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Vintage Weekend History on Display

Each and every year, an overarching theme emerges by the conclusion of Vintage Weekend. Past years have revealed – great things come in threes, it's a family affair, and of course, the year of singing in the rain.

This year, as Vintage Committee member **Lenny Sikora** addressed the room of exhibitors at Sunday's Awards Breakfast, he said, "Through your spirit for what you do, whether it's automobiles, aircraft or yachts, you not only have this passion for restoring and keeping the conveyances in such fine order, but also for sharing that passion with others."

This passion for sharing and preserving a bit of history became the most prominent theme of the 27th annual Vintage Weekend.

AUTOMOBILES - The Best of Both Worlds

"When the car hobby first started, it was with intent to take cars back to their original form, as perfectly as possible," said Committee member **Bill Parfet**. "Not anymore. Many collectors are now opting to take a historical car, and customize it to make it more comfortable or easy to run, creating something even better than the original. You've got the best of both worlds – the nostalgia of what a vintage car looked like, with the zip, power and attraction to make it fun and drivable for everybody."

An example of this on the Concours was the 1975 Chevrolet El Camino Pickup resto-mod, a form of restoration that **Bill Johnston** defined as taking a



Aphrodite, one of history's most famous commuter yachts, won both Spectator's Choice and Best Restoration. Photo by Jenny Montes.

car of historical significance and putting a modern chassis underneath (ex, disc brakes, fuel injection, big horsepower, air conditioning), making it more comfortable to drive. While the exterior of the truck replicates the 1975 El Camino, it has been resto-modded with the drivetrain of a 1995 Camaro Z28, making it a fun daily driver as described by owner Steve White.

For many collectors, restoring to original is still the priority and that was surely the case for Don Ghareeb who brought a 1934 and 1935 Cadillac V16 Coupe – the former of which was awarded Best in Show. In 1971, Ghareeb found both cars in a barn that had flooded twice, and "it was quite an effort to get the Cadillacs up and running."

Among this sea of restorations and resto-mods, the rare original was found. No example was more unique than the 1980 Mercedes 450 SL Coach Builder, which was lost for 20 years in the living room of a home, covered in blankets and cushions from the original estate that owned it. It was discovered in perfect condition, pristine with 18,000 original miles and is in the care of its second owners.

"Anything's possible with these old cars," said Parfet, "but the one common denominator is... they're fun."



Gene McNeely pictured here piloting his T-6, won the Spirit of Vintage Weekend award. Photo by Steven Martine.



This 1934 Cadillac V16 Coupe was Vintage Weekend's Best in Show. Photo by Howie Dennis.

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TONIGHT, December 8
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Randy Holbrook captured this shot of the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team during Saturday's Vintage Weekend Air Show while aboard the spotter boat, which idles off The Point during the Weekend's two air shows, ready to spring into action in the rare case of an emergency.

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



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A Note of Thanks

Once again the members of the Vintage Weekend Committee wish to thank the Ocean Reef community for its contribution to the success of the 2023 event. Everyone contributes to the effort, some more directly than others. Thanks to the slip owners who give up their docks for the weekend, the aircraft owners who give up their landing slots, those many folks who like to park near the Marina (there seemed to be 3500 vehicles here over the weekend and only 3499 parking spaces around the Inn area!); the trusty volunteers of the Flying Club, and all the Club associates who belong to Banquets, Recreation, Engineering, Communications, and Member Events Departments; Ocean Reef Public Safety, and the members who endured the noise, fumes and general uproar this event entails. Thank you one and all....

The Vintage Weekend Committee
Vicki Goldstein, Bill Parfet and Lenny Sikora

Gotta Question?

Do we need to make reservations for Equity-Only Nights? And when booking online, how will other Members know those nights are Equity-Only?



Reservations are required when booking dinner for any of the four Equity-Only Nights. These reservations are done the same way all regular dining reservations are made - through the Online Reservations Platform at oceanreef.com/Dining. Additionally, the standard reservation window rules apply - Equity Members can see available Equity-Only Night dining reservations a maximum of 14 days out.

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Also of note, while these are considered Equity-only nights, Equity Members may host non-Equity Members and/or guests during these reservations as long as the Equity Member that booked the reservation is present.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Vintage Weekend

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YACHTS - History Preserved

The yachts this year demonstrated an interesting contrast between proactive and reactive preservation. "On the one hand, we have Aphrodite, which is a complete and extensive restoration," said Vintage Founder and Committee member **Vicki Goldstein**. "On the other, we have Shark, completely untouched and in perfect condition."

The 74-foot Aphrodite, an iconic commuter yacht, was built in 1937 for Jock Whitney, who used the yacht to shuttle from his Long Island home to his office on Wall Street. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Aphrodite was commissioned as a Coast Guard auxiliary vessel before going through a series of owners where her condition deteriorated. After spending years ashore with barnacles and weeds sprouting out of her hull, Brooklin Boat Yard had the privilege in 2004 and 2005 of doing her restoration, using the original boat as a template from which to create what would become the reborn Aphrodite.

"This boat is an extraordinary part of yachting history," Goldstein said as she presented Aphrodite with both the Spectator's Choice and Best Restoration awards. "She was virtually going to be lost if not for several people in this room. It's taken 27 years, but we finally got her to Vintage Weekend."

At the other end of the spectrum, Shark, the largest Rybovich motor yacht ever built at 75 feet, has never been restored. Incredibly, this gorgeous yacht has had two owners in 51 years, both committed to meticulously maintaining the boat, keeping every part of it pristine. Current owner Peter Vlasov brings Shark back to its manufacturer every year for a tune-up, but as a nautical engineer himself, when he steps aboard his yacht, he knows how it works and he knows how to fix it.

Members who boarded Shark commented on the intimate feel and impeccable maintenance, all in its original form from the day it left the boatyard. Shark was honored with this year's Trumpy Award.

AIRCRAFT - Upkeep & Outfitting

The Best Restoration award this year went to RT Dickson's 1944 North American P-51D

Mustang, which Sikora admitted is his favorite airplane. This P-51 underwent a complete restoration from 2007 to 2012. Through thorough upkeep, RT performs aerobatics across the country and aims to preserve this important piece of history by honoring all those past, present and future serving in the US Armed Forces.

This weekend, Reef buzz centered around Most Exciting Aerobatic Show winner Nate Hammond in his 1956 deHavilland Super Chipmunk, which made the aircraft restoration story also about the outfitting of a vintage plane to create an aircraft no one thought was possible (or advisable!). Originally designed as a trainer for the Royal Canadian Air Force, nearly 3,000 man-hours over two years went into specially modifying the "GhostWriter" into the plane Hammond used for Friday night's show performance with a magnificent display of pyrotechnics.

In Sikora's words, "I can just imagine a couple guys getting together and thinking, let's take this 1956 deHavilland Chipmunk, take the little tiny engine out of it, put in an engine about twice the size and three times as powerful, and we'll call it a Super Chipmunk.

Then we'll fill it up with highly volatile, 100 octane low lead aviation gas. Right next to these fuel tanks, we'll put these high explosives, and then we'll go up and do an aerobatics show at night over water."

Just when you thought you've seen it all at Vintage Weekend, the Committee wowed again with Friday night's air show grand finale.

Look to the Future

Vintage Weekend gets better year after year and it's not only because of new acts or events. It's because "of people's passion about history, about the story to be told, about the memories that can be made by continuing to support, renew and use these artifacts," said Parfet. "This commitment to keeping these histories alive is what continues to grow us, giving us the opportunity to not only reminisce about the past, but also recognize that there is still so much opportunity for a great future ahead."

Mark your calendars – December 5-8, 2024.

For Vintage Weekend awards, see page 4. For more photos, see pages 34 and 35.

THANK YOU FROM THE AVIATION COMMITTEE

I would like to express my extreme gratitude to all those who helped the Aviation Committee conduct two safe and successful air shows during Vintage Weekend. Per FAA requirements, Ocean Reef Member **Peter Liashek** organized all those within the United States Coast Guard along with the Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary and Public Safety to ensure traffic in the two main channels leading into Ocean Reef remain clear of the aerobatic box. Thank you also to Erika Torres, Ryan Doty and all the associates at our Airport who ensured the safety of the pilots and spectators during all the aircraft movements over the weekend.

We would also like to thank ORC Members **Buddy** and **Wendy Stallings** for once again bringing the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team back to Ocean Reef to perform for us. This year's addition of the exciting Nate Hammond/Ghostwriters Airshow ending Friday night's performance would not have been possible without the efforts of ORC Member **David Stallings**. Thank you David for making that happen.

Vintage Weekend would not be near the world-class event it has become without the assistance of Ocean Reef Club and all its associates, along with those who make a huge financial contribution to share their fine classic automobiles, yachts and aircraft for all to enjoy. Thank you for all you do.

Lenny Sikora
Co-Chair Vintage Weekend Committee



Nate Hammond won the Most Exciting Aerobatic Show award in his 1956 deHavilland Super Chipmunk. Photo by Mark Elias.



2023 WINNERS



Best in Show
1934 Cadillac V-16 Coupe
Don Ghareeb



Trumpy Award
Shark • 1972 Rybovich
Peter Vlasov



Best Restoration
1944 North American P-51D Mustang
RT Dickson



Most Exciting Aerobatic Show
1956 deHavilland Super Chipmunk
Nate Hammond



Spirit of Vintage Weekend
Gene McNeely



Best Classic
1937 Cadillac V-16 Coupe
Brad Baker



Best Corvette
1960 Corvette Fuelie
Jim Loomis



Best European Sports Car
1939 Atalanta Cab A
Steve Plaster



Best Ferrari
1964 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso
Gaston Rossato



Fabulous Fifties
1957 Pontiac Fuelie (Bonneville)
Derek Wachob



Best Hot Rods/Custom
1971 Chevrolet C10 Pick Up
Danny May



Best Mercedes Benz
1910 Mercedes Touring
Jim Grundy



True American Class
1935 Ford 3 Window Coupe
Michael Coit



Best Feature Brass Car
1913 Pope Harford Run About
Joe Crea



Best American Muscle
1964 Cobra 298
Michael & Joannie Rich



All American 1960-80
1962 Lincoln Continental
Bruce Deardoff



People's Choice
1952 Allard
Vincent Vento



Best Restoration
Aphrodite III • 1937 Purdy Bros
Chuck & Deborah Royce



Spectator's Choice
Aphrodite III • 1937 Purdy Bros
Chuck & Deborah Royce



Most Original
Dixie • 1957 Huckins
Brad Baker



Spirit of Tradition
Bayhorse • 1925 Chris-Craft
Lou Jezdimir



Best Cuban Caper
Delfin • 1960 Neptune Boat Co.
Ismael Perera



Best Burger
Sally Jo II • 1987 Burger Boat Co.
Frank Atlass



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Independence • 1954 Huckins
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Last Hurrahs at Vintage Weekend

Gene McNeely Performs Farewell Airshow

Aerobatic pilot Gene McNeely has been coming to Vintage Weekend for years, and for the second year in a row, was given the Spirit of Vintage Weekend award. "Gene has the spirit of Vintage Weekend in that he's willing to share his passion," said Vintage Weekend Committee member **Lenny Sikora**. "The first thing he said to me when he stepped down off his plane was, 'I want to give some rides.' He's such a gracious man."

Spectators know him as the 83-year-old aerobatic pilot who defies all odds in his T-6, performing the most advanced



Gene McNeely

aerobatic maneuvers with as much precision as his younger counterparts.

McNeely's interest in flying peaked in high school. He earned his private pilot certificate, joined the Navy, and used the GI Bill to get his ratings. In conjunction with a career as a commercial agricultural pilot and owner of a small cargo hauling business, he began flying his

own aerobatic solo routine in air shows before joining what would eventually become the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team.

McNeely spent 24 years flying "slot" with the Aeroshell Team before retiring in 2017. But he didn't really retire, he continued performing his solo routine at many of the same air shows Aeroshell was performing at, including Vintage Weekend.

