

Bidding Farewell to 2023

Headlines from The Reef

As we close out another year and prepare to welcome 2024, we took a look back at some of the Ocean Reef Press headlines that best represent 2023 – a year that celebrated history, tradition, and a commitment to enhancing the Member experience.

The Journey From Ocean Reef to the White House

January 6

There was great cause for celebration to start of the new year! Teresa Holmes and Buddy Menn, Club Members and Directors of the Everglades Protection Alliance, announced an Ocean Reef community win for the environment and the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB). After two years of intense lobbying with county, state, and federal officials, numerous helicopter tours over the sensitive ecosystem a mere mile and a half from the already endangered waters of Biscayne Bay, and an unforgettable trip to Washington DC, the following defense authorization bill was signed into law on December 23, 2022: *SEC. 2874. PROHIBITION ON JOINT USE OF HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE WITH CIVIL AVIATION. On or before September 30, 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force may not enter into an agreement that would provide for or permit the joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base, Homestead, Florida, by the Air Force and civil aircraft.*

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A Few of our Favorite Things

Enjoy more photos on pages 38-39.



Gianna Del Rossi, Rachel Cohen, Susan Hirschbiel, Denise Haney and Jane Del Rossi



Ned Ferrarone takes Santa cruising around The Reef, delivering smiles and high fives.



Betty Hamilton with her family, the Rays.



The Nutt family



Linda Noble



Blake Canida



Harlan Upbin

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SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

On Monday, January 1, look for the Good Humor Ice Cream Truck at these locations:

- 11am
Firehouse/Public Safety (west side)
- 12 noon - Field at Four Corners
- 1 pm - Buccaneer Island
- 2pm - Fishing Village

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OR "See"



Nothing says Christmas like a crimson sunset. Captured near Pumpkin Cay by Steve and Bonnie Schoedinger.

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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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Visit this weekly corner for notices and last-minute updates about Club and community events.

Grill Room Open for Dinner Friday, December 29

Before or after Festival on the Green, enjoy dinner at the Members Only Grill Room.

Burgee Bar Lunch

Open for lunch every day at noon through Monday, January 1.
NCAA Football on Monday, January 1.

Card Sound Road Construction Jan 2-4

There will be intermittent lane closures with flaggers to direct and assist motorists around the work zone on Tuesday, Jan. 8 through Jan. 10, starting at 9 a.m.

Gotta Question?

How can I get my prescriptions without leaving Ocean Reef?



There are a couple extremely convenient ways Members can get their prescriptions without having to leave Ocean Reef.

The first, the Prescription Delivery Program, has been in place for almost 20 years and is administered by the Medical Center and Public Safety. Every Monday through Friday throughout season, a Public Safety officer travels to CVS, Publix and Walgreens to collect the prescriptions of Members in the program. After the prescriptions are brought back to Ocean Reef, they are logged in a system and Members will receive a call the next day to let them know their prescription is ready for pick-up at Public Safety. Prescriptions not picked up within three or four days are transferred to the front desk at the Medical Center where they can be picked up during regular business hours. The number for the Prescription Delivery Service is 305-367-3401.

The second way to get your prescriptions without having to drive into Key Largo or Homestead is by using the Pharmacy at The Reef. Located on the first floor of the Plaza

Building, Pharmacy at The Reef offers Members an on-property location where they can pick up and drop off prescriptions. The pharmacy also offers over-the-counter as well as compounded medication and provides various other professional pharmaceutical care. The pharmacy team has worked hard to ensure they are on the insurance plans most commonly serving The Reef. The Medical Center can select this pharmacy just like they would any other and send the e-prescription down the street versus to Key Largo. Pharmacy at The Reef is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Sunday. For the Holiday weekend, they will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 1. Their phone number is 305-780-7136.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Memberabilia

The Personal Touch to a Festive Season

Family traditions that make OR members merry....



by Joan Birsh

CHRISTMAS MEMORY GIFT – Every Christmas for the last 15 years **Sandy Rule Crowe** and **Kevin Crowe** have organized what they call a “memory gift” for the visiting members of their melded families.

The memory gift usually takes the form of a privately arranged Ocean Reef activity. Previous years the Crowe/Rule clan has done hula dancing, bocce ball, tennis, pickleball, shooting, fishing, croquet.

This year they engaged the Member Fitness Center’s popular Zumba instructor Ana Beaty to lead a Zumba dance class. It was a good choice and proved to be a big hit with the younger grandchildren, as well as their parents and their athletic grandparents.

For Sandy and Kevin, there is a special joy in these family gatherings. Each had experienced the loss of a longtime spouse and though they had both been Ocean Reef members for decades, they didn’t meet until early in 2019 when Kevin’s tennis partner talked them into a blind date.

Both Kevin and Sandy approached this idea with some reluctance. But a dinner at Gianni stretched into six hours of revelations of shared life experiences, interests,



This Christmas Kevin and Sandy Crowe (left) hosted a special Zumba Dance Class for the visiting Members of their melded families.

and, of course, their children. They each had two boys, who were then and are now full grown young men.

Happy ending: On 9/14/19, Kevin and Sandy had a great wedding where the combined families joined in enthusiastically cheering them on.

STOCKING UP – When **Annie Miles** was a newborn, a family friend knitted a stocking for her. Annie was too young to really appreciate the finer *needlepoint* of this gift, but her mother was intrigued – So much so, says Annie, that she decided to learn to knit. And for years when a new member of the family came along (child, grandbaby, spouse, etc.), Annie’s mother immediately got her knitting needles clicking. The final count was 18 stockings.

There is no record of their ever hanging by the “chimney with care” but that opportunity still exists. When Annie’s mom passed away, her sister learned to knit and continues the tradition. Note: All the stockings are in the same style and design.

IN A PICKLE – **Gail Noyes** said that her grandson recently reminded her to be sure that on Christmas Eve there would be “a pickle hidden in the Christmas Tree”.

It seems that this unusual



holiday tradition started when the Noyes grandchildren were little.

On Christmas Eve, the person who finds the pickle, nestled obscurely somewhere among the ornaments on the tree’s branches, always has the privilege of opening the last present.

“We started this tradition when the grandchildren were little,” says Gail. “Now they are in their late twenties, and they insist that the pickle search must go on. They even invite their friends to stop over after dinner and participate.”

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CAKE – **Susan Bohan** remembers that when she was a little girl, Christmas dinner always ended with a birthday cake for “Baby Jesus”. It is a tradition that Susan continued for her children and now for her granddaughters. “I believe the cake brings the holiday back to where it should be – away from gifts and ‘gimme gimme’”.

Suzy Shields also ends her Christmas feasts with a cake celebrating the birthday of Jesus. “I buy the cake at Publix and they sometimes seem surprised at the inscription. We usually have about 20 family members at the table and everybody gets a small piece.”

96 CELEBRATIONS – **Jim Leenhouts** has a most

unusual holiday tradition. For many years the Santa (his grandfather) at family celebrations always appeared to have a limp.

It began approximately 90 years ago at a large family dinner in Grand Rapids MI, which Jim remembers fondly as having a huge number of family attendees. “There were folding dining table chairs, traditional China, endless noise, tears, laughter and at one event a lost pacifier.

“The pacifier was finally discovered in my grandfather’s Santa Claus boot,” says Jim. “And, of course, he emphasized the unusual location of the important find by doing a little limp around the table.”

For several years after his original boffo performance, Jim’s grandfather would mimic his Santa Claus limp at all Christmas gatherings.

LAST WORD

On December 25, 2023, **Jim Leenhouts** consumed his 96th Christmas dinner with his daughter, her husband and his grandchild.

Regretfully his three little Great Grandchildren, who live in Indianapolis, couldn’t be with him this year. But my bet is – if they visit him in Ocean Reef next year, Jim will be in his Santa suit and he will limp right up to them and give them a big Santa Claus hug.

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Ocean Reef Club Forges 2nd Partnership with Coral Restoration Foundation January 20

In 2015, the Club committed to a groundbreaking five-year collaboration with CRF to bring Carysfort Reef, one of the world's most iconic reefs that lies just five miles from Ocean Reef's shore, back to life. Called "Carysfort 2020", the goal was to outplant 30,000 corals at Carysfort Reef over the span of five years. By 2020's end the goal was exceeded with 35,108 corals being outplanted, effectively saving Carysfort Reef from extinction. Recognizing how important it is to Club Members to preserve and enhance the environment for many future generations to enjoy is why the Club partnered with CRF back in 2015, and coupled with the tremendous success, why the Club Board agreed to do so again.

50 Years of Member-Guest Tennis January 27

2023 marked some significant Ocean Reef Club milestones – namely reaching 75 years as a Club and 30 as Member-owned. Additionally, one of Ocean Reef Club's oldest and fondest traditions, the Member-Guest Tennis Tournament, also celebrated a historic 50th anniversary. Tennis has been a notable thread in the fabric of the Ocean Reef Community ever since the first court was built in 1955, and for the past 50 years, the Member-Guest Tennis Tournament has been the Tennis season highlight. Founded in 1973 by **Bob Ecuyer**, Ocean Reef Club's Director of Tennis at the time, and the late **Dick Garbisch**, the Member-Guest Tennis Tournament continues to be a great success.

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Burgee Jubilee

Ocean Reef's oldest neighborhood, Villa Cay, since 1983. Read all about it on page 13.

Helen and Pat Burns, since 2013.

Carla Gomez, Gerald Gomez, Cecilia Fernandez, Tom Davidson, Bill Legg, Adelaide Shephard, Alan Goldstein, Dede Nutt, Janis Sims, Bill Nutt, Nelson Sims, Gus Hillenbrand and Nancy Hillenbrand, since the 70s, 80s and 90s!

The Cruise Show represented on the grand finale for the second year in a row.

The Wade family, since 1988.

Becky Dickinson, since 1975, and Everten Barling.

Lisa and Tom DeNooyer, since 2021.

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MARINA DOCKS

HALFWAY ROAD TRIANGLE

SUNRISE CAY

BAY RIDGE AREA/KNOX LANE

CHANNEL CAY ROAD

SNAPPER POINT AREA

121 MARINA

SUNSET CAY ROAD

Bob Toski Ocean Reef's First Director of Golf February 3

Bob Toski's love affair with Ocean Reef has not wavered as evidenced by his visit to Ocean Reef this past February. It is an annual trip the now 96-year-old Toski makes, arranged by long-time friend **Lida Tingley**. (Mrs. Tingley started her Ocean Reef journey as the Golf Hostess in the 1960s and now enjoys the Club as a Member).

While here, Mr. Toski sat for brunch at the Grill Room, caught up with Sonny Vasquez (who also worked here during his tenure) and Mike Leone, visited Card Sound Golf Club and the staff, and then ventured over to the Ocean Reef Museum. It is at the Museum where Mr. Toski beamed with pride and perhaps some astonishment saying, "It is wonderful to live long enough to see yourself in a museum."

Best Sellers February 10

Terry Baxter thoroughly enjoys "reviewing" the Ocean Reef culinary scene for the ORP, but as he admitted it is from his vantage point. So, he asked Chris Patterson, Executive Director of Food

& Beverage, to help gather some of the "facts" on Member favorites. Scouring the records for the most popular dishes in each of the venues based on actual orders, Terry revealed "that if Ocean Reef were a country, the national dish would be... a cheeseburger! Oh, and the favorite order from Reef Eats? You guessed it – a **cheeseburger**. Jimmy Buffet would be proud." And that's a fact.

"It's \$58 million, take it or leave it."

March 3

Those were the words spoken in 1992 to the co-chairs of the Ocean Reef Acquisition Committee, **Tom Davidson** and **Bob Kilby**, who were negotiating the sale of Ocean Reef on behalf of the membership. They had ninety days to raise the money.

On March 3, 1993 the chapel bells rang out to let the property owners know they were now the proud owners of the new Ocean Reef Club. This historic moment heralding Member ownership continues to be celebrated through Club events year after year.

Get Ready to Rock the Block! March 10

The concept for Rock the Block was born out of the original 1993 buyout

celebration when "a series of cocktail parties held in the different neighborhoods kicked off the celebration, followed by a mile-long parade in which every neighborhood participated. Replicated in 2023 with "Rock the Block Parties" throughout the community, they brought neighbors together in celebration of the anniversary much like was done 30 years before.

All Charities Does It Again ("Thank You, Ocean Reef!")

March 31

It was **another record year for All Charities** resulting in the largest distribution to date to each of the not-for-profit recipient partners at Ocean Reef [Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association]. And, with the addition of some singular donations to the Community Grants Fund to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, the Foundation also made its largest Community Grants distribution – over \$2,000,000 – to more organizations in Florida City, Homestead and in the Upper Keys than ever! Indeed, Thank You Ocean Reef.

