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Holiday Concert 2023



Steve Smith with grandchildren Lyle, Avery and Ainsley



Mark and Lisa Siedle with Jennifer and George Kachmarik



Janie and Nelson Sims



Michael and Cheryl Weiss



Kathy White and Bill Wonfor



The Sheehans, Teglias and Del Papas. More photos on page 33.

Photos by Carol Ellis

Celebrity Blossoms on Buccaneer Island

By Terry Baxter

When you have become such an iconic celebrity that everyone recognizes your first name – Liberace, Cher, Madonna, Elvis, Shakira – you obviously have become a star. Prepare the handprints for the Walk Of Fame.

Our universe is smaller here at Ocean Reef; the first name



Everton's Bar debuts on Buccaneer Island

celebrities are rare. *Harper Sibley* left his mark. *Melanie* will be Ocean-Reef-immortal thanks to her iconic sushi roll. Now we are recognizing a new star. Who doesn't know and love

Everton from the Beach Bar? He remembers every member by name. His effervescent laughter booms across the sand. Beach Bar Manager Linda Berry said, when members don't see him right away, they are worried. "They say, 'Where's Everton? Is he gone? Has he retired?' I have to reassure them, 'No, it's only his day off.'" Retire? Not likely. Everton said firmly, "I live for the members. You are my family. You keep me upbeat. If there were no members, there would be no me."

Everton was born in Jamaica, to a family that taught him to treasure connections to other people. He came to

America and first worked at the celebrated Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Lake Michigan. Everton was a wine steward for seven seasons. The Grand Hotel has the world's longest porch. Everton recognized an overlooked opportunity for hospitality – he

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OR "See"



It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays at Ocean Reef! Thanks to Felicia Koretsky for this view of holiday lights twinkling against vibrant evening blues and greens at the Water Garden.

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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Send Us Your Holiday Traditions!

Do you have a holiday tradition you'd like to share with the Ocean Reef Press? Maybe your family does something fun together every year or you have a photo shoot in matching pajamas. Maybe you even decorate your home in a unique way.

Whatever it may be, send your tradition(s) to orp@oceanreef.com by Friday, December 22 for consideration. Photo evidence is encouraged!

Gotta Question?

With family coming in and all the fun activities at The Reef during the holidays, I don't have the time to wrap gifts this year. Are there any services available at The Reef for gift wrapping?



Absolutely! This year, PakMail is offering gift-wrapping services. Bring in your gift(s) and they will ensure they're beautifully wrapped before you depart (for a small fee based on the size of the gift, which covers the wrapping paper and ribbon).

PakMail is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. → If you have any questions, you can reach them at 305-367-3096 or email them at us553@pakmail.com.

Another option is the

annual Home for the Holidays Fishing Village Open House event, which takes place on **Saturday, December 23** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stroll through the Fishing Village for last-minute gifts and bring them by the front of Burgee Shop for complimentary gift wrapping. For details, call 305-367-6586 or visit oceanreef.com/HomeForTheHolidays.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

5th Annual Festival of Trees

Every year, the Club displays beautiful decorations around the Holidays, but when **Barbara Hajim**, former Chairman of the House & Grounds Committee, introduced a new idea inspired by her northern club five years ago, the Committee decided to up their game. Instead of decorating trees throughout The Reef with traditional holiday themes, they decided to give six trees their own unique theme that would represent different areas and aspects of life at Ocean Reef. Now in its fifth year, the themed trees have more than doubled from six to 13. Each tree has its own story so take a golf cart trip around The Reef to see what is special about every location:

Angel Giving Tree

Ocean Reef Business Center

This tree represents the generosity of our Members and is decorated in gifts that have been donated to children in need.

The Orchid Tree

Carysfort Hall Foyer

World-renowned orchid growers, Robert Fuchs and Michael Coronado, created this spectacular masterpiece for Ocean Reef Club Members, decorated with more than 500 beautiful orchids.

Burgee Tree

Palm Court

Featuring the Club's burgee, this tree is one of a kind and represents the unique way of life that is so treasured at Ocean Reef Club.

The Tennis & Cards Tree

Tennis & Games Center

Representing the popular pastimes offered at the Tennis & Games Center complete with pickleballs, tennis balls, and decks of cards, this tree is full of good luck!



Dockmaster Tree, Marina

Needlepoint Tree

Town Hall

The Needlepoint Tree stands tall in Town Hall, featuring Members' handmade needlepoint ornaments. Collected and displayed throughout the years.

Coral Tree

Reef Lounge

The Reef Lounge tree mirrors its two aquariums, featuring everything you find in our local waters; from fish and sea creatures to glass baubles that look like bubbles of water.

Tower Under Construction

Inn Lobby

"Tower Under Construction" – this six-foot gingerbread replica of the Ocean Reef Tower, meticulously created by our own pastry chefs. Read more on page 4.

Christmas Carousel Tree

Membership

Themed with nutcrackers, elves, and deer throughout, this a fun tree that coincides with the annual Membership "Giving" program, where you can donate gifts to children in need.

Sweet Treats

Reef Treats

This tree features the sweetest treats on The Reef! Covered in cakes, macarons, ice creams, shakes, lollipops and donuts, it's almost good enough to eat.

The Golf Tree

Golf Shop

This tree constitutes all things golf, where Santa's sleigh becomes a golf cart, surrounded by ornaments of golf balls,



Coral Tree, Reef Lounge



Sweet Treats, Reef Treats



Tower Under Construction, Inn Lobby (see more on page 4)

putters, golf bags and more.

Red, Gold & Green Tree

Clubhouse Lobby

The Clubhouse lobby tree is representative of tradition, with the traditional Christmas red, gold and green.

Dockmaster Tree

Marina

This nautical tree represents the tradition of boating with anchors, lighthouses and more.



The Golf Tree, Golf Shop

Red, White & Burgee Tree

Town Hall Waterside

ORC spirited in classic red, white and blue themed ornaments, this tree brings the holiday feeling to one of our most colorful outlets.

Members are encouraged to visit the trees (they will be on display through Wednesday, January 3) and share their photos by hashtagging #ORTree. For a map of Festival of Trees, visit oceanreef.com/festivaloftrees.

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Celebrity Blossoms on Buccaneer Island

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persuaded the beverage manager to outfit a small cart to roll along the porch serving after-dinner drinks. It was a huge success and significant moneymaker – Everton's first bar.

Almost thirty years ago, Everton came to Ocean Reef for a short winter season (Jan – March 1994) planning to return to Michigan in the summer. But Club management saw a future star. They marched Everton to HR and invited him to become a year-round Ocean Reef employee. "I was shanghaied," Everton says with his well-known cackle, "But I have never looked back."

Torie Allen has known Everton since she came to the



Everton Darling with Beverage Director Sean Carroll and Beach Bar Manager Linda Berry

Beach Bar as a child (her father worked at the bar – now Torie is the Beach Bar Supervisor). She said, "My Dad worked with Everton and now, I do. I have never had more respect for anyone. Everton gives off great energy." Linda Berry agrees. "Everton is genuinely kind. He brings joy. He takes new employees under his wing. Last season, when the bar got too busy, we would send the kids over to 'Beach Treats.' Everton gave them Virgin Coladas or other frozen treats, told

them jokes and stories, and entertained them. We could hear them laughing across the lagoon."

This gave Director of Beverage Sean Carroll the idea to build a new bar closer to the ocean. A different setting, a different vibe. Chris Patterson, Executive Director of Food & Beverage, and Erwin Pals, Food & Beverage VP, helped shape the idea into "Everton's Rum Bar." Everton's would be a family-oriented bar. Quieter, more relaxing, with a stunning

ocean view in one direction, and sunsets over the lagoon in the other. "It's even possible," Sean Carroll says, "You might draw Everton out of his shy shell to tell a story or a joke." Linda Berry is delighted. "This is such a great idea. Members will love it and Everton is so deserving. This will be his legacy."

Everton's Rum Bar opened just in time for the overhead acrobatics of Vintage Weekend. It will serve members from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

In addition to the usual cocktails and island drinks, Everton's will offer unique combinations like *Jamaican Me Crazy* (Myers Plantation Rum, Bacardi Rum, Banana Liquor, Pineapple Juice) and *Everton's Daiquiri* (Myers Plantation Rum, Maraschino Liquor, Grapefruit Juice, Lime Juice). Sean Carroll is curating a list of specialty rums from throughout the Caribbean. A star is born.



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ORCA NEWS

Prevent Fires: Prioritize Proper Battery Storage & Charging



Although there have been no recent incidents causing significant property damage from battery-related fires, ORCA Public Safety urges residents to remain proactive in prioritizing battery safety, particularly with regard to lithium-ion batteries. It remains essential to address the increasing risk of fires linked to the improper storage and charging of lithium-ion batteries.

As lithium-ion use increases in golf carts, e-bicycles, e-cigarettes, hoverboards, laptops, and smartphones, the nationwide issue of fires stemming from improper storage

and charging practices has become a concern within our community. To prevent fires and protect our community, ORCA Public Safety asks members to adhere to proper usage and storage guidelines for all batteries.

Prevent Battery-Related Fires By:

- **Follow Manufacturer's Instructions:** Adhere to the manufacturer's guidelines when charging and storing batteries.
- **Opt for Outdoor Charging:**

Charge devices outdoors, maintaining a safe distance of at least 10 feet from structures. If indoor charging is necessary, avoid areas of egress and unplug chargers before bedtime.

- **Avoid "Aftermarket" Batteries:** Steer clear of "aftermarket" batteries; use batteries endorsed by reputable testing laboratories.
- **Practice Safe Charging:** Never charge devices under pillows, beds, or couches. Use the manufacturer's power cord and adapter designed for the specific device.
- **Monitor Temperature and Hazards:** Ensure devices are at room temperature and away from flammable materials during charging.
- **Watch for Overheating:** If a battery overheats or emits an

unusual odor, discontinue use immediately. If possible, move the device away from flammable items and call 911.

• **Avoid Sunlight and Combustibles:** Do not store or charge batteries in direct sunlight or near flammable objects.

• **Responsible Disposal:** Dispose of batteries in designated recycling facilities; never place them in regular garbage or recycling bins.

Safety is a Collective Effort
Following safety guidelines set by battery device manufacturers and ORCA is vital to mitigating the risks associated with lithium-ion batteries. Your understanding and commitment to safety are crucial in protecting not only your property and life but also that of everyone in our community.

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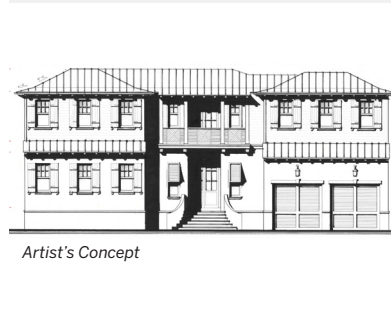


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Proposed for Membership Through December 21, 2023

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

Equity Membership

William Breaux is a Sr. Legacy member applying for Equity membership. Mr. Breaux is a resident of Key Largo, FL. His sponsors are Kathleen & James Hannoeh, Kevin Fish, and Joan Arredia.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Membership Giving Tree

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

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

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MEMBERABILIA

Nobody Loves Rules

But it's essential that all Ocean Reef Club Members respect and follow them



by Joan Birsh

A summary of the rules for Ocean Reef Club....

Because it is essential that every Ocean Reef Club Member – Equity, Legacy, Social, Summer – as well as their guests, be acquainted with these ORC rules and regulations, I have created a sort of CliffNotes summary that might make required reading and remembering them a little easier. – JB

Rules governing the behavior of Members and guests

IMPROPER CONDUCT “Who says you can kick me out of my Club?” It is the Ocean Reef Board who serves as judge and jury on matters involving improper conduct. A guilty sentence could include a fine or suspension or expulsion from the Club. Improper Conduct is defined as anything that is likely to endanger the welfare, safety, harmony or good reputation of the Club or its Members. Note: you are responsible for your guests’ behavior as well as your own.

ALCOHOL “I can have a beer in Maryland, why not at the Burgee Bar?” In FLORIDA the State’s drinking age is 21, anyone under that age can’t buy or be served an alcoholic drink anywhere at Ocean Reef Club. Nor is it permissible to buy an alcoholic beverage to be consumed off-premises or after-hours.

MISTREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES “I told that waitress a thing or two!”

Never abuse or discipline a Club employee. Employees are under the supervision of the ORC President, so any discourteous or unsatisfactory incident should be immediately reported to him.

PET CONTROL “My dog is well behaved. You won’t notice he’s here.” Dogs and other pets are not permitted at any of the Club’s facilities. Officially recognized Service Animals are excluded from the “no pets welcome” rule. Ocean Reef Club boat owners can have pets aboard but onshore they must be on a leash...Members be advised: you are responsible for any damage your pet might incur (as well as picking up your pet’s droppings).

