sarah Lawrence College. She has now written 13 books and is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including the PEN/Faulkner Award, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

In 2011, when the last of Nashville's bookstores closed, Ann said, "I have no interest

in living in a city without a bookstore." In November of that year, she opened Parnassus Books, and has since become a spokesperson for independent booksellers.

In 2012, *TIME* named Ann one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World for her efforts on behalf of the literary community. Novelist Elizabeth Gilbert described Ann as a "woman of wisdom, determination, generosity and courage."

Ann's novel, "Bel Canto," was awarded both the Orange Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award. The renowned Lyric Opera Company of Chicago commissioned a production based on the novel that the *Chicago Tribune* called "a thought-provoking production worthy of a world-class opera company."

In 2016, Ann released her seventh novel, "Commonwealth," which was selected as a *New York Times* Best Book of the Year, a *TIME* Magazine Top 10 Selection, and was a NBCC Award Finalist. In 2019, Ann

published her first children's book, "Lambslide," and a novel, "The Dutch House," which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and sold more than a million copies. Ann's latest, "These Precious Days: Essays," is a collection that reflects on home, family, friendships and writing.

Ann Patchett will be at the Cultural Center, **Thursday, March 2** for our final Dining with the Authors series of the season. This popular dinner and speaker program will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation. After the presentation, a specially prepared dinner will be served. During dessert, you will hear answers to written questions submitted by your table and others.

Reservations Required Thursday, March 2 6 p.m. at the Cultural Center \$62++ per person, includes dinner and speaker. Make your dinner reservations by emailing: Tickets@OceanReef.com.

Great Decisions War Crimes



Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in widespread charges of war crimes and calls for justice. But what exactly are war crimes? Opinions of what constitutes a war crime have evolved, as have ways to identify and punish the perpetrators. How will the war crimes committed in Ukraine be dealt with?

Join Dr. Jeffery Morton on **Wednesday, February 22** at 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center as he delivers his virtual lecture on War Crimes in the Great Decisions series. This complimentary lecture gives a deeper understanding of the critical issues our world faces.

NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Love Your Heart

February is National Heart Month

The American Heart Association recommends a group of key measures called "Life's Essential 8" for better cardiovascular health and to lower the risk of heart attack, stroke and other major health problems.

Eat Better

Eat whole foods, fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, limit sugar, alcohol and red meat, and avoid tropical oils like coconut and palm oil.

Be More Active

Strive for two and a half hours of moderate exercise per week. Sit less and move more!

Quit Tobacco

Within one year of quitting, your risk of heart disease goes down by half.



Source: American Heart Association

Get Healthy Sleep

Aim for 7 to 9 hours of sleep daily. Good sleep promotes healing, improves brain function and reduces the risk of chronic disease.

Manage Weight

Control your portions, stay active, and eat a healthy diet.

Control Cholesterol

Your healthcare professional can measure blood cholesterol and help you understand what the levels mean. Track your cholesterol levels over time and take steps to reduce high cholesterol.

- HDL = GOOD: High-density lipoprotein is known as "good" cholesterol.

- LDL = BAD: Low-density lipoprotein is known as "bad" cholesterol.
- HDL: Helps keep LDL from sticking to artery walls and reduces plaque buildup. This process can lower the risk of heart disease and stroke.
- Triglycerides: The most common type of fat in the body.
- Total Cholesterol: HDL level + LDL level + 1/5th of triglyceride level = total cholesterol level.

Manage Blood Sugar

Your healthcare professionals can take blood glucose readings and provide recommendations. If you're diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, you will need to monitor your blood sugar level regularly. Lower than 100 mg/dl is considered a normal healthy range.

Manage Blood Pressure

Know your blood pressure levels. A diagnosis of high blood pressure must be confirmed with a medical professional. A

doctor should also evaluate any unusually low blood pressure readings.

Need assistance with any of the "Essential 8's"? The Medical Center's primary care physicians and physical therapy department can help. If weight control is a problem, the Center's FITMed program has a proven success rate, the physical therapy department can get you started on strengthening exercises, and if sleeping is problematic, visit physician Dr. Raul Valor - a pulmonary sleep disorder specialist. All these resources are right here at the Medical Center.

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Boutique is back **February 28 – March 2** presenting unique and beautiful items from returning favorites as well as several exciting new vendors. Meet **RESPOKE, CJ LAING AND COUPER...** whose entrepreneurial talent has led them into the world of fashion and design.

RESPOKE features handmade and hand-sewn espadrille shoes from Spain - with a fun twist. Co-Founder Michael J. Tonello states the following, "Inspired by years of designer scarf collecting, I came up with the idea to repurpose my iconic scarves into beautiful espadrilles. After partnering with artist, graphic designer and branding expert



Chris Bartick, we managed to find the very best team of multigenerational craftspeople in Spain, also known as the birthplace of espadrilles."

CJ LAING was founded in 2008 by Jack Laing and Alice Russell. Combining Jack's experience in designing and manufacturing clothing with Ali's artistic expertise, their

joint business was born. Jack spent years living and working in India, Hong Kong and China where he developed professional relationships and knowledge of where and how to support the finest artisans. Ali has a dual degree in art history and studio art. At the core of their business is a dedication to offering original, beautiful

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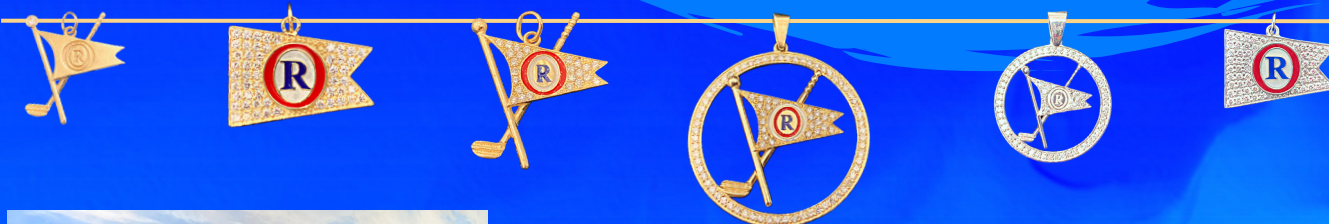
COUPER - After a decade in the Tech industry Caroline Gilroy sought out Agee Gretta Leinberry's corporate fashion experience and like-minded aesthetics. Co-Founders Gilroy and Leinberry remark, "With our combined experience working for companies like Tory Burch, Salesforce, Rebecca Taylor and Veronica Beard, we knew the world didn't just need another fashion brand. It needed a platform that values limited edition, museum-worthy exclusives produced predominately from material that otherwise go to waste."

Only 11 more days until Boutique D' Reef. Remember a percentage of all shopping and door proceeds go to benefit the Medical Center. Shop, shop, shop, till you drop!

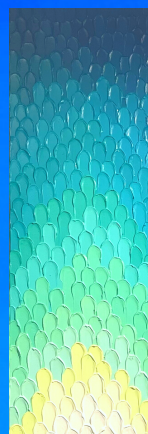
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The Most Perplexing Question?



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

Fifty years ago this November, I was ordained a pastor by a small, growing congregation in suburban Milwaukee. I didn't expect it, and my wife didn't want it. She had declared emphatically she would never be a pastor's wife, having not seen an appealing example in her formative years. She's done well, all things considered!

What does that mean for me? It means I'm getting old. Fifty years doing anything is a lot of time. It also means I've seen a lot of things – many wonderful, some wacky, and a few you'd have to call terrible.

