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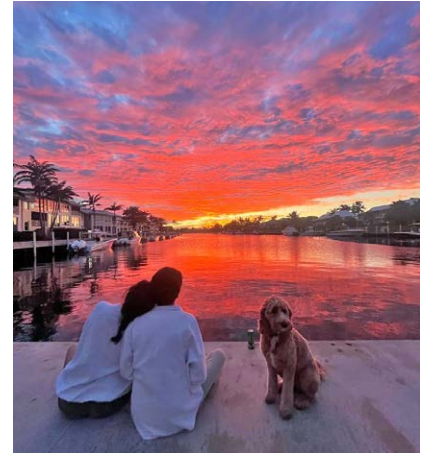
Skies Light Up at Ocean Reef



What a way to start the New Year. Ivy Handy photographed this breathtaking Point sunrise on January 2.



This fiery sunset lit up the Marina and Donna Kupper just had to capture the moment.



December 28th sunset on Pumpkin Cay with Rachel Cohen, her daughter Ariel Cohen, and Maxi.



January 2 was a day of beautiful skies. Gigi Morgan, daughter of AC Morgan, is the artist behind this sunset masterpiece.



Fireworks lit up the sky over the Marina just after midnight on New Year's Day and Bob Schmetterer had a picturesque view from his terrace.

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Records Broken at the Reindeer Run

Bright and early on the morning of Friday, December 29, Ocean Reef's most motivated souls rolled out of bed, pulled on their sneakers, and made their way to the Business Center Parking Lot where the 2023 Reindeer Run, postponed from the day before due to weather, was set to begin. This tradition, along with the Gobble Wobble 5K, Bunny Hop 5K, and Independence Day 5K Fun

Run, has been around for many years. You may be surprised at just how far back the tradition reaches.

As history goes (said history is VP Sports & Recreation Mic O'Keeffe, who's been at ORC half as long as the Fun Runs), the Bunny Hop, always the Saturday before Easter, is the "OG" (read: original) Ocean Reef Fun Run. Believe it or not, this athletic tradition will be celebrating its 42nd running this March, wow! The success of the Bunny Hop, which now consistently boasts more than 500 runners, led to the addition of the other holiday runs Members know and love (or

maybe, love-hate?).

The Gobble Wobble for example, which always occurs the day after Thanksgiving, began humbly in 2003. Forty people traveled from the Business Center to the Fishing Village for the inaugural run, which has since been extended to a 5K.

The Reindeer Run followed in 2009 and is now the record holder by far for the largest run with 620 participants during this latest holiday season. A new course record was also achieved at the December 2023 run by Martin Barco IV with a 5K time of 16:05. Martin also won the Indiana State High School Mile

Championships last year as a Junior with hopes to repeat as a Senior, and will be running for the University of Washington next year.

The youngest 5K tradition at The Reef is the Independence Day 5K, which has been going steady for nine years on the

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OR "See"



Just when we thought the rain would never stop in time for New Year's, this rainbow terminated in the Fishing Village to signal sunshine returning. – Terry Baxter

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

Calling All Kappas!

All Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters are encouraged to meet for coffee and a chat on the Town Hall terrace on **Monday, January 22** at 10 a.m.

NEW! Caribbean Nights Buffet

Saturday, January 20
6:30 p.m. • Palm Court

These all-new Caribbean Nights Buffets will be the epitome of paradise featuring a Caribbean menu with live music on Palm Court. For details and reservations, call 305-367-5931. Reservations required.

New Grill Room Weekly Dinner Specials

Shepherd's Pie Monday
Asian Tuesday: Orange Glazed Chicken Stir-Fry
Comfort Thursday: Thanksgiving
Ocean Friday: Southern Fried Fish
For dining hours, see page 31.

Reef Experience: Psychic Interaction

Sunday, January 21
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Sailfish Patio

Sign up for a 15-minute session and select between having a psychic, tarot card, palmistry, or astrology reading! For details and information, please contact 305-367-5874. Reservations required.

Gotta Question?

I have some used books that I would like to donate. Is there anywhere on The Reef that would accept them?



Sure thing! The Cultural Center Library will accept donated hardcover or paperback books with some exceptions. Simply, they ask that the books be in good shape and from within the past five years. At this time, the Library is not accepting cookbooks or textbooks.

You can swing by the Library to drop off your donations Monday through Thursday between 10am-12pm starting Monday, January 15th. You can also

drop off the books at the Cultural Center office during their office hours which are Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm.

For questions or concerns, please call the Library at 305-367-7332.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Memberabilia

Recent Discoveries....

"Wish I Had Known"

Wonders of Ocean Reef



by Joan
Birsh

Welcoming Place for a Dog.... Over the years I have often written about the dog culture at Ocean Reef. In one article in the *Ocean Reef Press*, my opening sentence read: "Full Disclosure: I am not now, nor have I ever been, a dog owner." I frequently identified myself both in print and in person as a NDP (non dog person).

Then on December 19 along came **Daisy Mai**, a 7-year-old Cavapoochon (which I later learned was a triple mix of a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bichon Frise and Toy Poodle).

I had no interest in a dog, though I was toying with the idea of a cat. But on the morning when my housekeeper Patty arrived with this affectionate and adorable dog, who joyfully leapt onto my lap and into my life, I was on my way to being a CDP (Committed Dog Person)!

Patty had come by this dog, as well as one other, when a woman, who was moving from The Reef, asked her help in finding new homes for two of her three dogs. One of them was quickly placed with Patty's nephew but the other one (Daisy) was up for grabs.

I was curious but not seriously interested (remember, I didn't like dogs). Thirty seconds after Daisy bounded through my front door all that changed.



I am now a new dog owner, embraced by scores of friends, whose passion I am beginning to share. We show each other pictures (Daisy is very photogenic), talk about subjects like dog food and problematic barking. I have yet to visit the Dog Park, though everyone is encouraging Daisy and me to join in what I am assured is a very social and pleasurable rendezvous for both the dogs and their owners. I occasionally suspect I've just joined a cult, but I couldn't be happier.

Overlooking The Grill Room.... This restaurant, located in the new Clubhouse, has been a contender in Ocean Reef's dining possibilities since January 2022, when it first opened its doors to a Member-only clientele. It has been highly praised for the great view of the Dolphin Course, and an interesting menu of traditional entrees (e.g. meatloaf, turkey dinner with all the "fixings") as well as new delights like my now favorite Beer Mussels.

How did I miss all this for nearly two years. The only explanation is that, like owning a dog, I had the *idée fixe* that the Grill Room just wasn't for me.

But the recent holiday visit of a bevy of young adult grandchildren, who are all foodies, has convinced me that I was vastly uninformed about the esthetic and culinary pleasures of the Grill

Room.

My "change of heart" (and palate) began on a busy night during the holiday season, when I had neglected to make a reservation at any of our popular restaurants and was convinced we would be relegated to take-out or, God forbid, home cooking.

One of the kids made a brilliant suggestion – "Let's try the Grill Room. It's Members only and doesn't take reservations, so maybe we have a chance of getting a table."

She was right on all counts, so much so that we returned the next three nights. For two out of the three, I had the Beer Mussels on linguine pasta. On the third night, I had the Roast Chicken. Divine!

The Bellstand for a Good Ride.... Need a ride to a location anywhere on The Reef or even to Anglers Club? Then all you have to do is call the Bellstand and request a pick-up. This is an unbelievable service, which has been available to Ocean Reef Club Members for ages. But I've lived at The Reef for 27 years and never thought of taking advantage of it.

The first time I used it was this November just after Thanksgiving, when I was invited to dinner at a friend's house. It was pouring rain and taking my cart was unthinkable. I called the Bellstand and asked tentatively – "Could you take me to this address?" A cheerful voice replied without hesitation, asking my Member number and when and where I wanted to go.

Why hadn't I used this wonderful service years ago instead of braving inclement weather and unfamiliar destinations in my golf cart?

The ride was at no charge and I had a delightful driver named Jean Elie Antoine, who had been working at Ocean

Reef for 7 years. It seems that he had been an important member of the Methodist Church Choir in his native Haiti. I can attest to his vocal abilities because on the way home he entertained me with a fine rendering of the Hallelujah chorus.

Other "wish I had known" Discoveries.... We are all familiar with the call-in registration for gate clearance for your guests, but I was unaware that the names of everyone traveling in an entering vehicle must be recorded in your phone request for entrance to Ocean Reef.

Another helpful hint that I learned the hard way was the question of guest cards. I didn't realize I could get the guest card form online, fill it out and print it. Then the guest card can be at the front desk just awaiting your guest's pick-up.

One last discovery that made a large part of this year's Christmas shopping a breeze. Instead of wracking my brain for appropriate gifts, I waited until my visitors arrived at Ocean Reef and then took them shopping at our great OR stores. No need to anticipate their desires, let them choose for themselves. My granddaughter and my soon-to-be "granddaughter-in-law" each zeroed in on one of those shameless sweaters from the **Burgee Shop** embossed with ORC in large letters. One of the girls wanted white, the other navy. I bought the light blue one. Who says it is better to give than to receive?

Last Word.... Two pieces of advice I hope to follow in 2024.

This first is from Ann Landers – "Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

The second is from Joan the Shopper – "Enjoy the gift and forget the guilt."

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Wednesday, January 24 • 6:00pm

SOIRÉE AT OCEAN REEF CHAPEL
\$200 per person, includes cocktails, soirée and dinner

Thursday, January 25 • 6:00pm

SOIRÉE AT CARD SOUND GOLF CLUB
\$200 per person, includes cocktails, soirée and dinner

Friday, January 26 • 10:00am

YOUTH CONCERT AT THE CULTURAL CENTER
Complimentary

Sunday, January 28 • 1:30pm

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Lecture TONIGHT!

Join Noah Feldman, Harvard Law Professor at the Cultural Center, for a complimentary lecture on his "Insights on the Middle East".

5:00 p.m.
Cultural Center
Complimentary



Noah Feldman

Chamber Music Festival Brings World Premieres to Ocean Reef

Celebrating its 17th season, the Ocean Reef Chamber Music Festival is thrilled to welcome back pianist Anne-Marie McDermott as Artistic Director. This season boasts an exceptional musical journey with a stellar lineup, including the Grammy-nominated Dover Quartet comprising Joel Link on violin, Bryan Lee on violin, Julianne Lee on viola, and Camden Shaw on cello. Their performance at the Anglers Club on the opening night will showcase the world premiere of a composition tailored for Ocean Reef. Double bass virtuoso Xavier Foley debuts at the festival, presenting an exclusive piece at the Card Sound Golf Club concert. Joining Foley will be McDermott and members of the Dover Quartet, ensuring a memorable musical experience for festival patrons.

Monday, January 22
Soirée at Anglers features the Dover Quartet: violin, viola



Photo Credit: Roy Cox

and cello.

Wednesday, January 24
Soirée at the Ocean Reef Chapel features Anne-Marie McDermott on piano.

Thursday, January 25
Soirée at Card Sound Golf Club features the Dover Quartet, Xavier Foley on bass and Anne-Marie McDermott on piano.

Friday, January 26 Youth Concert at the Cultural Center begins 10 a.m. and is complimentary to all.

Sunday, January 28 Grand Finale Matinée at the Cultural Center features the Dover Quartet, Xavier Foley on bass and Anne-Marie McDermott on piano. This matinee is complimentary and begins at 1:30 p.m.

For reservations to the Soirées, email tickets@oceanreef.com.

ORCA NEWS

By Learning CPR, You Could Save a Life!

By Dr. Nancy E. Epstein, M.D., F.A.C.S.

If cardiac arrest happens, it is critical to have bystanders initiate basic life support measures such as CPR. In a cardiac arrest, no blood is circulating through the heart to the rest of the body, including the lungs, kidneys, and brain, and this can result in death. The main causes of cardiac arrest include abnormal heart rhythms that result in no blood circulation. This can be preceded by low or fast heart rates, and/or heart attacks or strokes.

