

Here Comes Santa Claus

It is no secret that one of the things that makes Ocean Reef so special is the love for tradition. It is seen in the events that are offered year upon year, the ever-expanding families in attendance at Christmas Dinner, Festival on the Green and New Year's Eve Galas just to name a few. And of course, this holiday spirit also transforms Members' homes into colorful showcases of ornaments, nutcrackers, Santa Clauses and more, for this one very wonderful time of the year. Pictured here are just a "few of our favorite things." Enjoy a few more inside on page 9.



Every room, hallway and even the kitchen chandelier at the Yoh home, is decorated with Spike Yoh's incredible, and still growing, collection of Santas. Ho Ho Yoh! (As seen on hand towels.)



Joyce Farmer was delighted with the new star placed atop this year's traditional tree.



As the traditional gift to Chairman's spouses for many years, the Santas on display at the home of Sally and Tom Davidson might be the most popular and beloved across The Reef.



The Weisleder home displays more than 300 nutcrackers Sally has collected from around the world. She enlists the help of two others to set them all up and keeps them in place until February.



Adelaide Skoglund's tree has hundreds of ornaments of which she personally hangs as many as she can reach, including one of her father's ornaments, always strategically placed.

AROUND THE REEF

SANTA SIGHTINGS

Home for the Holidays Open House
Sat., Dec. 23 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fishing Village

Santa Cruises The Reef
By Car: Fri., Dec. 22 • 4 – 6 p.m.
By Boat: Sat., Dec. 23
6 – 8 p.m. • Oceanside

Santa on the Beach
Sun., Dec. 24 • 5:45pm
Buccaneer Island

Santa Check-In
Mon., Dec. 25 • 8-9am
The Inn

Santa Work Out
Mon., Dec. 25 • 9:30-10:30am
Member Fitness Center

STREET FAIR – NEW LOCATION

Enchanted Forest Street Fair
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Town Hall Waterside – New Location!

See page 42 for more holiday events.

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OR "See"



Sunrise sky changes in a matter of minutes. Taken by Terry Ferrarone.

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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12 DAYS of MEMBERSHIP

On the first day of membership the Club gave to me:
Rules & regulations and a book of history.

On the second day of membership the Club told me:
Your membership card should be presented for charging easily.

On the third day of membership the Club told me:
Don't share your membership card with anybody.

On the fourth day of membership the Club told me:
Dress code is a tradition, no dressing sloppily.

On the fifth day of membership the Club told me:
Bad behavior by your guests will reflect poorly on me.

On the sixth day of membership the Club told me:
Guests need guest cards and may visit twice quinquennially.

On the seventh day of membership the Club told me:
Children under twelve must have adults accompany.

On the eighth day of membership the Club told me:
Associates at the Club must be treated nicely.

On the ninth day of membership the Club told me:
Everyone must respect each other's privacy.

On the tenth day of membership the Club told me:
Golf carts are dangerous and must be used safely.

On the eleventh day of membership the Club told me:
Pets, except service animals, are not allowed at any facility.

On the twelfth day of membership the Club told me:
Decorum is required for everybody.

Gotta Question?

I need help with navigating the Ocean Reef Club website. Where can I go?



If you need help navigating the Ocean Reef website – www.oceanreef.com - you can do so by connecting with the Club's Membership Team either by phone or in their office.

If you go in person to the Membership Office, located on the first floor of the Executive Offices, the Team there will help walk you through the entire website navigation. They can help you figure out your Member login, show you how to make dining reservations or golf and tennis tee times, show you how to check

your statements, personalize your Member homepage, and much more.

The Membership Office is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They can also be reached by calling 305-367-5921.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Festival on the Green

New Ticket Options Available

Festival on the Green is Friday, December 29 and ticket sales are now open, this year, with a few changes...

The Club listened to your feedback and answered! Instead of one catch-all ticket to get into Festival on the Green this year, there will be lower-priced entry tickets with food and beverage available as a separate charge. Contrary to years past, if you plan to attend the Festival before heading to dinner at Gianni, you can choose to purchase an entry-only ticket and opt out of purchasing the food ticket. Read on for more details!

This year, you and your

TICKETS:

Family Fun Pass \$60++ (Adults 12+) • Family Fun Pass \$30++ (Kids 5-11)
Includes entry, rides and entertainment and carnival style snacks!

NEW THIS YEAR! EVENT ADD-ONS:

All You Can Eat BBQ Buffet: \$50++ (12+) • \$25++ (5-11)
All You Can Drink** (21+): \$40++
** Only available at the gate

On **Friday, December 29**, this Member-favorite family tradition, which was established in 2001, is back for another year. The old-fashioned carnival fun begins on the Driving Range at 6 p.m., with larger-than-life rides, carnival games, photo opportunities, food, live music, and endless chances for entertainment.



Festival on the Green, 2022.

family will receive entry to the event by purchasing the "Family Fun Pass" ticket, which includes rides, entertainment and carnival-style snacks. Those interested in all-you-can-eat BBQ and all-you-can-drink options can

then purchase "add-ons" at an additional cost.

Ticket sales officially opened today, **December 22**, at Membership and Member-Guest Services. They will also open at the Pool Desk on **Tuesday, December**



26. Please note, the All You Can Drink add-on cannot be purchased in advance and is only available at the gate on the evening of the event. For more information, call 305-367-5874.



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To add your home to our vacation rental portfolio, please contact Vacation Rentals vacationrentals@oceanreef.com.

ORCA NEWS

Golf Cart Safety Takes Center Stage

Golf cart safety in our serene community should be a year-round priority for everyone traveling our picturesque roads. However, as we are in the midst of the Holidays, ORCA Public Safety encourages you to review and share essential cart operation guidelines with your loved ones and guests to ensure safe travels within our gates.

Golf Cart Registration & Speed Classification

Golf cart ownership includes the mandatory registration

of your private golf cart with ORCA Public Safety. Once you complete the quick and easy registration process, Public Safety provides a decal denoting the cart's speed classification. Fast carts reaching speeds of 18 mph or higher receive a red decal. Slow carts with a maximum speed of 17 mph receive a blue decal. To register your cart, visit www.orcareef.com/public/community/forms or simply call the Public Safety Member Services desk at 305-367-7343.

Operational Licensing

- Drivers 16 years and older can operate slow or fast golf carts as long as they have a valid state-issued motor vehicle license.

- Juveniles 12 years and older can drive slow carts only during daylight hours if they possess an Ocean Reef golf cart license, which they must display using the lanyard provided by ORCA Public Safety.

- A golf cart learner's permit allows the holder of the permit to drive only with a licensed adult at least 18 years of age. Permit holders may only operate a slow cart (17 mph maximum) during daylight hours only. Additionally, they must wear the yellow lanyard issued when they receive their permit.

Navigating Golf Cart Operations

- Always ensure children are securely seated in the cart using seatbelts or car seats, and never allow them to ride on someone's lap.

- Please preemptively communicate left turns to passengers. This essential safety practice mitigates the risks of abrupt turns catching passengers off-guard. Passengers, particularly those facing backward, are urged to buckle up, as accelerations or turns can lead to ejection.

- Functional headlights and taillights are required features for all golf carts.

- As a reminder, the maximum speed limit throughout Ocean Reef is 25 mph with slower speeds

clearly marked with signage.

- Ensure that you take your golf cart key with you upon leaving the cart. This precautionary measure prevents others from mistakenly assuming the cart belongs to them.

- Always make it a point to use either your blinker or hand gestures to indicate your turns.

Charting Cart Paths

- Cart pathways serve as sanctuaries for golf carts moving at 17 mph or slower. Designated fast carts traveling 18 mph or more can use either roadways or designated cart lanes at the reduced cart path speed limit. Please adhere to the cart signage, all designated speed limits, and the directional symbols on each route.

Left-Hand Turns & Heading Straight:

- When making a left-hand turn or traveling straight at an intersection in a golf cart, all carts must merge into the car lane, including slow carts, to avoid potential accidents. Only use the cart lane when making a right-hand turn.

We appreciate your cooperation in promoting golf cart safety throughout the Ocean Reef community. Together, we can help ensure an enjoyable, accident-free holiday break.

OFF THE REEF



Members Martha Johnston, Paula Smalley, Catherine Higgins, and Ann VanNess spending a week together in Aspen before heading to Ocean Reef for the winter season!



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ORCA NEWS

Holiday Fire Safety Tips from the Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department

The holiday season brings joy, and it also increases the risk of fires. Protect your home and ensure the safety of your loved ones, and neighbors with these essential fire prevention tips:

Candles:

- Choose safety first! Flameless candles offer a similar ambiance without any of the hazards.
- If you must use real candles, place them in tip-proof containers, only lighting the candles when you are both

awake and in the room. Lastly, and perhaps most important, keep all live candles at least three feet away from combustibles.

- And it goes without saying, store matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Lights:

- Throw out light strings with frayed cords, cracked holders, or loose connections.
- When replacing bulbs, unplug the light string and ensure both the voltage and wattage match the original.
- Turn off holiday lights when leaving your home or going to bed.
- Use CSA International-certified outdoor timers to control lights.
- Avoid connecting using multiple extension cords; use a single, appropriate-length cord.
- Keep electrical connectors for outdoor lights above ground and away from metal roofing.
- Secure lights to your home

with insulated tape or plastic clips, not metal nails or tacks.

- Inspect electrical decorations for damage prior to use to avoid shocks or fires.
- Inspect all decorations before you store them for next year, throwing out damaged cords.

Alarms and Extinguishers:

- Every month test all smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors; replace any detector that is over 10 years old.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every home level, especially near sleeping areas.
- Keep a kitchen fire extinguisher handy and available; free training is available from Public Safety (305-367-2222).
- Use a fire extinguisher, not water, on a grease fire.

Certification Marks:

- Look for CSA International, UL, or ELT certification marks

when buying light strings, extension cords, spotlights, electrical decorations, gas appliances, or carbon monoxide alarms.

Christmas Tree:

- Water live trees frequently; turn off tree lights when leaving or sleeping.
- Choose freshly cut trees for increased fire resistance.
- Keep candles away from the Christmas tree.
- Promptly and appropriately dispose of your Christmas tree and never "leave it for later" if you plan to travel to your northern home after the holiday.
- Ocean Reef Club's Solid Waste team will pick up and dispose of your tree, simply call 306-367-5992.

Ensure a safe and festive holiday season by following these fire prevention guidelines!

Home for the Holidays

FISHING VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 23 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Pumpkin Cay 7B | Canal Front

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Angelfish Cay 14B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,800,000 | 2534

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Angelfish Cay 29B | 36' Dock

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4 BD, 3 BA | \$6,250,000

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3 Exuma Road | Canal Front

4+ BD, 3F/2H BA | \$14,750,000 | 2611

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Harbour Green 11 | Canal Front

4 BD, 3 BA | \$7,995,000 | 2506

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16 Sunrise Cay Drive | Ocean Front

5 BD, 6.5BA | \$19,875,000 | 50' Dock | 2540

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38 Sunset Cay Road | Water Front

3 BD, 4F/2H BA | \$29,975,000 | 2608

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36 West Snapper Point | Water Front

6 BD, 6F/4H BA | \$35,000,000 | 2521

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Pumpkin Cay 43A | Canal Front

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500 Coral Lane | Maintenance-Free

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5 Ocean Reef Drive

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Residence Club B-212 | Golf Course

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$4,450,000 | 2602

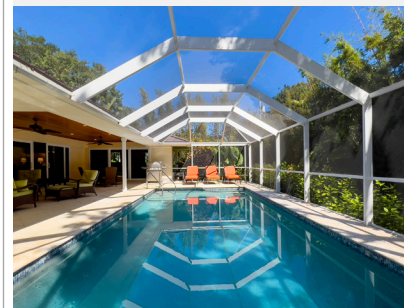
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8 Halfway Road | Golf Course

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Clubhouse -- A Haven for Members



by Terry
Baxter

The Clubhouse is fulfilling its promise as an oasis for meeting and mixing with fellow Members. Three main venues offer a variety of ambiances for members (and accompanied guests) to enjoy each other's friendship. The Grill Room, CH Lounge, and CH Prime have distinct personalities, menus, and dedicated staffs. All have been updated for the season.

