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Time to Make the Possibilities Real!

By Sarah A. Cart

It's **All Charities Weekend (ACW)** – are you ready?

Starting this morning, 36 hours remain to turn the possibilities you imagine into reality. Review the auction catalog (hard copy from last week's *Ocean Reef Press* or online at bidORC.org). Create some magic. Contact friends. Discuss and decide what to bid on and with whom. Execute your game plan. **Your actions will drive this weekend's success.**

Seeking immortality? Then bid to be a character in **Mike Smith's** next book! Or make a bucket list visit with three friends to watch "some finals in Augusta" in mid-April (yes, these are **THOSE** finals ... air transportation included)! Looking to feed a crowd of 20 right here on The Reef? Consider a moonlit dinner at The Point or a post-Thanksgiving burger bash on Marlin Beach. Either (both?) could be yours – all you need to do is bid to win! Now!

Come taste the wine (and some bourbons, too): Come to Carysfort Hall between 4 and 7 p.m. today for the weekend's official opening. For just \$50 (or included in the ACW ticket you've already purchased), taste and vote for the wines to be featured in Ocean Reef's dining establishments for the next 12 months while enjoying the first eye-on occasion to investigate

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51st Annual Member-Guest Tennis Tournament



Member-Guest Tennis Tournament participants. Read about the tournament on page 46.



Mixed Doubles Champions Chloe Zilkha and Chris Ujkic.



Men's Doubles Champion Glory Roper.



Ladies' Doubles A Flight Champions Chloe Zilkha and Dax Seidlin.



BONEFISH BONNIES' FISHIN' FUNATICS TOURNAMENT

Bonefish Bonnies' Fishin' Funatics theme was "Think Pink, Bonefish Bonnies Barbies." First place spirit winners were (l to r): Meg Shields, Valerie Rich, Kathy Weiland, Cassandra Moffet and Bessie Connelly. See more on page 35.

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OR "See"



Bob Schwartz came across this photo and sent it in for the archives. We consulted with the Ocean Reef Historical Society and believe it is an early 1970's aerial of Knoll Lane, Sunset Cay, Snapper Point with Pumpkin Key in the upper right corner.

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

Ocean Room Asian Buffet

TODAY! Friday, February 2 • 5:30-9:45 p.m.

Traditional seafood buffet stations like the seafood bar, raw bar and sushi station, along with fresh new options such as a dim sum and poke station and made-to-order Asian entrées.

Reservations required: 305-367-5931 or oceanreef.com/Dining

Cars & Coffee

TOMORROW! Saturday, February 3

9-11 a.m. • Business Center Parking Lot

Bring your cool conveyance or just stop by for a morning of "car talk" over coffee and lite breakfast bites. Complimentary.

Equity Member Get-Together: Rise & Shine Social

Friday, February 9 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m. • Sailfish Room & Patio

Lite bites and refreshments will be provided. Complimentary.

Registration required: 305-367-6516 or memberevents@oceanreef.com

Calling All Thetas

Please join us for a gathering at the Reef Lounge on **Wednesday, February 28th** at 5:30 p.m. For details, please call **Sally Martin** at 734-646-4774.

Tri Delta February Gathering

Thursday, February 15 5:30 p.m. on the Grill Room patio.

If you would like to let us know you are coming, email janebattles@yahoo.com.



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Introducing the 2024 ORC Nominating Committee

The Ocean Reef Club Nominating Committee is an autonomous committee charged with selecting the annual slate of candidates for the Club's Board of Directors. The goal of the Nominating Committee is to provide the best leadership possible. Working together, the committee members carefully consider a variety of factors in their selection process, including leadership, past participation in Ocean Reef committees, use of the Club, financial acumen, known to various membership constituents and most importantly, whether they have the time, energy and a real commitment to serve on behalf of the Membership.

Members of the 2024 Ocean Reef Club Nominating Committee are Committee Chairman **Ray Larkin** (Immediate Past Chairman of the Board), **Charlie Johnston**, Current Board Chairman, and **Joe Urbinati**, Vice Chairman, along with Members at large **Keith Bozeman**, **Diane Hill**, and **Tom Schievelbein**.

Keith Bozeman

Keith and his wife **Parris** first visited Ocean Reef in 2014 when Parris gave him a Christmas gift of a long weekend for just the two of them. As soon as they set foot on the property they knew this was the place for their family. They joined as Social Members that weekend. They looked at multiple houses the next few years before purchasing a lot in 2017 and building their current home.

After spending five months at The Reef with their three college-age kids during Covid, it became clear to them that they could live here full-time. The following year they sold their Maryland home and are



Keith Bozeman

now full-time residents of Ocean Reef.

Parris and Keith raised their three children in the Annapolis area of Maryland. He spent his career in Information Technology Staffing and Services, retiring in 2015. After retiring, he joined an early stage venture capital group based in the Washington, DC area and has been investing in early stage cyber security companies.

Keith has served on the Golf Committee for the past two years, is Chairman of the Greens Committee and sits on the Membership Committee.

Diane Hill

Diane originally came to the Ocean Reef Club in 1964 with her parents and lived here for 2 years while her father managed the Ocean Reef Resort. Many years later she returned with her husband Keith to imagine a retirement community where they could settle after 25 years of living overseas. They immediately felt at home and purchased an Equity membership at Ocean Reef Club in 2011 and built a house.

Originally from Westchester, New York, Diane earned a degree in Oceanography from the University of Miami, and a masters in Geological Engineering from Texas A&M University. She worked for Shell Oil and then Mobil Oil as a production geologist prior to moving overseas with Keith and their two children. Keith's work in the oil industry took them to reside in many locations,



Diane Hill

including Dubai, Geneva, Kuala Lumpur, Vancouver, London and Nairobi. While they are permanent residents at Ocean Reef now, they do spend their summer months at Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada.

Prior to coming to Ocean Reef, Diane served on the board of the Vancouver Aquarium, and TBI, a Richard Leaky anthropology school in northern Kenya. She was an All Charities co-chair and currently serves on the Grants Committee of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation board. Diane enjoys fishing with Keith and the Bonefish Bonnies, playing golf and learning pickleball.

Tom Schievelbein

Tom and his wife Betty came to Ocean Reef in 2015 to "look around". Betty bought their home on the first day they arrived. When not at Ocean Reef, they reside in Richmond, Va. Both daughters, Stacy and Lisa, are Legacy members.

Tom is a graduate of the United States Naval



Tom Schievelbein

Academy and has an MS in nuclear engineering from the University of Virginia. He is the retired Chairman, President and CEO of the Brink's Company, the largest global cash logistics company. Prior to, he was President of Northrop Grumman Newport News, and COO of Newport News Shipbuilding responsible for the design, construction and overhaul of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines.

He serves as Lead Director and Board Member of New York Life Insurance Company and is a Board member of HII (formerly Huntington Ingalls Industries), the largest shipbuilder in the United States.

At Ocean Reef, Tom is Chairman of the Board of the Cultural Center and a Member of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation Investment Committee.

The nominees for the Ocean Reef Club Board of Directors will be announced in early March.

SHABBAT



SERVICES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 16, & 23

Cornerstone Room - 6:00 pm

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Sanctuary - 6:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Anne Feibelman and Cantor Adina Scharfstein. Followed by dinner on the Sailfish Patio.

All events at the Ocean Reef Chapel

Reservations for dinner requested - shirschbiel@CongregationOR.org

Time to Make the Possibilities Real!

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closely the spectacular Silent Auction selections.

Browse. Marvel. Bid. Taste. Vote. Revisit. Bid again. Sip. Chat. Laugh. Connect. Bid anew. Have fun. Do good. Bid some more.

Return Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" from noon to 2 p.m. Continue browsing, connecting, and bidding. Leave yourself time Saturday to visit the display of NetJets aircraft at the Airport and/or tour the Lazzara Yacht in ORC Marina's slip F1 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Whenever Carysfort is open from 4 p.m. today through 2 p.m. Sunday, Chicago's full-service jeweler Lester Lampert will be there with beautiful pieces that just might fulfill your need for a Valentine gift (no matter the price tag, Lester will donate 20 percent back to All Charities).

Keep track of your bids at bidORC.org. The Silent Auction remains open throughout Saturday dinner and closes at the end of the Live Auction.* The highest bidders at that time will be the winners (you do not need to be present to win) and can be identified at "My Bids" on the bidding site. Item pick-up will be between 9 a.m. and

2 p.m. Sunday at Carysfort Hall.

Fuel miracles: "This year's *Imagine the Possibilities* theme is an invitation to envision and contribute to a future where our collective efforts continue to foster growth and wellbeing in our community and its surroundings," note **Susie Misini-Hassett** and **Cathy Totonis**, 2024 All Charities Weekend co-chairs. That's what will make this weekend so amazing – while all of us have fun bidding to transform imagined possibilities into reality, we will enable positive realities for grant recipients.

All Charities, conceived in 2008 to minimize the number of fundraising events held each season, facilitates the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's (ORCF) provision of financial grants focused on youth, education, community, and health and family services to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City, as well as supporting and strengthening the non-profit entities here on The Reef: the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association, "nurturing places where creativity, wellness, and learning can thrive," write Misini-Hassett and Totonis.

In 2009, ORCF awarded 17 grants totaling \$365,000; 16 years later, nearly \$65 million has been raised and \$21



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Moonlit Dinner at The Point for twenty.

million passed through to our neighboring communities.

Finally, consider this year's newest categories: Support What Touches Your Heart with a 100 percent deductible direct donation, or the luxurious anonymity afforded the winners of the sealed bidding as you *Imagine the Possibilities* of an around-the-world-by-private-jet experience, five nights on Necker Island for 48, exclusive attendance at the 2025 Academy Awards 12 months from now, or a family heirloom tour de force 10-carat diamond ring. Reach out to the All Charities office TODAY for details.

Again this year, surrogate bidding is available; reach out to the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@OceanReef.com for details, to register proxy bids, or if you have any questions.

* For those who have RSVP'd, Saturday night's **SOLD OUT** black-tie All Charities Gala and Live Auction begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails in Carysfort Hall, followed by 7 p.m. dinner, auction and dancing in Town Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: When looking online at the **Bucket List and Imagine the Possibilities** categories, don't be misled by the notice indicating the opening times; **like every other category, these two will also CLOSE at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.** While they are available online for PREVIEW only, the Bucket Raffle will be open from tonight's opening event through cocktails on Saturday, and ALL BIDS for *Imagine the Possibilities* (your highest and best offer) are to be emailed to ImagineThePossibilities@oceanreef.com BEFORE 10:30 p.m. Saturday night.

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Riding the Future: E-Bikes & Micro-Mobility Battery Safety

With the rise of lithium-ion battery-related fires, it is crucial to prioritize safety when it comes to e-bikes, micro-mobility devices, and their batteries. Some states have passed a law requiring UL (Underwriters Laboratory) certification for these products to reduce the risk of accidents and ensure that they meet modern safety standards.

As a precaution, it is essential to stay away from any e-bike or battery that is not UL certified and to follow manufacturers' guidelines to avoid endangering oneself and others. Charging of e-bikes and golf carts must only take place outside of enclosed spaces. Batteries should not be charged for more than eight hours. Ensure your battery



chargers have an automatic "shut off" feature that will stop charging once the batteries are fully charged. Prioritizing safety in this regard is of utmost importance to prevent any further tragedies caused by these products.

Use this checklist as a guideline:

- **ALWAYS** purchase and use devices certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory UL (Underwriters Laboratory) and the most common laboratories
- **ALWAYS** follow the manufacturer's instructions for

both charging and storage

- **ALWAYS** use the correct battery cord and power adapter
- **ALWAYS** plug directly into a wall electrical outlet for charging
- **ALWAYS** keep batteries and devices at room temperature
- **ALWAYS** store and/or charge batteries away from anything flammable
- **ALWAYS** keep away from heat sources
- **ALWAYS** bring batteries to Battery Recycling Centers when disposing
- **NEVER** charge in enclosed spaces

- **NEVER** use aftermarket (or generic) batteries or chargers
- **NEVER** plug into a power strip or overload an outlet
- **NEVER** overcharge or leave battery charging overnight
- **NEVER** charge a battery or device under your pillow, on your bed, or near a couch
- **NEVER** block your primary way in or out of a room/space
- **NEVER** place batteries in trash or recycling bin

When it's time to dispose of old batteries, do so responsibly. Ocean Reef members may dispose of their used batteries by delivering them to the Ocean Reef Club Service Station during business hours. The Service Station will dispose of the batteries safely.