There was a nurse suffering rheumatoid arthritis who chose to end the pain. Rosy was a beautiful young woman whose brain aneurysm burst while brushing her teeth. John was a college freshman out on a morning run who failed to see a train coming on the second track. Odie, Martha, and their daughter hydroplaned, crossed the median, and had a head-on collision. An eight-year-old boy named Trey had an inoperable egg-shaped tumor in his brain stem. A daring young man unsuccessfully attempted a maneuver flying a parasail off our ski-mountain. A promising teen took the party-drug 'molly' on Friday and took his own life on Monday. My brother died of a rare cancer while in his thirties, leaving four children. There was the trip to the morgue with a federal judge and his wife to identify the body of their murdered son.

I could go on with these and many other tragic stories that I have experienced first-hand. My purpose is neither to be morbid nor gloomy.



Dr. Jerry Root

It is to say that as a pastor, like first responders, trauma physicians, and other care providers, you see human suffering up close and personal. It is not an academic question. Suffering always has a face and a name. The inevitable companions of suffering are unwelcomed grief and often, unanswered questions.

When in the presence of human suffering, the best response is not to be like Job's friends, offering trite advice that provides little comfort. Initially, it is best to simply sit alongside in silence, and like Jesus at Lazarus' tomb, weep with your friends.

Many would say that the most perplexing question any thoughtful person can wrestle with is the problem of human suffering. This "problem of evil" is perhaps the most frequent objection to the existence of God. It is probably the top reason many people give for their unbelief.

"Objectors argue that since there are so many cases of significant pain and suffering in the world, that God could easily prevent, the fact that all this evil was not prevented means it is very unlikely (if not impossible) that God exists.... If God existed, he would be powerful enough to prevent such evil, and good enough to want to prevent such evil."

My intent is not to attempt to answer the question within the generous limits of space I am afforded each week for this column. There's simply not enough of it. And I'm not sure I'm up to the challenge. But I know someone who is!

Dr. Jerry Root is making

a return visit to Ocean Reef this weekend. Jerry is a retired professor from Chicago, who with his wife Claudia, now spend part of their year living in one of those architecturally designed small homes in Santa Barbara, California.

Jerry, who inaccurately describes himself as a 'dufus,' is recognized as one of the most knowledgeable authorities of the works of C.S. Lewis. Lewis saw human suffering up-close and personal in the horrendous conditions he endured as a soldier fighting in the trenches on the front lines in Europe during World War I. He wrestled with what he saw honestly in his writing.

If this question of human

suffering is one that either intrigues you or troubles you, let me invite you to come to the **Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center this Saturday afternoon**. Dr. Root will be leading a conversation on 'C.S. Lewis and the Problem of Evil.' His engaging, thoughtful, and compassionate presentation will begin at 2 p.m.

As I think back on all I have seen during these past 50 years, no one has been more helpful in wrestling with this question of human suffering than C.S. Lewis. And no one has helped me understand Lewis more than Dr. Jerry Root. He'll also be speaking in the **9 a.m. worship service on Sunday morning**.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP CENTER NEWS

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AA Meeting
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Jewish Shabbat Service
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SATURDAY, FEB 18

C.S. Lewis Lecture "And The Problem With Evil"

2 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Dr. Jerry Root
Catholic Mass
4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. Tim Kesicki

SUNDAY, FEB 19

Traditional Worship Service
9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Dr. Jerry Root

Kids Matter (4-8yrs)
9 a.m., Chapel Kids Room

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

Kids Matter (9yrs & up)
10:30 a.m., Chapel Kids Room

Catholic Mass
12 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. Hilley

MONDAY, FEB 20

AI-Anon Meeting
9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall B

Lunch & Learn

12 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall
Rosary Prayer

4:30 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall B

AA Meeting

7:30 p.m., Chapel Board Room
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TUESDAY, FEB 21

Catholic Way Bible Study
9 a.m., Chapel Living Room Call 270-210-7305 to register.

Forget Me Knots Memory Corner
10:30 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

Grief Group
11:30 a.m., Chapel Living Room

Potluck Gathering
6 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEB 22

Intercessory Prayer
8 a.m., Chapel Living Room

Episcopal Ash Wednesday Service

9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. George Ronkowitz

Catholic Mass Ash Wednesday
10:30 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

CWC Small Group Bible Study
10:30 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEB 23

Men's Community Bible Study
8 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

Recognizing Chapel Donors With an Unforgettable Evening

On Thursday, February 2, the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center proudly celebrated and thanked the generous Members who made the building of the new chapel possible, with a Donor Recognition Event.

With upwards of 300 attendees, the event, sponsored by Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty, was a huge success. The special evening began with a reception in the chapel's backyard, followed by a performance from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. Rounding out the evening was an inspiring musical performance by Wintley Phipps, who has been twice nominated for Grammy Awards, has sung for presidents and at the funerals of General



Over 300 Members mingled in the Chapel & Fellowship Center backyard before heading inside for a night of entertainment during last week's Donor Recognition Event.



Colin Powell and Congressman John Robert Lewis, and even performed on *Saturday Night Live*, in addition to countless other accolades. It was an unforgettable evening of appreciation for all in attendance.

Nelson Sims, Chairman of the New Chapel Building Committee, shared that the idea for the event came from one that was done by the Cultural Center when it first opened its doors in 2001. "As the Cultural Center committee did years ago, we wanted to honor and recognize the donors who not only funded the building of the new chapel, but did so generously in a way that allowed us to complete the Chapel & Fellowship Center on

budget and without debt."

After officially opening its doors for the season in November 2022, those at the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center have proudly watched the two-and-a-half-year project come to fruition, with Members using the Center not only for their religious services but also for meetings of all kinds, book clubs, weddings, gatherings and more – the opportunities seemingly endless.

"We are so grateful to have the support of all of our donors. Without it, none of this would have been possible," said Sims. "I think it's wonderful that our Members have now privately financed all three of our centers at Ocean Reef – the Medical Center, the Cultural Center,



Performer Wintley Phipps.

and now, the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center. All three are very important to our lives at The Reef – the generosity of our community is incredibly inspiring. An evening of recognition for the 300+ and growing list of chapel donors is the least we could do to extend our genuine gratitude."

Welcome Visiting Priest Father Malachi Van Tassell

On the weekend of **February 25 & 26**, the Catholic congregation will host Father Malachi Van Tassell. Fr. Van Tassell comes to us at the invitation of **Pete** and **Suzy Shields**; Pete will be delivering the first and second scripture reading at both Masses.

The Very Reverend Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. assumed the office of President at Saint Francis University on May 12, 2014, with his official inauguration taking place on October 4, 2014.

In the summer of 2018, the university undertook a major institutional restructuring. The ultimate goal of the restructuring was to keep a Saint Francis University education affordable



Father Malachi Van Tassell

and accessible, building on the solid foundation of Catholic and Franciscan identity.

In 2019, the university launched Francis Worldwide School of Continuing Studies, a school dedicated to offering career-focused, flexible programs for students looking to continue their education. The School of Continuing Studies recently launched its first research-based doctorate program delivered in a hybrid format for working professionals across various



Pete Shields will deliver the first and second scripture reading at the February 25 and 26 Catholic Masses.

disciplines. A commitment to a relevant, market-driven academic portfolio is a hallmark of Father's leadership.

Successful capital projects include the Shields School of Business, School of Health Sciences and Education experiential learning commons, and several athletics-related projects. Construction recently commenced for the Connors Family Fine Arts Center, the

future home of the Resinski Black Box Theater and a newly-renovated building for the Occupational Therapy program.

Prior to the Presidency, he spent 12 years at the university as an assistant professor of accounting (full-time and adjunct). He previously served as the treasurer and vicar provincial of the Franciscan Friars, Sacred Heart Province.