The Grill Room is presided over by Manager Marisol Perez and Chef Romane Francis

(who is stepping up from Sous Chef last year). The vibe is casual dining, but with an extensive menu and full bar. As I visited for lunch, I met **Craig and Emily Wierda** just leaving. "What did you like?" I asked. "Two words," Craig said, "French Dip." I nodded. This was one of my favorites from last year – oven roasted prime beef, Swiss cheese, caramelized onions, au jus, baguette. A meal. The familiar choices have been augmented by a number of new items: a Smoked Fish Dip starter, Falafel Sandwich (feta cheese, cucumber, heirloom tomato, carrot jam), Onion Rings by popular demand, Crab Cake Sandwich, and a new best-seller, the Smash Burger (somewhat smaller than the Clubhouse Burger) has American cheese, pickled jalapeno, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle chip, fries. The Conch Fritters have an updated recipe. They are no longer gluten-free, but they are more tasty and authentic. Six other



Manager Marisol Perez and Chef Romane Francis put the spice in the Grill Room vibe.



The ringmasters make the CH Lounge bar a lively spot. Brandon, Mehmet, and Head Bartender Walther



The Clubhouse is home to three outstanding venues, each with their distinctive personalities – the Grill Room, CH Lounge and CH Prime.

gluten-free choices remain. Chef Romane makes his own desserts in-house. Beautiful.

At dinner, the "Weekly Dinner Traditions" remain (five different nightly specials) along with four new-for-this-year dinner menu additions: Filet Mignon, Catch of the Day, Pineapple Teriyaki Glazed Pork Chop, and Beer Mussels (baby tomato, spiced marinara, garlic, linguini pasta, toasted ciabatta). The Grill Room is open every day for lunch and dinner (Brunch on Saturday & Sunday 9 – 3:30). The service is brisk and there is almost never a wait to be seated.

The CH Lounge is a tastefully upscale bar and lounge with a beautiful golf course view and nightly entertainment. Three outstanding bartenders (Walther, Mehmet, and Brandon) keep up a lively repartee with Lounge customers. The already sophisticated menu has been expanded this season to encourage more dining at the bar. I always go for the Foie Gras Torchon. My friends like the Raw Bar items. New this year is a hearty cheeseburger, steak frites au poivre with *band*

cut fries (I loved it), seared sea scallops, and Petit Filet Mignon, plus additional sides. An extra treat for early arrivals is that Chef Ian regularly circles the bar soliciting feedback and patiently talking food. A steady stream of Members heading for dinner reservations produces smiles, waves, and brief reunions. The room is filled with happy energy. The CH Lounge is open Wednesday – Sunday.

CH Prime is our premier steak house. It has rapidly gained momentum this year under new Executive Chef Ian Fleischmann. CH Prime features an elegant setting, attentive service, and a stunning array of Greater Omaha aged steaks plus expanded fish choices. On Friday night of Vintage Weekend, while most members were watching the incredible Shell Air Show, Chef Ian smoothly served 150 dinners at CH Prime for a new three-year single night revenue record. I was happy to be there to see it. Congratulations to all the cooks and servers. CH Prime, Open Wednesday – Sunday, reservations required.

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Hear Comes Santa Claus

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Joyce Farmer has a lovely collection of Santa Clauses and while she could not possibly pick a favorite, her fireplace mantel remains her most adored display year after year.



The famous "Duke Room" at the Yohs gets some Blue Devil holiday spirit too.



There are themed Santa collections throughout the Yoh house - cooking Santa in the kitchen, golfing Santa, sunbathing Santa and shown here, drinking Santa at the bar (must be December 26)!



Sally Davidson has her impressive needlework on display at the entrance while the beautiful Fairy Tree had to move upstairs, out of the way of wagging tails.



A holiday serving tray that Sally created in needlepoint and has since gifted various designs to all her children.



Adelaide Skoglund groups all of her ornaments throughout the spectacular tree. There are wading birds and fish, flamingos and Santas, and shown here are the tropical birds.



Even the professional camera couldn't capture all of the Weisleder's nutcrackers, but it could show Sally amongst some of them donning her nutcracker sweater.



Sally's favorite of her collection.

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 too decorate your home in a special way.

Whatever it may be, send your tradition(s) to orp@oceanreef.com by Tuesday, December 26 for consideration. Photo evidence is encouraged!

Turn what's next into right now.

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Artist's Concept

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AS-27/28 | Gatehouse Dock

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DS-11 | Floating Dock

90' Dockage | \$3,395,000 | 2438

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DS-7 | Prime Location

90' Floating Dock | \$3,299,000 | 2571

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AS-11 | Gatehouse Dock

55' Dockage | \$1,550,000 | 2613

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Artist's Concept

29 Baker Road | Water Front

4 BD, 5 BA | Nearly Complete

\$6,995,000 | 2332

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1 Osprey Lane | Ocean Front

4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$25,900,000 | 2256

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Artist's Concept

40 Cardinal Lane | New Construction

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

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31 Angelfish Cay Drive | Ocean Front

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

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15 Harbor Island Drive | Canal Front

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

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24 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front

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42 Island Drive | Canal Front

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$18,750,000 | 2499

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25,828 Sq. Ft. Lot | \$8,500,000 | 2570

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Residence Club C-PH21 | Penthouse

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,250,000 | 2586

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20 South Island Dr. | Anglers Club

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

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Marina Village 2B | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$7,490,000 | 2578

Karyn Thiele

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PC Garden Home 74 | Canal Front

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$7,995,000 | 2502

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437 South Harbor Dr. | Golf and Lake

4 BD, 4 BA | \$5,900,000 | 2607

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Angelfish Cay 25A | Canal Front

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

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2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,500,000 | 2553

Mary Brady

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Angelfish Cay 38B | Canal Front

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

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Angelfish Cay 13B | Canal Front

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

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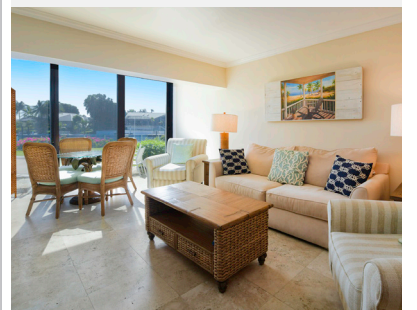


Cay Harbor 8C | Canal Front

2 BD, 2 BA | \$4,200,000 | 2624

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Angelfish 38A | Canal Front

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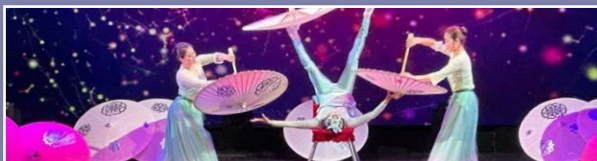
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Save these dates for future events: Friday, February 16 and Friday, March 29.

A Christmas Tale

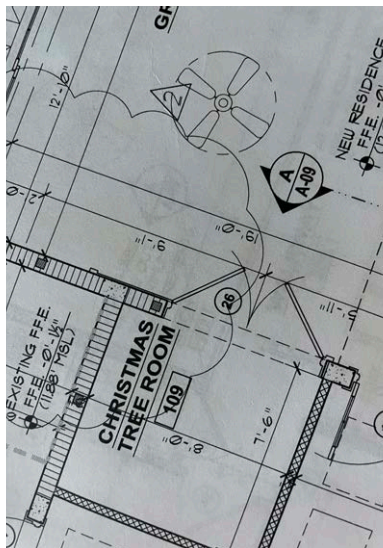
By O. Tannenbaum

Several years ago, a dear neighbor revealed she was downsizing. Her plan, come early spring, was to move out of the house she had designed and built a dozen years earlier and settle into a condo just down the road.

We loved her place; we had admired it from afar for years and knew it had great spirit, "good bones," and a splendid location. We also knew it had a hidden "Christmas Tree" room (I would say "secret Christmas Tree room," but almost everyone who'd ever heard of or seen it had been unable to resist sharing the detail with others). And inside the Christmas Tree room lived a 10-foot artificial tree adorned year-round with ornaments and lights; it stood on a wheeled platform ready at a moment's notice to make its holiday entrance into the living room to sparkle and twinkle and shine.

With the contract signed, for our part, we were looking forward to new beginnings; when time allowed, we packed a few things away for the upcoming move (which was, maybe, 120 yards from one house to the other). Meanwhile, across the way, our neighbor began to prepare for her last holidays in her beloved home. That meant opening the wall that hid the Christmas Tree Room and coaxing the tree to emerge and blossom in its role as the centerpiece of the season, a role it had filled from the home's beginnings.

This time, however, the tree had something different in mind, as if it felt betrayed that the sales agreement had been made without its permission. No sooner was the tree in the open before it began to collapse on itself like the Wicked Witch of the West. Luckily for our



Original house plans showing the "Christmas Tree Room."

neighbor, she had by her side a very tall, quick-thinking houseguest who sprang to the rescue; he grabbed the tree at the highest point he could reach and held it steady until she could tie a cord near the top and suspend it from the balcony above. Although dozens of ornaments were lost in the momentary confusion, an out-and-out utter disaster was averted.

When the holidays ended, the remaining ornaments were lovingly removed and stored, and the tree received a bittersweet farewell as it headed to the curb.

Fast-forward to the following fall when another neighbor was downsizing. Knowing the tale of the sad end to the Christmas tree that had spent its entire life in what was now our house, she offered us her 7-foot version. We were thrilled!

December arrived; we set it up on a wheeled platform in the living room and trimmed it with ornaments and lights and garlands of wine and champagne corks, gleeful that in a few weeks, we would be able to tuck it away, still fully dressed, in its own secret room. Then, at a holiday party elsewhere, we wished Merry Christmas to the woman who had built the home we had come to love. We shared our delight at our new-to-us 7-foot asset.

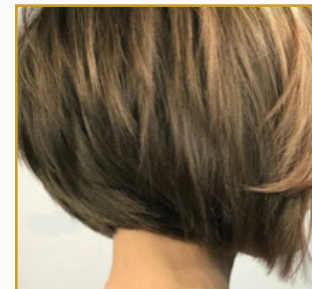
She smiled gently. "Oh, dear! Too small!"

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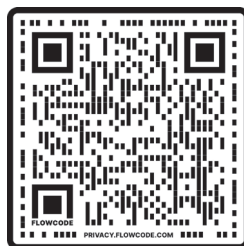
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Christmas at Ocean Reef



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

When people think of Christmas songs, Bing Crosby's crooning Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" is a perennial favorite. The 1954 film of the same name was set in Vermont, where the "treetops do glisten, and children can listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow." If Berlin were composing a Christmas song for Ocean Reef Club though, the title would likely be changed to a Bright Christmas!

Christmas at Ocean Reef is a wonderful time for people and families of all ages. Jane and I will have five of our grandchildren here, with their parents of course! They all look forward to having their picture taken in front of the magnificent orchid tree in the lobby of Carysfort. And there will be some inter-generational competition at the Club's gingerbread house event.

Amidst the many events, our joy in the Chapel is to make what is singularly, the most important event in human history, the heart of our Christmas celebration. That event is the incarnation of God – that moment when God became one of us - in the birth of Jesus, God's Son, in Bethlehem.

We hope one of the special events or services of worship will

help connect both your mind and heart with the joy and hope that have continued to resonate in the world since He came. The light of His life continues to shine brightly against the darkness and fear that can consume us at this moment in history.

Here's what's taking place!
Christmas Extravaganza Concert – Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 PM in the Chapel Sanctuary. The guest artists for this extraordinary evening are Maria Aleida and John Rudolph, accompanied by Roberto Berrocal on piano. Maria Aleida's name will be familiar to you, because of her many appearances in concert with Andrea Bocelli. John Rudolph is better known in the chapel as the organist for the Catholic congregation. What many may not know is that John is also an accomplished baritone soloist. This will be an evening of great Christmas music that we know you will enjoy!

Live Nativity and Petting Zoo in The Field at Four Corners on **Saturday, December 23rd** at 10:00 AM. We're delighted this wonderful event is back on the schedule this year. There will be a fresh re-telling of the Christmas story with all the live animals, angels, shepherds, wise men... and Christmas carols. Your children and grandchildren will love this event (and so will any who are kids at heart!). Following the Live Nativity, all the animals will be there for a Petting Zoo until 1:00 PM. There will be drinks and cookies to enjoy!

Christmas in the Protestant Congregation

As you know, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. There will be one service in the Protestant Congregation on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. We will celebrate lighting the Advent Wreath in a **Family Worship Service**, with the singing of a medley of Christmas carols and a time for children.