By adopting the above practices, you will not only extend the life of your batteries but also contribute to a safer and more sustainable tech experience for yourself and your Ocean Reef community. Share these tips with family, friends, and community members to foster a culture of responsible battery use.

Upcoming Card Sound Road Closures

As part of the Card Sound Road Resurfacing Project, ground-in rumble strips are set to be installed for centerline and edge line safety. This process involves the machine encroaching into oncoming traffic on the already narrow two-lane road.

Due to safety considerations, Card Sound Road will be closed for installation work on the following schedule:

- **Monday, February 5** – Tuesday, February 6: 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 6** – Wednesday, February 7: 8:00 p.m. until completion in the morning.

The closure will extend from the intersection of C.R. 905 to the North end of the Monroe County toll plaza. The closures will not impact the Miami-Dade section of CR 905.

Please plan your travel accordingly to avoid disruptions.

E-BIKE BATTERY SAFETY TIPS

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging, storing and handling your e-bike battery.
 - Only use the original equipment manufacturer's charger to charge your e-bike battery.
- Charge your e-bike battery plugged directly into a wall outlet. Never use charging strips or extension cords.
- Never charge an e-bike battery unattended or overnight. Never leave it plugged in when it is not charging.
- Avoid charging or storing your e-bike battery in extreme temperatures.
- Handle your e-bike battery with care - do not drop or submerge in water.
 - Do not modify or attempt to repair your e-bike battery.

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

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Harbour Green 45 | Canal Front

4 BD, 3 BA | \$6,850,000 | 2635

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Pumpkin Cay 43A | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$6,275,000 | 2524

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Cay Harbor 8C | Canal Front
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,895,000 | 2624

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Angelfish Cay 25A | Canal Front
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,500,000 | 2547

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Angelfish Cay 21A | Canal Front
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,275,000 | 2641

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NEWLY PRICED

Angelfish Cay 29B | 36' Dock
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,250,000 | 2622

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NEW LISTING

Fairway Lakes 36A | Golf Views
2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,975,000 | 2642

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Angelfish Cay 14B | Canal Front
1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,800,000 | 2534

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NEW LISTING

Residence Club B-211 | Large Patio
1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,800,000 | 2643

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Angelfish Cay 38B | Canal Front
1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,350,000 | 2579

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Harbour Green 11 | Canal Front

4 BD, 3 BA | \$7,500,000 | 2506

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PC Garden Home 74 | Canal Front

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$7,500,000 | 2502

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Marina Village 2B | Canal Front

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Pumpkin Cay 47B | Canal Front

4 BD, 3 BA | \$6,250,000 | 2628

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Harbour House 22 | 45' Dockage

3 BD, 4 BA | \$5,995,000 | 2639

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Pumpkin Cay 7B | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,950,000 | 2513

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FC Landings 9A | 31' Dockage

2 BD, 2 BA | \$4,150,000 | 2621

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Residence Club A-107

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,200,000 | 2553

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Cay Harbor 8E | Canal Front

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,195,000 | 2647

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Pumpkin Cay 12B | Canal Front

2 BD, 3 BA | \$2,900,000 | 2561

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Pumpkin Cay 14B | Canal Front

2 BD, 3 BA | \$2,995,000 | 2604

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Angelfish Cay 72B | Canal Front

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NEW LISTING

Angelfish Cay 11B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,185,000 | 2644

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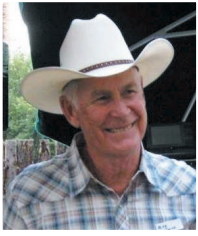
Angelfish 38A | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,100,000 | 2598

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The Two Sided Coin



by Mike Smith

(SIDE ONE)

Christine Langley donned her helmet, flipped on her bike's light, rode onto the still-dark street, and headed toward the Fitness Center. It was a Monday, just like any other. She would work out and then attend a long list of scheduled appointments. Crossing over to the cart path on the left side of Anchor Drive heading south, the trees blocked most of the ambient light as they had many times before. The bike seemed to know the way, and Christine was lost in her thoughts.



Christine Langley stands where the "meeting" took place.

THWACK! The bike hit something unyielding and pitched Christine forward onto the sidewalk with one foot still in the bike's toe clip. Her head was next to a log, and in a daze, she wondered what the heck had happened. Why would a tree have fallen across the path?

There had been no wind. Then the 'log' moved and rose off the pavement, making a guttural hissing sound. She smelled a stale, 'fishy' odor. "I mean you no harm" were Christine's only words as she tried to pull herself away from the colossal crocodile. She knew the animal could turn on her at any second. The animal's powerful jaws could rip her apart. Instinctively, she thought getting up and appearing bigger might dissuade the croc. She extricated her foot from the clip and managed to stand. The croc slowly walked away a few feet, then turned back and hissed again with its mouth open. "I mean you no harm," she said again, and the croc slowly slunk off toward the canal.

After assuring herself that she had all her arms and legs and with some abrasions, Christine continued a wobbly ride to the Fitness Center. The trainers wondered what had happened because of her bruises, some of which were bleeding, and she related her unbelievable encounter. But, the gravity of the danger she had been in did not really sink in until she arrived back home. Her cat, who usually wants to be petted upon her return, merely hissed when it detected the strange smell of the big American crocodile.

(SIDE TWO)

Answering the sidereal call to move on, the big crocylus acutus slid into the murky waters of the upper Dispatch Creek. Swimming against the incoming tide, she picked up her pace, wanting to avoid crossing the big road anytime close to rush hour. Swimming against an incoming tide was always preferred because the water was clearer, and she could easily see underwater prey. After all, her eyes were not as good as they used to be, but then she was over fifty and couldn't expect much better.

After passing the Harbor Green docks, she crawled up the bank and headed toward the lake by Dolphin #5 green. There, she would meet a friend. Actually, there were two 'friends' and she knew the time was fast approaching when she would have to choose one of them, but that was for another day. The climb up the bank winded her, and she stopped to catch her breath, letting her large girth sink down to the cool path. All of a sudden and without warning, she felt something hit her rib cage with a stinging blow. There beside lay a woman and a bicycle. The woman seemed okay but scared. The woman muttered something...something the big croc could not understand.

Innately shy of humans, the croc thought the collision would attract more humans, so she rose up on her legs and walked toward the creek. But after a few steps, she felt sorry for the woman, maybe she suffered from poor vision, too, so she turned and asked if everything was okay. The woman jumped on her bike without a word or the slightest acknowledgement, left, disappearing into the darkness. A little disappointed, the croc moved on and slid back into Dispatch Creek; she was alone again. She would find another place to bask in the afternoon sun. She wondered if her two 'friends' would miss her. She hoped so.

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Love Advice



by Felicia M. Koretsky

My best friend's mother used to like to drop odd pearls of wisdom on us about marriage.

One of her favorite sayings was "any monkey can get married, but not every monkey can make it last."

She considered herself one such monkey because her first marriage didn't make it past the seven-year itch.

We asked three long-term married couples for their tips on making unions work:

Margareta & Stefan Carlsson, Married 25 Years, 4 Children
Margareta Sahlberg and Stefan Carlsson met during a two-month bank leadership seminar in Stockholm in 1993. Five years and many international flights later, they were married.

Similar careers and interests are some of what they attribute to their success. The two will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary next month.

"You have to be a good listener, coach each other, be each other's sounding board, support each other's careers," Stefan said. "It's important to have the same outlook on life, have the same goals, spiritually, financially, challenge each other, grow together."

Margareta said they also genuinely enjoy each other's company and share a similar sense of humor. "You also need to be able to have healthy debates even if you disagree. It's also important to provide each other with freedom to pursue your own interests."

It's also helpful that the two know each other's roles in the kitchen. He cooks. She eats. The pair are also up for trying new things. Just last weekend, the Swedish natives attended their first American rodeo in Homestead.



Margareta and Stefan Carlsson

Mary & Larry Brady, Married 39 Years, 5 Children, 7 Grandchildren
Larry Brady hasn't bought his wife, **Mary**, a Valentine's Day gift in 38 years. Mary is completely fine with that.

Back in 1985, the New Jersey natives were looking at homes at Ocean Reef. Their realtor set them up with a golf cart and sent them golfing. While putting behind a pretty home on Halfway Road, Larry told Mary he'd buy her the house if she could make the putt. She did.

A man of his word, he put a bid on the house. But they didn't hear back. A few months later, Larry was caught by surprise to hear the owner, who had been on a trip around the world, accepted their offer. Larry told the realtor if he could get the deal done on or before February 14th, he would never have to buy his wife another Valentine's Day gift. The deal got done.

This is the second marriage for each. The two will celebrate their 40th anniversary in March. They shared their best piece of advice for a happy marriage:

"We always present a united front. Whether he doesn't agree with me or I don't agree with him, we discuss that behind closed doors," said Mary, whose stepchildren came to live with them shortly after their wedding, making a total of five teenagers in their clan at once. "Kids will look at that crack and try to split it open. I think we carry that advice in every aspect of our marriage and it's served us well. My mother used to say 'If you had teenagers first, you'd never have kids.'"

As far as the house on Halfway, they've moved twice since, each time getting a bigger space for



Larry and Mary Brady

their large family. Larry still isn't planning on getting Mary any gifts next week.

"I don't moan about it," she said. "We are very blessed."

Connie & Rich Riley, Married 45 Years, 3 Children, 2 Grandchildren
Connie and Rich met during a Driver's Education course at John F. Kennedy High School in Willingboro, NJ when they were 16.

Connie calls Rich a great father and husband who knows where his priorities belong.

"Rich traveled a lot



Connie and Rich Riley

internationally when we were younger, but when he came home, he wasn't running off doing other things. He was spending time with the family," said Connie. "Always try to have a date night one night a week. Don't let the little things bother you. Be willing to compromise. And remember no one is perfect so don't expect your spouse to be perfect."

The couple also love spending time together, especially exercising. They speed walk The Reef for 90 minutes each morning and play 18 holes of golf most days.



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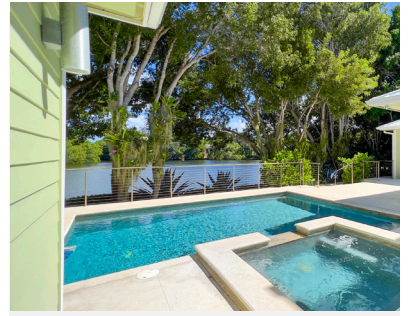
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Zoetic Stage Elevates Broadway Brilliance with 'Side by Side by Sondheim'

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Zoetic Stage, known for its critically acclaimed productions of Sondheim's works like "Assassins," "Passion," "Sunday in the Park with George," and "Sweeney Todd," is continuing its relationship with the legendary composer. This upcoming production is not only a perfect introduction to Sondheim's genius for newcomers but also a must-see for die-hard fans.

"Side by Side by Sondheim"

is a musical revue that showcases the highlights of Sondheim's illustrious career, featuring some of his most beloved songs from various productions. The simplicity and unpretentious nature of the performance allow the audience to connect on a profound level with the emotions conveyed through the lyrics and melodies.

Whether you are a seasoned enthusiast of musical theater or someone taking their first step into the world of Sondheim, "Side by Side by Sondheim" promises an evening of entertainment that will linger in your heart long after the final note has been played.

Performance is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 13** at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$175 for Cultural Center Donors and \$200 for non-donors. There is an optional pre-performance dinner for \$63+, reservations are required. To secure your tickets, email tickets@oceanreef.com.

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Wednesday, February 7 at 5 p.m.

If you are 45 or older and healthy, there is a very good chance that you will live to be 90, or even 100. While there was a slight dip in life expectancy due to the pandemic, the new longevity will mean that all of our life patterns and cycles are going to change.