We can improve the odds of survival for those who

experience cardiac arrest here at Ocean Reef by increasing the number of individuals trained in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators ("AEDs"s). There are 65 AEDs installed throughout Ocean Reef and are available to those who have been trained to use them. If bystanders do not provide CPR/chest compressions, the chance of neurological recovery goes down 7-10% with each minute following the onset of a cardiac arrest (and until there is defibrillation with an AED). However, if a bystander does cardiac compressions, even without respirations, survival rates markedly increase. Studies show that the chance of survival triples if CPR is performed right away!

Using the AED as soon as possible "shocks" or "stuns"

the heart and helps the heart to resume a rhythm allowing blood to circulate again. However, this may take several attempts, and CPR must continue between AED shocks. Once Firefighter-Paramedics arrive, they will take over CPR and resuscitative efforts, including administration of advanced life support (ALS).

ORCA Firefighters-Paramedics will be teaching basic CPR courses as well as refresher courses in the coming weeks. You will learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation as well as the application and use of an AED.

The classes will be taught at either Town Hall or the ORCA Public Safety building. Length of the class is 8 hours for initial certification, and 6 hours for recertification. The upcoming refresher course is scheduled for **Tuesday,**



Sixty-five of these lifesaving AEDs are located throughout The Reef.

January 23rd, while the initial certification class will take place on **Wednesday, January 24th**. Please visit oceanreef.com/CPRClass or email Patty Benitez at pbenitez@oceanreef.com to register.

11TH ANNUAL

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, January 13

10:30AM & 12PM • FIELD AT FOUR CORNERS

CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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There will also be a moment to honor those pets that have passed.

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Sarah Fangman to Present on 2023 Heat & Coral Bleaching

By Sara Rankin, Marine Preservation Society of the Florida Keys

In late July of 2023, a fierce ocean heat wave ratcheted up temperatures in Florida's coastal waters to unprecedented highs. Heat-stressed corals in the Florida Keys began bleaching—expelling their food-producing algal partners—amid the hottest water temperatures ever documented in the region. As weeks of heat continued, bleaching and death became more widespread. Some of the reports coming in from NOAA's coral reef restoration partners were grim. A press release from the Coral Restoration Foundation reported that 100 percent of the coral at several of



Before and after comparison of the coral as bleaching progressed. Photos by Stephen Frink.



Bleached Elkhorn coral. Photo by Stephen Frink.

their team's restoration sites in the Lower Keys had been lost, including at Sombrero Reef and Looe Key Nursery.

It was not just corals that were in trouble. The overheated water was also bad news for everything from sponges to seagrasses to fish. Many marine species simply disappeared to cooler waters.

Unfortunately, the endangered corals on the reef around us could not move. In response, as water temperatures spiked in the Florida Keys, scientists from universities, coral reef restoration groups and government agencies launched heroic efforts to save the corals.

In particular, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary coordinated the rescue of two live fragments from each genetically unique staghorn and elkhorn coral remaining on Florida's Coral Reef and moved them into tanks on land. Marine scientist Ken Nedimyer and his team at Reef Renewal USA executed a different approach and moved an entire coral tree nursery from shallow waters off Tavernier to an area 60 feet deep and 2 degrees Fahrenheit cooler.

To recount these unprecedented events, reactions, as well as future initiatives, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent Sarah Fangman



Sarah Fangman, Superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

and William Sharp, Research Administrator for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute will be featured speakers at the Cultural Center on **Monday, January 15th** at 5 p.m. Discussion will surround the marine heat event in 2023, adaptation and resilience strategies being developed, as well as the present status of our marine ecosystem.

This thought-provoking and informative evening is sponsored by the Marine Preservation Society of the Florida Keys (MPS).

"2023 was an incredibly tough year for the Florida Keys marine ecosystem and this cause is deeply personal to all of us, but hope remains. Through these challenges, we are all motivated to do positive good to restore our ocean environment", states MPS Chairman, **Tom Davidson, Jr.** "The problem is big enough that it will not be solved by a single individual or organization, rather we ALL need to tackle this together at scale. While the outlook may seem grim, positive initiatives have been implemented. We hope to see many in the community join us next Monday to learn more."

For more information on MPS, please visit marinepreservationsociety.org. To learn more about the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary please visit floridakeys.noaa.gov, and for more on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, please go to myfwc.com/about/inside-fwc/fwri/.

WHAT IS TINNITUS?

Tinnitus, commonly known as "ringing in the ears," is the perception of hearing a sound in your head or ears when no external noise is present. **Over 50 million Americans experience tinnitus on a daily basis.** It's important to understand the signs, causes, and what your treatment options are.

SIGNS OF TINNITUS

Symptoms of tinnitus include hearing:

BUZZING | HUMMING | RINGING
WHISTLING | WHOOSHING



CAUSES OF TINNITUS

Tinnitus can be caused by many factors, including:

- HEAD OR NECK INJURY**
- HEARING LOSS**
- EARWAX IMPACTION**
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(i.e., diabetes, high blood pressure)
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Raise a Toast to All Charities' Preferred Partners



by Sarah A. Cart

Imagine the possibilities to be realized in the wake of All Charities Weekend (aka ACW; in 2024, Feb. 2-4). Those possibilities are thanks to All Charities' Preferred Partners, ensuring success from the get-go, year after year. Their direct financial contributions and auction donations mean that all the Silent and Live Auction proceeds go directly to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF), enabling ORCF to give 100 percent of the donations made by Club members to non-profits.

So, to paraphrase a general rule from public safety officials: If you see something, say something ... which in this case would be, "Thank you!"

Thanks to the generosity of All Charities' Preferred Partners and the Ocean Reef community, over the past 16 years more than \$21 million has been passed through to our neighboring communities in the form of financial grants to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead, and Florida City. Closer to home, the local entities vital to Ocean Reef's life and culture – the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association – have also been able to thrive.

At the start: NetJets has been a steady supporter since All Charities' 2008 beginnings; two other champions, Northern Trust, and Marsh (now known as Marsh McLennan Agency Private Client Services), joined shortly thereafter. Mary Lee Presents, known today as the John & Mary Lee Fine Wine Society, arrived along with the "Preferred Partner" designation in 2012.

In 2014, both Baptist Health

South Florida and Ocean Reef Real Estate (now Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty) came aboard, followed in 2016 by Lexus of Kendall/Lexus of West Kendall, which that year donated the first automobile to be raffled.

Farther afield, in 2017 Chicago's Lester Lampert Jewellers joined the ranks, adding "Baubles, Bubbles & Jewells" to the calendar (this year, Jan. 24 through 26), and sustaining the Preferred Partners tradition and moving it forward, in 2019 and 2020 came the addition of Haute Explore, providing personalized travel experiences around the globe, Somerset Charters with their beautifully restored 1971 Trumpy Cruiser, and Barton & Gray Mariners Club with their fleet of Hinckleys.

In 2021, additional support came from Baer's Furniture, providers of high-end furnishings and interior design across Florida, and Seabourn, the pioneer of ultra-luxury cruising. And new in 2024, Lazzara Yachts, the legendary American company that delivers innovation and uniqueness in every design, rounds out the team.

Thanks to these Preferred Partners, planning for ACW moves forward with the freedom to imagine the possibilities, preparing for a successful fund-and fun-raising weekend, with auction offerings domestic and international, experiences to share with friends or focused on family, and adventures, sports, jewelry, culture and more.

When ACW weekend comes: The fun begins Friday evening, Feb. 2, with the Wine and Bourbon Tasting & Silent Auction Showcase. It continues Saturday daytime with Burgers, Beers & Bidding compliments of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce and a NetJets display before Saturday night's Live Auction, dinner and dancing.

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A Perfect Fit



by Jody Steele

This is a "feel good" story.

Recently, Ocean Reef announced the Associate Awards of Excellence for 2023 at the Annual Associate Holiday Party. A number of Associates were recognized for their outstanding service to Members, guests, and each other. Every one of them deserves to be honored and each winner has a story.

The Beginning

Associate of the Year, Livan Miranda, came to Florida from Cuba when he was almost two years old. His mother obtained a special visa and parents and a younger sister arrived



Livan Miranda (center) with Laura Ciampa and Alex Tonarelli at the Awards of Excellence.

to live with family in Miami. They eventually moved to Marathon where Livan attended elementary school and loved living in the Keys. Moving to Homestead later, Livan finished high school and then enrolled in Florida International University (FIU).

Growing Up

Along the way, Livan always worked and studied. He admits he was a shy kid whose interests

were reading and writing, but also he really liked organizing activities for people of all ages to enjoy. Onto a part-time job at Ocean Reef, Livan worked in Lodging Reservations for two years while in college. He enjoyed helping Members find their rentals and meeting other Associates at The Reef. He felt like he had found another home. His major in Hospitality required an internship and Livan then had the opportunity to spend time in a number of departments including Membership, Housekeeping, Finance, and Member Events at Ocean Reef. Of course, you probably have guessed his favorite.

The Job

When a space opened up in Member Events, Livan was ready for the big interview with Kyle Landers, Director of Member Events and Services. It was a "perfect fit" for everyone and three days after obtaining his degree in Hospitality from FIU, Livan joined the Member Events Team. The Team consists of only five, but although it is small, they are mighty! They oversee over 200 events annually, and that does not include many "pop-up" activities

that occur on a steady basis. Livan definitely is dedicated to his role as a Member Events Coordinator, and truly credits the "team" for their success.

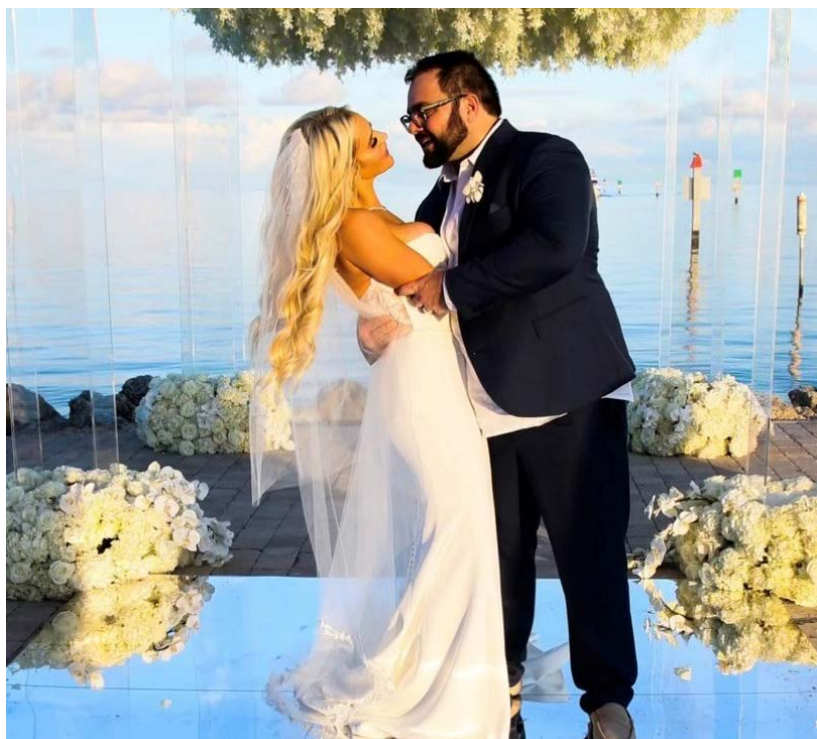
Surprise!

Livan was quite surprised and proud to be selected as an "Associate of the Year", but equally shocked that his co-workers did not leak the big news as they were aware he was a winner. Being a close group and sharing hours together, he says there were no hints at all and he finds that pretty amusing.