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Marina Sewall Replacement Begins in May April 14

As cited by two independent surveyors, the Marina seawall had exceeded its useful life and replacement was necessary as improvements were last made four decades ago. The project entailed replacing 1,100 feet of seawall. Improving and greatly extending the life of the seawall for use by Members for many more years to come.

Memberabilia Aren't we Lucky! April 14

Joan Birsh reminded that Ocean Reefers are indeed lucky saying that even a visionary like Morris Baker, Ocean Reef's developer, would have had difficulty imagining the extent to which his dream has come

true. The Ocean Reef Club is "unique" – a word used, often and accurately, to describe its awesome facilities and activities.

Citing Fun and Games, Friends and Neighbors, Art and Culture, and Health and Safety, Birsh says that in this 75th year of the Club's existence, the membership has perceptibly come to appreciate, more than ever, what a privilege it is to live here. *Aren't we lucky!* has become a mantra of Ocean Reef Members.

Burgee Jubilee April 21

The season-long celebration of 75 years as a Club and 30 years of Member ownership culminated in a weekend of festive events ranging from the neighborhood Rock the Block Parties, a Beach Bash and Concert on the Driving Range. It was red, white and burgee across The Reef with friends, family and fellowship coming together whether a

long-timer or new member to acknowledge this Unique Way of Life.

Record-Breaking Swordfish Reeled In May 26 – June 22

Chris Chen and his "Best Medicine" crew claim the new Ocean Reef Club record with this massive 553-pound swordfish caught earlier this month, effectively surpassing the former record of 462 pounds held since January 2022 by **Bud Copeland!**

It's Tee Time Club Celebrates Dolphin Course Reopening November 10

The hard work of the Club's Golf Course Maintenance Team was on full display at the Grand Reopening of the Dolphin Course held on October 31. The Dolphin Course re-grass of all tees, fairways, collars and rough, stemmed from years of storm damage and created cross-

contamination of the grass on the Dolphin Course and hindering its playing conditions. As we know from the Club Census, our two championship golf courses are among the top amenities at the Club, and everyone at The Reef can enjoy the beauty of the renewed Dolphin Course whether on the greens, enjoying the view from the Clubhouse, or even driving along Gatehouse Road.

Wondrous Waterside December 1

Waterside was developed during Covid for Members to enjoy restricted outdoor dining. It became a favorite destination almost overnight. Now with the addition of specially-designed trailers, it has become a permanent place to gather and enjoy a variety of cuisine in a casual space. As Jody Steele reported, "it is amazing to see that this wonderful space can be even better, and it IS!"

Be An Angel Today

The Keys Children's Foundation



Be An Angel Luncheon

Speaker

Lt Col Dan Rooney Founder and CEO Folds of Honor



Friday, January 19, 2024
Ocean Reef Town Hall
11:30 a.m.

Reserve Your Seats and Tables Now!
Deadline Tuesday, January 9th
Donations are most welcome!

For an invitation or more information contact Michele Welch at:
703-403-8814 or michelewelch@me.com

SANTA CRUISES THE REEF WITH THE DIVE SHOP



On Saturday, December 23, Santa traded his sleigh for a festive yacht ride around The Reef. Organized by Member Events and the Dive Shop at Ocean Reef, Santa and his elves were joined by the University of Miami choir for a tour of every Ocean Reef channel oceanside. "Seas the Day" was expertly captained by John Wolf and "Keep Coral Cool", which brought the elves along, was captained by Shawna Copp. This picture was taken by Jen Aquia on Keep Coral Cool.

The choir was beautiful and Captain John did a great job getting Santa to all the residences despite the dark and windy night. Reef children were delighted to get a sighting of the "Big Guy" and many members joined in caroling as the boat passed by, stopping to say hello to as many as possible!

join us for an OPEN HOUSE TOUR



11 Grayvik Drive | Canal Front
3 BD, 3 BA | \$11,450,000 | 2552

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Saturday, December 30th 2pm – 5pm

Preview any of these featured homes during the open house or contact us for a private tour. Stop by either of our offices for a map of all properties available to tour.



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175 South Harbor Dr. | Lake Front
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Residence Club B-212 | Golf Course
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3 Ocean Reef Drive | New Construction

7 BD, 7F/3H BA | \$12,850,000 | 2580

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Marina Village 7B | Marina View

3 BD, 3 BA | \$8,250,000 | 2592

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24 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front

5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$6,900,000 | 2495

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29 Baker Road | Water Front

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\$6,995,000 | 2332

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

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8 Halfway Road | Golf Course

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Pumpkin Cay 7B | Canal Front

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Cay Harbor 8C | Canal Front

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Congregation Ocean Reef Welcomes the Sabbath with Song

On **Friday, January 5 at 6 pm**, Congregation Ocean Reef will be welcoming the Jewish Sabbath in a special service led by composer, guitarist, and cantor, **Becky Mann**. Cantor Mann has been called "one of the brightest voices of a new generation of Jewish songwriters carrying our tradition forward in new and exciting ways." She is passionate about creating community through music and meaningful worship, and inspiring communities around the world through her heartfelt interpretations of prayer. **We invite all of our Ocean Reef friends to join us in the Chapel sanctuary on January 5 to enjoy an hour of beautiful**



Becky Mann

music, song and joy.

Cantor Mann may sound familiar to many at The Reef as she grew up as a part of our community. She is the granddaughter of longtime Ocean Reef members and original founders of our Jewish community, **Gertrude and Sheldon Mann**, and she will be dedicating this Shabbat service to their memory.

Her songs have been featured in worship services, workshops, and concerts and her music can be heard in congregations

around the country. Cantor Mann currently serves as the Assistant Cantor at Temple Israel of Westport, CT and visits Jewish communities across the country, sharing her music as an Artist in Residence.

We hope you will join us for this special Sabbath service open to all! (Following the service, there will be a dinner outside on the Sailfish Patio full of more music and song. If you would like to join us for dinner, please [rsvp to shirschbiel@congregationor.org](mailto:shirschbiel@congregationor.org)).

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EPISCOPAL SERVICE

All are invited for this community service each Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary. This **Wednesday, January 3**, Reverend Spencer Potter will return to lead us.



Reverend Spencer Potter

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The Ultimate Commute



by Terry Baxter

Each fall we converge on Ocean Reef from every direction. The most pleasant trip south might be by boat. Over the years I have made about thirty passages of the Intracoastal Waterway, always thrilled to arrive in the heart of the Marina with welcoming waves from the docks. **Bob and Stacy Schmetterer** just spent seven weeks cruising south together, and still said, "Great trip. We were happy to be home, but sorry to get off the boat."

Many drive. For about ten years **Fair Patricia** drove from New England with clothes and shoes piled so high she could barely see out of the rear window. But she did get to stop off for grandchildren visits along the way. Some members send their car by Autotrain. Many fly to Miami and take a car service to The Reef. The lucky few get delivered right to the Ocean Reef Airport for a golf cart ride to their doorstep. Then there are **Steve and Maggie Parker**.

The Parkers commute by helicopter, all the way from



Steve and Maggie Parker have commuted in their Bell helicopter since 2011.

Colorado. Yes, you read that correctly. They cover four or five hundred miles a day, with a stop or two to refuel. Some years they zig zag all over to visit friends. Others they leisurely head southeast for a week or more. They pick out new appealing destinations to visit each trip. Often, overnight accommodations are harder to find than landing spots. Steve said, "Off-airport landings are more memorable. Once we landed next to an outbuilding in western Nebraska. The owner moseyed over and said 'Welcome to the Parker Ranch,' a pure coincidence. He called his wife a said, 'A helicopter just landed next to the birthing barn.' They invited us in. We have stayed in touch for years."

The Parkers first came to Ocean Reef for a medical conference in 1994. Steve said, "As we drove in, Maggie said, 'I could live here.' Fateful words. We joined the same day we came to look." By a stroke of luck, Steve met **Lenny Sikora** (who expertly arranges the aviation part of Vintage Weekend). Lenny took the Parkers to Marathon by helicopter for lunch. "How cool is that?" Steve enthused. "It's the best way to see the Keys." He learned that Sikora flew all the way to Wisconsin each year. Before long, Steve became a licensed pilot with a helicopter of his own, and started thinking about a cross-country jaunt. After upgrading to a Bell 505 high altitude five-seater, they have followed their whims every year since 2011.

New to this year's itinerary was Apalachicola (the real Old

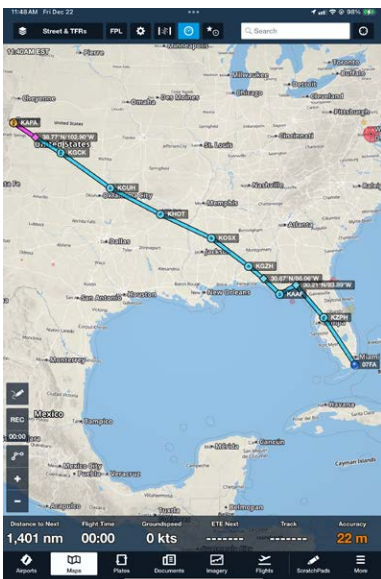
South which time passed by, seafood capital of the world) and Hot Springs, Arkansas (neat old hotel, bathhouses, healing waters, lovely state park). Steve said, "Small towns are the best way to experience America. We had a blast." During the season, the Parkers often take guests to the Bahamas or Useppa Island. "We can pretty much drop in anywhere, airport or no airport," Steve said. I hope he adds New Hampshire to his "small town" list.



Steve Parker got hooked on flying when helicopter expert Lenny Sikora flew him to lunch in Marathon.



One of the many memorable sights, the Inspiration Tower rising up over the fog in Branson Missouri.



The Parkers' route from Colorado to Ocean Reef. The circles are fuel stops or overnights.

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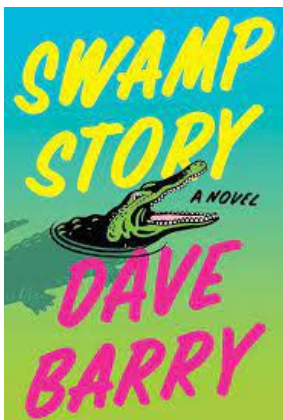


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Library Corner

By Susan Bohan

The Holidays are (almost) over, guests and family beginning to pack their bags and you are exhausted. Now might be the perfect time to stop by the Library and get started on one of the new popular books on the shelf. Whether you like the humor of Dave Barry, sports, the insight of Pulitzer Prize winner Colson Whitehead or something in between, you are going to find a good read:



FICTION

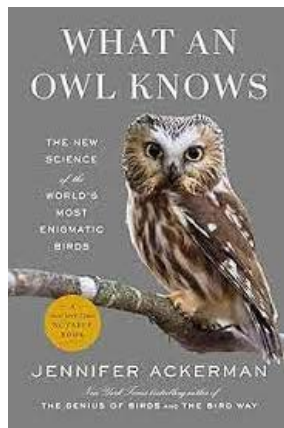
• **“Swamp Story” by Dave Barry** – an array of characters mixed up in the mayhem of a presidential race, lost treasure and hordes of TikTokers all set in Florida by the hilarious author

• **“Yellowface” by R.F. Kuang** – a chilling but oftentimes humorous tale of a stolen manuscript that grapples with the topics of racism, diversity and the alienation of social media

• **“Crook Manifesto” by Colson Whitehead** – New York City in the 1970s was in the grip of crimes, counter-culture, and the Bicentennial in this darkly humorous story of not only a city under siege but what it means to be a family

NON-FICTION

• **“What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World’s Most Enigmatic**



Birds” by Jennifer Ackerman – a biologist illuminates the complexity and history of these extraordinary and least-known birds

• **“The Ball in the Air: A Golfing Adventure” by Michael Bamberger** – this Sports Illustrated writer explores just why this game captivates so many while celebrating the game and all who play it

• **“The Marriage Question: George Eliot’s Double Life” by Clare Carlisle** – Marian Evans transformed herself into George Eliot and created novels that reveal deep philosophical themes of love, marriage and sacrifice while she herself cannot marry her lover

• **“Completely Mad: Tom McClean, John Fairfax, and the Epic Row Solo Across the Ocean” by James R. Hansen** – A playboy and an orphan, two very different adventurers, both battle the elements as they cross the ocean on different routes, arriving within days of each other in this gripping account of their adventure in the late 1960s

So find your most comfortable chair either inside or out and RELAX!