Fr. Malachi professed vows as a Franciscan in 1999 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2004. He has a Ph.D. in higher education leadership from Capella University, a master's degree in taxation from Arizona State University, and an undergraduate degree in accounting and Spanish from Franciscan University. A certified public accountant, he worked for Coopers & Lybrand in Phoenix, Arizona, and Arthur Andersen in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as a tax accountant before becoming a Franciscan.

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Ronald Reagan. Leonardo da Vinci. Ernest Hemingway. They did it. Stephen King. Henry Ford. JK Rowling. They did it too. They all turned to an art embraced by man since the dawn of man. Doodling.

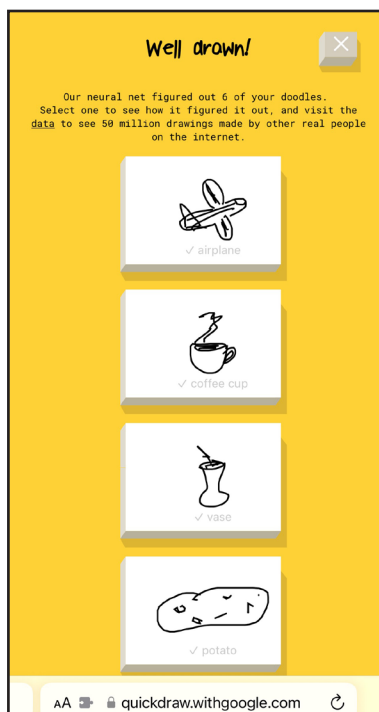
Do not mock! Science has proven that doodling presents a world of therapeutic benefits to improve your mental and emotional health; no training required. The act of mindlessly drawing offers a creative release that creates a default state in your brain and can help you to unwind and relieve stress.

A few months ago, I was



Presidential doodles by Hoover, Kennedy, Reagan, and Eisenhower.

invited to join a Facebook Group called **CJ's Doodle Prompts** run by Celeste Jaquis. Each month Celeste posts a monthly challenge with daily prompts. She insists there is no right or wrong and no limits on your creative outlet of choice. Upload your sketch, painting, collage, or photograph – whatever captures the mood of the prompt which can range from "Bouquet of Roses"



Teach Google's computer to recognize images with QuickDraw!

to "It starts with a B." Her welcoming very small group of incredibly nice folks do not judge. I am not much of an artist but taking time out of my busy day to doodle and sharing it with this group is one of my guilty pleasures. Join us! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/885122295794190/>

Google Doodles

Doodling is not just for the back of envelopes. Who doesn't love the delightful ever-changing Google Doodles on the Google homepage? The first Google Doodle ran 25 years ago and today there is a team of full-time illustrators, engineers, and artists creating doodles that reflect the company's love for innovation. Visit <https://www.google.com/doodles/#archive> to see the interesting Google Doodles archive.

Do you have an idea for a

Google Doodle? Send your design with a brief explanation of its significance to doodleproposals@google.com.

Doodle 4 Google Student Contest

The 2023 **Doodle 4 Google** art contest <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/> is for young people in grades K-12 (deadline March 7, 2023). This year's theme is "I am grateful for..."

For the past 15 years, winners from 54 states and territories have won prizes including a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 technology package for their school or favorite non-profit, fun Google swag, and more. The national winner will also have their artwork displayed on Google.com's homepage and visit the company's California headquarters, the "Googleplex." Meet last year's winner here: <https://www.google.com/doodles/doodle-for-google-2022-us-winner>.

Quickdraw

Would you like to help computers take over the world? Then get ready for Quickdraw with Google <https://quickdraw.withgoogle.com/>. Over 15 million players have contributed millions of drawings to this game built with machine learning which helps train Google's computers' neural networks. You have 20 seconds to quickly sketch an item from the list of 6 prompts and the computer has to guess what you are drawing and learn from its mistakes.

"In drawing, nothing is better than the first attempt." - **Pablo Picasso**

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Catwalk Wants to Find Pinky a New Fur-ever Home

By Ruby Levitetz, Member since 2020

The secret's out! Please give a warm welcome to Pinky. This year the **Grayvik Animal Center's 18th Annual Catwalk Fashion Show & Luncheon** is collaborating with Dolly's Dream - Humane Society of Broward to showcase Pinky. It is our mission to rehome this beautiful pup and help Pinky and other dogs like her find their forever families.


Let me tell you a little bit about Pinky. Pinky is a one-and-a-half-year-old, 30lb spayed French Bulldog who was surrendered when her previous family realized they could not provide her with the medical care she requires. Pinky, like a lot of other French Bulldogs, suffers from allergies and sensitive skin

and is currently undergoing heart worm treatment and a minor cold. Pinky's foster family has this to say about her, "Pinky is shy at first but once she gets comfortable she is a fun-loving sweetheart that loves attention. She is still a puppy at heart so she does need a little bit of supervision, especially when her humans are out of the house. A perfect day for Pinky includes playing with her squeaky toys, exploring the backyard and watching the world from her perch on the sofa. If you are interested in meeting this sassy little lady and want to see her strut her stuff on the catwalk, contact catwalk@oceanreef.com to purchase your tickets for the **Monday, February 20** luncheon.

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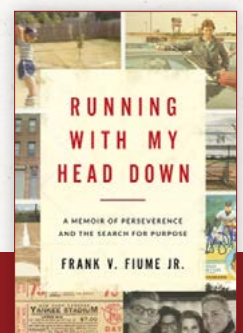
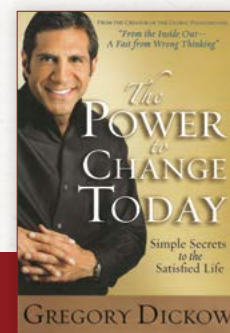
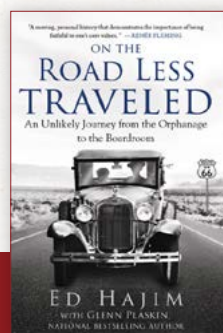
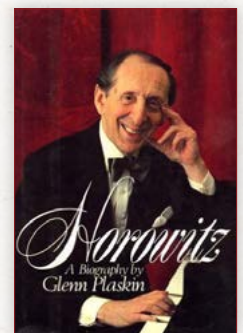
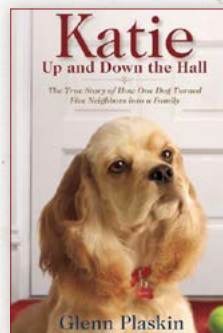
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Making It Look Easy



by Jody Steele

As we all know, Ocean Reef Members love events and “chalk up” a number weekly. Our calendars are full all season. Attending these activities across The Reef, whether for 200 or a dozen, gives us the opportunity to socialize, celebrate, and just have fun any time of the day and it usually includes food arranged by our Catering Team. How does it all happen seamlessly day in and day out? It is all due to our very capable Banquet team.

The TEAM

I recently had the honor to meet with Dan Tanner,



Members of the Banquet Team as they prepared Town Hall last Tuesday for the Ocean Reef Yacht Club’s annual Valentine’s Day Ball.

Executive Director of Banquet and Conference Operations, and he explained how this all works so beautifully. It all comes down to a group of professionals that are totally organized with a commitment to the importance of details. The process is quite complicated with a number of key steps, but each one leads to the completion of another successful event.

The BEO

Dan relayed it all starts with

a BEO (Banquet Event Order) for every event large or small at The Reef. This could be a cocktail party on a boat, an anniversary party for family at Carysfort, a pre-dinner for a live performance at the Cultural Center, or a wedding celebration at Town Hall. If you have been part of planning for any event at The Reef, you know how important the BEO is for everyone involved. It covers all the expected where, when, and what this event actually is, but then goes on to list menu, number of servers, special dietary requests, beverages/bar, and set-up instructions including such items as the agenda, tables, linens, equipment, lighting, and much more. These BEOs are reviewed daily and can represent five to over 20 events in one day or even more over holiday weeks.

