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Model Day in the Fishing Village

In its 11th year, last weekend's Art & Fashion Walk was the greatest and most bustling yet. As live music played, Members enjoyed exciting deals and unique artistic finds as they strolled through 40 different booths featuring visiting vendors, Club shops and your favorite stores on The Reef. The main event – the Fashion Show – nearly 50 Member and Associate models showcased the latest styles from Reef shops. It was a lively day for shoppers in the Fishing Village!



Bettina Schottland and Esther Vazquez modeling the Golf Shop.



Karen DiMaura modeling The Dress Code.



Jamie Benincasa modeling Sandpiper.



Eileen Glidden modeling Lilly Pulitzer.



Tim Hogarth, Lesley MacAulay, Pat Baxter, Marilyn Clark, and Julia Rushmore.

19th Annual Catwalk

Proposed State-of-the-Art Grayvik Animal Center Takes Center Stage

Nearly 450 Ocean Reef Club animal lovers gathered February 19 for the 19th Annual Catwalk Fashion Show & Luncheon at Town Hall. **Luisa Bryan**, ORCAT Chairperson, kicked off

the celebration with the exciting announcement that a proposed state-of-the-art animal clinic is about to become a reality.

Bryan revealed that Ocean Reef Club and ORCAT have agreed that construction of the new Grayvik Animal Center will commence this summer in a prime location at the corner of Marina Drive and Gatehouse Road.

The Grayvik Center has been providing veterinary services to the Ocean Reef community since 2006 and is

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Jessica Blackie's simple caption says it all – "Sunrise in paradise."

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

Equity Member Get-Together: Sweets & Treats

On **Monday, February 26** from 2-4 p.m., join your fellow Equity Members at Town Hall Waterside for mixing, mingling and enjoying lite bites and refreshments. Complimentary. Reservations are required by calling 305-367-5874 or emailing memberevents@oceanreef.com.

PerUs Tasting at Port O' Call

On **Wednesday, February 28** from 5 to 7 p.m., enjoy four red wines and a champagne expertly paired with lite bites, all for \$125++ per person. Call Port O' Call at 305-367-5999.

Calling All Thetas

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

Kappa Gathering

Calling all Kappas! Meet us at Port O' Call on **Thursday, February 29** at 5 p.m. For details, contact **Nancy Dillman** at ncstonegate@yahoo.com or 502-599-3180, or **Katy Miller** at katybmiller@me.com or 914-602-6628.

Gotta Question?

"I'm joining friends for dinner at The Ocean Room and I'm wondering if I'm able to order off of the main menu during the Grand Seafood Buffet or Asian Buffet?"

We asked Nico DiPerna, Ocean Room General Manager, for the answer! He shared that while you won't have access to the main dinner menu during these special buffet evenings, there is a special menu with four to five carefully curated entrees that are available for unlimited ordering. These options include a range of meats that aren't specific to the buffet such as duck, chicken, steak, and pork. These entrees are thoughtfully crafted to reflect the high-quality standards of Ocean Reef Club. Plus, all the featured entrees are included in the price of admission, ensuring you get the most out of your dining



experience.

Join Nico and The Ocean Room Team for the next Grand Seafood Buffet tomorrow, **Saturday, February 24!** And the next Asian Buffet follows on **Saturday, March 15**. Both have seatings available between 5:30 and 9:45 p.m. Reservations are required by calling Dining Reservations at 305-367-5931.

To stay up to date on the menus for upcoming buffets, visit oceanreef.com/dining every week, where we showcase the culinary offerings awaiting you at The Ocean Room.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Final Slate of ORC Board Candidates

The Ocean Reef Club Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the nomination of **Joan C. Conley, Wally Hayward** and **C. Raymond Larkin, Jr.** for election to the Club's Board of Directors. The candidates have been selected by a majority vote of the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The nominees will be presented for election by the Membership at the Club's Annual Meeting on **Thursday, April 11, 2024** in Town Hall.

Mrs. Conley has been nominated to serve a three-year term, and Mr. Hayward has been nominated to serve a one-year term, succeeding **Vicki Carr** and **Sarah Cart** on the Ocean Reef Club Board of Directors. ORC Director Ray Larkin has been nominated to serve a one-year term in order to fulfill his duty as Immediate Past Chairman of the Ocean Reef Club Board of Directors.

Members of the 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 Schivelbein**.

The Nominating Committee carefully considers several factors prior to selecting the nominees, including leadership, previous service to the Club and its Members, financial acumen, known to various Membership constituents, and whether they have the time, energy and a real commitment to serve on behalf of the Membership.

Additional information about each nominee appears below.



Joan Conley

Joan C. Conley

Joan Conley was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and holds a B.A. from Dominican University (Double Major: Economic and Communication) and M.S.I.R. (MBA with concentration in Law and Human Resource Management) from Loyola University of Chicago.

Joan has worked for over thirty years at Nasdaq, Inc, as a corporate governance and financial markets expert in both Washington D.C. and New York City. She is currently a Senior Advisor on Corporate Governance & ESG Programs at Nasdaq, Inc. having retired in December 2021 from her executive role as the Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Nasdaq, Inc.

Joan has a passion for entrepreneurs/entrepreneurship and co-created the Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center in San Francisco (2014) and served on the Board of that entity from 2014 until 2021.

Joan currently serves on the Board of Tigo Energy, Gonzaga College High School and previously served as the Lead Independent Director of EJFA Acquisition Corporation.

At Ocean Reef, Joan serves on the Ocean Reef Finance Committee and her Homeowners Association as well as serving on the Cultural Center Audit Committee.

Joan and husband **Michael** have been active in serving the needs of at-risk children, the sick and the poor in both



Wally Hayward

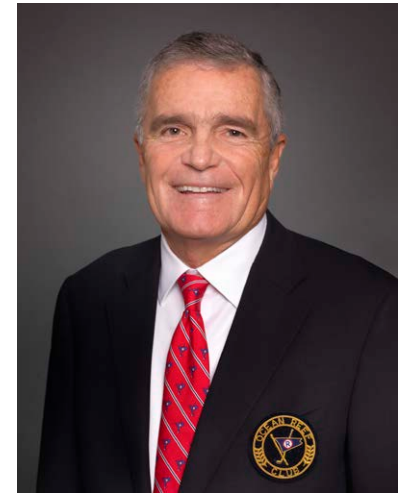
Washington DC. and in Ocean Reef (Keys Children Foundation and St. Justin Martyr Parish and the Catholic Community at the Chapel). Joan also enjoys reading, needlepoint, golf, cycling and pickleball.

The Conley's have been married for 37 years and raised their two children in Maryland. They were introduced to Ocean Reef in 2012 and immediately joined as Social Members, converting to Equity Membership in 2016.

When they are not at Ocean Reef, Michael and Joan live in Chevy Chase, Maryland where they are members of Columbia Country Club.

Wally Hayward

Wally Hayward was first introduced to Ocean Reef in 1976 when his parents, Tom and Sally, came to work on the development of Pumpkin Key. It was in 1980, when the Hayward family came to escape the Chicago winter, that Wally fell in love with the Florida Keys and the Reef lifestyle. In 2002, Wally and his wife **Jenny** became Legacy members, spending all of their holidays and establishing new family traditions at Ocean Reef with their two daughters, **Riley** and **Hope**. In 2018, Wally and Jenny became Equity members and today their daughters are both Legacy Members. The Hayward family legacy now spans three generations at the Reef.



Ray Larkin

After graduating from Northwestern, Wally began his career in sports marketing working with the NFL Players Association. He next worked for Leo Burnett/Relay Worldwide, creating game-changing corporate partnerships for leading brands.

After the Ricketts family bought the Chicago Cubs in 2008, Wally became the team's first Chief Sales & Marketing Officer. Wally then transitioned from the baseball side to launch W Partners, a joint-venture with the Ricketts family focused on selling legacy corporate partnerships for the restoration of Wrigley Field and other professional sports teams. W Partners is now a leading boutique agency in the sports marketplace. Wally was recognized for his leadership by being inducted in the Sports Business Journal Hall-of-Fame in 2008.

Wally currently serves on the University of Michigan Sports Management Advisory Board, was the Chair of the advertising & marketing Membership Committee for The Economic Club of Chicago, was a board member and President for the Northwestern Football Booster Club. He served on the Club's Membership Committee and is current chair of the Marketing and Tennis Committees. Wally and Jenny are avid boaters who love all watersports, playing tennis, pickleball, and golf.

Rock the Block Returns

Recalling last year's Anniversary year, there was one such event, or should we say 17 such events, that were the talk of the Club. "Rock the Block" parties returned in celebration of that incredible moment when Members took ownership of the Club in 1993. These get togethers, held primarily on the same night, brought the community together in a way that hadn't been done since the Member buyout. The individual parties generated a tremendous amount of collective buzz, and for that reason the Club wants to encourage Members to make it an annual tradition.

2024 Check List

The Club is here to help simplify your planning. Like last year, the Club will once again provide tables, chairs and linens delivered to your location at no charge. A Member Events



Last year's Sunset Cay gathering.

associate will be assigned to your event for all planning elements, including liaising with Catering and Banquets and assisting with invitations. The team even built an event check list for you so you don't forget a thing!

There is no set date for this year's event in order to allow each neighborhood to choose a date that works best. Contact Member Events at least two weeks ahead of your event date at 305-367-6516. Let's Rock the Block again in 2024!