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Campus at the Cultural Center Offers Variety

The Campus at the Cultural Center is dedicated each year to curating a lineup of speakers and lectures that inspire and sustain the life-long love of learning.

The Richmond Forum – Virtual Series on the Big Screen Complimentary

New this year, the Cultural Center will be streaming all five of the Richmond Forum lectures, which include five of the biggest and most influential names in the world. These lectures are complimentary and are streamed on the big screen in the theater.

• **"The Epic Story of America's Great Migration"**



with Isabel Wilkerson
Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Boarding the Ark" with Joel Sartore**

Wednesday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Principles Over Politics" with Liz Cheney**

Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"For the Greater Good"**

with Dr. Anthony Fauci
Wednesday, Mar. 20 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"On the Docket" with Nina Totenberg & Kimberly Strassel**

Wednesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Campus Speaker Series – In-Person and On Stage Complimentary

This series presents a variety of thought-provoking subjects delivered by engaging speakers who aim to both educate and entertain. All speakers are complimentary and will be here in person, on stage.

• **"Insights on the Middle East" with Noah Feldman**

Friday, Jan. 12 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"The Great Remobilization into the Cognitive Era of AI" with Olaf Groth**

Thursday, Feb. 22 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Best Picture Oscar Talk" with Dan Hudak**

Sunday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m.

• **"Climate Change" with David Biello**

Thursday, Mar. 14 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"China's Next Act" with Scott M. Moore**

Thursday, Mar. 21 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"China Rx" with Rosemary Gibson**

Thursday, Apr. 4 at 5:00 p.m.

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• **"The Nazi Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill" with Brad Meltzer**

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Reagan at Reykjavik" with Ken Adelman**

Thursday, Feb. 8 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Putin and the Presidents" with Jeffrey Engel**

Thursday, Mar. 7 at 5:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, NFTs and Metaverse: Four New Concepts Explained"**

Wednesday, Mar. 13 at 5:00 p.m.

• **"Woodstock: How It Happened (and Why It Almost Didn't)"**

Wednesday, Mar. 27 at 5:00 p.m.

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Film Society: Food & Film

The Automat

Monday, January 8th at 4:30 p.m.

This is a delightful documentary about a "time gone by" when a restaurant chain owned by Horn and Hardart operated in only Philadelphia and New York City. Loved by many as a place for good service and delicious food, the attractive Automat restaurants flourished. Recollections of dining at this popular neighborhood restaurant from famous customers such as Colin Powell, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Carl Reiner are featured in this film. Mel Brooks moderates and even sings a song in tribute to the Automat.

Rene Rodriguez, former Miami Herald film critic,



Film Society – The Automat Monday, January 8

current manager of the Cosford Cinema Theatre and professor at the University of Miami, will introduce this film and give his insightful comments regarding the making of this documentary. A dinner will follow (by reservation only) inspired by the Automat menu. Ocean Reef Club's outstanding Culinary Department guided by Chef Philippe Reynaud, Senior Director of Culinary

Operations, will prepare some "comfort cuisine" from this era.

It is necessary to join the Film Society to view all films and programs. The optional dinner is available only with reservations as space is limited. All dinner participants must be a Film Society member to attend.

Food & Film Membership: \$125

Optional dinner following the film: \$63++

Contact the Cultural Center at orfilmsocietyseries@oceanreef.com for more information.

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Nathan Hammond's Pyrotechnic Airshow

How Does He Do It?!

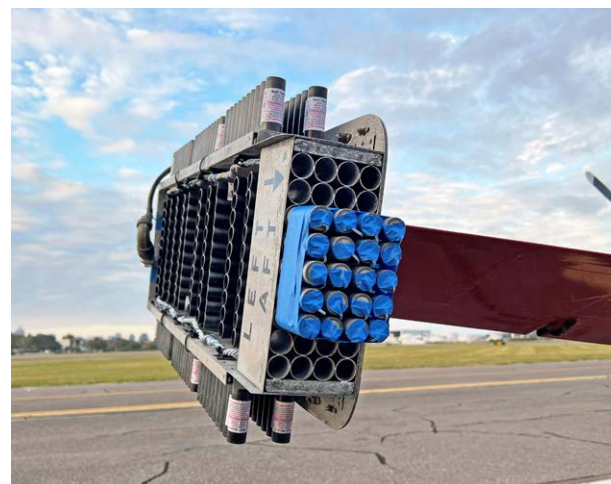
By Lenny Sikora, Vintage Weekend Co-Chair

Those of you who attended the Friday Night Airshow at Buccaneer Island during the last Vintage Weekend had the pleasure of witnessing an amazing performance and grand finale by Nathan Hammond of GhostWriters Airshows. I think you will agree his aerobatic display, along with the amazing pyrotechnics involved, was over the top.

Since the airshow, I have been asked by many people here how he does it. Some even suggested he must use a cigarette lighter to light the fireworks in his cockpit and throw them out the window. I assured them that he didn't do that but then it got me thinking, how does he do that? I contacted Nathan several days ago and he was happy to share exactly how it's done. He also sent a few pictures of his set-up to help explain this marvelous feat of engineering.

From the GhostWriter:

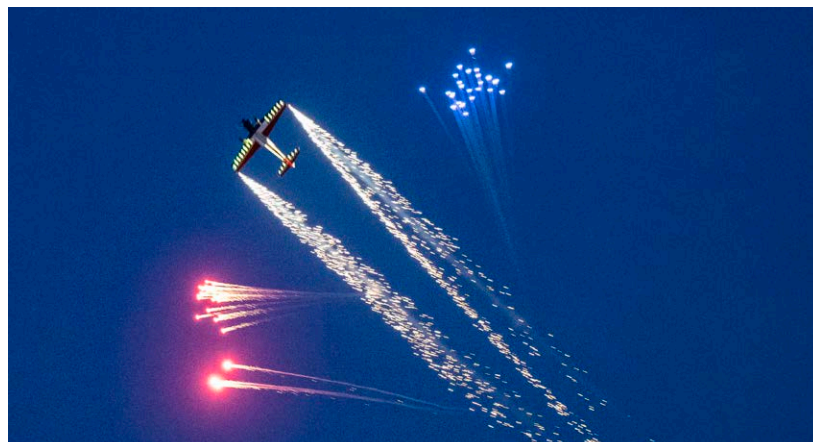
"We use two types of pyro during the performance; Gerbs (wrapped in blue



The engineering behind Nathan Hammond's spectacular pyrotechnics airshow.

tape), the silver sparks that trail behind the airplane, and Comets (the black multi-tube racks) which shoot colored shells away from the airplane. Both products were originally designed and used for indoor theatre because of their 'close proximity' and 'cold burn' qualities. We chose them because of the small aerodynamic profile.

Both products ignite electronically with a device similarly used in model rockets. The individual products are loaded and wired to a specific circuit on a



Eight hours of preparation go into creating the GhostWriter's awe-inspiring show Vintage Weekend-goers enjoyed during this year's Friday night airshow.

telephone distribution block that correlates to a switch position inside the cockpit.

Once loaded and wired, we install the pyro mounts on the wingtips and electrically bond the mounts to the aircraft prior to takeoff. In total, it requires 8 hours of preparation.

When cleared into the aerobatic area by airshow control, the system is armed inside the cockpit, and circuit one is triggered at a predetermined location. From then on, it's the best rollercoaster you can imagine! I'll cycle through all 15

circuits, roughly 200 lbs. of pyro, in the next 4 minutes all while flying aerobatics above the water.

Thanks again to the Committee for hosting an incredible weekend! Everyone at the Club made us feel welcomed and appreciated. I can honestly say Vintage Weekend was the highlight of our year."

Well, there you have it! A huge thank you to ORC Member **David Stallings** for making it possible for Nathan to attend this year's Vintage Weekend.



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ORCA NEWS

Canine Respiratory Illness

In recent weeks, a mysterious respiratory illness has been on the rise among canines, spreading concern across the country, including Florida. While exhibiting symptoms similar to common respiratory infections, such as coughing, sneezing, nasal/eye discharge, and lethargy, this unidentified illness in dogs has raised alarms due to prolonged clinical signs and an increased risk of pneumonia development.

In an effort to curb the spread of this enigmatic respiratory ailment, veterinarians are advising pet owners to take preventive measures. Recommendations include limiting close contact between dogs and avoiding areas



where pets could come into contact with dogs of unknown vaccination or health status such as the dog park. While current vaccinations may not provide immunity against this unidentified respiratory illness, maintaining overall pet health through routine vaccinations is encouraged as it can help boost the immune system.

"If your dog exhibits any of the aforementioned clinical signs, please consult with your

veterinarian immediately," urges Dr. Cummings from the Grayvik Animal Center. Early detection and prompt action are essential in addressing the potential severity of the illness.

This respiratory illness serves as a reminder of the importance of staying informed and proactive in protecting our pets. As the situation evolves, maintaining open communication with veterinary professionals and following

their guidance will be crucial in safeguarding the health of our beloved four-legged friends.

Amidst concerns about this respiratory illness circulating among dogs, residents are kindly reminded to adhere to leash rules within common areas of the community. Keeping your dog on a leash not only safeguards their well-being but also allows owners to control interactions, minimizing the risk of potential exposure to illnesses in shared spaces. Unleashed dogs may cause discomfort or anxiety to others, and it is essential to be mindful of this. Additionally, never leave dogs unattended in yards or common spaces, as it poses risks both to the pet and the community. Responsible pet ownership contributes to a harmonious living environment, fostering a sense of community and consideration for one another.

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Giving Hope



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

Two stories – worlds apart in space and time. Each in its own way a picture of giving hope.

The first is about a site in Jerusalem we visit on each of our trips to Israel. That site is Yad Vashem – the Holocaust Museum. Through media and exhibits, it tells the horrendous story of the murder of six million Jews and others, at the hands of the Third Reich during World War II. Architecturally, the building moves you from light through darkness and back into light.

Outside, on the grounds of the museum, there is a street telling the stories of people who gave hope, often at the cost of their lives. That street is the tree-lined Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations. It was dedicated on Holocaust Remembrance Day in 1962.

At the dedication, Golda Meir said, "The Jewish people remember not only the villains but also every small detail of the rescue attempts." She compared the Righteous Among the Nations to "drops of love in an ocean of poison," saying their acts rescued not only the lives of Jews but saved hope and faith in the human spirit.

Each tree on that street honors the memory of some non-Jewish person who gave hope by rescuing Jews during seemingly hopeless times. Trees continue to be added and dedicated as more stories become known.

There are well-known names there, like Oscar Schindler, the courageous businessman whose story was captured in Steven Spielberg's movie "Schindler's List." Another tree honors Corrie Ten Boom, a Christian from Haarlem in the Netherlands, whom we were privileged to know. Her story was told in the movie "The Hiding Place."



Paige Rice shared this shot of "the light of God shining down" during the Chapel's Live Nativity reenactment.

Yet there are many names whose stories of giving hope may never be known in this life. One thought haunts me. It is wondering if in similar circumstances, I could find the hope to give hope as they did. One never knows.

The second story is not as outwardly dramatic but is equally a powerful story of giving hope.

In case you haven't noticed, let me state the obvious. Our world today is a mess. The Southern border is in crisis. China is a confrontational superpower. Supporting Ukraine is said to be the only way to block Russian expansionism. War is raging in Gaza. Environmental activists propose solving a climate crisis with a costly green revolution. Democrats and Republicans agree on little save that the other side is the problem. Racism is the new original sin. Personal pronouns seem more important than personal responsibility. Our national debt is ballooning. The present forecast for the 2024 presidential election is for a re-run of 2020...etc.

What happens to hope in a time like this? If you're like me, it easily gets buried under a mountain of concern and fear, often expressed as anger. In the Gospel, Jesus described the impact of times like these saying, "When wickedness increases, love grows cold." Hope doesn't flourish in cold hearts.

Some of us are prone to 'pontification.' The thesaurus

describes a pontificator as someone who likes to 'hold forth' or 'sound off.' Pontificators tend to generate lots of heat and very little light. The heat often manifests itself in disdain toward or conflict with those who hold differing opinions. Pontificators don't seem to be concerned with giving hope – only making their opinion heard on matters they are powerless to change.

However, individual acts of giving hope can transform the lives of others - even in a world that's a mess.

During December, a friend of mine quietly sits near the checkout line of a well-known retailer. This friend is watching for an individual or family whose shopping cart suggests their Christmas could use an infusion of hope.

As their turn comes to make their purchase, this friend quietly approaches and says, "I'd like to buy this for you as a gift of Christmas."