Livan is enthusiastic about all of the events at The Reef, but some favorites are Vintage Weekend, the Food & Wine Festival and Halloween. He credits the Team for attention to details, expertise in planning, and the always available "backup plan". He enjoys it all and feels grateful to have found his place at Ocean Reef where he likes to interact with Members and help plan detailed events for us all to celebrate.

Congratulations to Livan and other recognized Associates who continue to contribute to our "Unique Way of Life" at Ocean Reef Club.

MEMBER NEWS



Mrs. Harlan Krumpfes is happy to announce the wedding of her son, Brenton Krumpfes, to Miss Jennifer Stevens on October 20, 2023 at The Point.

Listen to the Music!



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

One of my favorite rock bands, along with The Moody Blues, U 2, Fleetwood Mac, and The Eagles, is the Doobie Brothers. The refrain from their song "Listen to the Music" is one of those repetitive riffs that as someone said, "puts a smile on your face and a spring in your step!"

So, let me offer a little 'musicology' reflection and then, extend two invitations to you. Please read on.

Musical Legacy

Every generation has a legacy of music that both expresses and shapes the culture of that era. Most parents were, and continue to be, appalled by the musical preferences of their children – including our own!

For my parents, it was the era of Glen Miller and the big bands. When we were kids, it was Roy Orbison, Fats Domino, and of course, Elvis. Next came the 'beatniks' with Pete Seeger and the explosion of folk music. High school years witnessed the phenomena of 'Beatle-mania' Bob Dylan's watershed song, "The Times They Are A-Changin'", was released in 1964. It was a prophecy of the coming tumult that swept through the culture - Viet Nam, Watergate, Sergeant Pepper, and Mrs. Robinson. And of course, Dick Clark was at the microphone through it all!

In the same way, each generation of faith has its own musical legacy. The church in every age, like parents, has nearly always been resistant to new expressions of faith through song.

Think of the Psalter, Gregorian Chants, the theological hymns of the Reformation, the hymnody of the Wesley brothers in England, the revival songs of the early 20th century, the Taizé songs, and the

contemporary worship and praise music.

Choral Music in the Church

If there is one expression of music and faith that embraces this historical diversity of it all, it has been choral music. Choir was cool where and when I grew up – largely because of the director. He led both the high school choir and the church choir.

Choral roots run deep in faith. In Biblical Israel, the choirs would lead the armies into battle, singing confident songs of praise to God. The church, both Catholic and Protestant, embraced the vitality and inspiration of choral voices leading the worship and praise of God. They continue to do so today.

Choral Music in the Chapel

Two years ago, the board of the Protestant Congregation chose to pursue a new model of choral leadership for the congregation. Dr. Amanda Quist, who heads the Choral Program at the University of Miami Frost School of Music, became our resource consultant. She is well known for her leadership of Ocean Reef's extraordinary annual Christmas Program.

We inquired if one of her doctoral candidates might serve as our Choir Director during the years of their graduate work. After gathering details about our congregation, she proposed that one of her incoming students, Wesley Roy, serve as our first student choral director. What a wonderful choice it has turned out to be!

Wesley is from upstate New York. Following his bachelor's and master's degrees, he chose The Frost School of Music to pursue his doctoral studies in choral conducting.

Wesley brings experience from leading successful music programs in both schools and with congregations. He has found a home in the Protestant Congregation where his warm personality, superb choral selections, and exceptional conducting skills have enriched our life of worship.

An Invitation to Make Music with Wesley

Are you someone who enjoys choral singing and would like to learn under the leadership of a director who loves to teach people how to sing? Would you enjoy singing and learning in an affirming group experience? If yes, we think the choir of the Protestant Congregation might be the place for you!

Next **Sunday, the 14th**, there will be an opportunity to meet Wesley in the Fellowship Hall following the 9 a.m. service. There will be refreshments and a chance to interact with Wesley as he talks about his leadership and opportunities with the choir.

And...an Invitation to Hear 'The Choir Next Door'

We also invite you to enjoy a concert by an extraordinary small choral ensemble this **Sunday, January 14th**, in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Four talented vocalists – Roy Demarco, Charlie Ibsen, Michael Martin, and Sam Scheibe - have toured the world with other

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 17**, Reverend George Ronkowitz will return to lead us.

performing groups.

Now these friends have joined their voices and formed The Choir Next Door. They enjoy the simple pleasure of singing in their backyard and want to share that sense of community in each of their performances. The versatility of these four is reflected in their varied repertoire and voicing.

It will be an exceptional, enjoyable hour of music. There is no charge, but donations will be appreciated. Hope to see you there.



SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
Sanctuary - 6:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Micah Greenstein
Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, Memphis.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12 & 26
Cornerstone Room - 6:00 pm

Join us as we welcome Shabbat together as a community with a brief service.

All events at the Ocean Reef Chapel

Choir Next Door

Sunday, January 14 at 5pm
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AA Meeting
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Candy Sutfin Memorial
 2 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Shabbat Service
 6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

Blessing of the Animals
 10:30 a.m. & 12 p.m., Four Corners

Catholic Mass
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

Traditional Worship Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Dr. Bob Russell

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

Choir Meet & Greet
 10 a.m., Chapel Narthex

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

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

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

Choir Next Door Concert
 5 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

MONDAY, JAN. 15

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
Call 305-390-4983 for additional AA Meetings

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

Potluck Gathering
 6 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev. George Ronkowitz

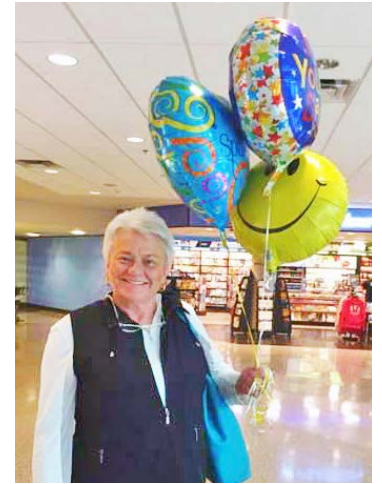
Chapel Women Connect
 10:30 a.m. & 4pm, Chapel Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

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

Celebration of Life

Candace Sutfin



The Ocean Reef Community is invited to celebrate the life of Candace Sutfin today, Friday, January 12 at 2 p.m. at the Ocean Reef Chapel.

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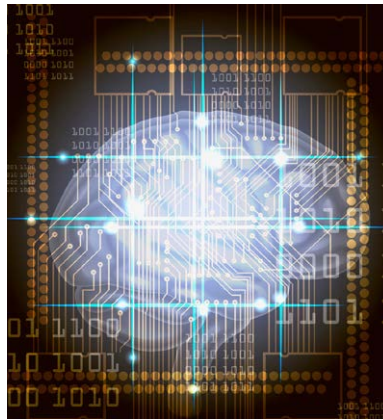


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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Medical Lecture Series Presents: "The Diagnosis & Treatment of Tremors"



Please join us on **January 16th** at the Cultural Centre Theatre at 5 p.m. with speaker Justin Sporrer, M.D., Director of Functional Neurosurgery and Medical Director of Miami Neuroscience Institute, Baptist Health South Florida. He is a neurosurgeon who specializes in general and functional neurosurgery, deep brain stimulation and high-intensity focused ultrasound (HiFU) for movement

disorders. During a 2017 interview with Dr. Sporrer he states, "The brain is the crown jewel of evolution and creation and to be able to restore it back to its normal function is one of the most amazing privileges that a person can have. When I was in high school, a friend of mine was in a pretty bad car accident with a traumatic brain injury and that got me interested in the treatment of

brain injuries, brain problems and nervous system problems and then the interest has just stayed with me all through my career. I have always loved rounding, seeing patients in clinic, and getting to know them and trying to make them laugh a little bit, trying to ease their fears a little bit. We are just 2 people in a room trying to solve the same problem."

The higher rates of Parkinson's diagnoses should motivate more people to seek medical help from specialists, believes Dr. Sporrer, when they start to experience movement-related symptoms, or other signs of the disease.

Dr. Sporrer received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his medical degree from the University of Florida, earning numerous accolades, including the Academic

Perfection Award and the AMA Educational Research Foundation Award. He completed an internship and residency in neurological surgery at the University of Florida. During his residency, he received the Charles "Chuck" Shank Award in Neurosurgical Excellence and the Resident Teacher Award and served as the Chief Resident.

A cocktail reception will follow the lecture.

Please R.S.V.P to Jennifer Rigby at 305-367-6777 or email jenniferr@mc.org.

Mark your calendars for the **February 27th** Medical Lecture series with Dr. Allaf from Johns Hopkins Medicine to hear the presentation, "What's New in Urology? From Prostate Health to Surgical Intervention".

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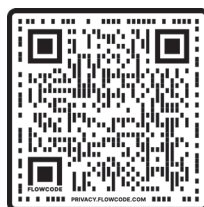
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Jan. 12

Cardiology

Julio Barcena
Jan. 19, Feb 9, March 8

Howard Bush
Feb 15, March 14

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Feb. 19

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Jan. 19, Feb. 16

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March 7, 21

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Stephanie Nicolau

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Jan. 24

Dr. Varee Poochareon

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Endocrinology

Heberto Valdes
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Sandra Rodriguez
Feb. 13, March 6

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Jila Senemar

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Neurology

Victor Faradji
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Neuro Spine

Nancy Epstein
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Optometry

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May 3

Susanna Tamkins

Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15

Orthopedic Sport Medicine

Michael Swartzon
Feb. 2

Orthopedic Surgery

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Jan. 19, Feb. 16

Derek Papp

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Wednesday, January 17

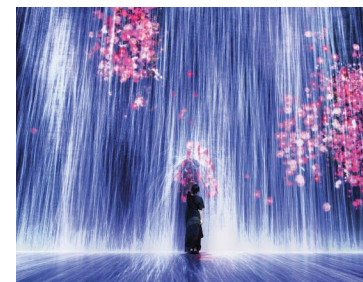
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Murderer in the Family



by Felicia M. Koretsky

Crime junkies and sofa detectives are in for a few new treats this month with new releases focusing on murderers hanging from the family tree.

Two new documentaries on headline-making real-life cases, one in Boston, and one in India, and a third fictional newly-released program adapted from a crime novel, tell stories about murderers hiding in plain sight and the repercussions that extend way beyond the family photo album.

Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage & Reckoning: Docuseries, 3 episodes, HBO

One of the most famous homicide cases in Boston's history is told in a three-episode documentary called *Murder in Boston*, recently released on HBO. The series was so impactful that shortly after its airing, the Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu, responded in a press conference we urge you to watch on YouTube after completing this series.

In 1989, a young fur salesman, Charles Stuart, called 911, explaining that both he and his pregnant wife, Carol, were shot in a robbery. The Boston police department and local journalists were quick to believe Stuart's account of what took place that evening, which led to an explosive domino effect of finger pointing and cover ups. The murder sparked a flame of and tarnished the trust between the Boston Police Department and the local



black community that is still felt in the city today.

Curry & Cyanide: The Jolly Joseph Case: 1 hour, 35 minutes, Netflix

When six members of the same family begin dying unexpectedly one by one over years, a persevering sister goes on a mission to discover the truth. Despite her community pressuring her to limit the actions it would take to solve the cases, Renji Thomas takes courageous steps that would prove critical in making an arrest.

You will need to dub The Malayalam-language story (and then add subtitles to understand the dubbed voice), but it's a fascinating true story of six untimely deaths occurring in Koodathayi village in the Kozhikode district in Kerala, India. Learning about the culture and traditions of this small village adds to the interest of this case.

