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## November Town Hall Trends Emerge in All Categories

Always held in mid-November, the Town Hall meeting serves as a means to look back at the summer months, welcome Members to the winter season, and highlight what's to come. What also emerges at these meetings are demonstrated trends related to the state of the Club, membership and financial standing.

Ocean Reef Club Chairman **Charlie Johnston** opened the meeting and set the stage for the meeting's topics, Membership, Club Overview, Financials and Cash Flow. Before turning the meeting over, he reminded the Membership of the "simple but brilliant" Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles that are at the core of Club governance. Mr. Johnston saying, "The last two years under Chairman **Ray Larkin**, we shifted towards a major focus on Equity Member Experience. You will see the results of that today as a theme that is very much alive." Through the improvements made over the summer, strong financial discipline and an attentiveness to compaction levels the meeting went on to prove the number one guiding principle, *First and foremost, we are a Club.*

### Membership Overview

Club President Alex Tonarelli began with a comparison of overall Membership levels going back to 2015. The data shows that while Social membership remains capped at 2,350, Equity membership grew by 23 and Legacy membership continues to grow at a rapid pace, "a

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## 2023 Canadian Weekend

The annual Canadian Weekend calls all of our, you guessed it, Canadian Members to The Reef for a weekend of golf, croquet, cards, clay shooting, boat tours, camaraderie... you name it! And we can't forget the traditional singing of "O'Canada". In its 29th year, 91 participants enjoyed the weekend's "Choose Your Adventure" style schedule, featuring practically every pastime available at The Reef. See page 40 for more photos.



Brian Read, Dave Cunningham, and Mark Saunders.



Ron Tysoe, Arleigh Tysoe, and Patty Davidson.



Rob and Beverly McMillan, Pam and Newell Kraik.



Derek and Mary Johannson, 2023 Canadian Weekend Committee Chairs.



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# OR "See"



At least last week's storm didn't damage the Paulus' Birdbuddy! "Nice hair on this dude after the storm," Frederica Paulus says.

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



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# Membership Giving Tree

Ocean Reef Club is collecting holiday gifts for low income and needy children living in the Keys. You can help! Purchase a gift for a boy or girl ages 0-17. Drop off your wrapped or unwrapped gift to the Membership Office between now and Wednesday, December 20.

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

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

# Gotta Question?

I'm organizing a holiday party next month at Ocean Reef and I'm curious to find out if the Club offers any help in the planning and coordination of private Member events?



Yes! Over the past couple years, Member Guest Services has quietly expanded their offerings to include coordinating small gatherings for 10 people or less – think: dinner for two, a proposal, an engagement party, a baby reveal – arranging everything from location and décor through execution.

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Lastly, for some family-friendly event planning, our Recreation department can

help arrange events such as private birthday parties, family reunions, scavenger hunts, and beach parties for groups of any size.

If you want to find out more about how the Club can help you plan your next get-together, call Member Guest Services at 305-367-7385. They will assist you with the planning or connect you with the correct department to do so!

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consistent trend that speaks to the DNA of Ocean Reef Club and the family environment”, Mr. Tonarelli stated. Also, Tonarelli covered Club usage this past summer, which was less than 2022 and seems to be reverting back to 2019 levels. Tonarelli reminded the Membership that with the major capital projects taking place, the Marina seawall replacement and the re-grass of the Dolphin Course, the Club anticipated some of the decline. Compounded with that, as Mr. Tonarelli explained, was the increase in international travel after a few years of Covid restrictions and the “return to work” policies instituted across the country. Many of our Legacy and Social members are no longer able to spend as much time working remotely. Lastly, Tonarelli said, “The guidelines and policies put in place last season to enhance Equity Member Experience are working.”

Mr. Tonarelli followed that statement by highlighting the Member satisfaction results which reflect that the efforts by the Board of Directors and Club Management to embrace feedback and implement positive change are making a difference. He pointed out, “We generated a full point improvement in satisfaction results, which is very difficult to do when your starting point was a 92 percent the year prior”. In addition, Tonarelli thanked the Members for taking the time to complete the survey and provide the management team with valuable feedback.

In the second portion of Mr. Tonarelli’s presentation to the Membership, projects large and small that were completed this summer were highlighted. Most of which, like the improvements at the Clubhouse, were a result of valuable Member feedback. He also announced a few exciting new things for

Members to look forward to; Waterside enhancements and now permanent status, Everton’s Rum Bar, a newly created “Pool Experience Supervisor” position for Buccaneer Island rule enforcement, and lastly, the announcement which received a healthy and spontaneous round of applause – a new \$10 wine by the glass tier and reduced pricing on the top 5 most popular wines by the glass.

Mr. Tonarelli thanked the Membership for their unwavering support and reminded everyone that he welcomes their ideas.

## Financial Report

“There’s no bad news right now.” That was **Michael Heaney’s** opening statement. As Board Director and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Heaney said unequivocally, “We are fortunate to be able to say that the Club remains in a very strong financial position.” Mr. Heaney reported on the 2023 forecasted results which align with the themes in the Membership presentation that demonstrate usage returning to 2018-2019 levels. He pointed out that while there is a leveling effect of revenue, there is also a nagging effect from the increase in underlying expenses. Heaney concluded with the 2024 budget stating, “First and foremost, the Equity Member Experience was a part of the budgeting process. Things that we put in place over the last 12 - 18 months will not be taken away just for the benefit of the bottom line.”

## \$100 Million Dollar Question

In closing, Chairman Johnston covered a topic that may certainly have bucked the trends and that is the \$100 million dollar question: what will the Club do with the cash on hand?

It is widely known that the Club has incredible financial strength, further supported in Michael Heaney’s presentation. It is because of this solid foundation that the Club has been able to weather several storms, namely Covid. Mr. Johnston proceeded to demonstrate the specifics on how the Club got to this envious

position, and the process for deciding what will be done with the cash on hand. He detailed the four windfalls, direct results of the pandemic and likely never to be seen again, that led to this surplus in cash; the increase of the Social member waitlist prior to it being capped in December 2022, the increase in Equity certificates, a record year in real estate and the tremendous usage by Members and extended family during the Covid time period.

Johnston then reminded Membership that there is always a disciplined approach in all financial decisions and “We never spend money unless it is a part of the Master planning process. We don’t do special assessments and whatever we decide has to fit in with our Mission Statement and be good for the Membership.” For example, the next two projects on the horizon are a Staff Housing building and Spa expansion, both of which have been under review for several years. He added, we also want to have one year of operating cash so that

we can sustain the Club should any uncertainties arise. Johnston illustrated that the Club has a plan that will ensure the Club’s future, keep dues low and maintain the world-class amenities and Club no matter what may transpire. Adding, “I feel good that we have done something that will preserve the present and the future.”

In addition to summing up the question of cash on hand, the Chairman did a generous round of thank you’s including Alex Tonarelli and his staff, the membership for their support and care for the Club, the current Board and most notably, the very distinguished group of former Chairmen. “The longer I am in this role the more I realize that whoever stands in this role stands on the shoulders of those that came before them. There’s no one chairman, no one Board that made this a great place, it’s a collective effort of a lot of people.”

The Town Hall meeting in its entirety may be viewed at [oceanreef.com/TownHall](https://oceanreef.com/TownHall).




## Hearing Aids IMPROVE Hearing Ability

For those with hearing loss, hearing aids are an important tool to hear and communicate better. Holiday parties, social gatherings, and family-get togethers can be frustrating and uncomfortable if you struggle to catch the conversation due to hearing loss.

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# Trees Down, Spirits Up

After a long, hot summer spent re-grassing the fairways of the Dolphin Course, Tuesday, October 31st was a celebratory day for Eric Bennett, Director of Agronomy, and his hard-working Maintenance Team. After six months, the Dolphin Course was open to Members and receiving rave reviews from all who laid eyes on it. Amazing to imagine that just over two weeks later the course would be closed once again, damaged by an unnamed storm that took everyone by surprise.

What may come as no surprise is this team of dedicated Associates headed right back out on the course to clean up the precious Dolphin that they had spent their summer beautifying. Mike Leone and his team also jumped in to help immediately and it was smiles and thumbs up for another grand "re-opening" on Saturday, November 18.



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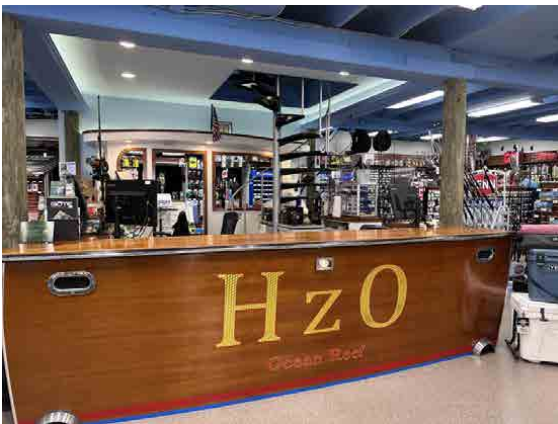
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Happy Thanksgiving

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ORCA NEWS

# New & Improved Communication Management System Coming Soon

In our ongoing commitment to bolster community security, Front Gate and Welcome Center Officers are gearing up to transition to a state-of-the-art Community Management System (CMS). After a thorough evaluation last spring, it was decided to upgrade the existing CMS, originally installed in 2001, as it has reached the end of its useful life. The upcoming installation promises increased efficiency and collaborations with top-tier software providers.

A standout feature of the new system is the introduction of a "Traffic Viewer," offering detailed information about each vehicle. This enhancement will streamline the screening process for occupants entering the community. The upgraded system will seamlessly integrate with the existing Gate Card Readers and Member/Vendor ID access control technologies.

The anticipated go-live date for the new system is mid-January. This carefully selected time aims to minimize disruptions for members and guests, considering that the holidays have concluded. Extra Front Gate staff and representatives from multiple vendors will be available throughout the day to troubleshoot unexpected issues.

While the transition takes place, delays at the Front Gate are expected as staff acclimates to the new system. Here are some

recommendations for streamlining the process for members' guests and deliveries: First, refrain from using nicknames when providing gate clearances for guests. Second, inform all guests who are over 16 years old that a valid government-issued identification is required at the gate. Third, ask guests to use the inbound window lane when arriving at the Front Gate.

During the transition to the upgraded system, the current web-based guest clearance system will be temporarily down. Members should utilize the automated clearance system at 305-367-2263, email the front gate at [frontgate@orcareef.com](mailto:frontgate@orcareef.com), or call the Front Gate at 305-367-4992.

As the transition date approaches, ORCA will provide timely updates. We appreciate your support and patience as we modernize the security system, ensuring a safer and more efficient community for everyone.

# Celebration of Life

Patricia "Pat" Thomson



A Celebration of Life for Mary Patricia "Pat" Thomson will be held at the Ocean Reef Chapel on **Tuesday, November 28th** at 4pm. Pat passed away June 10, 2023 and was the beloved wife of Alan R. Thomson and mother of Alan C. Thomson and Marybeth Thomson. The family welcomes all who knew Pat to attend and join after the service for a reception to toast her memory. Smart casual attire suggested.

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# Historical Yacht Aphrodite Comes to Vintage Weekend



by Susan Bohan



Aphrodite, a beautiful 74-foot yacht built in the 30s, is not to be missed at Vintage Weekend this year. For a full Vintage Weekend schedule, see page 55.

When Members **Roz** and **Tony Smith** mentioned their friends Deborah and Chuck Royce were returning to The Reef and bringing their yacht Aphrodite to Vintage Weekend, I knew many attendees would want to know about this special yacht.

If you've spent as much time as I have around boats in Newport, RI, you will see

why. I remembered attending the Wooden Boat Show in Newport in the mid-1980's to see a wooden sailboat. But it was the lines of this 74ft yacht that caught my eye.

**So here's an abbreviated history:**

"Aphrodite" was built in Long Island by the Purdy Boat Company for John Hay "Jock" Whitney, financier, philanthropist and future

Ambassador in the late 1930's. It was a "Commuter" design which was exactly what Whitney used it for as he traveled between his home in Manhasset, Long Island (often still in his pajamas) to his Wall Street office and to Fisher's Island off the coast of Connecticut on summer weekends. He was also known to have entertained a long list of Who's Who in Hollywood. All that ceased shortly after Pearl Harbor when Whitney offered his fast yacht to the Military where it was used to shadow President Roosevelt's special weekend train along the Hudson River to his weekend home in Hyde Park as well as escort the Queen Mary on its maiden voyage to avoid enemy submarines off the Northeast coastline! It was also rumored that secret war strategy discussions took place on board. Jock Whitney reunited with "Aphrodite" until the late 1960's when he donated it to charity after which it changed ownership numerous times. In the 1970's it even had a temporary name change to "Moonfire".

Enter Chuck Royce, a former Fund Manager, who appreciates fine boats. He has been involved with the prestigious Herreshoff Marine Museum and owns many classic boats, one of which was donated to the International Yacht Restoration School in Newport (where I first heard of him). He also led the

effort to restore the beautiful Ocean House in Watch Hill, RI which is one the finest places in New England. It was his Fleet Captain, Kirk Reynolds who introduced him to "Aphrodite" when they were searching for a larger boat to add to his collection in 1999. Although both men realized the boat, then docked in Florida, was in bad shape, they knew it was an important piece in America's yachting past. As Chuck Royce has said, "If it wasn't saved right then, it would be lost forever."

It took many years at the Brooklin Boat Yard in Maine to restore and, according to John Maxwell of *Soundings Magazine*, "...Aphrodite is an exact duplicate of the original head-turning yacht. Her sleek black hull is accented by a white boot stripe at the waterline and her distinctive carved gold-leaf scroll... her new teak decks, the trunk cabin and pilothouse rise in an expanse of varnished African mahogany cabin sides, off-white cabin top, bronze hardware and gleaming, vintage green glass.

So do not miss seeing this extraordinary American motor yacht. Both Captain Kirk Reynolds and Steve White who ushered it through its years of restoration, will be on board to elaborate on its history as well as correct any of my historical errors! Thank you to **Vicki Goldstein** for making this visit possible.

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# Memberabilia

## My Husband – The Cook



by Joan  
Birsh

According to *The Washington Post*, 43 percent of American men are now the cooks in their households. According to my informal *Memberabilia* survey of Ocean Reef friends and neighbors, the percentage is much higher. Over and over again women of all ages told me – “My husband is the cook. Me – I’m in charge of clean-up.”

To learn more about these “at-home” male chefs. I asked three ORC Members – **Larry Finley > Tim Flynn > Leonard Perfido** – to tell me in their own words (or in the words of their grateful wives) how they became intrigued by the culinary arts and what it has meant to them.