The “Reimagineers” are the group that are rewriting the script for the second half of

life. They believe in rewiring vs. retiring and starting new careers or entrepreneurial ventures. They are establishing new lifestyle patterns for living and for relationships and are pushing back on the ageism that exists in all spheres of our culture. At the forefront of this social movement, the Reimagineers embrace that “50 is the new 50” and “60 is the new 60.” In this talk, Michael Clinton will share with you his findings from interviews, research and writings on how you can join the emerging Reimagineers. His four-step process includes: life layering, lifelong learning and the reassessment of your own self-imposed barriers. Join us at the Cultural Center Wednesday, February 7 for this complimentary virtual lecture beginning at 5 p.m.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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FRIDAY, FEB. 2

AA Meeting
 7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room
For additional AA Meetings: 305-390-4983

Shabbat Service
 6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

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

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

Traditional Worship Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev. Alistair Begg
Kids Matter (4yrs-8yrs)
 9 a.m., Chapel Children’s Room
Journey Together
 10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Bob Henley
Catholic Mass
 12 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. Hilley

MONDAY, FEB. 5

Al-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
For additional AA Meetings: 305-390-4983

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Catholic Bible Study
 9 a.m., Chapel Living Room
Potluck Gathering
 6 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room
Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev. Wierda
Chapel Women Connect
 10:30 a.m. & 4pm, Chapel Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Ocean Reef Men’s Fellowship
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Visiting Priest Fr Tim Kesicki

Please help us welcome our second visiting priest of the season, Father Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J. Father comes to us at the invitation of **George and Lora Blaha**. He will be celebrating Mass at 4 p.m. on **Saturday, February 10** and noon on **Sunday, February 12**.

Father Kesicki is the President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Jesuit Conference promotes common goals and oversees international projects for the Society of Jesus. As Conference President, Fr. Kesicki works with the Jesuit Provincials of the United States and Canada in implementing programs, represents the Conference internationally and serves as the religious superior of the



Fr. Tim Kesicki

Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA. He serves on the boards of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA and America Magazine.

Prior to leading the Jesuit Conference, Fr. Kesicki served from 2008 through 2014 as the Provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus.

A frequent contributor to

CNN and MSNBC, Fr. Kesicki hails from Erie, PA, where he attended local Catholic schools before earning a bachelor's degree in political science from John Carroll University in Ohio.

Fr. Kesicki entered the Society of Jesus at Loyola House Jesuit Novitiate in Berkley, Michigan, in 1984. His formation as a Jesuit included philosophy studies at Loyola University Chicago, theology studies at the Jesuit School of Theology and studies in educational administration at Teachers College, Columbia

University, NY.

From 1988 to 1991, Fr. Kesicki worked at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, where he taught theology, directed the service program and served on the pastoral team. Following his 1994 ordination, Fr. Kesicki worked for a year at the Jesuit Refugee Service in Adjumani, Uganda, and then taught theology at Loyola High School in Detroit. From 2000 to 2008, he served as president of Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EPISCOPAL SERVICE

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Finding Faith in An Age of Unbelief



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

A friend of mine reads the Book of Ecclesiastes at the start of each New Year. He does so because this Wisdom Book of the Bible grounds his life. If we're honest, we all need grounding in our unsettling times.

Ecclesiastes says, "There is nothing new under the sun." That includes the fact that the world has repeatedly been a mess. We forget this to our detriment – me included.

An Important Book

Andrew Klavan is a thoughtful writer whose work has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among others.

I am rereading his book titled "The Truth and Beauty" - subtitled "How the Lives and Works of England's Greatest Poets Point the Way to a Deeper Understanding of the Words of Jesus." This is not some kind of devotional book with a reading for each day, or a boring, pedantic analysis of poetry.

Instead, Klavan explains how the Romantic poets – Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, and Shelly – found a "peculiar path to understanding Christ" as the answer to their unsettling times.

Nothing New Under the Sun

The era of the Romantic poets was from 1770 to 1850. It was a period of history remarkably like our own.

Revolutions had failed – think Jean Valjean and *Les Misérables*. Those failed revolutions "worked out in far-flung wars fought in foreign lands.... New ideas were breaking down

traditions, often with shocking speed. Nations and times were wracked by uprisings, infighting, philosophical doubt, and political disruption. Radicals and traditionalists wrestled for control of the popular imagination...A new group, called evangelicals, began to campaign for a return to virtue and piety."

Disruption & Unbelief

"At the same time, progressives began to question every assumption on which the civilization was based. Feminists sought to dismantle gender roles, sexual mores, and the institution of marriage. Historians wondered whether this mighty nation would fall like every other nation before it."

Klavan observes that "it was eerily there and then as it is here and now... There were the growing doubts, first about Christianity, and then about the very existence of God. Then as now, atheism, long reviled and suppressed, became a legitimate minority view... For many intellectuals – then as now – the central principle of the age was unbelief."

Their Challenge

So, how did the poet's understanding change, and as a result, change their lives and impact their world? This book is Klavan's thoughtful answer. He believes their rediscovery is the great need of our time. They found faith in an age of unbelief.

The insightful words of T.S. Eliot in his *Four Quartets* capture what happened to them and in them. "The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."

Their Rediscovery

Klavan says, in the words of Eliot, they went back to where they started, "rereading the Gospels." As they did, "they... either accidentally or guided by a hand they could not perceive – blazed a literary trail back from the ruins of old faith – from the smoking shambles left by human superstition, corruption, and

violence – toward the original vision that Christ delivered... in all the works and words of that invisible biography that hovers in the credal silence between his miraculous birth and his suffering death."

What did they find when they 'arrived where they started?' "They rediscovered," he says, "what is provable in the living of it: that the deepest experience of human existence, the most creative, the most joyful, and surely the most true, is the experience taught to us by the incarnate Word of God and bought for us by his crucifixion and resurrection."

Klavan's Journey

Klavan, a self-described secular Jew, made what he calls "a bold decision... a stroke against the unbelieving tenor" of our times. That bold stroke of faith was his response to his own study of the person of Jesus, seen through the lens of the poets.

His decision led to "a deepened relationship with

God that has augmented my talent for living." His faith, he says, "transformed him into a weirdly peaceful monster, joyful in every little thing – not happy in everything – that would have made him 'a loon.'"

He says, I became "alive to the life of the moment... my family and my friends, my work and a good whiskey, a good book and the loveliness of enchanted venues."

Considering Faith

Our world is an unsettling mess, leaving many without hope and on the verge of despair. Consider doing what Klavan and these Romantic poets did. They rediscovered the person of Jesus again, for the very first time!

Fresh faith is the answer to despair, to the unbelief that surrounds us. "The Truth and the Beauty" tells the story of how these influential poets found faith in their age of unbelief. Perhaps it's something we each should consider in our unsettling messy age.

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Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots February Meeting

By Cynthia Weglarz, ForgetMeNots Co-chair

It's February and you are cordially invited to the monthly meeting of the Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots, a caregiver support group, on **Tuesday, February 13**, 12 p.m. in the Medical Center meeting room on the second floor.

The ForgetMeNots will come together to hear Keith Young, CEO of the Medical Center, and Chief John Flynn of Public Safety speak about their services to the community with special emphasis on emergency situations requiring their cooperation. This is an opportunity for members to learn more about the workings of these two important resources. Questions and discussion will follow.

Lunch is included. Kindly call or text your RSVP to **Cynthia Weglarz**, 708-476-6350, to reserve your place.

We Mourn the Loss

Jon D. Benson

Benson, Jon D. of Plymouth, MN passed away on December 16, 2023 at age 76.

Preceded in death by parents Mary Jane and Jack Benson, son J. Ryan Benson, grandson Ryan Benson Jr., and twin sister Sara L. Benson. Survived by two sons: Barrett and Jack Benson and their mother Shar Benson, sister Judy Williams, brother Don "Punch" Benson (Ann), granddaughter Olivia Benson, and lots of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jon was a father, grandfather, and uncle. He resided in both Florida and Minneapolis, but was raised in Springfield, Illinois. He was an avid Twins and Vikings fan, loved deep sea fishing and having a good



time. He was a pioneer in the adolescent substance abuse rehabilitation field and was the founder and CEO of On-Belay of MN (and NJ, PA, OH).

A small service was held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapels in Plymouth, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

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Please call The Art League 305-367-2359 or email artleago@bellsouth.net for more information.

We Mourn the Loss

Brian Michael Blackshaw

It is with deep sadness that we bring news of the passing of Brian Michael Blackshaw. Brian passed away peacefully in his home in Frisco, Texas on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

For those who had the privilege of knowing and enjoying Brian's love and friendship, this is a day we did not expect. With Brian's energy, love for others and his deep passions, we thought he would live forever.

Brian was born on April 2nd, 1948, in St. Louis, Missouri to Allyn and Mary Blackshaw. He attended the University of Missouri, but was always and forever a Dawg fan!

He is preceded in death



by the love of his life, his wife, Mary Claire Blackshaw, parents, Mary Julia (Darrah) and Allyn Julian Blackshaw and his sister and brother-in-law Eleanor and Ron Hines. He is survived by his son Jordan (Beth) Blackshaw, daughter Darrah (Eric) Wagaman and son Beau Blackshaw; grandchildren Julia Wagaman, Anna Blackshaw, Bryce Blackshaw and Henry Wagaman; and

mother-in-law Mary Ann Arant.

Blackshaw Partners was Brian's professional passion and he was tremendously successful for 48 years. He placed hundreds of top executives, the vast majority became long-time, fast friends.

Brian was a proud Member of Ocean Reef Club for 24 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Circle of Friends, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, 1575 NE Expressway NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

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Proposed for Membership

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

Equity Membership

Pauline & Todd Stamper are new members applying for Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Stamper are purchasing 46 South Bridge Lane from John Kovacs and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Stamper are residents of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. They belong to Oakland Hill Country Club and Detroit Athletic Club. Their sponsors are Michael Acheson, Mark Zausmer and Keith Hill.

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We Mourn the Loss

Robert G. Thomson

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert "Bob" Gerald Thomson, a distinguished Marine Corps veteran, successful businessman, avid golfer, and legendary life of the party amongst his friends. Bob, a longtime resident of Ocean Reef Club and Plymouth Meeting, PA, passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease on November 17, 2023. He was 83 years old.

Bob was born on May 30, 1940 and grew up in Chester, NJ. He attended St. Bernard's school where he played football and basketball, putting his eventual 6'5" stature to good use. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1958 and received training as an aircraft engine and jet engine mechanic, completing his GED and first year college equivalency. He was awarded two Good Conduct Medals and



several marksmanship awards and was honorably discharged in 1962 with the rank of Corporal.

Bob's professional career began in Northern California, selling industrial equipment for Westinghouse Air Brake Co. After several successful years in sales, he was tasked with turning around a failing division of branches called Furnival Machinery Company. A visionary entrepreneur, Bob purchased the business. Reorganizing it and striking a deal with Komatsu Equipment Company gave him the opportunity in 1980 to acquire Rocky Mountain Machinery,

making him the largest single distributor of Komatsu Equipment in the US. At their peak his businesses employed almost 500 people and participated in hundreds of millions of dollars of economic activity across broad swaths of the mid-Atlantic and mountain west.

Bob never fully retired, and the sale of his machinery businesses in 1997 allowed him to become a prolific investor. One of his proudest accomplishments was his role as a founding investor and key board member of the Philadelphia Trust Company. His steadfast support of Philadelphia Trust was instrumental in the firm's early success, and helped build a legacy of continued growth to this day.

Bob also found time after the sale of his businesses to pursue his favorite pastime and perfect his golf game. He competed with his friends and associates at Sunnybrook GC, Sankaty Head GC, Card Sound GC, Saucon Valley GC, and Ocean Reef Club. His proudest accomplishment on the course was winning Sunnybrook's Silver Putter four

times in six years with his partner and friend Paul LaNoce.

Bob was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lynne Thomson; his children Courtney Robertson (Bruce) and R. Zachary Thomson (Stacie); grandchildren Dylan, Jordan, and Travis Robertson, and Sloane Thomson; sister, Lynn; and brother, George. There are many nieces, nephews and extended family members that will miss him dearly.

His humor, legendary stories, global adventures, and numerous golf titles leave behind a legacy that will forever be remembered. Robert Thomson's departure leaves a void that cannot be filled, but his spirit will live on in the memories of those who knew and loved him.