The Schedule

All of these orders create the need for staffing and that is where the team again excels. Dan and Roberta Costa,

Banquet Coordinator, schedule the manager for the event, the captain, and the servers needed. You can imagine coordinating all of these positions is quite challenging in addition to the fact that staff is needed from 4 a.m. to midnight! And the staff---they are the heroes of this story.

The Secret

Each of the servers either pick up a Daily Packet at the Banquet Office or access it online. It lists their event, location, times and even the uniform required (there are six choices). This is a team of 40 full-time servers with most being here at The Reef for over 20 years. Dan proudly shared that these servers have special qualities that go beyond the typical skills of serving. They are a “tenured team” that exemplifies teamwork and passion for their role at every event. This feeling is genuine and the camaraderie is exceptional. They not only care about each other, they care about Ocean Reef Club Members. This positive attitude and general TLC is what makes every event a success.

Our Thanks

So our sincere appreciation to the Banquet Team for managing thousands of events almost year-round with such a commitment to excellence. This team makes it all look easy and seamless. Please recognize them at your next event with a thank you.



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Members' New Works Show



by Susan Bohan

The talent of our Members is on full display now through February 24. The following received ribbons at the New Works Show opening February 14:

Photography

1st Place: Karen DiMaura for Blue Jelly

Pastels

1st Place: Julie Skoda for Mangrove Memory

Watercolor

1st Place: Mary Biddinger for Sofie

2nd Place: Eleanor Williamson for In The Marsh

Pottery

1st Place: Debbie Newcomer for Elephant

2nd Place: Sherry Martin for Hello Kitty

3rd Place: Olivia Kent for Letter Holder

Needlework

1st Place: Linda Buermann for Spring Bunny

2nd Place: Linda Kaplan for Fish Bones

3rd Place: Jacquie Whitten for Afghan Sampler

Honorable Mention: Belinda Nields for Hand Quilted Butterfly Crib Blanket

Honorable Mention: Judi Walker for Home

Glass/Mosaic

1st Place: Vicki Combs for Laundry Gecko

2nd Place: Annie Garlich for Glory

Basketry

1st Place: Nancy Lampman for Ocean Reef Club Platter

2nd Place: Susan Bohan for Nantucket Set

3rd Place: Kenneth Owens for Linda's Purse

Sculpting

1st Place: Gus Hillenbrand for What About Peace

2nd Place: Nancy Hillenbrand



Gregory Johnson Sculpture Class (l to r) Esther Carrico, Gail Noyes, Nancy Hillenbrand, Gregory Johnson, Hadas Bernard, Vicki Combs, Jan Loomis, Debbie Brady, Betsy Chinnici. Not pictured: Gus Hillenbrand and Joni Arredia.



Joni Arredia's sculpture - Rhino

for Riding with G Ma

3rd Place: Gail Noyes for Nice Catch

Jewelry

1st Place: Karen DiMaura for By The Sea

Clay

1st Place: Vicki Combs for Yellowtail Platter

2nd Place: Gail Noyes for Planter

Oils/Acrylics

1st Place: Joan Hession for The Water Garden

2nd Place: Gail Noyes for Baby Leopard

3rd Place: Michael Ferro for Jake At Pebble Beach

Honorable Mention: Tom Mackell for Afternoon At The Point

Honorable Mention: Fred Olefson for Vincent

Honorable Mention: Penelope Dinsmore for Waterlily Burst

Honorable Mention: Meg Sellig for Techs

Also this week, the sculptures from Gregory Johnson's class were completed and ready for transport to where they will be bronzed. Whether

Joni Arredia's "Daisy Mae Rhino", **Debbie Brady's** "Cupid", **Hadas Bernard's** "Girl Jumping Rope", or all the fabulous birds, ducks, etc., each piece will be a star in next year's Show.

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Linda Kaplan's needlework – Fish Bones



Joan Hession's oil – The Water Garden

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17 FRIDAY

AA Meeting

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Tai Chi Class

7:30am • Member Fitness Center

Monthly Golf Pro-Am

8am & 12pm • Dolphin Course

Caryna Nina Fashion Designs Trunk Show

9am-4pm • The Spa

Come Sail Away: Bullseye Sailing

2pm • Card Sound Sailing Club

"The Fabelmans" (PG13)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Family Trivia Night

7pm • Carysfort Hall

Teens Only! Beach Bonfire

7pm • Carysfort Hall

18 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Cardio Boxing Class & Yoga Nidra Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Tennis Pro Shop Presidents' Day Sale

8am-5:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Ladies' & Men's Doubles Tennis Club Championship

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Caryna Nina Fashion Designs Trunk Show

9am-4pm • The Spa

Yoga Detox & Relax with Sound Bath Class

11am • Member Fitness Center

Art & Fashion Walk

11am-2pm • Fishing Village

Real Estate Open House Tour

2-5pm • The Reef

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Family Fun Night

5-10pm • Town Hall Waterside

Grand Seafood Buffet

6-8:30pm • Ocean Room

19 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Ladies' & Men's Doubles Tennis Club Championship

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Aqua Cardio Class

11am • Member Fitness Pool

Hot Dogs & 3 Wicket Tournament

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Golf Clinic with Tom Gibson

3-4pm • Driving Range

"The Fabelmans" (PG13)

4:30 & 7:30pm • Cultural Center

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Reef Club Kids Open

6-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

Family Fun Night! Glow Mini Golf

7pm • Mini Golf Course

20 MONDAY

Sweat Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Beach Yoga

8am • Buccaneer Island

All Member Get-Together

8-10am • Town Hall Porte-cochère

MGA Weekly Event

8-10am • Dolphin Course

Barre Sculpt & Restore Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Move the Hula Activity

10am • Buccaneer Island

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10 & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

Farmer's Market

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Croquet Women, Wickets & Wine

3:30-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Men's Card Night

6:45pm • Card & Games Room

AA Meeting

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

21 TUESDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Center

Core Strength Class

6:30am • Member Fitness Center

Master Swim Class

7am • Member Fitness Pool

30 Min Stretch & Mobility Class

7:30am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Pickleball Cardio

8am • Tennis & Games Center

LGA Weekly Event

8-10am • Hammock Course

Memory Corner Event

10:30am-2pm • Chapel Fellowship Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta &

Backgammon Open Play

10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

Little Minnows - Cup Stacking

10:30am • Buccaneer Island

Aqua Cardio Class

11am • Member Fitness Pool

Chair Yoga Class

11am • Member Fitness Center

Golf Fitness Workshop

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Men's Pickleball Night League

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

Fat Tuesday Celebration

6-8pm • Field at Four Corners

22 WEDNESDAY

Intercessory Prayer

8am • Chapel Fellowship Hall B

Ash Wednesday Service

9-10am • The Chapel

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

80's Step Aerobics

11am • Member Fitness Center

Dr. Walpole Lecture on Aging

3pm • Cultural Center

Microgreens Workshop

4pm • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30-5:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

23 THURSDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Center

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Triple Golf Classic

8-10am • Dolphin & Hammock

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

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Joan the Shopper

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missed" event is a fundraiser for ORCAT in cahoots with Neiman Marcus Coral Gables.... It is always great fun to watch the Neiman Marcus models strutting down the runway in the newest and trendiest outfits. But I find it equally entertaining to see what the ladies in the audience are wearing at this dress-up occasion. It's my guess that many Members will have recently purchased new dresses at stores in Ocean Reef (in Fishing Village, on Barracuda Lane, at The Spa, etc.). Aren't we the lucky ones to have so many interesting and diverse shopping opportunities only a golf cart away.... Last word: Choice is the ultimate luxury.

by Joan Birsh

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The Academy Choir Spreads Love

"Treble in Paradise", representing The Academy at Ocean Reef, made Valentine's Day even more special this past week. This talented group of 6th-8th grade students offered the gift of song for a Valentine's Day serenade as a fundraiser to support The Academy's 2023

Spring Musical, Willy Wonka Kids. After practicing some classic love songs the last few weeks, the choir was ready to sing to sweethearts all over The Reef. Surprise visits were made to The Medical Center, The Point, Town Hall, and many lucky individuals who caught the spirit of celebrating this lovable holiday. Our kids were delighted to spend the day travelling to and fro to spread some extra love and good cheer in the ORC community.