I’ve preceded each of their accounts with highlights of their previous working lives.

**Larry Finley** – *Highlight:* After graduation with a degree in Mining Engineering and Civil Engineering, Larry went to work for Peabody Coal. He rose in the ranks and eventually became the owner and operator of his own company Sugar Camp Coal Co.

### He is the cook! (In wife Darla’s own words)

“Larry’s first experiment with cooking came when, as a 14-year-old Eagle Scout, he was eager to earn a Cooking Merit Badge and he chose his grandmother’s Blackberry Cobbler as his project.

He went into the woods and selected pristine blackberries. He fashioned a perfect crust and put his creation into a



Larry Finley

Dutch Oven to bake over the campfire. The result would have made his grandmother proud.

Then his camp counselor was honored with the first slice. One taste and Larry could tell by her face that his Merit Badge was in jeopardy. ‘It looks great, Larry. But you left out one ingredient – the sugar.’

Lucky for me, this teenage culinary tragedy did not destroy Larry’s interest in cooking. He collects recipes from the *New York Times*, *Ina Garten* and *YouTube*. He will research one particular dish and see how each of the food critics prepares it. Then he will make his own creation.

Here’s what we had for dinner last night – Southern Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Milk Gravy, Smashed Brussel Sprouts.

What a luxury to have an “In House Chef”!

**Tim Flynn** – *Highlight:* Tim, along with his brother **Tom**, is a partner in Continental Datalabel, Inc., which specializes in manufacturing labels of all kinds.

### He is the cook! (In wife Jackie’s own words)

“Tim grew up in a suburb of Chicago. His mother passed away when he was 11 years old. His stepmothers (there were more than one) didn’t always know how to cook and Tim realized early on that he had better learn.

Tim’s professional culinary education began when he was



Tim Flynn

in the 6th grade and started working after school at Jakes Pizza. He was taught how to prepare all the ingredients that went into a pizza. After a week of training, he was on his own. He made the dough, cooked the sausage, ground the mozzarella cheese, and cut the toppings.

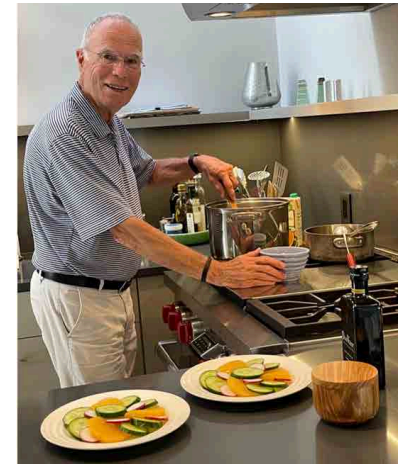
In the 1980’s we were living in California, where Tim decided there was no ‘good’ pizza. His solution was to make his own. We had parties at our house and friends and family came for what they learned was Good Midwest Pizza.

At Ocean Reef, we continued this pizza party tradition and it was so popular that friends suggested that we offer a Tim Flynn’s Pizza Party as an auction item at the Ocean Reef Foundation’s annual auction and gala. That was in 2013 and it has proved a lucrative and tasty auction item every year since.”

**Leonard Perfido** – *Highlight:* Leonard established his Pittsburgh-based architectural firm as a sole practitioner in 1975. One of the projects that catalyzed the firm’s growth was the Penn-Liberty Historic District, a nine-year visionary effort that recreated and preserved the city’s turn-of-the-century retailing district.

### I’m the cook! (In Leonard’s own words)

“When **Ruth** and I married in 1974 we rented a three-story, 950 square foot, newly renovated steelworkers row house in Pittsburgh, Pa. The



Leonard Perfido

kitchen, no bigger than the galley of a medium-sized boat, was where I quickly learned that ‘if I don’t cook, we don’t eat’. But I must say that Ruth does the clean-up and dishes. I do not know how to use the dishwasher!

I was the creative person of my architectural firm and cooking and presentation became another creative and aesthetic outlet. I originally only cooked from cookbooks feeling that successful cooks who wrote cookbooks had refined their recipes, so I would simply be like an actor understanding and delivering my lines. In time I learned how to adjust recipes to our tastes, and then I became more adventurous.

I developed many simple and quick lunches based on Italian dishes – such as a tuna salad served on a bed of tiny lettuces from the Farmer’s Market dribbled with olive oil and Maldon sea salt flakes.

I regularly cooked complete dinner parties for eight, including our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, where the main course (instead of turkey) might be Risotto with Sea Scallops and Saffron from *Venetian Taste* (a cookbook that features delicious photographs as well as recipes). For dessert (inspired by Rolando Beramendi’s *Autentico*) I serve Pistachio Gelato (*Talenti*) with Olive Oil and Fleur de Sel. I think it is a perfect ending for a ‘home-made’ Ocean Reef meal.”



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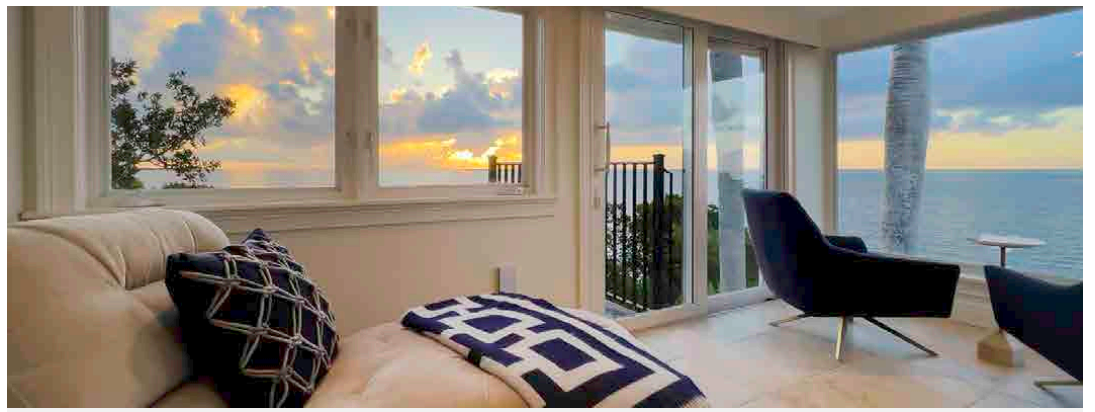
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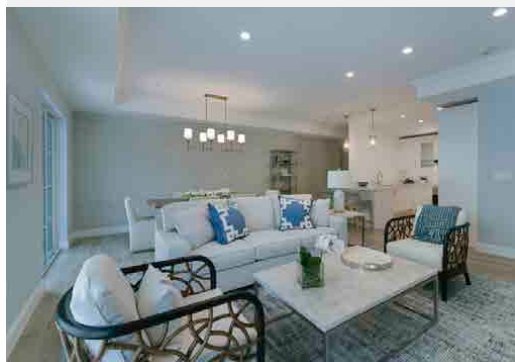
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# Tuna Tales

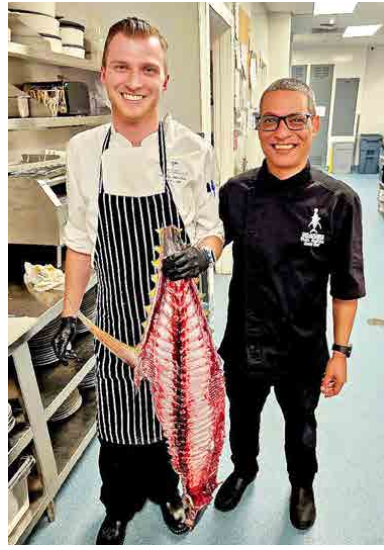


by Terry Baxter

One of the unique natural bounties of Ocean Reef is the pristine waters right outside our doors. Anglers can enjoy reef, flats, and deep sea fishing literally minutes from our marina. It also means the Ocean Reef chefs enjoy access to a wide range of seafood delicacies fresh from the ocean.

Our kitchens receive deliveries of whole fresh fish daily – sea bass, grouper, snapper, tuna, and more. Cadres of cooks extract the tastiest morsels to present for

Member's dining. Executive Sushi Chef Eric Andreu regularly mentors chefs and cooks in the process.



Task completed. A little too late for Halloween, all that's left is a skeleton.

Several times a week, a large Yellowfin Tuna is dissected until only the bones and skin remain. I recently observed Chef Eric supervise Sous Chef Michael Meadows break down a 66-pound Yellowfin (also called Ahi) Tuna in the Ocean Room kitchen. "We use every part," Eric says. "We supply the fresh tuna to nearly every restaurant in Ocean Reef, almost 2500 pounds a week. The more



Sushi Chef Eric and Chef Michael tackle a 66 lb. Yellowfin Tuna in the Ocean Room kitchen. The result will go to nearly every kitchen at Ocean Reef and will be consumed in less than a day.

people we teach, the more people can help." Executive Chef Jared Reardon says, "We are developing the skills of our staff, and by breaking down whole fish we get a better product and better pricing."

Chef Eric delivered a running dialog as Michael worked. Yellowfin Ahi Tuna is reasonably common in the warm Atlantic waters around Ocean Reef. It is a good game fish for anglers, and a prized food fish in sushi, sashimi, tartar, and steaks. It features a body shape adapted for speed; it can swim up to 47 miles per hour so it can chase and capture prey such as mackerel. And, as Ocean Reef anglers know, can race for the bottom when hooked, creating a surge of adrenaline and a screaming reel.

The Chefs also regularly break down Pacific Bluefin Tuna, which are related, but larger.



Chef Michael goes to work with practiced ease. He has done this before.

In cold water, they develop beautifully marbled belly fat called Toro. The Bluefin is widely regarded as the King of Tuna. The Toro is richly flavored with melt-in-your-mouth texture. It is described as fatty, silky, mild, and savory all at once. Chef Eric imports the whole Bluefin fresh from Japan to create his celebrated sashimi—Toro, thinly sliced across the grain, with a variety of accompaniments.

Back to the dissection. After Chef Michael removes the four loins, only the backbone remains. But the meat closest to the bone is the most flavorful, so he scrapes between the ribs to harvest as much of the tasty scraps as possible. This is called nakauchi. It is deep red and tender. Chef Eric uses it in sushi rolls such as the best-selling Melanie Roll.

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# All Charities Wants You to Imagine the Possibilities:

Let's Make the  
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Extraordinary!



by Sarah A.  
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Just imagine ... over this season's All Charities Weekend (ACW – **February 2-4, 2024**), you place the winning bid on a delightful treasure or pleasure beyond your wildest dreams. How fabulous for you! But how fabulous, too, that *while you're having fun, you're also helping make others' dreams come true*, transforming lives and communities for the better.

Having fun while doing good is why this year's ACW planners are urging everyone to "Imagine the Possibilities." It is both the season's theme and a call to action.

**Do you have a unique experience or item** that your Ocean Reef neighbors and friends might crave or find irresistible? Speak up! Your contribution can help turn dreams into reality for countless

individuals and communities. 2024 ACW co-chairs **Susie Misini Hassett** and **Cathy Totonis**, ACW Silent Auction co-chair **Lori Young**, and the wonderful All Charities staff (305-367-5996) are working diligently to incorporate a multitude of ideas and donations.

"Imagine the Possibilities" will even be included as a new category in this season's Silent Auction, akin to the back of the Neiman Marcus holiday catalog ... think "over the top," exciting, and super-indulgent. Two possibilities already imagined include Preferred Partner Lester Lampert's 10-carat Astaire Diamond, so named because its light dances, and the opportunity to take over a private island for your own all-inclusive concierged stay for your family and/or a crowd of friends. Additional possibilities will be revealed in the coming weeks. (And in the instance of such luxuries, All Charities will ensure the winning bidders remain anonymous.)

Some of the items for the live auction include a week's cruise for eight in the Seychelles aboard a 192-foot sailing yacht. A villa in France for 12. A lavish 15-day cruise in the South Pacific for four. Exclusive hidden gems in Napa. Luxurious London.

Closer to home, come that first weekend in February, there will be myriad ways for everyone to bid and take part, from offerings of games, fine art, and

jewelry to sports opportunities, incredible dining events, and once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences. From Friday night's wine and bourbon tastings and Silent Auction gathering through the Saturday night gala with its great food, special entertainment, and exciting Live Auction, enabled by the personal touch of so many Ocean Reef Members like you, there promise to be headline-worthy surprises.

**Prefer to be generous from the comfort of your home?** Or working to downsize or simplify your life? Then consider this new option: "Support What Touches Your Heart" with your unrestricted donation. The funds so raised will support our All Charities' recipient partners here

on The Reef as well as facilitate grants in southern Dade and northern Monroe counties.

The February 2-4 ACW is not just about having a good time; it's about giving back. The unforgettable weekend will be filled with generosity, camaraderie, and the opportunity to make a lasting impact. Consider it your opportunity to join in imagining the possibilities and transforming them into dream-fulfilling realities.

Questions? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or [AllCharities@OceanReef.com](mailto:AllCharities@OceanReef.com). To learn more, visit [oceanreefcommunity.foundation.org](http://oceanreefcommunity.foundation.org).

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All Charities, conceived in 2008 to minimize the number of fundraising events held each season (nearly 30 at that time), has facilitated the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) to provide millions of dollars in the form of financial grants with an emphasis on youth, education, community, and health and family services to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City, as well as to support and strengthen the non-profit entities here on The Reef that are vital to our "unique way of life": the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association.

In 2009, ORCF awarded 17 grants totaling \$365,000; 16 years later, over \$63 million has been raised and \$21 million passed through to our neighboring communities. As the Foundation's annual fundraising event, ACW has been the primary driver enabling that success, and ORCF is grateful for The Reef's

steadfast generosity.

**When it comes to ACW 2024 and the call to "Imagine Possibilities,"** Richard Weinstein, ORCF president and COO, explains, "There are multiple perspectives to this, from imagining what you can do and how you can change lives, to how to bring more unique items into the auctions, to imagining how to collaborate with friends to acquire one of the otherwise unobtainable experiences on offer, or imagining what you can donate that would have meaning to someone else.

"Come that weekend in February, it won't be just about enjoying a couple evenings out, but also having created fun extraordinary opportunities for yourself and your friends that go on to enable extraordinary opportunities for those in neighboring communities. Let your imagination be fueled by consideration not only of what you can donate, or purchase, but, too, the immense difference you can make. The Foundation is continually amazed by and grateful for the vision and generosity of the Members."