Now, this is McNeely's third attempt at retiring. "I failed the first two times," he said as he accepted his award at the Sunday breakfast, "but I'm announcing that I'm going to try to retire one more time."

Speaking of last hurrahs, the 2023 Vintage Weekend was also the farewell airshow for the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team, but not to worry! They'll be back in action as the Titan Aerobatic Team. And who knows, maybe we'll be lucky enough to see McNeely back again.

CARD SOUND ROAD NIGHT TIME CLOSURES DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

The Card Sound Road Resurfacing Project includes installation of "ground-in" rumble strips along the centerline and outside edges of the lanes to reduce lane departure accidents.

In order to complete the work safely, Card Sound Road will be closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 13th** and **Thursday, December 14th** from the intersection of C.R. 905 at the south/east end to just west of the Monroe County toll plaza on the north/west end near the Monroe County line. The Miami Dade section of CR 905 will not be impacted by the closures. If traveling to Miami during these closures allow for extra time as you will need to take US 1.

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Connecting the Dots – Global Conflicts & the Future of Democracy

By Dan Cohen, Member since 2006

Global politics has seen a sharp increase in wars, authoritarian governments and a shifting world order. To make sense of these seminal changes, Congregation Ocean Reef invites the entire ORC community to the Chapel at 5pm on **Sunday, December 10th** to hear Kenneth Wollack, Chair of the National Endowment for Democracy, and a member of the George W. Bush Institute's Advisory Council, speak on **"Connecting the Dots – Global Conflicts, Authoritarianism, and the Future of Democracy."**

Whether it is Hamas seeking to cleanse the Jewish people from

Israel, Vladimir Putin's Russia fighting to eliminate Ukrainian control over its own nation, or Xi Jinping ending democracy in Hong Kong, threatening the same for Taiwan – these alarming trends in democratic decline and the rise of populist politics with authoritarian tendencies raise significant questions.

Can the United States relentlessly pursue our positive vision for the future, or will those who do not share western values drag the world to a more dangerous and divided place?

Is democracy itself at risk because of a problem staring us right in our face? Has the United States lost some of its moral authority to lead the world in protecting and expanding democracy?

To connect these many dots, we are fortunate to have Mr. Wollack speak about the relationship between all these challenges and suggest how trends and opportunities will influence the course of democracy in the coming years.

Mr. Wollack has been actively involved in foreign affairs, journalism, and politics over the past five decades. For over 25 years, he served as president of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), a nongovernmental organization dedicated to advancing democracy worldwide. NDI maintains offices in more than 50 countries and works to support democratic elections, political parties, parliaments, civic engagement and women's political empowerment.

Before joining NDI, Mr. Wollack co-edited the Middle East Policy Survey and wrote regularly on foreign affairs for the Los Angeles Times. From 1973 to 1980, he served as legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and has been active in American politics since the 1970s.

He has served on task forces sponsored by the Brookings Institution, the United States Institute of Peace, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Center for U.S. Global Engagement,

the Bipartisan Policy Center and the Atlantic Council. He chaired the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Development Program, served on the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion, and was a member of the advisory committee for the U.S. Agency for International Development and a senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He co-chaired the Ronald Reagan Institute's bi-partisan Working Group on advancing freedom and promoting democracy in the 21st century.

For his efforts on behalf of democracy, Mr. Wollack was the recipient of NDI's W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award, the Presidential Order of Excellence as well as Honorary Citizenship from the Republic of Georgia, the National Order "Faithful Service" from the government of Romania, and the Medal of Honor "Lithuanian Millennium Star" from the government of Lithuania.

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Safeguard Holiday Shopping:

Follow Cybersecurity Tips from ORCA's IT Director



As the holiday season approaches, bringing with it festivities and a surge in online shopping, Michael Ogden, ORCA's Information Technology Director, provides eight cybersecurity tips tailored to secure your online transactions during the gift-giving season.

1. Choose Secure Websites

Stick to well-known online retailers with "https://" in the URL for a secure connection. Avoid unfamiliar or suspicious websites to ensure a safe

shopping experience.

2. Utilize Strong Passwords

Outsmart cyber thieves with robust passwords. Tools like howsecureismypassword.net can help gauge password strength. Never reuse passwords and consider using a reliable password manager for added security.

3. Enable Multi-Factor Authentication

Add an extra layer of security with multi-factor authentication, such as a verification code sent to your

phone, enhancing account protection.

4. Stay Alert to Phishing Scams

Be wary of unsolicited emails, especially those prompting you to click on links or share personal information. Verify email authenticity before taking any action.

5. Keep Software Updated

Regularly update your operating system, security software, shopping apps, and browsers to include the latest security patches. Enable automatic updates for convenience.

6. Review Privacy Settings

Check and adjust privacy settings on your accounts, limiting access to personal details. Minimize shared information online to reduce the risk of unauthorized access.

7. Avoid Public Networks

Public networks pose security risks, so refrain from using them. If needed, employ a Virtual Private Network (VPN) for added protection when connected to public networks.

8. Be Skeptical of Unrealistic Deals

Exercise caution with excessively discounted items, especially from unknown sources. Stick to reputable retailers for authentic products and avoid deals that seem too good to be true.

By incorporating these tips into your online shopping routine, you can navigate the digital marketplace confidently, enjoying the convenience of online shopping without compromising cybersecurity. Stay vigilant, shop smart, and have a secure and joyous holiday season!

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ES-21 | Floating Dock

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40 Cardinal Lane | New Construction

5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$21,900,000 | Ocean View | 2308

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19 Sunrise Cay Drive | Ocean Front Lot

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4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$14,500,000 | 2533

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Vacant Homesite | \$14,975,000 | 2487

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29 Baker Road | Water Front

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20 South Island Dr. | Anglers Club

3 BD, 3 BA | \$7,600,000 | 2556

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Angelfish Cay 25A | Canal Front

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,500,000 | 2547

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2 BD, 3 BA | \$3,295,000 | 2604

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Angelfish Cay 38B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,350,000 | 2579

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Angelfish Cay 13B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,350,000 | 2600

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Countdown to Inspiration

All Charities Weekend 2024 Invites Ocean Reef Members to Imagine & Shine



by Sarah A. Cart

This season's All Charities Weekend (ACW – Feb. 2-4, 2024) begins just eight weeks from today (if that feels early, *that's because it is* – we don't want to conflict with Super Bowl LVIII, after all)! And with Easter coming early, too, the whole calendar feels compressed.

But experience has shown

that **when Ocean Reef Members are presented with a challenge, they transform it to an amazing opportunity, and shine.**

When it comes to All Charities, that means that right now, even as the holidays are gearing up – Hannukah began last evening – is the time to pay attention, take action, and make plans.

If you've registered on ACW's "Imagine the Possibilities" theme and been thinking there was something you'd like to donate, large or small, the moment has arrived to reach out to 2024 ACW co-chairs **Susie Misini Hassett** and **Cathy Totonis**, ACW Silent Auction co-chairs **Lori & Brad Young**, or the wonderful All Charities staff (305-367-5996) before the Dec. 15 deadline for the print catalog (later donations will appear on the online bidding website and on display at the Silent Auction).

Wondering where to begin? Perhaps you'll find some inspiration among the categories that will immediately follow the descriptions of the Live Auction items in the 2024 ACW catalog, already under construction:

- Wonders on the Water.
- Showcase.
- First Dibs.
- Amazing Adventures (including Great Golf and Fantastic Fishing).
- Art & Antiques.
- Cheers (think "Wine & Spirits").
- Friends & Family Fun.
- Gourmet Gatherings.
- Luxury Lifestyles (everything from Bags & Baubles to Mind & Body).

And two new categories for 2024:

Imagine the Possibilities (over the top, super indulgent, and anonymous); and "Support What Touches Your Heart," the opportunity to make an unrestricted gift from the comfort of home – these monies will support our All Charities' recipient partners here on The Reef as well as facilitate grants in southern Dade and northern Monroe counties.

Planning ahead: Because of the compressed calendar, now's also the time to consider what kinds of items you'll want to win. Many of the date-specific items on offer via First Dibs and

Gourmet Gatherings, for example, will take place before the March 31 Easter celebration. So keep tabs on your calendar and be ready to act as soon as online bidding opens (in seven weeks).

As the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's (ORCF) annual fundraising event, ACW and its unique Member-curated experiences large and small have helped foster miracles since 2008. Over \$63 million has been raised, enabling ORCF to provide 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 support and strengthen the non-profit entities vital to our "unique way of life" here on The Reef: the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association.

Allow the 12 Days of All Charities emails that will begin arriving this coming week to inspire you.... Let's transform the challenging timeframe into the opportunity it is, and shine!

Questions? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@OceanReef.com. To learn more, visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org.



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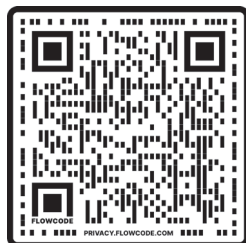


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Second Round of Israel Relief Fund Grants Made Ahead of Chanukah



by Yurianna Mikolay, Executive Director Ocean Reef Community Foundation

While researching our Israel Relief Fund project helping the survivors of the Kibbutz Be'eri massacre, I came across a photo of a blackened, mangled menorah in the wreckage of one of the burned homes. It was striking, and a grim reminder that so many families would mark the start

of Chanukah on December 7, two months after the horrific October 7 attacks, missing their murdered and kidnapped family members and, often, the comforts of home.

To date, the Ocean Reef community has donated more than \$500,000 to the Israel Relief Fund. Our first \$300,000 in donations for humanitarian aid previously announced went out quickly to our three partner organizations. A second slate of \$120,000 in grants to the same partners has now gone out ahead of the start of Chanukah, with some special designations related to the holiday, as follows.

American Friends of Magen David Adom - \$10,000

This gift provides more general support of the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross' mission to support blood supply and EMT/paramedics

for injured civilians, bringing total support to \$35,000.

The Isaiah Projects - \$10,000

The additional \$10,000 brings total grants to \$85,000, with original amount going to help survivors of the Kibbutz Be'eri massacre. Half of our latest donation will fund two Chanukah events to uplift families with parents who are away serving in the military on the front lines of the war. Each gathering will host 50 families (175 people).

Greater Miami Jewish Federation - \$100,000

Our additional distribution of \$100,000 brings our total grants to GMJF to \$300,000, and includes measured grants to two initiatives helping families displaced by the war observe Chanukah together, with the majority going to the previously supported Israel Emergency Fund offering a broad scope of humanitarian aid.

GMJF has a sister community in Israel called Yerucham where a large number of families who have been displaced due to the destruction of their homes and communities are now living. Part of our gift will make Chanukah gatherings and observances possible for the children relocated to Yerucham.

Miami is now a "host community" for 220 affected

Israeli families seeking respite from the war. The GMJF Israeli Division is coordinating services for the families, including finding temporary housing, arranging counseling and medical treatment for children and adults, and opening day schools and JCC's to the children. GMJF is underwriting the cost of Chanukah celebrations for this community and part of our donation will help to provide gift cards, allowing them to purchase what they need for their family traditions.

Our Chanukah grants are offered in the spirit of the Festival of Light, with the hope that a little light will make a difference at a dark time.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support the Israel Relief Fund, mail checks made payable to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation with "Israel" in the memo line to 35 Ocean Reef Drive, Ste. 148, Key Largo, FL 33037. For more information, please contact the Foundation at 305-367-4707 or ymikolay@oceanreef.com.

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



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2014: First Spirit of Ocean Reef Award Presented at Annual Meeting

Over the past nine years, Ocean Reef Club has awarded countless deserving Members with the Spirit of Ocean Reef award, which recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond in contributing to the Club and the community of Ocean Reef.

On the front page of the April 11, 2014 edition of the *Ocean Reef Press*, the first ever Spirit of Ocean Reef winners – the late John Altieri and the late George Lucas – were featured in the Annual Meeting recap. Here, you can read the excerpt from that article introducing what would become an important annual tradition – the bestowing of the Spirit of Ocean Reef award and its earliest recipients:

Spirit of Ocean Reef

Next, a new tradition was announced by Chairman **Don Waite**, the “Spirit of Ocean Reef Award,” recognizing two members that have had significant positive impact on our Unique Way of Life in ways that cannot be measured by financial or governance contributions.