LuAnn Lowen, ORC's beloved Administrative Assistant to President Alex Tonarelli, was entertained by the students with a lovely serenade.

Proposed for Membership Through Feb. 23, 2023

The following individuals are being considered for Ocean Reef Club membership. Direct communication concerning these nominations to Executive Director of Membership, Islande Dillon, at 305-367-5921 or idillon@oceanreef.com.

Equity Membership

Lauren & John Powers are Social Waitlisted members are applying for Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Powers are purchasing 40 Barracuda Lane and the equity from John Gibson. They are residents of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. They belong to New York Athletic Club. Their sponsors are Mary & Tim Sheehan and Jane & Dave Nolan.

Eva & Wesley Koontz are legacy Members applying for Equity membership. Mr. and

Mrs. Koontz are co-acquiring 31 Lakeside Lane, unit A and the equity from Gerald Medinger. They are residents of Naples, Florida. Their sponsors are Paul Bishop, Christopher Page.

Laura & Hudson Smith are new Members applying for Non-Charter dues only membership. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are co-acquiring 31 Lakeside Lane, unit A and the equity from Gerald Medinger. They are residents of Coral Gables, Florida. Their sponsors are Denise Gallardo and Cheryl Trane.

Sr. Legacy Membership

Diane & Robert Laughlin are applying for Sr. Legacy Membership. Mr. & Mrs. Laughlin are residents of Darien, Connecticut. They are members of Country Club of Darien. Their sponsors are Diane Petrosine and Linda Roberts.

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Welcome Blake Dufault – New ORC Hairstylist



“Spa Notes”
by Michelle Santiago,
Spa Manager

The Salon & Spa is excited to welcome its newest addition to the team - Blake Dufault! Blake is a hairstylist, author, former salon owner and educator for many of the world's most recognized brands. He has been featured in Next Level Salon, Rochester Women Online, Paul Mitchell Business Revolution and many more.

Blake is relocating with his wife Amanda to Key Largo next season. Until then, Blake



Blake Dufault, Hairstylist ORC Salon and Spa

will be taking appointments at the Salon & Spa on Saturdays. As a cutting specialist for Paul Mitchell Schools, Blake is a true visionary when it comes to designing a haircut and style that not only accentuates features you love but also gives you the tools necessary to recreate salon-quality looks at home. After all, he is an educator and simplifies techniques for a

living. We are excited to have Blake join us. We are eager for him to share his passion and knowledge with our team and members. Please call the Salon & Spa at 305-367-6506 to reserve your appointment with Blake.

“I used to say no one takes pictures of the journey to the top of a mountain, they only take one from the top but that was before I fell in love with the journey and realized, there is no top.” —Blake Dufault

Upcoming Spa Events

Caryna Nina Trunk Show

Thursday, February 16-Saturday, February 18; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Walker & Wade Trunk Show

Monday, February 20 & Tuesday, February 21; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MLO Jewelry Trunk Show

Wednesday, February 22 & Thursday, February 23; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

It is fun to visit the Farmer's Market and hear Members rave about a particular vendor. On Monday, as I was re-living my childhood by buying Girl Scout cookies (thin mint, of course), **Florie Perellis** came by giving great praise to Stoney's Crab Claws. "They are the sweetest, freshest crab claws I have had since arriving last month. I would say the

best in the entire Keys. The bonus is that I like to support women-owned businesses and Veronica Fonnegra is wonderful." Stay tuned. She is hoping to add a fish dip and key lime pie to the menu. Wow!

Right next to Stoney's was R.F. Orchids with dozens of flower and orchid arrangements perfect for Valentine's Day. I am sure there were many Members VERY thankful that a solution on "what to give their Valentine" was right there at the Farmer's Market.

And since it was lunchtime I thought I would finally try the Acai bowls at Kool Treats made by a Mama Duke herself. Being a neophyte, I stuck to the basics but it was so delicious I think a weekly habit is forming and mango may be in my future!



Girl Scout cookies



R.F. Orchids

MEMBER NEWS



Next month, Mort Zifferer Jr., Member since 1992, will be honored with the 2023 Distinguished Humanitarian Award by Penn-Mar Human Services, a nonprofit organization that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Pennsylvania and Maryland. For his untiring commitment to supporting the York, PA area and his passion for philanthropy, Zifferer will be presented with the award during Penn-Mar's 31st annual Gala on March 4, 2023 in Baltimore, MD. Congratulations!

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SPORTS

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Club Championships Season



“Center Court” by Justin Romero, Director of Racquet Sports

Club Championships are the pinnacle of Club sports, where teams compete to claim the ultimate prize in their respective leagues and sports. These Championships have a long and storied history, with countless memorable moments and performances that have cemented them in the annals of sporting lore. As we look back on past, previous, and upcoming Club Championships, we can see how these events have evolved over time and what they mean to the Members who participated in them.

Pickleball Doubles Club Championship

The Pickleball Club Championship held last weekend is fairly new to Ocean Reef and only in its 8th year. Every year, as the Pickleball Club Championship approaches, the Club becomes charged with energy and anticipation. Players practice more frequently and strategize with their partners. For those who have been playing for years, the Club Championship is a chance to measure their progress and see how they stack up against other experienced players. For those who are newer to the game, it is an opportunity to challenge themselves and gain valuable experience. This past weekend, on the day of the championships, players arrived early to warm up and have a stretch with Kurt Gelinas (Stretch Therapist at the Member Fitness Center), then the matches began. The matches were intense and competitive, but they were also characterized by good sportsmanship and respect for opponents. As the day went



Ladies' Pickleball Doubles Club Championship participants.

on, excitement built and the tension palpable. The sound of paddles striking the ball, the calls of “out” and “let”, and the cheers and applause from the spectators created unique energy that’s hard to describe. Every point counted, and the players pushed themselves to their limits in order to win. For full results, see pg. 34.

or want to learn how to play, consider taking the Beginner Croquet Clinics Mondays at 2:30 p.m. or signing up for lesson with our Touring Pro Paul Fecteau every Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tennis Doubles Club Championship

This upcoming weekend will host our Ladies’ and Men’s Tennis Doubles Club Championship. Play will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Participate and have the chance at your name being engraved on the Champions’ plaque in the Tennis & Games Center. If you do not wish to participate, please come out to support your fellow Members. Who will we crown Club Champion at this year’s Doubles Club Championships?!

In conclusion, Club Championships are a vital part of the sporting landscape and offer an unparalleled level of excitement and drama. As we look back on the history of previous champions on the plaques in the Tennis & Games Center, we can see that these events will continue to inspire players and Members alike for generations to come. This is what the Club Championships are all about!