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# And Then It Begins

By Terry Baxter

As I am writing this, Thanksgiving is more than a week away. But our household is already in a flurry – meal reservations, airport pick-ups, airing out the guest rooms, and multiple last minute adjustments. Details are blurring together. **Fair Patricia** just said, "I'm not sure I will make it through Christmas." And yet, we can't wait for the family to arrive.

For the Ocean Reef Culinary Team it is a similar crunch time -- a looming (and daunting) logistical challenge, a culinary D-Day. They are remarkably calm and upbeat. I sat in on last week's holiday Countdown Meeting with all of Ocean Reef's Chefs. Chef Philippe Reynaud, Senior Director of Culinary, said, "The full season is knocking on our door. All hands on deck." Executive Chef, Jared Reardon, said, "Next week there will be gobblers everywhere. We have ordered three thousand pounds of turkey." Supply chain challenges how been overcome. A hundred hands are processing produce. Chef uniforms are freshly pressed.

For the holiday, the restaurants have adopted a twist on the classic Escoffier "brigade" concept. Instead of five or six stations in a single kitchen where each chef concentrates on his specialty, each restaurant will roast and carve its own whole turkeys. AND, each restaurant will specialize in one of the traditional Thanksgiving sides (cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetables), which they will provide to all of the other kitchens. The other principal outlets will return the favor by distributing another of the side dishes. By the time you are reading this, you will have experienced the



Ocean Reef's Chefs gather for the Countdown Meeting ahead of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

result. We all hope you have enjoyed a happy and healthy turkey day, with a perfectly satisfying Food & Beverage enhancement.

## Banquets and Catering

Executive Banquet Chef Catalin Munteanu is also experiencing an accelerated drumbeat. On Thanksgiving, his team will handle two Thanksgiving Buffet Dinners at the same time, serving 1,200 diners. There are also private home plated events and fifty-five home deliveries. In all Banquets will roast and carve 250 turkeys, starting at 2 a.m. Thursday morning. After Thanksgiving, there is no let up. During December there are 20 to 30 daily events. Chef Catalin says, "This is where the communication and planning have to be incredibly explicit and the execution perfectly timed."

## Banquet Innovation

Chef Catalin is ecstatic about how well the Food & Beverage management and the Club supports his efforts by providing the proper equipment to help create his best food. He has just premiered a conveyor system in the Cultural Center kitchen to improve the frequent plated banquets (58 nights are already planned for the season). The typical method would be to plate the finished entree and store the plates in warming racks until service. This inevitably dries the food, which Catalin calls "a sad result." The chef's new process

will deliver the food more like a restaurant – no hot boxes or warming racks. A team of four chefs will stand on each side of the new conveyor where the protein and sides will be held in individual hot wells, with moisture and temperature maintained by calibrated bursts of steam. The plates will be assembled as they travel down the short conveyor in the synchronized choreography of experienced artists. No sitting. The plates go right on trays for garnish and service to Cultural Center diners. Catalin hopes patrons will appreciate the improvements.

## Continuing Education

Over the summer, Chef Catalin accomplished a milestone; he completed his Executive Chef Certification from The American Culinary Federation. He completed three months of study for a written exam followed by a rigorous cooking test before a panel of experts. He had three hours to produce a multi-



Executive Banquet Chef Catalin Munteanu shows off his new service process for the Cultural Center kitchen.

course dinner with everything created from scratch. "We couldn't even have water boiling at the start," Catalin lamented. "And the panel scrutinized us and questioned us the whole time. I had to describe not only my dish, but the ingredients, the calories, the amount of fat, all the while trying to cook." There were six candidates. Only two received Certification after the practical cooking test.

Catalin received a round of applause at the Countdown meeting. Chef Jared (previously the only Certified Executive Chef at Ocean Reef) encouraged the other qualified chefs around the table to enter the program. "There are multiple opportunities here if you go for it." He said, "Anything you can do to get better, we get better." Catalin said, "I was fortunate to have Jared behind me pushing. Now he has a brother Executive Chef."



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# Sensational Season(ings) at Port O'Call



by Micah Winecoff, Port O'Call Manager

## E. Guigal Wine Tasting – A Rhone Valley Legend

On **Thursday, December 7**, Port O'Call is hosting a tasting that I'm truly excited for. For every tasting we host, I thoroughly believe in the wines, but on the 7th we will be showcasing a Rhone legend, E. Guigal. Wines from the Rhone Valley are often overlooked which is unfortunate, but the positive is that they tend to offer great value (darn supply and demand). Stay tuned for more details in next week's

paper. This is undoubtedly something to mark your calendars for!

## Trivia Night... We're Onto Something!

One of the greatest joys of working at ORC is knowing our summers are more relaxed, giving our team the opportunity to slow down, travel and brainstorm. One of the Port O'Call traditions is test-running new concepts while we aren't as busy, both to drum up business and see what may become the next in-season tradition. That being said, I think we're onto something! We hosted Trivia Night once a month over summer at Port O'Call and it was a great success. Our very own Wyatt Hosmer has always been a big-time Jeopardy fan and has fully embraced the role of Trivia Master. Be forewarned, he is a stickler for correct answers, much like the examiners of the Master Sommelier Exam.

This season we have decided to up the ante and give you all the opportunity to flex your brains along with your 6oz curls

(the size of a "Member Pour" of wine). Once a month we will host Trivia Night. Classic format: 4 rounds, 10 questions each round, teams of up to 4 people, with one category of course being from the realm of food and beverage. What's the ante you ask? Well, there is a \$25 per person buy in. This money does not go to the next Port O'Call Crew Wine Night (our own Sunday tradition). It goes into a pot which the winning team can redeem in sweet, sweet wine (or dry, bubbly, bold, luscious, etc.).

The Inaugural Trivia Night this season will be held on **Wednesday, November 29th** at 5 p.m. In addition to the added enthusiasm and fun, we will feature a special wine list. Even if you aren't up-to-date with the chosen topics, you can certainly be up-to-date with a few of our favorite wines. RSVP by calling 305-367-5999 and may the odds be ever in your favor!

## Introducing a New Menu

If wine tastings and Trivia Night aren't your "jam", perhaps our tomato-balsamic jam served with delicious goat cheese is...your jam. Praise for this addition (and more) to our new light bite offerings goes to ORC Chefs Jared Reardon, Ryan Schmidt, Jazz King and Ian Fleischmann for developing a delicious and unpretentious new food menu for us.

While traveling through Spain a few years ago, I fell in love with tapas and light bites. I'm the type that always wants

to taste every item on a menu but am prone to overindulge. Tapas became a favorite style of dining as I could sample everything without feeling overly stuffed – a similar concept for our menu at Port O'Call.

To titillate your palate, we are offering a range of cheeses, pate, caviar, foie gras and my personal favorite... Chef Jazz's soon-to-be-famous smoked duck over quince-pineapple puree. I could elaborate, but honestly, much like fine wine, no description does justice quite like tasting for yourself.

## Follow the Shenanigans on Instagram

Instagram, Facebook, X (Twitter), ChatGPT, Neuralink... technology is truly amazing and advancing faster than most of us can keep up. Here at Port O'Call, we are progressing with the times. If you wish to stay current with our latest happenings, wine discoveries, or you simply want to live vicariously through your fellow Members, give us a follow on our @ORC\_PortOCall Instagram page.

I'll be perfectly honest, I'm not a social media guru, but the page will keep you up-to-date with anything "need to know" in regards to the shop...and if nothing else, some cute cat pictures of our mascots "CC" and "Shy Cat". Legend has it they single-pawdedly protected the Fishing Village from a pack of crocodiles in 1925, enabling the foundation of our beloved Fishing Village to be laid.

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# A Few Spots Still Open for Tuesday's Foundation Charity Tour



by Yurianna Mikolay, Executive Director Ocean Reef Community Foundation

A few spots are still open for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's first Charity Tour of the season, which will visit charities in the Homestead/Florida City area on the morning of

## Tuesday, December 5th.

The Foundation's Charity Tours are a great way for Members to see the Community Grants Fund and All Charities Auction Weekend donations at work. Tours feature recent grant projects as well as new applicants and the opportunity to give feedback to the Grants Committee for consideration in recommending 2024 grants.

Charity Tours depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Additional tours this season include one to the Upper Keys on Wednesday, January 10th and a second Homestead/Florida City tour on Friday, February 9th. To reserve your seat in the passenger van for any of the tours (space is limited), please email [foundation@oceanreef.com](mailto:foundation@oceanreef.com) or call 305-367-4707.

# Library Corner

By Susan Bohan

As we head into the holidays and think of family and friends, the following novels might pique your interest. So put your feet up whenever you can and enjoy reading about other families, both loving and not!

- **"Happy Place" by Emily Henry** – They are the perfect couple who must pretend they are still together to spend the tenth and final weekend with their best friends and discover if a week together will change things.
- **"The Secret Book of Flora Lea" by Patti Callahan Henry** – Sisters evacuate to a rural village at the beginning of WWII and create a magical space. But soon Flora disappears only to have

this fantasy world revealed in a novel 20 years later renewing the complicated love of 2 sisters.

- **"The Five-Star Weekend" by Elin Hilderbrand** – Five women gather to console their newly widowed friend, but bring secrets that threaten peaceful days on Nantucket.
- **"Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett** – Explores love before and after marriage and what it means to be happy.
- **"Somebody's Fool" by Richard Russo** – Infused with wry humor and shrewd observations for a wide range of personalities in small-town America.
- **"The Queen of Dirt Island" by Donal Ryan** – Exposes the staying power of love among 3 generations of women and the fierce hold on their history.

Member **Kara Alloway** has written her first novel loosely based on her experience on the Toronto franchise of The Real Housewives titled "Most Hated". For anyone who loves reality TV with all its backstabbing, manipulations and outright drama, this is a fun ride with a deeper current on friendships where no one sticks to the script. As one of its leading characters exclaims, "To guts and glamour and never losing either". A great "beach read"! The Library currently has one copy available in the paperback section.

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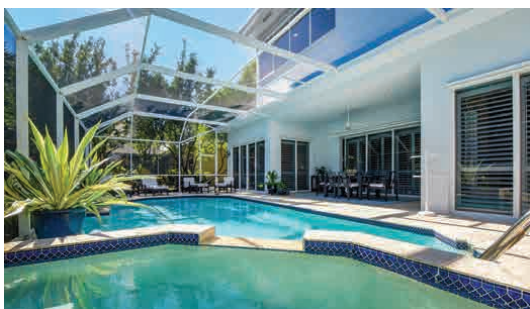
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OCEAN REEF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Exploring Florida Bay's Ecosystem: Luncheon with Avian Biologist Emily Johnson



by Christina Sarmiento, Executive Director Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

Join your Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce on **Wednesday, December 6th** for a luncheon featuring Emily Johnson, an avian biologist at Audubon Florida's Everglades Science Center. With a background in Zoology from Ohio Wesleyan University and an MSc in Biology from East Carolina

University, Emily has traversed the landscapes of Alaska, North Dakota, and North Carolina in various bird-related roles.

Since 2021, she has been leading the Roseate Spoonbill monitoring and capture program, a vital initiative for Audubon Florida. During the event, Emily will share her experiences and insights into the challenges and successes of monitoring and capturing Roseate Spoonbills in the picturesque Florida Bay. This is a unique opportunity to delve into the world of avian biology and environmental conservation with a rising star in the field.

Join us at the Cultural Center on December 6th to celebrate the wonders of Florida Bay and gain a deeper understanding of the crucial work undertaken by Emily Johnson. RSVP or direct inquiries to Christina Sarmiento at 305-340-8905 or email [Director@oceanreefchamber.org](mailto:Director@oceanreefchamber.org) to register today!

KEYS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

# An All-Around Hero

Flying himself into Ocean Reef Club, Lt Col Dan Rooney will serve as the guest speaker at the annual "Be An Angel Luncheon" to be held on **Friday, January 19th.**

Lt Col Dan Rooney, a F-16 Fighter Pilot, is a highly decorated military aviator with three combat tours in Iraq. He is the recipient of a multitude of medals including the Top Gun award and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He was also given the "Presidential Volunteer Service Award" by President George W. Bush and awarded the Air National Guard's Distinguished Service Medal. He continues to fly in the 301st Fighter Squadron at Elgin Air Force Base.

Seeing the need to provide funding for educational scholarships to the spouses and children of wounded or killed military service members and America's first responders, Lt Col Dan Rooney was motivated to create the non-profit "Folds of Honor". In the last fifteen years, this foundation has provided scholarships totaling over \$220 million



Lt Col Dan Rooney, guest speaker for the Keys Children's Foundation Luncheon on Friday, January 19th, 2024.

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As a young boy, growing up in Oklahoma, Dan Rooney wanted to be a fighter pilot and golf pro. With years of commitment, he developed golf skills that led him to play on the team at the University of Kansas. He is now a PGA golf professional that has been honored with the PGA of America's Patriot Award and he partners with the "golf family" to provide further assistance to needy families.

Lt Col Rooney is truly an American hero who combines faith, service, and philanthropy in his life. He will be the main speaker on Friday, January 19th at the Keys Children's Foundation Luncheon.



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Here are some great places to visit, or re-visit if it's been a while, worth sharing with your guests:

- **The Nature Center:**

When the phone rings at the Nature Center, Lola, a "Latin" yellow-naped parrot, shouts "Hola"! Along with Popcorn, a pale-yellow Albino Ball Python, Hershey, a Lionhead rabbit, Flea, an African pygmy hedgehog, Stevie and Sunny Bunny, guinea pigs, Tuck, a 70-year-old tortoise, this indoor/outdoor space is home to a variety of animals and exotic reptiles. Plus, it's one of the few places you'll find an American baby alligator and baby crocodile living together harmoniously in an indoor tank. Open 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday. Complimentary.

- **Mini Golf:** Just across from Carysfort Hall and behind a half wall set up in front of the Marina Fitness Center is a secluded nine-hole mini golf course. If you don't find the clubs and balls set up at the first hole, you can pick them up at Bellstand. Enjoy some laughs through this relaxed putt-putt experience. Keep in mind, alligators, a pelican, and a large snake have taken refuge here. The good news is that these artificial creatures won't bite. Complimentary.



Take your house guests on a visit to the Nature Center with Jeanette Rivera and friends.

- **Greenberg Park:** Looking for the perfect destination to take photos with the fam while they're in town? Head to Greenberg Park. This gorgeous green space with gazebo, a scattering of Adirondack chairs, and an incredible view of Card Sound Bay is not usually very busy. It makes for a perfect setting for a private conversation or quiet time. Sorry, no food or drinks allowed.