The first recipient was **John Altieri**, noted for leading and supervising a massive effort to renovate the Chapel. The award was presented by members representing the three Chapel faiths, **George Aronoff**, **Barry Davidson** and **Rich Miller**.

The second Spirit of Ocean Reef award was presented to **George Lucas** for raising the profile of sailing and increasing the participation and exposure of small boat sailing and racing at Ocean Reef. Membership committee and Board members **Bob Schmetterer** and **Marcia Martell** presented the award.



John Altieri (far right) received the inaugural Spirit of Ocean Reef award for his contributions to the Chapel renovation. The award was presented by (left to right) Rich Miller, Barry Davidson and George Aronoff.



Right to left, George Lucas is presented with the inaugural Spirit of Ocean Reef award by Marcia Martell and Bob Schmetterer for bringing small boat sailing and racing to Ocean Reef.

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At this year's Turkey Carving Demonstration, Carysfort Kitchen Chef de Cuisine Betania Salles' strawberry chocolate turkeys were a hit! One Member said that not only did they look adorable, but they also tasted delicious. Here is Chef Betania's recipe:

STRAWBERRY CHOCOLATE TURKEYS

Makes 10 turkeys



Ingredients:

- 10 Medium size strawberries
- 25 Mini marshmallows
- 10 Pretzel sticks
- 2 cups Semi dark chocolate melted
- 1/2 cup White chocolate melted
- Gold dust (optional)
- 10 skewers 4"

Directions:

- 1 – Stick a skewer on the core of the strawberry, between the leaves, making sure is very secure
- 2 – Cut the pretzel into 2" sticks (2 for each strawberry – the legs)
- 3 – Lightly wet the cut side of the pretzel and insert inside one mini marshmallow
- 4 – Using a scissor, remove a little piece of the side of the marshmallow
- 5 – Lightly smudge the cut side of the marshmallow with melted semi-sweet chocolate and glue one in each side of the strawberry for the legs. Wait for the chocolate to dry
- 6 – Using a scissor, cut one mini marshmallow in half on diagonal
- 7 – Glue each piece of the cut marshmallow on the sides of the strawberry a little below the leaves for the wings
- 8 – Cover a tray with parchment paper
- 9 – Once legs and wings are secure, hold the strawberry by the skewer and the leaves (lift the leaves so they don't get covered in chocolate), and dip into the melted semi-sweet chocolate, hold until all the extra chocolate drips way then place it on the lined tray
- 10 – Once the chocolate has dried out (you can put in the refrigerator), dip the tips of the legs into the white chocolate. You will have to do it couple times.
- 11 – After the chocolate is completely dry, brush the chest with golden dust.

Smart Dining: Let Us Know Your Food Allergies



by Felicia
M. Koretsky

Stopping by a smoothie stand in Mexico where he was attending a wedding, Jared Reardon noticed bee pollen on their menu. Sounding like something fun to try, he asked that it be tossed in with his fruit blend. That decision turned into two days of him battling body hives. He never knew he was allergic.

As the Executive Chef for Ocean Reef Club, Chef Jared doesn't want people with allergies or dietary restrictions to feel any different or to have anything less than excellent food and service.

"I want the Member experience to be the same for everyone," he said. "Anyone should be able to find something to eat. You can think of our menus as your refrigerator. We can take any ingredient from any entrée we have and build a dish for you."

At least twice a day per outlet, Members who are vegans, gluten intolerant, and those with common allergies, such as to nuts, dairy, shellfish, eggs, soy, and sesame, come in with their concerns, said Mandy Fescina, ORC's Food & Beverage Quality Control Manager.

Communication is Key

While options and precautions are taken to accommodate Members and guests, what matters the most, especially for those with severe or multiple food allergies, is that they share them with dining reservations and restaurant managers, she said.

As a former manager at The Islander and Palm Court, Fescina



Food & Beverage Quality Control Manager Mandy Fescina and Executive Chef Jared Reardon.

is so in-tuned to Members, she sometimes remembers their list of sensitivities better than they do. She also advises that all managers go the extra step to make these patrons feel comfortable about what's in their food.

"We may have a packaged product we use all the time, like waffle fries," says Fescina. "But even with the same vendor, the ingredients can change. We are happy to take any ingredient label off a product and bring it to the Member's table."

Members making reservations to places such as Gianni, CH Prime, or the Islander, can add their allergies to the reservation notes, where it will remain on their profile. (Confirming at arrival that the notes are re-read is a must). But when going to places not on the reservation system, such as the Burgee Bar, Palm Court, Waterside, Reef Hut, and the Grill Room, Members need to alert their server, the manager, or the Chef. Members should never be afraid to overcommunicate or even bring a list with them outlining their allergies.

Someone in town for a few days, for example, who is aware ahead of time where they will be eating, whether it takes reservations or not, can also request that the corresponding restaurant manager receive an email about their allergies, Fescina said.

Aside from peanut and tree nut-free items, gluten-free options are the most commonly requested food.

"We can turn anything into

a gluten-free item," said Chef Jared, whose father is gluten intolerant. "In a soup, for example, we will remove the flour and add a thickening agent, a rice or a potato, that naturally thickens."

All outlets that sell pizza can make them gluten-free upon request by using a cauliflower base, he added.

Prep Work

Some of the behind-the-scenes efforts to avoid cross contaminations include cooks using separate utensils when slicing fish and not cooking meats and fish together. Peanut oil is not used in any restaurant. Clean pitchers, untouched by peanut butter, can be requested for mixing smoothies and shakes. Separate pots, pans, and cutting boards are also on hand. Every restaurant menu, including those online, list items designated as GF (gluten free), DF (dairy free), or V or VG (vegan).

Members with severe allergies, who are either

hosting or attending an event catered through the Club are encouraged to call the Catering office to address any concerns. Despite ORC kitchens not being nut or wheat free, banquet chefs are well trained in handling allergens, said Phillippe Reynaud, ORC Executive Director of Culinary. While much effort is put into labeling foods at buffet events, he said, make sure to confirm which foods might contain allergens with managers. All Club events with food have gluten-free and vegan options available, he added.

Training

Educating both front and back house personnel is also a key component in best handling vulnerable guests, said Fescina. Training manuals include photos of menu items with detailed descriptions so servers are equipped to answer all Member questions on how foods are prepared.

"There is a lot more awareness among chefs today where in the past it wasn't always the case," Chef Jared said.

When it comes to sweet treats on The Reef, Members can order nut-free and gluten-free custom baked goodies at Reef Treats. These requests are typically fulfilled by the Club's Bake Shop and sent back to Reef Treats for pick up. Ice cream can be requested served from a nut-free scooper.

Even with these precautions in place, it's important that any Member or guest with a severe allergy always carry their Epi-pen.

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Experience the Buzz at Burgee Bar

By Michael Acton, Burgee Bar Manager

Ocean Reef Club has many different options for Members seeking a delicious refreshment. A Member looking for a well-crafted cocktail could go see Jackie Quintana and Lisa Bondy at Reef Lounge, while one craving a complex and balanced glass of wine might peruse the wine lists at CH Prime or Gianni. But where at Ocean Reef can the discerning beer drinker go for a quality brew? The answer is the Burgee Bar. Harkening back to the days when craft beer was all the rage, the revamped beer program at Burgee Bar has something for everyone.

While beer has been around for over 6,000 years, dating back to the ancient Sumerians, we are truly living through a golden age of beer production

and development. The craft beer industry has exploded worldwide, building upon recipes that have existed for thousands of years and creating new styles that can both excite and soothe the taste buds. In the world of beer there are nearly unlimited options available to suit your mood and taste. The state of Florida alone currently has over 250 different breweries.

Burgee Bar is offering a wide variety of rotating draft and bottled craft beer options from some of Florida's top breweries, as well as from others around the country and occasionally around the world. We'll also have a wide variety of styles, from favorites like IPAs and pilsners to the more adventurous like cream ales, saisons, and maybe even the occasional cider, mead, or stout, depending on time of year. Members will always be able to come in and order a pint of Michelob Ultra or Modelo, but there are four beers that deserve to be highlighted here.

1. Orange Avenue Wit, Coronado Brewing Company,

Coronado, California. Made with orange zest, coriander, and orange blossom honey, this is what Blue Moon would taste like if it were craft-made.

2. Fresh IPA, Civil Society Brewing, Jupiter, Florida. The quintessential, juicy, citrusy, hazy IPA. You may have tried this beer at Burgee Bar or Port O'Call before, and it's here to stay.

3. Downtown Brown, Lost Coast Brewery, Eureka, California. Enjoy dark ales but the Florida heat is too much for a heavy stout or porter? This light-bodied brown ale is malty perfection.

4. Tangerine Cream Ale, Lexington Brewing Company, Lexington, Kentucky. The cream ale is one of the few beer styles truly indigenous to the USA. Despite its name, cream ales are actually dairy free. This particular example blends the flavors of tangerine and vanilla seamlessly with a hint of oak to balance the smooth and fruity character of this beer.

Led by Chef Jazzmine King, a culinarian talented enough to

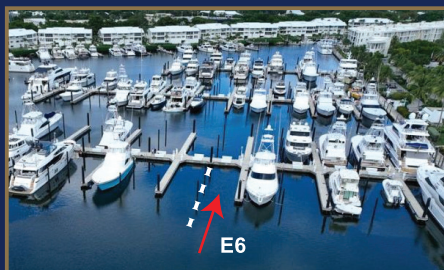
run any kitchen at Ocean Reef, the Burgee Bar culinary team has created a menu full of comfort food, fresh seafood dishes, and pub fare that pairs perfectly with a nice cold beer. The service team led by veteran GM Mark Ray provides dedicated service in a relaxed atmosphere. We are so much more than just a sports bar or the place your grandkids go in the evening to dance the night away. Whether you haven't been here for years or you're here five days a week, we invite you back to Burgee Bar for a beer, a bite, and to experience the buzz!

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Are You Willing to Doubt Your Doubts?



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

A Remarkable Story

In the late 1950s, a pastor and his wife, with three young sons in tow, took on what many would have considered “a fool’s errand.” The pastor was Tim Keller. His vision was to begin a new church in the middle of New York City. Twenty years later, in 2007, Redeemer Presbyterian Church had grown to more than five thousand multiethnic attendees, who were mostly young, and more than two-thirds single. During that time, they spawned a dozen daughter congregations in the immediate metropolitan area.

Keller was quite the contrast to the stereotypical ‘mega-church pastor’ in looks, manner and message. This balding, humble, brilliant pastor presented an Orthodox Christian faith that reached the hearts and minds of high-achieving young New Yorkers.

An Unusual Approach

Keller’s approach was unique – no gimmicks, no frills. He realized that both religious belief and radical skepticism were on the rise. He recognized that each side’s self-talk, claiming the other would soon be extinct and overrun by the opposition, was simply not true. He understood that if the two sides stopped saying things like that to themselves, it might make everyone more civil and generous toward opposing views.

Keller’s recommendation was to encourage each side to doubt in a radical new way. He claimed that only if you struggle long and hard with objections to your faith will you be able to provide grounds for your belief to skeptics, including yourself, that

are plausible rather than ridiculous or offensive. He said that such a process will lead you, even after you come to a position of strong faith, to respect and understand those who doubt!

He challenged people with this question. “How do you know your belief is true?” He explained that it would be inconsistent to require more justification for Christian belief than a skeptic does for their own, but says, that is rarely what happens. He says to each side, in fairness, you must doubt your doubts!

Two Recommendations

Keller encourages skeptics to wrestle with the unexamined ‘blind faith’ on which skepticism is based, and to see how hard it is to justify those beliefs to those who don’t share them. On the other hand, he then encourages believers to wrestle with their personal and culture’s objections to faith.

A Remarkable Outcome

What’s the outcome? It’s this. At the end of each process, even if you remain the skeptic or believer you have been, you will hold your position with greater clarity and greater humility. There will then be an understanding, sympathy, and respect for the other side that did not exist before.