We will be having our **Christmas Eve Gathering** in the Parking Lot of the Fishing Village at 9:00 PM on Sunday evening. This is a come as you are and drive up in your golf-cart evening. There will be singing of Christmas songs and carols, a favorite telling of the Christmas story, and a brief reflection on the meaning and joy of Christmas. We conclude this community gathering with everyone singing Silent Night by candlelight. It has become a favorite gathering for many who spend Christmas at Ocean Reef.

For those of you who stay up late, you are invited to our traditional **Candlelight Service**

of Carols and Readings at 11:00 PM, on Christmas Eve Sunday in the Chapel. This wonderful service will tell the story of Christ's conception and birth in the beauty of the Chapel. Each reading is accompanied by carols and songs. Following a brief reflection, the highlight of the service is the congregational singing of the beautiful carol, Silent Night, as our candlelight fills the room with light and our hearts with joy.

Christmas in the Catholic Congregation

There will be a **Catholic Mass** at 4:00 PM in the Chapel Sanctuary on both **Saturday, December 23rd** and on **Sunday, Christmas Eve**, again at 4:00 PM. There will also be a **Mass held on Christmas Day at 12:00 PM.**

We hope you will find your way to one of these events or services, and that your participation will enrich your Christmas at Ocean Reef. Merry Christmas!

Worship with us this Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve services include:

10am Chapel

9pm Fishing Village

11pm Chapel

Candlelight, carols and reading



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

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

Live Nativity & Petting Zoo
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Field at Four Corners

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Family Worship Service
 10 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Henley

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

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

Community Christmas Eve Service
 9 p.m., Fishing Village

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 11 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Catholic Mass
 12 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Bernard Griffin

CHAPEL AT OCEAN REEF



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Happy Holidays from the Medical Center



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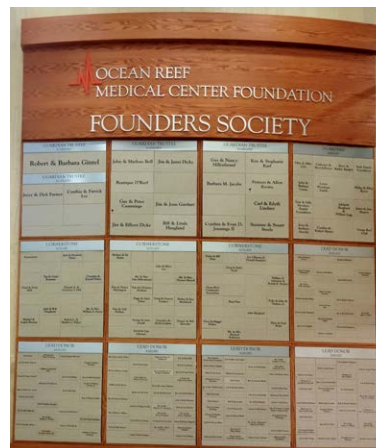
There are many things to be grateful for this time of year—including our families, friends and our health. The Staff of the Medical Center wishes you and your loved ones a peaceful, happy and healthy Holiday Season.

We look forward to helping our patients achieve all of their health goals in 2024.

The Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to our Founders Society members and the Ocean Reef Community for their ongoing support. Our Founders Society program continues to provide vital support to the Medical Center's operations. Thank you, once again, to everyone who supports the Medical Center and best wishes for a wonderful Holiday season.

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

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Jan. 12

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

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Debra Price
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Jill Waibel
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Endocrinology
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Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1

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Sandra Rodriguez
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Neurology
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Raul Vasquez Castellanos
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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
Jan. 11, 25

James Voglino
Dec. 15, Jan. 5

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

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Bridgette Smith
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Polly Reeves
Jan. 4, Feb. 15
Sophia Masri
Jan. 19, Feb 23, March 22,

Psychology
Joseph Mora
Dec. 18, Jan. 15

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ForgetMeNots December Luncheon

By Cynthia Wegrarz, ForgetMeNots
Co-Chair

Ocean Reef Vice President of Sports & Amenities, Mic O’Keeffe, was the guest speaker at the December 12th luncheon meeting of the Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots, a caregiver support group.

Held in the Medical Center, Mic gave an overview of places and activities available at The Reef for everyone.

He included the Fitness Center, with emphasis on a Silver Fit program that can be geared toward individuals with caregivers. Water exercises at the Fitness Pool and Croquet are opportunities to be explored. Visits to the Nature Center, Greenberg Park, and to The Point were



Mic O’Keeffe presented at the ForgetMeNots’ December luncheon meeting.

also encouraged.

The audience of caregivers and care receivers were not aware of all these opportunities. Following Mic O’Keeffe’s presentation, there was a lively discussion of future get-togethers for the group and its sister/brother organization, the Senior Café.

The need for better communication and the trend towards texting information

rather than e-mailing was also discussed. WhatsApp could be the solution for getting the word out.

The next meeting of the ForgetMeNots will be **Tuesday, January 9th**. Everyone was given a promo card for the Senior Café, offered at the Chapel Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at orseniorcafe@outlook.com for more announcements or to give your suggestions for future programs.

Co-chairs Dr. **Frank Gudicello, Ron Sekura, Cynthia Wegrarz** and **Carol Blackburn** coordinated the meeting and luncheon. These volunteers are members and their contact numbers are in the ORCA Directory for your convenience.

Thank you to Mic O’Keeffe and all the caregivers who attended and expressed their love for what they do.

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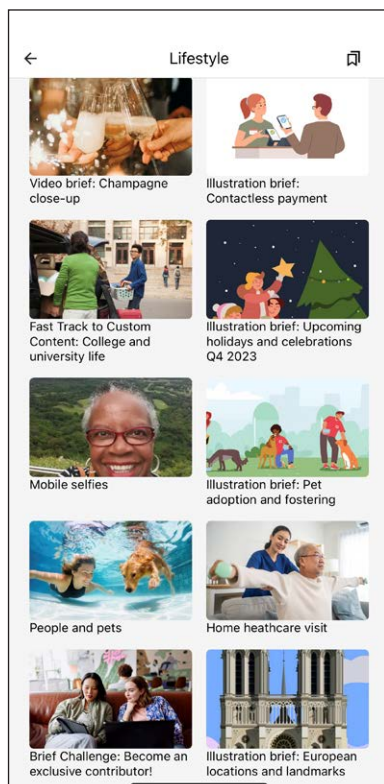


“Dot.calm” by Jane Silverman Berman

Without looking... how many photos and videos do you think you have on your phone's camera roll?

Selfies, screenshots, sunsets, flowers, family, and fun. Somehow or other over the years I have amassed 35,933 photos and 3211 videos living on my iPhone and cloud. Whoa. Too many you are thinking? After using Shutterstock.com for photo books, calendars, and wall art I am still left with a mind-boggling number of photos I just can't part with.

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Agronomy Approach Balances Beauty and Function



by Annie Miles

Most members would agree that whether golfers or not, they enjoy the beauty of the courses that are an integral part of our community at Ocean Reef. But maintaining that beauty and adjusting it to the growing needs and changes of the golf course landscape is an enormous task that is delightfully managed here by Director of Agronomy, Eric Bennett. Bennett along with his staff members Bailey Schnert, Dolphin Course Superintendent and Kelly Hopper, Hammock Course Superintendent, approach this task with enthusiasm and a passion to achieve a superlative appearance that is harmonious with the tropical environment of the Florida Keys.

Last month, Bennett spoke to the Garden Group at Ocean Reef and explained his approach to the recent renovations of the courses. He said he uses a lot of exotic plants to add color and a pleasing ambiance but specifically tailors his designs so that players can literally “keep their eye on the ball” and on the target. “If the surroundings become the focal point, rather than a complement to the course layout, players can become distracted by them which defeats their purpose,” he explained.

Another project that Bennett initiated last season

was adding foliage to areas that are in the line of sight of Ocean Reefers as they cruise the island on their way to non-golfing activities. “We wanted to make the areas along the roads more pleasing, presenting the golf course as a part of the overall beauty of The Reef. We added a large, landscaped area along Country Club Road on the right just before Card Sound Golf Course as well as along the cart paths and behind some of the holes on the Dolphin Course.”

A native of Florida, Bennett did not play golf until age 18, but after that golf became his focus. He came to Ocean Reef in 2008 where he met his wife and continued to work until 2016 as the Dolphin Course superintendent. He spent the next few years in Venice, Florida, until his family returned to the Keys in 2021 and he rejoined the ORC golf team as Director of Agronomy. He and his wife have two young children and are happily enjoying the Reef. “Coming back here was the easiest choice I ever made,” Bennett said. “The management team is supportive and encouraging, and the membership is the best group anyone could ever work for.”

His friendly, humble demeanor, his talent and his love for his work make Bennett a true asset at Ocean Reef, appreciated by members and staff. Director of Golf, Mike Leone, describes Bennett’s vital contribution in this way. “The golf courses have never been in better condition since Eric has taken over as the Director of Agronomy. Not only does he provide pristine playing conditions for the membership, but he also complies with every request we make to accommodate our expanded fields for tournaments. Eric is a joy to work with which makes all our golf pros’ jobs a lot easier!”



Eric Bennett



The Golf Course Maintenance Team carefully selected landscaping to appeal to all Members golfers or not, while also ensuring the foliage wouldn’t become distracting to players on the course.

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ORP Through the Years: 2016

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By Jody Steele

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HEADLINES FROM THE REEF 2016:

JANUARY

- Lights Out Wins Reef Cup for the Second Time in Five Years
 - The Amazing 100-year old Man, Dick Garbisch
- Town Hall Meeting
- Streams Live Online
- Villa Cay Neighborhood Does the Impossible

FEBRUARY

- Defending Ladies Champions Win 43rd Member-Guest Tennis
- Racquet Club Celebrates 40 Years
- Ardmore Exhibit Wows Art League

MARCH

- All Charities Raises \$4.6 Million
- Ocean Reef Club Partners with Coral Restoration Foundation
- First Pickleball Champions Named
- Champion Wild Dilly Tree Recognized

APRIL

- Navy Seals Land on Buccaneer Island
- Carysfort Hall Grand Opening Held
- Bullseye Nationals Held at Baker Harbor

- Ocean Reef Medical Center Expansion Begins

MAY

- 121 Marina Construction Begins
- First Flight from OR Airport to Havana

SUMMER

- Hammock Course Renovation Underway
- Twenty Summer Camps in Full Swing
- Fiber 2 Home Project Begins

OCTOBER

- Speed Limit Back to 55 on C.R. 905
- Baby Alligators Hatch in Nature Center
- \$200,000 Collected for Haitian Hurricane Matthew Relief

NOVEMBER

- Carysfort Launch & Water Shuttle Service Begins
- 45th Annual Member-Guest Golf Invitational Held
- Preliminary Master Planning Details Announced

DECEMBER

- 22nd Annual Vintage Weekend a Huge Success
- Six New Lighted Pickleball Courts Dedicated
- The Magic of the Holidays Continues...



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Toni Vreeland (left) was a close friend of Sis Kelm and the entire family. Pictured with Sis's daughter, Stuart Stewart.



Cooking School regulars couldn't wait to attend class at Carysfort Kitchen.



Stuart Stewart with John Zick, whose wife Mary was thrilled when Sis called and told her about her idea of a Cooking School at Ocean Reef.



Following the luncheon, the Carysfort Kitchen turned into a cooking and party venue for the sought after All Charities Auction dinner featuring Emeril Lagasse. All Charities Co-Chair Mike Berman shows his appreciation, with wife Angie.



Adelaide Skoglund and Vicki Goldstein, early adopters of Sis's school.

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Keeping Track of the Mail



by Felicia
M. Koretsky

If there was a game show called *Guess What's in the Box*, The Mailroom's Jaime Diaz would win big.

She can give a package a one-two, a light rattle, or a lift and quickly get a pretty good sense of what's inside. Company logos are not necessarily needed for this box detective to know if it contains diapers, a pair of reading glasses, a drum of boat oil, a playpen, or a HoneyBaked ham.

The 46-year-old is a one-person dynamo who accepts, photographs, registers, sorts, delivers, bills, scans, ships, and tracks more than 32,000 incoming and outgoing packages and pieces of mail arriving and departing The Inn at Ocean Reef each year for and from Members, guests, and 32 ORC departments.

With a love for logistics, obsession for organization, and a delight for detail, Jaime has been running this conveyer-less operation out of a surprisingly small and secure office near The Reef's Gift Shop for the past 19 years. When she's out on mail runs, break, or on vacation, she's backed up by The Front Desk team.

"When I come into work in the morning, I can scan my shelves and know exactly what I have and what's missing," says Jaime. "If you're not organized in this job, you can go crazy."

Controlled Chaos

Transposed numbers, Members with similar names, and locations with almost identical street addresses can



The Mailroom's Jaime Diaz is all boxed in.

add to the controlled chaos of Jaime's day.