CELL PHONES “I really have to take this call.”

If you are anywhere indoors at the Club, do not use your cell to make or receive voice calls or Facetime audio or video calls... It is OK to make or take a call on your phone if you are at one of the Club’s outdoor facilities. But make sure your conversation will not disturb anyone within earshot.

CHILDREN “My dad’s playing golf, why can’t I use the Driving Range?”

Children under 12 are not permitted to use the Club’s facilities unless they are accompanied by an adult... All Members or guests, who are under 21, are only welcome at Ocean Reef’s lounges if they are with a “drinking-age” adult.

BUCCANEER ISLAND “Who took my stuff off my lounge chair?” Buccaneer Island prohibits smoking, coolers, and “camping” on the lounge chairs. These chairs on the beach and next to the pools are not reserved. But, if you abandon your chair for more than 30 minutes, your belongings will be collected, and the lounge chair will be available to someone else.

Rules regarding membership in Ocean Reef Club

MEMBERSHIP CARDS “I’m a

new Member, do I qualify for a card?” If you have been approved for some category of membership at Ocean Reef Club (e.g. Equity, Social, Summer) and you have paid all requisite dues and fees owed to the Club, you and members of your immediate family are entitled to Membership Cards. Your card will indicate an account number and your category of membership. It will entitle you to sign into all ORC facilities and charge all costs to your Ocean Reef account. Membership cards are **not transferable**.

TWO-VISIT RULE “Are you telling me that my next-door neighbors, who love Ocean Reef, can only visit twice in five years?”

Think about it. Without this rule there would be a lot of next-door neighbors enjoying Ocean Reef Club without ever becoming Members. The rule also limits those two visits to 14 days. Note: this rule does not apply to the house guests of Equity Members or their visiting children.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY Alert: all Facebook and Instagram addicts. Posting information about Ocean Reef Club is fine, just as long as you refrain from posting anything that might be detrimental or harmful to the reputation or good will of the Club.

NUISANCE & PRIVACY POLICY “I’m a very private Member. Can I count on ORC to respect that?” The Club makes every effort to guard the privacy of its Members and guests. Proper deportment is expected and behavior that might result in undue notoriety for the Club is not condoned. Any “nuisance” that invades the privacy of Members and their guests or inhibits their enjoyment of its facilities is not permitted.

Rules regarding the Ocean Reef Dress Code

SHIRTS

Required – Collared Shirts – Collared Shirts are the Ocean Reef uniform for men and for boys

over 12. A collared shirt with sleeves is required at the golf course and Driving Range. And don’t forget to tuck them in!

Sleeved Shirts (men) – For walking, jogging, running and pickleball a sleeved shirt is required. Exceptions: For the above activities (aside from anything at the Tennis & Games Center) sleeveless shirts are acceptable, providing they are hemmed and reach shoulder length. Athletic style tank tops are OK on Buccaneer Island. Shirtless is always **Forbidden** when away from the beach and pools.

Women’s Shirts – A tasteful sleeveless shirt is good to go everywhere at Ocean Reef, including on the golf course. Exceptions: Midriff must be covered. Less than full coverage is **Forbidden**.

PANTS

Required – For men dress trousers are the rule at CH Prime. Walking length shorts are permitted at other restaurants and for most other community activities. Exceptions: For tennis and golf, the clothes, designed for the sport, are acceptable. (But remember no cargo or athletic shorts). **Forbidden**: unhemmed and tattered jean shorts or short shorts, that provide minimum coverage. No frayed, torn or cut-off jeans. Exception: smart, long denim jeans are allowed at most OR venues.

JACKET

Required – Only at CH Prime & CH Lounge.

HATS

Required – Take your hat off when entering a Club facility, excluding Raw Bar, Burgee Bar, Grill Room for lunch and Fitness Centers. **Forbidden**: Never wear it backwards.

BUCCANEER ISLAND

Required – For women: a one or two-piece swimsuit, that provides full coverage. For everybody: A bathing cover-up and footwear.

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NEW LISTING

Angelfish Cay 29B | 36' Dockage
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,650,000 | 2622

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Artist's Concept

44 Cardinal Lane | New Construction
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ORP Through the Years: 2015

Buffett in our Backyard!

One would be hard-pressed to think of an event that created as much buzz across The Reef as the announcement that Jimmy Buffett would play on the Driving Range on April 11, 2015.

It was covered throughout the season, from the first Members to pick up their tickets and "Buffett in My Backyard" t-shirts, to detailed instructions on where to park, where to eat and what to wear and Jimmy Buffett Trivia, all leading up to a glossy special edition on April 24th commemorating the celebration.

Below is an excerpt from an article published on March 27, 2015, highlighting the quintessentially Ocean Reef way this came to be!

The Buffett Backstory History by Vicki Goldstein Research by Joan Birsh

From the time the first spade went



in the ground at the Cultural Center fifteen years ago, everyone said "Let's get Jimmy Buffett". Every Entertainment Committee, when acts for the next year were suggested, Buffett's name always came up. Buffett is the Balladeer of the Keys. He rose to fame in Key West, sang about the glories of cutting his foot on a pop-top, surveying the scene from hammock on Higgs Beach, driving down A1A. He is our kinda guy or the way we wish we could be.... laid back, barefoot, loving the sun and life in the Keys....

In the early years of the Cultural



Center, Buffett who is one of the largest touring acts of our time, seemed out of reach. And over the years people who knew Buffett or knew people who knew Buffett tried to make a connection, but nothing came of it. Around 2009 **Alan Goldstein**, Chairman of the Cultural Center, made the first connection with Howard Rose, Buffett's agent in LA. As they say in show business, Rose is large. He represents many big acts including Elton John. It's hard to even get him on the phone. Frequently frustrated by Rose's failure to return phone calls, Goldstein took the attitude of "I'm just going to keep calling him until he gets sick of my calling him." You could almost hear Rose's assistant saying in the background when Goldstein called, "Hey, Howard, it's that crazy guy from Key Largo who wants to have Buffett for a private party (Buffett doesn't do private parties) for 3000 people (Buffett doesn't come out for fewer than 15,000 people).

By the time Rose knew what Ocean Reef was and what Goldstein wanted, the economy was in recession and Buffett was out of the question. But finally the economic clouds lifted, and in 2013 the dream of a Buffett concert returned.

Now always from the beginning of "talks" with Rose, a huge sticking point was the fact that Buffett doesn't book concerts more than 120 days out, and Goldstein knew that Ocean Reef doesn't operate that way. Members would have to know months in advance in order to plan their winter schedules around kids and vacation time. And where Buffett plays in venues used to providing food for multiple thousands, with

an infrastructure that can handle staging, security, tickets, parking, auxiliary tech support, jumbotrons, backstage dressing rooms for Buffett and his Coral Reef Band and crew, Ocean Reef would have to build that all from the ground up for this one-time event. That kind of planning takes time....

WHO'S PAYING?

And so did raising the money. From the beginning Goldstein knew it was going to be a big number and admits to sticker shock when he first heard the cost. Plus the fact that when you hire Buffett, you only get Buffett and his band. Everything else is extra. But using all his persuasive powers, he convinced the Cultural Center to fund a portion, persuading the Club put up an equal amount. The date for the concert, April 11th, 2015, was chosen so that club members would stay after Easter weekend and family and friends would fill the hotels and restaurants. The expectation was that ticket sales would keep the project solvent.

Once the Cultural Center and the Club were all in, Goldstein and his partner in crime in fundraising, **Tom Davidson**, went to work. They each took list of 30 of Ocean Reef's most charitable couples and offered them the best seats. Two Premium Producer seats went for \$10,000 and 50 were sold in a week. Nobody turned them down.... another 20 signed on later. The pieces fell into place and a large committee from the Club and the Cultural Center first met by phone in September to begin planning....

Jimmy Buffett will forever be embedded in The Reef's joyous history. Rest in Peace.



MONDAY, JAN. 15, 2024, 5 PM

Please welcome **Sarah Fangman, Superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary** to the Ocean Reef Cultural Center, 200 Anchor Drive, Key Largo.

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The Trailer Team



by Jody Steele

I am always amazed how the Ocean Reef Club management team takes on a challenge and with incredible and timely coordination, the result is an overwhelming success. The "new" Town Hall Waterside is one of those accomplishments.

First of all, Waterside was developed during Covid for Members to enjoy restricted outdoor dining. It became a favorite destination almost overnight. Now with the addition of specially-designed trailers, it has become a permanent place to gather and enjoy a variety of cuisine in a casual space.

The Project

Philippe Reynaud, Senior Director of Culinary Operations, recently explained how this project began last May. The team included Erwin Pals, VP of Food and Beverage; Dan Tanner, Executive Director of Banquets; Ed Perez, Director of Engineering; Chrisna Wessels, ORC Project Manager; and our outstanding Waterside Chef de Cuisine Jevon Smith. Their goal to design and install the best kitchen trailers to meet State of Florida Health Department



regulations and acquire the necessary licensing for a November opening at Waterside was truly a team effort.

The Trailers

The trailers were built by a South Florida company that builds their own chassis with heavy duty axles that are made to last. Each trailer was constructed with an enclosed customized kitchen. Chef Philippe is proud of how every trailer was carefully planned with the Chef's input for the proper equipment needed to develop the best menu possible. For instance, the new *Pizza Palooza* trailer includes the Mugnaini 3,950 lb. hand-built pizza oven mounted on the trailer's back patio. The *BBQ Pit*

Stop has a custom-built Lang BBQ Smoker as part of its kitchen. The *Asian Fusion* trailer was designed with the help of Executive Sushi Chef Eric Andreu and Islander Sous Chef Michael Nguyen to

incorporate the most popular Sushi and stir fried selections. The *Raw Bar* trailer has a similar double electric grill to make those ever-popular Raw Bar burgers that Barry Reed is so famous for. The Tex-Mex *Cantina Fiesta* features the five best sellers from last season's Palm Court Nights Cantina Restaurant. Corn tortillas are made daily from scratch. The trailers were then beautified by Molly Carroll, VP of Communications & Marketing, and her creative team. Mission accomplished in about six months.

As we sample some of our favorite cuisine from all six trailers, with a seventh in the works, we are grateful to the "Trailer Team" for their dedication to make Town Hall Waterside a durable dining establishment for Members to enjoy for years to come.

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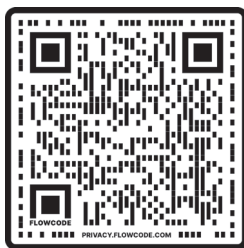
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'Tis the Season for Guests



by Felicia M. Koretsky

During the next few months, you're likely to get that call. The one that asks if they can come for a visit. The one that makes your pendulum mood swing from euphoria to dread.

So many questions race through your mind: Do I have enough room for everyone? How can I make the visit special? Who is paying? What if my guest's common sense escapes the car window at the Front Gate? To help you, we've put together some tips on being a great host without losing yourself in the process:

Call The Landscaper (it's not why you think): So sure, you want to have the landscape look extra crisp when guests come to visit, but if your landscaper usually comes early in the morning or during your grandson's scheduled nap time, talk to them about a temporary schedule change. You don't want your guests woken up by a lawnmower.

Consider Registering Guests with The Medical Center: Whether you have a guest with a medical condition or someone falls ill unexpectedly, it's wise to be registered at The Medical Center. Guests can pre-register online by filling out a simple form at mcor.org without an assigned primary physician. It's recommended that when they arrive on property, they drop by The Medical Center and have their insurance card and ID scanned. Guests can also sign the privacy statement on the back of the form in person. This way, a medical record can be created where any service, including vaccines, is recorded. Registering with the MCOR can save precious time if something urgent arises.

Guest Considerations: It's always great to stock your fridge and bar with your guests' favorites. But if your guest has food allergies or dietary restrictions, make them feel comfortable by ordering them some custom goodies. For example, if you're hosting someone with a nut allergy, call Reef Treats to have the in-house Bake Shop prepare allergy-friendly baked goods. (An extended article on food allergies ran in the December 8th issue of the Press). The Staff at Port O' Call can also help you pick out great wines and spirits. Don't forget to make space in the guest closet so they don't have to live out of their suitcases. Extra towels, blankets and luxury toiletries in a clutter-free guest room with a vase of fresh flowers, water bottles, and a note with the Wifi password, are nice touches. Lastly, remember not everyone loves Rover as much as you do, so it's best to keep your pets in your room overnight.

Stock up on Reef Merch: For your male guests, consider purchasing a Reef Polo or golf shirt. It not only makes for a great welcome gift, you'll be covered if they forget to pack that collared shirt you reminded them about. The Burgee Shop, Gift Shop, and the Member Fitness Center are also filled with great Reef Burgee-logoed items. Your guests will love showing off their Reef Merch when they get back home.