- **The Museum at the Cultural Center:** Easily one of the most fascinating places on The Reef, learn how the vision of Morris Baker, the founder of Ocean Reef, evolved from a fishing camp to one of the country's most exclusive private clubs. Chock-full of discoveries covering The Reef's history of fishing, golf, boating, and Member-ownership, the Museum houses an impressive collection of photos, memorabilia, maps, artifacts, interactive historical videos and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Complimentary.

- **The Yacht Club Roof-Top Patio:** When not in use by the Yacht Club, this roof deck patio above the Dockmaster's Office is a nice spot to share a bottle of wine with friends while looking at the boats docked at the Marina.

- **The Field at Four Corners:** Work off some calories with a friendly soccer game or plan a picnic with your friends. This field, open on a first come, first play basis,

is located at the intersection of Ocean Reef and Anchor drives. During season it's home to the Member-revered Farmer's Market on Mondays (and Thursdays beginning December 21).

- **Movies at the Cultural Center:** While the concept of leaving your TV to see a movie in an actual theater may seem foreign, there's nothing like a big screen, a live audience, comfy chairs, and a snack bar, to get you off the couch. Movie times are 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Call 305-367-6306 for a full schedule (*Barbie* is playing this week).

- **Billiard Room inside the Burgee Bar:** The separate room off the Burgee Bar, overlooking the Marina, features two billiard tables, table shuffleboard, and a few TVs showing your favorite games. It also houses an old-fashioned change machine if you need to break a \$20.

- **Patio off the Reef Lounge:** An outdoor deck that serves the Reef Lounge overflow, cigar smokers, or people who need to make a quick phone call without the fear of getting side-eyed.

- **The Outdoor Gym at the Member Fitness Center:** Set up outside in the front parking lot of the Member Fitness Center to keep Members in shape during the onset of Covid-19, this outdoor gym featuring a spinning bike, free weights, and TRX Suspension Training, is here to stay. It's a great place to get a sweat if you prefer a natural breeze with your lungs.

- **The Library at the Cultural Center:** Hundreds of titles line dark wood shelves in the spacious Member volunteer-run library. Puzzles and paperbacks can be taken on the honor system. Desktop computers are also available for use. Best of all, there's plenty of comfortable seating areas to relax with a great book. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Monday and Thursday.

- **The Reef Rec Room:** There's nothing like a game of ping pong to bond you with your nephew, plus he'll really think you're cool when you get a pizza delivered directly to your chairs while you play video games together. The Reef Rec Room is a great place to visit if you need reminding that age is just a number. Complimentary.

- **The Baker Yachtel:** For those who love time travel, taking a self-guided tour of an original ORC motel room visited by yachtsmen in the 1940s, is a must. The 900-square-foot free-standing baby pink Baker Yachtel, set up in the parking lot of the Cultural Center, has been declared a historical and cultural landmark by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners. Stop by the Cultural Center office for a key. Complimentary.

- **Toski's:** If you're not a golfer, you may have never visited Toski's, now located on the far east end of the Clubhouse. Access the covered-patio snack bar from its private cart parking lot for a sit-down or to-go sandwich or snack. It was named after Bob Toski, The Reef's first director of golf. Best of all, if you don't have a good game, they also sell pain medication.

- **The Airport at Ocean Reef:** Just because you don't fly private doesn't mean you can't show off that ORC has its own airport. See The Reef's best air toys from single-engine planes to private jets and helicopters take off and land at one of the most prized amenities on The Reef. Be sure to keep a safe distance if you're with children and pets. This is an active runway and all flying activities are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mark your calendar for 11 a.m. **Sunday, December 3rd**, to watch the planes "fly-out" at the end of this year's Vintage Weekend (Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2023).





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# A Lesson From Reality?



by Rev. Dr.  
Bob Henley

The Oxford Dictionary defines 'wonder' as a "feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable." As G.K. Chesterton once said, "The world will never starve for want of wonders; but only for want of wonder."

Wonder is elusive. Like bone density, it often seems to diminish with age. Perhaps that explains the popularity of J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series, or C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. These authors and others, like Madeline L'Engle, have "re-enchanted the world" for their readers.

## RECOVERING WONDER

In my final year of undergraduate study, a professor whose name I have forgotten, introduced

wonder into the field of science for me. Up until that class, I had a boring caricature of how the sciences work. I thought of scientists, hard or soft, as lab rats, unimaginative people in white coats rigorously pursuing the scientific method of observation, leading methodically and painstakingly, step-by-step, to verifiable hypotheses. (If you're a scientist, please forgive me!)

So, what changed? The professor introduced us to that guy who created the term "paradigm shift." His name was Thomas Kuhn. He wrote the book that defined the shift - *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Kuhn's argument was that real scientific breakthroughs - paradigm shifts in our understanding - were not the outcome of my characterization of the process above.

These breakthroughs in understanding happen instead, Kuhn claimed, when someone like Copernicus or Einstein comes along. The rest are just technicians. Einstein understood the old paradigm, the model of how the universe works, thanks to Isaac Newton and an apple - the fruit, not the computer. However, Einstein knew that Newton's understanding had limits.

The change in how we understand the structure, the reality of the physical world, began one day in Bern, Switzerland, when Einstein thought about trains moving in opposite directions. This shift in understanding was the result of a moment of creative insight - of wonder. These moments of insight are what Kuhn calls scientific revolutions, paradigm shifts.

## REALITY FILLED WITH WONDER

All of the above is predicate to an introduction. Perhaps some of you are familiar with the name, Siddhartha Mukherjee. He teaches medicine at Columbia University. He is a cancer physician and researcher. His writing instills wonder into our understanding of biology.

His first book, *The Emperor of All Maladies*, is a biography of cancer, spanning some five-thousand years. He has written another titled *The Gene*, and his latest book published last year, is *The Song of the Cell*.

Many of us can recall reading Jules Verne's novel, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Verne's submarine, the *Nautilus*, manned by Captain Nemo and his crew, took us on a journey of fantasy through the imagined depths of the undersea world.

Dr. Mukherjee takes the reader on a different adventure. This adventure travels through the cell much like Verne did through the sea - only with one difference. The journey through the cell, while filled with imaginative vision, is not fantasy. It is reality, and that reality is full of wonder.

His exploration of the structure of a cell is enthralling and readable. After bobbing around on the surface with proteins, he has you board "the craft." You then dive into the interior of

the cell, entering a liquid world of protoplasmic fluid, dangling proteins, and "a long strand-like molecule called ribonucleic acid, or "RNA." He guides you through the vastness, the wonder of the world contained in each of our cells - some thirty trillion by latest estimates.

## A LESSON FROM REALITY?

Dr. Mukherjee's work is anything but political. However, as I read about the structure of the cell, I was struck by what he wrote, and how it might apply to a humanitarian issue that is top of mind. It was unexpected.

He writes, "A bounded autonomous living unit - a 'closed unit' - that bears the laws that govern its existence - must have a boundary. It is the membrane that defines the boundary; the outer limits of the cell. Bodies are bound by a multicellular membrane: the skin. So is the psyche, by another membrane: the self. And so are houses and nations. To define an internal milieu is to define its edge - a place where the inside ends and the outside begins. Without an edge, there is no self. . . . A perfectly sealed cell is a perfectly dead cell. But unsealing the membrane through portals exposes the cell to potential harm. The cell must embrace both: closed to the outside, yet open to the outside." (pp.76-77)

I found myself surprised by these words. They made me think about what is taking place at our Southern borders, and our need for a healthy immigration policy - a healthy membrane that defines us. Without an edge, there is no nation. Perhaps our political leaders should consider this lesson from the reality and wonder of the cell? It is a lesson from reality that makes you think.

## CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Ocean Reef Chaplain**  
**Rev. Dr. Robert Henley**  
305-367-2049  
orcchapel.org

### FRIDAY, NOV. 24

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

**Shabbat Service**  
6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

### SATURDAY, NOV. 25

**Catholic Mass**  
4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. Hilley

### SUNDAY, NOV. 26

**Traditional Worship Service**  
9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain  
Bob Henley

**Kids Matter (4-8yrs)**  
9 a.m., Children's Room

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

**Kids Matter (9yrs & up)**  
10:30 a.m., Children's Room

### MONDAY, NOV. 27

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

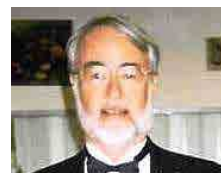
**Intercessory Prayer**  
8 a.m., Chapel Living Room

**Episcopal Service**  
9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev.  
Hobbs

### THURSDAY, NOV. 30

**Catholic Mass**  
10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr.  
Hilley

## WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY (WOW) SERVICE



All are invited to the an Episcopal/  
Anglican Community Communion  
Service on Wednesday, November 29 at  
9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary.

The Venerable Bryan Hobbs, retired rector of Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church, Pembroke Pines, FL. Will lead us in worship with beautiful music led by Mara Maulder Bonsanti.



# We Mourn the Loss

## Angel "Andy" Fernandez, Jr.



It is with the heaviest of hearts that we inform you that Angel (Andy) Fernandez, Jr., Equity Member and Ocean Reef resident, passed away on September 15, 2023, after several months battling pneumonia and lung complications following COVID at Baptist Hospital and Baptist Hospital Homestead. Known for his contagious sense of humor and love for The Reef, Andy, along with his wife Tere (ORC Board Member 2009-2012), maintained their second home in the Ocean Reef Harbour House community since 2004, a community they would call their "happy place." Prior to that, the Fernandez family were active Ocean Reef Social Members for over 40 years.

Originally from Santiago, Cuba, Andy is a Cuban exile success story, having arrived in Palm Beach, Florida, from Cuba at the age of 15. Like many others, Andy and his family immigrated with little means, relying exclusively on limited family members, discipline and a tireless work ethic to build a new life in an unfamiliar country. From Palm Beach, the Fernandez family moved to Connecticut where Andy graduated with a business degree from the University of Bridgeport and promptly began his career in corporate America in New York City where he would

later meet Tere, his wife of 52 years.

From an early age, Andy maintained a drive to succeed that was unmatched in any professional setting. This drive led to offers at prestigious corporations in the Northeast, but Andy's passion was undoubtedly Bacardi, a brand he adored since early childhood in Cuba. A testament to his drive and ambition, Bacardi offered Andy a position that changed the course of his life. Initially, he earned the position of head of Marketing for Bacardi USA, but his hard work and perseverance ultimately landed him the prestigious position of President of the Company's Latin American Division as well as a member of the executive board, the position from which he retired after an illustrious career spanning more than 30 years.

Although Andy had an impressive professional identity, Andy's pride emanated from his unwavering love for his family. Andy's priority centered on ensuring the happiness of his wife and kids. He adored Tere,

his two sons, Andres (Andy Jr.) and Arturo, his brother Fred and his daughters-in-law, Melissa and Michelle, and, of course, his four grandchildren, Lucy+, Kevin, Natalia and Caterina, without measure. A proud "Abu", Andy would do anything for his family, but most especially for his grandchildren. While as a father, he may not have been able to pick up at school or attend a few sports games due to work commitments, as a grandfather, he was sure not to miss any (no matter what).

This adoration for his grandchildren made recovering from last year's tragedy that much more difficult for Andy. As many ORC residents and Members recall, Lucy passed away tragically after a senseless boat crash outside of Ocean Reef Club Labor Day weekend 2022. This tragedy broke Angel's heart (many of us at ORC too) and, as his doctors say, it ultimately led to broken heart syndrome which negatively impacted his health and well-being.

Notwithstanding the loss of two beloved Fernandez's, the Fernandez family remains committed to preserving Andy's and Lucy's memory by spending time at The Reef and joining the Ocean Reef Club community in the special events that Andy and Lucy loved to attend with their beloved family. Over the past year, Andy spent a lot of his time with an endeavor that was very near and dear to his heart, The Lucy Fernandez Foundation ([www.lucyfernandezfoundation.org](http://www.lucyfernandezfoundation.org)), an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable foundation established in honor of his granddaughter, Lucy. The Fernandez Family kindly asks you to visit the Foundation's website, get involved and consider donating to help the Foundation with its extremely important initiatives. Please visit the Foundation's website for details or consider donating via GoFundMe at [www.gofundme.com/f/lucy-fernandez-foundation-inc](http://www.gofundme.com/f/lucy-fernandez-foundation-inc).

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## SHABBAT SERVICES



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 1

Cornerstone Room - 6:00 pm  
Join us as we welcome Shabbat together as a community with a brief service.

*All events at the Ocean Reef Chapel*



NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

# The Turkey Day Stretch

Did you participate in the Gobble Wobble 5k, either walking or running? Maybe you did a few hamstring stretches while getting ready to put in those 5 miles - or maybe not. So, while we might have been working on stretching our stomachs with turkey, other more beneficial stretching is often left out of our exercise routines - but the benefits of stretching have big payoffs.

Research has shown that stretching can help improve flexibility, and as a result, the range of motion of your joints.

**Better flexibility may:**

- Decrease your risk of injuries



- Help your joints move through their full range of motion
- Increase muscle blood flow
- Enable your muscles to work more effectively
- Improve your ability to do daily activities
- Improve sports activity performance

If you are suffering from pain during movement, the Medical Center's Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy department offers the technique of dry needling. The certified and trained physical therapist inserts a "dry" needle, one without medication or injection, into areas of the muscle. Dry

needling, while it may seem a distant cousin to acupuncture, is a part of modern Western medicine and is supported by research.

Medical Center therapist Miguel Gonzalez states, "This technique is used to treat pain and movement impairments by targeting trigger points. A trigger point is a taut band of skeletal muscle within a larger muscle group. Trigger points can be tender to the touch and touching a trigger point may refer pain to other parts of the body."