The Mailroom's address is 201 Ocean Reef Dr. Key Largo, FL 33037. Only one word (Reef) separates it from the address of the Waterside Suites and Marina, 19 miles away. Jaime and the Key Largo hotel's mailroom manager regularly arrange to swap packages as Waterside occasionally gets Reef mail, too. The Inn at 35 Ocean Reef Drive, is one word off from a private single-family home in Key Largo. Jaime also knows its owners. When seaworms, eel, and cut up pieces of fish are delivered to them instead of to The Reef, it brings a whole new meaning to bait and switch.

Jaime recommends writing arrival date and Member number on the outside of any box or envelope sent her way. New packages suddenly landing in The Mailroom addressed to familiar names also signal Jaime that some of her favorite Members are heading back.

"When we come down to The Reef, we don't have everything we need, so we mail down boxes and forward our mail," says **Lois Farrell**, who along with husband **Bill**, have been Members for 27 years. "We go in weekly to pick up our mail and to see her. She's so genuine and

kind, always goes out of her way. It's really become a nice friendship."

When some of ORC's dock seawalls were under repair for seven months, Jaime took on the Dockmaster's package load, which often contained perishables. When it comes to anything in risk of spoiling, Jaime makes it her first priority to get the recipient their package. Her alerts and reminder emails go out with red flags. Because of space restriction, packages can only be stored for 10 days before they are sent back.

Cool, Calm, and Collected

All of that running around can make anyone sweat. Jaime is grateful that The Mailroom recently got its own air conditioner split, set at 60 degrees.

Jaime (pronounced Jay-mee and not Hi-meh like The Miami Heat's Jaime Jacquez, Jr.) knows you can't always judge a product by its cover. The most deceiving cartons are the ones that look like it contains golf clubs, she said. Recently, a tall rectangular delivery intended for a Banquet set up ended up at The Clubhouse. Almost instinctively she knew a driver probably mistook it for clubs. Within minutes of hearing about the lost package, she had it retrieved.

One of the job perks for self-motivated Jaime is that she can work independently. Her simple-to-understand sorting method also makes it easier on fill-ins. Her busiest days between Halloween and Easter, peaking just before Christmas. During the summer, Jaime backs up the Club Operators or The Front Desk.

Everything in its Place

Keeping a tidy space also is Jaime's method for keeping her sanity at home. The mother of three (including her middle daughter, 24-year-old Ciara, who works at Cart Rentals) says the one tool she can't live without is a black permanent marker. To make sure a box can be spotted easily off the shelf or floor, she writes the recipients' name on each with large black letters.

She does the same thing at home. Jaime handwrites "open on" dates and expiration dates on all food items kept orderly with newer products in the back rows of her pantry. Her kitchen and laundry products are sorted out in bins. Her husband (they've been together since the seventh grade) and her kids are all well-versed on exactly where to find - and more importantly - where to return things.

Jaime, whose long brown pony tail is usually all you can see when her office is piled up with boxes, receives all kinds of deliveries at The Reef, including car tires, kayaks, and once - a live animal shipped in a box with poked-out holes. "It was a live tortoise for the Nature Center," she says.

On a first-name basis with all the UPS, Fedex, and USPS drivers, as well as their supervisors, Jaime is friends with all the right people. While she can handle most packages up to 75 pounds herself, anything heavier, she calls for her buddies at Bellstand.

ART LEAGUE

Happy Holiday Shopping from the Art League



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

Are you still looking for some Christmas gift ideas? Something different? Something unique? Something they haven't seen before? You might never have thought of the Art League as a place to shop for your gift giving needs, so let me share some ideas with you.

The Art League has a gift shop area where we regularly feature hand-made artisan



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works. You might consider the beautiful Snowman or Christmas Tree jewelry to celebrate the season yourself. It's so vibrant and pretty. We have a variety of jewelry choices. We have paintings, sculptures, bronzes, cards and so much more.

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I am constantly hearing from family and friends that they want to give and receive



more "experiences" as gifts instead of more "stuff". Maybe the gift to give yourself or others could be to try one of our classes. Doing a class together extends and enhances the gift. Yes, even for the man in your life. There is a very special Bronze Sculpture class where the instructor makes the frame for you and guides you through the process. My husband is planning on immortalizing our beagle Dexter as his first try at this class. There are painting classes for all levels, stained glass and mosaic classes, and hands-on clay sculpture. Just recently I met a woman who said the Paint on Pottery class on Wednesdays was her favorite mid-week escape.

Off The Reef

Of course, we have some great "Off The Reef" excursions coming up and one of Santa's elves told me

the **Biscayne Bay Stiltsville Boat Tour** with Historian Dr. Paul George is almost full so don't hesitate. Coming up before that one though is the **Art Deco Walk and Tasting Tour January 17**. It begins at the Contemporary Art Museum with a stop at the Miami Design District. You'll spend the day learning about the fusion of art, design and flavor with a diverse selection of foods. I certainly love a good food tour. Throughout the tour there will be frequent stops to discuss the history, design, and savor local cuisine.

Do you like to give books as gifts?

Our Book and Lecture Club happens once a month at The Art League. The next one is January 17. It's open to everyone whether you are a member of the Art League or not. Our next book is *Queen of Dirt Island* and will be facilitated by Max Brown. Max always comes with insight and perspective so that if you don't get a chance to read the book you'll still find it engaging.

And last but certainly not least if you are not a member of The Art League or know someone you think would like to be why not consider a seasonal membership as a gift?!!



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MEMBER NEWS

ORC Love is in the Air on Harbour Island

By Jane Silverman Berman, Member since 2012

It was a busy and magical wedding weekend for legacy member **Current D'Ignazio** and her fiancé **CP Rahe** as they tied the knot under a cloudless sky in Harbour Island, Bahamas. The two were cheered on by over a hundred friends and family including a contingent of Ocean Reef pals.

The wedding theme was 1970s resort glam inspired by the pastel town of Dunmore: from the pink sand beach to the white Moke "getaway car." The décor reflected their surroundings with turquoise, pink and orange florals, and native greenery; the guests



Ocean Reef Members celebrating Current and CP! Back row (l to r): Neil Jones, Dan Riband, Meghan Palmer, Wesley Palmer, CP Rahe, Kristen Fajt Parker, Nick Parker, Brooke Parker. Center (l to r): Jessica Santemma Jones, Natalie Heilpern Riband, Teri D'Ignazio, Current D'Ignazi. Front row (l to r): Michael Owsley D'Ignazio, Eric Lengerich.

enjoyed non-stop music, dancing, a bonfire, drinking RumDums, a costumed Junkanoo parade, and even a mesmerizing meteor shower with their heads in the stars and their feet in the sands.

The bride wore a custom wedding dress with 60/70s

inspired daisy appliques, while the bridesmaids reflected the vibrantly colored hibiscus, corals, and pinks found on the island. Her "something borrowed" was a beaded clutch from her great Aunt Delores and her "something blue" was a handkerchief from her great

grandmother Helen Fountain Brown. The groom and his groomsmen dressed in all white with mid-blue linen jackets with pocket squares made by the mother-of-the-bride from a Batik fabric from Andros Island.

The Bahamas are a special place for Current: her grandparents the late ORC members **Babe** and **Libby D'Ignazio** kept a home in the town of Current, Eleuthera which is where her parents, Equity members **Teri** and **Michael Owsley D'Ignazio** first met and became engaged. "It is my namesake and a very special place for me and my family," admits Current. "I grew up going to Current and fell in love with the raw beauty, the beaches and the friendly people. I always dreamed of being married in the Bahamas.

The weekend was beautiful, sentimental, and simply perfect. We feel truly blessed."

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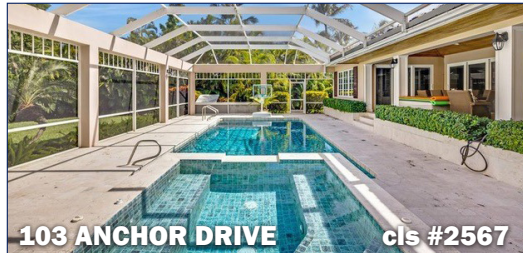
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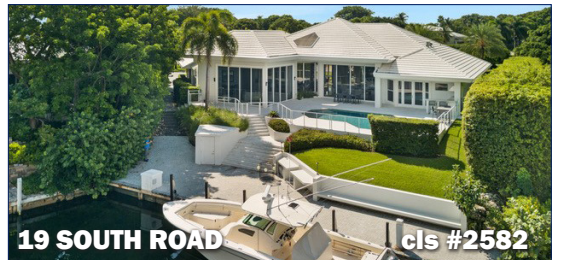
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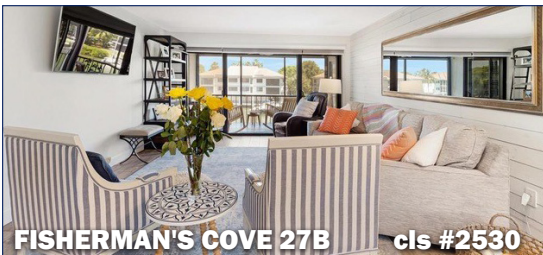
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Port O'Call
Manager

It's almost my favorite week of the year! Not because of the holidays or New Year, it's because The Reef is packed and we are non-stop busy. We see more people in Port O' Call from the 22nd through 1st than we do the months of August and September combined. I love the challenge of keeping Tito's in stock and the opportunity to help Members find the perfect bottle to celebrate.

We have two big events that we hope create memorable experiences for you all.

Saturday, December 23rd we are hosting an engraver from Patron that will customize bottles just for you. **Tuesday, December 26th** we are launching our third edition of the "Best of the World" tasting list and will run these rare gems until the last drop is savored from the bottle.

Customized Patron Engraving

In March we hosted an engraver who did custom designs and names on bottles of Patron "El Alto" Reposado Tequila. The event was very successful and our Members were thrilled with the results. Not only was she able to carve names into bottles but could even do pictures and designs (within reason). To broaden the selections, we are offering several of Patron's premium tequilas for this promotion:

- "El Cielo" Silver, Patron's newest addition: The agave for "El Cielo" is hand-harvested and cooked in traditional brick ovens before being crushed, distilled four times and matured in American and French oak. The resulting nectar is smooth and reminiscent of Casa Dragones



Get your bottle of Patron engraved on December 23 and have the perfect gift for your favorite tequila lover (maybe that's you!).

"Cristalino" Anejo, but at a fraction of the price.

- "El Alto" Reposado: A Reposado by name only, composed of primarily Extra Anejo but blended with Anejo and Reposado for added complexity. This has become a personal favorite as I tend to prefer Reposado Tequila which have the perfect agave/oak flavor balance for my palate. Clase Azul is delicious but runs a bit on the sweet side for myself. "El Alto" hits the mark perfectly and only has one problem...the bottles empty too quickly.

- "Gran Piedra" Extra Anejo: From start to finish crafted traditionally and with care. Only the highest quality agave is selected and the centuries-old tahona process is employed (the agave is milled using a two-ton volcanic stone). On top of selecting top quality agave plants, the barrel aging process is unique going through American, French then old Bordeaux wine barrels.

- "Gran Burdeos" Anejo: The crown jewel of the Patron lineup. Burdeos means "Bordeaux" in Spanish and takes the name from the Bordeaux casks it's finished in. I hate to admit it but other than the aging I'm not entirely sure what separated the Burdeos and Piedra from a production standpoint. I can attest there is a flavor difference and both are of the utmost quality. While the "Cristalino" style is designed as a crossover from Vodka to Tequila, many Anejo and Extra Anejo Tequilas provide a crossover

point for those who usually enjoy whisky or Cognac.

Saturday we will be sampling several of these to aid your decision on which to gift a loved one (or yourself). We will be hosting the event from 2 to 4pm on the Port O' Call patio and look forward to seeing you then. Pre-orders are encouraged to ensure there is plenty of time to finish.

Best of the World

A question that frequently arises in Port O' Call when Members see the extremely rare (and therefore expensive) bottles is "does the wine really taste that much better"? I'm of the opinion that most things in life, you get what you pay for. Many of the most famous wines in the world got that way for a reason...terroir which can't be replicated and great winemaking. Two years ago we offered our first "Best of the World" tasting list as an opportunity for Members to try wines for themselves. This is truly a rare opportunity to try names like DRC, Screaming Eagle, Leroy, Montrachet, etc. without committing to a full bottle purchase. I like to treat this list as a "research opportunity" for Members so all selections are priced to cover the retail price of the bottle, not to generate incredible profit. The first list was a success and had many asking what would be on the next year's list. Since then, every January brings the mission of finding bottles for the next "Best of the World" list.