Accept without Regret: Maybe you don't actually have enough room at your place or you like your own space, so Instead of declining a visit, book your guests a room at The Inn or at a vacation rental. It's one of the best ways to keep the peace if multiple family members are visiting at once.

Discuss Finances Ahead of Time: Those happy to cover all of their guests' trips to the Beach Bar don't need to read this. But if Cheap Uncle Charlie is coming, it's important to get the topic of finances out of the way. For example, say you'll take care of dinner or lunch on particular dates and you're happy

to get them a guest card for their other incidentals that will go on their credit card. The guest sponsorship form, available at oceanreef.com, allows you to designate who's footing the bill. You can also use the "reservation notes" when booking your dinner reservations online to explain how you want the bill divided. Avoiding awkward money talk will make for a smoother visit.

Give Your Guests Some Guidance: Be sure to leave your guests a current copy of the Ocean Reef Press and *This Week at The Reef*, and share any posted activity or outlet lists for them to review. Consider putting a list together of your favorite places to grab morning coffee and breakfast as well as point out the Marina Fitness Center (where you don't have to be a Member to access) and walking trails in case they want to get up and going before you do.

Consider Extra Carts, Keys: Call Cart Rental at 305-376-6520 to book an extra golf cart or a larger golf cart to keep everyone happy. If you're not a fan of leaving the door unlocked, leave your guests an extra key. The Engineering Department makes copies.

Hire Helping Hands: Just because you're entertaining doesn't mean you have to exhaust yourself. The Recreation Department is a great team to call if you want to hire someone to entertain your little or adult visitors. They can give your group a tour of The Reef or arrange for family and group games. Also, consider calling the

Banquet Department to cater a party at your home.

Don't Overschedule: As much as your friends want to visit with you, they're usually also on vacation, too, so that means giving them time to go to Buccaneer Island, book a massage or facial at The Spa or an exercise class at the Member Fitness Center. Visitors will enjoy having space and free time without too many time constraints. It also gives hosts time to relax and do any necessary preparations.

The Bellstand Alternative: Make sure everyone adds Bellstand's number (305-367-5985) to their contact list in their phone. That way if they get lost on a walk or have one too many at the Burgee Bar, they can get home safely.

Let Guests Know We Play by the Rules: Visiting a private club means guests need to play by the rules. Guests can check ORC's dress code under *Club Life or Membership* at oceanreef.com. Remind your guests that you are responsible for their conduct. Using fake IDs, acting or dressing inappropriately, and not following cell phone guidelines won't get them a return invite, plus will reflect badly by Membership on their host.

Book Your Reservations: Don't wait until your guests arrive before making reservations. Tee times, lessons at The Academy of Golf, pickleball and tennis, lodging, and dining reservations can all be booked online at oceanreef.com.



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KEYS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Be An Angel

Amid this incredible time of year as we welcome one another back to Ocean Reef and prepare our homes and families for the joy and fun of the holiday season, we have much to celebrate and for which to show gratitude. Vintage Weekend and the extraordinary Holiday Concert we recently enjoyed are traditions so dear to many of our families.

A short drive south of our island paradise, there are families whose holidays are approaching very differently – we are here to help! This past year, the Keys Children's Foundation donated special funds to each local elementary school in the Upper Keys to help needy families purchase Christmas trees and holiday meals – helping in hopes that all children have the chance to experience holiday magic. Hundreds of "Keys kids" participated in swim lessons



this past year – a skill critical for children growing up in our area – through generous gifts. The Coral Shores Food Pantry received a new refrigerator so they can provide fresh food to children who spend their weekends without food at home. Opportunities to attend college were provided to local youth who committed to earning good grades and being good community citizens. These opportunities and so much more were provided with thanks to the generosity of the Keys Children's Foundation.

The Angel Luncheon

For more than 20 years, the Foundation's "Be An Angel Luncheon" has been the primary fundraiser for these grantees. The 2024 luncheon will be held on **Friday, January 19, 2024** and features keynote speaker Lt. Colonel Dan Rooney, a decorated F-16 pilot, best-selling author and advocate. Lt. Colonel Rooney served three tours of duty in Iraq and was recognized by President George W. Bush with the White House's "Presidential Volunteer Service Award" among other accolades and medals. He founded the non-profit organization "Folds of Honor" which provides educational scholarships for families of fallen or disabled military service members and first responders. Rooney identifies his life calling as "inspiring people to help people" and we know that he will inspire you to help our local children as well.

Our Humble Start

The Keys Children's Foundation was established more than 29 years ago to assist needy children in the Upper Keys. Comprised of a board of volunteers, everything we do is "for the kids". The Florida Keys Children's Shelter, originally established by ORC Members to care for homeless children in the community, continues to be one of the recipients of the largest grants. The Foundation supports organizations in the Upper Keys providing resources for needy children. These

resources can include access to technology at Key Largo School and the implementation of sports programs that allow our local children the never-before-offered chance to be part of a team or play a sport we take for granted in other larger communities. We provide kids the ability to seek dental treatment through the needy fund at Coral Shores High School, scholarships to YMCA summer camp or to college via Take Stock in Children and so much more. The needs served are broad, diverse and in our own backyards. The KCF and their assistance allow needy children in the Keys to participate in school activities and be part of the scholastic experience in ways they would not otherwise. In so many ways, this assistance helps local kids "just be kids".

How You Can Help

We hope you will join our Angel Luncheon for an inspiring afternoon that reminds us all that help does not always have to be in the form of a grand gesture, but can be offered by a small but mighty group of people who care enough to take the time and rally their resources to make a difference in our community and to invest in the future of our community's children. Proudly, this event sells out almost every year. Invitations are in the mail now and ticket information is available by contacting: **Michele Welch** at michelewelch@me.com.



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Holiday Culinary Magic



by Jody Steele

It is the time of year to be merry and indulge in a sweet, and Ocean Reef Club has a variety of delectable desserts to satisfy your cravings. Jeffrey Munchel, Executive Pastry Chef, recently shared some of the desserts ready for you to savor around The Reef.

Out for Dinner

After dinner at The Islander, their famous Cookie Brownie is a superb ending to any meal and is just perfect for sharing. Gianni Ristorante offers the classic Tiramisu and a Zeppoli, which is a delicate Italian donut.



Tower "Under Construction", made by ORC's talented Pastry Team.

For a more casual dinner, Town Hall Waterside has opened the Dessert Bliss trailer with Fried Ice Cream and Churros. Chef Jeffrey stated that all of The Reef's dining establishments offer a variety of delicious desserts with The Reef's famous Key Lime Pie still the most popular choice.

Reef Treats

Stopping by for a coffee, you



cannot miss the array of fancy sweets in the display case. The chocolate strawberries are always a big hit as is the Gluten Free Chocolate Bundt Cake. Don't miss the Buche de Noel (Yule Log Cake) along with other holiday-decorated goodies that you can purchase for family and friends.

The Pastry Elves

Chef Jeffrey credits his staff

of 18 for their talent and dedication to excellence in the Bakeshop where each chef is part of the "amazing team that works flawlessly together". One outstanding example of their work is the pastry tower at the entrance to the Inn. This replica of the iconic Ocean Reef Tower was a pastry team creative collaboration. Chef Jeffrey's vision was to build the Tower "under construction" with the elves happily at work. The team took on the challenge to create a Reef holiday scene. If you look carefully, you might spot the "elves on a shelf" with Santa Claus supervising from his perch on top. The elves are having a great time with a wheelbarrow, golfing on the sidelines, and transporting a candy cane aloft. This is definitely a great place for a family photo op.

So at Reef Central, the "Pastry Elves" are busy doing their best to tempt us with an array of luscious desserts and entertain us with their pastry magic.



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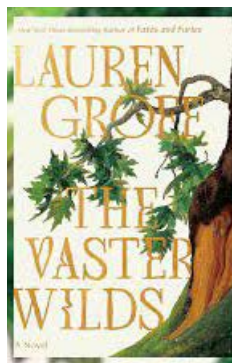


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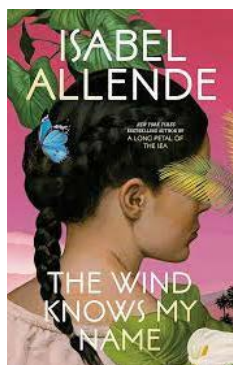


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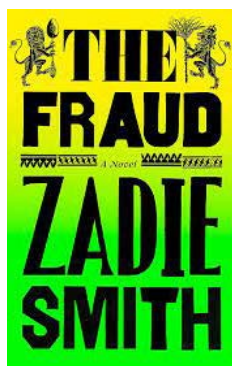


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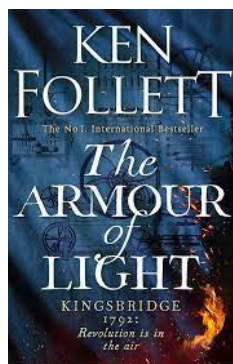
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Making the Connection



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

Maybe some of you are like our family. Our children live just over 4,800 miles apart. That's roughly the distance between Colorado, where two of our children live, and Sweden, where the third lives. So, we live about halfway between our adult children. One grandchild attends the University of Utah and another Colby College in Maine. My sister and her family live in Frisco, Texas, and Jane's siblings live in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Obviously, we can't just drop off gifts at their doors. Those distances mean that each Christmas, we spend time shopping online, buying gifts someone else will deliver to our family.

While entering all the addresses and credit card information this week, something hit me. It was the connection between the love we have for the members of our family and the gifts we were purchasing.

The connection is this. Love makes itself known through the actions that it prompts. The more I thought about it, the more it occurred to me – that's really the connection at the heart of Christmas. But understanding that connection has taken a lifetime.

Perhaps you can relate.

As children in Texas in the 1950s, we took part in a Christmas pageant every December. It took place in the cafeteria of the Davy Crocket Elementary School. Our teachers had us memorize part of the Christmas story from one of the Gospels. I recall being given the part that began with Caesar Augustus and a census being taken of the entire Roman world.

Now to be honest, I had no idea who Caesar was. Neither did I have the foggiest notion what the Roman world was all about. The only sheep I had ever seen were penned up in the livestock exhibit at the Texas State Fair. And I didn't know what a Messiah was. No one had bothered to ask or offered to explain.

We all had a vague notion that somehow, God was involved in this story. The connection was just not so clear back then.

Maybe I was just a gullible kid. I believed a rabbit laid the Easter eggs we searched for in the city park. The tooth fairy showed up, leaving money under the pillow where the newly pulled tooth had been carefully placed before you went to sleep.

Santa had me stumped. How did he get into a house like ours since we didn't have a chimney? But somehow, he did. The proof was that he ate the treats we put out for him, and he left gifts under the tree.

(Spoiler alert – don't read this next part to your young children!) There comes that moment when you realize that the rabbit, the fairy, and the guy in the red suit were all wonderful childhood myths, legends, stories.

Turned out, the world was not as enchanted as we were taught, but instead, was inhabited by the people who loved you.

The Christmas story suffered guilt by association. Maybe it too was little more than a child's story, a myth you would outgrow in time.

A few months after turning 21, I was in France. Some group had set up a book table in the rear of a large cathedral in Paris. A particular book caught my attention. The title was *Escape from Reason*. The author wrote as if God was more than a childhood myth or figment of our imagination.

As I read the book, it opened the door into a world I never knew existed before. The more I thought about what the author was saying, rather than diminishing my faith in God, the more awesome and wonder-filled it became. Those names and places I memorized as a child, now rooted God's story in history.

I guess I always believed in God, but God had always seemed distant – far more distant than the miles between us and our children.

But the message of Christmas was about more than God existing. It was the claim that God had chosen to bridge the distance between himself and us. The way in which the distance was bridged was through a gift that is the heart of Christmas.

Christmas is the incredible story of God who reveals the depths of his love for us through the gift He has given the world. God chose not to send just anyone. He sent the gift of His Son. Here's how the Bible puts it, so simply and clearly.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but will have everlasting life."

My hope is that when the members of our family open their gifts on Christmas morning, they'll think of the love we can't bring in person. And my hope for each of you is that when you think of Christmas, you'll begin to think of the gift of God's love for you – a gift he delivered in person – the person of His Son, Jesus. Merry Christmas!