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C. Raymond Larkin, Jr.

Ray Larkin Jr. and his wife **MaryAnn** were first introduced to Ocean Reef by Ray's parents who had been coming to Ocean Reef since 1984. After visiting several times, Ray Jr. and MaryAnn became enthralled with all that Ocean Reef had to offer. They decided to become Equity Members and bought their current home in Angelfish Cay in 1998. They will both tell you there's nowhere else in the world they'd rather be. Their three sons, all Legacy members, and their families, heartily agree.

He made his career in the medical device industry.

He currently serves as the Chairman of two publicly traded medical device companies (Align Technology and Shockwave) and is on the board of two private medical device companies.

Ray is currently the Immediate Past Chairman of Ocean Reef Club. He currently serves as Board Liaison for the Pickleball & Tennis Committees. He has served as Chairman of the Membership Committee, serves on the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee and has served on the board of the ORC Medical Center Foundation.

Please mail in your proxy statement to: Ocean Reef Club, Attn. LuAnn Lowen, 201 Ocean Reef Drive, Key Largo, FL 33037. You may also email it to lloven@oceanreef.com or turn it in at the Annual Meeting on **Thursday, April 11** in Town Hall.

Club Committees Seek New Members

Consider the Advisory Council

Committees are the best way to take an active role in shaping your Club. It is one of the great traditions at Ocean Reef Club and perhaps one of the most important. Now is your opportunity to raise your hand and be part of a committee—all of which do vital and engaging work that help to shape the various functions of the Club.

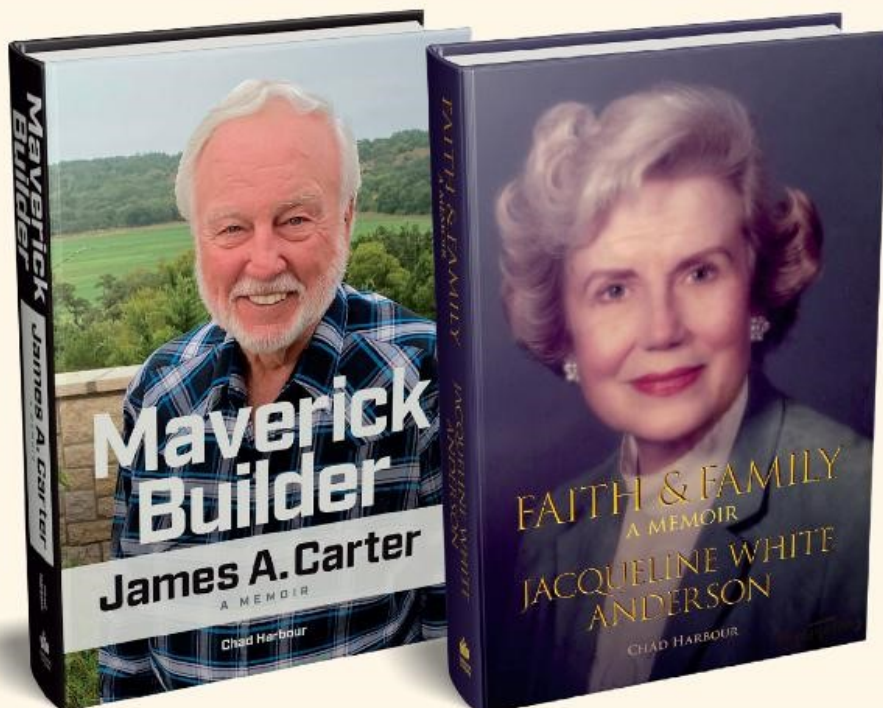
Consider whether you have prior professional experience or simply a deep interest that would make

joining a particular committee rewarding for you and your Club.

The Advisory Council generally has the most opportunities available as it is the largest committee. Selection on the Advisory Council is based on area of residence, and it offers members the unique opportunity to "be the voice" of their neighborhood, bringing issues, recommendations and accomplishments to the boards of both Ocean Reef Club and Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA). The council is also brought up-to-date on Community affairs. Meetings per season: 2.

To request an application, contact LuAnn Lowen at lloven@oceanreef.com. The questionnaires are due by March 10.

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19th Annual Catwalk

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currently Home of ORCAT, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organized exclusively for charitable purposes and for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Dr. Lora Cummings heads Grayvik and manages the veterinary care of more than 1,200 patients with services including wellness care, diagnostic testing, and general surgical and dental needs. The Grayvik Center also houses a cat adoption center and has over 3,000 cat visitations annually.

The clinic currently handles approximately 2,500 visits per season, with dedicated surgery days limiting other visits because there is no room to treat other pets. "There is so much more we



Steve Rushmore and Chanel.

can do, and this new facility will enable us to do it," said Dr. Cummings about the need to meet increasing demand for care.

The new, two-story Grayvik Center will include a veterinary clinic, grooming



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facility and cat adoption center, and will encompass 6,000 plus square feet. Tax deductible donations and fundraising events such as the Catwalk will assist with the new facility's capital costs.

Paul Bishop, the Master of Ceremonies, graced the fundraiser event with his signature charm. He introduced board member **Annie Stamps**, who presented the **Penny W. Stamps Award to John Storm**, in recognition of his loving support of Ocean Reef's feline community.

For the third consecutive year, ORCAT partnered with fashion powerhouse Neiman Marcus Coral Gables, which showcased 42 looks featuring Spring 2024 creations of renowned designers such as Ferragamo, Dolce & Gabbana, Carolina Herrera, Valentino, Oscar de la Renta, Ralph Lauren, Burberry, Zimmermann, and other esteemed fashion houses. A pop-up Neiman Marcus Boutique was also open to Members before and after the event.

Making her debut on the Catwalk, four-legged model and rescue dog Chloe, one of two rescues featured on the *Paws on the Runway* portion of the event, found her forever



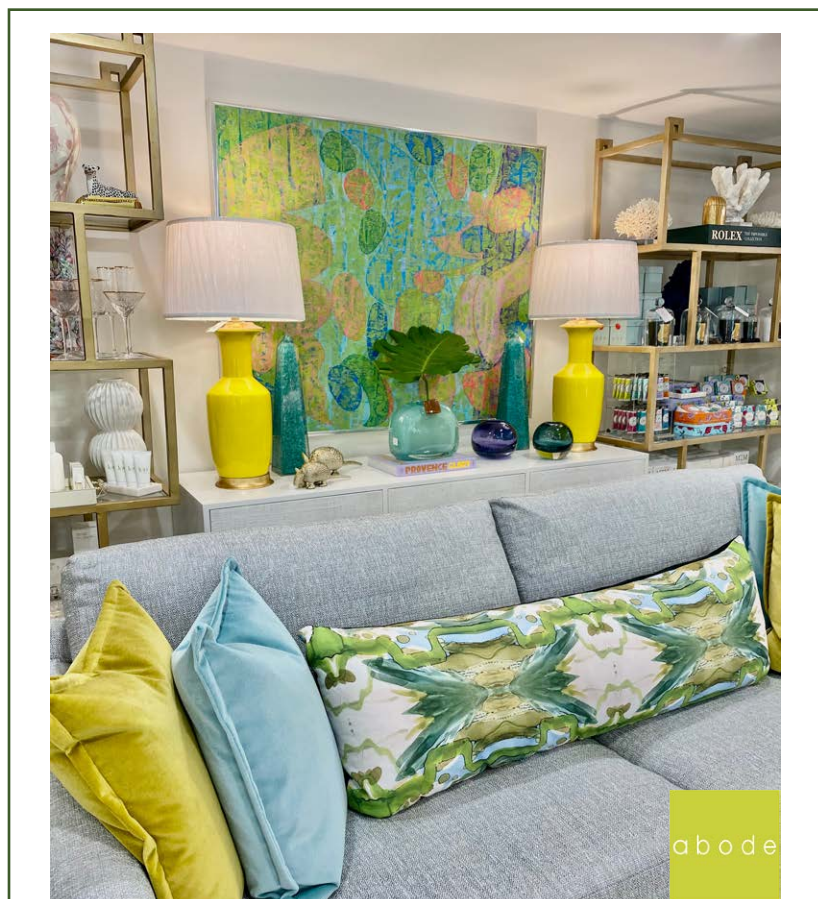
Paul Bishop, the Master of Ceremonies, and Luisa Bryan, ORCAT Chairperson.

home with All Charities Director Lesa Crayne.

Winners of raffle items at the Catwalk who were not able to pick up their prizes may do so at the ORCA office.

ORCAT's mission is to humanely reduce and control Ocean Reef's feral cat population through an aggressive Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program of spaying, neutering, and maintaining existing small, managed, non-breeding feral cat colonies (collectively referred to as working cats) and by maintaining an effective adoption program. Working cats effectively manage the vermin population, which was previously a nuisance in Ocean Reef. Their presence has reduced the need for potentially harmful baits or rodenticides that could pose risks to pets and endangered species bordering the Ocean Reef community.

Thanks to ORCAT's efforts, Ocean Reef's cat population has been reduced from thousands in the 1990s to a healthier population that includes 106 cats in the adoption centers and 211 working cats in small, controlled colonies.