While I'm excited about everything on our 3rd edition,

one of the bottles was an 8-month process in procuring; the 1973 Maison Leroy Montrachet. To my knowledge we are in possession of the only bottles of this wine in the USA. On top of that they were shipped directly from the cellars of Leroy and arrived at ORC two weeks ago so provenance is unmatched. I've never had a Chardonnay aged 50 years and have spent entirely too much time daydreaming what Leroy's rendition tastes like. While final decision on which other Chardonnays will be offered, the white pours will be rounded out by comparing DANA Sauvignon Blanc and Haut Brion Blanc. HBB is commonly considered the greatest Sauvignon Blanc in the world but when I tried DANAs it made me wonder which was truly king. I found DANA Sauvignon Blanc to be even better than the elusive Screaming Eagle Sauvignon Blanc, it was a must for this year's list. Red offerings will include 2011 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon, 1978 Remoissenet Richebourg Grand Cru and 2012 Domaine de la Romanee-Conti La Tache among others. It would be easy for me to write an essay on all the wines we will be featuring but luckily for you the ORC Press only has so much space.

All of us at Port O' Call wish you happy holiday. It's truly an honor and a pleasure to be a small part of the community. Hope to see you soon and if not, a Happy New Year to you all!

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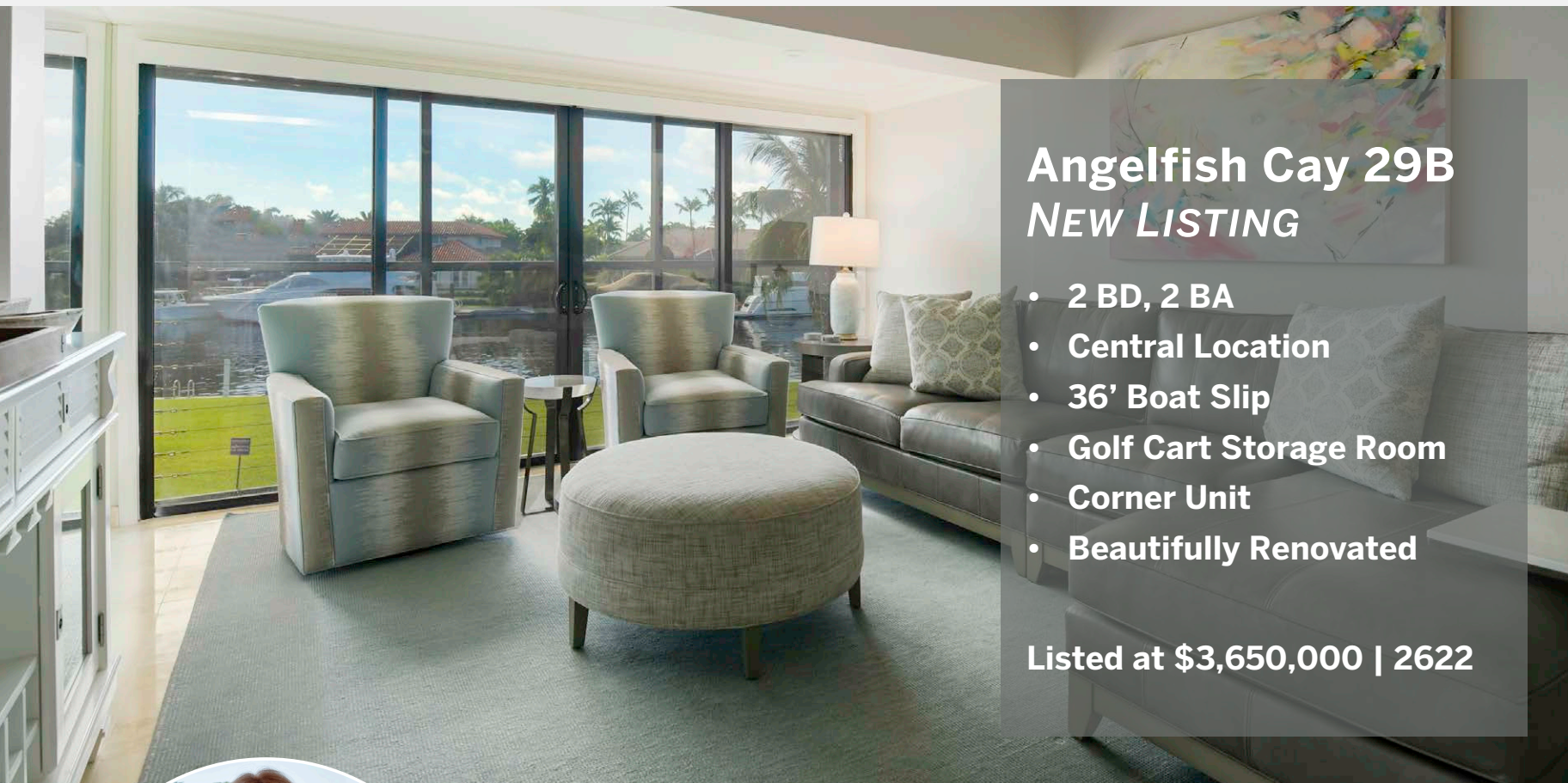
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Tis the Season...and The Academy Gives Back



by Jerome Murphy, Head of School

As The Academy community prepares for the upcoming winter break from school, our students have devoted time over the last few weeks to celebrating the holiday season by "giving back".

Following The Academy's recent Book Fair, our students were delighted to provide a charitable contribution of books and bicycles to the Voices for Florida Keys Children (VFKC)



The Academy's Kindergarten to third-grade choral group performs at Reef Treats and the Residence Club.

organization. Voices assists with the education, health, and social well-being of disadvantaged children and families in the Keys.


After a rousing holiday

carol performance on stage at the Club's Tree Lighting ceremony, our Kindergarten-3rd grade choral group recently took their holiday caroling act on the road,

much to the delight of our community members!

Our students gathered this week at the Residence Club to share the gift of song and to ring in the holiday season with much cheer for the residents. The road trip continued to the Membership office where our children performed for all the staff, delivering more holiday cheer!


For their efforts, we were excited to surprise the children with a trip to Reef Treats!! Morning, day, or night, it is always a favorite stop for the children!



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OUT & ABOUT



Merry Christmas beachbound Santa! - Patti Baker and Vicki

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

22 FRIDAY

- Junior Golf Clinic**
9am • Driving Range
- The Dress Code Holiday Party**
10am-5pm • The Dress Code
- Reef Rec Room Open**
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room
- Jingle Bell Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt**
3:30pm • Buccaneer Island
- Grinchmas at The Reef**
4-6pm • Town Hall Lawn
- Santa Cruises The Reef By Car**
4-6pm • The Reef
- Teens Only! Beach Bonfire**
8pm • Buccaneer Island
- Pool Tournament in the Reef Rec Room**
8pm • Reef Rec Room
- Teens Only! After Hours in the Reef Rec Room**
10pm-12am • Reef Rec Room

23 SATURDAY

- ORC Run Club**
7am • Member Fitness Center
- Junior Golf Clinic**
9am • Driving Range
- Reef Club Kids Open**
9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Live Nativity & Petting Zoo**
10am-1pm • Field at Four Corners
- Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays**
10am-3pm • Card Sound Range
- Home for the Holidays Open House**
10am-4pm • Fishing Village
- Gingerbread Tea**
1-4pm • Town Hall
- Port O'Call Wine Tasting**
2-4pm • Port O'Call
- Reef Rec Room Open**
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room
- Santa Cruises The Reef By Boat**
4-6pm • The Reef
- Pool Tournament in the Reef Rec Room**
8pm • Reef Rec Room

24 SUNDAY

- Junior Golf Clinic**
9am • Driving Range
- Christmas Eve Service**
10am • Chapel & Fellowship Center
- Santa on The Beach**
5:45pm • Buccaneer Island
- Elf Tuck-Ins**
7pm • Around The Reef
- Community Christmas Eve Service**
9pm • Fishing Village
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**
11pm • Chapel Sanctuary

25 MONDAY

- Santa's Sleigh Wreck Golf Tournament**
8am Tee Times • Dolphin Course
- Junior Golf Clinic**
9am • Driving Range
- Catholic Mass**
12pm • Chapel Sanctuary
- Reef Rec Room Open**
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room
- Winter Bowl Flag Football Activity**
3:30pm • Buccaneer Island
- AA Meeting**
7:30pm • Chapel Board Room • Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

26 TUESDAY

- Flying Trapeze School**
9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners
- Junior Golf Clinic**
9am • Driving Range
- Reef Club Kids Open**
9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Farmer's Market**
11am-4pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot
- Starlight Dinner Buffet**
Reservations from 5-7pm • Carysfort Ballroom
- Reef Rec Room Open**
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room
- Mother-Daughter Tennis Tournament**
6-8pm • Tennis & Games Center

Super Bingo
7pm • Town Hall

27 WEDNESDAY

- Open Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen**
10am • Driving Range
- Touch A Truck**
11am-1pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot
- Reindeer Run Pre-Registration**
12-4pm • Pool Desk
- Zoo Miami Out-Reach Program**
1-4pm • Nature Center
- Father-Son Tennis Tournament**
6-8pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Enchanted Forest Street Fair**
6-9pm • Town Hall Waterside
- Teens Only! Glow Mini Golf**
7pm • Mini Golf Course

28 THURSDAY

- Reindeer Run 5k**
7:30am • Pre-Registration
8am • Business Center Parking Lot
- Flying Trapeze School**
9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners
- Christmas Pickleball Tournament**
9am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Reef Club Kids Open**
9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays**
10am-3pm • Card Sound Range
- Farmer's Market**
11am-4pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot
- Starlight Dinner Buffet**
Reservations at 6pm & 8pm • Field at Four Corners
- Family Night! Lawn Games at Buccaneer Island**
7pm • Buccaneer Island
- Concert on the Beach Featuring Alter Ego**
8pm • Buccaneer Island
- After Hours at the Reef Rec Room - Teens Only!**
10pm-12am • Buccaneer Island

ON SCREEN & STAGE

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Children (under 12) \$6
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"Trolls Band Together" (PG)
Friday, Dec. 22
4:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 24
4:30 & 7:30pm
Tuesday, Dec. 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.



"Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" (PG13)
Thursday, Dec. 28
4:30pm
Friday, Dec. 29
4:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 30
4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 31
4:30pm

Runtime: 2hr 49mins
Genre: Documentary, Music
Premise: Experience the Eras Tour concert, performed by the one and only Taylor Swift.



"The Holdovers" (R)
Monday, Jan. 1
4:30 & 7:30pm
Tuesday, Jan. 2
4:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 3
7:30pm

Runtime: 2hr 13mins
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Premise: A cranky history teacher at a remote prep school is forced to remain on campus over the holidays with a troubled student who has no place to go.

Live Performance!
The New Shanghai Circus
Wed. Dec. 27 – 4:00 & 7:00PM

\$50 Donor Adult – \$60 Non-Donor Adult
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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., Dec. 25 6am-4pm
Tues.-Fri. 6am-7pm
Sat. & Sun. 7am-5pm
Mon., Jan 1 7am-7pm

The Bugee Shop
Mon., Dec. 25 & Sun. 9am-3pm
Tues.-Sat. & Mon., Jan 1 8am-5pm

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits
Mon., Dec. 25 11am-5pm
Tues.-Sun. 11am-9pm
Mon., Jan. 1 11am-8pm

Golf Shop
Daily 7:30am – 5:30pm

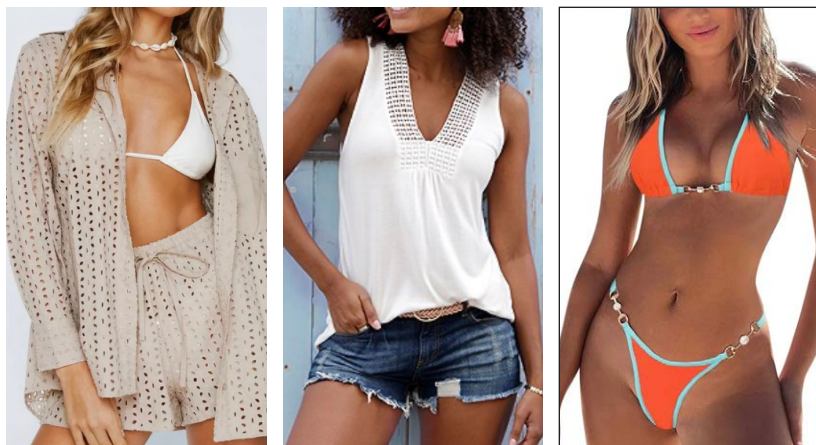
Tennis Pro Shop
Daily 8am – 5:30pm

Ocean Reef Gift Shop
Mon., Dec. 25 7am-3pm
Tues.-Fri. 7am – 7pm
Sat. & Sun. 7am-5pm
Mon., Jan 1 7am-7pm

CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

What NOT to wear at Ocean Reef



Alert: Dress Code Advisory....