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FRIDAY, DEC. 15

AA Meeting
 7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room
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Shabbat Service
 6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:15 p.m., Chapel Living Room, Fr. Hilley

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

Traditional Worship Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Mr. Cal Thomas

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

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

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

MONDAY, DEC. 18

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

Clair McCann Memorial
 10 a.m., Chapel

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

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

Senior Cafe
 10:30 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Robert Deshaies

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

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

Christmas Extravaganza Concert
 7 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Celebration of Life

Claire McCann

Monday, December 18
10 a.m.
Ocean Reef Chapel



Join Claire Bear McCann's friends and family on Monday, December 18 to celebrate the fun-loving and caring life that she lived.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY
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Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers (easily overlooked) and under your nails. If you are in a public restroom and paper towels are available use one to open the door.

Keeping an alcohol-based pump-type sanitizer in your car or golf cart is important this time of year. After running those errands, get in the habit of using hand sanitizer as soon as you get back in the car or cart. Remember, you are touching doorknobs, handrails, elevator buttons, escalator rails and even merchandise that has



been touched by unknown others.

Are you handing your cell phone to a friend to see those cute grandchildren or pet photos? It's a good idea to use a sanitizing wipe on your phone from time to time. If you have a bumper case on your phone, you can remove it and give it a good soap and water wash.

Viruses are on the rise this month. If you haven't had your vaccines yet, it's not too late.

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Dec 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17
Daisy Elwick
Dec. 18, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 8, 9, 15

Cannabis & Pain Medicine

Michelle Weiner
Jan. 12

Cardiology

Julio Barcena
Jan. 19, Feb 9
Howard Bush
Jan. 11, Feb. 15, March 14

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz
Dec. 18, Jan. 15

Dermatology

Alexandra Price
Dec. 21, Jan. 4, 18
Alysa Herman
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Dec. 21, Jan. 4, 18

Debra Price
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Dec. 15, Jan. 5, 19

Jill Waibel
(305) 279-6060
Jan. 15, Feb. 12

Stephanie Nicolau
(305) 740-6181
Dec. 20, Jan. 10, 24

Dr. Varee Poochareon
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Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10

Endocrinology

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

Gastroenterology
Sandra Rodriguez
Jan. 9, Feb. 13

Gynecology
Jason James
Jan. 11, Feb. 8

Jila Senemar
Jan. 24, Feb. 13, March 12

Holistic Medicine

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Dec. 19, 21, 26, 28

I.V. Therapy
Keila Paulino & Scott Williams (305) 907-7550
Dec. 18, Jan. 8

Nephrology
Farias
Dec. 18, Jan. 17, Feb. 5

Neurology
Victor Faradji
Jan. 4, Feb. 1

Neuro Spine
Nancy Epstein
Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 20

Raul Vasquez Castellanos
Jan. 16

Ophthalmology
Bascom Palmer
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Dec. 28, Jan. 2, 3

Zach Segal
Dec. 19, Jan.16

Optometry
Lauren Nicholas
Jan. 5, Feb. 2

Susanna Tamkins
Jan. 19

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

Orthopedic Surgery
Joseph Fernandez
Jan. 19, Feb. 16

Derek Papp
Dec. 21, Jan. 11, 25

James Voglino
Dec. 15, Jan. 5

Orthopedic Hand Surgery
Roberto Miki
Jan. 12, Feb. 23, March 22

Pediatrics
Rosa Fernandez
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Plastic Surgery
Ramiro Perez
Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4

Podiatry
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Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 14, 28

Polly Reeves
Jan. 4, Feb. 15
Sophia Masri
Jan. 19, Feb 23, March 22, Dec. 8

Psychology
Joseph Mora
Dec. 18, Jan. 15

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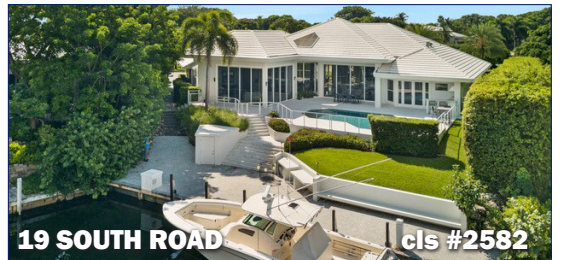
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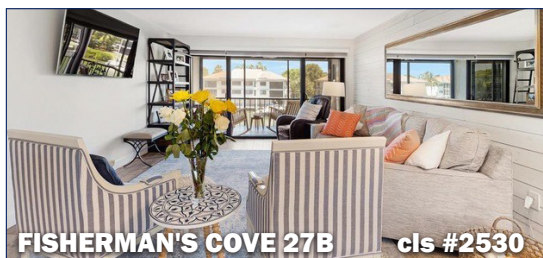
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Climbing the Ladder of Success!

Molly Lechelt



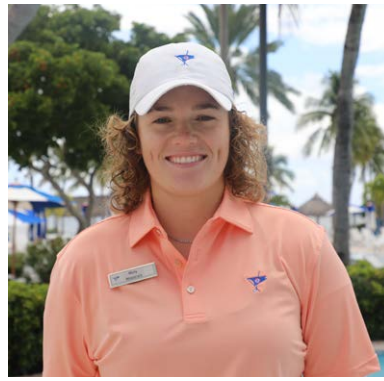
by Mary Brady

In the 5 years Molly Lechelt has worked at Ocean Reef, she has been climbing the ladder to success. Graduating from Waunakee High School, Molly went to Winona State in Wisconsin. Another graduate of Winona State, Chris Nelson (Ocean Reef's Assistant Director of Recreation), came to his alma mater to talk to the students about Ocean Reef and all the "cool opportunities" that are provided here. Chris planted a seed in Molly's mind, and when she was a senior and needed an internship, she reached out to Chris and arrived at The Reef in Feb. 2019.

Starting as an intern, she was soon made a full-time activity coordinator, and a year after that, was made captain (the liaison between the coordinators and the supervisors). She said, "I wasn't quite at supervisor level yet, but I was included in the leaders' meetings, and I was the voice from one side to the other," said Lechelt. "It was a challenging role and taught me things I still use in my job today."

After her role as captain, she was made the Reef Club Kids supervisor. That entailed taking control of RCK and helping plan all the activities and establish some order in planning theme nights like New Year's and Christmas. She was a constant presence for the children, and the kids were comfortable and assured in her presence.

Molly began working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Safe Boating Day and other events, as well as with the Recreation team on corporate group events and soon transitioned to recreation



Molly Lechelt, Pool Experience Supervisor

supervisor, where her primary objective was to make "fun things" happen. An example of that is Touch-a-Truck.

Molly explained, "In Touch-a-Truck, we bring in big vehicles, from our Solid Waste team and ORCA Public Safety to the Everglades National Park trucks. Last year, FKEC brought their trucks and the Everglades Fire Department let children spray the water hose. The kids really loved that!" Grandparents, mark your calendar for this year's on December 27 in the Business Center Parking Lot. "The happiest moment for me is seeing the children's smiles and eyes light up. All the hard work of coordination is paid back in the magic it creates on the children's faces. It makes my job worthwhile."

Deservingly, Molly was promoted this summer to pool experience supervisor. She is delighted to walk Buccaneer Island and have kids recognize her. She commented, "Walking around the beach, it is still thrilling to hear a kid yell, 'Hey, Molly,' and jump up and give you a big hug. There is nothing like it in the world!"

As pool experience supervisor, she is tasked with enforcing the ever-important dress code at Buccaneer Island. She is making sure all the little things that go into Members having a good experience are taken care of. She says, "Mike Neves and I work closely together. We are the Yin and Yang of the beach now. He smiles and asks if you want a cool drink. I, on the other hand, ask you to wear a cover-up over your bathing suit."

I asked whether she encountered a 'throng of thongs' (skimpy bathing suits) at the pool.

Molly answers smiling a full

dimpled smile and replies, "I am jokingly called the Thong Police. Ocean Reef has a full-coverage bathing suit policy and I am tasked with making sure those enjoying the beach know and abide by this policy. You'll rarely see me not holding Club Dress Code Cards, which feature examples of full coverage bathing suits and have a QR code to the entire Club dress code."

While it may not pleasant to tell members and guests what they can't do, it is a job that Molly does with grace.

Molly says that in general, most people with dress code violations are unaware of the rules, are apologetic, and the infraction does not happen again. The best approach is the proactive one. It's important for Members to remember to share the dress code with their guests before they arrive at Ocean Reef.

Molly relates, "Members want to see the place that they love and cherish so much be the way they want it, and kept that way. I am happy to promote these rules

because it is what the members want to see, and this is their club.

What is the happiest part of your job?

"The happiest part of my job is being with the Members on the beach. It is fun to see the kids I started with at RCK paddling around in kayaks and shouting my name as I walk by. I can also see all the parents I have gotten to know so well. I get to meet a lot more people too."

What are your future plans?

"My plans are to continue climbing the ladder! Eventually, I want a job like Mic O'Keeffe. Working for him is incredible. He has afforded me all the learning opportunities I could ask for. He will always go to bat for his team. If something is going wrong, he will help us fix it. If we are doing something right, he recognizes us. He is someone that I have learned a lot from in how to carry myself and how I want to be as a leader. I love working for him, I love my job and I am so proud to be a part of the Ocean Reef team."

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JUNIOR TENNIS CLINICS

December 18- January 2 • Various Times

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

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

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

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS FISHING VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 23

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Fishing Village

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 Sanctuary

9 p.m. • Fishing Village

11 p.m. • Chapel Sanctuary

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 ALTER EGO

Thursday, December 28

8:00 p.m. • Buccaneer Island

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

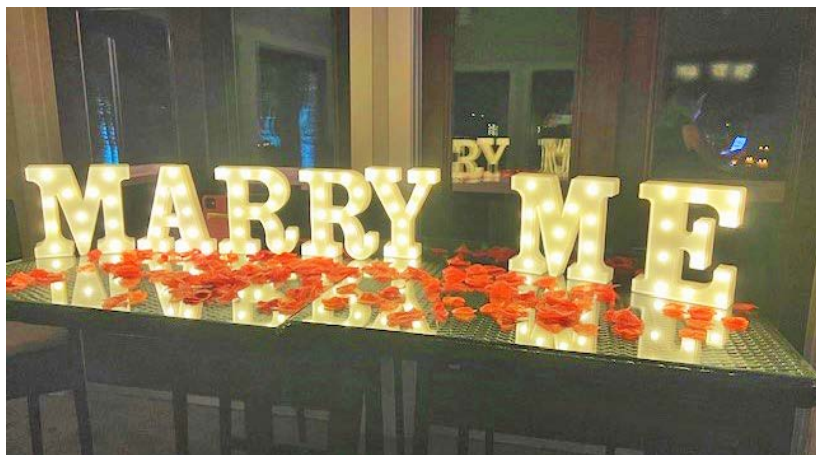


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MEMBER NEWS



TOP & BOTTOM LEFT: Michael Watson proposed to Anna Bradshaw on November 1 at The Point. Congratulations!

TOP RIGHT: Sydney Frances King and Matthew Tod Fleischmann were married September 9, 2023 at the Shields family home on Walloon Lake, Michigan. Sydney is the daughter of Legacy members Keith and Amy King and the granddaughter of longtime members Peter and Suzy Shields. Matthew is the son of Noah and Julie Fleischmann of Cincinnati and Cape Cod. Noah, the father of the groom, officiated the ceremony uniting his son and now, daughter in law. Betsy Blanchard, friend of the bride, opened the ceremony singing Brandon Lake's "Gratitude", a song of praise and gratitude to the Lord. Love and best wishes to the bride and groom who are making their home in Cincinnati.