Families must leave the store shaking their heads in disbelief. Pretty quickly, all the check-out personnel are waiting to see who's going to be the next recipient of hope! They have no idea who this person is, but even their lives are impacted by those acts of giving hope.

On this last Friday of December in 2023, could I encourage us to make one resolution as we move into 2024? Let's choose to be people who give hope. Giving hope is perhaps the most important thing we can do with our lives.

Like many of those trees at Yad Vashem, or these quiet acts of my friend, each of us can be someone who gives hope to another person through generous acts of kindness and care.

And when you give hope, you find hope! So let's make it a hope-filled New Year, even in a world that's a mess! That's when giving hope means even more!



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AA Meeting
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Shabbat Service
6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

Catholic Mass
4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr.
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SUNDAY, DEC. 31

Traditional 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

MONDAY, JAN. 1

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

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

AA Meeting
7:30 p.m., Chapel Board Room
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TUESDAY, JAN. 2

Catholic Bible Study
9 a.m., Chapel Living Room

Catholic Bible Study
3 p.m., Chapel Living Room

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

Intercessory Prayer
8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service
9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev.
Potter

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

Ocean Reef Men's Fellowship
8 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Proposed for Membership

Through January 4, 2024

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

Equity Membership

Lois McAughey is a new member applying for Equity membership. Ms. McAughey is purchasing 45 Pumpkin Cay Road, unit A from James Drinkwater and the equity from the resale list. Ms. McAughey is a resident of Toronto, Ontario. Her sponsors are Carmen & Angela Sferazza, Tom Davidson Jr., Sally Davidson and Vicki Carr on behalf of the Board of Directors.

NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

What is Your 2024 Health Goal?

Bring in the New Year with a renewed commitment to achieving a health goal. Start with small strides and keep building to attain your goal. Common goals are exercise, daily stretching, smoking cessation and weight loss. Other important goals can be mind-body-spirit-related such as meditation, yoga, consciously reducing stress, daily gratitude, journaling and mental fitness.

Weight loss goals can be frustrating. If you need some help, then consider the Medical Center's **FitMed Weight & Lifestyle Management Program**. This program can help you achieve your goals of permanent weight loss. An



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individualized plan is developed that assists you in making those lifestyle changes with necessary tools that both keep you accountable at home and then with maintaining that new "set point".

People who struggle with weight have impaired metabolic pathways that cause a decrease in their basal metabolic rate. They often experience disordered sensations of hunger

and diminished feelings of fullness. As a result, those who try to lose weight often experience challenging and overwhelming resistance and subsequent weight regain. This is due to the adaptations made by the body in an effort to return to a new, higher weight "set point."

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Jan. 3, 10, 17

Daisy Elwick

Jan. 2, 8, 9, 15

Cannabis & Pain Medicine

Michelle Weiner

Jan. 12

Cardiology

Julio Barcena

Jan. 19, Feb 9

Howard Bush

Jan. 11, Feb. 15, March 14

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz

Jan. 15, Feb. 19

Dermatology

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Jan. 5

Alysa Herman

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Jan. 4, 18

Debra Price

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Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2

Jill Waibel

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Jan. 10, 24

Dr. Varee Poochareon

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Jan. 17, Feb. 5

Neurology

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Zach Segal

Jan. 16, Feb. 20

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Lauren Nicholas

Jan. 5, Feb. 2

Susanna Tamkins

Jan. 19

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Michael Swartzon

Jan. 5, Feb. 2

Orthopedic Surgery

Joseph Fernandez

Jan. 19, Feb. 16

Derek Papp

Jan. 11, 25

James Voglino

Jan. 5

Orthopedic Hand Surgery

Roberto Miki

Jan. 12, Feb. 23, March 22

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Plastic Surgery

Ramiro Perez

Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4

Podiatry

Bridgette Smith

Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 14, 28

Polly Reeves

Jan. 4, Feb. 15

Sophia Masri

Jan. 19, Feb 23, March 22,

Psychology

Joseph Mora

Jan. 15

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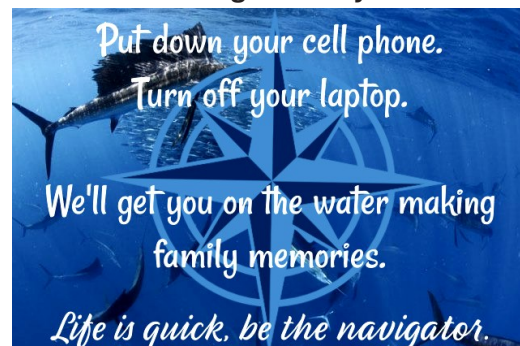
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Take Back Your Time in 2024



by Felicia
M. Koretsky

A surefire way to get a chatty friend off the phone when you're calling from The Reef is to tell them you've got a ton of errands to run: Pick up your alterations, make a return, get a flu shot, stop by the bank, and stock up on groceries.

You'll likely hang up feeling a little guilty because our unique way of life is filled with conveniences.

If taking back your time is on your list of New Year's resolutions, The Reef is one of the easiest places to cross multiple things off your to-do list in 60 minutes or less.

12 Errands in an Hour

By grouping your errands geographically and at the right time of day, you can complete as many as a dozen errands in an hour.

At 10:20 a.m. one morning, we carted over to the Gift Shop for a copy of the *New York Times*, then walked to the Inn's front desk to print out a document, grabbed a cup of coffee, and then over to Cart Rental to make a future reservation. Four errands, one stop.

We got back into our golf cart and headed to the Business Center where we dropped by the Membership Office and then over to the bank for a notary (we called ahead of time, so there was virtually no wait). Two more done.

We then drove over to the Plaza Building to pick up some insurance papers and mail off our packages (taped with pre-printed labels to save time/money). Another two off the list.

Then over to the Fishing Village. We dropped off our dry cleaning, bought milk and bananas at Wynn's, picked a

birthday gift at the Burgee Shop, ordered lunch to go from Reef Hut on our cell and picked up our order. With the final four errands done, were back at our desk at 11:20 a.m.

So, if you don't like marathon errand runs, but you do like saving time, what can you do?

Avoid Popular Times:

If you've ever craved a burrito from Wynn's at 12:30 p.m. on a weekday, bag the idea unless you don't mind standing in a long lunch line. Any place that is frequented by members, guests, associates, and contractors alike, such as the market or a bank on property, should be avoided between noon and 2 p.m. or on pay days (typically Fridays).

Place Orders at the Right Time:

In general, the shortest wait for a take-out meal is to place the order as soon as the outlet opens or after its busiest period ends. So, for lunch at Palm Court, it's best to place an order to go at 11:30 a.m. or after 2:30 p.m. For dinner at The Islander, call in your take-out order at 5:30 p.m. or after 8:30 p.m. Also, you can save time waiting by picking up the order rather than wait on a Bell Stand delivery. For those who like to lunch leisurely, it's best to schedule sit-in lunch dates during the first part of the week as lunch picks up Thursdays through Sundays during season.

Pre-Register at MCOR and Pharmacy Pick Ups

Having a Medical Center on property means Reefers save a lot of time. The key is to be sure you've registered as a patient ahead of time (this means you've filled out your patient and privacy forms and had your insurance and ID scanned in person) and avoid busy times. Monday and Friday mornings are typically the busiest. When it comes to getting vaccines, unless it's the Covid vaccine that needs an observation period, most of the time you should be in and out in 10 to 15 minutes. Walk-ins typically wait about 10 minutes to see a provider. A typical appointment from start to finish

takes 30 minutes. Requesting your prescription be filled out at The Pharmacy on property is another perk of life on The Reef. But also keep in mind that Public Safety picks up Member prescriptions Monday through Friday from Walgreens, Publix, and CVS. Just make sure to tell your pharmacy to add you to the Ocean Reef pick up service.

Get Breakfast Late, Ice Cream Early:

For those who like sleeping in, but hate missing breakfast, Reef Treats has a new solution. Breakfast is now served until 3 p.m. (with expanded menu specials on the weekends). The best time to pick up breakfast is between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. or after noon. It's busiest from 9 a.m. to noon. Call a day or two ahead to place large breakfast orders.

Ice cream lovers who want to avoid long lines should stop by between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. It's busiest from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekends. Popular flavors, such as peanut-butter fudge, rum raisin,

moose tracks, and espresso chip that disappeared during Covid are now back in stock so we expect lines through the season.

Schedule Quick Spa Services

At The Spa, time savers can get a Healthy Glow Express Facial in 25 minutes, a 25-minute Focus Massage, where your therapist focuses on a single area, or a Buff, Polish & Go (formerly called the express manicure) in 15 to 20 minutes.

Work Out During Off Hours:

Schedule your workout during the quietest times at the gym. The slowest periods at the Member Fitness Center are between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays, noon to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Personal training can be made for 30-minute sessions or if you just need help with getting a good stretch, you can schedule a 15-minute session called Assisted Stretch. The Marina Fitness Center is also open 24 hours a day.

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ORP Through the Years

2017: Hurricane Irma

While there were 33 editions of the Ocean Reef Press in 2017, those that followed the September 10 hurricane were by far the most profound. Following are excerpts and photos from an array of Ocean Reef Press articles that appeared in October and November of 2017 highlighting resilience, along with a support and love for Ocean Reef Club and everything it stands for.

October 6, 2017

Associate Town Hall

The first ever "Associate Town Hall Meeting" was called in an effort to ensure that in the wake of Irma, all Associates felt comforted and appreciated, welcomed and needed. At the opening of the Meeting, Leemhuis recognized the handful that stayed through the hurricane, those that cooked and fed the first responders (and continued to cook 1,500 meals a day), those that came in immediately to begin cleaning and clearing, and those that worked on IT and Communications to keep everyone in touch. He also thanked those that stayed home. Those that wanted to help but were told until conditions were better, there was no way to help.

When photos taken immediately following the storm were shown there were gasps, and then when the progress photos came up, there were oohs and aahs, and hope was breathed back into the room. The most incredible message to this room full of Associates was that their Club's Members cared for them. Evidenced by the Board's decision to continue paying all Associates while the Club is closed, evidenced by the hundreds of emails and calls of support from the Membership, and evidenced



First ever Associate Town Hall meeting.



Associates cleaning up on Buccaneer Island.



Flag raising at The Point.



Dolphin Fairway #10 immediately following Irma.



Assistance for Associates provided by ORCF.



Teresa Holmes cuts the ribbon with a chainsaw.

“Again, the Membership’s generous support of the separate effort to support hurricane relief specifically for employees of Ocean Reef and the communities they call home – Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys – has resulted in and continues to fund numerous meaningful grants.”

by the continued donations to the Club and ORCF. As each of



ORCF's Yuri Mikolay (center) distributes relief funding to community partners.

these encouraging gestures were named, there were heads nodding, applause and smiles across the room. The pride that each and every one of the 720 associates in that room felt united and strengthened them, it is sure to be a season like no other.

ORCF Provides Assistance Team to Help Navigate Claims

Over a recent six-day period, more than 600 Ocean Reef Club Associates, Member employees and ORCA and community staff took advantage of the FEMA Application and a whole

selection of support services and resource referrals brought in by the Ocean Reef Community Foundation at the Club's HR Training Center. Grocery store gift cards were provided through the Club and ORCA to those employees who worked during and immediately following Hurricane Irma. Urgent financial support is also currently being provided to ORC and ORCA Associates to help with expenses ranging from car repairs and insurance deductibles to providing bridge loans until insurance money

ORP Through the Years

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comes through. All of these services were made possible by the generosity of Ocean Reef Club Members.

October 27, 2017 Reclaiming The Point

Over the past 6 weeks, milestones have been set with every restaurant re-opening, fitness class and tennis match. Our memories and stories have a hard stop now, before Irma and after Irma. For many, there is also "during Irma." On Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Chairman of the Board **Teresa Holmes** and Club President Michael Leemhuis invited Members to join them in honoring those Club Associates that protected Ocean Reef Club during the storm, and mark the occasion with yet another milestone, the raising of the American flag at

The Point.

Chairman of the Board, Teresa Holmes, opened the ceremony by acknowledging the honor she felt to hold the first official gathering since Irma, signifying both a love of country and a love of Ocean Reef Club. As the flag so eloquently represents courage and patriotism, the "Riders of the Storm," those that stayed behind during Irma, also represent courage and a dedication to the Club and community. She said, "These brave souls volunteered to stay as a Category 5 hurricane approached. Their presence was essential to both keeping us safe and assessing the damage immediately following when no one else could access Ocean Reef, or any of the Florida Keys." Mrs. Holmes then invited two of the "Riders," Vice President of Club Operations John Lyberger and Director of Security Sonny Vasquez to raise the flag commending both for their

leadership throughout the Hurricane.