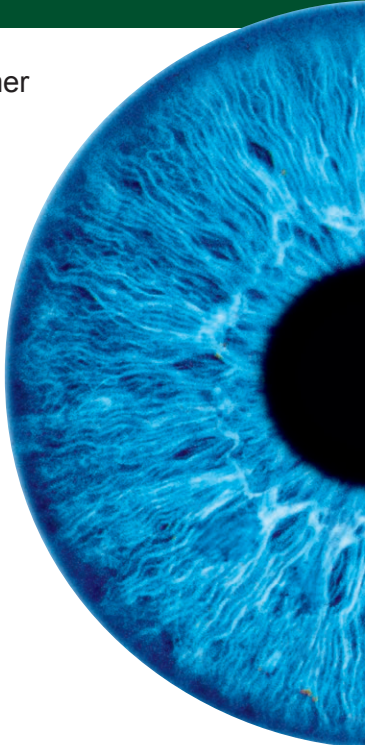
Per his wishes Robert was cremated, and his ashes will be spread in private ceremonies at some of his most beloved places. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research.

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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

“A Night Out at the Medical Center- Ladies & Men’s Night”

Monday, February 12
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Please join us in welcoming Michael Raisch, M.D., who will speak about “Skin Cancer and Safety.” Dr. Raisch is a fellowship-trained Mohs micrographic surgeon and dermatologist at Miami Cancer Institute and specializes in Mohs micrographic surgery and dermatologic oncology for the treatment of skin cancer. He is board-certified in both



micrographic dermatologic surgery and general dermatology by the American Board of Dermatology.

Prior to joining Miami Cancer Institute in 2021, Dr. Raisch worked in private practice in Miami and Boulder, Colorado. He was also previously an attending physician for the dermatology department at Duke

University Medical Center.

Dr. Raisch’s research has been published in multiple medical journals, including Science, Dermatitis, The American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology, and Developmental Biology. He has also presented at several national medical meetings and is a member of the American College of Mohs Surgery, American Academy of Dermatology and American Society for Dermatologic Surgery. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology.

Dr. Raisch’s approach to patient care is to learn his patients’ priorities and collaborate with them to determine the optimal treatment plan to achieve their goals. Dr. Raisch states, “I love being outside and feel

like being active and living a full life is so important to people’s mental health, their physical health, their cardiovascular health, so I don’t want people to stay inside. I want them to protect their skin, wear hats and sunscreen and get out there and live a full life.”

Many thanks to Baptist Health South Florida for sponsoring the February 12th “Night Out with the Medical Center.” Following the lecture will be a cocktail reception.

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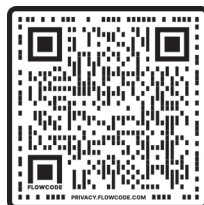
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LEFT: Long-time Ocean Reef Members Candace and Sean Grosman are proud to announce the engagement of their oldest son Tyler to Sam Wolfe that occurred on January 26th, 2024. As long-time boaters who enjoy spending time at the Ocean Reef Marina, we are very pleased they chose to get engaged on our boat. We are overjoyed to welcome Sam to our family. She hails from Toronto, Canada. Sam's parents Beverly and Michael Wolfe were here for the engagement as well, which made it even more special.

RIGHT: Can you possibly find the Ocean Reef Club members celebrating their wedding day? It's newlyweds Suzanne and Henry Stout pictured center on February 2, 1974. Congratulations on 50 years Mr. & Mrs. Stout!



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Making of the Manager of the Year Part II



by Terry Baxter

Last week we described the process for identifying and rewarding outstanding Associates, one that culminated in announcing two Managers of the Year. Nico DiPerna was honored as Manager of the Year for the Ocean Room, the "front-of-the-house" winner. The "heart-of-the-house" nominee was Emily Toledo. She works more behind the scenes with limited interaction with Members but fulfills a management job vital to the



Manager of the Year Emily Toledo from Communications.

success of many of the Club's operations.

There are two divisions under VP Molly Carroll: The Ocean Reef Press, which astonishingly produces a weekly 50- to 60-page color newspaper during the season, fully supported by ads. A feat unmatched by any other private club anywhere. The

Press is managed by Holly Houser. The second division is the Communications Department, managed by Emily Toledo. Supported by a small staff (a designer, coordinator/photographer, digital assistant) Emily distributes a dizzying array of information to Members and other departments. Some you will know – the Club Calendar, the Taste Brochure, This Week at The Reef, the Summer Camp Brochure, the Associate Handbook, Wining & Dining, and dozens of email blasts, invitations, menus, event posters, the Club website, social media...well, you get the idea. As details constantly change, Emily is the essential hub for getting information, processing it, and delivering it to the appropriate department on time.

Molly Carroll recognized Emily's talents when Emily worked at Ocean Reef's front desk, a demanding job. Molly said, "I have a lot of respect for the Front Desk role. You have to be a good ambassador and a good problem solver. I knew she would have the skills for Communications. She understood the brand, the style, and the high level of service expected. She had absorbed the 'Ocean Reef Experience.' Emily rose to the challenge quickly."

Executive Director of Food & Beverage Chris Patterson agrees, "Since

joining the Communications Department and taking over all the restaurant menu duties, Emily has become a great partner for our chefs. Early in the season, each menu at each venue changed at least five times a day as we worked toward roll-out. She handles the multiple inputs with grace, never seeming overwhelmed or losing her cool – a tall order."

Raquel Moraga in Membership says, "Emily is quick, effective, professional and kind. She is a go-getter who goes above and beyond." Molly Carroll says, "It took guts to move to a department with no communications experience, but Emily knew it takes a team and that's alright. She has a natural ability to manage people. She has brought structure and workflow to the team." Emily says her favorite part of the job "is forming the close relationships throughout The Reef and getting to know and support their operations." Good communication is at the heart of every successful organization. Now you know where the nerve center is.

What does Emily want Members to know about her job? "That I am smiling as I prepare a message for you. Being recognized as Manager of the Year is incredibly rewarding and encouraging." Congratulations Emily, and thanks from all of us.

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Associate Spotlight: LeFranc Canon



by Susan Bohan



Housekeeping's LeFranc Canon takes pride in sculpting perfect burgees in urns like this around The Reef.



Have you ever wondered how Buccaneer Island looks so pristine early in the morning, welcoming those early-rising swimmers or exhausted parents in need of an activity for a high-energy toddler? Or who cleans and meticulously creates those beautiful Burgee designs on the sand atop the urns around the Inn Lobby? These are only two areas on the list for Housekeeping Route #2, ably handled by LeFranc Canon.

Ocean Reef's Housekeeping Team has several areas of focus, with some responsible for the cleaning and care of Inn Rooms, as well as homes and condos in the Club's Vacation Rentals program. Canon, who goes by his last name, is a member of Housekeeping's Common Area Maintenance Team. For 17 years now, he has taken great pride in ensuring Members enjoy a first-class experience everywhere we go on The Reef.

Canon's wife Christine Mandat-Canon, who has been with us 17 years as well, also works in Housekeeping's Common Area Maintenance.

They have been married 40 years, have three grown children, and now four grandchildren. Also from Haiti, they were referred to Ocean Reef by his cousin, Jean Adonis, who you may know from the Bellstand.

As for his job at ORC, Canon arrives on Buccaneer Island by 7 a.m., thoroughly cleaning the restrooms first before moving on to the rest of the entire locale so early arrivals see Buccaneer Island's beauty, undoubtedly taking it for granted.

"Buccaneer Island is probably my favorite part of my job," says Canon. "I love being a part of the transformation from the moment I arrive to when I finish and am confident it looks the best it possibly can for our Members."

Before he leaves Buccaneer Island each morning, he gathers some of the excess sand - perfect if needed for his next stop.

When he arrives at the Inn

next, Canon sets his sights near the entrance, which is where I was first impressed by how much care he puts into his work. Canon meticulously combs and/or replaces the sand in the large urns/trash bins around the Inn area, marking each one with our beautiful Burgee. It's pure talent.

When I asked him about this, he smiled and said, "I take my time with it because it is important to me that each one I do looks perfect for the

Members to see." Take a close look sometime, usually around 9 a.m., and you will see he is a true artist!

Later in the day, you may catch him at the Business Center, Town Hall, the Cultural Center or the Fitness Center with his same sense of perfection for everything he does, according to Jessie Toledo, Assistant Director of Housekeeping. Jessie says, "Canon embodies everything we look for in an Ocean Reef associate. He is hard working, kind, a team player, and finds joy in his work every day. He is an invaluable member of our Housekeeping Team."

As Members, we've probably walked past these urns hundreds of times without paying them a second glance. The next time you see one, take the time to admire and appreciate the work and delicate care that Canon puts into these every day purely for the appreciation of our Members.

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Academy Students Practice for Model UN

By Valerie Gabriel, Academy at Ocean Reef 8th Grade

Last Saturday, January 27th, Academy at Ocean Reef 6th-grade students went to Miami Dade Model United Nations Delegate Preparation practice at the University of Miami. These young diplomats had the opportunity to enhance their public speaking and negotiation skills as they debated the topic of restrictions on social media and screentime for young people.

Every year, the Academy middle school students act as delegates in a Model UN conference. Taking part in last week's practice helped our students prepare to reach



Academy sixth-grade students participated in Model United Nations Delegate Prep at University of Miami.



Grade six taking a break at UM.

resolutions on global issues at the real Model UN conference in March.

"I found public speaking challenging... but after encouragement from my friends I went up and spoke!" said Kai Howell. The sixth graders learned complex phrases like a "moderated caucus", a formal debate that allows for a flow and exchange of various ideas.

During the practice session, everyone was striving to get a resolution passed. Each

person was assigned a role as a stakeholder in a community. Some people were governors, some were CEOs and others were students or parents. No matter what their role, each had an important job: to get their resolution to pass.

The resolutions included plans to let parents determine screentime; to have social media companies set limits on screentime for minors; and even having companies (including Dominoes, airlines,

and Facebook) participate in online fundraising according to hits on their apps to benefit environmental causes and a domestic abuse hotline.

For their resolution to pass, students needed support from other people who agreed with their ideas. It took courage to engage in conversations with kids they have never met before. "It wasn't just a valuable learning experience; I made friends too!" said Dylan Johnson.



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Dive On In

The Dive Shop at The Reef History

By Lisa Bailey Cassidy, The Dive Shop Co-owner

The dive and snorkel business located in the Fishing Village at Ocean Reef has been serving ORC members and guests for more than fifty years. In particular, the excursions make visits to Carysfort Reef, Turtle Rocks and northern Keys reef systems located in the protection of the Marine Sanctuary Park just several miles from the Club. While it has had several name changes and owners, it is a long-standing service providing access to and education about the only living coral reef system in the North American continent.

The Dive Shop opened more than 50 years ago with a deep saltwater dive instruction pool located in the then newly-formed Fishing Village. Its original owners were Robert Klein, his wife Al, and his sons Robert and Timmy running on the 'Plus Ultra' dive ship. After the 1976 Fishing Village fire, the first Burgee Bar was built directly over the old dive training pool next to the then hugely popular Galley Restaurant. The Burgee bartenders had to climb down a ladder into the old scuba pool to retrieve replacement supplies where they were kept at that time.

The Kleins ran the shop until 1982 when "TINY" Weirs took over the new ownership alongside his son Jeff. "TINY" was not so tiny and was an offensive guard for the Baltimore Colts before retiring to take over the dive instruction and charters here at Ocean Reef Club.

Ultimately, the Dive Shop was then owned and operated by Robert and Rosemary Binder who ran it under the name of Paradise Charters. Along with snorkeling and dive exploration trips to Carysfort Reef and Turtle Rocks, they also offered



Historical shots of Dive Shop instruction and the dive pool formerly located in the Fishing Village.

parasailing out in the ocean off The Point. Paradise Charters was sold to Cay Clubs and became known as Cristal Clear Charters in early 2000. Upon the bankruptcy of Cay Clubs, which impacted much of the Key Largo and beyond, Cristal Clear Charters was turned over to Joe Miller as a settlement payment.

At this time, Jesus Gudino became the General Manager, and his warm and charming smile and demeanor still greet ORC members and guests more than 20 years later as co-owner of The Dive Shop. Jesus saw the sale of Cristal Clear Charters to Carlie and Leslie Adams who ran operations for about 6 years.