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Then & Now Ocean Reef's First Chairman Reminisces

By Tom Davidson,
Member since 1981

How fortunate we are. My wife **Sally** and I came to Ocean Reef over 45 years ago. Long enough ago that our four children were still in our household. Today three of our four children have places of their own at ORC and the family with significant others adds to about 30.

Although it was a far different place 45 years ago it was still a very, very special place, even then.

The Club was developer-owned in those days and had just started charging dues a few years before, the dues were \$250.00. (That would be nice.)

Our first property purchase was at Fisherman's

Cove (which was just built). We invited three Canadian friends to join us and collectively we purchased a four-unit building for about \$200k/unit.

In those days there was no Clubhouse, Cultural Center, Town Hall and The Medical Center was at a different location, very small and mostly handed out band-aids and directed you to one of the hospitals. Card Sound Golf Club was here but was recently opened. The entry was \$25,000 and there were still spots available.

Rich, poor, or boat captain, made no difference we were all here together. And we played and dined together.

The Islander was here and very popular even then, but The Galley, which was where the Burgee and Gianni are today, was the most popular spot on The Reef. It was a one-story

building with screens instead of windows. It was the first place you went when you arrived in the fall and the last place in the spring.

There were no reservations, no crowding at the four-corners and the vehicle of choice was your golf cart (very vanilla) or the two-year-old station wagon you brought down from up north. The boat of choice was a 25-foot Mako but we still caught lots of fish. There were a few sport fishing boats and only a couple of flat boats with poling towers.

The majority of owners in those days were from The Midwest and many had fly-it-yourself planes that they kept right on the grass along the runway.

No fitness center (can you believe it) but we did have a skeet range where the fitness center is today. We had two golf courses that seemed to

grow more rocks than grass.

Fast forward, add a Clubhouse, Cultural Center, Fitness Center, expanded Art League, Town Hall, upgraded golf courses, the Chapel and the best-of-breed Medical Center. And we have the paradise of today.

We loved it back then and we still love it now. We feel multi-blessed that we have been able to raise our family here and also watch their families grow up here.

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Angelfish Cay 21A | Canal Front

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2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,250,000 | 2622

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

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

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1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,800,000 | 2643

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NEW LISTING

Fairway Lakes 41B | Golf Course
2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,550,000 | 2665

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Marina Village 2B | Canal Front
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Harbour Green 45 | Canal Front
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Pumpkin Cay 7B | Canal Front
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 2 BD, 2 BA | \$4,150,000 | 2621
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Angelfish Cay 25A | Canal Front
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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
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Pumpkin Cay 14B | Canal Front
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Fairway Lakes 36A | Golf Views
 2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,975,000 | 2642
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Angelfish Cay 72B | Canal Front
 1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,200,000 | 2636
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Angelfish Cay 11B | Canal Front
 1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,185,000 | 2644
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Angelfish Cay 38B | Canal Front
 1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,100,000 | 2579
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Angelfish 38A | Canal Front
 1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,100,000 | 2598
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MEMBER GUEST SERVICES

How May We Assist You?

If you've made reservations at The Reef this season, be it a Member Get-Together, Trivia Night, Super Bingo or the like, or if you've called with questions about any number of Reef happenings, you've likely spoken with a member of the Club's expert Member Guest Services Team. This knowledgeable team has been busy this season assisting with event and dining reservations, creating itineraries for Members and their guests, and answering any number of inquiries, from what outlets are open to what the weather's like at The Reef. "How may we assist you?" is the Team's motto as they provide a one-stop shop for

all Member and needs and requests. Challenge the Team with any ORC question and they are sure to know the answer or quickly find it for you.

Their catalog of services is long. Some of them you may expect, but many may surprise you. Each week in the Ocean Reef Press, we'll cover one of those services. This week, it's dining!

Dining Services... it's More Than Reservations

The Member Guest Services Team can assist with much more than just booking your dining reservation, adding you to the waitlist, and canceling reservations. They are privy to all things dining and anything they don't know, they will find out!

The Team can tell you the type of cuisine at a certain

event, menu details, notify restaurants of food allergies, hours of operation, and (a biggie) the dress code for any outlet or dining event. They can also answer any questions you may have on the Equity Member Nights and guide you through the process of making your reservation through the Club's website.

Not sure when reservations open or how far in advance you can make yours? Member Guest Services knows and will be happy help you.

Member Guest Services can be reached by calling 305-367-6516 or by visiting them in the Inn Lobby (daily from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) or the Clubhouse (Thursday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). They are available with extended hours during holiday times.

EQUITY MEMBER ONLY NIGHTS

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Thursdays at Islander

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It's Bigger, Better & Bolder...

Food & Wine Weekend is Back

No really. The Club is enhancing every detail for this April's celebration of the 10th anniversary Food & Wine Weekend (**April 11 to 14, 2024**). If you've been to Food & Wine before, you'll definitely want to come back. And if you've never been, we forgive you. You must not know just how great it is!

Food & Wine Weekend is so much more than a party, a wine tasting or even a cooking class. It's a high-caliber, four-day (fourth day added this year!) extravaganza, with something for any and every degree of connoisseur.

For those of you who love the Club's Cooking Classes, Vine to Table dinner series, and Specialty Wine & Spirits Dinners, Food & Wine is a chance to enjoy a bit of all of those wrapped into one weekend. The most celebrated culinarians will make their way through our gates to present an exceptional weekend just for Ocean Reef Members. Another only-at-Ocean-Reef opportunity.

Headlined By a Revolutionary Chef

The 2024 Food & Wine Weekend will be headlined



One of Saturday's many events includes wine tasting on the Lawn.

by not only one of the most celebrated chefs in the country – a literal “who's who” in culinary (the only Floridian chef ever to be included in the prestigious James Beard Foundation's list of “Who's Who in American Food and Beverage”), but someone with a fond history at Ocean Reef.

Who is he? Well, you'll just have to wait and see!

And that's not even the only celebrity chef to be in attendance at the weekend. Plus, exciting names in wine and spirits will make a splash, with exceptional wines spotlighting the Saturday night dinner.

So, What's On the Menu?

The Food & Wine fun begins Thursday, April 11 with the all-new **Burger Bash on Buccaneer**. This particular event will be offered as an add-on to the weekend, so even if you can't attend the full Friday through Sunday celebration, you can enjoy

Thursday - a “taste” of the weekend!

Friday's **Welcome Luncheon and Food & Wine Experience** at Waterside will follow, this year with a new **After Hours** event to round out the evening.

Saturday will boast everyone's favorite Bloody Mary Bar and wine and mixology demos, and will also feature an all-new **Farm to Table Expo**, with offerings

from various Club purveyors that will not only indulge and delight but interest those who want to learn more, directly from the expert producers. And of course, our headliner guest chef will lead a cooking class that's not to be missed, as well as the evening's **Grand Dinner Dance**.

Sunday's **Grey Goose Bloody Mary Brunch** will close out the celebration.

Ready to Order?

Keep an eye on your inbox. Next week you'll receive an eblast with a link to registration, which opens March 1. The Ocean Reef Press will continue to tease details of the weekend in the weeks to come.

With Easter early this year, the 10th annual Food & Wine Weekend (**April 11 to 14, 2024**) will be THE April highlight. A delicious way to end your season.

March Guests in the Chapel Sanctuary



Lauren Green Sunday, March 3 at 9am

Lauren Green has served as Chief Religion Correspondent on the Fox News Channel since 2006. In addition to being an award-winning journalist and classical pianist, she is also the author of the book, *Lighthouse Faith*.



Jim Brickman in Concert Thursday, March 21 at 7:30pm

Jim Brickman is an American pop songwriter, pianist and radio host. Brickman has earned two Grammy nominations for his albums *Peace* (Best Instrumental), and *Faith* (Best New Age).

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Friday, February 23 - 8:00PM

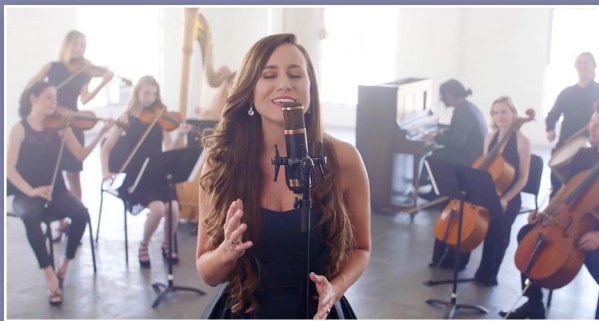
Tommy James and the Shondells have CANCELLED their performance at the Cultural Center due to health issues. No charges have been incurred for tickets. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

FLORIDA'S ECONOMY IN THE KEYS AND BEYOND RUNS ON EVERGLADES RESTORATION

Wednesday, February 28 - 4:30PM

See article on page 13 for more info.

CABARET SHOW LAUREN JELENCOVICH



Thursday, February 29

Early Show: **5:00PM**

Late Show: **7:30PM**

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Scan the QR code to order your tickets and/or visit our website at ORCulturalCenter.org for complete details.

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AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

FILM SOCIETY: FOOD & FILM

Mystic Pizza 1988

Monday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m.

This thoughtful tale is about three women and their summer adventures after graduating from high school. They each experience a romance that is meaningful, but sparks life lessons in unexpected ways. All of the young actors are talented, and Daisy, played by Julia Roberts, performs in her break-out role with finesse. Still marvelously effective 36 years after its release, this comedy-drama is a wildly entertaining coming-of-age story.