Riders of the storm: *Diana Dardio, John Dardio, Jean Desir, Nelson Gomes, Anthony Harris, Ebomme Jean Baptiste, John Lyberger, John O'Donnell, Joel Perez, Jesus Quinones, George Richards and Sonny Vasquez.*

Hurricane Aftermath & Generosity Both Overwhelming

At the beginning of October, our Community Foundation announced a \$500,000 match donation challenge by an anonymous ORC family to create a hurricane relief fund specifically to benefit hard-hit Monroe County beyond the Club's gates. So, the new Ocean Reef Community Foundation Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Fund was created.

And with the generosity of several other ORC member families, the match challenge goal was exceeded in less than a week. This new Ocean Reef Community Foundation Fund

now has over \$1.2 million pledged for Keys-wide relief efforts and it continues to grow with individual and matching donations.

November 3, 2017 Staying "the Course"

Incredibly, through the efforts of the Club's Board and management and the tremendous work of the Golf Course Maintenance team and Golf Professionals, in just seven short weeks the Hammock Course reopened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a field of 95 golfers for the first, and only, Irma Invitational. Chairman of the Board **Teresa Holmes** inspired the group by pointing out an important occasion that is being documented, "We are making history at this very moment. Our recovery and the wonderful spirit that has come Post-Irma will be one of the most dramatic chapters we write."



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Cool Cars, Hot Coffee

By Holly Houser, Ocean Reef Press

No, it's not Vintage Weekend, it's the first Cars & Coffee get together of the season! On **Saturday, January 6** from 9-11 a.m., come one come all to the Business Center Parking Lot to enjoy coffee and a breakfast bite, admire cool conveyances owned by your fellow Members, and mingle! Whether there for the cars or simply the camaraderie, the monthly Cars & Coffee events welcome all.

Now in its third season, Cars & Coffee was the first Club event, outside of Vintage, to bring Members together in an easy and lighthearted manner to mingle and fawn over beautiful cars. Simple, fun, no need to register or even RSVP!

"Ocean Reef Members have so many great cars in their garages that nobody ever



The next Cars & Coffee event is coming up on Saturday, January 6.

sees," said **Jerry Henn** who spearheaded the first event in 2022. "I always thought, we have to find a way to get these out and about.

For years, there have been Members who would drive and park their cars near the Lobby to have breakfast at the Ocean Room or grab coffee. That's where I got this idea. Seeing all those cool cars parked outside, I thought, we could really make this into something."

Henn brought his idea to Director of Member Events & Services Kyle Landers who, along with his team, took

off with it, coordinating the breakfast items, the coffee and the location, which was a very important part of Henn's concept. Cars & Coffee was born.

"I wanted to host it in a place where Members could drive by, see the event, and come join," he said. "I want the whole community to have the chance to enjoy a cup of coffee and admire the cars."

That's exactly what **Terri McLaughlin** did as she and several friends met at the Business Center Parking Lot for the first get-together held

March 5, 2022. "None of us own vintage cars ourselves. It was a delightful morning and we were even able to meet some other Members that we did not know before."

Fred and Jeffrey Olefson, on the other hand, were at the debut event exhibiting the Lamborghini they only just acquired the week prior. Their eye-catchingly green car named Pickles because "when you're trying to get out of it, you find yourself in a pickle!"

So, like Vintage Weekend, the monthly Cars & Coffee events are meant as a way to celebrate cars while having a good time with fellow Members. And, it is not just about vintage cars - any and all can participate. "If you think your car is cool," Henn said, "bring it! No reservations needed."

Cars & Coffee will continue on the first Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. through April. If you're interested, show up! It's that simple.



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MEMBER NEWS



At the 2023 World's Championship Horse Show this past August in Louisville, Kentucky, Susan Swope was again honored with multiple World titles; in fact, a record-breaking number for Swope Equine Investments and Susan Swope in 2023! All told, the Swope horses brought home eleven titles, including three finals wins in one day. Accolades with Susan piloting include:

- World's Champion of Champions Ladies Amateur Five-Gaited with CH Emerald's Blue Heir
- World's Champion Ladies Amateur Five-Gaited Geldings with CH Emerald's Blue Heir - unanimously by three-judge panel
- World's Champion of Champions Amateur Park Horse (unanimous) with CH Beauty Marc
- World's Champion Amateur Park Horse with CH Beauty Marc
- World's Champion of Champions Ladies Roadster-To-Bike with GrCH Genesis
- World's Champion Ladies Roadster-To-Bike (unanimous) with GrCH Genesis

Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

The Farmer's Market, now every Monday and Thursday, is more popular than ever if the last week is any indication. So I decided it might be interesting to find out what the most popular product(s) were purchased the week before Christmas and see if you had tried them or might in the future:

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh – Hands down the guacamole made right in front of you is their "sell out" must have. The sticky buns were already sold out by the time I arrived but they rate a close second.

Gemita's Kitchen – The "go to" product is her sandwiches which many were enjoying on the picnic tables both days. Made with ciabatta bread, tomatoes, prosciutto, arugula, and either mozzarella or burrata cheese, what's not to like?!

La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese – They sell a wide selection of both basic and more exotic cheeses and this holiday, the most popular was the Raclette. It is a delicious hard cheese perfect on any cracker.

Le Petit Pain – My personal favorite here are the brownies but this week it was the various flavors of quiche and the lemon, pear,



r.f. Orchids' holiday arrangement were bestsellers leading up to Christmas.

raspberry, or strawberry/blueberry tarts which are both beautiful and delicious.

Mediterranean Delights and Cure Skin Care – The delights are what the owner calls "the perfect bite" and includes Labnah, Zaatar and Makdous, each perfect for your charcuterie platter. The skin care side of the business could not keep the Papaya Body Butter on the shelves.

Lomelo's Meats – Sells high-end cuts of meat and this week it sold more than 45 filets in just over 2 hours. Yum!

Harvey's BBQ – He has so many delicious items I find it hard to choose a favorite, but last week it was the ribs most in demand. In fact, they were included in my family's dinner Christmas Eve after we returned from Santa at Town Hall.

Salsa y Sabor – They have fabulous breads, dips and sauces but the most sold last week were Cranberry Jalapeno dip, Habanero Gold Jam and Focaccia bread.

Pasta Amore – Although they sell a wide range of Italian foods, it was their Lasagna and the Meatballs that topped the list. Ideal foods for "no muss, no fuss"



Le Petit Pain's beautiful and delicious strawberry and blueberry tart.

meals when kids are around.

Kool Treats – The Mama Dukes (as their friends call them) bring different Italian Ice and Gelato each week but the one "must-have" flavor is Lemon. Whether just a scoop or the basis for an Acai bowl, it is always the most in demand.

Sea Moss – She is a new vendor which I am looking forward to spending more time with in the new year to learn about her products. The popular body oils made from sea moss, OUD and coconut oil are a big hit with the younger crowd but their



Habanero Gold Jam, a Salsa y Sabor favorite.

benefits like reducing arthritis and diabetes seem geared to everyone. More later!

r.f. Orchids – They sell beautiful flowers year round but the Holidays make them both thoughtful gifts as well as decorative purchases by Members for their own homes. Most popular last week were the custom-designed arrangement in the buyer's own container or a holiday-themed beauty.

These are just the most popular items for last week so try them yourself soon and see if you agree and add them to your personal favorites.

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ART LEAGUE

Happy New Year from The Art League

Say Yes to Doing Something New



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

Although many of us have been here for a couple of months already, many Members look at January to March as the peak season in Ocean Reef. We know there are so many wonderful choices of how to spend your time and we want to encourage you to include The Art League when you are considering your



options. Here I am with another reminder about Kids Happy Hour! We have our next one on

Wednesday, January 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. Students will receive step by step instructions and go home with a painting they personally created. There is also a Kids Mosaic Wooden Fish class on **January 5**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Using a wooden fish, kids will choose from an assortment of objects to decorate their fish. Your child will have creative freedom to make a piece of art all by themselves.

Looking Ahead
Our Book and Lecture Club is back on **January 17** at 4 p.m. for one hour! We are discussing

“Queen of Dirt Island: A Novel” by Donal Ryan. Come out and discuss the book or, if you didn’t get a chance to read the book come hear the others in the room talk about their likes and dislikes. We have been told this often helps people decide if they want to go forward and read the book if they haven’t already.

Save This Date!
Reverend Bob Henley will be doing our February Book Club featuring “Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor” by Yossi Klein Halevi. A timely choice. Bob Henley always creates an interesting discussion. Remember you do NOT have to be a member of The Art League to be part of this Book Club.
Classes will be in full swing in January so stop by and get a copy of our brochure and please feel free to ask for more detailed information and reviews on the various types of classes we have.

Although we encourage you to reserve a spot as early as you can, particularly in our most popular classes, never hesitate to check on openings even last minute as things can change.

You Be The Judge!
We have a very special annual exhibition called Art League Members New Works, this year held **February 13 - 24**. So this is a little “heads up” for those of you participating in some of our events and classes to take the leap and submit a piece of your work. Trust me, if you put yourself out there it is greatly appreciated by all! There is an Opening Reception Tuesday, February 13 welcoming everyone to come and view your fellow Members’ work. Don’t be shy! It’s a New Year. Say “yes” to doing something a little different.



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Celebrating Old & New Together



by Sarah A. Cart

With 2024 arriving momentarily, an exciting blend of old and new details is quickly coming together for All Charities Weekend (ACW – Feb. 2-4, 2024).

Familiar favorites and new additions: Participants will find time-honored auction categories (from the “Cheers!” collection of wine and spirits, golf and fishing opportunities, Gourmet Gatherings, NetJet hours, and dozens of other beloved entries), to a wealth of delights in the Showcase section (a Kalos golf cruise around the Iberian Peninsula aboard the *Sea Cloud Spirit*; New Orleans in November at Emeril’s Carnivale du Vin 2024, or Mardi Gras at the end of February 2025; time at Wyoming’s Three Forks Ranch to recharge, renew, and refresh, or a professional lighting package to elevate some of your home’s loveliest art).

Additionally, anyone who appreciates what ACW aims to accomplish can look forward to this season’s innovative developments, from an additional participation option that can be exercised from wherever you find yourself to a spectacular high-end category offering luxuries far beyond the conventional.

The simplest option for those who’d love to support the cause but would prefer to skip competitive bidding or any social obligations is the new “Support What Touches Your Heart” route, an opportunity to make an



Three Forks Ranch in Wyoming.

unrestricted gift in peace and quiet. These funds will support our All Charities’ recipient partners here on The Reef as well as facilitate grants in southern Dade and northern Monroe counties. This gesture from your heart is another means to help the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) to continue to fulfill its mission.

New and extremely exclusive: On a different note, ACW continues to evolve from its 2008 beginnings, which means that in concert with this season’s “Imagine the Possibilities” theme, a category with that same name has been created.

Here “Luxury meets rarity,” explains Richard Weinstein, ORCF president and COO, noting, “These prizes are the perfect opportunity to create something you and your family will cherish for generations – perhaps a rare gemstone with stories etched in time, destined to become the future family heirloom, or a unique experience that redefines elegance and lives on in the memories of those who take part.” In each case, All Charities commits to protecting the privacy of all bidders; winners’ identities will be guarded with the utmost discretion.

Exquisite treasures: Consider the 10-carat Astaire Diamond, so named because its light dances, made possible by Preferred Partner Lester Lampert. Or a pair of

impossible-to-obtain balcony tickets (traditionally reserved for those that have been nominated for an award) for the 2025 Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Or ... how about five nights to call the 74 acres of tropical paradise Necker Island your own: 24 suites for 48 guests, all inclusive, all exclusive, with dedicated staff taking care of every aspect of your stay, from fine dining prepared by world-class chefs to professional sports instructors, spa therapists, and your own private Captain.

Admit it: You’re imagining the possibilities, aren’t you? As 2024 arrives, All Charities looks forward to helping you transform what you imagine into reality.