Through these decades there has been a decline in the health of our reefs, but at the same time the birth of efforts to restore and maintain newly fostered and planted corals. The Dive Shop at The Reef has always been front and center in environmental efforts involving Carysfort and surrounding local reef systems. In fact, Jesus was integral in introducing Ocean Reef Club to the Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) in the last decade. CRF has become a major part of restoration efforts at Carysfort.

In 2018, Cristal Clear Charters was sold to longtime members **Lisa Bailey Cassidy** and her son **Henry Hittle** with an ownership interest shared with Jesus (Lisa, like many, remembers TINY and the old dive pool). The partnership of Jesus, Lisa and Henry with common philanthropic and

environmental interests fit well with the shop's efforts and mission. Jesus' dedication to these efforts and knowledge of the Florida Keys are immeasurable.

The current environmental work has been hand in hand in support of CRF, Reef Renewal, REEF, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, Ocean Guardians and Ocean Heroes. The Dive Shop cares for one of the Reef Renewal USA (Ken Nedimyer) nurseries and offers trips for members to visit the outplantings there.

One of their biggest efforts has been initiating Goal Clean Seas; Florida Keys, a program to clean up debris that stemmed from the impacts of Hurricane Irma in 2017 where 150,000 lobster traps were displaced and disrupted the delicate reef systems. Clean ups, fish surveys, and reef education have been in collaboration with local schools such as The Academy at Ocean Reef, MarineLab and Ocean Studies. The Dive Shop

produced an educational video for Goal Clean Seas; Florida Keys done by Frazier Nivens (Ocean Imaging), a world-renowned Emmy-winning underwater videographer, narrated by Sissy Spacek. Recently, they collaborated with Frazier again to video Carysfort conditions in October following the 2023 summer heatwave. This video was shown at the Marine Preservation Society event recently and is available for viewing on The Dive Shop website at www.thediveshoporc.com.

All in all, the next time you visit The Dive Shop, whether it's to peruse their retail, schedule a dive or snorkel trip, or participate in their environmental efforts, know that you are part of the history and fabric of this unique dive community.

Appreciation goes out to Mike Carrier, Shelly (Cameron) Poulton, and Jesus Gudino for contributing the history for this article.





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You Be the Judge



by Deborah Goodwin Geller, Art League

The Art League is holding its annual Members New Works Show! Our Art League members have been hard at work in their favorite mediums to display for your pleasure and judging. We will have ceramics, stained glass, photography, watercolor, oil painting, needlepoint, mosaics and more! These are all new works that have never been exhibited before. Many of the pieces will also be for sale.

Join in the Judging

We are asking YOU, our Club Members (doesn't matter if you are not a member of the Art



Gail Noyes painting the Bahamas.

League) to come out to support them as well as fill out a form for judging and awards. Judging will be **Monday, February 12** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Submit Your Artwork

If you want to submit a piece of your work we are asking that you have them to the Art League **Thursday, February 8** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or **Friday, February 9** between 9 a.m. and noon. Up to 3 pieces



Marcia Ryon's Christmas needlepoint, with instructor Linda Corirossi.

can be submitted per member.

The shows at the Art League are a wonderful addition to all the events at The Reef. Just recently I met up with **Kent** and **Cheri Siedle** who say they regularly attend these showings. They said, "What a wonderful way to get exposed to different artists and art forms we might never have seen with the added convenience of just popping over in our golf cart on the way to dinner or another event."

In this article, I have featured just two of the participants submitting works. **Gail Noyes** working on her painting of a scene she recently enjoyed in the Bahamas and **Marcia Ryon** working on a beautiful Christmas needlepoint with the guidance of master instructor Linda Corirossi.

Weekly Classes

Many of the submissions to this event will have been created and finessed during our Weekly Classes. Each class is typically just one day a week for about 5 hours with a lunch break. It's never too late to try your hand at something new.

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

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Inside a Rainbow!



"Nature Notes" by Nancy Zakon

You've heard of "over the rainbow" and "end of the rainbow" ... what about inside the rainbow? Be brave, here we go! A short play follows.

You know the three characters in this saga: Sun Beam, Water Droplet, and Your Eyes.

It's summer and the curtain opens with Water Droplet floating in a high (cirrus) cloud along with many of his friends. It's daylight. Sun Beam speeds down The Sunlight Expressway to Water Droplet's house. WD



Photo submitted by Ned Ferrarone

is hospitable and lets him in, knowing Sun Beam is wild, and will bounce off the wall. Sun Beam careens off the wall at a 40–42-degree angle, splitting into magical colors all of which exit WD's home. And Your Eyes just happens to be aligned with that 40-42-degree angle and ... you guessed it... you exclaim, "Wow, do you see

the Rainbow!?"

You are wondering, why 40-42 degrees? Physics.

Now, why don't you see rainbows all the time? Ah, rainbows are made in Water Droplets constantly. It's only when the 40-42-degree angle reaches your eyes that you see a rainbow. Magic, eh? (Violet color bends to 40 degrees and is on the bottom of the color band; red color bends less at 42 degrees and is on top.)

OK, smarty-pants... why are rainbows curved? Your Eyes can only see rainbow colors coming in at 40-42 degrees. Spread the angle across the horizon and you get a "bow." Trust me on this one. What about circular rainbows? Ever seen one from an airplane? There the Earth is not in the way; you can look down to see a rainbow circle! NASA calls it a "glory". (You can add this tidbit to

your gaggle of geese, murder of crows list!)

What about a double rainbow? Are you ready? A light beam bounces off one inner wall of Water Droplet, and most, but not all of it, exits at 40-42 degrees. The remainder bounces again inside Water Droplet, exiting at 51 degrees. The second rainbow is lighter, with colors reversed from the first rainbow!

Cocktail facts re rainbows:

- Rainbows are seen in the opposite direction from the Sun.
- Rainbows are not seen in winter.
- Earth is the only planet with rainbows.
- You never get to the rainbow's end.
- The bigger the water droplets, the more vivid the colors.



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

2 FRIDAY

All Charities Weekend

Feb. 2-4 • oceanreef.com/AllCharities

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

MGA Old Buddy Golf Tournament
9am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

Deena K Jewelry Spa Trunk Show
9am-3pm • The Spa

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

Stretch and Mobility Class
3pm • Member Fitness Center

LifeBreath Chakra Class
4pm • Member Fitness Center

Asian Buffet
5:30-9:45pm • Ocean Room

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

3 SATURDAY

All Charities Weekend

Feb. 2-4 • oceanreef.com/AllCharities

ORC Run Club
7am • Member Fitness Center

Cars & Coffee
9-11am • Business Center Parking Lot

Gentle Yoga & Cycle Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

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

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays
10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

4 SUNDAY

All Charities Weekend

Feb. 2-4 • oceanreef.com/AllCharities

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

Aqua Cardio Class
11am • Member Fitness Pool

Junior Tennis Clinic
11am • Tennis & Games Center

5 MONDAY

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

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

MGA Weekly Event
9am • Shotgun Dolphin

Move Better Fitness Class
9am • Member Fitness Center

Cooking School Class: Flavors of France
9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

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

Food & Film: My Big Fat Greek Wedding
4:30pm • The Cultural Center

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

Croquet Women, Wickets & Wine
5:30pm • Croquet Lawn

6 TUESDAY

Pro Agility Class
7am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Pickleball Clinic
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Rock & Roll Shakti Yoga
8am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Boxing Class
8:30am • MFC Outside Tent

DUPR Rating Round Robin
10-11:30Am • Tennis & Games Center

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays
10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Ladies Invitational Day 1
1pm • Shotgun Dolphin/Hammock

Potluck Gathering
6pm • Chapel Fellowship Hall

Vine to Table Dinner: A Night in Paris
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

7 WEDNESDAY

Foam Roll and Core Class
7am • Member Fitness Center

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 Invitational Day 2
8:30am • Shotgun Dolphin/Hammock

Pull-Up Fitness Challenge
9am-12pm • Member Fitness Center

Racquet Club Open Play
10am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

Keys to Improving Posture and Performance
4pm • Member Fitness Center

One Day University Virtual Lecture
5pm • The Cultural Center

8 THURSDAY

ORC Swim Club
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

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

9 Hole LGA Ringer Day 1
8-10am • Hammock Course

Rod & Gun Club Handgun Range
10am-2pm • Card Sound Range

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays
10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

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

Croquet Mixer Open Play
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Aging Gracefully: From the Inside Out Lecture
4pm • Member Fitness Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake
5-9pm • Raw Bar

Specialty Dinner: Stalworth Wine
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Burgee Bar Karaoke
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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Friday, February 2 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, February 4 • 4:30 (7:30pm Movie Cancelled)
Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 7:30pm
Premise: Set in the summer of 1957, with Enzo Ferrari's auto empire in crisis, the ex-racer turned entrepreneur pushes himself and his drivers to the edge as they launch into the Mille Miglia, a treacherous 1,000-mile race across Italy.

"The Boys in the Boat" (PG13)

Friday, February 9 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Wed., February 14 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Thursday, Feb. 15 • 7:30pm
Premise: Set in the summer of 1957, with A 1930s-set story centered on the University of Washington's rowing team, from their Depression-era beginnings to winning gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Food & Film: My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Mon. Feb. 5 – 4:30PM
Must be a Film Society Member to attend.

One Day University Virtual Lecture: The New Longevity: ROAR Into the Second Half of Your Life

Wed. Feb. 7 – 5:00PM
Complimentary.

Dining with the Presidents:

"Reagan at Reykjavik" by Ken Adelman

Thu. Feb. 8 – 5:00PM
Complimentary. Dinner following - Reservations Required.

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Sun. Feb. 11
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CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper



All Charities Shopping
I'm a shopper, so it's no surprise that one of the things I especially enjoy about All Charities Weekend (Feb. 2 to 4) is browsing the catalog online for items in the Silent Auction that might be just right for me. This year I found some nice biddable donations, many from FISHING VILLAGE STORES....

J. McLaughlin is offering a Private Shopping Event. I like this. If I come up with the winning bid, I will receive a \$500 gift certificate and a chance to redeem it for those pants that I've had my eye on. I can also invite up to 20 of my friends to join me at the store for an after-hours shopping spree.... **Island Garden**, the charming little boutique, that recently moved into the corner spot in Fishing Village next to Lilly, is also offering a \$500 gift card. If I win, I will buy that nice *Junie* Tunic Dress (shown) **Vineyard Vines** is auctioning a printed silk tie that you can personalize with a family burgee, business logo, boat name, etc. Then VV will produce 40 replicas of your tie, to share with relatives and friends.... Also from **Vineyard Vines** – A gift card for a Classic Couple Package, that gives the winning lady– a dress or skirt and blouse and the gentleman – pants and a button down shirt....**Dockside Living** has filled a woven blue

beach bag with everything from fancy hand soap and lotion to the store's signature Key Lime Breezers embedded with white chocolate chips....**Gloss by Anne** offers a \$250 gift card and suggests you might spend it on a comfy white *LoveShackFancy* Calix tee.... **Lilly Pulitzer** has an interesting entry. It is a limited edition of the *Lilly + JB Stand Up Paddle Board*. It is enhanced, of course, with a traditional Lilly design.... **Dannels Jewelry** (located in the Plaza Building) has donated two burgee pendants – one is 14K yellow gold. The other is all silver....**Reef Gallery** has donated an elegant evening bag, that is an artistic creation – silver and gold plated and covered with Cabochon rubies (shown). It's my second favorite bag of the many beautiful handbags in the Silent Auction.... It's a little immodest of me, but my first favorite bag is the white leather tote with my Ocean Reef montage (shown). Donated by Joan the Shopper (aka Joan Birsh).... *by Joan Birsh*

NOTE; This column has been repeated from the 1/26 edition of the ORP in order to encourage last minute shopping at the All Charities Silent Auction.

Bid online at bidORC.org now (9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.) until closing on Sat. Feb. 3
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Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm

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Importance of Antioxidants

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“Spa Notes”
by Jillian
Barron, The
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Living in South Florida, cell and UV skin damage is part of daily life. UV rays cut through glass so even when you are inside, you are not fully protected. Sunscreen of course is one of the best ways to protect skin and prevent damage and signs of aging, but, sunscreen alone can only do so much. To give your skin additional protection and further slow down the signs of aging and damage, you should consider combining your daily SPF with a powerful topical antioxidant. There are many amazing topical



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SPORTS

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Bonnies' Fishin' Funatics Tournament in the Pink



by Mary Bloom, Bonefish Bonnies

The tournament was organized this year by board members rather than the traditional two chairpersons. The theme of Fishin' Funatics was "Think Pink, Bonefish Bonnies Barbies" and think in pink they did.