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

15 FRIDAY

Sweat Class & Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Winter Doubles Golf Croquet Tournament

8:30am-1pm • Croquet Lawn

Adriana Pappas Trunk Show

8:30am-5pm • The Spa

Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Zumba Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar

9pm • Burgee Bar

16 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

ORC Run Club

7am • Member Fitness Center

Deena K Jewelry Trunk Show

8:30am-5pm • The Spa

Intro to Pickleball Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Hayley Style Trunk Show

9am-2pm • Tennis & Games Center

Spin the Wheel Sale

3-6pm • Golf Shop

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar

9pm • Burgee Bar

17 SUNDAY

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

Reef Rec Room Open

3-10pm • Reef Rec Room

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

18 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

MGA Weekly Event

8-10:50am • Hammock

Clair McCann Memorial

10am • Chapel

Farmer's Market

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Pickleball Organized Play

4pm • Tennis & Games Center

Xglosive Tennis

6:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

19 TUESDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Pool

ORC Swim Club

7am • Member Fitness Pool

LGA Santa's Sleigh Wreck

8-10am • Dolphin

Vinyasa Yoga Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Senior Cafe

10:30am • Chapel Fellowship Hall

Yoga for Golfers

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Teen Fit Class

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Kathryn Parrish Winter Centerpiece Class

3-5pm • Tarpon/Cooking School

Men's Night Pickleball League

5:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Xglosive Pickleball

7:30-8:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

20 WEDNESDAY

Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

"A" Flight Level Cardio Tennis

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Ladies' Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

The Dress Code Holiday Party

10am-5pm • The Dress Code

Festival of the Wreaths

2-4pm • Town Hall Assembly

Intermediate Croquet Clinic

2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

U-40 Croquet & Cocktails

3:30-5:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Deck The Walls

6-7pm • Town Hall Assembly

Glow Mini Golf

6:30-9:30pm • Carysfort Hall

21 THURSDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Pool

ORC Swim Club

7am • Member Fitness Pool

"A" Flight Level Cardio Tennis

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Sprint Challenge

8-11am • Member Fitness Center

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event

9am Shotgun • Dolphin Back 9

Junior Golf Clinic

9am • Driving Range

Letters to Santa

10am-12pm • Town Hall Water-side

The Dress Code Holiday Party

10am-5pm • The Dress Code

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

Christmas Extravaganza Concert

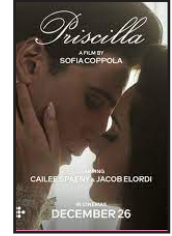
7pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Burgee Bar Karaoke

9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

ON SCREEN & STAGE

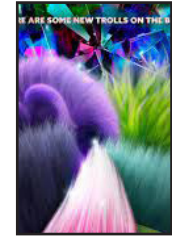
General Admission \$12, Donors \$10
Children (under 12) \$6
Movie Hotline: 305-367-6306



"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.



"Trolls Band Together" (PG)

Friday, December 22 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, December 24 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Tuesday, December 26 • 7:30pm
Runtime: 1hr 31min

Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy
Premise: Poppy discovers that Branch was once part of the boy band 'BroZone' with his brothers, Floyd, John Dory, Spruce and Clay. When Floyd is kidnapped, Branch and Poppy embark on a journey to reunite his two other brothers and rescue Floyd.

Live Performance!

The New Shanghai Circus

Wed. Dec. 27 – 4:00 & 7:00PM
\$50 Donor Adult - \$60 Non-Donor Adult
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Through the artists' dazzling performances of juggling acrobatics, colorful dancing contortionist, hilarious comedy, and mystifying magic – all ages will be amazed.
Pre-Performance Buffet • 5:30pm
(For 7 p.m. Performance Only)
\$40++ Adults
\$20++ Children 12 & under

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

[For full list of events pick up a copy of This Week at the Reef!](#)

OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

Member Fitness Center

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

Daily 9am – 5pm
305-367-2611, ext. 5515

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am – 8pm
Fri. & Sat. 11am – 9pm
Mon., Dec. 25 11am – 2pm
305-367-5999

Golf Shop

Daily 7:30am – 5:30pm
305-367-5912

Tennis Pro Shop

Daily 8am – 5:30pm
305-367-6583

Ocean Reef Gift Shop

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

CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

I'm making a list....
And checking it twice



1. Tennis Pro Shop



2. Vineyard Vines



3. The Spa



4. Golf Shop



5. Gift Shop



6. J. McLaughlin



7. Burgee Shop (Kids)

My Personal Holiday Gift List...

I don't mean to gloat, but I have finished my Christmas shopping.... I've bought gifts for family; friends; even for acquaintances, who expect to be reciprocated for the annual fruitcake they leave on my doorstep (I still have last year's) ... How did I do it so quickly and efficiently? Answer: by shopping exclusively at Ocean Reef's excellent stores.... Because generosity abounds in this holiday season, I'm going to share a few items on my list. It's my hope that it might be helpful to some of you, who have just grasped the indisputable fact that Christmas is 10 days away!

PICTURED HERE:

(1) **Flowers Pickleball Paddle** – for my sporty friend Barbara. She will love this *Vera Bradley* design, which will make her paddle a conversation piece on the pickleball court, as well as a weapon. *Tennis Pro Shop* (\$150).
 (2) **Ties** – for male friends and relations. It doesn't seem like a very exotic present, but I love giving ties to the men and boys on my list. And they love receiving them. The best (ties not men and boys) can be found at *Vineyard Vines* (\$85 +).

(3) **Lush Nightshirt** – for my grand-daughter Abby (mother of baby Arthur). I know that even at midnight feedings, she will be happy and comfy in a sleepshirt decorated with champagne bottles. *Spa at Fitness Center* (\$95).
 (4) Sporty *Mikela Full Zip Jacket* –for my daughter-in-law Sheila. She will appreciate the informality of this jacket (with a touch of a classic blazer). *Golf Shop* (\$163).
 (5) This **Walloo Hat** – for granddaughter Isabel, who teaches 2nd grade, and on vacation enjoys lying in the sun with a good book. I will paint some flowers on the hat to make it more personal. Then, only a beloved granddaughter could possibly persuade me to give it away. *Gift Shop* (\$62).
 (6) **Red Puffer Jacket** – for my beautiful, high- spirited Baltimore granddaughter Neena. Her job is to organize special charity events (many outdoors) for Tito Vodka. *J. McLaughlin* (\$278).
 (7) **Ocean Reef Onesie**. Last but by no means least, a baby-sized ORC collared shirt for my adorable GREAT Grandson Arthur (aka Archie). I hope he will be wearing this OR uniform very soon on a visit to his Gram. *Burgee Shop* (\$64).
by Joan Birsh

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

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 Dec 18-22 7am-11am
 Buffets Dec 23 & 25 7am-11am • Buffets Dec 24 7am-12pm
 Dinner Tues.-Thurs. & Sun.-Mon. 5:30-9pm
 Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm (Buffet Sat.)
 Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

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

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm
 Dinner Daily 4-9pm (Dinner Closed Mon., Dec. 25)
 (Lobster Bake on Thursday)

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am-8pm
 Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm • Mon., Dec. 25 11am-5pm

Reef Treats

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

Reef Hut

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11am-4pm • Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm
 (Closed Mon., Dec 25)

Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm
 Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-11pm
 305- 367-5898

Fitness Café

Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm • Sat. & Sun. 7am-3pm • Mon., Dec. 25 7am-2pm

The Point (Members Only)

Coffee Sat. & Sun. 7-10am • Cocktails Fri.-Sun. 5-8pm

Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm
 Cocktails Mon.-Thurs., & Sun. 5pm-12am
 Fri. 5pm-1am • Sat. 11am-1am
 Lunch Sat., Sun., & Mon., Dec. 25 from 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. & Mon. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm
 Equity Member Only Night Wednesday

CH Lounge (Members Only)

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

Toski's

Snack Bar 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 (Dinner Closed Mon., Dec. 25)

Rum Runner

Open Daily 9am-4pm

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.

Academy Children Giving Back



by Jerome Murphy, Head of School

As The Academy's character education program focuses on compassion this month, we are excited to celebrate the holidays by giving back!

We were so excited to welcome and recognize Krissy Carnahan from the Voices for Florida Keys Children (VFKC) at this morning's Academy Flag assembly. Voices assists with the education, health, and social well-being of disadvantaged children and families in the Keys. Following the proceeds collected from last week's Academy Book Fair, our students

were delighted to donate a series of children's books and brand-new bikes to the VFKC organization.

In keeping with the holiday tradition of giving back, Academy children were front and center on stage sharing the gift of song at last Friday's ORC Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Decked out in holiday red, our children captivated the crowd with beautiful renditions of *Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Don't Make a Snowman with Yellow Snow* (our kids' favorite!), *Jingle Bells*, and *We Wish you a Merry Christmas*. The kids rocked!!

Following up, our 1st-3rd grade choral group is ready to take their show on the road, appearing at the Residence Club this Thursday at 11 a.m. to ring in the holiday season!

Your support of the All Charities Weekend strengthens entities, like the Academy, 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.



Using proceeds from the Academy Book Fair, students donated children's books and bikes to the Voices for Florida Keys Children organization.



Academy students perform at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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HOLIDAY CONCERT AT THE REEF



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Terry and Ned Ferrarone



Lisa Towbin with grandchildren Johnny and Hope Grunow



Spike and Gail Yoh



Bettina Schottland, Janet Williams, Patti Pope, Shelly Johnson, Vickie Dearing, Candice Gunther, Jenn Pilati



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Joe Hertzman, Julie Hertzman and Fitz Mullens



Karen and Paul DiMaura



Vicki and Alan Goldstein



Cathy and Joe Flanagan



Ann and Peter Liashek



Skip and Dawn Shumway

Upcoming Spa Trunk Shows

Adriana Pappas Designs & Deena K Jewelry Designs



“Spa Notes” by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

We always strive to bring unique and exciting vendors for all of our Spa trunk shows, and wanted to spotlight two of these vendors this week, Adriana Pappas Designs (**Friday, December 15**) and Deena K Jewelry Designs (Saturday, December 16).

Adriana Pappas is a Florida native, and has spent most of her life in the world of fashion. She started working in retail at 14 years old, and at the age of 18 took a leap of faith and opened



Adriana Pappas

multiple retail boutiques. She created Adriana Pappas Designs out of her lifelong love for natural beauty. While lying on the beach in Miami one day, she was staring at a piece of shell jewelry she had purchased, and thought to herself that she could create a much better version of it, and this is where it all began. All of her pieces are handmade here in the US, and she strives to create a fashion forward accessory line that brings today's top fashion trends to woman of all ages. Her jewelry line was inspired by the ocean, shells, coastal life, and beautiful treasures from the sea, and has rapidly expanded. We also carry



Deena K Jewelry

some of her collection at The Spa and her new items will arrive to us late next week - just in time for the holidays!

Deena Kauser is the owner and founder of Deena K Jewelry Designs and was recently one of the designers featured at Art Basel in Miami. Deena is known for her depiction of nature and fauna in her designs. She and her team of artisans have transcended time maintaining and mastering the elaborate enamel and gemstone skills of their ancestors. Deena believes that jewelry adornment is one of the most beautiful and visual forms of art. She says that because it has the power to attract

the emotions of belongingness, and the capability to retain attachments with an individual. Deena states that jewelry making is very divine and it's a daily process of inflowing inspiration that creates it.

Stop by and meet Adriana on Friday, December 15th and Deena on Saturday, December 16th at The Spa starting at 9 a.m.

Upcoming Spa Trunk Shows:

- Friday, Dec 15 - Adriana Pappas Designs
- Saturday Dec 16 - Deena Kauser jewelry
- Monday, Dec 18 – Isabella Adams Spa Trunk Show
- Tuesday, Dec 19 – Luxury Vintage Designer Handbags Spa Trunk Show
- Wednesday, Dec 20 – Caryna Nina Spa Trunk Show & Luxury Vintage Designer Handbags Spa Trunk Show
- Thursday, Dec 21 – Caryna Nina Spa Trunk Show
- Friday, Dec 22 – Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show & Irresistibles Spa Trunk Show



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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan



Leonard Perfido at "Jerry Is Here"

What could be better than the Farmer's Market every Monday? The Farmer's Market every Monday AND Thursday! Beginning December 21, all your favorite vendors will be back to help you find delicious desserts,

appetizers and entrees as well as beauty products, flowers, gifts and more. So make your lists, check them twice and join your neighbors twice a week from now on!

NOTE: The Farmer's Market will move to 121 Marina Parking Lot on Dec. 26, 28 and Jan. 1, as the trapeze will be at the Field at Four Corners.

HOLIDAY FLORAL CENTERPIECE CLASS With Kathryn Parrish

Tuesday, December 19
3-5 p.m. • Carysfort Kitchen

Kathryn will review and demonstrate a variety of options of design and then you will make your own masterpiece! Workshop includes all supplies, flowers and professional assistance from Ms. Parrish's team of associates. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Registration required: 305-367-6516
\$150++ per person
Space is limited.



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Celebrating the Spirit of the Season at the Art League



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

There is something for everyone at the Art League this holiday season. Why not check out a pop-up, special one-day-only class, or register the kids for their own happy hour event.

Just yesterday I came upon a group of ladies in the Beginners Needlepoint Class making Ocean Reef-themed ornaments. I was so impressed with their handiwork! What a great way



Beginners Needlepoint Class (l to r) Adeline Marotta, Claudia Langworthy, Liz Thornton, Charlotte Drinkwater, Claudia Mullett, Linda Kaplan and Marcia Ryon (seated).

to connect with other members and create something you'll have for a lifetime.

Maybe like me, you are thinking, "I've never done that. Would I be any good at it? I don't want to embarrass

myself."

I can assure you with the guidance of **Linda Kaplan** and **Claudia Langworthy** you are in talented and supportive hands. They have many events coming up so why not contact the Art League and find out more information?

Have you ever thought, "I need to try something new," but maybe you are hesitant to make a large time commitment?

Coming up on **December 19th** is a one-day workshop making Holiday Gift Bags, Tags, and Stockings with Lizzie Stebbins. Enjoy making gift bags and gift tags in a variety of sizes, and festive themes or learn to sew a simple stocking.