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**Audiology**

**Natalie Crespi**

Nov. 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

**Daisy Elwick**

Nov. 27, 28, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12

**Cannabis & Pain Medicine**

**Michelle Weiner**

Jan. 12

**Cardiology**

**Julio Barcena**

Dec. 8, Jan. 19

**Howard Bush**

Dec. 7, Jan. 11

**Colorectal Surgery**

**Dan Ruiz**

Dec. 18, Jan. 15

**Dermatology**

**Alexandra Price**

Dec. 15

**Alysa Herman**

(305) 444-4979

Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4, 18

**Debra Price**

(305) 670-1111

Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 5, 19

**Jill Waibel**

(305) 279-6060

Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 12

**Stephanie Nicolau**

(305) 740-6181

Dec. 20, Jan. 10, 24

**Dr. Varee Poochareon**

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Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20

**Endocrinology**

**Jeremy Bleicher**

Dec. 4, Jan. 8

**Heberto Valdes**

Dec. 1, Jan. 5

**Gastroenterology**

**Sandra Rodriguez**

Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13

**Gynecology**

**Jason James**

Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8

**Jila Senemar**

Dec. 12, Jan. 24

**Holistic Medicine**

**David Coppola**

(305) 451-1819

Nov. 28, 30, Dec 5, 7, 12

**I.V. Therapy**

**Keila Paulino & Scott Williams**

(305) 907-7550

Nov. 27, Dec 4, 11, 18

**Nephrology**

**Farias**

Nov. 27, Dec. 18

**Neurology**

**Victor Faradji**

Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1

**Neuro Spine**

**Nancy Epstein**

Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 14,

March 20

**Raul Vasquez**

**Castellanos**

Dec. 14, Jan. 16

**Ophthalmology**

**Bascom Palmer**

786-530-2289

Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 6

**Zach Segal**

Dec. 19, Jan. 16

**Optometry**

**Lauren Nicholas**

Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2

**Susanna Tamkins**

Dec. 15, Jan. 19

**Orthopedic Sport Medicine**

**Michael Swartzon**

Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 9

**Orthopedic Surgery**

**Joseph Fernandez**

Jan. 19

**Derek Papp**

Dec. 21, Jan. 11, 25

**James Voglino**

Dec. 15, Jan. 12

**Pediatrics**

**Rosa Fernandez**

Tele-Med 954-385-6277

(Option 1) Dec. 15

**Plastic Surgery**

**Ramiro Perez**

Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4

**Podiatry**

**Polly Reeves**

Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 15

**Sophia Masri**

Dec. 8

**Psychology**

**Joseph Mora**

Dec. 18, Jan. 15

**Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders**

**Raul Valor**

Dec. 8, 29, Jan 12, Feb 16

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**Ronald Tolchin**

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OUT & ABOUT



At 8:19 a.m., the morning following last week's storm, Mona Brewer sent in this "only at Ocean Reef" photo of ORCA Public Safety's Fire Rescue team promptly at work removing fallen debris from the roads and making the community safe once again.



**DOWN BUT NOT OUT**

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# The Turkey Not On Your Table



by Harold Brewer

I was asked recently if the turkey buzzard was related to the turkeys we have for Thanksgiving. This was another reminder that most folks have not spent as much time as I have fooling around with birds. The quick answer to this question is no. A better answer is much more complex.

When Ben Franklin lobbied for the American Wild Turkey to be the "national bird" of the United States rather than the Bald Eagle he was convinced that the Wild Turkey was far more intelligent and honest

than the eagle. Turkeys are ground-loving foragers and will eat a variety of grass, seeds, foliage and berries as well as nuts, apples and insects.

Eagles, on the other hand, hunt from the air, sometimes a perch and prefer fish, water birds and ducks as well as small reptiles and mammals. They will also steal food from other species often conducting aerial pursuits of other species with their hard-won prize.

So what about the "buzzard"? First off these black birds we see here at The Reef are not buzzards. They are vultures, all of them. In the earliest days of the settlement of the North American continent the European settlers, not familiar with "vultures" thought that all black soaring birds were buzzards, the old world name of a variety of hawks. The mistaken name has stayed

with the birds and with us for more than 400 years! To

more complicate the roots of the family tree recent research has indicated that the vultures are more likely related to storks. One thing for sure is that at least for now they are not related to turkeys.

The Turkey Vulture is so named because the mature birds, male and female have mostly red, featherless heads. Just like...yep, the Wild Turkey. The other vulture species found in smaller numbers here in South Florida is simply the Black Vulture. No red head



Turkey Vulture photographed at Ocean Reef Club.

and a different flight pattern along with different foraging tactics.

Regardless of which vulture you have in the yard, let's hope it does not wind up on or around your table.



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### 24 FRIDAY

**Gobble Wobble 5k Fun Run**  
7:30am Registration  
8am Race Start • Meet at Business Center Parking Lot

**Feed the Turkeys Activity**  
10am • Buccaneer Island

**Sleep Late, Then Shop Til You Drop**  
10am-5pm • Fishing Village

**Thanksgiving 105 Tennis Tournament**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

**Turkey Day Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt**  
3:30pm • Meet at Business Center

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake**  
5-9pm • Raw Bar

**Family Fun Night**  
5-10pm • Town Hall Waterside

**Shabbat Service**  
6pm • Chapel Cornerstone Room

**Teens Only! Bonfire at Reef Rec Room**  
8pm • RCK Clubhouse

**Live DJ at The Burgee Bar**  
9pm • Burgee Bar

### 25 SATURDAY

**Danish & Coffee**  
7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

**Sweat Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Intro to Pickleball Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Thanksgiving Challenge**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Reef Club Kids Open**  
9am-1pm • Reef Rec Room

**Sound Bath and Chakra Balance Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Center

**Petting Zoo at the Nature Center**  
2-4pm • Nature Center

**Real Estate Open House**  
2-5pm • Various Locations

**Reef Rec Room Open**  
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Family Fun Night**  
5-10pm • Town Hall Waterside

**Grand Seafood Buffet**  
5:30-9:45pm • Ocean Room

**Junior Teen Round Robin & Pizza Party**  
6pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Cocktails**  
5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

**Starlight Dinner Buffet**  
6 & 8pm Seatings • Marlin Beach

**Live DJ at The Burgee Bar**  
9pm • Burgee Bar

### 26 SUNDAY

**Beginners Sailing Clinic**  
9:30am • Meet at the Pool Desk

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
10 & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

**Aqua Cardio Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Pool

**Junior Tennis Clinic**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

**NFL Sunday at Burgee Bar**  
12pm • Burgee Bar

**Croquet Mixer Open Play**  
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

**Reef Rec Room Open**  
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room

**Cocktails**  
5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

### 27 MONDAY

**Beach Yoga Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**Cardio Pickleball Clinic**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**"A" Flight Level Cardio Tennis**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**MGA Weekly Event**  
9am Shotgun • Dolphin

**Reformer Pilates Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Farmer's Market is Back!**  
11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

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

### 28 TUESDAY

**Cycle Class**  
6am • Member Fitness Pool

**Master Swim Class**  
7am • Member Fitness Pool

**LGA Weekly Event**  
8-10am • Hammock

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**Vinyasa Yoga Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Strength & Cycle Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**A Flight Croquet League**  
9am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

**Aqua Cardio Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Pool

**Intro to Pickleball Clinic**  
2:30-3:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Fall Back into Fitness Class**  
4pm • Member Fitness Center

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

### 29 WEDNESDAY

**Sweat Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**Reformer Pilates Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**"A" Flight Level Cardio Tennis**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Ladies' Pickleball League**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Racquet Club Open Play**  
10am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

**Intermediate Croquet Clinic**  
2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

### 30 THURSDAY

**Cycle Class**  
6am • Member Fitness Pool

**Master Swim Class**  
7am • Member Fitness Pool

**Sweat Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Pool

**"A" Flight Level Cardio Tennis**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cardio Pickleball Clinic**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Men's Pickleball League**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Beginner Pickleball Clinic**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

**9 Hole LGA Weekly Event**  
9am Shotgun • Dolphin

**Strength & Cycle Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**B Flight Croquet League**  
9am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

**Silver Fit Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Aqua Cardio Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Pool

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake**  
5-9pm • Raw Bar

**Burgee Bar Karaoke**  
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

## ON SCREEN & STAGE

General Admission \$12, Donors \$10  
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Movie Hotline: 305-367-6306



### "Barbie" (PG-13)

Fri., November 24 • 4:30pm & 7:30pm  
Sun., November 26 • 4:30pm & 7:30pm  
Wed., November 29 • 7:30pm

Runtime: 1hr 54min

Premise: Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.



### "Dumb Money" (R)

Friday, December 1 • 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Sunday, December 3 • 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Wednesday, December 6 • 7:30pm

Runtime: 1hr 45min

Premise: Dumb Money is based on the insane true story of everyday people who flipped the script on Wall Street and got rich by turning GameStop (yes, the mall videogame store) into the world's hottest company.

### Food & Film

#### "North by Northwest" (1959)

Monday, November 27 • 4:30pm  
Premise: This renowned Alfred Hitchcock film is full of suspense and iconic scenes that never cease to entertain film lovers. \$63++ Optional Dinner. Reservations Required for the dinner. Tickets@OceanReef.com  
Must be a Film Society Member to Attend.

### Cultural Center Museum

Daily 9am-4pm • Open During Movies

### Library Hours

Monday & Thursday • 10am-12pm

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



## CLUB SHOPPING

### Joan the Shopper

**Burgee Shop**.... After a peripatetic summer where I visited seven locations and lived out of two bulging suitcases, I was eagerly looking forward to being "at home on The Reef". But in the process of unpacking I realized that, in spite of having four closets full of clothes (some a half-century old), I was lacking the super casual, super comfortable essentials for just *hanging out*... The solution (surprise, surprise) was to go shopping.... At the **Burgee Shop**, I found exactly what I needed (maybe wanted is more accurate).... There were racks of pants and hooded jackets, just the right weight for Florida's sometimes cool but seldom cold days. I bought the lighter-weight *Dream Knit* ankle-length pants with an adjustable waistband (wish that my waist were adjustable). There is a matching hooded jacket, but I decided instead to top these pants (*Levelwear Verve* \$111) with one of the many attractive all cotton pull-over burgee-branded sweaters (\$56 to \$72).... Although it's not for me, there are many of you out there, who would look great in the very flattering striped Ruffle Sleeve Romper



(*Cabana* \$118). .... We often forget that dresses are the most comfortable thing you can wear (way better than jeans). My beautiful daughter-in-law Sheila is pictured here in this perfect little *Seaside Beach* dress (*Capelton Road* \$89). The blend of nylon and spandex gives it a comfortable stretch fit, so I bought two of these cute and comfy dresses – one for Sheila and one for me.... Last Word – *Don't miss Shop 'til You Drop*, which takes place TODAY in the Fishing Village (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). This is Ocean Reef's local version of Black Friday and there will be sidewalk sales of merchandise from the Burgee Shop and many of your other favorite OR stores.

by Joan Birsh

## OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

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#### Everton's Rum Bar

Thurs.-Sun. 3-8pm

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#### The Ocean Room

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

#### Gianni Ristorante\*

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Monday

#### Raw Bar

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MEMBER NEWS



Ryan Bonner exchanged vows with Meghan Grauzlis at The Point as the sun set on November 11th. Their love story began over a year ago when Ryan, son of Equity Members Dr. and Mrs. James F. Bonner, proposed to Meghan at Greenberg Park.



In the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains just outside of Asheville, North Carolina, love blossomed against a backdrop of breathtaking mountain views and vibrant summer blooms. The scene unfolded in late August at Chestnut Ridge, where Brooke Baker, daughter of Patti Baker, and Matthias Welsh embarked on a journey of love and commitment, exchanging heartfelt vows and dancing the night away in celebration of their union.



In Patti's Mother-of-the-Bride speech, she said, "Today is a day of overwhelming joy for me, as I watch my beautiful daughter, Brooke, embark on this incredible journey of love and partnership. To Brooke and Matthias, I want to raise my glass in celebration of your love. So here's to a lifetime filled with shared dreams, shared love, and shared joy. May your days be filled with laughter, your hearts full of warmth, and your journey together be as beautiful as the love that has brought us all together today. Cheers!"

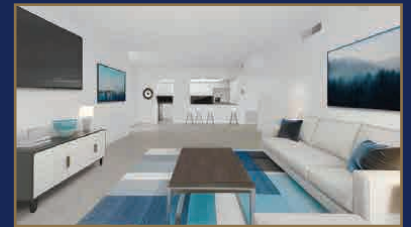
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# Acrely Farms: Quality & Transparency



“Spa Notes” by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

The Salon & Spa is excited to announce its partnership with a new CBD line called Acrely Farms. The brand has a diverse background in agriculture and medical research. Holistic CBD agricultural practices that create connections between the land, plants and people are at the company's core. They are committed to sharing the healing power of organic hemp while also creating products you can trust. At Acrely, they believe it is important to follow the plant from seed to final product to ensure quality.



**CBD Cooling Balm:** CBD, arnica, menthol, camphor, and a beautiful scent of mint and eucalyptus. CBD is known for its anti-inflammatory properties, arnica for its pain-relieving abilities, menthol for its cooling effect, and camphor for its antispasmodic and analgesic qualities. Together, they form a powerful combination that can benefit people with a variety of issues, including sore muscles, joint

pain, arthritis, headaches, and skin inflammations. The cooling sensation of the balm can also help soothe the skin and relieve tension, making it an excellent choice for relaxation and stress relief.

**CBD Relax Strawberry Gummies:** The strawberry CBD gummies start with a tasty base of up-cycled strawberry pulp. The strawberry pulp is sourced from a California winery.

All gummies are vegan and sweetened with tapioca syrup. Using tapioca syrup ensures that there has been zero exposure to pesticides and genetic modifications, while also keeping a lower calorie and carbohydrate count than typical syrups and sugars. The benefits of CBD include improved sleep quality and relaxation, decreased stress and increased recovery in muscles and joints.

**Relax CBD Bath Soak:** High CBD Bath Soak is hand-crafted in small batches with the finest ingredients: Organic CBD hemp flowers, CBD-infused salts, organic rose petals, and organic lavender flowers. This bath soak is the ultimate self-care remedy and is packed with 500mg CBD for deep body relaxation and recovery.

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# Academy Students Honor Our Veterans



by Jerome Murphy,  
Head of School

The Academy at Ocean Reef was delighted to honor Veterans Day earlier this month with a special assembly. Our students, adorned with special hats representing all of the military branches, contributed to the assembly with the gift of patriotic songs and student speeches to help recognize the importance of Veterans Day.

Following the assembly, our middle school students had the opportunity to sit down and interview one of the veterans who happens to be a familiar figure in the Ocean Reef Club community. Here is one of those interviews:

**Interview With Veteran Keith Young**

By Xena Abrego, Grade 6, The Academy at Ocean Reef

On Thursday, November 9, The Academy at Ocean Reef hosted a Veterans Day assembly. After the assembly, I interviewed a veteran, Mr. Keith Young.

Mr. Young is CEO of the Medical Center at Ocean Reef. Mr. Young was super nice when I interviewed him and

answered all my questions. Of course, before I interviewed him, I thanked Mr. Young for his service and for taking time out of his day to come to our school and letting me interview him.

Mr. Young informed me that he served in the Air Force, mostly in the US near the Pacific and sometimes in European countries.