Golf Croquet Club Championship

On Friday, February 10, we had our Golf Croquet Club Championship. Golf Croquet is a form of croquet that has been growing in popularity in recent years, with players drawn to its fast-paced, strategic gameplay. For those Members who are dedicated to the sport, the highlight of the year is often the Club Championship. This year’s club championships were a testament to skill, strategy, and community and that’s what makes this sport so unique. Whether you are a seasoned player or a newcomer to the game, there is something inspiring about watching the best croquet players at the Club compete at the highest level. For full results, see pg. 34.

If you are fan of the sport



Men’s Pickleball Doubles Club Championship competitors.

Pickleball

Player of the Week

Jade Pickron



• When did you start playing pickleball and why?

My son Matthew is crazy about pickleball, so I had to try and learn the game. I keep playing because my husband said I'll never beat him. I still love tennis and the super nice friends I have met through these games. I'm hoping that I'll learn to put some kick to my pickle shots soon.

• How many years have you been a member at ORC?

3 years.

• What is your favorite pickleball memory?

Frankie is my favorite memory because he helps me enjoy the game and he makes me laugh.

• What keeps you playing?

It's a challenge and I am slowly learning to like it.

• What is your favorite activity at ORC besides pickleball?

Tennis for the exercise value because it teaches me balance and coordination and keeps me healthy.

• What are you most looking forward to this season?

I always look forward to spending time with the tennis and pickleball pros. They are amazing people.

• Favorite shot?

Topspin Volley.

• Favorite pickleball player?

Frankie and Justin.

TENNIS, PICKLEBALL, & CROQUET RESULTS

**Men's "B" Night
Tennis League**

1st Place: John Feldman
2nd Place (Tie): Jeff Orleans
2nd Place (Tie): Bob Zoba

Pickleball Doubles Club Champions

Men's A Flight - Ralf Selling/Tony Baumer def.
Matt Stevens/Ron Roscia
Men's B Flight - Paul Lanzon/Steve Kelley def.
George Doran/Joe Hertzman
Ladies' A Flight - Victoria Leontios/Kelsey Thiele French
def. Mandy Kennedy/Claudia Mullett
Ladies' B Flight - Molly Lanzon/Amy King def.
Laney Hinkebein/Holly Schmelzer

Golf Croquet Club Champions

1st Place: Laura Hendrick &
Kendall Hendrick
2nd Place: Bill Hinkebein &
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Attention All Divers & Snorkelers!

The Dive Shop is excited to announce the return of their ocean debris cleanups. Their goal is to offer a Dive Against Debris (DAD) trip every second and last Monday of the month, beginning with the first trip on **February 27**. If you would like to participate and this will be your first cleanup, you will need to check in with The Dive Shop at 8 a.m. for a 30-minute presentation. If you have previously participated in a Dive Against Debris cleanup with The Dive Shop, you may arrive at 8:30 a.m.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call The Dive Shop at 305-367-3051 or email info@thediveshoporc.com.



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Rod & Gun Club News



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

The Rod & Gun Club and the Bonefish Bonnies joined forces again this week to go out into the shoreline and collect floating debris from the mangroves around the oceanside of Ocean Reef. Cleaning up the environment is a big challenge, but here at Ocean Reef, we are doing what we can. If you missed this week's efforts, there will be another on **March 13**.

And for the first time at Ocean Reef, if you are a

diver/snorkeler who wants to get involved, there is a reef cleanup going out of the Fishing Village. The program, known as Dive Against Debris (DAD), is sponsored by The Dive Shop and will take place on the last and second Monday of each month, starting on **February 27th**. If you are interested in joining in, please call or email The Dive Shop (305-367-3051 or info@thediveshoporc.com) so that you can be added to the manifest. First-time participants are requested to check in at 8 a.m. for a 30-minute presentation on the process of determining what debris can be removed from the coral without damage (lots of rope, monofilament and old lobster traps) and at 8:30 a.m. the dive boat will go out. DAD is in partnership with Reef Renewal to clean the 15 vertical towers of

moving nursery, and teams of snorkelers acting as scouts and divers as collectors will be welcome.

At the Range

Attendance at the Rod & Gun Club Shooting Range is continuing to grow, up 50% from last month. Part of the interest is in the new instructor, Pablo Monteallegre, who is expanding his days to include Saturday for private lessons (call 713-303-1695 or email PabloPerazzi@gmail.com). For complete information and directions to the Sporting Clays Range, go to rodandgun.org.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 21st will be Rod & Gun's Men's Night Out, at Town Hall Waterside — Sporting dress and plenty of fun awaiting you there!

CALLING ALL ROD & GUN MEMBERS!

The Rod & Gun Club is the biggest Club within the Club at Ocean Reef, with 623 families, and we want to keep all of our members informed of its activities, opportunities and accomplishments. We send periodic emails with news of happenings and events. If you are a Rod & Gun member and are not receiving these, and would like to, please send us an email to Contactus@rodandgun.org to be added to our list. We have many long-time members who have changed email addresses, so let us know. You may always "opt-out" if you are no longer interested in receiving our emails.

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OUT & ABOUT



Peter Crossgrove, Wendy Krukin and ORC Tennis Pro Alex Henderson at last weekend's Legacy Gameio Tennis event. Crossgrove was instrumental in the planning of this year's Legacy Weekend.



Bonefish Bonnies Johanna Carrier and Ruth Stoky joined Bonnie Kelly Brock, her husband Tom, and their son Brandon, fishing for striped marlin in Costa Rica. They released 13 of 16 marlins ... a very special day.



Lisa Desmond, Diane Hill, Linda Jaikins, Laura Zausmer and Adele Acheson won second place on Sea Monkey in the Bonefish Bonnie's recent Fishin' Funatics tournament.



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The Path of Most Resistance



“Fitness Focus” by Luis Bracamonte, Director of Fitness & Wellness

It is in our nature to avoid discomfort and seek the path of least resistance. Applied to fitness and wellness, this means skipping workouts and eating a poor diet, with frequent indulgences that satisfy growing cravings. Ultimately, this path makes our bodies softer and our minds less resilient. The path of least resistance accelerates aging and has diminishing returns in short and long-term pleasure.

On the other hand, the path of most resistance; is one that constantly places our bodies and minds in a state of discomfort for personal growth. Exercise and physical challenges are effective antidotes against fragility. The daily habit of embracing and overcoming the discomfort that a workout produces has benefits beyond health, aesthetics, and performance.

To become physically and mentally stronger, take the path of most resistance and engage in regular workout routines that are challenging enough to improve longevity and quality of life. The fountain of youth is a gym.

Yoga Detox & Relax With Sound Bath with Elisabet Stadelman
Saturday, February 18; 11 a.m.
 Working through yoga to get a complete detox for our body, mind and emotions - finishing the class with Tibetan bowls and their special sounds and healing vibrations.

Golf Fitness Workshop with Mitchell Sadowsky
Tuesday, February 21; 3 p.m.
 Join golf fitness expert Mitchell Sadowsky for a hands-on workshop to go over golf-specific drills and exercises anyone can do in the gym. Participants will have the chance to perform and be instructed on the exercises if they choose to.

80s Step Aerobics with Hannah Whistler
Wednesday, February 22; 11 a.m.
 80s Step Aerobics is a fun mix of cardio, muscular strength and endurance - a total body workout targeting all major muscle groups. Cardio strengthens your heart and lungs, while muscular strength and endurance help keep muscles and bones healthy. Pumping the 80s hits, bring your best moves and prepare to channel your inner Jane Fonda. All lycra and leg warmers welcome.

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MICROGREENS WORKSHOP – NO GREEN THUMB NEEDED

Member Fitness Center
Wednesday, February 22
4-5:15 p.m.
Hosted by Beth Bielat



Beth Bielat to host Microgreens Workshop at the Member Fitness Center on Wednesday, February 22.