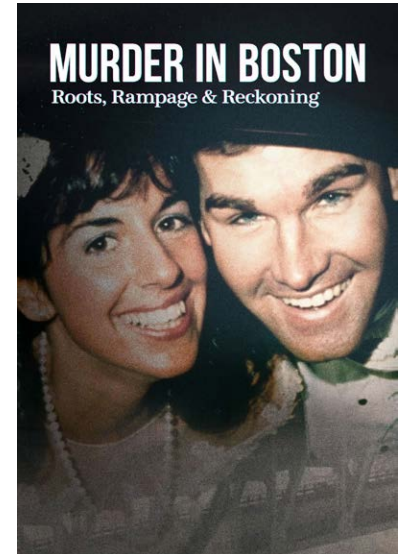
Fool Me Once: Fictional Thriller, 8 episodes, Netflix

Best-selling mystery writer Harlan Coban is back with his latest thriller, *Fool Me Once*. It's his ninth novel adapted into a Netflix series. What we generally like about Coban's novels is that any confusion you might have in the end gets tied up with detailed explanations. This one may leave you with an extra question or so, but it still a great escape.

Like many of Coban's

novels, this one has a lot of twists and turns, centering around a wealthy family hiding dark secrets, quirky and questionable detectives, suspects on every corner, and finally a pulling together of the loose strings in the last two episodes.

The show focuses around Maya Stern whose husband is killed, but who shows up very much alive on her nanny cam shortly after his funeral.



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OUT & ABOUT



LEFT: It was a mother-daughter day at Port O' Call for Eileen Glidden and Sarah Kempson.

MIDDLE: Eileen and Sarah enjoyed it so much they invited the whole family along with Clubhouse General Manager Philippe Babin for another toast to the holiday season.

RIGHT: Hilary Rolih shared this photo saying, "You know the Christmas festivities are over when everyone starts packing away!"

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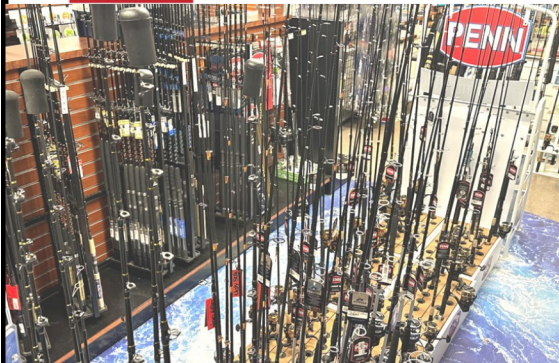
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ORP Through the Years

2018: Celebrating 70/25

Following Hurricane Irma which came through the Florida Keys on September 10, 2017, the 2018 winter season began with a continued theme of gratitude by Members and Club Associates, aptly providing the backdrop for the milestone year in which Ocean Reef would celebrate 70 years since its founding, and 25 years since the Member buyout. (Ironically, an event that followed the devastation of 1992's Hurricane Andrew.)

In 1993, when Ocean Reef became a Member-owned Club, there was a monumental celebration that included a parade, marching band and beach party. Fast forward twenty-five years to 2018 and then Board Director and Social Committee Chairman, **Barbara Hajim**, was charged with not just replicating history but creating an event that new Members could put in the history books alongside those that had been here for the buyout. The weekend Celebration began, as history dictated, with a fire truck and a parade. Members followed the Parade to the Driving Range for the "Red, White & Burgee" Pep Rally which included a tribute to the past Chairmen of the Club, skydivers, live music, dancing, a techno-circus and family activities galore. On Saturday, Buccaneer



Barbara Hajim, current Social Committee Chairman, and Marcia Welch, 1993's Social Committee Chairman, together in the 2018 parade.



The parade celebrated longstanding Club traditions like tennis.



Reminiscent of 1993, a full marching band performed.



Leading the parade in the fire truck were Ocean Reef Club Hall of Famers Alan Goldstein, Tom Davidson and the late Dick Farmer. Pictured with then Chairman Teresa Holmes.

Island was the party spot, complete with Junkanoo band, fire dancers, endless desserts and headliner, Ziggy Marley. "This anniversary year, it's been fascinating to go back in time to better understand our heritage and why the Members rallied to buy this Club," said **Teresa Holmes**, Chairman of Ocean Reef Club 2017 - 2019. She added, "our celebration weekend was an opportunity to celebrate the past, enjoy the moment and look forward with excitement for what is yet to come."

-Ocean Reef Press, April 13, 2018

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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

Many vendors at the Farmer's Market began with a dream and family support and none are more emblematic of that than Gemita's Kitchen. Whether using her mother's recipes, joining her son at their larger warehouse in Orlando from where they supply a multitude of local hotels, or finally getting the courage to join the Farmer's Market with her daughter at Ocean Reef, it all began when she visited a cheese factory as a little girl in Venezuela.



Gemita's Kitchen

The business began with using a local milk source to make Burrata and Mozzarella cheeses. And yes, they do taste similar but the consistency is quite different. They moved from there to make butter, pesto, jarred caramelized onions and so much more.

Make sure you stop by to

explore the delicacies or pick up some sandwiches made fresh daily. If you are lucky and Gemita is not too busy, she will even give you some recipe hints to go along with your purchases!

Visit the Farmer's Market every Monday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Field at Four Corners.

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Reading Palms



"Nature Notes" by Nancy Zakon

Palm-reading is apropos given the New Year, so let's read about - Palm Trees! Here are some fascinating facts to share with your visitors. Palms have been around longer than Jurassic Park - for 80 million years. Can you imagine a T-rex walking down Ocean Reef Drive nibbling on our royal palms? The climate was hotter than today's. There were no ice caps at either pole, water covered U.S. land from Texas to the Dakotas. Ocean Reef was underwater where a huge coral reef was forming covering half the current state. We've seen coral



fossils here right under our feet. How did palms survive all these hundreds of years? Several ways.

Palms grow tall maintaining the same size trunk: they grow up, not out. What supports them? Their unique structure. They have special (primitive) "tree" cells that allow the trunk to bend over in wind, compared to more sophisticated trees like oaks and pines which break. Their fronds and leaves fold with

the wind. We've all seen that here. We've also seen here many of their 4,000 varieties. Their single-strand roots are more numerous than the hairs on your head, and grow as your hair does - from one central area! So, the root ball is quite small, compared to its sophisticated cousins.

Fun thing to try: count the tree's age by the rings on its trunk. The rings go up the tree trunk unlike the "regular" trees. Some palm types grow

to almost 200 feet (that's a 13-story building), other palms stay short, in clusters or vines (think rattan palm). Palms grow slowly: one large palm branch takes 3-5 years to mature. All fronds can be blown off; the tree will survive - if the tip-top, tiny sprout of the palm is safe. It's amazing! Palms do flower, but they are dull in color - no need to attract bees with color to pollinate. Palms count on winds to do the bee's work. As to importance to our lives, the palm family has benefited mankind as much as plant families of legumes and grains. Think coconuts, alone!

This fun picture depicts a palm-frond fossil recently sold at Sotheby's Auction for roughly \$45,000. Looks like one the ground crew collected last week.

You might give a special nod to the next palm you meet - knowing how long it's been around!



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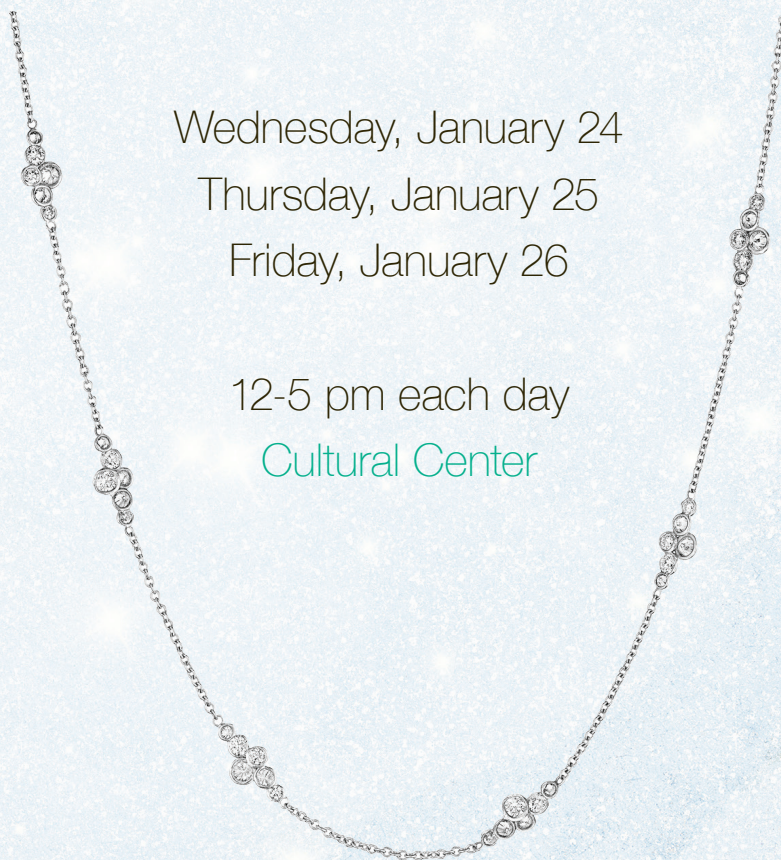
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Saturday, February 17

Pickleball • 10am at the Tennis & Games Center
 Legacy Cooking Class • 11am at Carysfort Cooking School
 Golf Scramble Tournament • 2pm on the Hammock Course
 Happy Hour • 5pm at Reef Lounge
 Dinner • 7-10pm at Town Hall Waterside

Sunday, February 18

Fitness Class • 10am at the Member Fitness Center
 Beach Volleyball & Cornhole • 2pm on Marlin Beach
 Happy Hour & Wine Tasting • 5:30-6:30pm at Port O'Call
 Legacy Weekend Dinner • 7-9pm in the Sailfish Room

Monday, February 19

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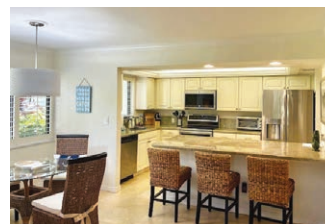
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Come One, Come All to the Art League



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

The Art League has something for artists of all ages.

The Kids Happy Hours at the Art League and other special events have been a great success over the holidays. We have had over 42 kids participate in these activities. I've heard from a few moms and grandmothers that it was a great new experience for them. The kids were able to create artwork to take home as well as meet new friends and create memories. Save the date for the next Kids Happy Hour February 19th.

Speaking of creating memories...coming up Tuesday, January 16th is our two-hour workshop "Create a Memories Photo Book" with Cheryl Conklin. After you have caught your breath from all the holiday festivities, take some time to gather your special photos from the holidays, to create a personalized photo book. Cheryl will take you step by step through this fun creative project. Photo books preserve lifelong memories for generations to enjoy and look

back on in the future.

January 16 and 17 we have Colored Pencils with Carmen Kelley. Colored pencils are easy to take anywhere. This course will inspire you to love the richness you can acquire with the right colored pencils. They are an alternative to the traditional oils, watercolors or acrylics. Colored pencils help you slow down while creating a paint-like composition. Check with the Art League for a materials list.

Abstract Art Night January 17th - Let loose in this abstract paint and sip night. Create a piece of art unique to your taste with the help of a professional artist. Absolutely no experience needed!! Unlock your inner artist and go home with a painting you love.

Also on January 17th we will be renewing our Book Club at the Art League 4 to 5 p.m. This is open to everyone.

Stay in the know! I don't know about you but sometimes I think I have the attention span of a gnat. So please be sure to join and check out the Facebook group "Ocean Reef Gals" where we will periodically post reminders about events and pop ups!

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



Come join the next Kids Happy Hour at the Art League on February 19.



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"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

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Saturday of 4th of July weekend.

For the **Wagner Family**, the Independence Day Run is one they rarely miss, along with the Bunny Hop and Reindeer Run. Kelly, George III, George IV, Henry and Jack Wagner have been regulars at these runs for the past seven to eight years. Kelly, the lone walker of the family, loves most that she can get the entire family "up early and knocking out an energizing workout together." Early is right as these races take off running at 8 a.m. sharp.

Is it ever difficult to get the family out there?