Believers and non-believers will rise to the level of disagreement rather than simply denouncing one another. This happens, Keller has discovered, when each side has learned to represent the other’s argument in its strongest and most positive form. Only then is it safe and fair to disagree with it. That achieves civility in a pluralistic society, which is no small thing.

An Invitation to Join the Conversation

Beginning **Thursday morning, December 14th**, at 8 a.m., a Men’s Group is going to work through Keller’s book, “The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism.” We will meet in The Fellowship Hall of the Chapel. The group’s facilitator is Peter Raffalski, one of our local bankers.

Keller’s book addresses some of the ‘big questions,’ and each question is approached as described above. The second part of the book outlines what Keller calls The Reasons for Faith.

Who is This Group For?

This group IS NOT for anyone unwilling to doubt their doubts. This group IS NOT for anyone unwilling to listen and engage constructively with those who may disagree. This group IS NOT for anyone unwilling to respect the integrity of how another person may think about the questions.

This group IS for anyone willing to doubt their doubts. This group IS for those who want to engage these ‘big questions’ with men in a small group setting in the context of a larger group. The group IS for those who believe, for those who aren’t sure what they believe, and for those who are sure they don’t believe.

What’s the Goal?

It’s what I quoted from Keller

earlier. It is that each of us will learn to hold our position with greater clarity and greater humility. The goal is to learn to be more civil and understanding toward those with whom we disagree. When’s the last time you were part of an experience like that with other guys?

One final thing – there is coffee! Hope to see you there.

JOIN THE SENIOR CAFÉ

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Tuesday, December 19
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Chapel Fellowship Hall

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT

Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center

Sunday, December 10th at 5 p.m.



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FRIDAY, DEC. 8

AA Meeting
7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room
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Shabbat Service
6 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rabbi Anne Feibelman

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6:15 p.m., Chapel Garden

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

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

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6 p.m., Chapel Garden

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Traditional Worship Service
9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev. Steve Connor

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

Congregation Ocean Reef Guest Speaker, Mr. Ken Wollack
5 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, *All invited*

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6:15 p.m., Chapel Garden

MONDAY, DEC. 11

Al-Anon Meeting
9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

Rosary Prayer Group
4:30 p.m., Chapel Living Room

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6 p.m., Chapel Garden

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Intercessory Prayer
8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service
9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6 p.m., Chapel Garden

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Ocean Reef Men's Fellowship
8 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6 p.m., Chapel Garden

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:15 p.m., Chapel

Catholic Mass
4 p.m., Chapel

MONDAY, DEC. 18

Rosary Prayer Group
4:30 p.m., Chapel

Celebration of Life

Claire McCann

Monday, December 18
10 a.m.
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We Mourn the Loss

Patricia DeForest Hindman

It is with a mix of heavy hearts and fond smiles that we announce the passing of Patricia DeForest Hindman of Hinsdale, Illinois and Ocean Reef Club. She departed the world on November 24, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, love and unforgettable memories.

Pat was raised in Boonville, Indiana, the only child of Raymunda Autry DeForest and Joseph W. DeForest. She developed a profound love of nature and the outdoors when her family moved to Bremerton, Washington, where she spent countless hours hiking and camping around Mt. Rainer and the



Northwest Coast with her beloved father.

She attended high school in Indianapolis and Indiana University where she met her husband, Don J Hindman. The couple moved to Chicago and settled in Hinsdale in 1954, where they built a wonderful life and raised four children. She served as First Vice President

of the Board of The Woman's Athletic Club of Chicago, she was a member of the Junior League of Chicago, The Antiquarian Society, The Alliance Française, and the Women's Board of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Delta Gamma. Pat was an elegant woman who demonstrated unwavering kindness to everyone she encountered. She enjoyed entertaining and built a lifetime of memories with Don, her husband of 72 years. She loved practical jokes and had a way of making even the most mundane moments sparkle with her unique blend of wit and warmth. May Patricia rest in peace, surrounded by the laughter and love she so generously shared with us all.

She is survived by her husband Don J. Hindman and children, Jeff Hindman Sr.

(Gina), Leslie Hindman, Sally Hindman Sawislak (Dan) and Donald Hindman (Maron) and grandchildren, Jeff Hindman, Jr. (Nicole), Lacey Hindman Bailey (Mike), Kirsten Hindman, Austin Hindman, Charlie Hindman, Hadley Hindman, Duke Hindman, Trudy Hindman and Sylvia Sawislak and four great grandchildren. All are grateful for the lessons in love, laughter and kindness that she so effortlessly imparted.

There will be a family celebration of life in Florida. Tribute gift donations are appreciated to The Morton Arboretum through their Tribute Gifts page: <https://mortonarb.org/join-support/make-a-gift/tribute-gifts/#overview>. Note: To make an individual tribute gift honoring Pat, please list her full name at the prompt.

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Podiatry Services at the Medical Center

The Medical Center's visiting specialist program is pleased to announce the addition of Brigitte Smith, DPM. Dr. Smith will begin seeing patients in January at the Medical Center and the visiting specialist calendar can be found both in the Ocean Reef Press and on www.mcor.org.

Dr. Smith has over 20 years of experience and received her degree from the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, and performed her podiatric surgical

residency trainings at South Miami Hospital and Larkin Community Hospital in Miami, Florida where she was Chief resident.

She has additional office locations at 92410 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, Florida and 475 Biltmore Way in Coral Gables, Florida.

The Medical Center has three visiting podiatrists to choose from including Drs. Pollyanna Reeves, Sophia Kazma Masri and Dr. Brigitte Smith.

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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan



If you have hesitated to explore the Farmer's Market at Four Corners because of the slope of the field, worry no longer! A wooden ramp has been installed from the parking area to the flat vendor area.

The Club has additionally constructed a woodchip path behind the vendors along the

This newly-installed ramp makes the Farmer's Market at Four Corners accessible to all.

entire right side of the field to encourage those who find grass difficult to navigate.

So come and have a picnic from the Food Truck or purchase an array of foods and other goods. See you Monday!

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Please bring your identification and insurance cards to each visiting specialist appointment. They bill separately from the Medical Center. To schedule with a visiting dermatologist, please call their office directly. For all other specialists, please call 305-367-6702.

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Dec 13, 20, 27

Daisy Elwick
Dec. 11, 12, 18, 19, 26

Cannabis & Pain Medicine

Michelle Weiner
Jan. 12

Cardiology

Julio Barcena
Dec. 8, Jan. 19, Feb 9

Howard Bush
Jan. 11, Feb. 15, March 14

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz
Dec. 18, Jan. 15

Dermatology

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Dec. 21, Jan. 4, 18

Debra Price
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Dec. 15, Jan. 5, 19

Jill Waibel
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Jan. 15, Feb. 12

Stephanie Nicolau
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Dec. 20, Jan. 10, 24

Dr. Varee Poochareon
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Dec. 13, 20

Endocrinology
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Jan. 8

Heberto Valdes
Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1

Gastroenterology
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Farias
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Neurology
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Neuro Spine
Nancy Epstein
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Dec. 14, Jan. 16

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Orthopedic Sport Medicine
Michael Swartzon
Jan. 5, Feb. 9

Orthopedic Surgery
Joseph Fernandez
Jan. 19, Feb. 16

Derek Papp
Dec. 21, Jan. 11, 25

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Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 14, 28

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Jan. 4, Feb. 15

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Garden Group Gathers to Share Holiday Tradition



by Annie Miles



The Garden Group members together for their Dec. 4 meeting.

One of the many holiday traditions in our community is when the Garden Group of Ocean Reef gathers to create a bit of floral festive cheer. At their December 4th meeting, members met in the Sailfish Room at Carysfort Hall surrounded by an array of fresh boxwood, silver bowls, and red and silver ornaments. The materials and decorations have changed over the years, but the focal point has always been the lovely, fresh boxwood. Each person then designed her own unique arrangement as part of the group's Holiday Joy Project. **Suzanne Sayia** and **Mary Logan**, Garden Group program co-chairs, organized the activity.

The Holiday Joy project began in 2016 under then Garden Group president Carol Asher, working with the Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots who deliver the arrangements to members around the community. "The

members loved this project right from the start!" shared another former president and member **Terry Ferrarone**. "It's a fun and festive way to start the season and hopefully brightens the holidays for some of our fellow Ocean Reefers."

While Garden Group members share a lifelong passion for flowers, plants, and the environment, the primary purpose of the group is to raise funds through annual programs benefiting local nonprofits and the beautification of Ocean Reef. On **March 22, 2024**, the Garden Group will host their biannual House Tour. Garden Group President, **Pam Ferger**, explained that donations go to worthy organizations such as the Coral Restoration Foundation, the Montgomery Botanical Center, and the Everglades Foundation.



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Designer Vintage Luxury Handbags at the Spa



“Spa Notes”
by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director



We now carry certified vintage designer handbags and accessories at The Spa!

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- **December 12 and 13:** Aura Headpieces Trunk Show
- **Thursday, December 14th:** MLO Jewelry Trunk show
- **Friday, December 15th:** Adriana Pappas Jewelry, Hats, Bags, & Accessories Trunk show
- **Saturday, December 16th:** Deena K Jewelry Trunk show
- **Monday, December 18th:** Isabella Adams Home Accessories & Jewelry Trunk show



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\$3,500,000

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

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS FISHING VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 16

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Fishing Village

XGLOSIVE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

Monday, December 18 • Tennis

Tuesday, December 19 • Pickleball

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

\$75++ pp. Please call the Tennis & Games Center

for more information 305-367-6583

FESTIVAL OF THE WREATHS

Wednesday, December 20

6 - 7 p.m. Town Hall Assembly

Come view our holiday-inspired wreaths

LETTERS TO SANTA

Thursday, December 21

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

No reservations required. Complimentary

COOKING SCHOOL: "FOOD FOR THE SOUL"

Friday, December 22

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

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

GRINCHMAS AT THE REEF

Friday, December 22

4 - 6 p.m. • Town Hall Lawn

No reservations required. Complimentary

SANTA CRUISES THE REEF

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

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

Santa will travel The Reef in style!

Details: 305-367-6516

LIVE NATIVITY & PETTING ZOO

Saturday, December 23

10 a.m. • Field at Four Corners

Complimentary. Details: 305-367-2049

GINGERBREAD TEA

Saturday, December 23

1 - 4 p.m. • Town Hall

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

SANTA ON THE BEACH

Sunday, December 24

5:45 p.m. • Buccaneer Island

Santa arrives at 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, December 24

10 a.m. • Chapel & Fellowship Center

8 p.m. • Fishing Village

11 p.m. • Chapel & Fellowship Center

ELF TUCK-INS

Sunday, December 24

Starting at 7 p.m.

To be sure your home is on the elves' list call: 305-367-6516

Reservations required.

SANTA'S SLEIGH WRECK GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, December 25

8 a.m. Tee Times • Dolphin Course

Details & Tee Times: 305-367-5912

FLYING TRAPEZE SCHOOL

December 26 - January 1

Field at Four Corners • \$225++ per person

Registration required for classes, space is limited. Registration Required:

305-367-6516.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, December 26 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center

for more information 305-367-6583.

SUPER BINGOS

December 26 • 7 p.m. Start.

Town Hall

December 30 • 7 p.m. Start.

Business Center Parking Lot

Reservations required, \$50++ per

Bingo pack. Details & Reservations:

305-367-6516

COOKING SCHOOL: "COOL KIDS COOKING"

Wednesday, December 27

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

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

TOUCH A TRUCK

Wednesday, December 27

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • I21 Marina Parking Lot

Complimentary.

LEARN WITH ZOO MIAMI

Wednesday, December 27

1 - 4 p.m. • Reef Club Kids Patio

Come hang out with Zoo Miami's knowledgeable zoo educators in this interactive STEM experience.

FATHER-SON TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, December 27 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center

for more information 305-367-6583.

ENCHANTED FOREST STREET FAIR

Wednesday, December 27

7 - 10 p.m. • Fishing Village

Complimentary.