Have you been out to the newest gourmet restaurants and your salad is full of tiny seedlings that are chalked with flavor, nutrients, and delicious taste? Microgreens! These miniature plants are a category of seeds harvested as tender immature greens. By sprouting seeds, like vegetables, herbs, and pseudo-grains (like buckwheat or amaranth), we can eat super-condensed nutrients that are mega-healthy, easy and fun to grow, and absolutely delicious. Some of you might be familiar with sprouts, but microgreens are grown in either soil and hydroponically, just a little differently than sprouts with larger greens.

These beauties pack a huge punch when it comes to nutrition. Boasting 4 – 40 times the nutrients of their full-grown big brothers and sisters (depending on the kind of greens), eating just a small amount can help you increase your potassium, iron, zinc, magnesium, copper, and another antioxidant intake. Studies claim that adding microgreens to your diet may decrease the chances of heart disease, Alzheimer’s disease, diabetes, and certain kinds of cancer. It’s easy to add the greens to your diet – just sprinkle some into your salads, sandwiches, dressings, and smoothies, or cook them into your favorite soup recipes.

ANYONE can grow microgreens – no green thumb needed - it’s so simple. All you need are seeds, soil, containers, and water. The sprouts take just a few days to gestate and once sprouted, all you need is a few days of sunlight. You can even grow them inside.

In Beth’s workshop, you will learn how to grow your own microgreens. She will supply you with all you need to get started. Her starter kit includes containers, organic potting soil, and all the seeds you need to start your first containers. It will be fun, educational, active, and delicious (samples will be available too).

For any questions, call Beth at 207-310-0626. Please pre-register by calling the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820.

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A Celebration of Giving!

Note from Ocean Reef Chamber President- Brad Copeland

Thank you to everyone who was a part of this past weekend's All Charities incredible weekend of giving. I see this annual demonstration of our community's genuine commitment to helping those in need from several vantage points. My parents were Patron Members and our family has been a part of Ocean Reef for nearly 40 years. I am President of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce and the owner of Going-Aire. Also, I am Vice Chair of The Florida Keys Children's Shelter, on the Board of The Academy at Ocean Reef, and on the board of New Hope CORPS.

I tell you these things because it has enabled me to know the heart of The Club members to give, to have the desire to give back to and through the community I serve, and to see firsthand the incredible good that the Ocean Reef Community Foundation does with the money raised. So, thank you to Club members that donated items and so much money. Thank you to the business community that is giving back to the community where we earn our living. Most of all, thank you FROM those of us that receive these essential dollars from this tremendous philanthropic success.

Thank you and God Bless ALL who participated in this fabulous event! Special thanks to all the staff that make the event so special. From the executive staff to the those that do the heavy lifting, THANK YOU!

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Thank you to all our Chamber Members who donated their time, talent, or items:



Most Common Issues Found During Vessel Safety Checks



by Peter Liashek, Flotilla Staff Public Education Officer

We are about halfway through the season and I have performed a number of USCG Auxiliary vessel safety checks and have taken a number of cruises on Members' boats. I'd like to review with you a few recurring issues that I have experienced which can lead to unintended problems on the water.

- **No boat registration.** All

boats are required to have a registration on the boat, just as you have in your car. Likewise, you must also have the current Florida state yearly sticker on the port side of the hull after the registration numbers. This is the number one problem for incomplete vessel checks!

- **Life jackets buried in the center console.** We have a large number of center consoles here at ORC, and the jackets seem to wind up in the center console storage area, under the towels, boat covers, purses, etc. And, of course, being on the bottom of the pile, they are usually wet and mildewed. These jackets can save your life so please don't put them on the bottom of the pile where they cannot be easily accessed in an emergency!

- **Number of life jackets and size.** You are required to have one life jacket for every

person on board and it must be the proper size and in good condition. Usually most boats have the traditional orange vest, but that is not intended for children.

- **No knowledge of how to use the VHF radio or if it even works.** As I mention my classes, you have to know how to use channel 16 in an emergency. It is the number one way to reach the USCG as well as other federal and state agencies. It's instant communication for everyone! Also, make sure the volume is up so you can hear the USCG talking to you.

I hope your season on the water has been safe and uneventful. Please feel free to call me or any other Flotilla members with questions or comments. We are here to help you enjoy your boating in the Keys, and educate you on safe boating practices!

Card Sound Sailing Club

If you are interested in learning more about Card Sound Sailing Club, please stop by Baker Harbor around noon on Saturday and join us for a libation and meet the sailors

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Marina Tip: Cleat Hitches

One of the simplest knots, and certainly the most used aboard a boat, involves nothing more than turns around a cleat. You may not have even thought of this as a knot, but it is.

When fastening a line to a cleat, as with many things at sea, a small error at the start can cause problems later. The image here shows how the dock line at the left comes in at an angle to the base of the cleat. It then goes around the base of the cleat for one full turn. This keeps the strain low on the cleat. The cleat should be mounted at an angle to the direction of strain. Even half a turn plus a firm hold on the line, usually creates enough friction to



hold a boat at a dock until the whole turn can be completed.

In fact, you should always take a half turn around a cleat when a load is coming on the line; this is an essential part of good line handling called "snubbing". Never try to hold a load-bearing line in your bare hands - it can slip and burn your fingers and palm seriously.

The image shows that snubbing is nearly a whole turn, and also that the cross-over that will make the figure-eight should be made after the line goes around both horns of the cleat. Two or two-and-a-half figure-eights are enough; more would add no additional security and just take more time to undo later.

There are two ways to complete the hitches on a cleat: you can leave the last turn free, perhaps keeping it under your eye if it is a jib sheet, for example. In this way the line can be instantly thrown off if necessary. For more security you can turn the last hitch over, so it is tightened to bind against itself. This might be best for a dock line or halyard, but is not safe if instant release may be necessary. In a small sailboat, in puffy winds, you probably wouldn't cleat the main sheet all the way - you'd take one turn and hold it tight in your hand.

If you would like more help in tying the cleat hitch, stop by the Dockmaster's Office and ask one of the skilled Associates to show you. Look out for more tips like this in upcoming editions of the Ocean Reef Press.



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Gusty, Westerly Winds on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

With the passage of the cold front early Sunday morning, the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club arrived at the Pond later in the morning to sunny skies and building westerly winds. Generally, the sailing was fantastic but some of us (and that includes me) ran into some unexpected equipment issues.

Those westerly winds created a unique arrangement to the way the course was set on the Pond. Very few times have we ever seen a starting line on the eastern side of the Lagoon near



Al Mast works on his malfunctioning EC12. Photo by Erin Coffin.

the coral rocks that surround the culvert out to the ocean. This brought the kayak dock into play both at the start and while rounding the leeward mark. Since starboard tack at the start is the right-of-way tack, it meant that most of the boats needed to sail into the tight confines between the dock and the culvert while occasionally a few boats tried the port tack start at the southern end of the line where there was more open water. This is usually a very high-risk maneuver, but those boats that had the right

puff of wind managed to make it work. But after the start, we were all required to round the leeward mark which was closest to the dock. This created a conundrum. Do you tack soon after the rounding or continue on and hope that you can maneuver around the dock? Both ways seemed to work as long as the wind was favorable. Having said that, you can only take advantage of the favorable winds if you can stay on the course. Both **Al Mast** and yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**, had different mechanical issues to contend with. Al had issues with sheeting in his sails for most of the race day and I lost my forestay and jib in a particularly strong gust that put my boat completely on its side. With these issues, Al had a DNF and I had a DNF and one missed race as I changed to another rig. With five races on the day it was, once again, **Joe Robillard** who took the overall win on the day, winning four out of the five races. In second place with some amazing finishes and in a points

tie with the third place boat but holding the advantage with one race win was **Erin Coffin**. Rounding out the top three with a masterful performance despite the disadvantage of not being able to trim his sails properly was the aforementioned Al Mast.