"Yes," she said. "We often have to beg, cajole, bargain and bribe, but it is always worth it. Everyone is happy once they cross the finish line. It inevitably sets us all up for a great day on The Reef."

Scan the champions on page 33 and you'll even find a Wagner member on the list!

What makes these runs so popular? Chris Nelson, Director of Recreation, thinks it's the opportunity for community engagement as much as the self motivation and desire for a personal challenge. These runs offer the chance to mingle as participants arrive early to check in and get pumped with a fun warmup led by the Fitness Center's Kristine Ingold, and for the first time this year, DJ Justin Easthall from the Communications Team.

Most participants also linger after their race, grabbing a bite, socializing, and waiting for the awards ceremony. Sixty awards are given out – first, second and third place for walkers and bikers, and the same for the runners in



The Wagner Family believes the Fun Runs are just one of the many traditions that make ORC such a special place for their family. Here they are photographed at the Reindeer Run in 2016 (left) and at this year's event.



Scott Mirskin photographed at this season's Reindeer Run wearing the inaugural 2009 shirt! Mirskin has attended nearly all of the races and is a regular on the medal stand.

male and female categories for nine age groups spanning from eight and under to 70+. Overall run champions now win a pair of On Clouds from the Member Fitness Center.

Want to participate in the next race? You have 11 weeks to get ready for the Bunny Hop 5K and run, hop, skip, bike, sprint or stroll your way into one of The Reef's longest-running traditions.

See page 33 for Reindeer Run 2023 results and photos.



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8am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

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

Hands-On Soup Class with Chef Betania
10am-12pm • Member Fitness Pool

Croquet 3 Wicket Tournament
1-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Quickstart Tennis Clinic
1:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Silver Fit Plus Class
2pm • Member Fitness Center

Candy Sutfin Memorial
2pm • Chapel Sanctuary

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

Croquet Mixer Open Play
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Stretch and Mobility Class
3pm • Member Fitness Center

Equity Get-Together: Mix & Mingle
5-7pm • Town Hall Terrace

LGA Member/Member
8:30am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

13 SATURDAY

ORC Run Club
7am • Member Fitness Center

Gentle Yoga & Cycle Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

Dancing Through the Decades Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

Reformer Pilates Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

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

MLK Shopping Event
10am-5pm • Fishing Village

Blessing of the Animals
10:30am & 12pm • Field at Four Corners

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

Reef Club Kids Open
6-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

14 SUNDAY

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center

Reformer Pilates & Vinyasa Yoga Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Reef Club Kids Open
9am-1pm • RCK Clubhouse

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

ORC Tennis Pro-Am
11am • Tennis & Games Center

Choir Next Door Concert
5pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Family Night! Walking Scavenger Hunt
6pm • Meet at Pool Desk

15 MONDAY

Tai Chi Class
7:30-8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Bridge Seminar with Jerry Helmes
8:30am • Card & Games Room

Master of the Mediterranean Cooking School Class
9:30am • Carysfort Kitchen

MGA Interclub
9am Shotgun • Card Sound Golf Club

Farmer's Market Open
11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Rosary Prayer Group
4:30pm • Chapel Living Room

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

Men's Poker Night
6:15pm • Card & Games Room
4983 for additional AA Meetings

16 TUESDAY

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

LGA Weekly Event
8-10am • Hammock

MGA Interclub
9am • Dolphin Course

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

Vine to Table Dinner: Leader of the Park
6:30pm • Carysfort Cooking School

Potluck Gathering
6pm • Chapel Fellowship Hall

17 WEDNESDAY

Tai Chi Class
7:30-8am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class & Reformer Pilates Class
8am • Member Fitness Center

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

Ladies' Pickleball League
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Intercessory Prayer
8am • Chapel Board Room

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

Equity Get-Together: New Year, New Me Social
3-5pm • Tarpon Cooking School

Pickleball Organized Play
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

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

18 THURSDAY

ORC Swim Club
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

Chutes & Ladders Class
7am • Member Fitness Center

Sweat Class
8am • Member Fitness Pool

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Ocean Reef Men's Fellowship
8am • Fellowship Hall

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

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event
8-10am • Dolphin Course

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Fitness Class
2pm • Member Fitness Center

Croquet Mixer Open Play
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

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

Raw Bar Lobster Bake
5-9pm • Raw Bar

Sailfish Classic Captains'/ Owners' Meeting
6pm • Palm Court

Burgee Bar Karaoke
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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"Maestro" (R)

Sunday, January 14
• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 17 • 7:30pm

Runtime: 2hr
9mins

Director: Bradley Cooper

Stars: Carey Mulligan, Bradley Cooper, Matt Bomer

Genre: Biography, Drama, Music

Premise: This love story chronicles the lifelong relationship of conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein and actress Felicia Montealegre Cohn Bernstein.



"Napoleon" (R)

Friday, January 19
• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, January 21
• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 24 • 7:30pm

Runtime: 2hr
38mins

Director: Ridley Scott

Stars: Joaquin Phoenix, Vanessa Kirby, Tahar Rahim

Genre: Action, Adventure, Biography

Premise: An epic that details the checkered rise and fall of French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and his relentless journey to power through the prism of his addictive, volatile relationship with his wife, Josephine.

Dining with the Presidents: The Nazi Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill

Thursday, January 18 • 5pm

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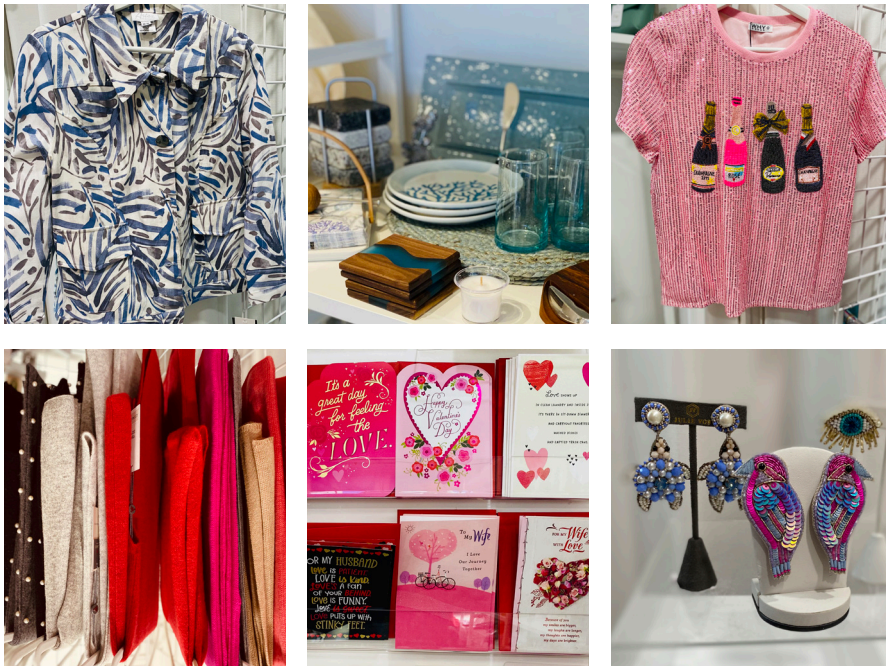
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way (\$75). It is amusing attire for any celebration.... If your next celebration is Feb. 14th, Dockside has a good supply of Valentines, along with the store's usual assortment of greeting cards.... At Dockside there is a back room filled with wearables. Pictured here is an attractive lightweight jacket (\$144) and the store's collection of toppers and ponchos – most of them cashmere, reasonably priced at \$165. Also, a winner (though not pictured) is a scarlet lounge or warm-up suit, which could be easily worn to an informal night out. Last Word: "The ultimate luxury is choice." Something Dockside Living understands.

by Joan Birsh

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Equity Member Only Night Monday

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

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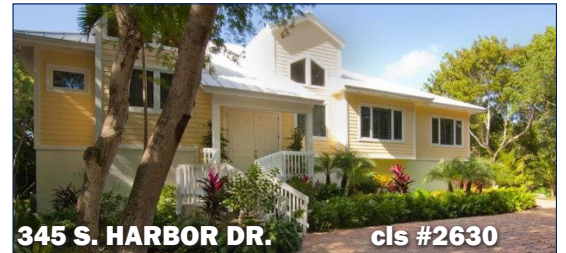
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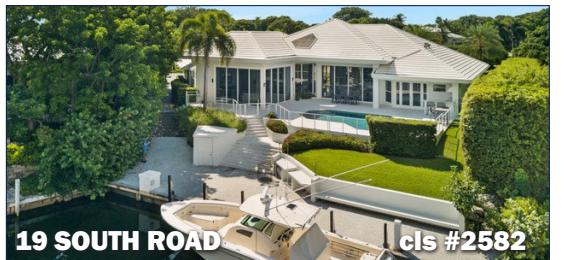
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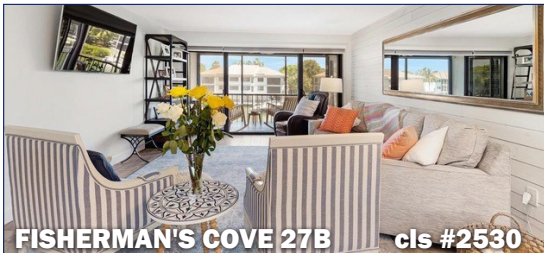
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REINDEER RUN 5K FUN RUN RESULTS

FEMALE RUNNERS

8 & Under

1st Place: Annie Singer

Ages 9-12

1st Place: Elise Meyers

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Reagan Moore (1st Place Overall Female)

Ages 20-29

1st Place: Finlay Ciane

Ages 30-39

1st Place: Caki Watkins

Ages 40-49

1st Place: Kate Myrer

Ages 50-59

1st Place: Bonnie Zeigler

Ages 60-69

1st Place: Tricia Holbrook

Ages 70+

1st Place: Barbara Olcott

MALE RUNNERS

8 & Under

1st Place: Jack Singer

Ages 9-12

1st Place: Robert Barco

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Martin Barco IV (1st Place Overall)

Ages 20-29

1st Place: Avery Zeigler

Ages 30-39

1st Place: Wes Palmer

Ages 40-49

1st Place: Brett Marcus



Martin Barco IV, First Place Overall Male and new course record breaker



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First Place Overall Female, Reagan Moore.



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Ages 50-59

1st Place: Jason Heim

Ages 60-69

1st Place: James Drinkwater

Ages 70+

1st Place: David Moffett

FEMALE WALKERS

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MALE WALKERS

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On the Beautiful Lawn

by William Hinkebein, Ocean Reef Club Croquet Chair

It's been an active January so far on the beautiful lawn. We have had many people playing Golf Croquet despite the cooler windy weather and light rain. As a matter of fact, when there was inclement weather and thus no tennis or pickleball, we've had many new croquet players participate.

We have had many KLAC players coming to play on the ORC courts. KLAC has a large and active croquet group...and quite skilled in the game. We are also having a group from Racquet Club playing. All are welcome and don't be intimidated as the current knowledgeable players in attendance are always happy to teach how to roll the ball and the basic strategy.

Under 40 Croquet & Cocktails

Wednesday, January 3 was the



Under 40 Cocktails & Croquet participants Coach Justin Romero, Christopher Rahe, Current D'Ignazio, Meghan Palmer, Wesley Palmer, and (back row) Alex Kelley and Gavin Snook.

Under 40 Croquet & Cocktails event. Again, despite not the best weather, many players came out. This group played remarkably well despite some as beginners. Long-time player **Terry D'Ignazio's** daughter **Current** was spectacular clearing long shots and scoring from long distances.

All had a great outing. All veteran players best sharpen their croquet skills as a new generation of players is up and coming.

Women Wickets & Wine (WWW).

Monday, January 8 was the first session of the Women Wickets & Wine (WWW). Despite not the best weather, at least 12 players came out. Good play ensued, the vino flowed, and all had a wonderful time.