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

A Primer on All Charities & the Ocean Reef Community Foundation

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

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

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16 Sunrise Cay Drive

5 BD/6.5 BA | 29,150 sq. ft. Lot | 5,734 a/c sq. ft. | 50' Dockage in Sunrise Marina | \$19,875,000 furnished

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31 Angelfish Cay Drive

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



OPEN HOUSE
SAT. | DEC 30TH | 2-5PM

11 Grayvik Drive

3 BD/3 BA | Canal Front | 136' Seawall | \$11,450,000 | 2552



15 Harbor Island Drive

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



OPEN HOUSE
SAT. | DEC 30TH | 2-5PM

Pumpkin Cay 43A

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



OPEN HOUSE
SAT. | DEC 30TH | 2-5PM

8 Halfway Road

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



Pumpkin Cay 14B

2 BD/3 BA | Canal Front | \$3,295,000 | 2604



Happy New Year

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

29 FRIDAY

Cardio Pickleball Clinic

8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

Open Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw

9am • Driving Range

Quickstart Tennis Clinic

1:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Open Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3pm • Driving Range

9 Hole LGA Clinic with Stef Shaw

3pm • Driving Range

Asian Buffet

5:30-9:30pm • Ocean Room

Festival on the Green

6pm • Driving Range

Teens Only! Beach Bonfire

8pm • Buccaneer Island

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar

9pm • Burgee Bar

Teens Only! After Hours in the Reef Rec Room

10pm-12am • Reef Rec Room

30 SATURDAY

ORC Run Club

7am • Member Fitness Center

Pancake Breakfast

9-11am • Sailfish Patio

Flying Trapeze School

9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners

Real Estate Open House Tour

2-5pm • Around The Reef

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Starlight Dinner Buffet

Reservations from 5-7pm • Marlin Beach

Junior Tennis Round Robin

6-8pm • Tennis & Games Center

Super Bingo

7pm • Business Center Parking Lot

Ping Pong Tournament in the Reef Rec Room

8pm • Reef Rec Room

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar

9pm • Burgee Bar

Teens Only! After Hours in the Reef Rec Room

10pm-12am • Reef Rec Room

31 SUNDAY

Cardio Pickleball Clinic

8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

Flying Trapeze School

9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners

Beginners Sailing Clinic

9:30am • Meet at the Pool Desk

Traditional Worship Service

10am • Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Henley

Sunday Funday Social Bridge Game

2pm • Card & Games Room

New Players Invitation to Croquet

Open Play

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Catholic Mass

4pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Holiday Buffet

5:30pm-9:45pm • Ocean Room

NYE Party (5-10 yrs)

6pm-12:15am • Reef Club Kids

NYE Party (8 yrs+)

6pm-12:15am • Reef Rec Room

New Year's Eve Galas

Seatings at 6 & 8:30pm • Carysfort Hall

Seatings at 6:30 & 9pm • Palm Court

NYE Celebration & Fireworks Display

8:30pm-1am • Buccaneer Island
Fireworks at 8:30pm & 12am

1 MONDAY

Tai Chi Class

7:30-8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Hangover Open

8am-1:30pm Tee Times • Dolphin & Hammock Course

Cycle Class

9-9:30am • Member Fitness Center

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • 121 Marina Parking Lot

Flying Trapeze School

9am & 11am • Field at Four Corners

HIIT Class

4pm • Member Fitness Center

Rosary Prayer Group

4:30pm • Chapel Living Room

Men's Night Tennis League

5:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Low Country Boil

6pm • Marlin Beach

Men's Poker Night

6:15pm • Card & Games Room
4983 for additional AA Meetings

2 TUESDAY

Cycle Class

6am • Member Fitness Pool

Chutes & Ladders Class

7am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic

8am • Tennis & Games Center

LGA Weekly Event

8-10:30am • Hammock

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Fitness Class

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Croquet Mixer Open Play

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Intro to Pickleball Clinic

2:30-3:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Men's Night Pickleball League

5:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

3 WEDNESDAY

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Mat Pilates Class

9:30-10am • Member Fitness Center

Racquet Club Open Play

10am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10 & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

Boot Camp

2pm • Member Fitness Center

U-40 Croquet & Cocktails

3:30-5:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Pickleball Organized Play

4pm • Tennis & Games Center

Lifbreath Class

4pm • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Teens Only! Soccer at Four Corners

8pm • Field at Four Corners

4 THURSDAY

ORC Swim Club

7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event

8-10am • Hammock

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Fitness Class

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Croquet Mixer Open Play

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Boating Emergencies Class

3-4:30pm • Key Largo Building

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Duke Tennis Team Practice

3-5pm • Tennis & Games Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

Family Night! Dodgeball at Four Corners

7pm • Buccaneer Island

Burgee Bar Karaoke

9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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"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.

STYX: Outdoor Concert

Sat. Jan. 6 – 8:00PM
\$300 Donor - \$325 Non-Donor
The six men comprising Styx have committed to rocking the Paradise together with audiences far and wide by entering their second decade of averaging over 100 shows a year, and each one of them is committed to making the next show better than the last.

Food & Film: The Automat (2021)

Mon. Jan. 8 – 4:30PM
Must be a Film Society Member to Attend
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A delightful documentary about the self-service cafeterias in Philadelphia and NYC, this film illustrates how the automat captured customers with its delicious and inexpensive food.

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CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

Port O' Call.... No need to fret if New Year's Eve is imminent and you are flat out of bubbles. Just hurry over to **Port O' Call** and seek the expert advice of Education Manager **Micah Winecoff**, who can recommend the best bottles to buy for the December 31st celebration and the forthcoming 2024.... **Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rose** is (for the money) Micah's all-time favorite rose Champagne. It is made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes. That's a good thing since other rose champagnes frequently add Chardonnay and Meunier to the mix. The price is \$77.00 at Port O'Call, where it is also available by the glass. This same Rose Champagne is listed at *Wine.com* for \$99.99....I love Micah's other choice of a New Year's Eve bubbly. It is **Bisot JEIO Prosecco** (\$18). Micah describes it as "fresh, simple and a little drier than most Prosecco's that are often found on grocery store shelves."The wine cellar at my house (aka a kitchen cupboard) was depleted at Christmas and desperately needed a "stock-up" for 2024, so I asked Micah to suggest a white and a red wine that are in my price range. His suggestions – **WHITE: ColleMassari Melacce Vermentino** (\$20). "A crisp and



Micah's recommendations for New Year's Eve and 2024.

refreshing white from Italy similar to Pinot Grigio with flavors of white peach and citrus fruits." **RED:** The Paring red (\$26) is a Cabernet-inspired blend with classic notes of cassis, tobacco and chocolate..... That sounds sinfully delicious to me.

... **LAST WORD: Why should we listen to Micah?....** Micah Winecoff (yes, that's his real last name) is Port O' Call/Wine & Spirits Education Manager. Micah is planning to sit for the Master Sommelier Exam in April, the highest level of achievement in the wine world. (At last count, there were only 230 contenders who earned that honor).... That's why *my* recommendation is that you listen to *his* recommendations. Good advice for a Happy New Year!

by Joan Birsh

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Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

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

Raw Bar

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

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

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Reef Hut

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Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm

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"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

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In addition, all of these lipsticks are anti-aging! As we age, we lose volume in our lips which help add to a more youthful appearance. The Perfect Pout lipstick is

filled with peptides that help to stimulate collagen and naturally plump up the lip line with continued use. As if that alone weren't enough, they are also filled with hyaluronic acid microspheres that absorb into the tissue of the lips to hydrate, increase moisture retention, fill in fine lines and crevices and add slight volume for a smoother surface.

Another key ingredient included in the Perfect Pout Lipsticks is sea buckthorn berry extract, which is known for its nourishing, revitalizing and restorative properties. It has a high content of fat-soluble vitamins A and E, and essential fatty acids that are repairing, healing and moisturizing.

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contour. Using a state-of-the-art 'Gel-Cream' technology, the Lip Mask contains Papaya Enzymes to gently exfoliate away dry flaky skin. The Perfect Pout Lip Balm contains an exclusive complex of 22 Certified Organic Extracts to nourish and repair the skin, along with Sea buckthorn Berry Extract to infuse lips with intense hydration and SPF to protect from sun damage. The result is fuller, softer lips - instantly! The Perfect Pout Duo visibly and instantly helps improve the appearance of lip plumpness and lip smoothness after just 1 use, as indicated by an Expert Clinical Grader. The Lip Balm that accompanies the Lip Gloss is available in Crystal Clear, Red Poppy, a subtle, rosy hue, and the new Pink Peony, which is a warm, natural pink.

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OUT & ABOUT



TOP LEFT & RIGHT: Chandler and Alex Pace (right) and Tyler and Anabelle Lassen met up last month while on their respective honeymoons in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Chandler and Tyler first met at The Reef almost 25 years ago while fishing in a summer dolphin tournament, and their families have been close friends ever since. Tyler even officiated Chandler and Alex's wedding on The Point this past May.

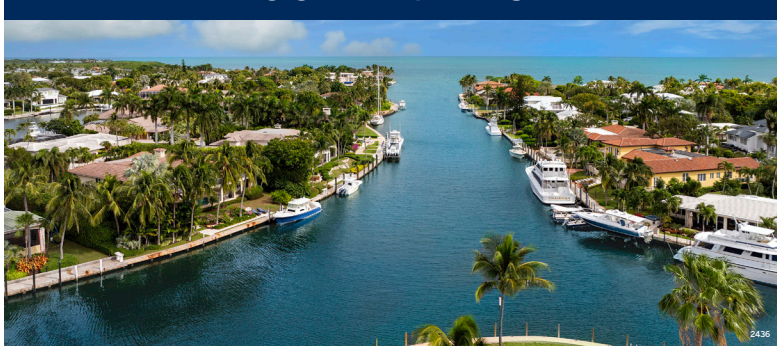


BOTTOM LEFT: Georgia, 6-year-old granddaughter of Paul and Donna Archibald, has arrived to Buccaneer Island. Her thoughts, "Oh my, Barbie's car is here! I love Ocean Reef!" Check out Georgia's very appropriate outfit.

BOTTOM MIDDLE & RIGHT: The Hyland Family enjoys festive family fun at Town Hall Waterside.

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Letters to Santa



Santa on the Beach



A Sense of Order



by Harold Brewer

When I noticed the 200 or so birds perched on the communication tower wires behind the Ocean Reef Club Airport my first thought was that this was an interesting photo opportunity. I went closer to get a better view. As I watched the flock was behaving in a complex manner that I was not expecting.

When one bird would fly off the wire or a new one would arrive the others would move almost in unison to restore the original spacing between each other back to approximately



Pecking order.

the same as before the new arrival. There was no chirping or fussing. The birds were creating a space or closing of a gap to return things to some semblance of order. Lots of bird species live or migrate in flocks. Not many species keep everything synced like these Starlings were doing. I also

realized that despite seeing these birds all of my life I had never once taken a photo of one, treating them more like the grass or trees, a disservice really. Curious, I decided to do some in depth reading on this invasive species from Europe, the European or Common Starling.

The story goes that about 100 Starlings were brought from England to the US and released in New York's Central Park around 1890. They quickly adapted and today they are one of, if not the most, successful bird species to be introduced into North America with estimates that run as high as 200 million birds now scattered across the continent. They are more despised than loved due to the damage they can cause when flocks numbering in the thousands decide to visit property or cropland for a roosting or nesting conclave or just to hang out for dinner

and make an incredible racket. This is not great if it's your property or crops they are visiting.

Love them or not they are here to stay. One positive aspect of their behavior is their sense of order both when perched and when flying. Watch for a large cloud of birds moving quickly turning in a tightly bunched formation at high speed all the while maintaining separation between each other. We can see that behavior with our relatively small flocks here at The Reef when they make a swinging flash into a tree. There is a name for when thousands of them get together and put on one of their incredible aerobatic shows. It is called a murmuration and is a beautiful display of nature's creature's abilities. For some amazing videos on these birds' flying abilities check out Starling murmurations on the web.



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Since 2004, Ocean Reef's Awards of Excellence program has recognized Associates that go above and beyond in making lasting impressions on Members, guests and each other. Earlier this month, the most outstanding Associates for 2023 were recognized at the Club's annual Associate Holiday Party, held in Town Hall. Please join us in celebrating the following 2023 Awards of Excellence winners.