Laura Wilson and **Jodi Zifferer** hosted the Captain's and Anglers meeting that was awash in pink. Held at Jodi Zifferer's home, the meeting not only was the opportunity to review the rules of the tournament but also provided for the anglers to show their team spirit.

Unfortunately, because of the weather reports and a small craft advisory, the fishing portion of the tournament had to be delayed. **Esther Vazquez** managing registration and rules, advised the anglers and captains that they would have 12 days from January 29th to choose a day to fish.

Boats must contact Esther or Jodi Zifferer to declare their fishing day the night before they plan to fish and text either Esther or Jodi when they put lines in and lines out. Binders and scoresheets should be dropped off at PakMail to the attention of Past President **Mona Brewer**, heading up the Scoring Committee, within 90 minutes of the boat's return.



A sea of pink at the Captains' and Anglers' Meeting on January 28.



Daisy Gonzalez - winner of the pink YETI cooler raffle for early tournament entries.



Second Place Team Spirit Award (l to r): "Ken" Chris Page, Morgan Smith, Allison Freeland and "Ken" Jock Freeland.

The Awards Celebration, hosted by **Tina Jones** and **Liz Zug**, was held even though the only awards presented were those for Team Spirit. Those winning were 1st place **Chesapeake**, 2nd **Matador** and 3rd place, **Bad Habit**. Fishing awards will be presented at the upcoming February 21st membership meeting and luncheon at Key Largo Anglers Club.

Many thanks to **Bonny Gothier** and **Kathy Weiland** for choosing the awards and prizes; Esther Vazquez and **Jennifer Leonard** for decorations; **Kristina Ersek** for being available to help

where needed and **Courtney Bridge**, **Beth Joyner**, **Rachel Kelley**, **Kim Elliott** and **Judy**



Liz Zug and Tina Jones hosted the Awards Celebration.

Wilson as members of the Scoring Committee.



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Meetings per season: 2



AIRPORT

Reports on the use of the ORC Airport, programs to enhance the member experience and the condition of the related equipment and facilities.
Meetings per season: 3

AUDIT

Audit Committee should be an informed, vigilant and effective overseer of the financial reporting process and the Club's internal controls.
Meetings per season: 2

CARD & GAMES

Consults and advises on matters concerning Club operations involving bridge, mah jongg, canasta, and other game activities.
Meetings per season: 4

CROQUET

Advises the Board on matters concerning croquet activity at Ocean Reef Club.
Meetings per season: 4

FINANCE

Assists management in preparing a five-year operating pro-forma and is responsible for maintaining capital budgeting process, establishing monitoring/control and reporting criteria to the Board.
Meetings per season: 4

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Advises the Board on matters of style and taste concerning decorations, landscaping and alterations, and new project designs.
Meetings per season: 4



MARINE ADVISORY

Advises Board on matters concerning marine activities, operational rules for Members and guests and environmental issues at Ocean Reef Club and surrounding areas.
Meetings per season: 3

MARKETING

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Meetings per season: 3



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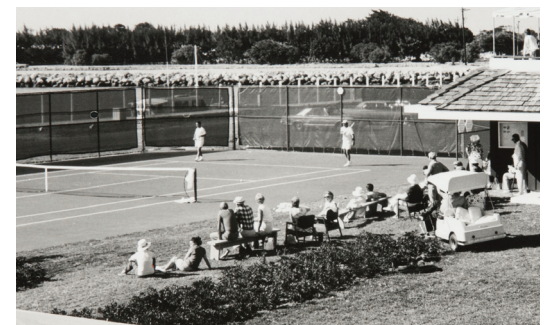
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Meetings per season: 4

PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE

Advises on matters of rules, programming and events related to Pickleball activity at Ocean Reef Club.
Meetings per season: 4

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Advises and consults with Ocean Reef Member Events on existing and potential new events where no other committee is in place.
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Announcing the News with a Bang



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Gender Reveal Parties are a relatively new phenomenon, but trust the Ocean Reef community of grandparents, both technical and virtual (that's when we "adopt" the children of siblings and friends), to embrace all the activities associated with impending birth. A Gender Reveal is a celebration to announce the baby's sex, usually signified by pink or blue, in the form of a special cake, balloons, confetti or the like.

Covering Rod & Gun activities doesn't usually extend to Gender Reveals, but when **Wendy**



Peter Brittain shooting for the Pink Reveal.

Brainard kindly shared these photos, I had to follow up. In this case, Wendy was inspired by the expectant parents, Whitney and Peter Brittain, their love of shotgun shooting and hunting, and she took advantage of the Rod & Gun's fine sporting clays facility to stage her surprise — as "Keeper of the Gender" she would be the only one to know the sex before the party. Even Peter's mother, **Kim Naylor**, would have to wait for the shot to be fired. The group of Ocean Reef, Rod &



Billy & Hudson Paynter, Anne & Bob Brainard, Peter & Whitney Brittain, Kim & Christian Naylor, John Brainard & Brainard, Zoe Fish, and Wendy Brainard in front.

Gun and family members enjoyed the Range with the help of supervisor Corey Carr, including instruction and equipment. As a climactic finale, father-to-be Peter Brittain shattered the telling target, releasing the pink smoke that answered the "Buck or Doe?" question.

After a day at the Range, the party moved to Alabama Jack's for refreshments, more celebration and then a twilight boat ride home to Ocean Reef. It doesn't get much better...



Kiki Brainard taking instruction from Corey Carr at the Five Stand.

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Adventures of Connors Series Race #3



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

We had quite a start last Saturday morning. **Lorne Price**, PRO for the race, texted with the "Go" and sailors were ready. The winds were perfect at around 10-12kts from the south so we were able to sail with our spinnakers. The winds and gusts picked up a bit by the end, but 10 boats were able to finish all 3 races.

Chaos Ensues

Pete Liashek, who said he enjoyed his first experience as part of the race committee and found the company to be very entertaining, provided his boat



Nancy Lampman and Gary Sayia won all three races last Saturday. Pictured with Jay Beatty and Currie Wooten. Photo by Neil Sullivan.

for the race committee. The first duty was finding a spot to anchor and this was the beginning of the fun! Pete tried the button for his windlass only to find there was no movement of the anchor chain. They manually set the anchor and called the auxiliary boat team to say Pete's boat was having a hard time setting the anchor, but **Morgan Whiteley** had his own problem. His batteries were dead and he couldn't start his boat. Morgan and **Gordana Schneider** left by golf cart to get the marks



Sally Reynolds, Shirley Shumway and Patty Lucas.



Meg and Ralf Sellig relax after the race.

for race course to Baker Harbor so the second auxiliary boat could pick them up and take on a new role. **Ralf Sellig, Cathy Burgess and Patty Lucas** ventured into Baker Harbor in his boat to pick up the marks, but got a call that Morgan's cart developed a flat tire and was stuck on Card Sound Rd with the marks. Ralf grabbed a cart and met Morgan to pick up the marks, brought them back to his boat and came out of the harbor to set the race. As an aside, only in Ocean Reef can you leave your cart with a flat in a location, only to find it returned safely home with the flat fixed with one quick call!

Pete said it was interesting to see the dynamics of the race committee team at work with **Tom Snyder** taking the wind measurements, reporting to the auxiliary boat, and then when the wind would shift, discussing whether the course was set correctly. The crew on board was **Jane Schaefer**, who tallied the boats as they called in, and **Shirley Shumway**, who noted the positions of the boats as they crossed the finish line and collected the results. The races were quick and the spinnakers



Popi keeps on eye on Nooner Chair Liz Foster.

looked beautiful on a perfect sailing day.

Rewards Given

Nancy Lampman came out for the first time this season on *Taurus* and showed her skill and charm as she and **Gary Sayia** came in first for all 3 races, receiving the 1st place award for Saturday's series. **Jim Lampman** and **Jim Foster** on *Reefer* gave the Lucas Tiger team, **Meg Sellig** and **Russ Lucas**, sister and brother, on *Wabini*, a run for their money, finishing 2nd and 3rd for the day respectively.

Liz Foster had iced the beverages and put out the snacks ahead of Nooners and her dog, Popi, kept a watchful eye on her and any snacks that might fall. Liz is in charge of this Saturday's Hot Dog Day (Feb 3), so any Nooners available to help please let her know.

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Challenging Conditions on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore



The fleet prepares for the next race start. Photo by Erin Coffin.

Last Sunday was a picture of weather perfection. Warm, sunny, not too humid, and stronger breezes than expected. Those breezes made for some interesting sailing on the Pond due to the southwest direction they were coming from. Really, I should say the *prevailing* direction those breezes were coming from because they were coming from everywhere!

Whenever we have a southwest wind, it creates chaotic wind shifts that puzzle even the

most seasoned sailor. Often, these conditions are more than manageable as the velocity is on the lighter side. But last Sunday the wind would come and go from near calm conditions one minute to blowing ten knots the next, followed by a wind shift, and then calm again. This pattern continued throughout the course of racing. Several of us fell victim to unexpected gusts of wind near turning marks which severely restricted steerage and forced a

miss of the rounding. Another characteristic of those conditions was where the boats would change their point of sail, or even their tack, without even touching the rudder control. While it might seem like these conditions were a little maddening, and they were a little, it was also tremendous fun for the sailors to try to get a handle of the best way to tackle the gusts and wind shifts.

Following our pattern to try to get more racing in during our allotted time on the Pond, we were able to run six races. Winning the day was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. It is great to finally feel better after my illness, a wonderful way to return to competition. In second place for the day, and only a single point adrift after the worst single scores were thrown out, was **Al Mast**. I may sound like a broken record, but no matter where Al may be on the course in any given race, you can never ever count him out. Rounding out the top three for the day was **Joe Robillard** who,

as a still relatively new model yacht sailor, constantly expressed amazement at the crazy wind conditions he was witnessing on the course.

Looking ahead to this coming Sunday, well, the forecast is not too clear at the time of this writing. It looks like it could be wet, or it could be sunny, but one thing it looks to be is windy. However, forecasts for six days out are not necessarily dependable so we will just have to wait to see what Sunday brings. But if the forecast does hold true the racing will be exciting.

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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ORYC's Late January Getaway to the Heart of the Keys

Despite stiff winds, more than four score of Ocean Reef Yacht Club members, including nearly half traveling by boat, recently convened in the heart of the Keys. In fact, **Dan Harding** was thrilled to be able to put his Hinckley Bermuda 40 sailboat through her paces on Wednesday, Jan. 24, the opening day of the trip, thanks to support from his crew, **Clarke Moody** and Past Commodore **Chris Streit**.

The 48-hour-plus getaway was a nod to Commodore **Sarah Cart's** "You Gotta Have Heart" theme. Ten boats total made the cruise down the Keys, and although



The Yacht Club's first evening at Duck Key's Hawks Cay, Wednesday, Jan. 24, was windy and a little chilly, but as the moon rose over the ocean and the palm trees swayed, members enjoyed a buffet dinner out on the lawn as they shared tales of their travels. Steel pan music added to the holiday atmosphere, as did sitting around the fire pit after dinner, swapping stories and looking at the stars.

many more had planned to come that way, the relatively short travel distance and timeframe enabled people to participate despite various last-minute transportation challenges.

And in what appears to be a developing theme for the 2024 calendar year, it proved to be another fun adventure with a lot of great food.



On Thursday, the seas calmed down slightly and some ORYC members took to the ocean while others took to the pool or engaged in other land-based activities, from visiting with friends, playing tennis and/or pickleball, watching frolicking dolphins, or simply enjoying some rest and relaxation.



On the third day, the seas finally laid down for real and after breakfast, it was time to head home to Ocean Reef on the rising tide. Seen here at the left is Rear Commodore Craig Wierda's *Steadfast*, and to the right, departing the safe harbor to head for home, Past Commodore Henry Stout's *Truant*.