CONCERT ON THE BEACH FEATURING ENCHANTED FOREST

Thursday, December 28

8:00 p.m. • Buccaneer Island



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REINDEER RUN 5K

Thursday, December 28

8 a.m. • Business Center Parking Lot

7:30 a.m. Pre-Registration.

\$25 per runner includes a shirt.

Details: 305-367-7493

CHRISTMAS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 28

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

JUNIOR PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN

Thursday, December 28 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center

for more information 305-367-6583

FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

Friday, December 29

6 p.m. • Driving Range

Bracelets on sale starting December 19

at Membership Office or Concierge Desk.

Details: 305-367-5874

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 30

9 - 11 a.m. • Sailfish Patio

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

REAL ESTATE OPEN HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, December 30

2 - 5 p.m. • Around The Reef

JUNIOR TENNIS ROUND ROBIN

Saturday, December 30 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center

for more information 305-367-6583.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALAS

Sunday, December 31

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

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

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

NYE CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Sunday, December 31

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. • Buccaneer Island

Fireworks at 8:30 p.m. & 12 a.m.

HANGOVER OPEN

Monday, January 1

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

Dolphin & Hammock Course

CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFETS

Sunday, December 24 • Monday, December 25

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

GRAND SEAFOOD BUFFET

Saturday, December 23 & 30

5:30 - 9:45 p.m. • Ocean Room

HOLIDAY BUFFET

Sunday, December 31

5:30 - 9:45 p.m. • Ocean Room

STARLIGHT DINNERS

December 26, 28 & 30

Various Times & Locations

LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Monday, January 1

6 p.m. • Marlin Beach

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

The Recreation Team Does it Again!



by Jody Steele

Congratulations to the Recreation Team for being awarded two major awards from the RCRA (Resort and Commercial Recreation Association) at the RCRA National Conference on November 12th.

The Premier Recreation Operation Award recognizes "recreation departments that have displayed outstanding leadership in development and promotes quality recreation programs and



Assistant Director of Recreation Chris Nelson, Pool Experience Supervisor Molly Lechelt, Administration Supervisor Melissa Mirocha, and Beach Supervisor Doug LaFond accept their awards at the RCRA National Conference.

services". The Team was recognized for their team building "beach Olympics", after school sports for The Academy at Ocean Reef, beach and mangrove clean-ups, Nature Center programming, and the illustrious Summer Camp program, just to name a few of their distinctive programs. It is the second time the

Recreation Department has won this award in the last three years.

The Excellence in Programming Award honors an innovative program that has contributed to customer satisfaction. *Glow Chip* was recognized as a special new nighttime group event that is fun and unique and has now become a popular

offering from the Recreation Department for a special event.

Christopher Nelson, Assistant Director of Recreation, explained how the Recreation Department completed a rigorous application process for these awards. Joining him at this prestigious conference was Melissa Mirocha, Administration Supervisor, Doug LaFond, Beach Supervisor, and Molly Lechelt, Pool Experience Supervisor. He credits his entire outstanding team for their consistent efforts to be the best at what they do while continuing to strive to create lasting memories for Ocean Reef Club Members and their guests.

Kudos to the Recreation Team! We certainly appreciate all you do for all of us throughout the year with endless enthusiasm and care.

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

8 FRIDAY

Sweat Class & Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

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

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Everglades Alligator Farm Tour
8:45am • Meet at Nature Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am • Tennis & Games Center

Vinyasa Yoga Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Zumba Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Come Sail Away (Bullseye Sailing)
2pm • Card Sound Yacht Club

Tree Lighting Ceremony
6pm • Fishing Village

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6pm • Chapel Garden

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

9 SATURDAY

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

ORC Run Club
7am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class
8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Intro to Pickleball Clinic
9am • Tennis & Games Center

Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament
9am • Tennis & Games Center

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

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

Pickleball Organized Play
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

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

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6pm • Chapel Garden Only

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

10 SUNDAY

Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament
9am • Tennis & Games Center

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

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

Junior Tennis Clinic
11am • Tennis & Games Center

NFL Sunday at Burgee Bar
12pm • Burgee Bar

Sunday Funday Social Bridge Game
2pm • Card & Games Room

Croquet Mixer Open Play
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

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

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

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6pm • Chapel Garden

11 MONDAY

Chutes and Ladders Class
6am • Member Fitness Center

Beach Yoga Class
8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

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

Move Better Fitness Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am • Tennis & Games Center

Farmer's Market
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

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6pm • Chapel Garden

12 TUESDAY

Cycle Class
6am • Member Fitness Pool

ORC Swim Club
7am • Member Fitness Pool

Master Swim Class
7am • Member Fitness Pool

LGA Weekly Event
8:30am Shotgun • Dolphin

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am • Tennis & Games Center

Vinyasa Yoga Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Strength & Cycle Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Aqua Cardio Class
11am • Member Fitness Pool

"ForgetMeNots" Meeting
12pm • Ocean Reef Medical Center

Golf Fitness Class
2pm • Member Fitness Center

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

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

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6pm • Chapel Garden

13 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

9 Hole LGA Twilight Wine Night
3:30pm Shotgun • Dolphin

Pickleball Organized Play
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

Chanukah Candle Lighting
6pm • Chapel Garden

14 THURSDAY

Cycle Class
6am • Member Fitness Pool

Core Class
6:30am • Member Fitness Pool

ORC Swim Club
7am • 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

Beginner Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am • Tennis & Games Center

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

Silver Fit Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

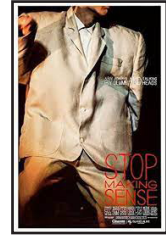
Port O'Call Wine Tasting
5-7pm • Port O'Call

Raw Bar Lobster Bake
5-9pm • Raw Bar

Burgee Bar Karaoke
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

ON SCREEN & STAGE

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



"Stop Making Sense" (PG)

Friday, December 8 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, December 10 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 13 • 7:30pm
Runtime: 1hr 28min
Genre: Music/Performing Arts

Premise: The greatest concert film of all time, Stop Making Sense brings to the screen Talking Heads at Hollywood's Pantages Theater in December 1983: David Byrne, Tina Weymouth, Chris Frantz, and Jerry Harrison, alongside an ecstatic ensemble of supporting musicians. Renowned filmmaker Jonathan Demme (Silence of the Lambs) captures the band at their exhilarating best, in this new and complete restoration for the film's 40th anniversary.



"Priscilla" (R)

Friday, December 15 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, December 17 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 20 • 7:30pm
Runtime: 1hr 53min
Genre: Biography, Drama, Music

Premise: When teenage Priscilla Beaulieu meets Elvis Presley, the man who is already a meteoric rock-and-roll superstar becomes someone entirely unexpected in private moments: a thrilling crush, an ally in loneliness, a vulnerable best friend.

The Met Live in HD:

Florencia en el Amazonas
Saturday, December 16 • 12:55pm
Daniel Catán/Libretto by Marcela Fuentes-Berain
Runtime: 2hrs 35mins • Tickets: \$25

Premise: Sung in Spanish and inspired by the magical realism of Gabriel García Márquez, Mexican composer Daniel Catán's 1996 opera tells the enchanting story of a Brazilian opera diva who returns to her homeland to perform at the legendary opera house of Manaus. The performance stars soprano Ailyn Pérez as Florencia Grimaldi, with Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin on the podium to lead a spellbinding new production by Mary Zimmerman.

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

CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

ISLAND GARDEN..... Previously located on Barracuda Lane, **Island Garden** has found a new home in the Fishing Village. Here in the space next to *Lilly* and across from the Raw Bar, the young owners **Carly and Rob Desmond** have created a charming boutique, which features their combined appreciation for stylish, comfortable, high-quality women's clothes and accessories.... At Island Garden, I felt I could buy a dress I adored without fearing that at the next OR party, I might be sharing the spotlight with a similar fashionista ... The clothes are unusual, but always with an OR conservative flair. Examples: I loved the ankle-length *Majorelle* Caftan with a partial button-down front and a geometric flower pattern in white on a light olive-green background (\$278). Also, a winner – the long-sleeved flamboyant Jennifer Morrissey Plume Shirt from *Banjanan* (\$220). And for "every body" there is the square-neck/one-piece swimsuit from *Hunza G* (\$230). It is one size



Carly Desmond, Island Garden owner, displays a store favorite – the Bazaar Dress from Banjanan (\$400)

and Carly claims she wore it the whole nine months that she was pregnant with the adorable (now 18-month-old) **Charlotte**..... Rob and Carly have a "hometown" feeling about Ocean Reef. They are Equity Members, who met at The Reef, where both their families were Members. They were married here and are now year-round residents.... I bet they are already looking forward to the day when Charlotte will be the best-dressed little girl in The Academy at Ocean Reef.

by Joan Birsh

OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

Member Fitness Center

Mon.-Fri. • 6am – 7pm
Sat. & Sun. • 7am – 5pm
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The Burgee Shop

Mon.-Sun. • 9am – 5pm
305-367-2611, ext. 5515

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am – 8pm
Fri. & Sat. • 11am – 9pm
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Golf Shop

Daily • 7:30am – 5:30pm
305-367-5912

Tennis Pro Shop

Daily • 8am – 5:30pm
305-367-6583

Ocean Reef Gift Shop

Mon.-Sun. 7am – 7pm
305-367-2611, ext. 7139

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Palm Court

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

Beach Bar & Grill

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm
Food Mon.-Thurs. 11:30am-4pm • Fri.-Sun 11:30am-5pm

Everton's Rum Bar

Beverages Thurs.-Sun. 3-8pm

Islander & Sushi Bar*

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

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
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

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm
Dinner Daily 4-9pm (Lobster Bake on Thursday)

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

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

Reef Treats

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

Reef Hut

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

Reef Eats

Breakfast Fri. & Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm
Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-11pm
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Fitness Café

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The Point (Members Only)

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Cocktails Fri.-Sun. 5-8pm

Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm
Cocktails Mon-Thurs., & Sun. 5pm-12am
Fri. 5pm-1am • Sat. 11am-1am (Bowl Game)
Lunch Sat. & NFL Sun. 12-5pm

Reef Lounge

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

CH Prime (Members Only)*

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

CH Lounge (Members Only)

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

Toski's

Snack Bar Daily Mon.-Sun. 9am-4pm

Town Hall Waterside

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

Grill Room (Members Only)

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

Rum Runner

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Food Truck

Lunch Open Mon. 11am-4pm at Four Corners

Visit oceanreef.com/Dining for menus and weekly specials.

For dining reservations, call 305-367-5931.

**Reservations required.*





Character Education at The Academy

By Ileana Diaz, Academy at Ocean Reef

In our pursuit of developing strong future moral leaders at The Academy, we recognize the importance of teaching good citizenship and promoting kindness in the development of our students' character. To that end, we engage our Academy students in a character education program that is based, in large part, on a set of seven common values we hold dear at The Academy: Courage, Commitment, Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Kindness, and Leadership.

In promoting the importance of character education, we engage our students in a variety of discussions and hands-on activities, introducing them



October's Respect Winners Xena, Jonathan, Lyle, Virginia, and Kenzi with Head of School Jerome Murphy. Not present for the picture: Ford.



November's Honesty Winners Ainsley, Johnny, Hope, Georganna, Edward and Oliver.