Dan Hudak, a film critic in print, radio, television, and in person throughout the United States, will introduce this film. Dan studied at Bard College and the University of Miami where he earned an M.A. in Film Studies. He will give his input to the making of "Mystic Pizza" and its long-lasting



Mystic Pizza

popularity. A dinner will follow (by reservation only) inspired by the real pizza parlor in the film. Ocean Reef Club's outstanding Culinary Department guided by Chef Philippe Reynaud, Senior Director of Culinary Operations, will prepare an Italian menu.

It is necessary to join the Film Society to view all films and programs. The optional dinner for \$63++ is available only with reservations as space is limited. All dinner participants must be a Film Society member to attend.

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

DINING WITH THE PRESIDENTS: IN-PERSON & ON STAGE

"Putin & the Presidents"

**Unraveling the US-Russian Rift:
Tracing Geopolitical Fault Lines
from the Cold War to Today with
Jeffrey Engel**

US-Russian relations are at a new post-Cold War low. But those tensions go far beyond the current crisis over Ukraine. Russian-American antagonisms stem instead from long-standing geopolitical differences--different worldviews, really--held by American and Russian leaders since the Cold War's End. Only by understanding how today's conflicts began, can we hope to plot a path forward.

Jeffrey Engel, the founding director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University, is the author or editor of a dozen books on American foreign policy. "When the World Seemed New: George H.W Bush and the End



Jeffrey Engel

of the Cold War" received the 2019 Transatlantic Studies Prize and was shortlisted for the Council on Foreign Relations' Arthur

Ross Book Award. In 2018, he co-wrote with Timothy Naftali, Jon Meacham and Peter Baker, "Impeachment: An American History." He is a frequent media contributor on international and political affairs and his articles appear regularly in the Washington Post, USA Today, and other popular media outlets.

Join Jeffrey Engel at the Cultural Center for this complimentary lecture, Thursday, March 7 at 5 p.m. Following the lecture, an optional dinner featuring a Q & A with Jeffrey Engel will take place. Aligned with the theme, Chef Philippe has crafted a distinctive three-course menu featuring Russian cuisine. Reservations for dinner are required, please email tickets@oceanreef.com.

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

Florida's Economy in the Keys & Beyond Runs on Everglades Restoration

From Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay, the benefits of Everglades restoration are already becoming apparent – including the impact on Florida's \$1 trillion economy.

Florida's economy runs on clean water, and the health of our water infrastructure directly benefits the billions of dollars and thousands of jobs tied to outdoor recreation, tourism, real estate and other sectors that define the state's economic



competitiveness and quality of life. By "fixing" Florida's water, Everglades restoration is creating a healthy environment and healthy economy. The Everglades also replenish the Biscayne Aquifer, the source of drinking water for 9 million South Floridians.

Learn about Everglades restoration progress and

its ramifications for our economy, real estate values and freshwater supply at a presentation from The Everglades Foundation at 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, at the Cultural Center at Ocean Reef. Chief Executive Officer Eric Eikenberg and Chief Science Officer Dr. Steve Davis will be joined by a

panel of state and local economic and real estate experts.

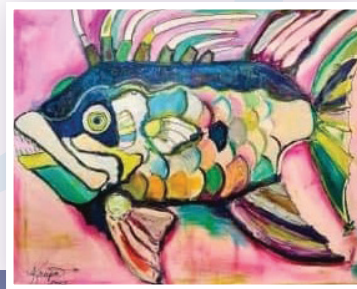
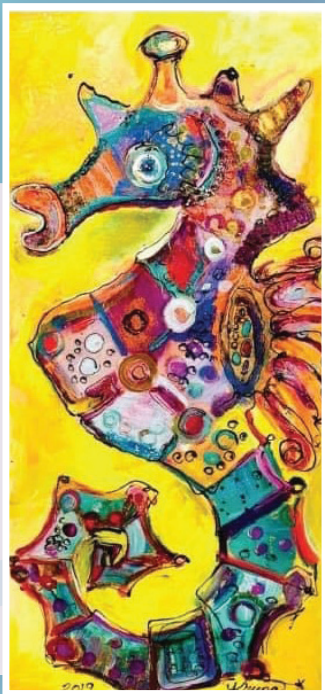
"Increased freshwater flow helps restore the vital salinity balance in Florida Bay that has made it the Fishing Capital of the World," Eikenberg said. "The bay currently suffers from too much saltwater that has led to massive seagrass die-offs, which severely harm the ecosystem – and our economy. We are at a critical juncture on Everglades restoration, and the stakes are high."

The February 28 presentation is hosted by the Ocean Reef Conservation Association and the Cultural Center at Ocean Reef. Northern Trust is sponsoring the event, which will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

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3 Ocean Reef Dr. | New Construction
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15 Harbor Island Dr. | Canal Front
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11 Grayvik Drive | Canal Front
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4 BD, 4.5 BA | Nearly Complete
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39 Thatch Palm Way | Golf Course
5 BD, 5.5 BA \$6,499,000 | 2661
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437 South Harbor Dr. | Golf /Lake
4 BD, 4 BA | \$5,900,000 | 2607
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36 Bay Ridge Rd. | Central Location
3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,850,000 | 2601
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426 South Harbor Dr. | Lake Front
3 BD, Bonus Room, 3.5 BA
\$5,790,000 | 2619
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302 Carysfort Road | Villa Cay
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23 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front
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32 Bay Ridge Rd | Central Location
3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,995,000 | 2498
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4 Country Club Rd. | Golf Course
3 BD, 3 BA \$4,995,000 | 2656
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31 Angelfish Cay Dr. | Ocean Front
Vacant Homesite | \$14,975,000 | 2487
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AT THE CULTURAL CENTER



Movie Schedule Change

Due to Tommy James and the Shondells CANCELLED performance, the Saturday movie showing of "The Iron Claw" has moved to Friday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Met: Live in HD Carmen

By Georges Bizet

Saturday, February 24 at 12:55 p.m.
Cultural Center
Tickets \$25 at the door

Acclaimed English director Carrie Cracknell brings a vital new production of one of opera's most enduringly powerful works. Dazzling young mezzo-soprano Aigul Akhmetshina leads alongside tenor Piotr Beczala as Carmen's troubled lover. Daniele Rustioni conducts Bizet's heart-pounding score. Encore. Runtime 3hrs. 44min.



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2024 Bag Room Open:

ORC's Unique Golf Tradition Brings Community Together



by Annie Miles



Defending Bag Room Open Champion Zach Haynes teeing off in the 2023 finals.



Matt Costigan will take a break from outside duties and hit the links in the Open.



Mentor Chair Mike Miles discusses details of the Bag Room with Head Golf Professional Ben Claus.

Are you an avid golfer who looks forward to the excitement of the Bag Room Open every spring or are you now asking yourself, "What in the world is the Bag Room Open?"

Rest assured, whether golf nut or not, the 48th Annual Bag Room Open is one of the most fun traditions at Ocean Reef. It's an entertaining role reversal, where Members caddy for the pros, the pros take center stage in a match-play format, and the whole community can join in as the gallery. In recent years, the gallery has ballooned to more than 100 carts following the final match. The refreshment cart follows the crowd and official scorers keep everyone apprised of the results after each hole.

How It Works

First organized in 1977, the tournament gives the community a chance to see our golf pros in competitive play. Players are seeded following 18-hole qualifying matches. Following the bracket reveal next week for players and their caddies, matches will begin on **Saturday, March 9** at 1 p.m. The defending champion is Zach Haynes, Ocean Reef's First Assistant Golf Professional, with back-to-back wins in 2022 and 2023. The tournament is friendly and professional, but make no mistake, the players are motivated to play their best

golf and compete fiercely for bragging rights of being The Reef's best professional.

The goal for this year's event is to continue to build on the level of interest and support achieved last year. Bag Room Chairman **Jay Guarch** is in his second year heading up the tournament. He emphasized that ALL golf staff, from inside the shop to outside operations, benefit from the Bag Room. "All contributions are distributed evenly among the staff members, with bonuses going to the finalists," explained Guarch. He works closely with his wife, **Delia**, and **Stacey Lahey**, to plan and publicize all phases of the Open. Last year they instituted the first "bracket reveal" party. This year they have designed a special logo for the event. Hats and golf shirts with the "Bag Room Open" logo may be purchased in the Golf Shop and all profits from this merchandise goes to benefit the staff.

A Bonding Experience

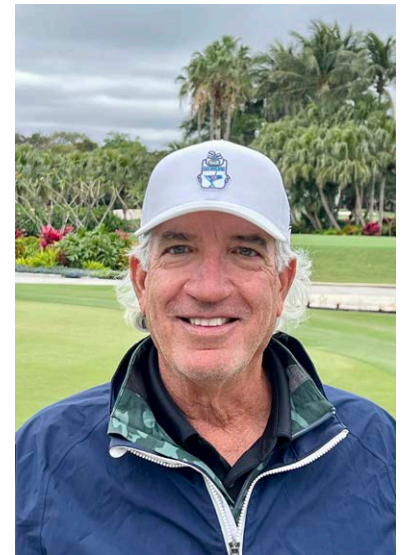
Members who are part of the ORC Mentoring Program serve as caddies for their Mentees. The Mentors suit up in vests and perform all the usual caddy duties. "The Mentors look forward to the tournament as much as the pros," noted Mentor Chairman **Mike Miles**. "It's a great event that is unique to our community. The Bag



Among the 26 staff participating in the Bag Room Open will be Tim Watson and Aaron Hart.