Thinking "Oh darn I missed the needlepoint Christmas ornament class?"

Well, mark your calendar for the Christmas Ornament Suncatchers Class with Glass Artist Stephanie Martin **December 20th.**

Many of our members have a flood of children or grandchildren coming in for the holidays and along with all the traditional Ocean Reef activities, find themselves looking for new things or quick things that will occupy them for a few hours. A fun option would be our Cookies For Santa Platters on **December**

19th with Marijke Browning. Along with trying something new, they get the keepsake plate to take home and use on Christmas Eve.

We have a few "Kids Happy Hour" events we think they'll enjoy. Something a little different and maybe a break from the sun.

December 29 4-6 p.m. and **January 3** 4-6 p.m., parents can enjoy a night out while the kids create a masterpiece. Students will be given step by step paint-along instruction and go home with a painting they will be proud of. There are more Kids Happy Hours scheduled strategically over the season when we know they often visit The Reef so be sure to check out our Art League Catalogue.

Looking ahead to **January 4 & 5**, you may want to register for our XL Market Tote-Sewing By Machine 101 class. This is a great project to take you through all the basics. We'll cover cutting fabric using rotary cutter and ruler, using fusible interfacing and working on a sewing machine to create a lined carryall perfect for work, gym, school, or shopping.

Of course we have our great off-The-Reef trips, and many great classes and events in the New Year. I'll keep you updated here on all the wonderful art shows and events. Remember the Art League is open to everyone and we encourage you to become a member for special discounts and activities. It's one of the best deals on The Reef.



Masterpiece from a Kids Art League class.



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Team Buckalot, Overall Grand Masters Champions.



Team Sandrita, Golf Champions.

OVERALL CHAMPIONS:

Team Buckalot

Mike Levy, David Graves, Rob Hoenscheid, John Mcturk

GOLF

1st Place: Team Sandrita

Sandra Fish, Andy Hofmann, Tony Olmert, John Connelly

2nd Place: Bad Habit

Walter Vazquez, Joe Joyner, Dragos Alexe, Steve Leonard

3rd Place: Team Business

Michael Rich, Bryan MacDonald, David Johnson, Bruce Robertson

FISHING

1st Place: Days Like This

Brian Platner, Carl Asman, Phil Heilpern, Kevin Vermillion

2nd Place: Let it Be

James Breuer, Charles Breuer, Hadwen Fuller II, Hadwen Fuller III

3rd Place: Raptor

Richard Wallace, Steve Smith, Jack Tatelman, Zane Albury



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First Pro-Am of the Season a Success



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

Friday, December 8th marked our first Pro-Am of the 2023-2024 season and the competition was stellar as usual. All of the teams played spectacularly. Thank you to all of our participants for coming out. As a staff, we love events where we get to play in a competition with the membership.

We had a fantastic field of teams for our first Pro-Am and at no surprise, we had some low scores! Leading the way was the team of Zach Haynes,



Britta Garcia, Staci Berry, and Andy Woodman with a fantastic score of -23 (83). The team of Mike Leone, **Shannon Bass, Andy Timmerman, and Pat Shields** fell three shots short with a stellar team score of -20 (86). In third place, with another great score of -18 (88) was the team of Ben Claus, **Jolaine McCormack, Timothy Dwyer, and Kathy Tropea.**

The competition of the pros is always exciting, and this day was no different. With an amazing score of -6 (65), Zach Haynes took home the Low Professional for the event.

The next Pro-Am will take

place on **January 26th.** We look forward to seeing everyone there!

MGA Monday

We had another great day On December 11th for MGA Monday. The format played was a Better Ball of Partners format (Gross & Net) on the Dolphin Course. With a full field of 86 players, teams needed to bring their "A" game in order to get in the money. On the Gross side of the competition, there was no match for the team of **Max French and Andy Timmerman.** The duo made 5 birdies and 2 eagles throughout today's round on their way to an 8-under-par score of 63.

One of the Eagles made was a Hole-In-One by Max French on hole #9. Congratulations!

On the Net side of the competition, stringing together 6 birdies and 2 eagles on their way to a bogey-free round of -10, 61, was the team of **Steve Rosenberg and David Ross.** Great playing!

Closest to the Hole Winners

Our Closest to the hole contests this week were dominated by

Max French. Max, winning #9 with his hole-in-one, also claimed #16 by sticking it to 2'6".

9 Hole LGA

The rare, chilly morning on Thursday, December 7 did not stop our 9-hole LGA members from competing. We had 60 players for the "Least Amount of Putts" contest. For this event, 9-Hole LGA members relied heavily on their short game. Many of you found out that chipping it close and one-putting was the key to success in this format. On the PGA Tour, the tour average for putts per round is currently 29.02, and a few players this morning were on pace to beat the tour average. This includes our winner of the "Least Amount of Putts" contest, **Betsy Skudder,** for completing her round with only 13 putts!

LGA Ribbon Day

That's a wrap on Ribbon Day! It was a brisk and windy morning we had on Tuesday, December 12th for this exciting event on the Dolphin Course. Ribbon Day is the best ball format which sounds simple, but there is a twist. Teams did not know whose ball would count for that hole until they reached the putting surface. If your ribbon was attached to the flagstick, your score counted. It took a full team effort to come out on top. Hole-outs from off the green and lots of birdies allowed our champions to cruise to an 11-shot victory.

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This year's summit was held at the Westin Kierland in Scottsdale, Arizona December 10-12. Professionals attended 22 hours of seminars over

the course of two and a half days. Mornings were held in boardrooms with presenters and the afternoons moved to the driving range for live lessons and more presentations with tour pros, beginner golfers and *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Instructors.

Not only did Ocean Reef's Director of Instruction Stef Shaw attend this summit to learn from the best in the business, she also had the privilege of filming online content and doing a magazine shoot for *GOLF Magazine*.

Stef said, "Spending time with the best minds in golf and



Stef Shaw had the opportunity to film online content and do a magazine shoot for *GOLF Magazine*.

learning in this environment is priceless and something I look forward to every year. I'm excited to now take what I've

learned and start implementing new drills and techniques into future lessons at Ocean Reef!"



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Model Yachting Season Begins on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin,
CSMYC Commodore

A decades-long tradition at Ocean Reef continued this past Sunday as the Card Sound Model Yacht Club kicked off another season of model yachting at the Buccaneer Island lagoon, which we affectionally call "the Pond."

In the days leading up to last Sunday, our sailors pulled their East Coast 12 Meter model yachts out of storage, inspected our masts and sails, charged our batteries, and plugged them into our boats to give the electrical systems a test. Once those procedures were completed, we just waited for Sunday to arrive to bring our model yachts to the Pond to give them a final test. Sundays during the end of the calendar year at the CSMYC are used for practice racing. This allows our sailors to reacclimate themselves with the nuances of these spectacular model yachts, but it also gives the

sailors a chance to make sure that all the tests and checks that were done at home will work on the water. Another reason for using the holiday season for practice racing is that not all our sailors can participate until the holidays are over, then the real racing can begin. But, for those of us that did participate in our first practice day, it was so far so good except for the inevitable minor tweaks and repairs.

If Mother Nature allows, we will continue to practice on December 17 and December 31 in preparation for the start of our Season Series of racing which begins on January 7.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday) until the end of April at "the Pond." As always, our sailing is dependent on favorable weather. So, swing by the Buccaneer Island lagoon if you are curious or have questions. Racing begins at 10 a.m. Our sailors are always willing to discuss our racing model yachts and, for interested sailors, there are even a few local boats currently available for sale. If you would like more information about our model yachting club and our EC12 model yachts, please contact me, **Windsor Coffin**, at csmyc12@gmail.com.



The EC12s of Jim Seale and Al Hill on the Pond. Photo by Erin Coffin.

Mother Nature Keeps Us Alert



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

Our Dingley Series Race #2 had to be cancelled this past Saturday as the predicted winds from SE were at our limit (19 MPH), the gusts were predicted to be higher than our limit of 22 MPH, and the forecast had been that way throughout the week. We only had 4 boats who were prepared to handle the conditions at the predicted level and we needed 5 for the race committee to commit. So the decision was made on Friday afternoon but then, of course, the winds decided to calm down (17 MPH) just at the hour (10 a.m.) when we would have been racing, but the gusts (24 MPH) were still active as can be seen in the photo of the weather app, Windy.app.

Watching the weather and the wind speed and direction

is one of the main interests of all boaters and sailors, especially the Principle Race Officer (PRO). The PRO is the person that is in charge of all racing-related decisions and he/she coordinates the various roles held by volunteers for the race. That includes the attendant boats that must be in place for the race to occur.

The PRO is a volunteer role and is critical in determining the safety of the race, which includes the safety of all boaters and boats. So when judging the call of the race, there is a lot of pressure from all vantage points. As we enter this season, we've had to cancel 2 races, but, ultimately it comes down to safety and in this case, the sailors helped make the decision as they were backing out with the prediction of the gusts.

We have an experienced and responsible volunteer group that makes up our Race Committee. **Jay Beatty** is our Race Committee Chairman and he and **Lorne Price** alternate the role of PRO from race to race and they communicate with each other about the attendant boats and boaters involved. **Morgan**



With newly-painted tables, CSSC is ready for Hot Dog Day.

Whiteley is our Attendant Boat Chairman. Lorne was the PRO for our race on Saturday and he conferred with me as Commodore about the number of boats, which helped make the decision about the race.

Looking at the weather and winds for this upcoming Saturday, 12/16, I don't think there will be much wondering whether we will be racing or having Hot Dog Day. The prediction of precipitation is 90% and the winds are predicted to be between 16-28 knots (18.4-32.2 MPH) with gusts up to 31 knots (35.6 MPH) on [PredictWind.com](https://www.predictwind.com). But when I initially glanced at Windy.app, our week's stormy weather was going to get better by Saturday and winds reduced

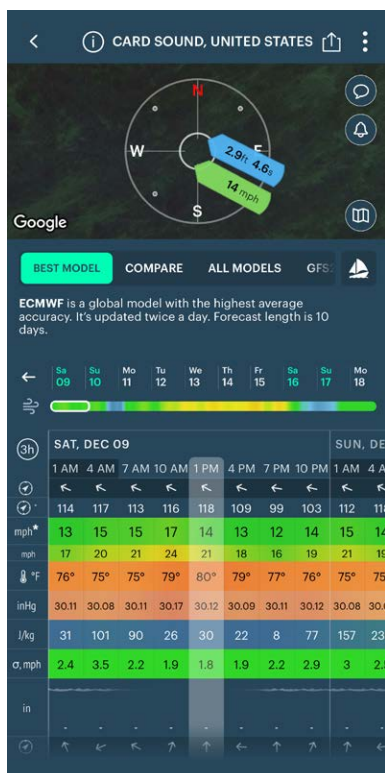
to 12 MPH with gusts of 17 MPH, so you never know what Mother Nature has in store.

On another note, the painting crew did get together and did a fine job getting our tables ready. They are a nice blue to match our burgee blue. **Ken Morse** had organized the crew:

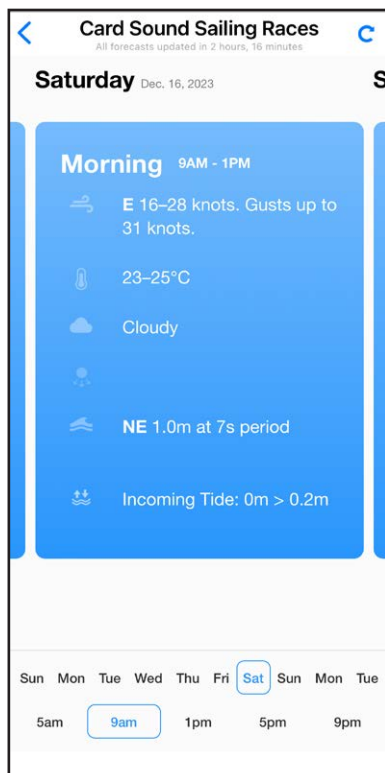
Glenn Gormley, Chuck Cook, Jennifer Forelli, Liz Foster, Currie Wooten, and Gary Sayia.

Now we are ready for Hot Dog Day which may need to wait until the beginning of the New Year.

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).



Last Saturday at 10 a.m. (race start) winds calmed down to 17 MPH but gusts were still at 24 MPH.



Still watching the weather for this Saturday!