The next scheduled WWW is **Monday, January 22**, 3:30-5 p.m., however, it has been noticed that the ladies are showing up every Monday!

Upcoming Events

Today **Friday, January 12** is the first of two **3-Wicket Tournaments**. For this fun event, two-person teams will be drawn on-site randomly to play. This begins at 1 p.m. and will last through double-elimination play until a champion team is crowned. No need to sign up...just be there by 1:15 p.m. for the team draw.

Friday, January 26 is the ladies-only singles tournament called **The Judy**. The Judy has been a staple for several years. This event draws many players of all skill levels for the fun, camaraderie and challenge of the game. Sign up by calling the



Amanda Asman, Simona Thomson, and Christine Holland at Women, Wickets & Wine.

Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.

League Play

A Flight Tuesdays 9-12pm
B Flight Thursdays 9-12pm
Come play in either league.

Open Play is every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, from 2-5pm.

Lessons by Coach Paul Fecteau

On Saturdays, Coach Paul will teach how to play and basic rules in each session. Coach Paul is a multiple club champion at Hillsboro Club and a USCA Certified Referee. Sign up through the Tennis & Games Center.

Lessons by ORC Staff

Coach Justin Romero and staff are having Learn & Play Beginners Clinic on Mondays 2:30-3:30 p.m. and for Intermediate players Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 p.m. Contact the ORC Tennis & Games Center to make arrangements at 305-367-6583.

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Croquet, Pickleball, & Tennis at The Reef



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

Croquet, Pickleball, and Tennis are what we do and who we are at the Tennis & Games Center. This past weekend we highlighted events in all three Sports. In Croquet, Paul Fecteau has made a comeback as our Touring Croquet Pro. For Pickleball, our 7th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro took place. Meanwhile, in Tennis, the DUKE University Women’s Tennis Team made a splendid return for a second year, delivering a show in exhibitions clinics.

7th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro

The competition was hot at our Annual Pickleball Event. Thank you to those who participated and supported. On Friday, the event kicked off with a Cocktail Party where players of the event got to mix and mingle with the Pros and even ask a few questions. On Saturday, play started with Group 1 where the Member got to play with each and every Pro against other pairings. The players played for 15 minutes and when time was called they had to report their score. After 8 rounds and all scores reported **Ryan VanNest** took home the gold medal and **Gardiner Bridge** took home silver. In the Group Two session was the same format and **Ron Roscia** eked it out to claim gold while **Buck Schottland** took silver by just a point.

On Sunday was the Pros’ chance to showcase their talents while battling each other. They played 4 total matches. One Ladies Doubles, one Men’s Doubles, and two Mixed Doubles. Jorja Johnson and Anna Bright defeated Callie Smith and Hurricane Tyra



Duke’s 15-ranked Women’s Tennis Team at the Tennis & Games Center.

Black. In Men’s JW Johnson and Jay Devilliers defeated James Ignatowich and Zach Grabovic in 3 games. In Mixed Doubles both matches were too impressive to watch as James Ignatowich and Anna Bright defeated Zach Grabovic and Hurricane Tyra Black while JW Johnson and Jorja Johnson defeated Jay Devilliers and Callie Smith in 3. Thank you to our Members for making this event special for our guest Pros and showing an incredible amount of support.

DUKE

The Tennis & Games Center hosted the 15th-ranked Duke University Women’s Tennis Team last week to kick off their spring season.

Their nine players, three coaches, and two support staff members traveled to The Reef to train in the sunshine and humidity in preparation for their opening home match versus SMU this Saturday. Members of all ages flocked to the Tennis & Games Center to watch the players battle it out amongst each other as they perfected their singles and doubles play for their upcoming nonconference match. It was quite exciting to watch the Duke women hit, to say the least! Members were floored to watch the Duke women play, but they were even more excited to get in on the action! On Friday, January 5th, eighteen members took part in a round-robin event that paired them with nine of the Duke players and two of their assistant coaches. On Saturday, January 6th, six of the top-ranked players in the country put on a show for all those in attendance. Two sets of doubles were played and man,

does it make sense as to why they are always top competitors for the National Championships. Overall, the events were hugely successful for all those involved! We wish the team the best of luck this season and look forward to continuing our relationship with the Duke University Women’s Tennis Program!

33rd Annual Ocean Reef Tennis Pro-Am

Support your favorite Pro in this annual event. The Pro-Am was started as a way to honor the Tennis Professionals on The



James Ignatowich and Mike Rich from the Pickleball Pro-Am.

Reef while providing the top playing Members an opportunity to showcase their tennis talents as well. Over the years this has served as the Tennis Staff’s “Bag Room Open” – giving Members a chance to support their favorite Pro! Winners are honored by having their names added to the beautiful sculptured tennis trophy. The event kicks off this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the auctioning of the Teams. Play to follow. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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ORC and Duke Tennis, A Love Match

By Holly Houser, Ocean Reef Press

For a second year, the Duke University Women's Tennis Team made Ocean Reef their temporary home for a weekend. For the Duke players, it was a fun way to engage in team bonding, while also training for their first match of the season (January 13!).

For Ocean Reef Members, this was a unique opportunity to watch and play alongside Division One athletes. The Tennis & Games Center planned a host of weekend programming for Members and the Duke players to enjoy, from watching team practices and matches to playing together in a Member-Duke Round Robin clinic.

Richard Krantz was the first Member to sign up for the clinics. "It was amazing," he



Members partnered with and against players from Duke's D1 Women's Tennis Team in a Round Robin event during their visit to Ocean Reef last weekend.



said. "There aren't many places where you can get in the golf cart, go to the Tennis Center, and have mere mortals play with and against D1 college athletes."

For **Spike Yoh**, the team is close to his heart. As a Duke graduate himself, former Board Chair, and having 12 children and grandchildren as graduates, there's no question he's remained a "loyal Dukie." So when Head Coach Jamie Ashworth was looking for somewhere to take his team

during the week between New Year's and the onset of the tennis season, Spike knew Ocean Reef would be "a perfect fit."

"I knew the women and our Members would blend well together," he said. "The team is an amazing group of very talented, gracious young women. Our Members enjoyed their visit last year and I knew they would enjoy this year's just as much."

And enjoy they did. ORC Head Tennis Professional Hannah Fleckenstein said even more Members participated in the activities this year.

During the team's stay, they were also able to take advantage of what Ocean Reef has to offer. They played Glow in the Dark Golf, experienced a Cooking School class, and even visited the Everglades Alligator Farm and Robert is Here in the Redlands.

They were also treated to a lunch by **Alice and Trig Horton** who hosted the seven team members, their three

coaches, the trainer and the Head Coach's family at their home. With their northern home in Durham, North Carolina, the Hortons consider Duke to be their home tennis team.

"It was a treat to get to know these young women who came from such diverse areas as Michigan, Moscow, Prague, and Tel Aviv," said Alice. "I hope the team will be back next year. For them, visiting ORC is so special, and for the Club's tennis enthusiasts, it is fun to watch the 15th-ranked team in the nation practice!"

As for Ocean Reef's Tennis Team, Director of Racquet Sports Justin Romero said, "We were excited to have Duke back for another year. Most of us on the professional staff were collegiate athletes ourselves, so it even brings back some fond memories. Plus, we always jump at the chance to provide unique programming to our already brimming schedule for our Members to enjoy."



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TENNIS RESULTS

Men's Tennis Night League
Monday, January 8
First Place: CP Rahe
Second Place: Victor Benoit
Third Place: Thomas Williamson

Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro
January 6 & 7
Group 1 First Place: Ryan VanNest
Group 1 Second Place: Gardiner Bridge
Group 2 First Place: Ron Roscia
Group 2 Second Place: Buck Schottland

PICKLEBALL PRO-AM



2024 Pickleball Pro-Am Group 1 participants



Ryan Van Nest and JW Johnson



Jay Devilliers and Anne Marie Peretz



David Schmelzer and Anna Bright



Holly Schmelzer, Jorja Johnson, Hurricane Tyra Black, Bart Shuldman, Gardiner Bridge, Zach Grabovic



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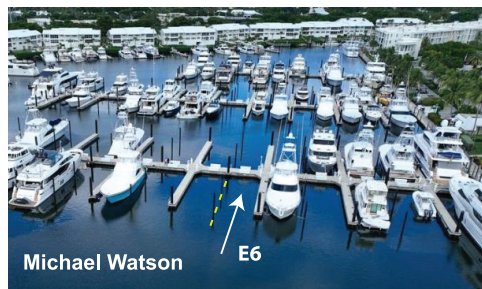


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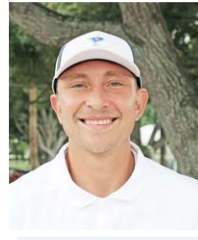
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PICKLEBALL TIP OF THE WEEK

Play More Pickleball



“Pickleball Tip” by Zach Grabovic, Pickleball Professional

My tip of the week for you is to play more Pickleball! It doesn't matter what level you play at or what level you play with, get out there, get active, and get on the court. If you don't have anyone to play with come play with one of our amazing pros.

The reason I say play more pickleball is because more often than not one of our biggest downfalls is that we don't have enough experience on the court. The more time we spend on the court the more comfortable we are going to be, even if we aren't playing at our particular level. Playing

with players who have less experience or are at a weaker level is a great opportunity to work on some new and specific skills. Moreover, engaging with individuals at a more advanced skill level offers the opportunity to identify potential mistakes in your approach, recognize shots that may not be effective in higher levels, and observe their playing style—including positioning, movement, shot choices, and placement—to integrate these strategies into your own game.

No matter who you are and what level you play at you can always do yourself the service of getting in more time on court. So grab your paddle and your shoes and get out on the court as quickly as you can! Lastly, when you do get yourself out on a court remember to just have fun. If you're working on something new or just playing some rec games have fun and you'll see yourself improve at a faster rate.

Tennis

Player of the Week

Nazim Zilkha

Who's your favorite tennis player?

Bjorn Borg

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

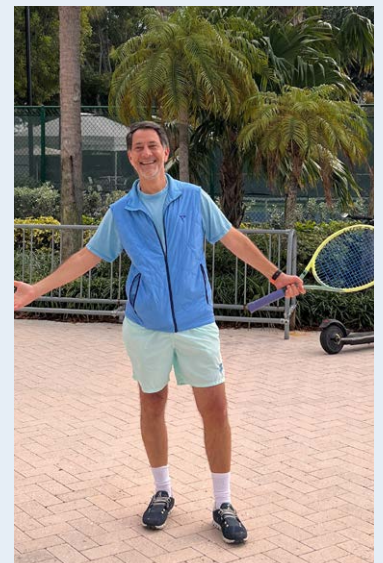
The enthusiasm and competitiveness of the pros at the club keep things fun!

What's kept you motivated to keep improving?

Playing with my daughter who played on the tennis team at Bucknell keeps me motivated! And of course, hitting with my wife is always fun!

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

Goals for the upcoming season are to keep moving my feet - it's all about moving those feet!



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

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Epic Fitness Goals



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

Goals give us direction and motivation. A good plan involves having a goal calendar with several goals that can be measured in a specific time frame. Your goal calendar should comprise several small goals, a few large ones, and at least one epic goal for the year. To illustrate what I mean, I am going to share my 2024 fitness goal calendar:

Small Goals:

- Lift heavier weights than last year in every major exercise.
- Do more bodyweight repetitions in push-ups and pull-ups than last year.
- Hold my breath for over one minute on an ice plunge.
- Do yoga at least once a week to counter all my strength and conditioning training.
- Improve on body composition ranges. This means my worst is not as high, and my best is lower. I also pay attention to waist circumference and weight as reference points. The key to success for this goal is nutrition.
- To become a better golfer,



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tennis, and pickleball player. For me, this is primarily a gratifying summer endeavor.

Large Goals:

- Run my second marathon. I signed up for the upcoming Miami Marathon at the end of this month.
- Run a personal best 5k time.
- Swim a 10k (official swim marathon distance) race in April.