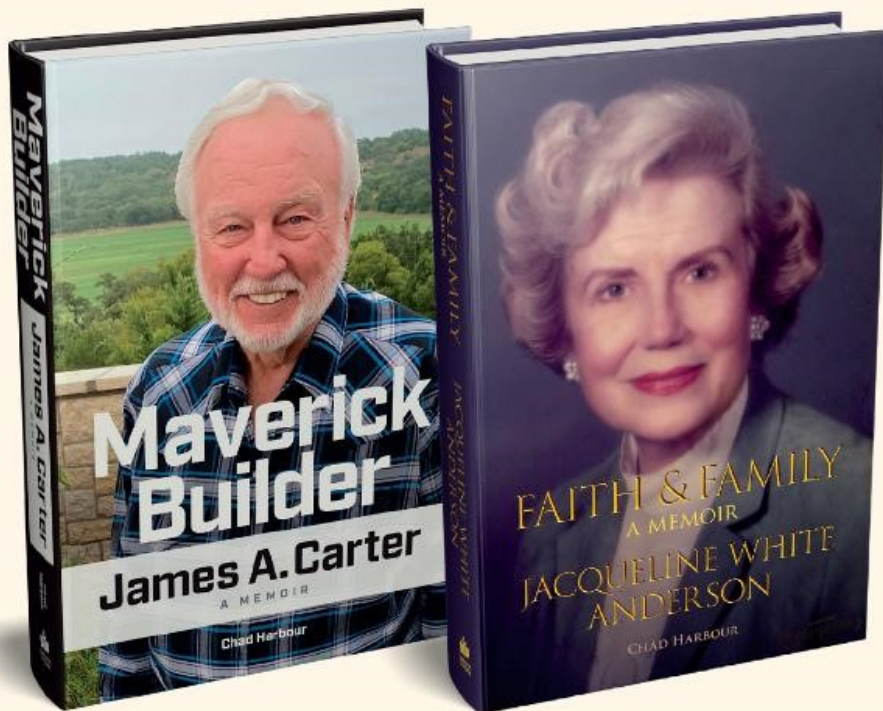
to the meaning of each value, why it's important, how it is practiced or what it looks like in action, and celebrating the value when we see it in action. Following our school counselor's

visit to each grade level classroom to deliver a values lesson, our teachers follow up throughout the month with supplemental lessons related to the value of the month.

In reinforcing the importance, we place on character education, we look forward to identifying and awarding at a school assembly each month a special certificate to a student, accompanied by a narrative, from each homeroom classroom who best exemplifies the monthly value.

- **September:** Intro/Rules/Expectations/Friendships
- **October: Respect** (begin the year respecting yourself and others)
- **November: Honesty** (academically and socially)
- **December: Compassion** (show compassion to others)
- **January: Commitment** (be committed to applying previously learned values)
- **February: Courage** (stay strong, committed, and brave)
- **March: Kindness** (remain kind to old and new friends)
- **April: Leadership** (you have shown you can live up to all of the values)
- **May/June: All Traits**

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North Pole: PakMail & UPS at ORC

By Jody Steele

Although we live in a tropical paradise, we are lucky to have two convenient "North Pole" shipping stores right here at The Reef to help us send our gifts far and wide.

The UPS Store and PakMail are here to assist with your gifting needs. Their services include supplies for wrapping, cards, boxes, shipping, and they even crate larger items. Each facility ships through different agents such as FedEx, DHL, UPS, and the US Post Office. Both stores also have some gifts and stocking stuffers to add to

your Santa bag. PakMail is also offering wrapping services with their paper supply this holiday season (call 305-367-3096 for more information).

As it is never too early to start shipping gifts, both Tammy, the UPS Store manager, and Juan and Iris Pesina, owners of PakMail, encourage Members to check delivery dates. All packages going "ground" should be sent by December 15th to arrive on time. Of course, "air" can be shipped later, but delivery dates depend on destination and which type of shipping you select. The three-day deadline is December 19th, the two-day is December 20th, and that is only with FedEx and UPS. Of course, the longer you wait to ship, the more it costs, and the chances of

your gifts arriving on time is compromised. To make the schedule even tighter, this year Christmas is on a Monday so there will be minimal shipping on the weekend before the holiday.

So stop in to either store, with your packages in hand soon. The elves are happy to help you from 8:30-5 at UPS and 8:30-4:30 at PakMail during the week, with closing early afternoon on Saturdays. You will marvel at the stacks of packages going in and out of Ocean Reef Club. It really is "looking a lot like Christmas" without the snow!



OCEAN REEF FORGETMENOTS

FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON

Tuesday, December 12th

The Ocean Reef "ForgetMeNots", a caregiver support group, cordially invites caregivers and care receivers to the first meeting of the 2023-2024 season on **Tuesday, December 12th** at the Ocean Reef Medical Center second-floor conference room. The meeting will begin at 12 noon.

Guests will be welcomed by co-chairs Dr. **Frank Gudicello**, **Cynthia Weglarz**, and **Ron Sekura**. Lunch will be served.

To reserve a seat at the meeting, please email Cynthia Weglarz at cynthiaweg@icloud.com by December 10th, or call 708-476-6350. Space is limited.



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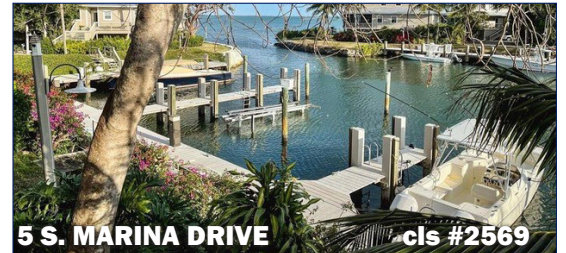
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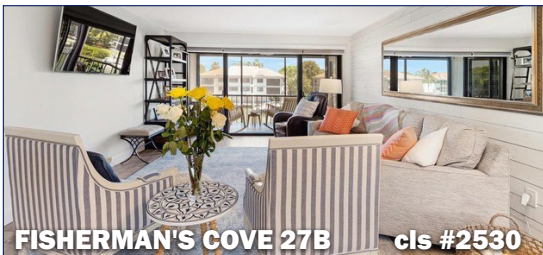
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SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Treasures of Ocean Reef Moorey-Margaret Myers

By Annie Miles

Affectionately known to her clients as "M3," Moorey-Margaret Myers is a beloved member of the exceptional staff at the Ocean Reef Fitness Center. Myers' 20 year+ resume in the fitness profession is quite impressive. She is an instructor for yoga classes, barre, and personal training and an enthusiastic ambassador for fitness in general. She incorporates her expertise as a medical fitness therapist into her workouts, specializing in rehab of knees and the back. A cancer survivor and recipient of six knee surgeries herself, she finds it fulfilling to help others in their specific recovery.

M3 followed quite an interesting life path before finding her fitness home at Ocean Reef. Born in Monroe, Michigan, she was a natural athlete. She loved living near the shores of Lake Erie, and developed a passion for the Great Lakes and the sea. A speedy, slender 5' 9", M3 ran the hurdles in high school track. Unfortunately, a torn ACL sidelined her and required significant physical therapy. Depressed that she could not regain her former speed, her physical therapist suggested she try ballet to improve her balance and further her recovery. It was love at first plié.

A self-proclaimed "nerd," she embraced the study of ballet, learning the Russian Vaganova ballet. She toured with the Ann Arbor and



Fitness client Barbara Ferri treated M3 to some homemade Pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving.

"Fueled & Aflame" dance companies. She was chosen as McNair Scholar, and studied ballet with Dmitri Roudnev, a graduate of the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, at Michigan State. At the same time, she earned a BA in philosophy and ethics, a minor in biology and completed an Honors program in dance. Her professors praised her creativity and ability to think outside the box. She agrees, describing herself as, "a hibiscus tea in a world of lattés." This may explain why after college she opted to become a flight attendant instead of attending graduate school! She hated that choice so she began work as a hospice and memory care volunteer with geriatric patients. "I love working with people who have life experience," she mused. "They have such interesting stories to share and often a wonderful sense of humor." Myers then met her husband, was married within a year, and moved to Clinton Township, Michigan, where she founded Exodus Dance Company. A touring performance group, their travels included introducing

classical dance to children in inner-city Detroit. Her strong commitment to her faith and dance led her to spend two summers at Ballet Magnificat in Jackson, Mississippi. There M3 completed an instructor-intensive training program which included, in part, certifications in kinesiology, strength, and conditioning. She then returned to school to earn her personal training certification.

In 2018, Myers' husband of 18 years, Keith, took a job in Miami and they moved south. M3 began working at Key Largo Yoga where a client suggested she would be a perfect fit at Ocean Reef. She emailed her resume to the Director of Fitness and Wellness, Luis Bracamonte, and explained that he needed to hire her! Happily, he did, and she now loves being a part of the Ocean Reef family. The Myers also volunteer at the Everglades with the National Park Service. They do wilderness surveys with people coming out of the back country to collect data on sightings of wildlife and other discoveries. They once rescued a pelican and

recently spotted "Croczilla," a 14' crocodile considered the largest in the state of Florida!

With her dance career behind her, Myers finds her job here fuels the passion that dance once provided. "Working at Ocean Reef Club, feels like a little bit of the Midwest here in Florida," she explained. "My clients are wise, talented and funny and I want to help them improve their quality of life through movement as medicine." She stresses that consistent commitment yields positive results and she couples that with a positive, playful attitude. "Fitness should be fun," she laughs, and is not afraid to add a bit of crazy to her sessions. Ask her clients and co-workers and they will agree that M3 brings her own special kind of joy to the Fitness Center and their lives.

Member **Bill Henneberry** summed up M3's significant impact on his fitness journey in this heartfelt way: "Sometimes your body gets hurt and you are lost and disheartened trying to find your way back to where you once were. You lose strength, flexibility, aerobic capability and most of all hope. I know this too well as I found myself on crutches, hurting to get out of bed, and afraid the pain would never go away. I had to give up my regular fitness classes because I could not keep up. I realized I needed someone specially trained to help me restore my physical self and more importantly, my hope. M3 helped me give me back what I could not get on my own. I am even back to my spin classes! My neurologist at Johns Hopkins saw my progress since I started with M3 and remarked, 'Whatever you do, don't lose that girl!'"

ORYC Trip to Key Biscayne Yacht Club

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, nearly 120 members of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club returned for the second year in a row for what was billed as a "luncheon cruise" to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. Everyone enjoyed a lovely buffet overlooking Biscayne Bay with the Miami skyline in the distance and steel pan tunes played by Sir Cedrick Luces adding a Caribbean flair.

Most of those attending proved intrepid mariners, arriving by water, undaunted by 60-degree temps, steady winds over 15 knots, and 3-foot seas; a few of those whose plans had involved smaller vessels opted instead to prove themselves able road warriors, navigating Miami traffic to arrive by land (and giving thanks for cruise control and heated seats).



LEFT: To commemorate the occasion, KBYC Commodore Javier Rodriguez and ORYC Commodore Sarah Cart observed the nautical tradition of exchanging club burgees.

RIGHT: Two ORYC members who arrived by sea included Pam Cook, aboard *Little Geezer*, and Sherri Boston, aboard *Surf Rider*.

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It's Time to Sign Up for Bonefish Bonnie Fun



by Mary Bloom, Bonefish Bonnies

Holiday Party Deadline

Today is the deadline for Bonnies to make their reservations for the Bonefish Bonnies Holiday Party which will be at Anglers Club on **Dec. 18**. If you're a Bonnie, go to the website, www.bonefishbonnies.com, to RSVP for you and your guest. Details for the party are in the most recent issue of Tight Lines, the Bonnies' e-newsletter.

Fishin' Funatics

Sign up now for the first tournament of the season,

Fishin' Funatics. The theme of the tournament this year is Think Pink – Bonefish Bonnies Barbies and is open to all Bonnies. As the name of the tournament implies, it's a chance for beginners and experienced anglers alike to get out for a day of fun whether their favorite fishing is on the flats, the reef or offshore.

The tournament and awards dinner will be **Monday, Jan. 29, 2024** while the Anglers' and Captains' meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024. Tournament entry forms must be returned by the Jan. 7, 2024 deadline. No cancellations can be honored after that date.

Entry forms are available to be downloaded online at www.bonefishbonnies.com or pick up a copy from the drawer below the Bonnies' bulletin board in the Reef Treats Lobby. Interested in fishing but don't have a boat? Submit an entry form and the Fishing Funatics committee will do their best

to match you with a team. Interested in participating but aren't a Bonnie yet? Go to the website and sign up for membership and the

tournament at the same time. Questions? Contact **Esther Vazquez** (305)972-5231 or **Jodi Zifferer** (305)747-3654.