I am sure that most Ocean Reef Members are well acquainted with the OR Dress Code and wouldn't dream of wearing the skimpy and revealing and completely unacceptable outfits pictured here... But what about your holiday visitors, who might be unaware or confused about what is a "no-no" at ORC.... Suppose at Buccaneer Island or in line for the Raw Bar, your OR guests are stopped by an ORC Associate, who indicates that (unbeknownst to them) what they are wearing (or not wearing) violates the Dress Code. The Associate then politely requests that they promptly remedy the situation. To assure that our guests are not embarrassed, and our Dress Code respected, we Members must make it our business to discourage our visitors from wearing anything that violates

the Dress Code.... Ocean Reef Club is not old fashioned. Nor is it oblivious to styles that are currently popular. Many aspects of the Dress Code evolved from concern about fashion trends that some of our members found offensive or not consistent with the standards of a private club. Nobody loves rules. But it is essential to our Ocean Reef Club that we respect them.

What to Wear at Ocean Reef: Tomorrow (Dec. 23) there's a shopping event in Fishing Village that you don't want to miss. From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. *Home for the Holidays Fishing Village Open House* will offer an opportunity for last-minute Christmas shopping with some bargains and special sales. With so many of our wonderful stores represented, I promise you will find lots of choices for What to Wear at Ocean Reef.

by Joan Birsh

ABOVE: (left) If you leave Buccaneer Island, the cover-up is required. But the one shown here does not "cover up" well enough to satisfy the Dress Code; (center) These shorts are too short, plus they are tattered and distressed - breaking the Code twice over; (right) Thong style swimsuits, like the attractive orange one pictured, are forbidden by the Dress Code.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

December 22

Burgee Shop & Gift Shop 25% off \$100 cookies

December 23rd

Tennis Shop 25% off rail (Sales & snacks not included)
Complimentary Hot Cocoa & Cookies

Marine Max

In Store Specials

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Palm Court

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11:30am-3:30pm • Sun. 11:30-3pm

Beach Bar & Grill

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

Everton's Rum Bar

Thurs.-Sun. 3-8pm

Islander & Sushi Bar*

Mon., Dec. 25 5:30-9pm • Tues.-Mon., Jan. 1 5:30-10pm
Equity Member Only Night Thursday

The Ocean Room

Buffet Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11am & Sun. 7am-12pm
Dinner Mon. Dec 25 & Jan. 1 5:30-9pm
Tues.-Sun. 5:30-10pm (Buffet Fri., Sat. & Sun.)
Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

Dinner Mon. Dec 25 & Jan. 1 5:30-9pm • Tues.-Sun. 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., Dec. 25 11am-5pm
Tues.-Sun. 11am-9pm • Mon., Jan. 1 11am-8pm

Reef Treats

Mon., Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 7am-9pm • Tues.-Sun. 7am-10pm

Reef Hut

Lunch Tues.-Mon. 11am-4pm • Dinner Tues.-Sat. & Mon., Jan 1 5-8pm
(Lunch and Dinner Closed on Mon., Dec. 25)

Reef Eats

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

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

The Point (Members Only)

Coffee Mon.-Sun. 7-10am • Cocktails Tues., Wed., Sat. 5-8pm

Toski's

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

Rum Runner

Open Daily 9am-4pm

Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm
Cocktails Mon., Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 12pm-12am
Tues.-Sat. 12pm-1am • Sun. 12pm-2am
Lunch Daily 12-5pm

Reef Lounge

Small Plates Daily 5-10pm
Cocktails Mon., Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 5-11pm
Cocktails Tues.-Sun. 5pm-12am

CH Prime (Members Only)*

Open Mon., Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 5:30-9pm • Tues.-Thurs. & Sat.-Sun. 5:30-10pm

CH Lounge (Members Only)

Open Mon., Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 5-9pm • Tues.-Thurs. & Sat.-Sun. 5-10pm
Closed Friday, Dec. 29

Town Hall Waterside

Open Tues. & Thurs. 5-9pm
Wed. Street Fair 6-9pm • Saturday 5-10pm

Grill Room (Members Only)

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

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Experience Timeless Glamour with Moda Baronessa Spa Trunk Show – Sip & Shop



Ashley Barone

fabric is amazing—it makes you feel stunning and luxurious while being super lightweight and comfortable! Each item in the collection is devised and curated with the highest quality of silk, breathtaking prints, and a tailored fit to compliment all body types, unlike traditional resort wear garments.

Moda Baronessa's silk cover-up line transports you to a world of refined beauty and sophistication. The collection, which takes luxury fashion to new heights, has a compelling blend of traditional designs and



Moda Baronessa's resort wear line.

exquisite silk fabrics. These high-end silk cover-ups are the definition of effortless chic, whether you're sunbathing by the pool, strolling down the beach, or attending a fancy event.

Launched in 2019, this vibrant collection celebrates founder Ashley Barone's childhood love of the ocean. Ashley worked as a fashion director for *Luomo Vogue* and then as a creative director for various fashion brands in NYC for 10+ years. She then moved on to Punta Mita Mexico where the inspiration for her resort-wear brand started. With a dream of creating her clothing brand, she decided to draw inspiration from her Connecticut sea-side roots and time living in Punta Mita, Mexico to start her own dazzling, tropical-inspired resort wear styles. Through brainstorming with fashion professionals turned

friends from her time in NYC and partners in India, Moda Baronessa was born. Now Moda is available in over 50+ luxury resorts in the U.S. and Mexico and is expanding soon to Dubai.

Moda Baronessa truly has the best day and night styles to elevate your looks to be effortlessly elegant. This Miami-based brand works diligently to create luxury, transitional styles for every occasion. Captivating with a unique flair, her pieces are executed into tailored silhouettes designed to compliment the body. With meticulous attention to detail and rendered in unmistakable prints that captivate the eyes with their playful sensibility and refined touch, these are unlike any other resort-wear garments.

We will have light bite pastries and mimosas available for the Moda Baronessa trunk show, stop by the Spa from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27th.

Upcoming Spa Events:

- Friday, Dec. 22 – Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show & Irresistibles Spa Trunk Show
- Saturday, Dec. 23 – Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show
- Tuesday, Dec. 26 – Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show
- Wednesday, Dec. 27 – Moda Baronessa Spa Trunk Show
- Thursday, Dec. 28 – Ala Von Auersperg Spa Trunk Show
- Friday, Dec. 29 – Ala Von Auersperg Spa Trunk Show
- Saturday, Dec. 30 – MLO Jewelry Spa Trunk Show



"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

We have fallen in love with Moda Baronessa's resort wear line and can't wait to introduce you to the brand and its creator, Ashley Barone, at our trunk show on **Wednesday, December 27th**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Spa. The

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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

It finally stopped raining on Monday so the Farmer's Market was very active during the crisp and breezy afternoon at Four Corners.

As I entered the field, there was a large group of Members enjoying a lunch on the many picnic tables with sandwiches from the Food Truck, Pasta Amore or Le Petit Pain among others. There was also a group of young and old ordering the fabulous acai bowls from Kool Treats



Sawyer Archibald

and enjoying them as they sat nearby. None were cuter than Sawyer Archibald, granddaughter of **Paul** and **Donna Archibald** as she finished her strawberry kiwi ice. Luckily her pink dress hid the fun dripping-part of her treat with mom **Lucy**.

On the far side of the field were a group of young women trying creams and hand scrubs from Cure



Chase Hyland with Jari, owner of Cure Natural Skin Care

Natural Skin Care. This attracted my 10-year-old granddaughter who was still in a cast with a broken ankle. Owner Jari was so nice to give her a complete rundown of all the natural creams and cleansing products he had and gave her a foot scrub to use once the cast was removed. All this while her mother, Legacy Member

Emily Hyland, chose from many of the various Hummus and Mediterranean treats he carried. We walked away with a smiling preteen and delicious appetizers for the week. Win! Win!

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:

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.



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Reef Rec Room Fun



by Jody Steele



The Reef Rec Room holds endless opportunities for fun.

The Reef Rec Room is the perfect place for preteens and teenagers to find some indoor fun. Updated a few years back, it is really an exciting venue for ages 8-16 mostly in the afternoons and evenings when Buccaneer Island is closing down for the day. Chris Nelson, Assistant Director of Recreation, and Molly Lechelt, Recreation Supervisor, shared some information you will want to pass on to your children or grandchildren to consider for an entertainment choice over the upcoming holidays.

For the older kids...

This is not a Reef Club Kids-type venue, but really organized for the older kids that are more self-sufficient. Children can come and go as they please either on their own or can be dropped off by an adult. A Recreation Team Member is always in the Rec Room to coordinate the activities and even facilitate an impromptu game.

What is offered?

First of all, there are 14 huge television monitors, four are for sports and movies for those kids that just want to "chill out". The other 10 are set up for video games—all fun to play alone or in

groups and the content is non-violent. Comfortable seating—chairs and couches are set up around the entire area.

For the more active group, the Rec Room offers pool and ping pong for some fun competition. Coordinators really enjoy getting the Rec Room visitors involved in these activities and are masters in supervising it all.

So, what if the kids get hungry?

There is a concession area in the Rec Room with soda, candy, and light snacks. However, if kids have an OR card or the membership number is left with

the Coordinator, food can be ordered from Reef Eats or other restaurants. After a tough game of ping pong, a pizza and soda might be a great treat.

Where and when?

The Rec Room is open daily from 3-10PM. Later hours for 10AM-12PM are reserved for teens 13-18 years old on select weekends and holidays. The Rec Room can also be scheduled for private events for families and friends with arrangements made by emailing Recreation Manager Kyle Lynch at klynch@oceanreef.com. The Rec Room entrance is located next to Dry Cleaning.

Try it out!

So the Rec Room is a great place for tweens and teens at Ocean Reef to meet up and hang out with new and old friends. It is a beautiful space just filled with clever lighting, cool furniture, and lots of fun activities appropriate for this age group that sometimes really want to be together on their own.



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SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

XGLOsive Tennis and Pickleball Rocks the Reef



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

If you heard a buzz around the Reef last week, it was coming directly from the Tennis & Games Center. We hosted XGLOsive Tennis and Pickleball events from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The event was a high success with over 100 participants combined. Some would even say it was the most fun and energetic event seen at the Tennis & Games Center. If you did not get a chance to play or watch, we will look to have them back again! A special thanks to all participants, spectators, and staff.

With holiday season around the bend it is important to note we will be switching to our “Holiday Schedule”



XGLOsive Tennis

meaning starting December 22nd in addition to our normal schedule we will have Cardio Tennis daily at 8 a.m. as well as Quickstart, Jr. Clinic, and Advanced Jr. Clinics daily. Please call the Pro Shop at 305-367-6583 to sign up for all of our clinics.

You can also sign up now

for our special and traditional events such as Mother-Daughter Tennis Round Robin on **Tuesday, December 26th**, Father-Son Tournament on **Wednesday, December 27th**, and Junior-Teen Round Robin and Pizza Party on **Thursday, December 28th**.

Coming up on the



Pickleball front is one of the most sought after events of the year. ORC's 7th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro taking place on **January 6th-7th**. Here is your chance to play with some of the best talent in the game today! Limited spots are available. Registration is open. No registration necessary if you want to come watch.

The Pros include: Jay Devilliers, JW Johnson, James Ignatowich, Callie Smith, Hurricane Tyra Black, Anna Bright, Jorja Johnson and ORC Pro Zach Grabovic.

Croquet Pro, Paul Fecteau is coming back for his second season. He will be available for lessons and clinics on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting December 23rd.