The long-range forecast at the time of this writing is showing breezy conditions once again on the Pond, but this time out of the east-northeast so the velocity should be a bit more consistent.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) until the end of April at "the Pond." So, swing by the Buccaneer Island Lagoon if you are curious or have questions. Racing begins at 10 a.m. Our sailors are always willing to discuss our racing model yachts and, for interested sailors, there are even a few currently available for sale here at Ocean 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.



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LGA Invitational

After an encore performance, the greatest rock show to land at Ocean Reef Club has come to a close. After two days of thrilling competition, we have our LGA Invitational Rockin' Around the Reef champions.

Beginning the second half of the main event, all of the flights were up for grabs. It would come down to the closing stretch for the victors to claim their flight. There were many great performances, but only one team could come out on top.

After a stellar round of 70 in the first round, team **Tracy Pester** and Rebekah Alfond were in position to top the charts in the overall gross competition. This team knew they had to hold strong in the tough format of alternate shot in an effort to claim overall victory. Other teams were able to apply the pressure, but the steady play of our champions led them all the way to the "top of the charts" in Rockin' Around the Reef.

In the net performance, 36 holes were not enough. The sold-out fan base wanted more. After posting an impressive two-day total of 131, team **Beth Noyes/Tricia Woodman** and team **Pam Africk/Dana Adler** were back on stage for an encore performance. Teams stepped up on the 9th tee box of the Dolphin Course for a sudden death playoff to take home the title of Overall Net Champion. After a valiant effort for par from Woodman from off the green, the team of Africk and Adler rolled in a solid par putt ending the event with a bang.



LGA Invitational Gross Champions Tracy Pester and Rebekah Alfond



LGA Invitational Net Champions Pam Africk (right) and Dana Adler



LGA ladies, with guest star Huey Lewis (aka Mike Leone) rockin' around The Reef during the LGA Invitational!

from the field and that's exactly what our winners did. On the net side of the competition, the team of **Dick Satterfield, Chuck Hartz, Tom Yates and Hank Hanneken** shot an impressive -25 net score of 117 to take home the Net title. On the gross side, the team of **Bill Miller, Rudy Schupp and Derek Johannson** (with a little help from their blind draw), took first place with a -5 score of 137.

Great playing to all this week.

9 Hole LGA Scramble

The great conditions on this Thursday must have inspired the 9 Hole LGA group as low scores in this scramble format were pouring in from the start. One group, however, was able to pull in front of the rest. Congratulations to the team of **Stacey Lahey, Stacy Scott, Parris Bozeman, and Mary Kay Mackell** for winning this week's event with an impressive score of 29.

MGA Weekly Event

We had great turnout this week for MGA Monday with 74 players. The format was ABCD 2 Better Balls of the Foursome (Shamble). There were some impressive scores out there and a tight race for both our Gross and Net competitions. With this format, teams needed to double down on their birdies to separate themselves

GOLF SCOREBOARD

LGA Invitational Rockin Around The Reef Tournament February 6-8

First Place Gross: Tracy Pester, Rebekah Alfond

First Place Net: Pam Africk, Dana Adler

Flight Winner: Nancy Grole & Alison Derrick (The Beatles), Mona Brewer & Kim Schold (Led Zeppelin), Regina Fink & Gretchen Manley (The Rolling Stones), Beth Noyes and Tricia Woodman (U2), Lisa Balconi & Cherie Henn (Elvis Presley), Anne Rolih & Diana Gilbert (Jimi Hendrix), Susan Hopkins & Sandra Lynn (Queen), Didi Streit & Ginny Bryant (Fleetwood Mac).

Closest to the Hole Dolphin Course: Debbie Davis (#9), Courtney Whitaker (#16)

Closest to the Hole Hammock: Hillary Smith (#6), Allison

Derrick (#17)

Longest Drive Dolphin Course: Teri Kennedy (#14)

Longest Drive Hammock Course: Rebekah Alfond

9 Hole LGA

Thursday, February 9

First Place: Stacey Lahey, Stacy Scott, Parris Bozeman, Mary Kay Mackell

Closest to the Pin: Adelaide Jared

Longest Drive: Stacy Scott

MGA Weekly Event

Monday, February 13

First Place Gross: Bill Miller, Rudy Schupp, Derek Johannson

First Place Net: Richard Satterfield, Charles Hartz, Thomas Yates, Hank Hanneken
Closest to the Hole: Roger Rodriguez (#5), Tim Prete (#16)

Card & Games Corner



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Last week, Patty Tucker came to The Reef and held a wonderful seminar, "Learn To Play Bridge In A Day". This week, we have a busy schedule in the Card & Games Room. Lots of things for you.

Men's Texas Holdem Poker Tournament

The next Men's Texas Holdem Poker Tournament will be held **Monday, February 20** so mark your calendars! Sign up by calling 305-367-6609.

Card & Games Evenings in The Ocean Room

An Evening of Bridge in the Ocean Room will be held on **Monday, February 27** and An Evening of Canasta in the Ocean Room will be held on **Monday, March 13**. For both, play will start at 4:30 p.m. followed by wonderful dinners in the Ocean Room.

Pick Up Games

I am hosting Canasta Pick Up Games on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Just show up at the Card & Games Room between 12 and 1 p.m. and we will put games together. If you need to learn or brush up on your skills, lessons are available Thursdays at 12:30 p.m., or just stop in and watch. This is a wonderful way to meet people.

Mah Jongg Pick Up Games are also available Tuesdays

and Thursdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

February Card & Games Schedule

The February Card & Games Room schedule will be available at the Card Room. Of note:

- Bridge lessons are available on any subject you are having trouble with Tuesdays and Thursdays after 3 p.m. I will be doing lessons on how to fill out the Convention Card on Tuesdays this month at 3 p.m.
- Backgammon lessons are available in the Card & Games Room on Fridays at 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.

• Monday, Wednesday and Friday are all Live Duplicate Bridge Games starting at 1 p.m. Unit 128 Sectional Bridge Tournament at Clubs (STaC) will be held on **February 17** at the Card & Games Room.

• There will be Backgammon at Waterside on **Thursday, February 23rd** at 6 p.m. This is a great chance to learn the wonderful game while enjoying the fun (and delicious!) ambiance!

• 2023 Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship has been moved to **Thursday, March 30th**. More details to follow.

For questions or registration for any of the above happenings, call Gregg Van Dyke at 305-367-6609.

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WEEKLY BRIDGE RESULTS

Monday, February 6, 2023

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2. Fred Bacher - Ed Kavanaugh
3. Ron Besse - Rod Patton

Section A East-West

1. Carolyn Fovel - Garret Sayia
2. Linda Westervelt - Mariann Florio
3. Ann Petersen - Hollis Petersen

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Section A North-South

1. Paula Pendergast - Monica Phillips
2. Mary Zwirn - Mel Zwirn
3. Beverly Platner - Brian Platner
4. Bonnie Sorensen - Norman Sorensen
5. Leigh Denny - George Denny

Section A East-West

1. Suzy Heilpern - Charles Simms

2. Paula Davidson - Carolyn Fovel
3. Martha Kavanaugh - Mary Ann Poole

Friday, February 10, 2023

Section A North-South

1. Nancy Grote - Cynthia Comenos
2. Dedie Nutt - Gail Yoh
3. Joanne Wills - Kay Meinhardt
4. Bonnie Sorensen - Norman Sorensen

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