BONEFISH BONNIES 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUN FACTS

In 2003 Adelaide Skoglund and Patty Jacobson organized the Bonnies' first Flats Tournament. Something unexpected happened. The team with the most points scored those points on fish not usually targeted in a Flats Tournament while anglers who caught bonefish and permit and snook didn't catch enough to be in the running.

What to do about that? The next year, 2004, Adelaide and Patty added the first No Rules Tournament to the group's schedule. It didn't have rules so much as "guidelines". Anglers were allowed to use the rod of their choice and fish any of the habitats in the waters surrounding Ocean Reef and Anglers Club.

Fast forward to 2021. Over the years the Bonefish Bonnies board had added enough "guidelines" to the No Rules Tournament that members were questioning the relevance of the name. With that in mind and in recognition that the ethics of fishing and the approach to conservation had changed over the past 17 years, the Bonefish Bonnies board changed the name of the tournament to Fishin' Funatics and set new rules in place to guide it. The board also put the emphasis of the tournament on FUN. And, that's what it is today, two days of fishing, fun and friendship.



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Card Sound Sailing Club Enjoys Vintage Weekend



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore



Neil Sullivan and Glenn Gormley checking their boats.



Gary Sayia inspecting his shrouds.



Flotation bags forward of the mast and under bench seat.

Many of us could be found this past weekend all around the campus. Some were at the Fitness Center, some in the lap pool, others biking, golfing, playing tennis and pickleball. Most were enjoying the main events of the Vintage car display, the beautiful boat tours, and the fantastic air shows, but none were to be found in their Bullseyes as we don't hold races so that everyone can

enjoy Vintage Weekend.

This past week, **Chuck Cook**, one of our harbor masters, had organized some of our moorings to be replaced and moved closer to our dock and also had a crew trim the mangroves, so that passage through the channel to Card Sound was easier for us and the other boats in our harbor. He was also instrumental in

helping to prime some of the picnic tables along with **Glenn Gormley** and **Currie Wooten**. We are hoping for a bigger painting party to help finish painting all four tables later in the week.

This week also was a perfect time to check on the fittings of the mast, boom, and shrouds for wear and tune the shrouds and make sure that safety items are in place. For safety, we have encouraged sailors to have buoyancy bags. **George Lucas** was the member who introduced the Optimist Dingy flotation bags to be used by the fleet and tested their efficacy. Eight or nine bags will work to keep the boat afloat if water has filled the cockpit, one or two bags aft, four lashed under the seats and three forward of the mast, lashed to the floor.

This **Saturday, December 9**, will be our Dingley Series Race #2 and the weather looks clear, but the winds are

hard to predict and right now the easterly winds look to be around 14 knots, so we'll keep our fingers crossed that they stay that way and that we get some fun racing in.

We are also counting on the winds to be in our favor so that after the races, we have our first monthly Hot Dog Day, where we gather at noon and discuss the day's events and enjoy beverages and grilled dogs and all the fixings!

Take a look at our website at cardsoundsailingclub.com. If you are interested in joining, you can also reach out to our membership chair, **Gary Sayia** (201-919-7432) or stop by on Saturday to join the fun.



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December...& the ORC Croquet Season is Full On!

"Croquet News"
by William Hinkebein, ORC Croquet
Chair

Hello to all Ocean Reef Club Members and welcome back to ORC. The ORC Croquet Season has begun.

The Tennis & Game Center's Director of Racquet Sports Justin Romero has set up a full schedule of events, tournaments, Golf Croquet clinics and educational opportunities to learn and improve our games. Please pick up the one-sheet ORC Golf Croquet Schedule at the Tennis & Games Center ASAP so you'll know what's happening. This shows the Weekly Schedule at the top of the page and the Special Events on the lower page. The Special Events trump the Weekly Schedule.

As Members are arriving to our Ocean Reef homes, the beautiful croquet lawn is ready to play. The croquet facility is much improved this season. We have a freshly painted tiki hut with a new rainproof thatched roof, new lighting and ceiling fans. We have new mallets and balls for Member use. We have a new ice machine and water fountain combo. Best of all, the lawn itself is in great shape. The grass was replaced this summer and has grown in quite well. This is a beautiful croquet facility worthy of our fine Club.

Highlights of the Weekly Schedule:

- **Monday 2:30-3:30pm:** Learn and Play Beginners Clinic
- **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday 2-5pm:** Open Play
 - o All Members are welcome to come play regardless of skill level. Just show up and play!
- **Tuesday 9am-12pm:** A Flight League
- **Wednesday 10am-12pm:** Racquet Club Open Play
 - o This session is for Racquet Club members only.
- **Wednesday 2:30-3:30pm:**

Intermediate Croquet Clinic

- **Thursday 9am-12pm:** B Flight League

Saturday lessons are available from Coach Paul Fectau. Call the Tennis & Games Center (305-367-6583) to sign up for a lesson.

Special Events Coming Soon:

- **Dec. 13-14** at Hillsboro Club
The Hillsboro Club has challenged and invited Ocean Reef Club to a croquet match. Only 6 spots are still available.
- **Dec. 15**, 8am-1pm or until finished:
Winter Doubles Golf Croquet Tournament.
- **Dec. 20**, 3:30-5:30pm:
Under 40 (years old) Croquet & Cocktails.

For all of the above events, call the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583 to sign up.

What is Golf Croquet?!

Golf Croquet has risen to be the croquet game played by an estimated 80% of all players in the world. This at clubs from Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, England, Ireland, South Africa, the

United States and other nations.

Most clubs play Golf Croquet instead of other forms of play such as Six Wicket, American or Association Croquet. Golf Croquet is easier, just as challenging, and more interactive and fun. A full game usually takes about 20-30 minutes.

There are some 500 croquet clubs in the US. About 200 of those clubs are in Florida. Golf Croquet's 25-year rise in popularity is similar to the Pickleball phenomena.... everybody loves it!

In decades past, Ocean Reef croquet has hosted large tournaments with the top professionals in the world. These events were so large and popular, the Inn was full of visiting players and extra temporary croquet courts were cut into the golf course fairways.

We are going to have an active and fun season on the beautiful lawn. Play is available for all levels. Come learn and play Golf Croquet.

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2022 Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament

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Friday, December 8th at 6 p.m.
Event Check In & Cocktail Party for players and their Guests

Saturday, December 9th at 9 a.m.
Men’s Doubles

Saturday, December 9th at 11 a.m.
Ladies’ Doubles

Saturday, December 9th at 2 p.m.
Mixed Doubles

Sunday, December 10th at 9 a.m.
Mixed Doubles Semis and Finals

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Strategic Serving in Tennis



"Tennis Tip" by Jose Vacabustamante, Assistant Tennis Professional

The serve is probably the most important shot in tennis, why? It represents statistically at least 50% of your tennis game. It is very important to serve consistent, and depending on your level of tennis, knowing exactly where to place it.

There are three types of serves in tennis; the flat serve, kick serve, and slice serve. It is important to choose which serve you want to utilize against your opponent depending on the situation. Here are two tips for serving in general:

1. When serving you must have

a continental grip, or hammer grip, because you want to be able to control the ball placement and also the contact point. If you manage to learn to serve with a continental grip you have more options later on. A great way to master the continental grip for your serve is by standing at the back fence. Begin by mimicking your serve halfway, starting with your racket behind your back and tossing the ball high, then catching it. While catching the ball high and with your arm extended, focus on pronating your wrist. Repeat this process until you feel confident, ensuring you successfully catch the ball at least ten times in a row. Afterward, move to the baseline and start by practicing the first half of the serve with your racket behind your back before progressing to the full serve. This will help you improve your serve direction and consistency.

2. When serving a second serve, make sure you have a continental grip and utilize the kick serve. This

serve is a defensive and aggressive serve where you guarantee your serve to be in. A good kick serve is when the ball bounces the serve box and hits the back fence. The kick serve bounce is very high and uncomfortable to return, putting you in a great advantage. Mastering the kick serve begins with adopting a continental grip. Start by positioning the racket behind your back and toss the ball slightly behind you. As the ball drops, execute a brushing motion from left to right (for right-handed players), generating a rainbow-like trajectory from the baseline to the service box. After brushing the ball successfully, focus on relaxing your wrist to increase the brushing speed, thus spinning the ball in place with reduced velocity toward the service box.

Once you've achieved this technique, engage your legs to propel yourself forward, generating momentum. This approach ensures a reliable second serve and positions you to take an aggressive stance while approaching the ball.

Overall, by practicing these two types of serves, you will have a huge advantage in your tennis game. The third type of serve is called slicing which could also be used as a strategic second serve, but it's more used for high level competitive players, displacing the opponent outside of the court.

Mastering the serve variations, from the continental grip to the kick and slicing techniques, elevates your tennis game, offering precision, strategic advantages, and a significant competitive edge.

TENNIS RESULTS

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2023 Vintage Open



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

Vintage Weekend has officially come to an end and we finished it off with the completion of the Vintage Open! Thank you to all who came out and participated in a fun, but challenging format. In Vintage Style, teams competed in the classic "Foursomes" format, better known as Alternate Shot. This proved to be a true challenge for our competitors but a few prevailed. On the gross side of the competition, we had a few scores in the 70's, but one team was able to edge out the competition



Vintage Open Gross Winners, Tim Prete and Joe Joyner.



Vintage Open NET Winners, Mirek Fajt and Stan Henry.

with a score of 77.

Let's all congratulate our 2023 Vintage Open Gross Champions, **Tim Prete** and **Joe Joyner**!

The Net Division was also a tight race with two teams tied after the completion of play. **Stan Henry** and **Miroslav Fajt** were able to take advantage of their great back nine score and take home the Net Division with an impressive score of 67.



Esther Vazquez, Daisy Gonzalez, Jennifer Leonard, and Beth Joyner at the 9 Hole LGA Opening Day.



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MGA Monday

As the season continues, we are starting to see some players separate themselves from the field in our season-long Burgee Cup competition! This week, we had a full field of 72 players take on the Hammock Course in an ABCD-Best Ball format. The format played was ABCD – 1 Best Ball on the Odd Holes, 2 Best Balls on the Even Holes. In this Best Ball format, teams needed to bear down on the even holes to double down on their birdie opportunities. This was key for our winning teams.

A big congratulations to **Peter Coleman** for a Hole-In-One on #6 Hammock. Way to go!

On the Gross side of the competition, the team of **Phil French, Dean Teglia, Jim Foster, and John Kazmer** racked up some birdies and managed to sustain a 1-under-par, 105.

On the NET side of the competition, the team of

Steve Rosenberg, Douglas Totura, Greg Thompson, and Raymond Smith lit up the course with a fantastic score of 16-under-par round of 90. Great playing gentlemen!

Our Closest to the Hole contests were on Holes #2 & #17. Joe Joyner claimed #2 by knocking it to 2' 3". Then **Michael Miles** stuck it to 1' 1" on #17.

LGA Weekly Event

What a spectacular day we had on Tuesday on the Hammock Course for the Step Aside Scramble. The weather and course conditions were remarkable which led to some impressive scores. In the Step Aside Scramble, some teams found it strategic not to always choose the longest drive. Our teams that came out on top expressed how important it was that all teammates contributed and it was a team effort from start to finish. For the LGA Step Aside Scramble winners, see page 51.

GOLF SCOREBOARD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Hangover Open Golf Tournament

Monday, January 1

8 a.m. Tee Times

Hammock & Dolphin Course

Break in the New Year with your family and friends with our annual Hangover Open. The Hangover Open continues to grow in popularity. The shamble format gets all players in the group involved, where the biggest struggle of the day may be to make your tee time.