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2024 Croquet Weekly Schedule

CROQUET MIXER OPEN PLAY

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday
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LEARN & PLAY BEGINNER CLINIC

Monday • 2:30-3:30pm

COURT MAINTENANCE

Monday • 6:00am-2:00pm

A FLIGHT CROQUET LEAGUE

Tuesday • 9:00am-12:00pm

RACQUET CLUB OPEN PLAY

Wednesday • 10:00am-12:00pm

INTERMEDIATE CROQUET CLINIC

Wednesday • 2:30-3:30pm

B FLIGHT CROQUET LEAGUE

Thursday • 9:00am-12:00pm

LESSONS & CLINICS AVAILABLE BY PAUL FECTEAU

Saturday • 305-367-6583

OFF THE REEF



Ocean Reef's own USTA Tennis Team qualified and competed, for the first time ever, in Nationals in Orlando. Team members include Lesley Cooper, Jessica Blackie, Sindee Furshman, Kathleen Metzman, Christie Zoba and Gaye Van Der Eerden. Wonderful tennis was had by all!

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Pickleball

Player of the Week

James Morris

Who's your favorite pickleball player?

My favorite player is the one who laughs the most during games.

What's your favorite thing about playing pickleball at ORC?

I enjoy both the open/organized play sessions and the cardio sessions because of the many types of skills I see in other players.

What's kept you motivated to keep improving?

I am motivated to improve because I enjoy identifying, accepting, and changing my play using new techniques and strategies.

What are some goals you have for the upcoming pickleball season?

Currently, my most general goal is to combine physical relaxation, a rapidly shifting "near or far" focus, and a "fast vs. slow" pickleball return during play.



The Power Stance in Tennis & Pickleball



"Tennis Tip" by Hannah Fleckenstein, Head Tennis Professional

If you google "power stance" you will find pictures of super heroes with their hands on their hips and their feet wide, ready to take on the world. Power posing has been thought to provoke sensations of confidence and increased self-esteem when practiced for minutes at a time.

Even if you aren't a cape wearing super hero, the power stance is an important posture, especially on the tennis and pickleball court. Standing with your feet wide facilitates better balance. Our goal when we are on the court is to be shaped like an equilateral triangle (a triangle that has three sides of the

same length) so that when we move side to side we are able to hold our balance and also create power by actively pushing off the ground when we hit. There are two ways to test if your base is wide enough when you are standing and moving on the court:

1) If someone were to come up to me right now and try to push me over, could they knock me over or can I hold my ground?

2) If someone were to ask me to do a box jump in my current stance, could I?

If your answer is yes to both of these questions, your stance is adequately wide. If your answer is no to either of these questions, try widening your stance the next time you are on the court to improve your movement, balance, recovery time and shots the next time you are on the tennis and pickleball courts.

If you are interested in working on your movement, footwork or anything else on the tennis or pickleball courts, call the Pro Shop at 305-367-6583 to book a lesson with Hannah Fleckenstein.



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PICKLEBALL RESULTS

MEN'S MORNING PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

First Place: Dan Attridge
 Second Place: Rick Kocerha

WOMEN'S MORNING PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

First Place: Cathy Ron
 Second Place: Molly Lanzon

HOLIDAY SEASON

'Tis the season to celebrate at The Reef!

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

December 16-31 • 9 - 10 a.m.

Sign up online or call the Golf Shop for more information 305-367-5912.

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.

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Details: 305-367-6516

LIVE NATIVITY & PETTING ZOO

Saturday, December 23

10 a.m. • Field at Four Corners

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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

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FLYING TRAPEZE SCHOOL

December 26 - January 1

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

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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:

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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

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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

6 - 9 p.m. • Town Hall Waterside

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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: 305-367-6516

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

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Details: 305-367-5874

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 30

9 - 11 a.m. • Sailfish Patio

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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.

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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

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LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Monday, January 1

6 p.m. • Marlin Beach

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Bonefish Bonnies Board Member Kristina Ersek, Bonnie Denise Haney and Board Member Jodi Zifferer



Brenda Sport, Beth Noyes, Lisa Austin and Daisy Gonzalez



Holiday Party Chairperson Patty Strunk and President Laura Wilson



Susan Hopkins with her guest Anne Gormley



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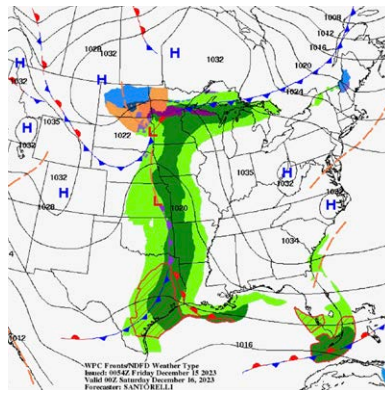


by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

We didn't feel bad about canceling this past week's Saturday races and hot dogs, because almost everything on The Reef was impacted by our crazy weather pattern that approached us from last Wednesday to Sunday at noon. A helpful thing about last week was that the prediction for bad weather stayed true. The weather forecasters were right and so we were warned about the rain and the wind and we could start working on our holiday cards, planning our calendars and shopping for presents and by last Sunday, everyone should have been all ready for the holidays...right?!

How Did We Get That Weather Anyway?

It was a stationary front - it stayed over the Keys for 4 full days. The stationary front is shown on the chart from the Foreflight app as an alternating red and blue line that has triangles pointing away from the cold air and half-moons on the opposite side that point away from the warm air, so the two air masses meet but the winds usually run parallel to the front so neither mass displaces the other and remains stationary. The cooling of the warm, humid air at the front causes heavy rain, so that is what we all enjoyed last week. On Sunday, the wind direction changed and moved the front to the north - thank goodness. Now we won't take for granted the sunshine that usually blesses Ocean Reef.



This chart from Foreflight shows a stationary front last week.



Thayer McKenzie



In lieu of Hot Dog Day, CSSC gathered for hot dogs and camaraderie at Raw Bar.



Thayer Mckenzie, Currie Wooten, Patty Lucas and Sim Wooten pictured at the impromptu CSSC get-together with Tony Camdaras at Raw Bar.

We knew we were stuck to inside activities throughout most of last week and some of us headed home for the holidays so there was no chance of any gathering at Baker Harbor. So, the next best thing to do was plan a get-together at the Raw Bar with their Big City Red All-Beef Hot Dogs. I casually put the word out in an email to the club asking if anyone had Cabin Fever and suddenly 36 people were ready to dine together on Friday night! I checked with the Raw Bar about bringing that many people at one time and they were so accommodating. They did suggest that we arrive

early, since they don't take reservations, so some of us ventured out at 5:15. They quickly put together 2 tables

of 10 for us and the rest of our group were able to fill tables of 5 and 4 around us. Thayer McKenzie brought some holiday headbands and the party began. Not everyone decided to have a hot dog, but those of us who did were not disappointed. It was a fun spontaneous night and the sailors and friends enjoyed the camaraderie. There were plenty of discussions of the race course as could be seen on the napkins carried away by our servers. We want to thank all of the staff of the Raw Bar for putting up with us and hope we will be invited back. There have already been discussions of more spontaneous nights throughout the season, so be on the lookout for loud sailor get-togethers around The Reef.

Coming Up Next

There are no official races on Saturday, Dec 23rd. The next race is the Dingley Series Race #4 on **Saturday, Dec 30th**. There will be beverages and snacks at noon when the race results are announced, but the next Hot Dog Day is not until **Sat., Jan 6th**, which will be the beginning of the Connor Series races.

Interested in Joining?

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).

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.



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Weather Cancels Racing on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

After many days of rain and cloudy conditions, the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club had hoped to be able to venture to Buccaneer Island for some much-needed time outdoors to race our East Coast 12 Meter model yachts,



An East Coast 12 Meter (EC12) sailing on a calmer day. Photo by Windsor Coffin.

but alas, the severe weather did not end early enough. The continued intense winds, coupled with a line

of thunderstorms, kept us all indoors on Sunday morning.

If you were hoping to come out to see us race this coming weekend, I am sorry to tell you that the CSMYC sailors have already decided to take Christmas Eve off to spend time with friends and family. But, if you are still on The Reef on New Year's Eve, the sailors of the CSMYC will be at Buccaneer Island having our final day of practice before the start of our Season Series on January 7. We hope to see you at "the Pond" on December 31 as we close out 2023!

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Christmas

Eve & 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 10:00 AM. 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.

Happy Holidays from all the members of the CSMYC!

Holiday Greetings From the Rod & Gun Club



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Need a last minute stocking stuffer? How about a gift certificate for rounds at the Rod and Gun Club Shooting Range? Or a Casting Lesson with one of the many experts on The Reef?

Holiday Tournament

When the gift action starts to slow, get your team together for the **December 28th** Holiday Tournament, a one-day, no fee, fishing contest. Make up a team of four — Club members and guests — plus unlimited spectators per boat. The goal is to catch as many species of fish

as possible, the bigger the better as points are graded by size. The prize is a day on the water with family and friends, and a delicious haul for dinner. Sign up with **Ken Reda** at MarineMax (ken.reda@marinemax.com or 305-342-0658) and come to the Captains Meeting at 5 p.m. on the 27th. All the details can be found on the Rod and Gun website, RodandGun.org.

Rod & Gun Club Shooting Range

The Rod and Gun Club Shooting Range is open 10am to 3pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for shotgun practice and Mondays for hand guns, a new addition. Again, see the RodandGun.org website for details and contacts.

Clean up Days with Bonfish Bonnies

January 8 is first of three Clean up Days with Bonfish Bonnies. It doesn't matter how often this work gets done, there is always an astounding amount of debris to be collected — and an

astounding assortment of items... Meet at Buccaneer Island Beach at 9am. Ocean Reef will supply kayaks, garbage bags, gloves and all we need are willing volunteers to paddle out to

our mangroves and collect what has washed up. Contact Phil French, Rod and Gun Events Chair (events@rodandgun.org), if you are interested in taking care of your environment.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Coastie's Christmas

The Atlantic, with all her surging might,
Lies calm and peaceful this Christmas night.

The sky is clear, flooded full of stars,
A crescent moon anchors Jupiter and Mars.

The temperate breeze, gusts light and sweet,
Stirring pennants aloft on masts of the fleet.

Boats are moored snug along docks and keys,
Captains and crews are home and at ease.

A Christmas Coastie wish we share
For safe passage, calm seas and winds fair.

— Ocean Reef Flotilla, Coast Guard Auxiliary

Swimming is the Fountain of Youth

By Steve Levin, Member since 2015

It's a 75-degree sparkling morning in Key Largo. You hop on your golf cart and head to the fitness center to do some cardio. You walk toward the entrance while the glint of the turquoise lap pool catches your eye. You think, "I'd love to swim, but I'll be gasping for air after one lap, no thanks." You continue to the elliptical while palms beckon you outside.

Passing on the pool, what have you missed? The relaxing sound of effervescent water flowing through your ears, a feeling of fluidity and strength, movement like a tuned machine. The Zen of deep thought or perhaps no thought as you rhythmically fly through gin-clear water. A swim workout combines cardio and strength with a dose of peacefulness and quiet.

Adding swimming to your workout arsenal is attainable at ORC because of our spectacular coach, Jon Olsen. You've undoubtedly heard about Jon, 4-time Olympic gold medalist (Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996), head swim coach at Coral Shores High, and overall great guy.

Perhaps you concluded Jon's coaching is wonderful for the "Master Swimmers," but you can't get to the end of the pool without wanting to dry off and get back on the elliptical, so Jon can't help you. You'd be wrong.

Thanks to a new program at ORC, "Swim Club for Health". The program is designed to teach all levels, including those with little or no experience, even fear, to develop swim skills.

I am no swimming hotshot. Before our spectacular 25-yard lap pool was completed, I did not swim at the Reef. The lanes at Buccaneer Island held no appeal to me. I was a third-string high school swimmer, relegated to lane 6 with little chance of winning. Yet water has always beckoned me as it does most everyone at the Reef. I started swimming



Steve Levin with his center snorkel and fins.

again, and after a time, I showed up for a master workout with Jon. I was hesitant because I swim with a center snorkel and fins. The snorkel makes it easy, obviating the need to turn your head. The fins feel like you're wearing Mercury Verados. I asked Jon if I could use my gear, and he replied, "Get in! You can wear full SCUBA gear if you like. Consistency is the key." I can swim for a solid hour with the gear and keep up with the others. Jon brings his music, and we jam to the Grateful Dead and Phish during workouts—my two favorites. I love swimming, I have an Olympic Coach, and he plays my two favorite bands. What a life at ORC!