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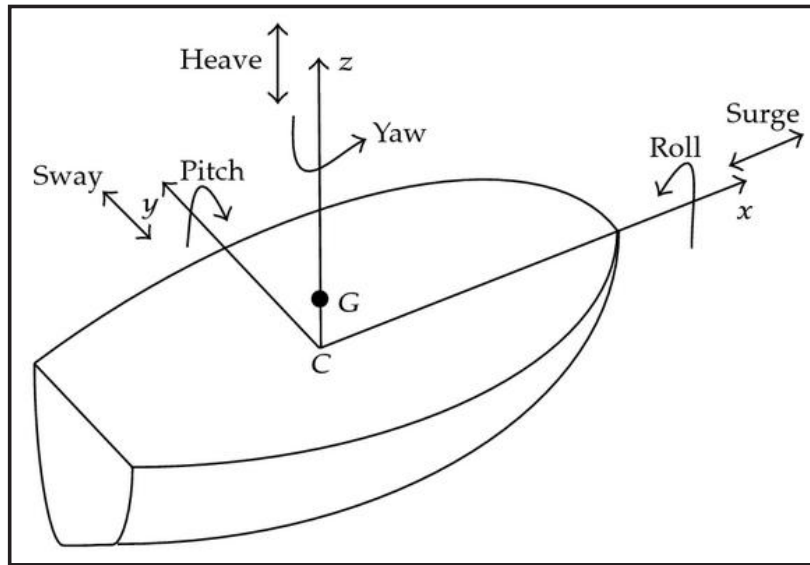
Seasickness & the Six Degrees of Freedom

By Randy & Fiona Woods, USCG Auxiliaries, Ocean Reef Flotilla

A few years ago our small motor yacht, Jupiter, was tied up at DiMillo's Marina in Portland, Maine. We occupied a slip adjacent to the fairway where the big tour boats depart. As one of these vessels passed by, the cruise director gave a safety briefing over the loud PA system and then announced the following:

"Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for joining us aboard Motor Vessel Flounder—it's going to be a beautiful day on Casco Bay, and I know you've all been thinking about SEASICKNESS, so right now is the time for you to take whatever medication or action you need."

Until then none of the relaxed and smiling passengers had given a thought to the possibility of SEASICKNESS. Terror now stalked



The Six Degrees of Freedom

the decks as the ranks of once-happy sightseers suddenly realized that they were not prepared for what might become a hellish cruise.

Don't borrow trouble—the power of suggestion often magnifies normal human reactions to the fluid motions of a boat. "SEASICKNESS" is a secret word of the sea.

Six Degrees of Freedom

The Freedoms of a boat at sea that cause motion sickness are:

1. Pitch—the kowtowing rise and fall of the bow to oncoming waves.
2. Roll—the loathsome steep-sided leaning caused by wind or seas abeam.
3. Yaw—the disturbing swing of heading from port to starboard and back again.
4. Heave—the Six Flags swelling and quelling ocean undulation.
5. Sway—the sashay side-gliding impelled by currents, wind or waves.

6. Surge—the apathetic urging of the boat forward by a following seaway.

Simply considering these involuntary maneuvers may be enough to keep you from reading further. Most mariners will succumb to SEASICKNESS at some time—that infamous malaise and accompanying sea-green disgorgements for any or all of the six reasons noted.

Skippers become extremely annoyed when vomit stains the lovely teak deck, covers the beautifully varnished lee rails, and starts a chain reaction among the remaining crew. Wash-down buckets are indicated.

Sail vs. Power

Sailors often blame power boats' engine "fumes" coughed up from an infernal netherworld for causing SEASICKNESS, or they fault the roly-poly attitude of stinkpots for mal de mer. Meanwhile, power boaters reason that sailboats make you sick because they go so slow, or they don't know how to get to where they are going, endlessly

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tacking and jibing in a nauseating recidivism of undecided heading.

Seasickness is a Safety Issue

Sooner or later a powerboat or sail operator will need to deal with seasickness. The health and well-being of the crew or passengers aboard any vessel is the captain's responsibility.

Often friends and family prone to nausea will self-select out of voyages—which can make life easier aboard—however many people who believe they cannot tolerate motion on the water, often become capable mariners over time. Leaving them ashore steals an opportunity to experience the pleasures of boating and splendors of the sea. Professed seasickness can also mask a genuine fear of the sea.

Seasickness will compromise the safety and enjoyment of a

cruise if crew becomes distracted or incapacitated. Boat handling challenges already made difficult by sloppy sea conditions, are amplified by a helmsman unable to operate the boat to its best advantage.

Twelve Ways to Tackle Seasickness

1. Remain at the dock.
2. Choose your helmsman and crew for their experience in anticipated conditions. A practiced master can often change heading or speed to find harmonic synchronization with the elements.
3. Understand the vessel stabilization you have. Seakeepers, hydraulic and blade stabilizers, rocker-stoppers and other dampening devices are found on motor yachts, but well-engineered keels, bilge keels, and planing hulls on smaller boats provide reasonable built-in roll mitigation. Nothing works perfectly. For sailboats—the answer is blowin' in the wind.
4. Repeat after me: "I do not get seasick, I do not get seasick, I do not get seasick." It's said that "99% of seasickness is in the head [sic] and that 75% of people overcome

motion sickness at sea with time." Don't believe it.

5. Prepare your body: Never go to sea hungry. Don't smoke and avoid alcohol which can make you dizzy even on land. Remain hydrated. Intake advice includes chewing ginger, drinking lime juice, eating only Saltines or ingesting tinctures of the 101 rare plants, herbs and digestives known to prevent nausea.

6. Follow your nose: strong smells, bad smells and even good smells can trigger seasickness.

7. Try some drugs: over the counter or contact your physician for patches or something stronger. Anti-nausea preparations can cause drowsiness which might work to advantage for someone you want to strap into a bunk for their own safety.

8. Pressure point wrist bands can be effective. Acupuncture is said to work with chronic seasickness, but don't try it underway on a bad day.

9. On board: look at the horizon—except in fog. Or take the conflicting advice to keep your eyes closed—unless you are steering.

10. Avoid books and computer

screens except when it's the chart plotter guiding you to a perfectly calm anchorage. When the boat is secured go for a swim. Getting into the water can quickly resolve nausea, but also risks hypothermia at cold latitudes.

11. Ask to steer the ship, and if she says no, grab the helm anyway. Distractions can help everyone. Any helmsman trying to manage a boat in truly awful conditions is generally too terrified to become seasick.

12. If you need 39 more ideas or wish to learn the effects of lasagna and spilled kerosene in the galley of a 37-foot sailboat racing upwind in 20-foot swells, check in with John Konrad's Captain report: What is Seasickness? 50 Ways Professional Mariners Tackle It!

Freedom of the seas offers risks and benefits in measures determined on each voyage. Care for your crew and look after your ship, watch the weather, plan your cruise carefully, and never fight over the helm with your spouse.

STAY SAFE.



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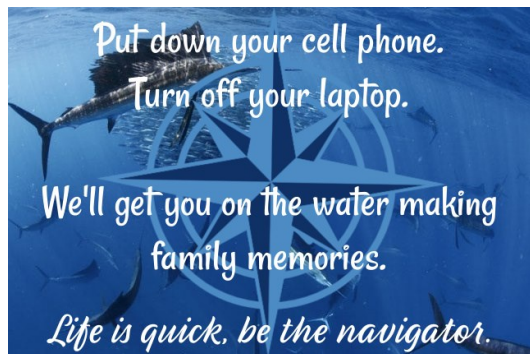


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5th Annual Pickleball Member-Guest Record-Breaking Year



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

This year’s 5th Annual Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament boasted some of the highest tournament level of Pickleball seen at the Club. Not only was it played at a high level, but the participation was the highest to date with 115 individual players, which made up 72 teams through three divisions. The divisions were Ladies’ Doubles, Men’s Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. There’s no question, the buzz around The Reef was all happening on Anchor Dr. I would like to say thank you to all participants and those who brought in guests for this special event.

Men’s Doubles

Keith King & Brien Baker def. **Michael Stockamore** & Ryan Wolf 11-4, 8-11, 11-6

Ladies’ Doubles

Nikki Smith & Donna Hedgepath def. **Anne Leake** & **Laney Hinkebein** 11-5, 11-9

Mixed Doubles

Abby King & Kirk Haggerty def. **Whitney King** & Terry



Fred Bacher, Pete Shields and Tom Davidson



Kirk Haggerty and Abby King, Mixed Doubles Champions



2023 Pickleball Member-Guest Tournament

Shook 11-8, 11-7

XGLOsive!

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Winter Doubles Croquet Tournament **TODAY, Friday, Dec. 15th** starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be a competitive flight and a recreation flight. Please call the Tennis & Games Center Pro Shop with

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Design a Smarter Game Two-Shot Net Play



“Tennis Tip” by Alex Henderson, Assistant Tennis Professional

It’s great to be back for my ninth season at Ocean Reef Club. I am so grateful for the members and associates who have made this incredible place feel like a second home.

This season, all of my tips will focus on specific patterns of play, identifying opportunities and strategies to set up a winning

move.

First is a proven two-shot net play tactic. The best time to use it is with a defensive or neutral volley, either from below the height of the net or closer to mid court near the service line. From this position, hit to the baseline player’s feet, ideally to their backhand side. They’re going to have to pop the ball up and will normally attempt to guide it cross court. Avoid the mistake many players make in this situation! Do not try to move all the way to the side to cover your half of the court. Instead, stay close to the middle. Odds are good that your opponent won’t be able to return wide enough to pass you or high enough to go over your head. Now you should have an easy high volley to finish the point right down the middle.



Nikki Smith and Donna Hedgepath, Ladies’ Doubles Champions



Keith King and Brien Baker, Men’s Doubles Champions

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

PICKLEBALL MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT

December 8, 9 & 10

Men's Doubles: Keith King and Brien Baker
 Ladies' Doubles: Nikki Smith and Donna Hedgepath
 Mixed Doubles: Abby King and Kirk Haggerty

MEN'S "B" NIGHT TENNIS RESULTS

Monday, December 11

First Place: Tyler Massey
 Second Place (tie): David Jackson and Randy Furshman

LADIES PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Wednesday, December 13

First Place: Kam Krouskos and Laney Hinkebein
 Second Place: Molly Lanzon

MENS PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Thursday, December 14

First Place: Blake Gunther
 Second Place: Drew Gunther

GOLF SCOREBOARD

2023 December Pro-Am

Friday, December 8

1st Place: Zach Haynes, Britta Garcia, Staci Berry, and Andy Woodman
 2nd Place: Mike Leone, Shannon Bass, Andy Timmerman, and Patrick Shields
 3rd Place: Ben Claus, Jolaine McCormack, Timothy Dwyer, and Kathy Tropea
 Low Professional: Zach Haynes
 Closest to the Hole #9: Kathy Tropea

9 Hole LGA

Thursday, December 7th

1st Place: Betsy Skudder
 2nd Place (tie): Esther Vazquez and Tania McCann
 3rd Place (tie): Sherry Martin, Denise Ecuyer, and Joanna Silverman
 Closest to the Hole # 17: Linda Salisbury
 Longest Drive #11: Sabrina David

MGA Weekly Event

Monday, December 11

1st Place Gross: Max French and Andy Timmerman
 2nd Place Gross: Tony Olmert and Michael Watson
 1st Place Net: David Ross and Steve Rosenberg
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 Closest to the Hole #9 & #16: Max French

LGA Weekly Event

Tuesday, December 12

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Fitness Happenings at The Reef



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

Swim Sprint Challenge Thursday, December 21 • 8-11 a.m. Member Fitness Pool

The Swim Sprint Challenge is our second fitness championship challenge of the season. Test your swimming speed with our 50-yard sprint challenge. To participate, head to the Fitness Pool, where an ORC Fitness Specialist will be ready to time your swim. Winners will receive prizes, and the challenge will be handicapped by age group. Swimming offers tremendous physical benefits, and it is easy on the joints. We recommend



Silver Fit with Hector, Mondays through Fridays at 10 a.m.

adding swimming to your weekly fitness routine. The best way to do so is to join our Swim Club classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m. with 5-time Olympic Gold medalist Jon Olsen. All levels are welcome.

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Group sessions will be available Tuesday, December 19th, Wednesday, December 27th, and Friday, December 29th at 3 p.m. Private sessions are available by request.

Events at Member Fitness this Week:

- Balance Like a Pro with Hannah Whistler on **Wednesday, December 20th** at 4 p.m. This is a complimentary workshop.

Research shows that balance exercises, stretches, and balance training for seniors



ORC Run Club with Izabella Rose every Saturday at 7 a.m.

can significantly reduce the risk of falls. This 1-hour balance-focused workout will challenge you and provide new knowledge of exercises you can do today to improve your balance.