Room is one more way that positive relationships are fostered with the staff." In the mentoring program, individual Members volunteer their time each season to mentor a member of the golf staff, at either Ocean Reef or Card Sound. Member support for the Bag Room Open is always exceptional.

Ocean Reef Outdoor Operations Manager Matt Costigan shared his thoughts on the tournament from a staff member's point of view. "We can't thank the membership enough for their support during this event. For them to spend Friday and Saturday afternoons throughout March watching us grind away on the golf course means more than they will ever know. Having our Mentors by our side is huge when our hands and minds



Bag Room Open Chairman Jay Guarch shows off the new Bag Room Open logo on his cap.

start to shake! The Bag Room Open is just one of the things that sets Ocean Reef apart and makes it such an amazing place to work."

Lend Your Support

If you would like to be part of the fun and show your support for ORC's outstanding golf associates, you may pick up a Bag Room Open brochure at the Ocean Reef Golf Shop or look for the brochure in the mail. Remember, all proceeds from the event benefit the entire golf staff from the Golf Shop to the team outside. Plan to come out and watch or follow the tournament on Instagram (@BagRoomOpenORC) or Facebook (@Bag Room Open), both managed by Delia Guarch and Stacey Lahey.

An Incredible Gift – An Appropriate Thanks



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

Many of you will remember our friend Jon Santemma who passed away in September of 2017. Jon had a distinguished law practice in New York state. He was recognized as the pre-eminent expert in tax certiorari – a specialty I had never heard of. It is a legal term to describe the process by which a property owner can challenge their real estate assessment and if successful, reduce their real estate taxes.

Amidst the many accolades he received for his legal work and leadership, there was a side to Jon perhaps not so well known. He was an accomplished pianist. In the home on Long Island he shared with his wife Carol, Jon had a cherished Steinway grand piano. It was a source of great joy to them both.

An Incredible Gift

Following Jon's death, Carol considered offers to purchase

the beloved piano. At that time, a friend asked Carol if she had ever considered donating the instrument to the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center.

Carol made a call to ask if there might be interest in having Jon's Steinway in the new chapel. At the time it was under construction. As one current television commercial says, "It was the easiest decision in the history of decisions!" When our Music Director, Bill Galliford, heard about the possibility, his eyes lit up with delight!

After making the decision to gift The Chapel with the piano, it was painstakingly crated and shipped to a music company in Florida. The company had Steinway's certification to inspect and refurbish their instrument as needed. After some minor touching up, we received notice the piano was on the way. None of us involved will ever forget the day the piano arrived and was placed in its new home on the chancel of the chapel.

The quality of this particular Steinway is extraordinary. It is an incredible gift that will continue to enrich the worship and events in the chapel for years to come.

An Appropriate Thanks

This magnificent Steinway grand has been adding its rich voice to worship services and

special events from the first day the new chapel opened. However, there has never been a special moment set aside to express our thanks to Carol for the gift given in Jon's memory.

We began thinking about inviting some well-known artist to provide a concert. It had to be someone with an extraordinary gift as well as an engaging personality, whose life reflects the values of the chapel community. Several of us had just such an artist on our Pandora channel and list of Spotify podcasts.

Contact was made, and a date set. We are pleased to present the **award winning pianist and songwriter, Jim Brickman** in concert in the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center on **Thursday evening, March 21** at 7:30 p.m.

The warmth of Brickman's personality is as engaging as his artistry. If you have not heard his music, here's a bit about his background and the recognition he has received.

A native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Brickman began playing at the age of five. His career began at Shaker Heights High School where he performed on piano with the high school orchestra. He and fellow student Anne Cochran began performing piano-vocal material, and won a talent competition hosted by WGCL "G98" radio station. He went on to study

composition and performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

During his career, four of his albums have gone gold, selling over 500,000 copies. In 2005, three of his albums, *The Disney Songbook*, *Grace*, and *Greatest Hits*, held the top three spots on one of *Billboard's* charts.

Brickman composes and performs a variety of music and is known for his success in radio's adult contemporary format. He has collaborated with artists from all genres with songs like "Love of My Life" with Michael W. Smith, "You" with Jane Krakowski, "Never Alone" with country group Lady A, "After All These Years" with Anne Cochran, and "Never Far Away" with Christian Contemporary group Rush of Fools, among many others.

We are delighted to have Jim Brickman be our guest artist as we celebrate the incredible gift of Jon Santemma's piano to the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center. The concert is being presented by the Protestant Congregation at Ocean Reef and underwritten by a group of generous donors.

Please plan to join us as we express our appropriate thanks to Carol Santemma that evening for this wonderful gift given in Jon's honor.

SHABBAT SERVICES



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Cornerstone Room - 6:00 pm

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

All events at the Ocean Reef Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EPISCOPAL SERVICE

All are invited for this community service each Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary. This **Wednesday, February 28**, **Reverend Spencer Potter** will return to lead the service.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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FRIDAY, FEB. 23

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

Rconciliation with Fr. Gillespie
 3: 15 p.m., Chapel Living Room
Catholic Mass
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Fr. Gillespie

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

Traditional Worship Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Dr. Matt Heard
Kids Matter (4yrs-8yrs)
 9 a.m., Chapel Children's Room
Journey Together
 10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Chaplain Bob Henley
Kids Matter (9yrs - up)
 10:30 a.m., Chapel Children's Room
Catholic Mass
 12 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Fr. Gillespie

MONDAY, FEB. 26

Al-Anon Meeting
 9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall
Rosary Prayer Group
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary
AA Meeting
 7:30 p.m., Chapel Board Room
For additional AA Meetings: 305-390-4983

Family Rosary Across America
 8 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

Catholic Mass
 7 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Fr. Rocky Hoffman
Catholic Bible Study
 9 a.m., Chapel Living Room

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

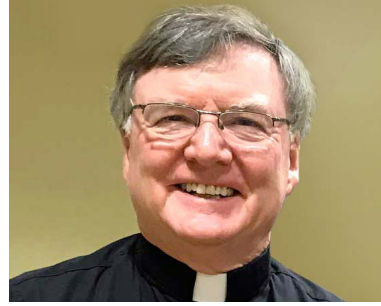
Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room
Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Spencer
 Potter

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

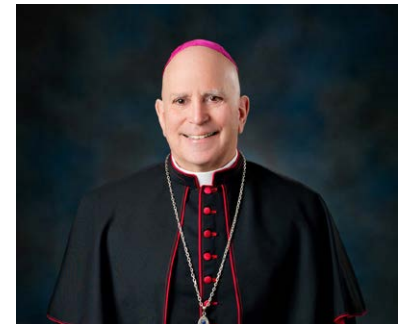
THURSDAY, FEB. 29

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

**VISITING PRIESTS TO
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Father Jim Shea
 Fr. Jim Shea, S.J., Catholic Chaplain at the Georgetown University Medical Center, works to advance, support, and integrate the work of Catholic Ministry and Campus Ministry with the Medical Center community. Since 2004, he's served as Pastor in D.C. and Charlotte. Fr Shea grew up with Irish Catholic parents and joined the Jesuits out of high school. His period of formation was 11 years, culminating in his ordination by Worcester Bishop Bernard Joseph Flanagan on June 2, 1975, at the College of the Holy Cross. Fr Shea will lead the mass on **Wed., March 6** at 7 a.m.



Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila
 Samuel J. Aquila, guest of **Nancy** and **John Sevo**, was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1976, and served in parish ministry for 11 years. In 2012, he was installed as the Archbishop of Denver, returning to lead the Archdiocese where he had originally served as a priest for 25 years. Archbishop Aquila serves on the Papal Foundation, the Bishops' Advisory Council for the Institute for Priestly Formation and the Board of Trustees for the Augustine Institute. He is also a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Aquila will lead the Mass on **Sat., March 2** at 4 p.m.

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OUT AND ABOUT

WELCOME VISITING PRIESTS TO LEAD CATHOLIC MASSES

CATHOLIC MASS

Saturday, February 24 • 4 p.m.
Sunday, February 25 • 12 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27 • 7 a.m.
Chapel & Fellowship Center

The Chapel & Fellowship Center welcomes Father Kevin Gillespie, S.J., pastor of Holy Trinity Church, to lead the mass on **Saturday, February 24** at 4 p.m. and **Sunday, February 25** at 12 p.m., as well as Rev. Francis J. Hoffman "Fr. Rocky", CEO and Chairman of the Board of Relevant Radio, to lead the mass on **Tuesday, February 27** at 7 a.m.



On Monday evening, February 12, Sunrise Cay residents gathered for a delicious dinner and delightful evening of fellowship in the Cultural Center library. Tom and Sally Davidson first organized this annual event over twenty years ago. The tradition continues, providing an opportunity for Sunrise residents to renew old friendships and welcome new Sunrise residents to the island "across the bridge". A very special part of Ocean Reef.



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Boutique D' Reef Boasts New Vendors

Seven New Carefully Curated Vendors at Boutique D' Reef 2024: Danrie, Hargrove Brothers, Pretty Ballerinas, Julia Amory, Netherfield Collection, Rungolee and Tanya Taylor.