Associate of the year, Livan Miranda from Member Events



Supervisor of the year, Enrique Alberto from Member Fitness



Spirit of Ocean Reef Club, Norcilia Alteme from Housekeeping



Associate of the year, Joseph Shackelford from Solid Waste



Manager of the year, Emily Toledo from Communications



Manager of the year, Nico DiPerna from Ocean Room



Team of the year, Golf Course Maintenance



Spirit of Ocean Reef Club, Hannah Fleckenstein from Tennis & Games Center

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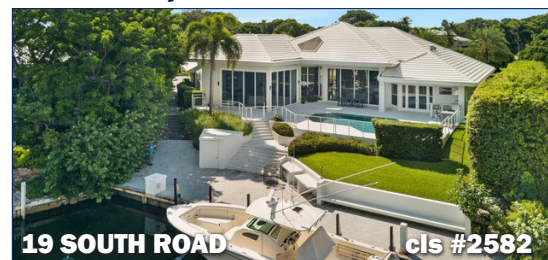


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Olga Grant



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Andy Hofmann

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OPEN HOUSE 12/30/23 2-5



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SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Adventures with Mike Love

A few times a season, **Mike Love** regales us with fishing adventures from remote places around the world. This week's transmission comes from the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe and Zambia where in November he and son Michael landed tigerfish, Michael's being the first ever caught on fly at the Thorn Tree Lodge. It took three days to get one on a fly, drumming up much excitement amongst the locals and guests. The tigerfish is considered Africa's equivalent of the piranha. Though in different zoological families, like the piranha, the tigerfish



Mike Love (left) and son Michael (right) with their tigerfish.

have interlocking, razor-sharp teeth along with muscular bodies. They are extremely aggressive and capable predators, able to attach and catch birds in flight. They also caught five Vundu catfish, the largest weighing in at 75lbs. It is a preserved fish species in Zimbabwe and must be released. It is believed to have mystical powers by some.

This adventure also took the Loves on a land expedition, where they were fortunate to visit to the Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. This Park is committed to preserving

Rhinos, having lost the population entirely in the early 2000's. Over the past few years, poachers were able

to make their way in, killing nine of the twenty in the Park. Mike Love told us it was a truly incredible trip.



Rhinos sighted in Hwange National Park.



Mike Love met this gentleman in the bush. He is one of the Zambian National Park Service Rhino handlers in the Park. Each Rhino has their own dedicated "bodyguard."



Michael Love with the 60-lb Vundu, one of five caught on a recent trip to Africa.



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The Habit That Changes Everything



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

Regularly pushing through discomfort to obtain a positive result can change everything. Daily exposure to this habit augments resilience. One of the most significant benefits of fitness workouts is the opportunity to challenge our bodies and minds in a controlled environment that considers current fitness and personal goals.

Once we become used to dealing with the feeling of going beyond our comfort zone, we grow holistically



Zumba with Ana, dancing calories away!

stronger. Building resiliency through fitness is within everyone’s reach. The road uphill is more demanding, and that is why it makes us better. We climb literal and metaphorical mountains to enjoy the view from the top and grow as we climb. The new year is here, and with that, we can continue expanding our horizons, conquering our fears, reaching new limits, and

making the most out of our daily lives. See you at the gym.

**Special Events this Week:
Balance like a Pro with Hannah Whistler**

Wednesday January 3rd & 24th at 4 P.M.
Yoga Room at the Member Fitness Center
Complimentary

Are you looking to improve your balance? Research

shows that balance exercises, stretches, and balance training for seniors can significantly reduce the risk of falls. Join fitness specialist and yoga instructor Hannah Whistler in this 1-hour balance-focused workout where you will challenge yourself and gain new knowledge of exercises you can do today to improve your balance.

Rock & Roll Shakti Yoga with Hannah Whistler

Thursday, January 4th at 8 a.m.
Yoga Room at the Member Fitness Center

Rock the stress away with a bit of namaste. Join fitness specialist and yoga instructor Hannah Whistler for this fun blast from the past vinyasa flow that will get the good times rolling through our souls. A moderately paced flow with deep core and balance work incorporated.

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FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND

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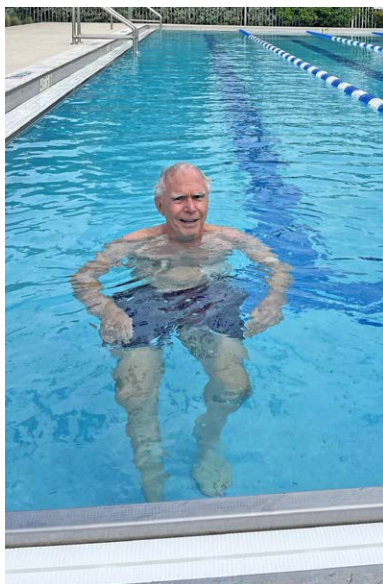
Swim Sprint Challenge Results

The second Fitness Championship Challenge was a 50-yard freestyle for time. See blue box for the results (including handicap) and points awarded.

Swimming and gym records can be broken anytime, and 20 points will be awarded towards the Club Fitness Championship. Any member wanting to attempt breaking a record can contact the Member Fitness Center to schedule an official time and review.

Next Challenge: Push-Up Challenge

Wednesday, January 10th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Bob Schwartz



Sindee Furshman



ORC Swim Club with Jon Olsen. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7am to 9am.



Pat Shields



Louis Metzman

Name	Time	Result	Points
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MEN:

1. Pat Shields	31.5 secs	27.8 secs	40 (Pool Record)
2. Ed Benford	41.0 secs	39.0	16
3. Robert Schwartz	55.3 secs	49.3	14
4. Louis Metzman	53.8 secs	51.8	12
5. Paul Benario	54.8 secs	54.8	10
6. Steve Levin *	27.2 secs	27.2	*Used fins

LADIES:

1. Liz Angelone	35.8 secs	33.9	40 (Pool Record)
2. Sindee Furshman	39.3	35.3	16
3. Kelly Siwek	41.6	41.6	14
4. Suzanne Kramer	44.8	42.8	12
5. Kiersten Zug	56.9	56.9	10
6. Jamie Benario	1:02.34	1:02.34	8
7. Kathleen Metzman	1:05.2	1:03.2	6



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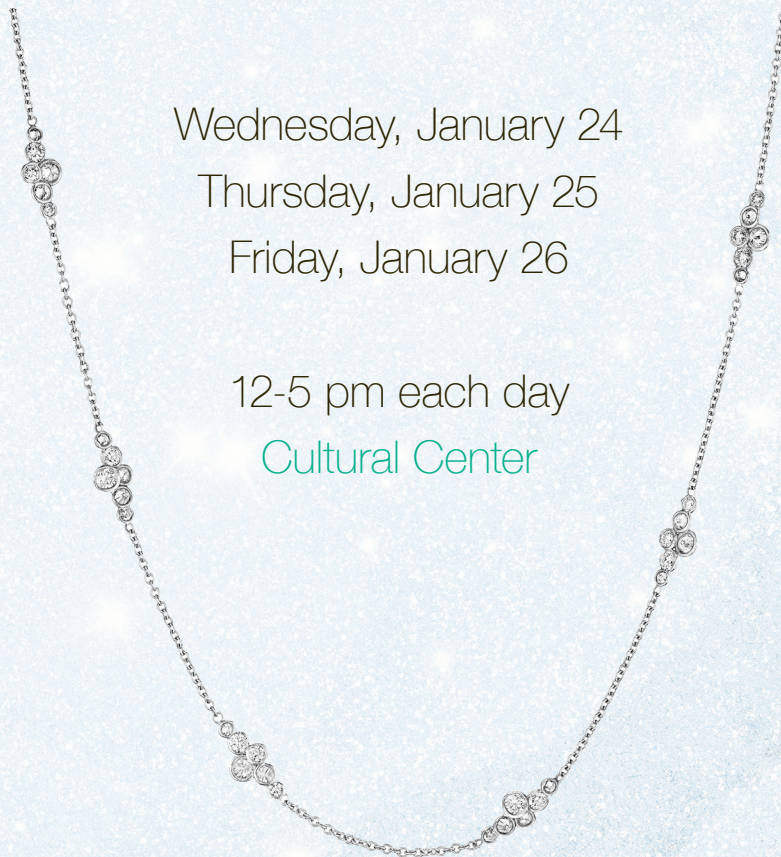
Wednesday, January 24

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

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by Beth Bielat
Member
Fitness Center
Specialist

LifeBreath
Wednesday, January 3
4:00 - 5:30

Member Fitness Center

It's so wonderful to be back for another season. 2023 marked my twentieth year at Ocean Reef and I couldn't be happier to be here. The friends, relationships, my workplace, and coworkers are simply the best. Thank you for all your support through the years.

It gives me great pleasure to offer my signature LifeBreath class at the Fitness

Center again. This powerful technique is being taught all over the world through my trained facilitators. The LifeBreath modality is beneficial physically, emotionally, and mindfully. Participants have experiences that range from relaxed and peaceful, to energized and happy.

Here are just a few of the benefits of experiencing and learning the LifeBreath technique:

- Better sleep
- A feeling of peace and general happiness
- Emotional well-being
- Better ability to breathe
- Mental clarity
- Physical rejuvenation and detox

Please join us on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 4:00 at Member Fitness.

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TPI Tip of the Week

Week 1: Pre-Round Warmup and Body Activation

By Ryan Lawless, Fitness Specialist

How many pro golfers show up on the first tee and can perform at their peak? The answer is none... unless your name is John Daly. My point is that the body needs to be sufficiently mobile and "warmed up" before we even think about performing an explosive movement like a full golf swing. Think about it, especially if you are consistently sore/ hurt from playing, what are you doing to ensure your body is ready for such a fast, athletic movement?

If you want to play more

like a professional golfer, the first thing you should do is prepare your body the same way they do before playing. Behind the scenes, every professional golfer has an activation routine before heading to the range and upon arriving at the range. To be reasonable, it is beyond expectations for amateur golfers to take these kinds of measures when golf already takes up a large chunk of your day. The solution is to make the most of your time preparing in the 15-30 minutes before tee time. Take control of your golf game, your health and extend your playing capabilities by developing a foundational warm-up for all your future golf rounds. Try some or all of these exercises before your next round (8-10x each).



Standing Figure 4s: using your golf cart for support, stand with one foot placed on the opposite knee and sit into the stretch adding pressure to keep the floating knee



Hip Twisters: using your golf club or cart for upper quarter stability, rotate the hips fully in down to the backswing and downswing motions, perform slowly and fully before picking up the speed to swing tempo.

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Torso Turns: place club on top of shoulder/ across upper back, turn the chest fully into the backswing and downswing motions. Add a lead step to this movement to gather a feel for shifting pressure and momentum into the swing.



Standing Arrows: standing in golf posture with arms hanging low and hands together, slide/ pull arm up and back while rotating into the backswing then downswing position. Take note of your shift in pressure from right to left and the full rotation of the torso when performing.



Split Stance Torso Turns: in a split stance with one leg forward and the other dropped back with the heel raised, extend arms holding the club out in front of the chest and rotate out side to side while maintaining stability in the lower half. Perform this exercise last and with added speed before your next round/ range session

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TOP LEFT: The MacAulay family hits par! From left to right, Davis, Libby, Jack and John.

TOP RIGHT: Russell Post wisely decided to no-play this ball.

BOTTOM: Chip Matthews caught Brian McAllister of MarineMax Ocean Reef dressed to the nines while working December 21. Matthews said, "Love the smile and attitude of these guys."



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- How to determine your location in any body of water and give that information to rescuers
- Flare usage, life jackets, anchoring, emergency gear, etc.
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2024
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TENNIS

January 26 - 28, 2024
Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- 8am – "A Flight" Cardio Tennis
- 9am – Cardio Tennis
- 10am – Gameio
- 11am – Gameio
- 1:30pm-3pm – Registration
- 2PM – MIXED DOUBLES FLIGHT PLAY
- 4:30pm – Play With Your Partner Gameio
- 6pm – Cocktail Reception • Palm Court Dinner at Leisure

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- 8:30am – Coffee
- 9AM – MEN'S & LADIES' DOUBLES FLIGHT PLAY
- 12pm – Luncheon
- 2pm – Mixed Doubles Finals
- 2:30pm – NIF Round Robin**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8am – NIF Round Robin**
- 8am – Cardio Tennis
- 8:30am – Coffee
- 9am – Cardio Tennis
- 9AM – MEN'S & LADIES DOUBLES FINALS
- 10am – Gameio
- Strawberries & Champagne Awards Presentation Following Finals

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Coming Up at the Tennis & Games Center



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

A couple of big events are coming to Ocean Reef next weekend. Don't miss out!

DUKE Women's Tennis Team Comes to Ocean Reef Club

Here is your chance to watch, meet, and play with Members of the DUKE Women's Tennis Team.