Details and Registration:
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**Vintage Open
Sunday, December 3**

1st Place Gross: Tim Prete and Joe Joyner
2nd Place Gross: Mike Materna and Jay Rourke
1st Place Net: Stan Henry and Miroslav Fajt
2nd Place Net: Joe Holl and Ruth Ann Holl
3rd Place Net: Beth Noyes and Christopher Noyes
Closest to the Pin #5: Joe Joyner
Closest to the Pin #16: Carl Asman

**MGA Weekly Event
Monday, December 4**

1st Place Gross: Phil French, Dean Teglia,

Jim Foster, John Kazmer
2nd Place Gross: Joe Joyner, Michael Jones, Frank Demmerly, Larry Brady
1st Place Net: Steve Rosenberg, Douglas Totura, Greg Thompson, Raymond Smith
2nd Place Net: David Ross, Donny Petridis, Peter Coleman, Thomas Bartelmo
3rd Place Net: Gerald Blackie, Dennis Bernard, Geoff Noyes, Stan Henry
Closest to the Hole #2: Joe Joyner
Closest to the Hole #17: Michael Miles

**LGA Weekly Event
Tuesday, December 5**

1st Place Net: Hillary Smith, Eva Rubinstein, Ruth Holl, and Diana Frazier
2nd Place Net: Joan Del Papa, Liz Zug, Shirley Shumway, and Dawn Shumway
3rd Place Net: Regina Fink, Marita Sladky, Hope Fortis, and Patti McGrath
1st Place Gross: Karen Davidson, Maggie Parker, Cathy Zumkehr, and Cynthia Comenos
Closest to the Hole #2: Linda Roberts
Closest to the Hole #17: Cindy Doolan

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SWING TIP OF THE WEEK

Uphill Lie Shots Around the Green



by Brad Pinho,
Golf Teaching
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Florida is widely recognized for its predominantly flat terrain, but some golf architects have incorporated elevated greens, known as crowned greens, to add challenge. Crowned greens, also referred to as domed or turtleback greens, feature a central high point with the surface sloping down towards the edges. The Florida landscape often leads to uphill lie chip shots, necessitating a specific setup for a confident

swing.

When dealing with an uneven lie, especially an uphill one, it is crucial to follow a two-step approach. First, adjust the ball position by placing it further back in the stance. This compensates for the rising slope, encouraging the club to engage with the ground earlier in the swing arc. Secondly, open the stance by moving the lead foot back, opening the hips towards the target. This alignment is particularly important on an uphill lie, as it helps the shoulders align with the slope. Although this may seem complicated, executing these steps correctly can prove highly effective and efficient.

I welcome your feedback as you integrate this method into your game. Feel free to ask for additional recommendations or tips for future content. I trust that this information proves beneficial to your golfing endeavors!

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Thursday, December 14 at 8 a.m.

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INTRO TO YOGA WELLNESS

Friday, December 15 at 1 p.m.

Complimentary Workshop.

Read more on page 54.

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

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Intro to Yoga Wellness

Complimentary Workshop

Friday, December 15 at 1 p.m.

Meet Kat Wheatley, a returning yoga teacher who is excited to announce a new service she will be offering to our Members - Private Yoga Wellness Sessions.

Kat has been teaching yoga for over a decade and is equally comfortable leading a power yoga class as she is guiding a gentle restorative sequence. Kat's true passion however lies in health and wellness, and so she recently enrolled in an 800 Hour Yoga Therapy Certification Program. Kat also holds a Masters in psychology from Wake Forest University. She worked as a Child and Family Therapist at Smoky Mountain Mental Health in North Carolina before moving to Florida, and then as a Mental



Kat Wheatley

Health Counselor with Wesley House in the Florida Keys.

Following the birth of her daughter in 2010, Kat turned to yoga in the hopes of finding a more balanced approach to health that included both mind and body. She started teaching yoga in 2013 and cultivated years of experience through advanced trainings, retreats, and managing a yoga studio in Key Largo. After teaching a series of therapeutic yoga sessions for trauma survivors last year, Kat decided to combine her extensive knowledge of

counseling with her yoga experience to create her Yoga Wellness program - an offering that embodies the best of both and allows her to be of service to the community while she completes her Yoga Therapy training.

The Yoga Wellness program is based on the premise that yoga is more than a series of poses you do on the mat, it is a philosophy for living peacefully in the world without the distraction of the mind. Yoga Wellness sessions combine all aspects of yoga so the practitioner benefits physically, mentally, emotionally, energetically, and spiritually. Kat will be offering a workshop on **Friday, December 17th** to introduce her Yoga Wellness program. The workshop will offer an overview of what you might expect in a private one-on-one Yoga Wellness session, like expanding your mind by learning new ways of thinking and being in the world, and discovering how a daily

personal practice tailor-made for you can bring peace and joy to your life.

During the workshop she will discuss yoga philosophy, offer a short physical practice, invite attendees to reflect on a personal goal with an option to journal, and finish with some breathing techniques and a guided meditation. This workshop is designed to leave you with a sense of the myriad benefits that Yoga Wellness offers for heart, mind, body, and soul. Kat is passionate about all aspects of the yoga practice, and endeavors to live her yoga both on and off the mat.

Her goal is to share the wisdom and the healing powers of the practice with others. You can find her at the Fitness Center every Friday morning at 11am teaching a gentle restorative yoga class. She will also be offering private one-on-one Yoga Wellness sessions in the comfort of your own home or in the yoga studio at the Member Fitness Center.

Home for the Holidays

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Season's Greetings from the Fishing Village

Special Event at the Rod & Gun Sporting Clays Range - December 16



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Just in time for Christmas, the Rod and Gun Club will be bringing two outstanding retailers in the hunting and clays shooting world, who will present the opportunity to buy new shotguns or to personalize or beautify existing arms, plus other services.

On **December 16**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the shooting range on Card Sound

Road (directions available on rodandgun.org), Royal Sporting Arms and DuPont Krieghoff will both be on premises with their inventory of beautiful shotguns of all sizes and gauges.

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to custom-constructed and engraved shotguns. There will be an inventory of wood, barrels and irons for selection, plus some of the most sophisticated engravers in the business for extensive personalization of your existing gun or new purchase. Guns will be available for on-the-spot purchase or ordering custom. Please bring your ID (driver's license).

Gun fitting services will be also available. Bring your gun for fitting, for patterning its chokes, for scatter board testing — enjoy the opportunity to feel the balance and the smooth action of a high-quality gun.

Lunch and beverages will be served. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to Range@RodandGun.org. We will be sending out reminders of the event, but please let us know as soon as possible if you are coming — it should be a blast! (Pun intended).

BRIDGE RESULTS

Friday, December 1

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George Aronoff and Brian Platner

Wednesday, November 29

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Monday, December 4

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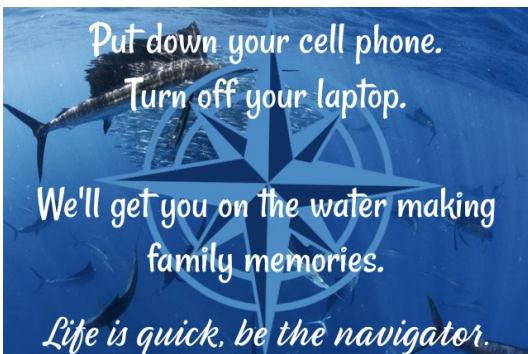


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Holiday Fun at the Card & Games Room



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Greetings, Card and gamers! As the season approaches, we're excited to announce a spectacular lineup of events and activities that will elevate your gaming experience. Here's what's in store for you:

Sunday Funday Starting December 10th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday Funday is geared towards beginners or those looking to rekindle their bridge-playing skills, this session promises an engaging experience. Led by the seasoned

expertise of Beverly and Brian Platner, it's an opportunity not to be missed.

Men's Poker Night Every Monday at 6:45 p.m.

Calling all poker fans! Join us for Men's Poker Night every Monday at 6:45 p.m., an evening dedicated to thrilling games and strategic plays. Mark your calendars for the upcoming Poker Knock Out Tournament on January 22nd.

Canasta Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us for casual Canasta pick-up games. Drop by between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you're looking to enhance your skills or simply brush up on the game, Thursday lessons at 12:30 p.m. are for you. It's a fantastic way to connect and create new friendships.

Mah Jongg Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for Mah Jongg pickup games. Stay tuned for a special treat in December—a Mah Jongg teacher will be joining us. Contact Gregg at 305-367-6609 to make arrangements for Mah Jongg.

Beginners' Canasta Lessons Thursday, December 14th at 12:30 p.m.

Join us on Thursday, December 14th, at 12:30 p.m. for beginners' Canasta lessons. It's the perfect chance to refine your skills in this card game.

Live Duplicate Bridge Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 1 p.m.

Get ready for live duplicate bridge games. Join us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at 1 p.m. If you're new or need instructions, reach out to Gregg at 305-367-6609—he'll guide you through the world of duplicate bridge.

Backgammon Fridays, starting December 8th, 10:30 a.m. (by appointment)

Starting December 8th,

backgammon lessons will be available at 10:30 a.m. To secure your spot, call 367-6609 and confirm your attendance. Don't forget you can take home backgammon games for practice—this is your chance to master the game.

Card & Game Room Schedule

The December schedule for the Card & Game Room is now available. Drop by and pick up your copy to stay updated on all the exciting events awaiting you.

Endless Entertainment

Our Card & Game Room doors are open every day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, ensuring your entertainment needs are met throughout the week. Whether it's a weekday or weekend, drop by and join us for fun games and excitement.

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BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

Rules for Opener in Bridge

by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Rules for Opener (the first player to make a bid other than Pass)

Your first bid: Always open the bidding at the 1-level if you have 13-20 pts. You can open a hand of 11-12 pts. if you have a long suit, distributional strength and/or good quick tricks.

The meanings of your opening bids are:

- 1H or 1S = 13-21 pts. and at least 5 cards in your suit.
- 1NT = Exactly 15-17 pts. and balanced distribution (at least 2-3 cards in every suit). The old-style Goren system specifies 16-18 pts. for a 1NT

opener, but 15-17 is so widely used now that most learners adopt this range.

- 1C or 1D = 13-21 pts. and at least 3 cards in your suit. A 1C or 1D opening is often called a "convenient minor" -- it tells partner you have opening count, but your hand doesn't meet the requirements for 1H, 1S or 1NT. Choose your longer minor. If you have two 3-card minors, open 1C to keep the bidding low.

- 2NT = Exactly 20-21 pts. and balanced distribution. (If your 1NT is 16-18 pts., your 2NT range should be 21-22 pts.).

- 2C = A very strong hand (21+ pts.) and a long suit (5+ cards).

- 2D, 2H, 2S = 5-11 HCP (High Card Points) and a 6 card suit. Called a Weak Two Bid

- 3 of a suit = A weak hand (5-9 pts.) with a long, strong

suit (7 cards).

If you have two 5-card suits, open the *higher-ranking* suit, then rebid the lower-ranking suit (if you have 5 clubs and 5 diamonds, open 1D and bid clubs at your next turn). This allows partner to choose between your two suits without raising the level of the bidding.

Your second bid (after partner responds to your opening bid):

- A new suit (1C-1H-1S) -- At least 4 cards in the suit, 13+ pts.
- Simple rebid of your first suit (1C-1H-2C) -- Extra length (usually a 6+ cards) and a minimum opener (12-16 pts.). To show a stronger hand with a long suit, you can jump-rebid your suit -- 1C-1H-3C. (17-18 pts)
- Single raise of partner's suit (1C-1H-2H) -- 4 cards in the suit partner responded and a minimum opener (12-16 pts).

To show a stronger hand with a fit for partner, you can jump-raise his suit -- 1C-1H-3H (17-18 pts) or 4H (19-20) pts.

- Notrump (1C-1H-1NT) -- A balanced minimum opener (12-14 pts.) WITHOUT 4 cards in partner's suit and without a new 4-card suit you could bid at the 1-level. To show a stronger balanced hand, you can open 1NT (with 15-17 pts.). To show a very strong balanced hand (18-19 pts.), open a suit bid and then jump in notrump -- 1C-1H-2NT.

As Opener, if you have fewer than 16 pts., DON'T go to the 2-level unless you're:

1. Raising partner's suit (to confirm a trump fit); or
2. Rebidding your own extra-long suit; or
3. Showing a 2nd suit of lower rank than your first suit (1D-1S-2C).



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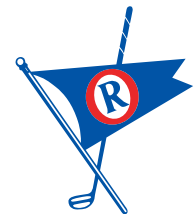
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