Looking down at my interview questions, I asked, "What rank did you achieve?" I was super nervous, so I kind of stuttered while saying it.

Mr. Young chuckled a little bit, seeing that I was nervous. He replied, "I was a major sergeant or an E7." His specialty was medical rescue. The way he said this let me know that he enjoyed doing medical rescues and loved being able to save people's lives.

Mr. Young joined the U.S. Air Force for education in 1982 and retired in 1994. In total, he served our country for 12 years.

In his eyes, I could tell that he was proud to have been a member of the Air Force, becoming an important part of it and coming back with stories to tell. Now that's something to be proud of.

The last question I asked him was, "Did joining the Air Force have any effect on you?" Mr. Young said that being there taught him teamwork.

Then I thanked Mr. Young once again for serving our country and for sharing his experience with me. "You're welcome," he said with a warm smile.



Veterans Day at the Academy



ART LEAGUE

# Taking the Plunge into Alcohol Ink!



by Mary Brady



Elaine Raymond, Instructor Diane Smith, Debi Attorri, Susana Totura, Lynne Thomson and Mary Brady with their Alcohol Ink masterpieces.

Finding a new outlet was my mission, and I found it right inside our gates!

The November Men's Member-Guest Golf Tournament lasts for several days. Our husbands were out on the links, and we had a shopping day planned. One of our stops was at the Art League, where my guest proceeded to buy some jewelry. Talking to Nicole, the Executive Assistant at the Art League, we discovered there was a new class being offered the next day called Alcohol Ink. It is

a highly pigmented ink with an alcohol base, which is manipulated with alcohol. The name intrigued us, and we signed up for it. The workshop ran from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with supplies provided.

The next day, 5 people appeared ready to embark on a new experience. **Lynne Thomson, Susana Totura** and her guest, Debi Attorri, and myself with guest Elaine Raymond. Our teacher, **Diane Smith**, was wonderful and explained to us to think out of the box. We all

took to it like ducks to water. There was no right or wrong way to approach it, just let creative juices flow. It is a very forgiving medium to use. We cheered each other on, and the time flew by. In the end, we brought home some "masterpieces" to hang on our walls. We were full of laughter, and it was amazing to see how different each of our pieces came out. We relished the "instant gratification" we got from this workshop.

Diane Smith will be teaching

more classes this coming season. Lynne Thomson said she signed up because the title of the class intrigued her and because it was her birthday and she wanted to do something fun for herself. New Art League member, Susana Totura and her guest Debi Attorri said, "I was enchanted with the class and the teacher's skillful approach to get us to express ourselves in a different way. I am looking forward to the next class with jewelry and scarves as our canvas."

My mission to find a new artistic outlet was accomplished right in my own backyard at the Art League! So many new things to explore and enjoy if we just open our eyes and be receptive!

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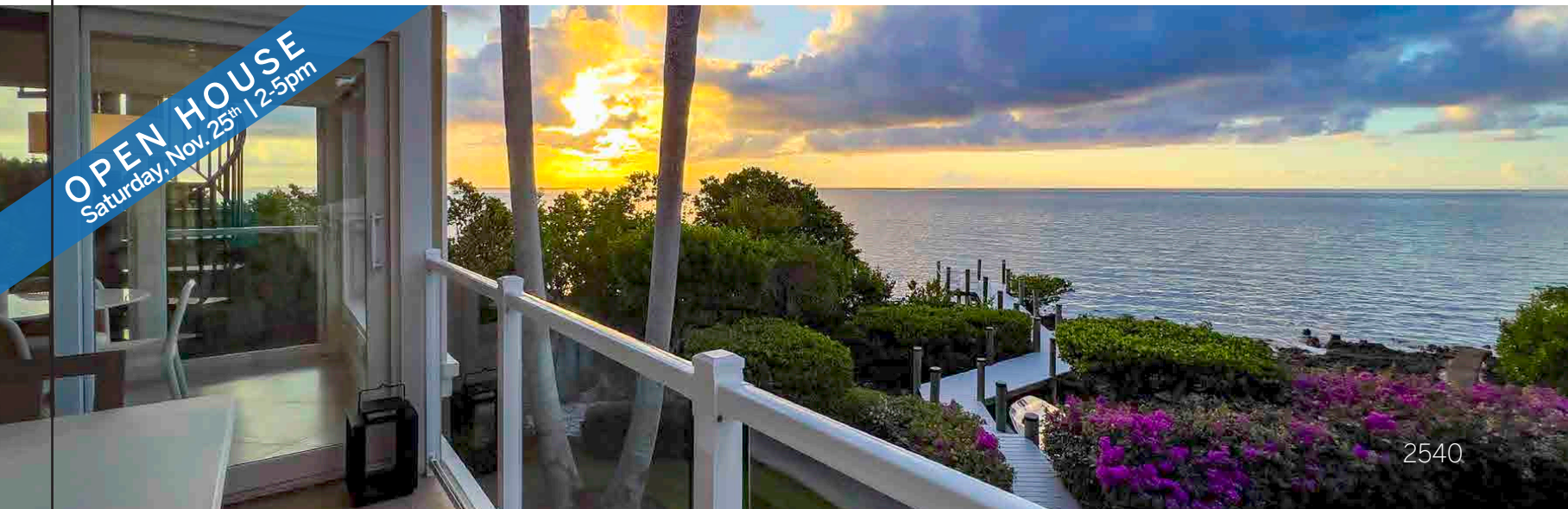
## 36 West Snapper Point Drive

6 BD/6F/4H BA | Water Front | By Appointment Only | \$35,000,000



## 38 Sunset Cay Road

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## 16 Sunrise Cay Drive

5 BD/6.5 BA | 29,150 sq. ft. Lot | 5,734 a/c sq. ft. | 50' Dockage in Sunrise Marina | \$22,850,000 furnished

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## 31 Angelfish Cay Drive

Oceanfront Homesite | Rare Opportunity | \$14,975,000 | 2487



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## 11 Grayvik Drive

3 BD/3 BA | Canal Front | 136' Seawall | \$12,900,000 | 2552



## 19 Sunrise Cay Drive

Oceanfront Estate-Sized Lot | \$12,450,000 | 2335



## 15 Harbor Island Drive

Canal Front | 5 BD/5.5 BA | \$11,800,000 | 2594



## Pumpkin Cay 43A

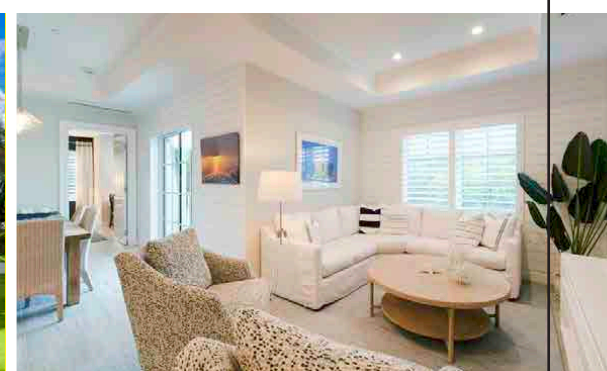
3 BD/3 BA | Canal Front  
\$6,475,000 | 2524



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Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> | 2-5pm

## 8 Halfway Road

3 BD/2 BA | Golf Course Frontage  
\$5,995,000 furnished | 2595



OPEN HOUSE  
Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> | 2-5pm

## Residence Club C-PH21

2 BD/2.5 BA | New Construction  
Penthouse | \$3,250,000 | 2586



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HAPPY Thanksgiving

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# Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

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Gemita's Kitchen

your choice of bath and body products, dry goods, loose teas, spices, rice and more. She also has a Swedish dishcloth that can absorb 20 times its weight, lasts for 6 to 9 months, is washing machine safe and, best of all, takes the place of up to 17 rolls of paper towels. Yes, not a typo - up to 17 rolls!

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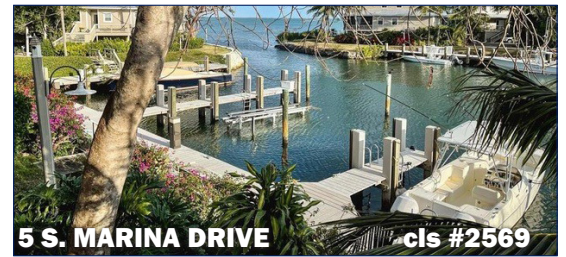
**3 Bedrooms / 3 Baths / \$4,800,000**  
One level living. One of a kind screened-in 300sf patio for al fresco dining & enjoying the canal views. 33' Unassigned dockage.  
**Burgess Warren**



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**103 ANCHOR DRIVE** cls #2567

**3 Bedrooms / 3.5 Baths / \$12,950,000**  
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**Andy Hofmann**



**5 S. MARINA DRIVE** cls #2569

**2 Bedrooms / 2 Baths / \$6,250,000**  
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**Nelson Gordy**



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**20 CALOOSA COURT** cls #2574

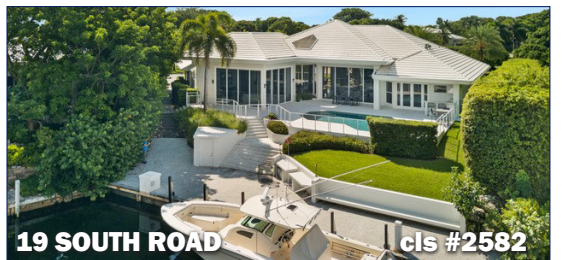
**3 Bedrooms / 3 Baths / \$6,999,000**  
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**Olga Grant**



**19 SOUTH ROAD** cls #2582

**4 Bedrooms / 4.5 Baths / \$16,750,000**  
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**535 CORAL LN. cls #2287 • \$5,900,000**  
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**16 HARBOR ISLAND DR. cls #2423 • \$6,995,000**  
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**FS-25 70' DOCK cls #2330 • \$2,355,000**  
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# SPORTS

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

### Vessel Check Mates

By Randy Woods, USCG Auxiliary Staff Officer for Vessel Examiners

Members returning to Ocean Reef often feel compelled, first thing, to have their boat commissioned for the season. There is nothing more exciting than your own boat at the ready at The Reef. Mechanical equipment is serviced, the hull is cleaned and waxed, and bottom paint is restored. The boat is fueled up and tied up, bobbing outside your residence. You are ready to ride?

Maybe not. Has a thorough check been made of all the onboard safety equipment mandated by Florida and the US Coast Guard?



Community Vessel Check Mates: Peter Liashek, Barney Steele, Randy Woods, Bob Broton and Matt Pilon are ready when you are.

The Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla, located within the Club for 50 years, has five affable Vessel Examiners—all Ocean Reef Members—available to perform a Vessel Safety Check aboard your boat, at your dock, on your schedule. They will prepare you in advance with a list of items

to be verified. The inspection is free, and examiners want your boat to pass. There are no penalties for deficiencies, only opportunities for improved safety for you and your passengers.

A Vessel Check, available for tenders and boats under 65 feet and for all paddle craft,

can take 30 minutes or less. On completion, the vessel will be awarded a decal and certificate verifying that it meets all regulatory requirements at the time of inspection.

Coast Guard Auxiliarists at Ocean Reef offer Vessel Safety Checks as a community service and boating amenity—a valuable marine component of our superior residential experience.

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A Safety Check can save lives.

### Save These Dates for Bonefish Bonnie Fun



by Mary Bloom, Bonefish Bonnies

Two important dates that no Bonefish Bonnie will want to miss are coming up fast. **December 18** the Bonnies and their guests will once again celebrate the December holidays at Anglers Club. They will be enjoying cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres along with door prizes and the incredible holiday wonderland that Paul

#### BONEFISH BONNIES 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUN FACTS

The first few Bonefish Bonnies holiday parties going back to 1999 were held at members' homes. When the membership started growing and the likelihood of red wine spills increased, the members gathered at the Orvis store for a holiday open house which was located where the Burgee Shop is now. Food and drink were enjoyed in the lobby there. Eventually, Angler's Club became the traditional venue for the party.

Rather than today's door prizes, donated by Bonefish Bonnie board members, the first parties asked everyone to write out their favorite recipes which were then folded, placed in a bowl and drawn by each Bonnie. There were 12-15 attendees at the first party; last season over 120 Bonnies and guests attended.

Headley creates for Angler's Club. Details will be available in next week's Tight Lines, the Bonnies e-newsletter.

While the holiday party happens every year, the second important date to save only comes around every five years. On **January 22, 2024**, the Bonnies will be welcoming the community to celebrate

their 25th anniversary with the Bonnies at Carysfort Hall. Details for the celebration will be available in mid-December.

Don't forget, if you haven't renewed your membership or are interested in joining the Bonnies, please go to our website at [www.bonefishbonnies.com](http://www.bonefishbonnies.com) to do so.

### ORC Boat Channel Closures

In order to comply with FAA regulations for the Vintage Weekend air show, the Main Channel and North Homeowners Channel will be closed to all boat traffic on **Friday, December 1st** from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on **Saturday, December 2nd** from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In addition, no boats will be allowed in the area extending 3/4 mile seaward from The Point. This area will be patrolled by local, state and federal agencies as per FAA air show regulations.



# Card Sound Sailing Club

## The Start of a Brand New Season



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

Monday, November 13th was a great occasion for us all to get together at **Rick and Lesley Chanin's** house for our CSSC Opening Luncheon. We were happy to gather and talk about our summer, and especially to toast and pay tribute to our special Member at Large, **George Lucas**, who passed peacefully surrounded by family on November 4th.

Both **Gary Sayia** and **Chris Streit** told their own stories of how George convinced each of



The gang launching CSSC's most difficult boat.

them to come see the sailing club when they were visiting Ocean Reef, and in the next moments, was telling them what house was for sale. They both settled into Ocean Reef because of him and have been enjoying ORC and CSSC ever since.

George Lucas was so loved and respected. He was such a force for our club and a great communicator with the Bullseye Association. We will miss him so much. Our love goes out to **Patty Lucas**, who also has been so instrumental to the club, and all their children, grandchildren and

greats.

For the luncheon, **Bruce and Genevieve Jeffreys** displayed a beautiful portrait of Baker Harbor and our Bullseyes' sail masts all lined up, taken by Linda Carithers from our Medical Center. This made us all feel at home, but it also reminded us we needed to get our boats in the water for the season.

So on Tuesday, November 14th, Harbor Master **Chuck Cook** and **Windsor Coffin** started bright and early to gather sailors who would help launch the boats that these two had already carted from their winter storage in the garage of our past Commodore, **Bill and Sally Reynolds**. Rick Chanin, our Fleet Captain, was quick to maneuver each boat and trailer onto the dock where our launching arm could be attached. The next day, Wednesday, was going to be the extra day to help launch, but Mother Nature had other plans.