Schedule:

Thursday, Jan. 4th

3-5pm Practice (all welcomed)



Pickleball Pro-Am 2023

Friday, Jan. 5th

2-3:30pm Practice (all welcomed)

3:30-5pm Member/DUKE Round Robin (registration required)

Saturday, Jan. 6th

4-5pm Practice (all welcomed)

5-7pm Exhibition – Cocktails – Meet and Greet (all welcomed)

Sunday, Jan. 7th

2-3:30pm Practice (all welcomed)

3:30-5pm Gameio Clinic (registration required)

7th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am & Pro-Pro January 6th & 7th

Join us for a fun weekend of Pickleball by watching or playing side by side with top ranked Pickleball professionals. The committed Pros this year are Jay Devilliers, Callie Smith, JW Johnson, Hurricane Tyra Black, James Ignatowich, Anna Bright, Jorja Johnson and ORC Pro Zach Grabovic.

To sign up to play call or email Justin at jromero@oceanreef.com. Space is limited. This event is free to watch.

Schedule:

Saturday, Jan. 6

9am-12pm Group 1 Pro-Am Round Robin

1- 4pm Group 2 Pro-Am Round Robin

Sunday, Jan. 7

8:30am Pro-Pro Doubles/ Mixed/Singles



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Tennis

Player of the Week

Courtney Harper

When did you start playing tennis and why?

I played growing up and I picked it back up when my daughter started kindergarten to play with friends. She is now a sophomore at The University of Richmond.

What's your favorite thing about playing tennis?

My favorite thing about playing tennis is being able to play with my husband and daughter.

What do you like to do when you are not on the courts?

When I am not on the courts you can find me at Buccaneer Island or taking my dogs, Bodie and Butter, for walks.



The Importance of Footwork in Tennis



“Tennis Tip” by Chiara Rebecchi, Tennis & Pickleball Concierge

Mastering your footwork is the key to success in tennis. Foot placement enhances your agility, allowing quick shifts between shots. Start with a solid ready position, weight balanced on the balls of your feet, ready to explode in any direction. Move with short, controlled steps, maintaining balance for optimal shot execution. Efficient footwork not only aids in reaching the ball but also sets the foundation for powerful strokes.

The nuanced art of footwork extends beyond the basics.

Lateral movements enable you to glide seamlessly from side to side, anticipating your opponent's shots. The split step, a micro-pause as the ball is struck, enhances reaction time, enabling you to respond swiftly and decisively. Equally crucial are the recovery steps – efficiently returning to a ready position after each shot.

A well-honed footwork technique is the secret weapon, transforming a challenging shot into an opportunity, giving you the edge over your opponent. As you prioritize footwork drills, you're not just refining a skill, you're sculpting the very foundation of your tennis prowess.

Practice lateral movements, split steps, and recovery steps to cover the court effectively. Remember, well-timed and coordinated footwork can be the game-changer, elevating your overall performance on the tennis court. So, step into success by prioritizing your footwork drills!

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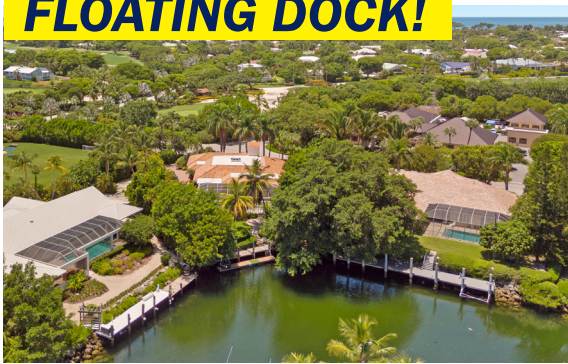
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Holidays on the Links



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

9 Hole LGA

The ghost of 9-Hole LGA's past tried to spoil our Holiday Shamble Tournament this week with drizzling rain and howling winds. However, we still had 42 9-Hole LGA members full of holiday spirit come to compete in a one best ball shamble format. Throughout the round all players hit the tee shot. The team would select the best drive, then everyone would play their own ball for the remainder of

the hole. There were plenty of under par rounds turned in, despite the North Pole weather conditions. There were two teams at the top of the "nice list" at the end of the day, and a scorecard playoff decided our Holiday Shamble Champions. Congratulations to the team of Kristi Davidson, Rachel Kelley, Stacey Lahey, and Katy Miller, for winning with a score of 33!

Santa's Sleigh Wreck

The Ocean Reef Club Professional Staff celebrated Christmas Day with our Santa's Sleigh Wreck Tournament. A modified best ball format that progressively gets more challenging as the round goes on.

Teams began their sleigh ride with counting 1 Best Ball on holes 1-3, 2 Best Balls on holes 4-6, 3 Best Balls on 7 & 8, and finishing with all

4 Balls counting on Hole 9. Many teams took on this challenging format and came up with some incredible scores.

The team of Doug Totura, Gerald Blackie, Al Rex, and Scott Heffner were able to take on this format and shoot an impressive 72!

In the Net Division, we had the O'Hara family take home the title with a fantastic score of 66. Congratulations John, Linda, Tom and Katie O'Hara!

LGA T's & F's

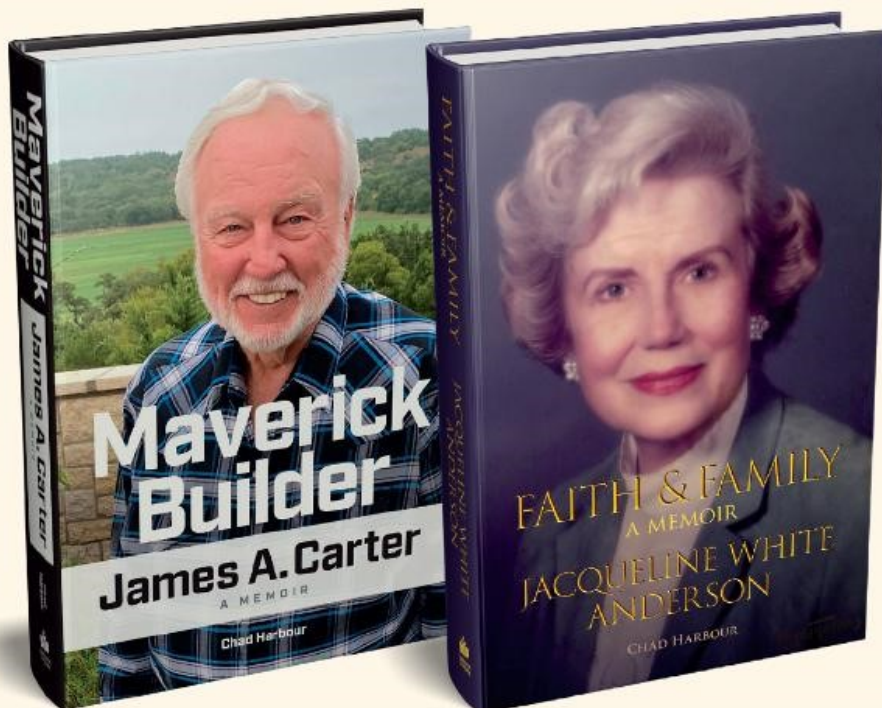
Thank you to everyone who came out and braved the wet conditions this morning! T's & F's took place on the Hammock Course where the conditions could not keep a few of the participants from catching fire on the golf course! T's & F's only requires 9 solid holes, but many of today's participants went well and beyond that!

Our next event will take place Tuesday, January 2nd. Participants will compete in an ABCD 6's format. This is an individual contest in which you are paired with another player in your group each 6 holes. Individuals will record one best ball of the two while changing playing partners every 6 holes. For example, player A will be paired with player B on the first 6 holes, then player C for 7-12, and player D for the remaining 13-18. One net best ball will be recorded for all of the holes. The individual with the lowest score will be awarded first place.

ABCD Six's will be tee times on the Hammock Course. All play will begin on the 1st hole. Pairings will be created in an ABCD format.

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9-Hole LGA Holiday Shamble Results Thursday, December 21

First Place Team: Kristi Davidson, Rachel Kelley, Stacey Lahey, Katy Miller
Second Place Team: Daisy Gonzalez, Jennifer Leonard, Esther Vazquez, Bettina Schottland
Third Place Team: Sharon Greenstein, Sharon Halpryn, Gina Kaplan, Lisa Schultz
Closest to the Hole #5: Lisa Schultz
Closest to the Hole #9: Gina Kaplan

Santa's Sleigh Wreck Tournament Monday, December 25

First Place Gross: Doug Totura, Gerald Blackie, Al Rex, and Scott Heffner
Second Place Gross: Newell Kraik, Daniel Kraik, Pamela Kraik, & Andrew Kraik
First Place Net: John O'Hara, Linda O'Hara, Tom O'Hara, and Katie O'Hara
Second Place Net: Dan Cronin, Julia Cronin, Larry Barbour, and Carol Barbour

LGA T's & F's

Tuesday, December 26

First Place Gross: Tracy Pester
First Place Net: Barbara Pearson
Second Place Net: Mary Lou Krause
Third Place Net: Christine Langley
Closest to the Hole #6: JoAnn Titley
Closest to the Hole #17: Debbie Stewart

UPCOMING CARD & GAMES EVENTS

Monday, January 15th 8:30 a.m.

Jerry Helms will be on The Reef for an all-day bridge seminar. Coffee and rolls will be provided.

Wednesday, January 31st 8:30 a.m.

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 Men's Poker Night • 6:45pm

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

WEDNESDAY:

Canasta Open Play • 12pm
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THURSDAY:

Beginner Bridge Lessons • 10:30am
 Mah Jongg Open Play • 1pm
 Canasta Lessons • 12:30pm
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Bridge Tip of the Week

Passive Opening Leads

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

In other situations, you'll want to be more patient and make declarer work for all his tricks. Your goal on these hands is to make a safe opening lead that won't give declarer a "cheap" or undeserved trick.

A safe lead may also be an attacking combination -- such as a suit headed by AK, KQJ or QJ10 -- and these are usually good choices for a lead to any contract. If you aren't dealt these easy holdings, you'll sometimes have to select a passive lead. Passive leads include:

- A lead from a topless suit (such as 8762), especially one in which you don't expect partner to hold an honor.

When in doubt, lead through strength by choosing a suit dummy (rather than declarer) has bid.

- A lead from length -- such as fourth best from Q9653 or K87432. Even though underleading an honor is standard to a notrump contract, it can be risky against a suit contract. Length, however, gives you a margin of safety. The longer your suit, the less likely it will be that declarer needs to develop his own tricks in that suit.

- A trump, in some cases.

How do you know when a passive lead is your best choice? Here are some of the contracts and types of auctions that call for a safe, non-attacking opening lead: **The opponents are in 6NT or a grand slam.**

An exception is if the opponents bid 6NT after an auction that suggests that their main source of tricks will be a long suit. In this

case, you may want to make an aggressive opening lead (away from an honor) to try to set up a trick you can cash if you get the lead later.

The auction tells you that declarer has a strong hand and dummy (and/or partner) will be very weak.

Suppose your RHO opens 2NT (20-22 pts.) and LHO raises to 3NT. What's your lead from ♠986 ♥AQ62 ♦KQ43 ♣Q6?

If you follow the "fourth from longest and strongest" rule, you'd choose the ♥2 or the ♦3. But with almost all the outstanding honors on your right, either of these leads has a high risk of giving declarer a gift. Partner can't hold more than 2-3 high-card points, so it's not a good idea to count on him for help in a specific suit.

A more attractive choice is a passive ♠9. This is unlikely to set up tricks for your side, but it probably won't help declarer. You'll be on lead again soon, and if your spade lead was indeed safe, you should consider continuing the suit. If a switch is necessary, you'll have a better idea of which suit to choose later.

Note that you should not lead a diamond honor. A diamond will probably be right only when partner has the ♦J (or the unlikely ♦A), so if you do choose a diamond lead, it's better to lead low (the ♦3). If partner

has no honors (declarer and dummy have any combination of the ♥A, J, 10 and 9), leading the ♦K will give declarer three eventual tricks. If you instead lead low, declarer can't take more than two tricks in the suit.

You're defending a suit contract where the opponents are fairly balanced.

On these hands, declarer will usually have to play the side suits himself, so it's best to sit back and wait for your tricks. Suppose you're on lead as South holding ♠Q74 ♥5 ♦108432)

Club) KJ64 after this auction:
 West East
 1H
 2NT* 4H *(Jacoby
 2NT, forcing heart raise)

The opponents have shown game-level strength and their hands rate to be semi-balanced. Opener's 4H rebid showed a minimum with no singleton, and responder might have chosen a different way to raise hearts if he had a very distributional hand. You expect that declarer will have to lead the side suits himself, so you want to avoid leading any suit that will make it easier for him to find missing honors.

The singleton trump is probably the most dangerous lead (partners always seem to hold ♥Qxx). It's also risky to lead away from your club or spade honors. That leaves your "nothing" suit -- diamonds -- so try the ♦3.

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