Epic Goals:

- Swim the longest distance I have ever swam. I signed up for the 12.5-mile Swim Around Key West event on June 8th to do this.
- Finish a 29029 mountain climbing event in under 22 hours. The event involves climbing 29029 feet of elevation in 36 hours or less. I have finished three events in the last three years but always needed to sleep in between. The goal for my fourth event, which will take place in Mount Tremblant in September, is to



Bettina Schottland and Daisy Gonzalez with Pilates Instructor Masha.

do the event in less than one day without needing to sleep.

When creating your fitness goal calendar, be as specific as you can be and set time frames. Signing up for events helps us stay consistent. Your goals are personal and should inspire you. Share your goals with supportive people who want to see you succeed. To live an epic life, set epic goals, and get after them with focus, determination, and a good action plan.

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This Week at the Member Fitness Center

Sound Bath: My Sounds and Vibrations

Elisabet Stadelman
January 13th at 11 a.m.
Yoga Room

For centuries, sound and vibration therapies have been used to restore harmony and health to our bodies, promoting relaxation and reducing stress. The sound frequencies slow down brain waves to a deeply restorative state, activating the body's self-healing system. Research has shown that sound healing can treat a variety of mental and physical issues, such as addictions, stress, anxiety, depression, high blood pressure, chronic pain, and more. In this session, we will be focused on increasing mental clarity, focus, and creativity, boosting immunity and balance, improving our energy biofields, restoring regulatory



ORC Swim Club every Tuesday and Thursday from 7am to 9am. All levels welcome.

functions of the body "out of tune" or/and enhancing regulatory function to a body in tune. It has an immediate positive impact on the after-surgery processes like knee or hip replacement and postoperative pain, increasing circulation and reducing muscle/skeletal tension. Through the experience of listening to ourselves, we create a bridge between outside and inside and a beautiful field to explore, expand, and enrich. After this experience,

you will find it useful in different aspects of your life, this attentive hearing guiding you wisely and permanently. Namaste!

How to Develop a Meal Plan like a Fitness Professional

Kristine Ingold
Monday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m.
Complimentary

Food is fuel, and it is required to live. Finding a balance through meal planning can help to improve and maintain weight control.

Join fitness trainer and certified Nutrition Coach Kristine Ingold as she explains how to develop the best meal plan for you.

Chakra Alignment with LifeBreath Breathing Technique

Beth Bielat

Wednesday, January 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Join us on a wonderful journey through the energetic chakra system that will enhance your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. I will guide you through a meditation that will feel relaxing yet energetic, un-stressed, connected, and aligned.

The chakras are areas in the body where you file all the experiences of your lifetime. The meditation explores your breathing, the function of your organs, and the different physical systems in your body. It is also connected to your energetic body where you hold emotions, mental clarity, and spiritual connection. It's educational, life-changing, and a feel-good experience.



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

ORC Run Club:

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Stretch and Mobility Classes:

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Golf Fitness Workouts:

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

Chutes and Ladders Class:

A new class taught by Ryan Lawless to work on footwork and agility specific to tennis and pickleball. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m.

Yoga Wellness Sessions:

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

Teen Fit Workouts:

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

Personal Training:

Our experienced team of over 30 personal trainers, Pilates, yoga, and group instructors are available all week to cater to specific goals and needs. A personal coach takes your program to a higher level regardless of your experience. Learn more or book through the Member Fitness Center.

Group Class Schedule:

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by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Here's a story that doesn't happen here all the time...

It was this year's New Year's Eve, and 9-year-old Lawson McClure was waiting for the Buccaneer Island show to start at 8:30. It was plenty dark, but the fireworks weren't lighting up the sky just yet, so he did what any kid would do if he were at the water's edge — he threw a lure into the Atlantic, just to see what would bite.

Lawson is the grandson of **David and Lisa Johnson**, and he knows his way around a fishing rod. With Capt



Vivienne McClure, Jack Holler, Lawson McClure and Lucy Holler.

Tucker Ersek as his guide, he has spent time on a boat, and already caught a number of sports fish, including a swordfish. He loves to angle, and staying at the cottage in the "historic district" gives him all the opportunity he wants. But this night, with his companion 9-year-old Lucy Holler (great-granddaughter of **Alan Goldstein**), and 5-year-old on-lookers Vivienne McClure and Jack Holler, he was left to his own resources. He needed bait, and found a cooked shrimp

left over from the Raw Bar take-out. He put it on his hook and spun it out from the coral breakfront. He waited.

He didn't have to wait long before he was reeling



Lawson and his catch of the night. Photos by Miles Mazer

in a nice-sized tarpon! (See photo).

Who knew that tarpon liked Raw Bar shrimp?

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Once again we will be sponsoring the "Pick 3 days" fishing tournaments. The First will be starting January 1 through February 29, 2024. The Second will be from March 1 through April 30. The 2 contests will be as follows:

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For the FLATS category, the species are Bonefish, Tarpon, Snook and Permit (however, Permit will be removed starting April 1 - per FWC spawning closure). 300 points for any caught on fly, and 100 points per fish on spinning rod.

For the OFFSHORE category, the targets are sailfish, tuna, mahi, wahoo and king fish. For sailfish, it is 100 points on spinning tackle and 300 points on fly rod for those adventurous anglers. 25 points for all other offshore fish, with a maximum of 3 of each species. At the end of the day, simply email us your tally to Fishing@RodandGun.org.

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ORYC Celebrates with Fleet Review and Blessing of the Fleet

The skies were cloudy but the waters relatively calm when the Ocean Reef Yacht Club returned to Key Largo Anglers Club Monday, Jan. 8 after many-years' hiatus to celebrate its annual Fleet Review and Blessing of the Fleet.

In her welcoming remarks, Commodore **Sarah Cart** shared a little history as she noted, "There are lots of memories of Ocean Reef Yacht Club here, and especially of three grande dames, Lee Nelson, Barbara Parker, and Lucy Otzen, whose physical presence is missed but whose grace and kind spirits linger . . ." Thank you's for the day were extended to the Rev. Bob Henley for blessing each of the boats that processed by the Anglers Point, Fleet Capt. **Tom McKenzie** for organizing the Fleet participants, and KLAC's Dockmaster, Brian Munday as well as all the KLAC staff for ensuring the safety and success of the day.

The review and blessing are two of the yacht club's annual "heritage events." The review begins with a marvelous, noisy, colorful, humorous collection of boats, each packed with marvelous, noisy, colorful Members, who this season focused their attention on Commodore Sarah Cart's "You Gotta Have Heart" theme. In addition to Mr. Henley, joining Commodore Cart for the review



The real drama of the Golden Bachelor wasn't on live TV, it was aboard Truant, here on the Reef. Up top, Past Commodore and Captain Henry Stout, Past Commodore Chris Streit, Roy Sutton, Paul DiMaura, Past Commodore and Bachelor Jim Leenhouts, George Combs, Gary Sayia, and Jim Loomis; below decks, Suzanne Stout, Maryann Combs, Barbara Sutton, Karen DiMaura, Jan Loomis, Didi Streit, Maggie Clark, and Suzanne Sayia.

from the Anglers Club breakwater were her Commendable, **Ben Cart**; Vice Commodore **Chip Hillyer**; and ORYC's noisiest member, Cannoneer **Michael Conley**, who honored each passing boat with a ceremonial bang; plus a throng of additional ORYC Members there to applaud each craft's appearance.

Crews honored for their interpretations of "You Gotta Have Heart" included those traveling aboard **Henry and Suzanne Stout's** Truant with their take on The Golden Bachelor (with Past Commodore **Jim Leenhouts** in the starring role); all the kings and queens of hearts, plus a jack and an ace, aboard **Jim and Cathy Breuer's** Let It Be, and, taking top honors, the team that sailed on **Chuck and Pam Cook's** Little Geezer dressed in hospital scrubs and posing as staff from the Medical Center at Ocean Reef.

As the yacht club's opening event for the 2024 calendar year, it proved to be fantastic fun with a touch of marvelous chaos and a lot of great food.



Leading with their hearts are the medical team aboard Chuck and Pam Cook's Little Geezer: Pat and Jim Engel, Kathy White, Bill Wonfor, Chuck and Pam Cook, Steven Schoedinger and Bonnie Rippingille-Schoedinger.



They're all cards! Jack Salisbury, Michele Welch, Chuck Tennent, Linda Salisbury, Jim Breuer, Corinne Fuller, John Welch, Cathy Breuer, Corinne Tennent, and Had Fuller show that they all have heart.



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CSMYC Season Series Begins on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore



The fleet drifts toward the windward mark. Photo by Erin Coffin.

As the calendar turns from December to January, so do the stakes for the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club as practice racing gives way to the races that count toward our Season Series. But, for a time, it looked like we might not have raced last Sunday at all. Fortunately, the conditions improved just enough to allow us to get five races run.

Driving to the Pond last Sunday, I had serious doubts that we would race at all.

It was one of those rare mornings that was as still as you can imagine, for the Florida Keys. Usually there is some sort of breeze, or at least a hint that one will be arriving soon. I am known for getting to the beach early to get boats set up as well as the course for the day but on this morning, I was in no rush to do either. As time passed and other sailors began arriving at the beach as well, the occasional hint that we would be able

to do some racing began to be evident in the form of gentle light and variable breezes. While this light air was not ideal (nor was the rain shower we experienced) we were not deterred from taking to the water. When racing was completed, it was **Joe Robillard** that mastered the challenging conditions and won the day's racing. In second place for the day was **Al Mast** in his first appearance on the Pond this season once again proving that he will vigorously defend his 2023 Season Series championship. Rounding out the top three was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. Thanks to my wife, **Erin Coffin**, who let me use her boat after I found that the transmitter for the boat I had used last Sunday decided it would not power up. Many thanks, as always, goes to our Race Committee of **Lynne Mast** and **Alzbeta Robillard** who were joined by Erin when

she lent me her boat. Forecasts at the time of this writing are showing that light and variable conditions will not be an issue this coming Sunday. In fact, it might be quite the opposite with possible showers. Hopefully by the time you read this the forecast will have turned more favorable. We will find out on Sunday morning and hopefully we will see you on the shores of the Pond enjoying watching some racing action! The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) until the end of April at "the Pond." Our first race start is at 10 a.m. and, of course, our sailing is dependent on favorable weather. If you would like more information about our model yachting club and our EC12 model yachts, please come by "the Pond" to see us or contact me, Windsor Coffin, at csmyc12@gmail.com.

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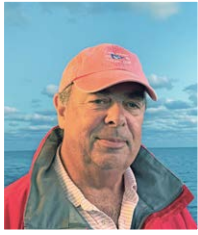
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Another Non-Racing Saturday



by Bill Reynolds,
Card Sound Sailing Club Commodore

I have writer's block. Writing about sail racing that did not occur would be fiction, whereas writing about a scheduled, real, recurring event would be a non-fiction account of a real event. A telling of true history.

Alas, Card Sound Sailing has suffered another non-event. Thus far our racing schedule reflects a dismal 1 for 5 for racing and a more disappointing 0 for 2 for our much-anticipated Hot Dog



Actual sailing.



Not sailing.

Days. (Hope they refrigerate well).

Sailors are by nature a frugal, patient lot, well prepared and ready for ever-changing challenges, but this is getting old.

We have a full fleet in the water, freshly prepared and rigged. Some with new paint, some new sails waiting to hoist and crack in the wind. (What a great, exciting, intoxicating sound new sails make). All have clean bottoms and excited crew.

Baker Harbor is in first-rate condition with a new Tiki Hut, complete with ceiling fans for the expected, yet-to-materialize hot days and Bluetooth music to enhance our already jovial spirit. Fresh paint on docks and picnic tables and racing awards waiting to be distributed.

Our race committee volunteers are ready and willing. Best of all our Nooner's Cart is stocked and ready.