Hargrove Brothers offers a quality crafted collection for men.

The upcoming Boutique D' Reef, Tuesday, March 5 through Thursday, March 7 at Town Hall, is set to showcase an incredible lineup of vendors, including several exciting new additions. Among them are Hargrove Brothers, a collection of men's clothing from the mountains of North Carolina; Danrie, chic, fun children's clothing; Pretty Ballerinas, exceptional handmade footwear from New York City and Tanya Taylor, women's clothing for the modern-fashioned forward woman. These vendors bring unique offerings for men, women, new mothers, and grandmothers alike, adding to the diverse and enticing shopping experience for all attendees.

Hargrove Brothers: Founded by Charles and Beau Hargrove, Hargrove Brothers emerged from a creative idea that originated in their middle school years. In a bid to support their mother's bustling women's and home goods boutique, they conceived the concept of a men's department.

Starting with a few white shirts and needlepoint belts, their collection quickly gained popularity. Today, Hargrove Brothers is based in Cashiers, North Carolina, and is renowned for its wide range of men's clothing, from field gear to evening coats and pocket squares. Their selection promises to captivate Boutique D' Reef's gentlemen attendees with its quality craftsmanship and stylish designs.

Pretty Ballerinas: With a rich heritage dating back to 1918, Pretty Ballerinas is a brand that has stood the test of time. Established with the aim of offering exceptional quality flat footwear, their collection showcases the artistry of handmade craftsmanship. The attention to detail and dedication to quality that goes into each pair of shoes sets Pretty Ballerinas apart. Whether looking for a classic pair or a statement piece, Pretty Ballerinas is sure to delight with their exquisite offerings.



Hand-painted prints are Tanya Taylor's signature, new to Boutique this year.

Tanya Taylor: Tanya Taylor is renowned for her artistic and thoughtful approach to fashion, where she seamlessly blends color, texture, and original hand-painted prints into uplifting and celebratory silhouettes. With a commitment to size inclusivity, Tanya Taylor ensures that all women have a way to express their creativity through her collections. Get ready to discover the vibrant and inclusive world of Tanya Taylor at Boutique D' Reef.



Pretty Ballerinas makes their Boutique D' Reef debut with classic and statement flats.

These exceptional brands bring their unique offerings to the event, enriching the shopping experience for all attendees. The new and returning vendors offer something special for every fashion enthusiast. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us at Boutique D' Reef on March 5, 6, and 7 in Town Hall to discover the extraordinary collections these vendors have to offer.

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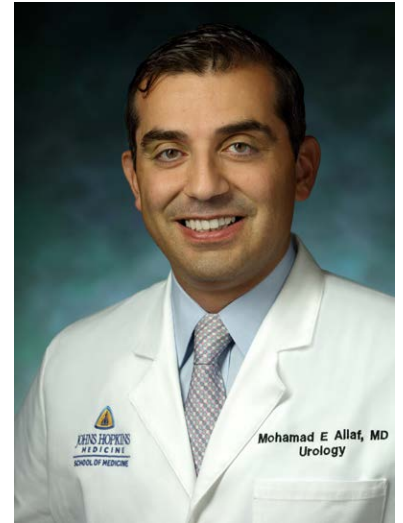
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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Medical Lecture Series Presents: "What's New in Urology? From Prostate Health to Surgical Innovation"

Tuesday, February 27



Dr. Mohammad Allaf

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 27th** at 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center with Dr. Mohammad Allaf for an informative lecture on prostate health and the advances in surgical innovation to treat prostate cancer. Dr. Allaf is a Professor of Urology and Oncology, Director of the Department of Urology and the Brady Urological Institute. He is also Urologist-in-Chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and serves as the Director of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery.

He is a world-renowned surgeon-scientist having performed more than 2,000 robotic procedures and published over 250 peer-reviewed research papers in

the field's best journals.

Dr. Allaf is amongst the leaders in kidney cancer surgery, having served on the American Urological Association Guideline Committee for Kidney Cancer. He led a team that performed the rigorous analysis to help inform the most recent guidelines that were funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). He is best known for his ability to save the kidney and remove the tumor in patients with kidney tumors.

Please join us after the lecture for a cocktail reception and to meet Dr. Allaf. Many thanks to Healthnetwork Foundation for sponsoring this informative lecture.

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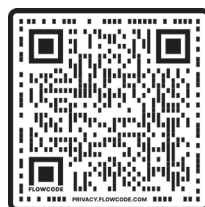


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An Interview With The Conchens (Chickens) of Key Largo Rooster Ruckus



by Harold Brewer

While on a recent visit to the Tradewinds Plaza in Key Largo, I was confronted by a couple of very large and indignant roosters. They had noticed my large camera and strutted over to protest my attempts to photograph them without compensation. Between crows, struts and scratching, they shared their strong opinion that the famous Key West chickens were getting all the free food and attention while in Key Largo almost no one paid any attention to the local flock. One even declared that he had the longest and sharpest spurs in Monroe County and would be delighted to challenge any Key West bird to a duel. I pointed out that chicken fighting was outlawed years ago and I was having no part of this feathered scheme.

Driving back to The Reef I

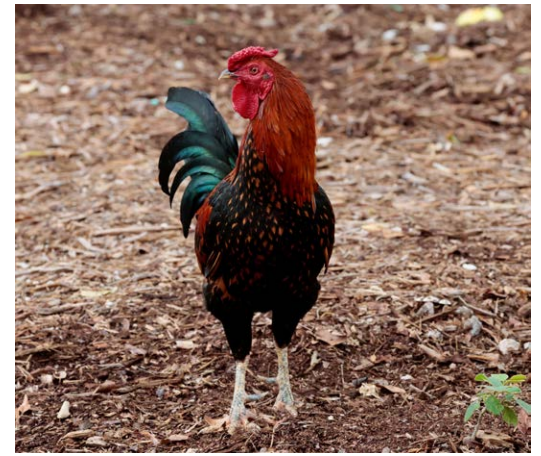


The Judge.

decided to do a bit of research into this rooster ruckus. When I went to the trusty Google with "keys chickens" it was immediately obvious that Key West had cornered the keys publicity coop for virtually all things "chicken". Rules, regulations and even laws that specifically relate to what people, not the chickens, are supposed to do or not do about the free-roaming fowl are abundant. Lines of clothing featuring rooster art are booming. It is all about Key West with not a peep, a cackle or a crow about Key Largo chickens.

The keys chickens, in fact all chickens today, are descendants of red jungle fowl.

Native to southern Asia, the birds have been distributed for centuries by humans to virtually every part of the world. Now with dozens of breeds, some highly specialized, the chicken, besides producing eggs for consumption, is the largest



Big Red aka Slasher. Check out those spurs!

source of meat consumed by humans. Today there are dozens of species in every color and feather configuration and size one can think of.

Thinking back on a years ago conversation with friend and past ORC Chairman, **Bob Schmetterer**, I remembered a story he told me about working with a now famous chicken farmer to create a strong brand that eventually transformed a commodity into a highly successful branded poultry enterprise and a

household word. Might this work? It's worth a peck or two.

My advice to these two old feathered guys is to forget the word chicken and move on to the name of conchen. It's perfect for the Conch Republic to have its own brand of rooster ruckus. Maybe even come up with a conchen that would not crow until well after daylight. That would be a valuable feather in the cap of any Keys backyard owner. And the tourists would love them even more.