Saturday, November 18th was to be the first day of the Dingley series racing and Vice

Commodore **Neil Sullivan** was in charge. It looked to be a windy race day and many sailors were set to go, but the wind was coming right into Baker Harbor channel and our motors were our arms and paddles. One boat had difficulty getting out and turned around, and then another boat followed suit and the fleet was down to under the minimum number (5) boats needed to race. So the race was canceled, and this just gives sailors whose boats are still on land, a chance to catch up.

This Saturday, November 25, there will be a fun Flying Turkey Cup race, which will not count towards the series racing.

Check out our new website, that **Priscilla Pilon** has been instrumental in organizing, at [cardsoundsailingclub.com](http://cardsoundsailingclub.com). CSSC members - please log in and try it out. It also provides great information to anyone who is interested in our club and would like to join.

Hope you all enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving.



## Please join us to hear from **Gerald Laurain, CIO, FHA**

Join Gerald Laurain, Chief Investment Officer First Horizon Advisors, as he discusses an update on the economy, inflation, interest rates and what it means for the markets heading into 2024.

### November 29 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Point

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# Ocean Reef Golf Mentoring Program Kicks Off New Season

By Annie Miles  
Member since 1999

The golf professional staffs of both Ocean Reef and Card Sound gathered Monday, November 13, at the home of Mentoring Chairman **Mike Miles** to meet with their Member-Mentors for the 2023-2024 season. Members and staff enjoyed cocktails and appetizers as they renewed relationships from past years and got acquainted, as they will form golfing partnerships for the season.

Someone unfamiliar with the program recently pondered, "Why would the golf professionals need an ORC Member to mentor them on golf?" Actually, the mentoring program benefits the



Head Golf Professional Ben Claus, Director of Golf Mike Leone, Hallie Barot, Mike Miles, Susan Berry, Assistant Outside Operations Manager Mike Schreiner, and Golf Shop Manager Erika Jones enjoy the food and fun at the end of the Mentor Opening Party.

staff in many ways not related to golf. The accomplished golfers of the professional staff from both clubs are paired with Member volunteers who provide them with a kind of "family" during their time at Ocean Reef. They form a season-long friendship that often lasts years, especially if the staff member stays at Ocean Reef or Card Sound for multiple seasons. The Mentors take a personal interest in their Mentees as they

offer advice on the Mentee's career aspirations, assist with networking, share meals and social activities together, and simply enjoy their mutual love of golf. The program has been a part of our unique way of life at Ocean Reef for years and there is always a waiting list for new Mentors. "People just don't want to quit the program," explained Chairman Miles. "I have many dedicated repeat Mentors as well as a long waiting list of

those who hope to volunteer in the future." When new young professionals come to Ocean Reef, they often comment that they know of no club program anywhere that supports staff in this way.

Members and the staff professionals play as teams in the 9-Hole "Mentor Cup" tournament during the season that includes rounds at the Dolphin, Hammock and Card Sound Golf courses. Members also particularly enjoy acting as caddies for their Mentee in the much-anticipated tradition of the "Bag Room Open" held each spring. Both tournaments provide appreciation for the golf pros' skills, as well bragging rights for the Member-Mentee teams as part of the friendly camaraderie the program fosters. "We have a fantastic new group of pros who have joined our already outstanding staff," commented Director of Golf Mike Leone, "so it looks to be another tremendous year for Ocean Reef Golf and the Mentor-Mentee Program."

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# Club Fitness Championship 2023 – 2024



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

The sixth edition of the Club Fitness Championship has more scoring challenges than previous years. Each challenge has variations to allow all members to participate. Here are the list of challenges and scoring rules:

1. Thanksgiving Fitness Challenge on 11/25/23
2. Swim Sprint Challenge on 12/21/23
3. Push-Up Challenge on 1/10/24
4. Stamina Challenge on 1/24/24
5. Pull-Up Challenge on 2/7/24
6. Swim Endurance Challenge on 2/15/24
7. Wall Sit Challenge on 2/28/24
8. Plank Challenge on 3/20/24

**All Challenges will score points as follows:**

- First place: 20 points
- Second place: 16 points
- Third place: 14 points
- Fourth: 12 points
- Fifth: 10 points
- Sixth: 8 points
- Seventh: 6 points
- Eighth: 4 points
- Ninth: 2 points
- Tenth: 1 point

Breaking a Club record awards 20 points. Record attempts can be scheduled at separate times of the challenges.

Guests of members can participate but only members can score points.

There will be age group handicaps and awards for the winners in the ladies and



The Train with the Trainers event is a new beginning of the season tradition at Member Fitness. This year’s workout was led by Fitness Manager Casey Culp who was also celebrating his birthday.



Ann and Peter Liashek at the Train with the Trainers event.

men’s categories for each challenge.

The Season Award Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, April 10th** at 4 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Fitness Challenge Saturday, November 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Member Fitness Center**  
First championship scoring challenge of the season. This one-minute Airdyne bike challenge will test your anaerobic and aerobic endurance.

**Sound Bath and Chakra Balance with Elisabet Stadelman Saturday, November 25th at 11 a.m.**

Chakras as a center of energy rejuvenate and improve their functions through the harmonization process generated by the healing sound of Tibetan and Crystal bowls.

**Fall into Fitness Complimentary Lecture with Hannah Whistler**



**Monday, November 27th at 4 p.m.**

Fall into Fitness is a fitness and mobility workshop designed to provide you with valuable insights into the fundamental principles of fitness and mobility, allowing you to make informed choices about your well-being. Whether you’re new to the world of fitness and mobility, or seeking to refine your existing practices, this workshop will provide you with knowledge in the following areas:





# Club Fitness Championship 2023 – 2024

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- **Building a Strong Foundation:** Discover the importance of building strength for a healthy, functional body that enables you to live life to the fullest. Explore bodyweight exercises and resistance training to build a strong, resilient physique.

- **Enhancing Flexibility:** Dive into dynamic and static stretching routines that will improve your range of motion, reduce the risk of injury, and promote relaxation.

- **The Importance of Mobility:** Discover how improved joint mobility can reduce the risk of injury, enhance your performance, and contribute to a better quality of life. Explore mobility drills that focus on joint health and movement patterns, enabling you to perform everyday activities with greater ease.

- **Moving Freely:** Say goodbye to discomfort and restrictions. Learn techniques and exercises to increase your range of motion and reduce muscle tension, allowing you to move with ease and grace.

- **Injury Prevention:** Gain insights into the importance of injury prevention and how proper technique, movement



patterns, and body awareness can protect you from common exercise-related injuries.

- **Personal Empowerment:** This lecture is designed to empower you with the knowledge to take control of your fitness and mobility journey. You'll leave with practical tips and resources to continue exploring these concepts in your own life.

This workshop is suitable for individuals of all backgrounds and fitness levels.

### SAVE THE DATE:

ORC Running Club with Izabella Rose starting Saturday, December 2nd at 7 a.m. Meet at the Outdoor tent at the Member Fitness Center.



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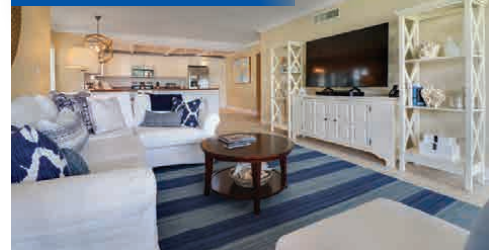
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## Meet Our Fitness Team



Alberto Jimenez

### Introducing Stretching Specialist Alberto Jimenez

Alberto Jimenez is from Tucson, Arizona, and is a licensed massage therapist with a background in sports rehabilitation. He worked and trained at the University of Arizona in the athletic department and is certified in medical and orthopedic massage. Alberto's passion for wellness led him to the original trailblazer of integrative wellness, and one of the top wellness destinations in the country, Canyon Ranch. It is there that Alberto gained a broader experience and vision for integrating wellness into the daily lives of others. After a couple of years with Canyon Ranch, Alberto further expanded his career journey in wellness and joined the talented team of Miraval, another award-winning and top destination spa and wellness resort in the country. It is here that he was able to combine his passion for rehabilitation with luxury spa ambiance. From there, Alberto continued creating these same experiences for others at the Kohala Coast of the Big Island Hawaii, including working with Iron Man Athletes and more. Alberto has been with Ocean Reef Club for almost one year and is looking forward to his first full season with the Club. He works at the Member Fitness Center providing stretch therapy, myofascial release, cryotherapy, and other healing and stretching modalities that pair well with personal training and fitness as a whole. Alberto resides in Key Largo, with his wife and children.



Tyler Barry

### Introducing Fitness Specialist Tyler Barry

Tyler Barry holds a BS in Exercise Science and an Associate in Pre-Physical Therapy and Recreation.

- NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists (CSCS) and Certified Personal Trainer
- INBF & WNBF Overall Professional Champion in Men's Bodybuilding ultra-heavyweight category
- Top 3 placing in OCB and NPC Men's physique and Classic physique
- Bodybuilding choreographer, Online Wellness trainer and coach, and Bodybuilding Competition Training and Nutrition
- CPR/First Aid Certified, NLP Certified practitioner, certified integrated attachment theory specialist (IAT), and Relationship Coach.

Tyler has 8 years of experience as a strength training coach and 14 years as a personal trainer. With over 12 years as a bodybuilding competitor and over 500 hours of in and outpatient physical therapy training, he is not only able to prevent and help facilitate recovery from muscular injury in his clients but also able to maximize hypertrophy and overall aesthetics and symmetry.

Tyler focuses on increasing physical capabilities to improve health, mindset, and overall quality of life. His knowledge and experience make him an ideal fit for anyone looking to improve muscle tone, strength, and mobility safely and effectively.

To book sessions with Alberto or Tyler, or inquire about any program, service, or event contact us at 305-367-5820.

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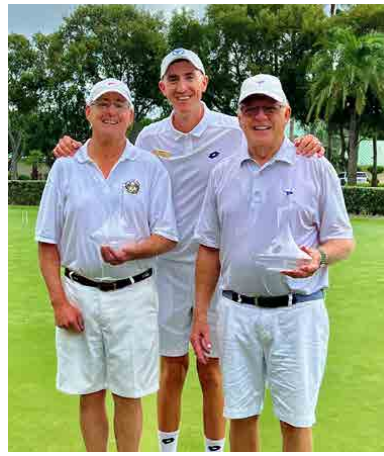


# Tennis Mixed Doubles Club Championships



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

Thirteen teams competed for the first Club Championships of the year! The teams were separated into two flights. We had six teams compete in the A flight and seven teams in the B flight. Round-robin play was on Saturday where every team played everyone from their respective flight. The top two teams in each flight moved on to the finals. The matches were close and the energy was high. Coming out of the A Flight round robin with the most games won were **Tricia Holbrook** and **Wally Hayward**. Coming



Fall Singles Croquet Champions Ben Cart and Bob Blackburn.

second place in the flight were **Tricia Griffin** and **Tony Griffin**. In the B flight, there was one clear team that dominated the flight and that was the team of **Sara** and **Lee Johnson**. Coming in second was **Mark** and **Mia Murphy**. Holbrook and Hayward jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, but team Griffin didn't back down and held serve to make it 2-3. Holbrook and Hayward kept strong and won the first set 6-3. In the second set, it was back and forth the whole



Tony and Tricia Griffin, Justin Romero, Tricia Holbrook, and Wally Hayward.

way with many games going to Deuce. It could have gone either way, but Holbrook and Hayward stayed strong and took the set and the match 6-3, 7-5.

In the B Flight, the husband and wife team of the Johnsons went toe to toe with the father and daughter team the Murphys. In the first set, the match looked to be a bit one-sided in favor of the Johnsons, but when the second set started, it was a whole new game. The Murphys were getting many balls back and the Johnsons started over-hitting. Pressure was setting in, but in the end, the Johnsons stayed strong and took the match 6-1, 7-5. Thank you to all the participants as the tennis and the atmosphere this year was amazing.

## Fall Golf Croquet Singles Tournament

The fast-growing sport of Golf Croquet in the United States and many clubs around the country is seeing an increase in participation. This is true at Ocean Reef, seeing an increase in participation in Club events such as Open Plays, tournaments, and clinics. The most recent tournament came down to two top players who play daily and are constantly working on their game. This final was going to be one for the ages. Our two finalists this year were **Ben Cart** and **Bob Blackburn**. It was a beautiful morning on the croquet lawn and the format was best of three 7-wicket games. Ben Cart went out to a quick start and took advantage of Bob's early match errors. Mr. Cart took the first

game 4-1. In the second game, Bob settled in, but Ben was too tough hitting great clears and a championship point jump shot to win the second game 4-1. It was a spectacular finish. Thank you to all the participants and supporters who came out and watched.

## Pickleball Leagues are Underway!

Come on out for some competitive Pickleball games and have a chance to win some great prizes at the end of the 10-week season.

### Men's and Lady's Leagues

- Tuesday 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Men's Night League (DUPR)
- Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Ladies League (non-DUPR)
- Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Men's Morning League (DUPR)

### LEAGUE RULES:

- Round Robin
- Game to 11 win by one
- Winners are rewarded 5 points and then 2 points are awarded for a loss (showing up)
- Playing with a pro or against a pro will be rewarded 3.5 points regardless of the result.
- The league will run for 10 weeks, with a total score each week (3 best results from that day)
- After the 10 weeks, your 7 best weekly results will be tallied to determine final rankings.
- Any weeks that are washed out will roll over to the end of the schedule to ensure a full 10-week league.
- Weekly tips provided by assigned Pro

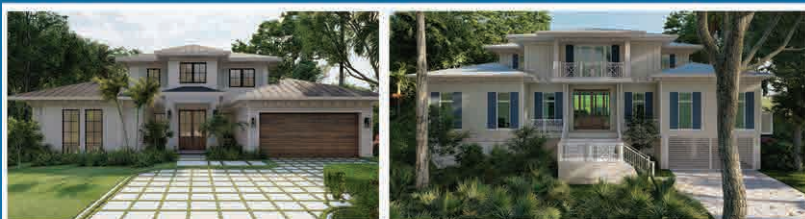


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# Choosing Between Closed and Open Stance in Tennis



“Tennis Tip” by Hannah Fleckenstein, Head Tennis Professional

For everyone that plays tennis, there is always the question of when you should be hitting closed stance and when you should be hitting open stance. For those of you that are not sure of the difference, closed stance is when your hips are parallel with the side line, your toes are pointed at the side fence

and your feet are shoulder distance apart in line with one another. Open stance is when your toes are still pointing at the side fence, but your hips are a bit more open and your feet are staggered. To figure which stance you should be using, follow the below criteria:

- If you are stepping into the court to hit a short or low ball—hit in a closed stance
- If you are rallying from the baseline, especially deep, high balls—hit in an open stance

Knowing when to use a closed or open stance in tennis is crucial so follow these tips to advance your tennis game. For more tennis tips and personal instruction, schedule a lesson with one of our pros by calling the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.