Mother Nature? Come on man! You're up. It's go time. These delays are making us feel like Carolina Panthers fans. We will persevere, chin up, look forward and prevail! Next Saturday is Lucky 13th and we have 12 racing Saturdays ahead of us.

If you would like to see a bunch of excited sailors, race committee and volunteers, come on over to Baker Harbor and join us in post-race celebration around noon on Saturday afternoon.

Join our rental pool!

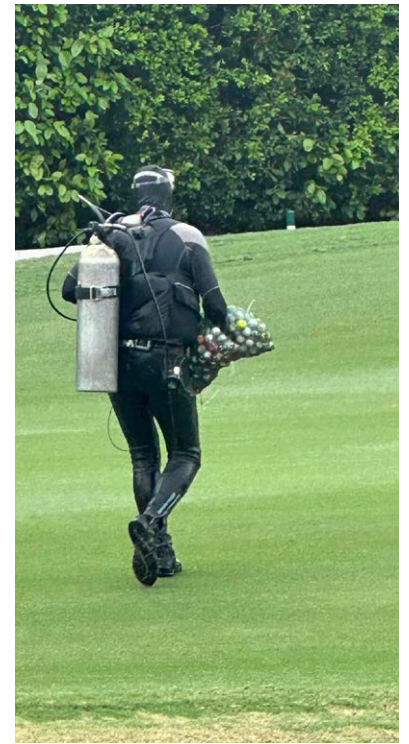
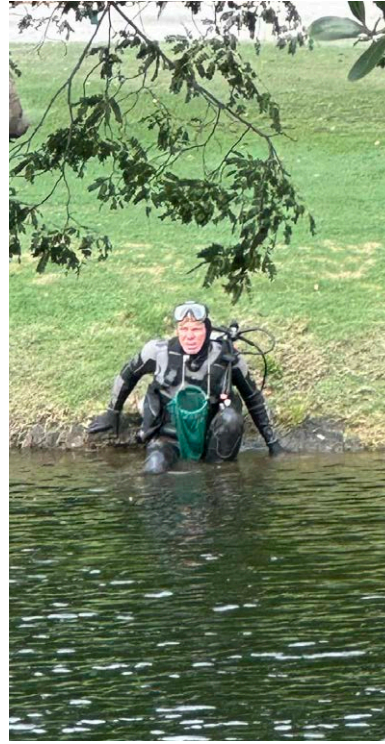
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LEFT: This little crocodile has joined the two large ones frequently seen sunbathing on the fairway of the 16th Hole on the Hammock Course. Submitted by Annie Miles.

MIDDLE & RIGHT: Last month, this man was spotted diving in the ponds on the Hammock Course and Members, rightfully so, were quite intrigued. Well, the mystery is solved! Twice a year, he comes to The Reef to brave the main ponds on the Dolphin and Hammock Courses. Why? He collects the lost golf balls, paying the Club for the amount he takes away with him. Quite the dedicated golfer! Here, he's pictured in the pond on Hammock Hole 18. Photos by Allyson Caldwell.

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Golf Roundup: Highlights from the Past Week



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

9-Hole LGA Lemon Squeeze

As promised, we had fantastic weather and playing conditions for last Thursday's round. The sunshine brought out the best of the 9-Hole LGA for the Lemon Squeeze tournament. The Lemon Squeeze format takes a lot of teamwork and a well-planned course management strategy. 15 yellow golf balls were given out to start the day, and 11 of them returned to the

scoring area.

All of the groups that returned the yellow golf ball to the scoring area received 5 strokes off their 1 Best Ball Net score, which led to a tight race at the top of the leaderboard. At the end of the round, there were two teams that recorded an outstanding score of 26, 9 under par. A scorecard playoff was used to determine our Lemon Squeeze champions. Congratulations to the team of **Alice Horton, Roz Smith, Ann Liashek, and Alison Ward** for winning the playoff and finishing in 1st place for the event!

MGA Weekly Event

The format for this MGA Monday was ABCD 1 Best Ball of the Foursome and we had a record-breaking attendance of 90 players! There was a tight race in both our Gross and Net competitions. In the Gross

Competition, we had several teams shoot sub 70 rounds but one was able to separate themselves from the field. The team of **Joe Joyner, Paul Archibald, Mark Kavanagh, and Hank Hanneken**, fired a -4 round of 67 to win Gross, with the help of Paul Archibald's hole-in-one on #16! On the NET side of the competition, we had some more impressive scores and the team of **Bill Miller, Billy Orgel, David Jackson, and Raymond Smith** outplayed the rest of the field by posting a -13 round of 58 this morning.

Our closest to the hole contests were on Hole #9 & #18 today. **Arthur Berry** stuck it on #9 by putting it to (8' 4"). **Phil French** hit him to (1' 8") on the difficult #18.

No MGA Monday

Next Monday will be the ORC vs. CSGC interclub.

Players who qualify to compete will take on Card Sound Golf Club in this two-day "Ryder Cup-style" tournament. Team Card Sound currently holds the cup. Let's wish them all good luck to see if we can reclaim the trophy!

9-Hole Men's League

We will have another 9-Hole Men's League event next **Monday, January 15th** on the Hammock Course. Tee Times are taking place at 10:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. If you are interested in playing with this league, please call the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.

LGA Member-Member Tournament

We had our big LGA Member-Member Tournament throughout this week. Please keep an eye on next week's article to read about the results.

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 Second Place: Kathleen Metzman, Charlotte Drinkwater,
 Bebe Hofmann
 Third Place: Karen Dimaura, Linda Salisbury, Susana Totura,
 Joanna Silverman
 Closest to the Hole #4: Alice Horton
 Longest Drive #5: Kristine Voulgaris

**MGA Weekly Event
Monday, January 8**

First Place Gross: Joe Joyner, Paul Archibald, Mark Kavanagh,
 Hank Hanneken
 Second Place Gross: Michael Acheson, Jeff Dorsey,
 James McCann, Frank Tropea
 First Place Net: Bill Miller, Billy Orgel, David Jackson,
 Raymond Smith
 Second Place Net: Scott Farmer, Bruce Berry, Pat Shouvin,
 Glen Gormley
 Third Place Net: Arthur Berry, Gary Forsee, Ken Owens,
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SWING TIP OF THE WEEK

Hammock Hole 10 Approach Shot

By Director of Instruction Stef Shaw and Kellie Stenzel

Every course has difficult holes that seem to create challenges and be intimidating. The 10th hole on the Hammock course is certainly one of those. It's about 180 yards to the water with then 70 yards of carry to get over. The right technique and plan will help you to be successful.

1. A solid setup: Having a great grip and posture is the key to consistent contact and straight ball flight. Your grip will control your club face and keep the ball from curving too much either way. A proper posture, which should be the same with every



club, is especially important to female golfers and should be specific to us. Every golfer should have a set-up routine that incorporates these in an order that works best for them.

2. Know your club distances including carry: Ideally you would know how far each of your clubs go as well as the approximate yardage they carry. Do not feel concerned if you

do not as this is very confusing and not intuitive. With your golf instructor, write down all of your clubs and chart your yardages to be your own best decision-maker. Knowing this would help you to best choose your club to carry the hazard on #10, rather than guessing.

3. Hit the ground and make a mess: Take a good practice swing as you prepare to carry the water on your approach, take a real practice swing that is full speed AND it hits the ground. Do not make the mistake of thinking you need to help lift the ball into the air but understand that you need to hit the ground to launch the ball into the air enough to carry the hazard. While this may seem counter-intuitive it is correct. Be willing to make a motion that may be different but yet correct and watch the ball easily carry the water and fly onto the green.

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Exciting News and Upcoming Events at the Card & Games Room



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Special Guest Speaker: Jerry Helms

I'm thrilled to announce that Jerry Helms will be our featured speaker this year, joining us on **Monday, January 15th**. A seasoned speaker with previous visits to Ocean Reef and a wealth of nationwide seminar experience, Jerry promises an engaging session. Hurry

and secure your spot, as we're capping attendance at 40 with over 30 enthusiasts already on board.

Men's Poker Night

Mark your calendars for an evening of poker fun on **Monday, January 15th**, at 6:45 p.m. And for those who can't make it, the next Poker KO is set for January 22nd.

Ladies Poker Night

Ladies, don't miss out on the upcoming Poker Night scheduled for **Tuesday, January 30th**, starting at 6:30 p.m. Save the date and join us for an exciting event.

Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge

Calling all beginners! Our next Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge is on **Sunday, January 21st** at 2 p.m.. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn and enjoy the game.

Canasta Pick-Up Games

Join us for Canasta Pick Up Games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations are needed – just show up, and we'll organize games just like in the pre-Covid days. If you're new or want to sharpen your skills, lessons are available on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. It's a great way to make new friends!

Mah Jongg Pickup Games

Enjoy Mah Jongg Pickup Games every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We now have a Mah Jongg teacher offering lessons for beginners and intermediates. Call Gregg at 305-367-6609 to make arrangements.

Beginners Canasta Lessons

Beginners Canasta Lessons are available on Thursday, January 18th, at 12:30 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your card game skills.

Live Duplicate Bridge Games

Participate in Live Duplicate Bridge Games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting at 1 p.m. If you need instructions or guidance, call Gregg at 305-367-6609.

Backgammon Lessons

Learn Backgammon with lessons available on Friday mornings, starting December 8th, at 10:30 a.m. (by appointment). Call 305-367-6609 to confirm your attendance. Backgammon games are available for checkout, allowing you to practice at home.

Open 7 Days a Week:

Remember, the Card & Game Room is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for your entertainment. Check out the January Card & Game Room Schedule available at the Card Room.

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8:30 a.m. • Arrival & Check-in

9:00 a.m. • Morning Session

11:30 a.m. • Lunch

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BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

Unraveling the Flannery Convention

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Origin of the Concept:

In the intricate world of bridge, where communication between partners is key, the Flannery Convention emerges as a strategic bid to convey specific information about a hand's distribution and strength. The convention finds its roots in the ingenious mind of Mr. William L. Flannery, who sought a solution for a particular unbalanced holding – a 5-card Heart suit paired with a 4-card Spade suit, featuring values between 11 and 15 high card points.

The Reverse Bid Dilemma:

Traditionally, the reverse bid had been the go-to method for communicating an unbalanced holding with a No Trump range of 16-18 points. However, this approach proved inadequate for Mr. Flannery's unique distributional challenge.

Enter the Flannery Two Diamonds Bid:

To tackle this issue, Mr. Flannery introduced the Flannery Two Diamonds bid. This bid serves as a quick and accurate way for the opening partner to describe their hand, indicating a 4-5 distribution with values ranging between 11 and 15 high card points. This bid efficiently conveys vital information to the responder, allowing for a streamlined auction process.

Understanding the Flannery Holding:

The conventional bid signifies a distribution of 4-5 in the major suits, representing about 70% of the distributional shape. The point range is fixed between 11 and 15 high card points, although some partnerships may extend the range to 16, with an additional requirement of the holding containing at least 2.5 defensive tricks.

Example Flannery Holding:

Consider the following hand, a textbook pattern for a Flannery Two Diamonds bid:

- ♠ AQ75
- ♥ AK943
- ♦ 64
- ♣ 52

In this scenario, the bid efficiently communicates the distribution and approximate high card point range,

streamlining the bidding process for both partners.

Versatility in Bidding:

One notable feature of the Flannery Convention is its flexibility in terms of seating. The bid can be employed from any position at the table, provided that no player has made a bid in the ongoing auction. This flexibility adds an extra layer of strategic advantage to the Flannery Two Diamonds bid.

In conclusion, the Flannery Convention, with its origins in the creative mind of Mr. William L. Flannery, offers bridge players a powerful tool for conveying specific hand information efficiently. As with any convention, clear communication and mutual understanding between partners are essential for successful implementation on the bridge table.

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