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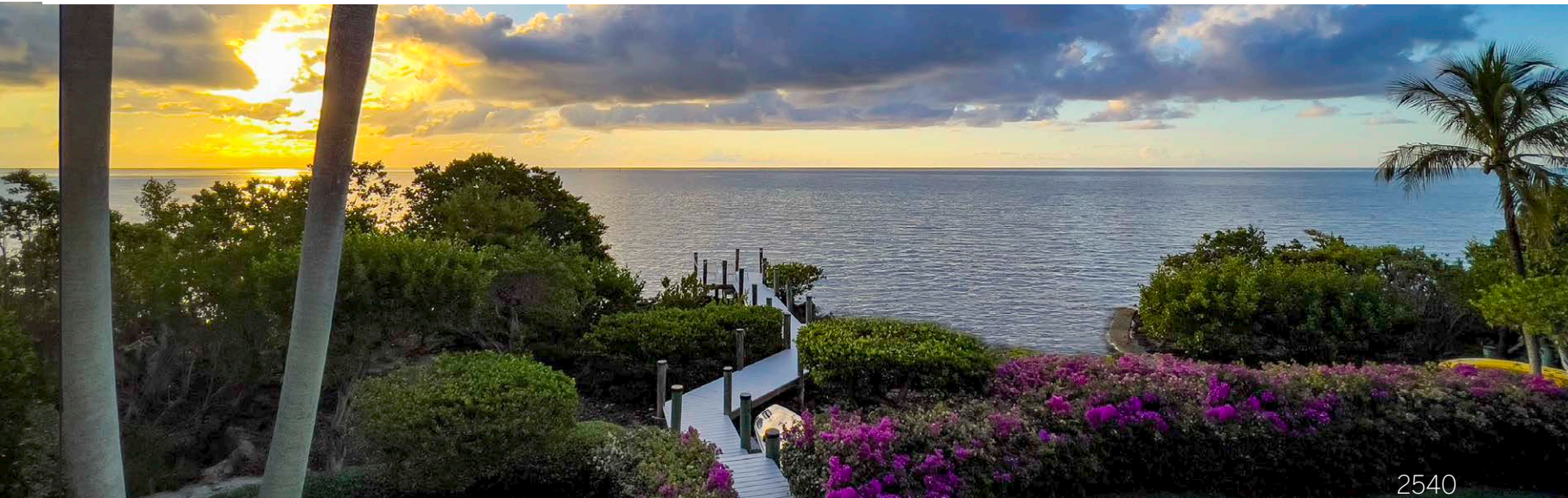
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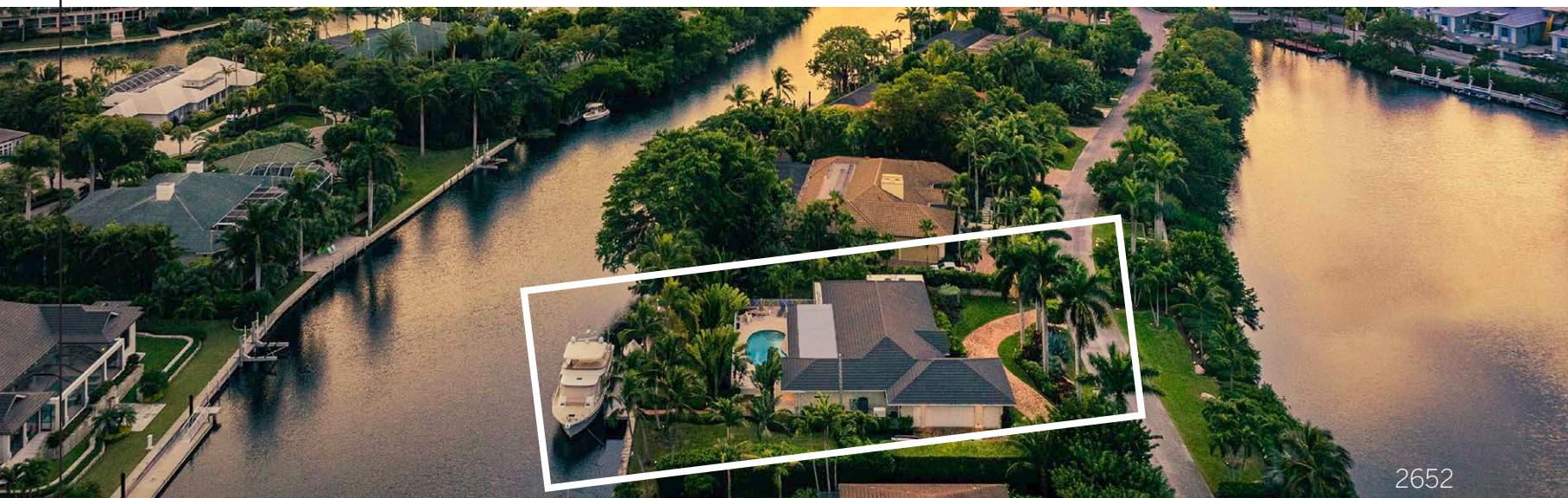
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Look What the Wind Blew In!



"Nature Notes" by Nancy Zakon

I'd never heard or seen them, but they blew into the Ocean Reef Press office one morning after a January heavy rain. Have you ever seen little shrimp-shaped critters on your front porch or in your pool? They are about a half inch long. These are called "Lawn Shrimp", and their harmless existence is fascinating. Their ancestors (cousins of the crab, shrimp, crayfish, land crab) began in the sea some 500 mil years ago, and found a niche of survival on land, but in wet conditions. They live just under the soil about half an inch, in damp land areas like Florida.



Close up of a lawn shrimp, smaller than your pinky nail.

You'll see them under potted plants and foliage ground cover. They are the Goldilocks of crustaceans: environment must be not too wet or too dry, but just right. Lacking the waxy shell (exoskeleton) of an insect, they don't hold moisture and dry out quickly. If the soil is too dry, they move to wetter areas (that could be to your pool – too wet, and they die). If the land is too wet as in the rains we had in January, they move to drier turf



Despite appearing en masse (and dead), these lawn shrimp are harmless.

(that could be to your porch or patio – where they dry out and die). Poor dears!

Are they harmful? Not at all. Since they eat rotted flora and fauna, they help in soil formation. They don't eat your plants, your home or bother your dog. Do they bite? No, not unless you are a moldering leaf or decayed piece of wood. Do you need an exterminator? No, again. Just a broom or vacuum will do the job. As to their life underground, Lawn

Shrimp are active at night and that is why they can be found dead in mornings after a storm - often in masses – on porches and patios. Generally, only one brood is made per year and the eggs are laid in a pouch. The babies look like the adult. The complete life cycle is one year but numbers can get into the thousands with extremely wet seasons. Fair notice! These land-dwelling Lawn Shrimp are found in Australia and nearby areas of the Pacific. They have been introduced to other places, like California in 1967, New Zealand, the British Isles, North Carolina, and Florida (an unusual assortment of locations)!

Since they look like shrimp, you may gingerly...hesitantly ask if they are edible? Native Americans roasted them over coals and ate them like popcorn. They do turn pink and taste like their larger cousins, I read. I'd choose them over crickets... perhaps...

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Equity Membership

Christine and Andrew D. Gumberg are current Social Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Gumberg are purchasing Dock F-11 and equity from Mr. Daniel Monks. Mr. and Mrs. Gumberg are residents of

Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They belong to Adios Golf Club and Grande Oaks Golf Club. Their sponsors are David Wallace, Kathy and David Celentano and Ben Kennedy.

Kristin and Jake Wurzak are current Social Waitlist Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Wurzak are purchasing 1 Landings, Unit B and equity from Mr. Keith St. Germain. Mr. and Mrs. Wurzak are residents of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They belong to Lauderdale Yacht Club. Their sponsors are Ana and Isaac Garazi, Brian Holland, Eleonor and Charles Rilli and Keith Bozeman on behalf of the Membership Committee.

MEMBER NEWS



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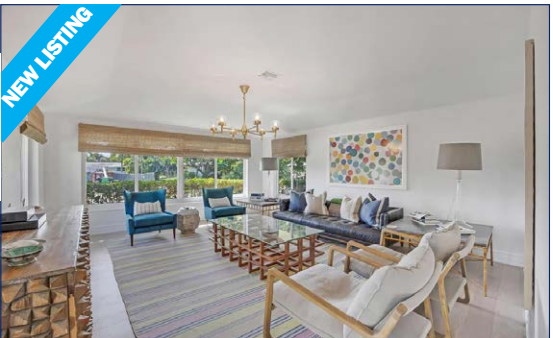
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A Connecting Flight Leads to Love



by Felicia M. Koretsky

For an otherwise shy guy, Howard "Howie" Dennis wasn't exactly discreet when he spotted Georgia "G" Lawrence at the Newark Airport five years ago. He was just leaving his seasonal chef job at Ocean Reef and noticed that she was also boarding a connecting flight to Boston. No need to come up with a good line, he figured, he'd let his eyes do the talking.

Georgia said she felt someone staring and even caught his nice smile, but just reacted with a smirk. Once they got on the plane, the silent flirtation continued with Howie not so subtly turning around more than a few times to see where she was sitting. He had a hunch that they might both be heading to the same resort for summer jobs in Cape Cod.

Once there, Howie found out Georgia's new roommate was someone he knew who once worked at The Reef. Time to make his move.

He figured the girls, who just arrived to housing that wasn't quite set up yet, were probably hungry. He and a friend got on their motorcycles and did some food shopping. The guys then headed to Georgia's room with chicken wings, fried macaroni bites, and wine. Not especially fancy for an experienced chef, but it was all he could buy in town. His charms worked.

The two chefs spent the summer working for the same property, but at different restaurants. Once summer started wrapping up, Howie decided he didn't want his



Georgia and Howie Dennis, married June 2023.

romance to end with his job contract. Howie helped Georgia find a job at ORC.

Since then, the two have been rotating their time between summer jobs in Jamaica and in the U.S. with winters working at The Reef, where the couple have spent the last five seasons. Georgia is a chef in Banquets and Howie is a sushi chef at The Islander.

"I've worked at many clubs and no other place has such caring staff and Members as we do here," said Georgia, who calls Ocean Reef their second home outside Jamaica. "The housing is great, people are happy to see you, the Members care about us."

Winters at The Reef

Howie and Georgia are among more than 180 associates in the Club's Food and Beverage division in the International Professional Visa program (H-2b). It offers participants, encompassing line cooks, servers, hosts, bussers, and dishwashers, continued employment throughout the year with seasonal positions in both winter and summer at private clubs and resorts. Associates can remain in the program for up to three years. Once the 36 months expire, they're required to go back to their countries for a 95-day reset period. Then they are eligible to start the cycle all over again.

"This continued alliance allows us to retain top talent that share and understand the unique-way-of-life

philosophy with service and professionalism visible throughout our community," said Tammy Adams, the Club's Director of Talent Acquisition and Retention, whose team fosters strong relationships with more than 15 other luxury clubs by hosting and participating in job fairs and other meetings. "We can elevate and customize overall Club experiences each year," she said.

Roots in Jamaican Cooking

Howie grew up in Kingston and Georgia in St. Ann. They each developed their love for cooking at a young age. Georgia's grandmother insisted that everyone in the family learn how to cook or bake something so that they could always fend for themselves.