# Tennis

## Player of the Week

### Gerrit Vreeland

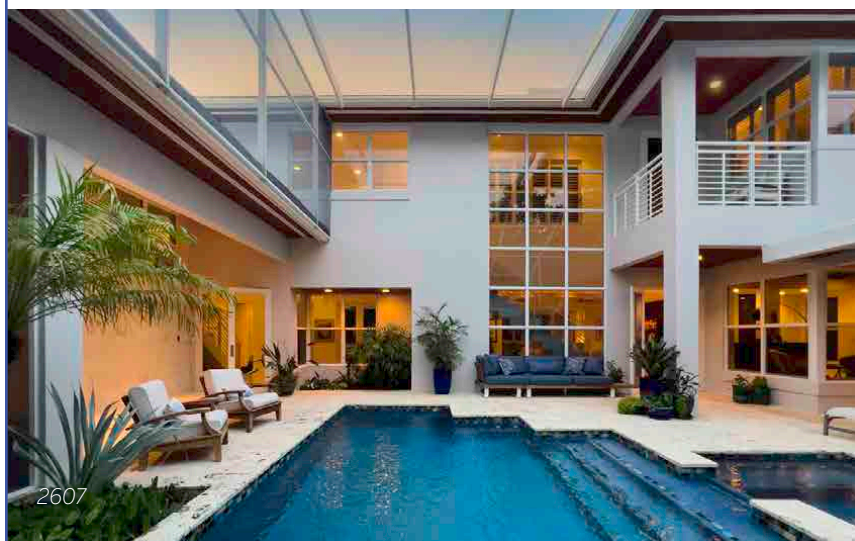
Head Tennis Professional, Hannah Fleckenstein, nominated Gerrit because he always brings a good attitude, a good conversation and a good laugh to every lesson.

#### Gerrit, why do you play tennis?

My aspiration is to hit the ball well and move my body well. My wife Toni played also and I hope to get her out here with me in the future.



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### TENNIS & CROQUET RESULTS

#### FALL SINGLES GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Friday, November 17

Champions: Ben Cart and Bob Blackburn

#### TENNIS MIXED DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

November 18 & 19

A First Place: Tricia Holbrook and Wally Hayward  
A Flight Second Place: Tricia Griffin and Tony Griffin

B First Place: Sara Johnson and Lee Johnson  
B Flight Second Place: Mark Murphy and Mia Murphy

#### MEN'S "B" NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS

Monday, November 20

First Place: Blair Bynum and Jeff Noyes  
Second Place: Richard Weinstein

### GOLF SCOREBOARD

#### MGA Weekly Event

Monday, November 20

1st Place Gross: Joe Joyner and Larry Brady  
2nd Place Gross: Ricky Fortis and Bill Sport  
1st Place Net: Steve Rosenberg and Stan Henry  
2nd Place Net: Joey Rivera and Andy Woodman  
3rd Place Net: Charlie Simms and Paul Rubinstein  
Closest to the Hole #6:  
Joe Joyner  
Closest to the Hole #12:  
Geoff Noyes

#### LGA Weekly Event

Tuesday, November 21

1st Place Gross: Nancy Vamvakas  
2nd Place Gross: JoAnn Titley  
3rd Place Gross: Joli McCormack  
1st Place Net: Barbara Pearson  
2nd Place Net: Beth Noyes  
3rd Place Net: Sally Newman  
Closest to the Hole #2:  
Hillary Smith  
Closest to the Hole #17:  
Barbara Pearson



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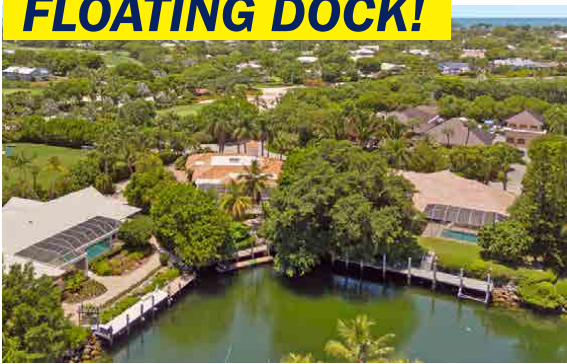
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# One Week, Two Holes in One!



“From the Gold Tees” by Michael Leone, Director of Golf

## MGA Weekly Event

We had another great day for MGA Monday on November 20th. The format played was a Better Ball of Partners (Stableford) format (Gross & NET) played on the Hammock Course.

Unlike most formats in golf, in this unique, point awarding system, players tried to tack on as many points as possible throughout the round. On the NET side of the competition, we had a tie for first place. Winning the scorecard playoff was **Steve Rosenberg & Stan Henry** with a NET Point total of 48! We had a tight race on the gross side as well coming to another scorecard playoff. Winning our second playoff was the team of **Joe Joyner & Larry Brady** with a gross total of 36 points. Great



Dragos Alexe hole in one on Dolphin hole 18.

playing!

MGA Monday next week will be ABCD – 1, 2 & 3 Better Balls on the Dolphin Course. This will be a Shotgun start at 9 a.m. with lunch following play at the pergola.

## MGA Closest to the Hole Winners

Our Closest to the hole contests were on holes 6 & 12. Joe Joyner claimed hole 6 by knocking it tight to 3'. **Goff Noyes** took hole 12 hitting it to 4'. Great shots gentlemen!

## LGA Weekly Event

It is Thanksgiving week and we all have plenty to be thankful for! I'll go first: I am thankful for an LGA consisting of 227 of the



Todd Jared hole in one on Hammock hole 10.

best members in the world.

Tuesday, November 21st was our 4 Club Challenge. Some of the participants may not be so thankful for this challenging format, but many LGA members were thankful for their 4 favorite clubs. Putter or not is always the question, but our champions today might have found the secret formula!

## LGA Next Week – Best Nine Holes

For those who found this week a challenging format, next week is a little friendlier. Participants will get access to all 14 clubs and only nine scores will count in our Best Nine Holes event.

**Tuesday, November 28th**

event will take place on the Hammock Course with Tee Times beginning at 8:00 a.m. Participants may create their own pairings for this event. Please sign up via Foretees, or calling the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.

Thank you to all who participated. Enjoy your holiday week!

## Hole in Ones

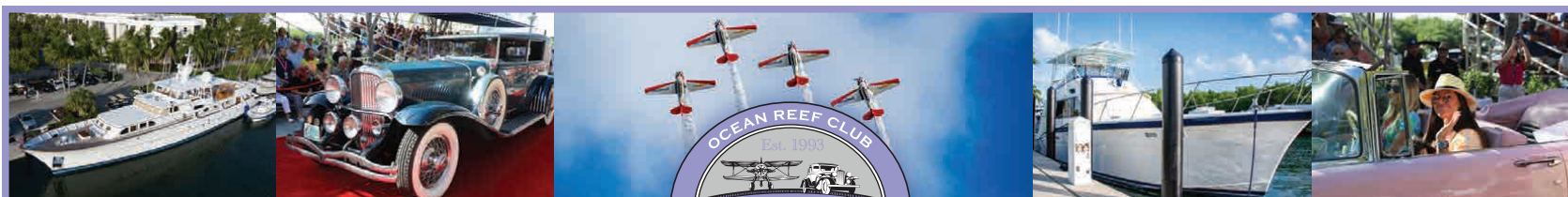
- **Dragos Alexe:** 18th Hole of the Dolphin Course on Monday, November 13th
- **Todd Jared:** 17th Hole of the Hammock Course on Friday, November 10th

## Vintage Open

### Sunday, December 3rd

Golf is a game of traditions, so why not celebrate the Vintage Weekend Tradition on the golf course?

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# 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Registration\* • *Key Largo Building*  
6:00 p.m. • Welcome Party & Dinner Buffet\* • *Town Hall Waterside*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

11:00 a.m. • Line up, Road Rally\* & Lunch at Alabama Jack's\* • *Yachtsman Parking Lot*  
2:00 p.m. • New! Tour & Commentary on Boat • *Fishing Village*  
4:30 p.m. • Cocktail Reception\* • *Buccaneer Island*  
5:00 p.m. • Aeroshell Aerobatic Team Night Show • *Buccaneer Island*  
6:00 p.m. • Dinner Under the Stars • *Palm Court*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. • Concours d'Elegance Drive-By • *Yachtsman Parking Lot*  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Yacht Viewing • *Ocean Reef Club Marina*  
12:00 p.m. • Luncheon\* • *Buccaneer Island*  
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6:30 p.m. “Vintage Goes Broadway!” Costume & Dinner Party\* • *Town Hall*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. • Farewell Breakfast & Presentation of Awards\* • *Town Hall*  
11:00 a.m. • Fly-Out • *Ocean Reef Airport*

\*event pass required





# A Roundup of Card & Game Activities



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Hello Card & Gamers! As the season unfolds, ORC welcomes you back to a wide variety of activities after what we hope was a great summer for each of you. Whether you spent it traveling or enjoying The Reef, we're thrilled to have you join us once again.

## Men's Poker Knockout Tournament

The first Men's poker Knockout event kicked off on Monday, November 20th, with **Charlie Simms** emerging



victorious. Congratulations to **Stan Henry** and **Paul DiMaura** for securing the second and third spots respectively. A big thank you to all who participated, making the event a success.

## Canasta

For all the Canasta enthusiasts, get ready for some exciting pickup games scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. No prior arrangements are needed. Simply drop in, and we'll organize games just like the good old days

before COVID-19. If you're new or looking to refine your skills, join us for lessons on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m., or feel free to observe. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts.

## Mah Jongg

Mark your calendars for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Mah Jongg pickup games. Plus, anticipate a Mah Jongg teacher joining us in December, adding more excitement to our sessions.

For those eager to delve into Canasta or refine their skills, a beginners' lessons is scheduled for **Thursday, November 30th**, at 12:30 p.m.

## Live Duplicate Bridge Games

Don't miss out on the Live Duplicate Bridge Games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at 1 p.m. If you're new to this or need

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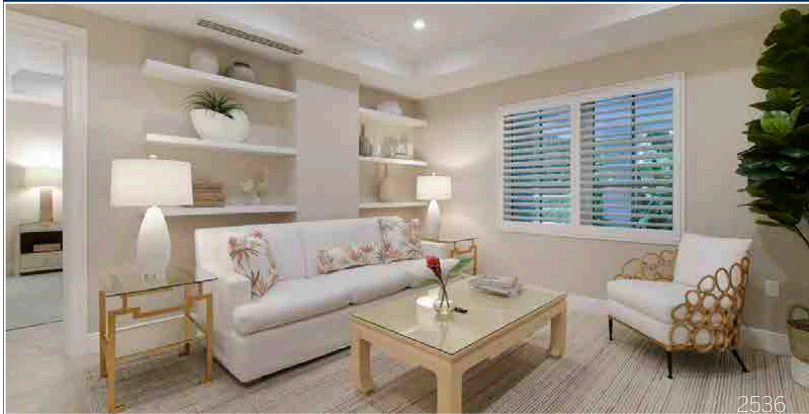
## Backgammon

For Backgammon enthusiasts, starting November 17th, Friday mornings will be dedicated to lessons at 10:30 a.m. Call 305-367-6609 to confirm your attendance and even check out Backgammon games to practice at home.

Remember, the Card & Game Room is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ensuring there's always entertainment waiting for you. Be sure to grab a copy of the November Card & Game Room Schedule available at the Card Room to stay updated on all the upcoming events.

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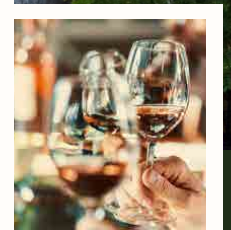
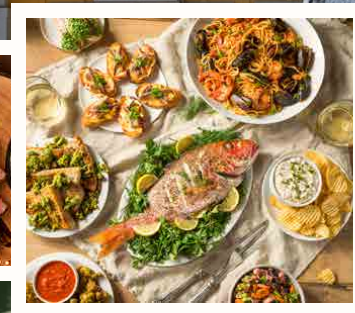
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# Bridge Tip of the Week:

## Different Doubles

Double: A bid technique. Various kinds, however, all doubles not for penalty are considered conventional.

**Some examples:**

**Balancing Double/Balancing Bid:**

Making a bid in a position where passing would end the bidding (example D P P?).

The requirements for balancing (with a double or otherwise) are always less than bidding in the middle of a live auction. The reason for this is that here the opponents have given up in a part score, so you can assume that your partner has some good cards. In a live auction, they may be going

to a game and your partner may be totally busted (a really bad hand).

**Business Double:**

Same as a penalty double (i.e. I mean business).

**Lead Directing Double:**

A double asks a partner to lead a specific suit. Often these will be doubles of artificial or Qbids made by your right-hand opponent. The most common would be a double of stayman (2C over 1NT) which says, "Partner, I have clubs". A double like this does not usually ask to compete in the auction but may be made on something like KQTxx of clubs and not much else.

**Lightner Double:**

Almost always used when opponents have bid to a slam. They are made by

the partner of the opening leader and always ask for an unusual lead. Many times that player will be void in a suit. Very often it will specifically ask for the lead of the dummy's first bid suit (doubler may have AQ of suit, or K with outside A, or be void).

**Negative Double:**

Used after partner bids and opponents overcall shows 4 cards in the unbid major.

**Optional double:**

Simply means a double that can be passed, or not, by a partner. In a sense, all doubles are optional, but some more so than others.

**Penalty Double:**

Used when you think you can set (prevent them from making) opponents contract.

**Responsive Double:**

A specialized bid for more advanced players allows partnerships to decide whether to compete for a part score, go to the game, or defend.

**Support Double:**

A specialized bid for more advanced players. Used when you have opened the bidding and partner has responded, and your right-hand opponent has bid. A double at this point shows 3 cards in the partner's suit (ie: 1 D P 1 S 2 C X).

To bid 2S would show 4 spades (and no extra values beyond opening hand). To pass or bid anything else would deny having as many as 3 spades.

**Takeout Double:**

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