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Aging Gracefully

From the Inside Out

By Dr. Erika Siegel

Many of us want to embody the vitality of youth, characterized by lush hair, strong nails, and glowing, crease-free skin, throughout our lives. We want to get out of bed and not take minutes or hours to get things lubricated and moving smoothly. We desire restorative, solid sleep and a body that we feel good waking up in. We would perhaps like to do this without the use of a lot of medical intervention and expensive, invasive, or potentially harmful medicine and therapies. I'm totally with you! And I recognize that while the effects of aging are inevitable, and can be really hard to embrace, there is a lot we can do to keep ourselves feeling youthful and looking vibrant—and, as you may have guessed, it happens mostly from the inside out.

Recognize That Genes Are Not Destiny, but They Are Impactful

We are each an ever-evolving product of our own nature vs nurture experiment. Sure, you inherited your hair color from your dad and height from your mom, but there are a zillion genetic decisions yet to be made on your behalf, and they can be heavily influenced by how you live your life. We may have been taught that our genes are like a blueprint, but that's only true up to a certain point; in many ways, they are more like a "choose your own adventure" book with multiple outcomes and possibilities. This is really important to note: We are always in a conversation with our genes, and we have a lot of power over how our

DNA-driven mechanisms express themselves. Yes, type 2 diabetes may be "in the family" and therefore in your genetic code, but if you eat cleanly (and metabolically appropriately), move your body, and take nice care of yourself, then you may never turn on that genetic switch and the storyline of "getting diabetes" may never play out in your lifetime.

Support the Pillars of Health for Aging Gracefully

Holism describes the theory that you are a whole organism, not just the sum of your individual organs orchestrated by your all-knowing brain. Holism understands that your emotions are reflected in your body and vice versa, that your food choices on any given day may determine your mood, and that if you are physically stagnant, your brain may be too. Holistic living honors all of the foundational requirements for health. It asks us to notice what is getting attention and what is asking (or perhaps crying) for it. This means considering our physical form, environment, habits, relationships, mental state, and soul state, recognizing that all of these are equally important, and examining how each contributes to our level of vitality.

True health and equanimity are achieved when we prioritize self-care so that we can fully nourish all of the pillars of health.

We have so many stories with so many endings, and our day-to-day decisions dictate much of where the story goes. We glean health from our everyday healthful choices, not just yearly intense detox plans or super-strict diets that last for a month or a season. Deep, true health comes from longevity-minded choices on the regular, woven into the fabric

of your life. Along with those good daily choices, I suggest you also maintain a real-time understanding of when you can successfully bring your A-game, and when you need to skip an obligation or daily goal to sit in a hot bath for a few hours. We can't expect ourselves to be running at full capacity if we

Ocean Reef Lectures:

- Part 1: **Feb 8**, 4-5 p.m., Member Fitness Center
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are healing a broken limb or a broken heart, and the more compassion we can shine back onto ourselves, the more whole we feel.

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

Pull-Up Fitness Challenge Wednesday, Feb. 7th 9am to 12 p.m.

Test your upper body strength and endurance with our pull-up challenge. Championship points for top performers, prizes for the winners, and complimentary smoothies for those who beat the challenge.

Keys to Improving Posture and Performance with Brett Baute Wednesday, February 7th at 4pm

Complimentary lecture. Join the Fitness Center's resident massage therapy expert as he gives us a peek into his world. With 20-plus years of experience as a structural integration specialist, Brett has picked up some great tips and tricks to help enhance our fitness journey.

Importance of Stretching & Mobility with Hannah Whistler Thursday, February 8th at 3 p.m.

Unlock the secrets to enhanced physical well-being behind these often-overlooked aspects of fitness. Discover how targeted stretch and mobility routines not only improve flexibility but also play a crucial role in preventing injuries and promoting overall joint health. Join us for an interactive session filled with practical exercises and expert insights, empowering you to incorporate effective stretching and mobility routines into your daily life, allowing you to move with greater ease and renewed vitality.

Stamina Challenge Results: 1-minute Row for Distance Men (Total, Points)

1. Anton Schutz Jr.: 341 (Club Record), 40



Ken Sladky celebrates 92 working out at the Member Fitness Center.



ORC Stamina Challenge.



Current Fitness Champion Push-Up record holder Ray Herman.



Anton Schutz Jr. wins the Stamina Row Challenge and is the current record holder on the 1-minute Row for Distance event.

2. Ray Herman: 337, 16
3. Mark Burish: 332, 14
4. Bob Schwartz: 331, 12
5. David Rountree: 324, 10
6. Steve Levin and Charlie Schilderink: 321, 8
7. Louis Metzman: 319, 6
8. Jim Seale: 311, 4
9. Sim Wooten: 309, 2
10. Anton Schutz Sr: 289, 1

Ladies (Total, Points)

1. Marilyn Clark: 295, 40 (Club Record with 275)
 2. Cynthia Doolan: 276, 16
 3. Judy Wilson: 270, 14
 4. Sarah Cart: 263, 12
 5. Sindee Furshman: 258, 10
 6. Currie Wooten: 254, 8
 7. Kathleen Metzman: 252, 6
 8. Lori Grasso: 244, 4
 9. Christine Patton: 231, 2
 10. Katie Rossborough: 230, 1
- *Total includes handicap.

Club Fitness Championship After 4 Challenges:

Men:

1. Ray Herman: 56
2. Pat Shields: 54
3. Bob Schwartz: 52
4. Mark Burish
5. Anton Schutz Jr. and Mark Foreman: 40



Joannie Rich planks with extra weight on her back five months after major shoulder surgery.

5. Louis Metzman: 28
6. Charlie Schilderink, David Rountree, Jason Beans and Ed Benford: 16
7. Brian Krouskos and Eric Contreras: 14
8. Rick Kocerha and Connor Shields: 12
9. Peter Liashek, George Musto and Paul Benario: 10
10. Chris Beyer: 8

Ladies:

1. Marilyn Clark, Savannah Gossweiler and Liz Angelone: 40
2. Sindee Furshman: 38
3. Cynthia Doolan: 36
4. Kathleen Metzman: 32
5. Meg Shields: 16

6. Judy Wilson, Penny Dinsmore, Nicole Krouskos, Angelina Matherne, Kelly Siwek, and Heidi Hubbard: 14
7. Sarah Cart, Talia Wilner and Suzanne Kramer: 12
8. Lindsay Shields and Kiersten Zug: 10
9. Stephanie Foreman, Cathy Langham, and Jamie Benario: 8
10. Dawn Ruston: 6

2024 Challenge Schedule:

- Pull-Up Challenge on Feb. 7
- Swim Endurance Challenge on Feb. 15
- Wall Sit Challenge on Feb. 28
- Plank Challenge on March 20

51st Annual Member-Guest Tennis Tournament



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

The 51st Annual Tennis Member-Guest Tournament was a celebration of over a half-century of tennis tradition and camaraderie. The tournament brought together Members and their Guests for a weekend of friendly competition on the courts.

The tournament featured Mixed Doubles, Men’s Doubles, and Ladies’ Doubles matches, with each Member teaming up with their guest



Ladies Doubles B Flight Champions Cindy Banigan and Maira Maguire

player. Teams were divided into different skill levels, ensuring a fair and competitive match for all participants.

Throughout the weekend, players competed in a round-robin format, with the top teams advancing to the championship round on Sunday. In addition to the doubles matches, the tournament also included a



Susan Mcgonigle and Gaye Van Der Eerden at the cocktail reception.



Men’s Doubles Finalists John and Tom Anderson



Tennis Committee member Rose Pelton (right) pictured with her guest Jill Gelina at Friday night’s Tennis in the Tropics welcome reception.

variety of social events, such as a Tennis in the Tropics-themed welcome reception, dinner, and awards.

Despite the friendly nature of the tournament, the competition was intense, with players giving it their all on the court. In the end, on championship Sunday, some new Champions were crowned and others defended their title.

The 51st Annual Tennis Member Guest was a memorable event, making a milestone in the history of the Club. It was a testament to the enduring popularity of tennis, as well as the strong bonds of friendship and community that are formed through the sport.

As the tournament came to a close, and a toast to a wonderful event, participants left with a sense of accomplishment, having taken part in a truly special event. They also looked forward to

the next tournament, eager to continue the tradition of friendly competition and camaraderie on the court.

- **Mixed Doubles:** Chloe Zilkha and Chris Ujkic def. Courtney Harper and Shaun Smith 6-4, 6-2
- **Ladies A Flight:** Chloe Zilkha and Dax Seidlin def. Kendall Vincent and Courtney Freels 7-5, 6-2
- **Ladies B Flight:** Cindy Banigan and Maira Maguire def. Wendy Stallings and Maggie Warren 6-1, 6-0
- **Men’s Doubles:** Glory Roper and Shaun Smith def. Tom Anderson and John Anderson 6-1, 7-5

Pickleball Ladies and Men’s Doubles Club Championships February 10th – 11th

- Saturday, Feb. 10: Ladies Doubles 8:30 a.m.
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- Ladies Doubles A Flight Champions:**
Chloe Zilkha & Dax Seidlin
- Ladies Doubles B Flight Champions:**
Cindy Banigan & Maira Maguire
- Men's Doubles Champions:**
Glory Roper & Shaun Smith

MEN'S NIGHT LEAGUE

- First Place:** David Jackson and Tony Olmert
- Second Place:** Andy Hofmann and Richard Weinstein
7-5, 2-6, 10-6 for the third set Tiebreak



Men's Night League Champions David Jackson and Tomy Olmert (left), Finalists Andy Hofmann and Richard Weinstein, with Tennis Professional Alex Henderson

Doubles Tactics When Serving from the Ad Court



"Tennis Tip" by Alex Henderson, Assistant Tennis Professional

I'm back and continuing my theme of the season doubles tactics! This is one of my favorite serve tactics to use in the ad court for a right-handed team. It starts in the I formation (both players near the center of the court) with the net player moving left and the server covering the line.

There are several upgrades you get when you run this play. What you're able to do

a lot of the time is to avoid a backhand as the server. If the return comes down the line, you're going to be able to cover it with your forehand groundstroke and you're going to avoid a backhand.

The second thing you get is a forehand volley in the middle of the court which is typically stronger than your backhand volley.

Lastly, many times you'll be forcing the returner to hit a down-the-line shot, changing directions of the serve which is more difficult to time. It's also the higher part of the net and the courts are a little bit shorter and you're going to force a lot more return errors.

It's smart to run these plays to surprise your opponents on important game points. Always keep 'em guessing!

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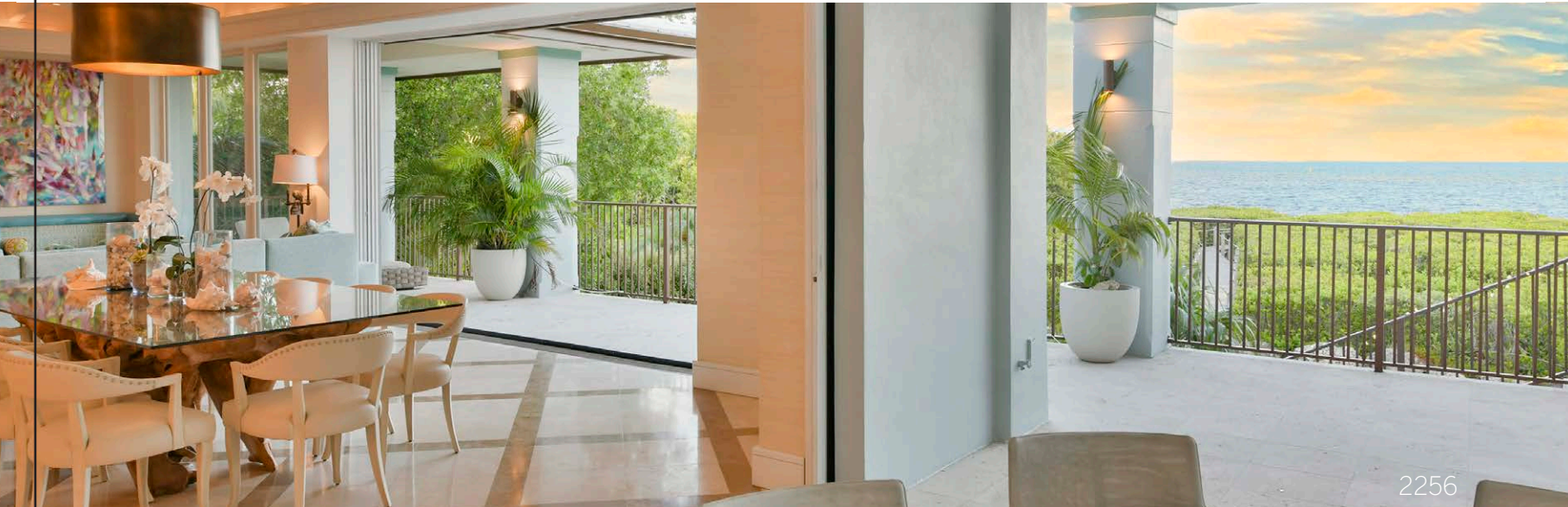
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by ORC Croquet Chair William Hinkebein

The Judy, Ladies Singles Championship

January croquet is in the books including the ladies singles golf croquet tournament called The Judy. Seven players battled it out in round robin, thus playing six games each. The top two finishers would meet in the finals.