- Yoga for Golfers with Moorey Margaret Myers on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. on **December 19th, 21st, 26th, and 28th.**

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Exercises to Incorporate in Your Fitness Routine

By Tyler Barry, Fitness Specialist

Single-arm Dumbbell Row

The one-arm dumbbell row is an excellent addition to any dumbbell workout. This movement targets the upper and lower back, shoulders, biceps, and hips while improving core stability. This compound exercise uses five different joint actions that take place.

To perform this exercise, take one step back into a lunge position. Keep a soft bend in your front leg with your knee in line with your ankle and back leg straight. Lean slightly forward, and rest your free hand on the supported bench or rack. Tighten your core by

squeezing your belly button in towards your spine. Lower the dumbbell toward the floor until you have a full extension at the elbow. Begin the upward motion of the dumbbell by first sliding your shoulder blade toward your spine and then lifting the weight toward your waist by driving your elbow to the ceiling, keeping your elbow close to your body. At the end of the movement, the dumbbell should align with your chest, and your elbow should point toward the ceiling. Switch sides and repeat the same number of repetitions with the opposite arm.

Step Ups

Step Ups are a phenomenal exercise for those who want to improve leg and glute strength and overall ankle and knee mobility.

To perform this exercise, place your foot on a box so your knee is bent at a



Cable chops



Step-Ups



Rows



90-degree angle or the hip crease is slightly below your knee. You can perform with body weight or increase resistance by holding dumbbells by your side and standing one foot away from the box.

Place your lead foot on the box with your toes pointed forward. Push through your lead foot to stand up. Think of driving your glutes forward into hip extension as you stand up. At the top, you can place the other foot on the box, balance on one leg, or drive your non-working leg into a high knee progression. Step down slowly with the non-lead leg reset and repeat.

Cable Wood Chop Exercise

Cable wood chops are a great exercise to help everyone with everyday activity, especially those who perform

sports such as tennis, golf, pickleball, or any sport that requires a twisting motion.

Attach a rope to the cable machine, positioning the cable anchor near the top of the frame. Position your body so that the cable movement will be downward and across the body like a tree-chopping action. Extend the arms and grasp the cable handle with both hands above one shoulder, keeping the feet shoulder-width apart, a neutral spine, and knees slightly bent. Pull the handle downward and diagonally across the body in a controlled manner. Rotate the entire torso during the pull and keep the arms extended throughout the movement. Perform the movement in reverse, returning the cable handle to the starting position.



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Holiday Fishing Tournament — Dec 28



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Here's a fun event that could become a family tradition — the Rod and Gun's Holiday Fishing Tournament. It's a classic open-field event for all Rod and Gun members, family and guests, four rods per boat but no restriction on spectators or cheerleaders. No kites or aerial equipment, but all other tackle permitted, and the only limitation on boats is that they must depart and return from Ocean Reef waters. Since the scoring is by weight — 10 points per pound for each of the major species (yellowtail, grouper, snapper, dolphin, tuna, wahoo,



2022 Junior Angler winners Timothy Asman and Wyatt Verillo, with their Kingfish and Snapper, from "Days Like This". Also pictured: excited spectator Noah Asman and dad Carl Asman.

etc) and 200 points per billfish release, this tournament can bring home dinner as well as bragging rights, with no entry fee. Sweet! All the details, including entry forms, is on the Events Calendar at rodandgun.org. There is a Captain's Meeting on Dec 27 at 5 p.m. sharp in the Fishing Village for at least one member of each boat's team, with lines in the next day at a very civilized 9 a.m. and out at 3 p.m. — with a winner announced at 4:30.

Here is the perfect way to

enjoy post-Christmas family togetherness — out on the water, a rod in hand and plenty of time to catch up on college life or a new job, the world at large or the smallest detail — or conversely, it's the ideal way to get out of the house and away from the perpetual holiday music and temptations of candy canes! Whichever is your motivation, you owe it to yourself and your guests to show off the spectacular marine wonderland that surrounds us. Go fish!



John Furneaux aboard "La Porta" - 3rd Place Overall score and Top Boat – Non Billfish with 469 points (3 dolphin). Not pictured - Jim Bonner.



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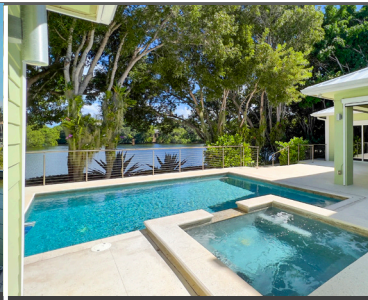
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Holiday Fun at The Card & Games Room



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Hello Card & Gamers! As the holiday spirit fills the air, it's time to share some exciting news and updates from the Card & Games Center. With the Christmas Holiday upon us, I'll be heading back to Minnesota to celebrate with my family. Rest assured, I'll be back on December 29th. During my absence, David Babcock will be here to ensure the fun doesn't skip a beat.

Now, onto some developments for the upcoming months. First off, the much-anticipated bridge speaker will be arriving in

January. While it won't be Larry Cohen this time, stay tuned for more details in the next column.

Sunday Funday

Let's talk about the recent blast we had with Bridge Sunday Funday on December 10th. With 16 enthusiastic participants, the event was a hit. We're gearing up for the next round of fun on January 7th, exclusively designed for beginners or those looking to rekindle their love for bridge. Beverly and Brian Platner will be your wonderful hosts and instructors. Spread the word, invite friends, and let's make learning bridge an enjoyable experience for all.

Poker Nights

For the poker fans out there, mark your calendars. Men's Poker Night will resume on Monday nights, starting fresh on January 22nd. As for the Ladies' Poker Night, get ready for an exciting evening on January 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Canasta Pick Up Games

Canasta Pick Up Games will be in full swing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Whether you're looking to learn, practice, or just join in for the camaraderie, drop by. And if you're seeking guidance, lessons are available on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Lessons for beginners and intermediates will be provided. It's the perfect opportunity to refine your Mah Jongg skills. For more details and arrangements, give Gregg a call at 305-367-6609.

Beginners Canasta Lessons

Starting January 4th, Beginners Canasta Lessons will be available at 12:30 p.m., an excellent chance to dive deeper into the game.

Live Duplicate Bridge

Don't miss out on our Live Duplicate Bridge Games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 p.m. If you need guidance on participating, reach out to Gregg at 305-367-6609.

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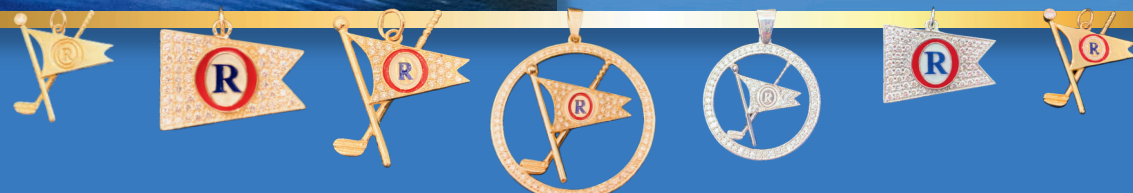
For those interested in mastering Backgammon, lessons are up for grabs on Friday mornings starting December 8th at 10:30 a.m. Just give me a call at 367-6609 to confirm your attendance. Plus, we have Backgammon sets available for checkout to practice at home.

Remember, the Card & Game Room is open seven days a week from 9 AM to 5 PM for your entertainment pleasure. Stay tuned for the January Card & Game Room Schedule, available for pickup at the Card Room.

Wishing you all a fantastic holiday season filled with joy, laughter, and, of course, plenty of gaming fun!

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Jump Shifts - Strong or Weak?

What You Need to Make One

Originally all jump shifts were strong—promising at least game going values, usually slam interest.

Then came the era of weak two-bids and weak jump-shifts and it seemed like everyone was playing them.

Nowadays, weak jump-shifts may still be played by the majority of pairs in the USA but there has been a resurgence of experts choosing to play strong jump shifts—“Soloway” Strong Jump Shifts, that is. These jump shifts promise one of three hands: a one-suited hand; a hand with a good fit with partner’s suit plus a decent side

suit or a balanced hand (5-3-3-2), intending to bid no-trump on their next turn.

Here are some guidelines as to what hands you should have to make a weak or a strong jump-shift:

Weak Jump-Shifts: (W/O competition)

Purists and bridge theorists mandate that a weak jump-shift by definition shows a hand not strong enough to bid the suit at the cheapest level. Thus 1C-p-2S shows a hand that is not strong enough to bid 1S. Since bidding 1S only requires 6 HCP, then ipso-facto: you must have less! Something like 2/3-5 HCP with most, if not all, of your points in your suit.

Now if your partner opens, say 1H, a jump shift to 3C or 3D might be made with a few more HCP as you are required to have 10 or more HCP to bid a new suit at the two-level

(in this case 2C or 2D). In some partnerships, this issue is addressed by allowing a 2/1 response on a little less than 10 HCP if you rebid the suit on the next round of bidding (if partner doesn’t jump to 3NT or some-such!). For instance: 1S-p-2D-p-2H-p-3D would show a good six or seven-card suit and not much, if anything, more. If your partnership plays Forcing NT over the majors, you can bid 1NT and then bid your suit on the next round with somewhat invitational hands and save the immediate weak-jump shift for hands that are very weak.

In practice, many players sometimes deviate from the straight and narrow with their weak jump-shifts so each partnership should set out their own guidelines for the requirements to make a weak jump-shift. You don’t want to be bidding games and going down (expecting more from the weak jump-shifter) nor do you want to not bid makeable games because your partner has more than you expected him to have.

Strong Jump Shifts—Soloway Style: (W/O competition)

Soloway jump-shifts show better than opening hands that fall into one of these three categories:

1. A one-suited hand with a good six-card or longer suit, with the intent to rebid it on your next turn.
2. A hand with a suit of your own (usually five-cards but could be longer) and a fit

for your partner’s suit. A fit is defined as at least three-card support to an honor (although 4-card support is better) if your partner’s suit is a major and if your partner’s suit is a minor, at least four-card support to an honor.

3. A one-suited hand, usually of 5-cards in length with stoppers around, intending to bid notrump next.

Playing this approach, if you have a two-suited hand and one of your suits isn’t partner’s, no matter how big your hand is, you cannot make a jump shift!! You just bid one suit and then bid the other one and apply your points later in the bidding by a slam-invitational raise, Blackwood, a raise to 4NT, etcetera.

A corollary, if playing this method, is that if you make a Soloway strong jump-shift and then bid a new suit on your next call, it is a cue-bid in support of opener’s suit as you can’t have a 2nd suit and make a Soloway jump-shift. For instance, 1H-p-2S-p-2NT-p-3D: This is an advance cue bid showing a diamond control and promising heart support with strong slam interest—not showing a diamond suit.

Jump Shifts in Competition:

This is purely a partnership decision. They can be played strong, weak or invitational. Some partnerships make a distinction as to the meaning of a jump-shift if they are a passed hand. You chose!

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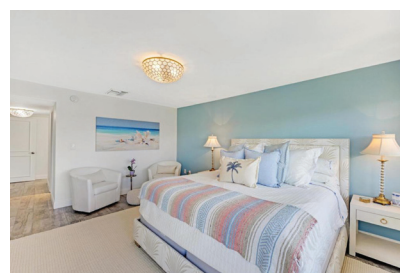


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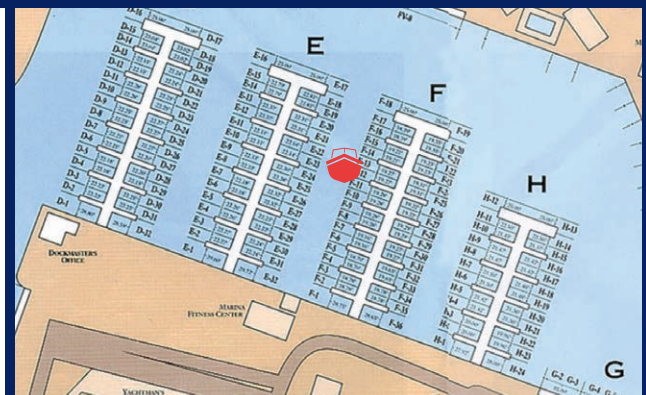


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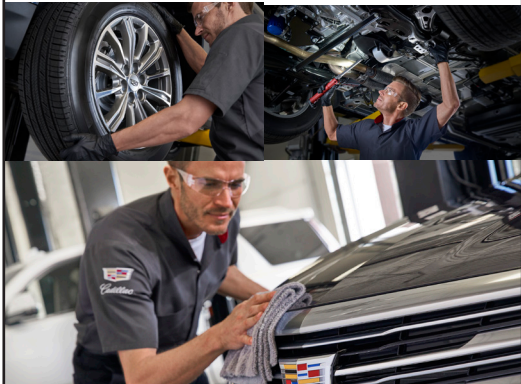


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