As is true with everything here at the Reef, it's the people. Richard Weinstein is often in the lane next to me during workouts. Taking a breather during a tough set, I told Richard, "Not bad for 65-year-old guys." Richard's reply: "Not bad for 40!" He's right; the pool is a fountain of youth.

Susanne Kramer, a Masters regular and determined tri-athlete credits the camaraderie for her enjoyment of the program: "I'm there because of my friends who go through the same struggles but are there every time I show up... and our coach, who finds a way to make the classes challenging, manageable, and fun!"

And from that quintessential ORC decathlete **Liz Angelone**: "Jon brings his coaching and Olympic talent to allow us to challenge ourselves and each other."

Ponce De Leon searched for the Fountain of Youth in Florida; it's on Harbor Drive!

The ORC Swim Club, formerly known as Masters Swimming, meets every Tuesday



Mark Foreman winner of the Airdyne Challenge with a club record of 66 calories in one minute.

and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Starting on Thursday, December 28th, Coach Jon Olsen will extend his time to 2 hours of coaching which means he will be at the Fitness Pool from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, providing workouts and technique instruction. Swimmers of all levels

THIS WEEK AT MEMBER FITNESS:

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SUP yoga with Hannah Whistler

Thursday 28th at 9 a.m.

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are welcome. Coach Olsen is also available for private swim coaching.

For more information on the ORC Swim Club, group classes, personal training, fitness experiences, and special events contact the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820.

your body and improves proprioception. Practicing yoga on a body of water is an added challenge to many yogis who usually practice on solid ground, and it requires balance, coordination, and agility—all of which improve with practice.

TRUNK SHOWS THIS WEEK:

Lululemon

Tuesday, December 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fishing Village

Anatomie

Tuesday, December 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Member Fitness Center

Follow Up Suit

Wednesday, December 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Member Fitness Center

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Assisted Stretching Sessions

Our experienced stretching specialists are licensed massage therapists who can help you reset and reduce muscle tightness and pain. Sessions take place on the main floor of the Member Fitness Center. Request to book 30 or 60-minute sessions.

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Stretch and Mobility Classes:

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Golf Fitness Workouts:

Book a session with Level 3 (highest possible) Titleist Performance Coach Ryan Lawless and tailor your workouts to gain distance and precision in your golf swing.

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Yoga Wellness Sessions:

Immerse yourself into a yoga-inspired wellness lifestyle and philosophy with Kat Wheatley. Kat is an experienced yoga teacher with a Master's in Psychology from Wake Forest University and experience as a mental health counselor. Yoga Wellness sessions can be booked directly through Kat or at the Member Fitness Center.

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This is a strength and conditioning program specifically for 11 to 15-year-olds. Coach Izabella Rose will host group sessions on Wednesday the 27th and Friday the 29th at 3 p.m. She is also available for one-on-one and private group sessions.

Personal Training:

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OUT & ABOUT



LEFT: Last week, Peter and Lucille Coleman hosted two of the Club's outstanding golf professionals for a Christmas dinner. Pictured left to right are Ryan Vineyard and Jordan Sanyshyn from the ORC Golf Team, Lucille Coleman and Jeff Fassbinder.

RIGHT: Joe Joyner, Walter Vazquez, Dragos Alexe and Steve Leonard had a wonderful time fishing and playing golf together during the recent Grand Masters Tournament. The team, "Bad Habit", finished second place in Golf.



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Holiday Golf Round-Up



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

MGA Monday

After a few days of unfriendly weather, our members were eager to take the course for MGA Monday on the Hammock Course. The format played on Monday was Individual Stroke Play (Gross & NET). Even with the amount of rain we had, our maintenance team did a fantastic job and the course was in pristine conditions! On the Gross side of the competition, we had a two-way tie for 1st place with a couple 1-over-par, 72's. **Joe Joyner** won the scorecard playoff with lower back 9 score of 36. On the NET Side, we had another tie for first place with 3 players coming in



Pater Coleman holding up his hole-in-one ball on the Hammock Course.

at even-par, 71. Winning the scorecard playoff between the three low NET competitors was **Bill Breaux**. Our Closest to the hole contests were on Holes #2 & #12. **Andy Timmerman** claimed #2 by knocking it tight to (6'). **Hilary Rolih**, took hole #12 after sticking it to 3'10". With the next two Mondays falling on Christmas Day & New Year's Day, we will be taking a break from MGA Mondays for the next two weeks.

LGA Santa's Sleigh Wreck

Thank you to everyone who came out on Tuesday for our annual Santa's Sleigh Wreck. The morning felt like the north pole, but the day warmed up and so did our participants. Plenty of presents were scattered on the fairways of the Dolphin Course with several sleighs being wrecked, but a few teams managed to keep it together as they came down the stretch. A few teams separated themselves from the field, but only one could

come out on top. Congratulations to our 1st place team, **Diana Frazier, Diane Hill, Patty Davidson and Ellen Burke**.

LGA Next Week

Amongst all of the Christmas festivities next week, the LGA will be back in action on the Hammock Course with T's & F's. This is an individual format in which only holes that start with the letter "T" and "F" (Two, Three, Four, Five etc.) will count for your score. Pairings will be organized by Handicap Index. Tee times will begin at 8:00 a.m. You may sign up via Foretees or calling the Golf Shop (305-367-5912).

Hole in One

Congratulations to **Peter Coleman** on his Hole-in-One on the Hammock Course on December 4th!

The Ocean Reef Club Golf Staff wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



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GOLF SCOREBOARD

MGA Monday

- First Place Gross: Joe Joyner
- Second Place Gross: Max French
- First Place Net: Bill Breaux
- Second Place Net: Bill Wonfor
- Third Place Net: Chris Noyes
- Closest to the Hole #2: Andy Timmerman
- Closest to the Hole #12: Hilary Rolih

LGA Santa's Sleigh Wreck

- First Place: Diana Frazier, Diane Hill, Patty Davidson, and Ellen Burke
- Second Place: Linda Roberts, Carol Andrews, Diane Petrosino, and Christine Langley
- Third Place: Kathy Tropea, Laura Reed, Anne Rolih, and Staci Berry
- Closest to the Hole #5: Debbie Stewart
- Closest to the Hole #16: Elizabeth Pitts

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This technique comes in handy when you may be next to a bush or a steep bunker that you aren’t able to get into. I would recommend an iron for this shot and choke up on it, holding it further



Stef Shaw demonstrating a golf technique for navigating challenging course obstacles.

down the shaft than usual. If you’re right-handed, let the grip rest against your right forearm to help create some stability. Stand with your feet close together and approach it like a sideways putt. Don’t be afraid to make a mess by hitting the ground to help project the ball out. This is a small but aggressive stroke



down to the ground to pop the ball out from trouble and get you back in play. It is also a great tip to impress your friends!

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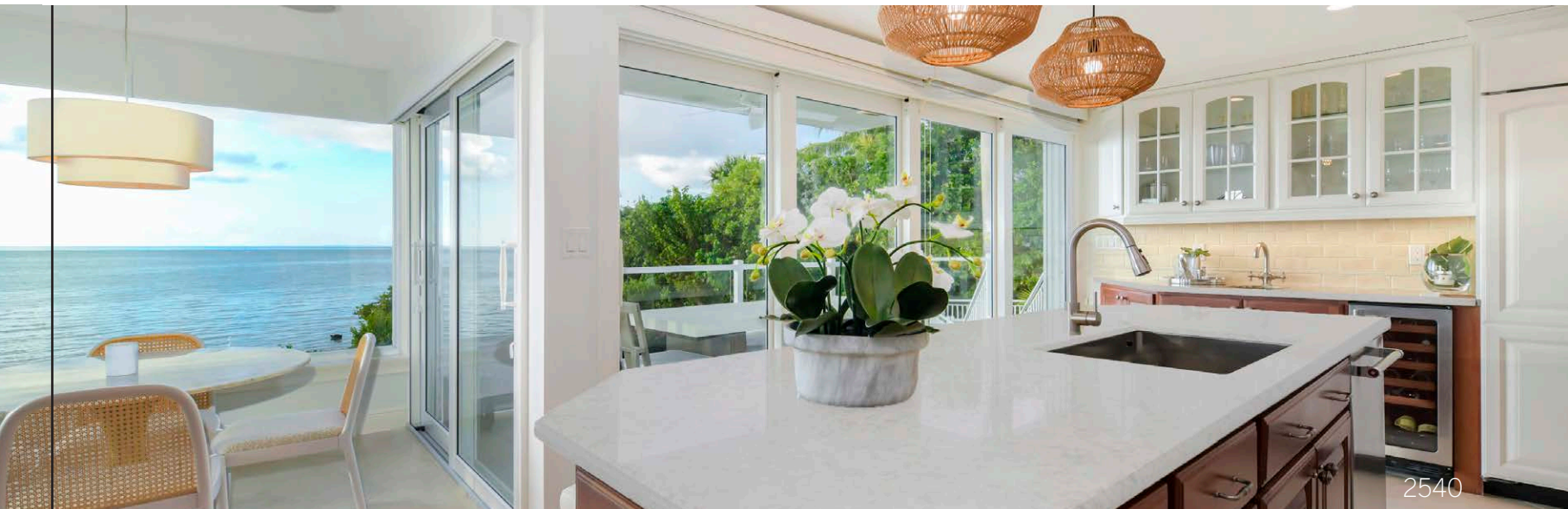
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TUESDAY:

Mah Jongg Open Play • 1pm
Bridge Lessons • 3pm
Bridge Q&A Session • 3pm

WEDNESDAY:

Canasta Open Play • 12pm
Duplicate Bridge • 1pm

THURSDAY:

Beginner Bridge Lessons • 10:30am
Mah Jongg Open Play • 1pm
Canasta Lessons • 12:30pm
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FRIDAY:

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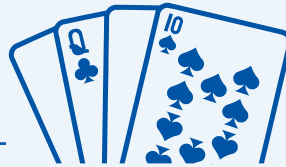
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Bridge Tip of the Week

Bidding Judgement

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Priorities

1. 8-card or longer major fit.
2. Notrump if both hands are balanced or nearly balanced.
3. Playing in a minor.

Choosing the Better Fit

If you have a fit with both majors (or both minors) play in the fit that is more evenly divided in both hands. Long suits can be used to discard losers.

West	East
♠QJ972	♠AK3
♥KQJ3	♥A765
♦42	♦QJ98

♣K3	♣32
West	North
1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass
East	South
2♦	Pass
4♥	

With 2 potential losers in both minors, a spade contract will not give you the ability to get rid of a club loser. However in hearts, you can use your good spades in the West hand to get rid of the clubs in the East hand.

Exception: When a suit is extremely strong (6+ cards with KQJ or better) or extremely long (7+), then that suit should be trump.

Minor Suit Contracts

Sometimes Notrump is not a desired contract when you have a hand that could be disastrous. If you have a 9-card minor fit, lack of

honors in the sides and singletons or voids, then you might want to think about playing in a minor suit.

West	East
♠5	♠A9876
♥AJ765	♥3
♦K92	♦54
♣AQJ3	♣K9876

West	North
1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass
5♣	

East	South
1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass

East with a 9-card fit in clubs and no honors in the side suits, should bid 4♣. This should not be Gerber since a clubs were bid earlier in the auction.

Other Pointers

- If partner bids your short

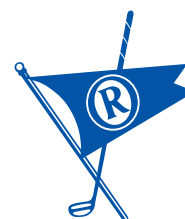
suit, it reduces the value of your hand.

- If the opponents bids your long suit, it also reduces the value of your hand.

- High cards in your partner's suit increases the value of your hand.

- High cards (except the Ace) in your opponent's suit decreases the value of your hand.

- Intermediate cards (tens, nines and eights) add extra value in notrump contracts.



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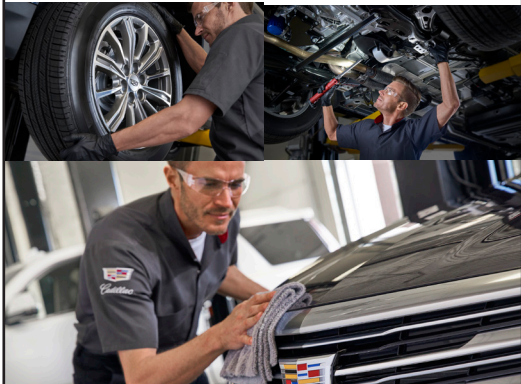
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