The strategy and skill displayed in this golf croquet event was outstanding! All gals played better than ever with accurate long clearing shots, pinpoint hoop shots and an array of needed stop shots and jumps. This was some of the best ladies croquet seen in several years here at ORC.

The top two finishers from round robin play, **Gordana Schneider** and **Carol Blackburn**, met in the final. Ms. Blackburn came out firing, building a small lead through the first seven wickets. Ms. Schneider then came back the next several hoops. As this final was played to a best of 13 wickets, it was only fitting when the score was tied 6-6 and the last hoop was needed to break the tie.

Ultimately this was Gordana's day. Congrats to



Coach Justin Romero, Francesca Johnson, Karen Uebele, Judy Wilson, Carol Blackburn, Kathi Whittaker, Gordana Schneider and Leslie Philips at The Judy tournament.

Gordana Schneider, winner. Congrats to Carol Blackburn, finalist. Congrats to all participants on a tournament well played!

ORC Golf Croquet Visits the Hillsboro Club

Several members of the ORC Croquet community traveled to the Hillsboro Club on the southern point of Hillsboro Beach near Lighthouse Point, FL recently for a Golf Croquet match. The Hillsboro Club hosts were extremely gracious to our group with welcome cocktails, two days of excellent play and fine dining experiences.

I'm glad to report the ORC group played quite well against our hosts winning the overall match 5-3. Highlights included team Justin Romero and **Laney Hinkebein** beating the Hillsboro pro and a top member player.

Note that the Hillsboro Club pro is a top 10 ranked US player.



ORC vs Hillsboro Club.

Many congrats to team **Mike Love** and **Bill Hinkebein** who defeated two of the best Hillsboro teams.

Coming Up

The ORC Golf Croquet Doubles Club Championships will be held Friday, **February 9**. Sign your team up by calling the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583. This event will be 8:30am until finished.



The Judy Champion Gordana Schneider and Finalist Carol Blackburn.



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Pickleball

Player of the Week

Anne Leake

Let me introduce our pickleball player of the week, **Anne Leake**. Just recently Anne took home Gold in her 4.0 ladies' singles tournament at the Boca Masters, a tremendous result. Anne's favorite player on tour is none other than the young gun Anna Leigh Waters for her incredible strength and positivity on the court, displaying it at such a young age as well. While playing at the Reef Anne enjoys the sense of community and support she receives from her fellow members not only on the court but in all aspects of life. Anne is an incredible player here at The Reef and she remains motivated to keep improving to see how high of a level she can reach in singles and doubles with her partner **Laney Hinkebein**. Anne's goal for this season is to connect with more picklers on and off the court. Anne is a great representative of our ORC pickleball community and we continue to congratulate her success in tournament play.



GOLF SCOREBOARD

9-HOLE LGA DRIVE FOR SHOW SCRAMBLE

Thursday, January 25

First Place: Katy Miller, Julie Futch, Karen Gregorich and Rachel Kelley

Second Place: Amy Olmert, Lisa Johnson, Julia Rushmore and Elizabeth Greco

Third Place: Sherry Martin, Terry Ferrarone, Liz Foster and Heather Dwight

Closest to the Hole #4: Amy Olmert

Closest to the Hole #6: Carolyn Sheehan

MIXED COUPLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, January 27

First Place Net: Shannon and Pam Bass

Second Place Net: Ricky and Hope Fortis

Third Place Net: Buff and Stacy Berry

Closest to the Hole #5: Beth Noyes

First Place Gross: Tim and Denise Prete

Second Place Gross: Mike and Adele Acheson

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Golf News Recap



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

9-Hole LGA Drive for Show Scramble

Thursday, January 25

The 9-Hole LGA had another wonderful turnout for the Drive for Show Scramble. 62 ladies participated in this event on the front nine of the Hammock Course. The format called for every player's drive to count once during the round. This is no easy task, especially on the narrow Hammock Course. The highlight of this week's event was a bunch of our newcomers to the 9-Hole LGA finding success on the golf course.



Shannon and Pam Bass, NET Division Champions.

Once all the scores had been turned in, every team shot well under par. Two teams tied for the lead but the tie was broken by another scorecard playoff. Congratulations to the team of **Katy Miller, Julie Futch, Karen Gregorich and Rachel Kelley** for winning the Drive for Show Scramble with a score of 24.



Denise and Tim Prete, Gross Division Champions.

Mixed Couples Club Championship

Saturday, January 27

Thank you all for participating in the record-breaking Mixed Couples Championship. This round was a great test of patience, skill, and perseverance between both partners. 68 teams took on the Dolphin Course in the Better Ball of

Partners Shamble format to determine who had the best team chemistry on the Reef. Once it was all said and done there were plenty of low scores from both the Gross & NET divisions. Congratulations to the team of **Shannon and Pam Bass** for shooting a wonderful score of 60 (-11) on their way to winning the NET division. The only thing better than winning a golf tournament is winning on your birthday! Happy Birthday and congratulations to **Denise Prete**, and her husband **Tim Prete** as they took home the first-place trophy for the Gross division with a score of 69 (-2).

Our Ladies Golf Association and Men's Golf Association concluded their week-long events today. Look forward to next week's article for a detailed account of these activities.



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2024 PGA Show – A Success

By Mike Leone, Director of Golf

Last week, our Golf Shop Manager Erika Jones and I went up to the PGA Show to see the latest and greatest offerings for the golf industry. The show is comprised of everything in the golf business, from apparel, hard goods and fitness, to technology and educational seminars.

I was extremely excited that, due to the success of our Golf Shop and the wonderful improvements that Erika has brought to Ocean Reef, she was asked to be a panelist for Golf Genius Proponent Group. Golf Genius is a software program we use for golf tournaments, but we also utilize the retail aspect of the program. Erika spoke on her specialty, special orders, and how the Golf Genius software program makes it easier and more efficient for our Members,



Golf Shop Manager Erika Jones was a panelist for Golf Genius Proponent Group at last week's PGA Show.

as well as our Associates. I was proud to see Erika speak wonderfully and provide great information for the more than one hundred Golf Professionals and buyers in the room. Congratulations Erika!

Furthermore, there were some new items at the show that definitely stuck out from the rest. We will save a few as surprises for next season, but for now you can look forward to these new items in mid-to-late February:

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Exciting Events at the Card & Games Room



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

If you're a Card & Games enthusiast at Ocean Reef, there's a plenty of exciting events and classes awaiting you at the Card & Games Room. From special hands-on Canasta classes to Lady's Poker nights and Mah Jongg pickup games, there's something for everyone. Here's a roundup of the latest updates and upcoming events to mark in your calendar.

Special Hands Class for Canasta Players

Mark your calendars for an exclusive Canasta Players Special Hands Class hosted by Claudia Langworthy on February 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Card & Game Room. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting, this class promises an enriching experience.

Ladies Poker Night Success

The recent Ladies Poker Night held on January 30th was a tremendous success, with over 40 ladies in attendance, all enjoying a great time. Due to popular demand, another Ladies Poker Night is scheduled for March, providing a fantastic opportunity for female card players to gather, socialize, and enjoy the game.

Bridge Enthusiasts Rejoice

Attorney Tucker conducted the Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD) class on January 31st. For those

looking to start their bridge journey, a beginner's class will commence on Thursday, February 8th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Card & Games Room. Additionally, Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge is set for February 11th at 2 p.m.

Canasta Pick-Up Games and Lessons

Pick-up games for Canasta will be organized on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. If you're new to the game or looking to enhance your skills, Canasta lessons are available on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. It's a fantastic way to meet fellow enthusiasts and expand your social circle.

Mah Jongg Extravaganza

For Mah Jongg enthusiasts, pickup games are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will provide both beginner and intermediate lessons. To make

arrangements, please contact Gregg at 305-367-6609. Get ready for the Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship on Tuesday, March 5th, at 1 p.m. in the Card & Games Room.

Upcoming Dinners and Championships

Save the date for the Canasta Dinner in the Ocean Room on Monday, February 26th, and the Bridge Dinner on Monday, March 11th. Moreover, the Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th, at 1 p.m. in the Card & Games Room.

The Card & Games Room at Ocean Reef is buzzing with activity, offering a diverse range of events and classes. Whether you're into Canasta, Poker, Bridge, Mah Jongg, or Backgammon, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on the fun – visit the Card & Games Room, open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

The 5-5 Shape Hands

by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

5 Clubs & 5 Spades

If your two suits are in the black suits, open 1♣ then bid the spades suit twice unless your Spade suit is good S) AKJ95 H)84 D)A3 C)QJ985 then bid spades first.

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♦/♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦/♥	Pass	2♠ = I

have 5 spades and 5 clubs.

This will give your partner a chance to pass spades at the 2-level.

If you had bid spades first then clubs twice, then you would be at the 3-level.

All other 5-5 Hands

With all other 5-5 hands, bid your higher ranking once then the lower ranking twice.

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠/2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠/3♣	Pass	3♦

= I have 5 diamonds and 5 hearts.

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♣/2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥ =

I have 5 hearts and 5 spades.

In summary, for a 5-5 distribution, open with 1♣ and bid the spades suit twice, unless exceptionally strong. For other 5-5 hands, bid the higher-ranking suit once and the lower-ranking suit twice. These strategies facilitate clear communication and help in finding optimal contracts in bridge.

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2. Adelaide Jared and Jay Beatty

East/West

1. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner
2. Liz Coleman and Kathy Bahl

Friday, January 5th

North/South

1. Dedie Nutt and Gail Yoh
2. Patty Kent and Bessie Connelly

East/West

1. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner
2. Carolyn Fovel and Amy Salisbury

Monday, January 8th

North/South

1. Rosemary Jones and Kay

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2. Nancy Grote and Bessie Connelly

East/West

1. Pat Richwagon and Paula Pendergast
2. Rosalie Svete and Cynthia Mitchell

Wednesday, January 10th

North/South

1. Adelaide Jared and Jay Beatty
2. Judie Berry and Denny Morgan

East/West

1. Sam Wardwell and Laurie Smith
2. Gary Sayia

Friday, January 12th

1. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner
2. Fred Bacher
3. Pam Harding and Kathie Markel

4. Joyce Fowler and Ted Fowler

Wednesday, January 17th

North/South

1. Paula Pendergast and Gregg
2. Denny Morgan and Judie Berry

East/West

1. Liz Coleman and Kathy Bahl
2. Carolyn Fovel and Paula Davidson
3. Martha Kavanaugh and Pat Richwagon

Friday, January 19th

1. Joyce Fowler and Ted Fowler
2. Beverly Platner and Dottie Kemp
3. Pam Harding and Kathie Markel
4. Marianna Brink and Pat Richwagon

Monday, January 22nd

North/South

1. Judie Berry and Denny Morgan
2. Nancy Grote and Bessie Connelly

3. North/South

1. Gail yoh and Dottie Kemp
2. Gary Sayia and Joanne Wills
3. Pat Henry and Jeff Schumer

Wednesday, January 24th

North/South

1. Mary Zwirn and Mel Zwirn
2. Fred Bacher and Ed Kavanaugh

North/South

1. Pam Morss and Everitt Morss
2. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner



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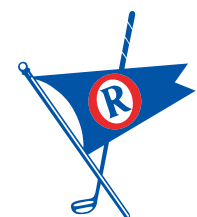
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