For Howie, learning how to cook came out of necessity. He lost his father, a chef with a catering business, in a car crash when he was 11 years old. His mother rented out

their catering equipment to help ends meet. Howie took food and nutrition classes in high school and went on to college for hospitality. He started his own business catering Christmas dinners, funerals, and parties. One special 10-year-anniversary dinner he cooked for a local man he knew from church was particularly gratifying.

"He knew my father well," said Howie, who used all his father's equipment from chaffing pans, to glassware to pots and pans to prepare the meal. "He told me how proud my father would have been to see that he inspired my passion for cooking."

In addition to being a chef, Howie is a talented photographer. He's often seen around The Reef with his Nikon Z62 in hand. He loves capturing candid moments of Members and special events like the air show on Vintage Weekend, Festival on The Green, and concerts on Buccaneer Island.

Last June, Howie and Georgia married. Some of their friends who they met at Ocean Reef flew to Ocho Rios for their wedding. In fact, Howie's boss Eric Andreu, who taught him everything he knows about preparing sushi, was one of his groomsmen.

Up next for the Dennises: Parenthood. The couple are expecting their first child, due in July.



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

23 FRIDAY

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

Triple Golf Classic Tournament
8-10am • Hammock Course & Cardsound Golf Club

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

FIT Camp
12pm • Member Fitness Center

Silver Fit Plus Class
2pm • Member Fitness Center

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

Reef Club Kids Open
6-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

24 SATURDAY

ORC Run Club
7am • Member Fitness Center

Everesting Class
8am • Member Fitness Center

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

Gentle Yoga & Cycle Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

Dancing Through the Decades Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

Guided Eco Kayak Tour
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Grand Seafood Buffet
5:30-9:45pm • Ocean Room

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

25 SUNDAY

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

Croquet Open Play
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

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

26 MONDAY

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

Ladies' and Men's Pickleball Senior Club Championship
8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

MGA Weekly Event
9am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

Cooking School Class: Italian Connection
9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

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

Duplicate Bridge Game
1pm • Card & Games Room

Equity Member Get-Together Sweets & Treats
2-4pm • Member Fitness Center

Evening of Canasta
4:30pm • Ocean Room

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

Men's Poker Night
6:45pm • Card & Game Room

Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Presents: Fly Fishing Film Tour 2024
7:30pm • The Cultural Center

27 TUESDAY

Pro Agility Class
7am • Member Fitness Center

Ladies' Golf Senior Club

Championship
8-10am • Dolphin and Hammock Course

A Flight Croquet League
9am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

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

Vine to Table Dinner: All in the Family
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

28 WEDNESDAY

Foam Roll and Core Class
7am • Member Fitness Center

ORC Walking Club
7am • Member Fitness Center

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

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

Ladies' Pickleball League
8am • Tennis & Games Center

Ladies' Golf Senior Club Championship
8-10am • Hammock and Dolphin Course

Wall Sit Fitness Challenge
9am-12pm • Member Fitness Center

Yappy Hour
3-5pm • Dog Park

Reef Rec Room Open
3-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

Everglades Foundation Presentation
4:30pm • Cultural Center

Port O' Call Wine Tasting
5-7pm • Port O' Call

29 THURSDAY

Pro Agility Class
7am • Member Fitness Center

ORC Swim Club
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

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

9-Hole LGA "Beat the Pro"
8-10am • Dolphin 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

Mah Jongg Open Play
1pm • Card & Games Room

Golf 360 Class
2pm • Member Fitness Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake
5-9pm • Raw Bar

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Wednesday, February 28 • 7:30pm
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Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Presents: Fly Fishing Film Tour 2024

Monday, February 26 • 7:30pm
Complimentary.
A selection of films from the 2024 Fly Fishing Film Tour, showcasing conservation efforts, fishing adventures, and community stories.

Everglades Foundation Presents: Florida's Economy in the Keys and Beyond Runs on Everglades Restoration

Wednesday, February 28 • 4:30pm
Complimentary.
From Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay, the benefits of Everglades restoration are already becoming apparent – including the impact on Florida's \$1 trillion economy. Learn about Everglades restoration progress and its ramifications for our economy, real estate values and freshwater supply at a presentation from The Everglades Foundation. Chief Executive Officer Eric Eikenberg and Chief Science Officer Dr. Steve Davis will be joined by a panel of state and local economic and real estate experts.

Live Performance:

Lauren Jelencovich - Cabaret
Thursday, February 29
Early Show - 5:00PM Cocktails, 5:30PM Dinner, 6:15PM Performance
Late Show - 7:30PM Cocktails, 8:00PM Dinner, 8:45PM Performance
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Charlotte Brody



Jeffrey Levinson (bag)



Charlotte Kellogg



CJ Laing



Jodie Rose Shawls



Respoke

Boutique D'Reef – March 5 to 7 I love this annual event when Ocean Reef's Town Hall is transformed into a high-class shopping mall with a diverse collection of the country's finest boutiques Admittedly it is a little overwhelming for some of us (read me) to be offered such an abundance of wonderful choices (35 vendors).... In order to get a jump-start at shopping at the Boutique D' Reef, I took a peek at the websites of a few of my favorite vendors. The photos I've included will give you some sense of what you might expect to find at each of the six boutiques shown here....

Charlotte Brody – Jennifer Argenti, the Founder and Creative Director of Charlotte Brody, is dedicated to producing clothing that has an artisan's touch. She does it by creating designs on quality fabrics, often with embroidered and hand painted detailing.... **Jeffrey Levinson** – His clutch bags, hand crafted in precious metals (e.g. 18 karat gold) are a big hit with celebrities and other savvy women willing to pay for

perfection. The bag pictured is the Elina Plus Clutch in Marissa Pink.... **Charlotte Kellogg** – A longtime and popular favorite at the Boutique D' Reef, Charlotte Kellogg is known for pants, tunics, dress shirts, etc., designed for the resort life. The Barbara Top in Silk (pictured) is a perennial favorite.... **CJ Laing** – A go-to for very wearable, moderately priced dresses and resort wear. Shown here – a maxi *Happy Dress*. (I think that is a good description.).... **Jodie Rose Shawls** – A lovely collection of shawls with vibrant small prints of butterflies, flowers, playing cards, birds and paw prints. They come in a selection of fabrics, including cashmere.... **Respoke Shoes** – Respoke takes beautiful silk scarves, reinforces them with a cotton backing and uses them to create one of a kind espadrilles. I love painted shoes. I paint my own shoes and have a closet full of them. But nothing will stop me from making Respoke my first stop at Boutique D' Reef.

by Joan Birsh

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Palm Court

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

Beach Bar & Grill

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm

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Everton's Rum Bar

Beverages Thurs.-Sun. 2-6pm

Islander & Sushi Bar*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

Equity Member Only Night Thursday

The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am

Buffet Sat. 7-11am, Sun. 7am-12pm

Dinner Tues.-Thurs. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm

Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

Equity Member Only Night Monday

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm

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

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am-8pm

Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm

Reef Treats

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 7am-9pm

Fri. & Sat. 7am-10pm

Reef Hut

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11am-4pm

Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm

Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon-Sat 7am-11am, Sun 7am-12pm

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-11pm

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The Point (Members Only)

Coffee Sat. & Sun. 7-10am

Cocktails Fri.-Sun. 5-8pm

Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm

Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm

Fri. & Sat. 5pm-1am

Reef Lounge

Small Plates Daily 5-10pm

Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm

Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

CH Prime (Members Only)*

Dinner Wed., Thurs., & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

Equity Member Only Night Wednesday

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Toski's

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Record Voting & Attendance at Member Art Show!



Art League, by Deborah Goodwin Geller

This past week we held our Annual Members' "You Be The Judge" Art Show at the Art League. This year, we had a record number of people who participated in the voting for these works as well as record attendance at the Reception Tuesday evening where the ribbons were awarded. Ribbons were given for first and second place in each category where applicable as well as a few 'honorable mentions'.



Ray Smith and his winning piece – a photo he captured at the Van Gogh Immersive.

The gallery was filled with submissions in many categories including, Seaglass, Fused Glass, Pottery, Bronze work, Watercolor, Oil and Acrylics, Mixed Media, Quilting, Jewelry, Photography and Needlepoint.

We had some of our regular 'artists' submit their new works as well as new Art League members submit for the first time ever. As I visited around the room, guests shared which pieces they voted



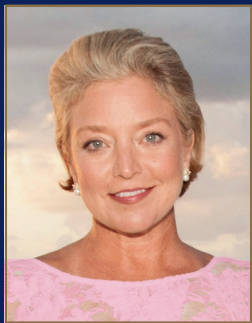
Congratulations to the special achievements and Ribbon Winners: Linda Kaplan, Nancy Lampman, Jane Schaefer, Gail Noyes, Linda Roberts, Annie Garlich, Joan Hession, Ray Smith, Karen DiMaura, Linda Buerman, Jan Loomis and Tom Mackell. Not pictured: Vicki Combs, Eleanor Williamson, Joan Hession, Nancy Hillenbrand, Suzanne Kitchings, Betty Hamilton, Claudia Langworthy, Susanne Kramer, Penny Dinsmore, Fred Olefson, Michelle Reeder, Mary Selander and Pam Schumer.

for and why. There were some favorites for sure but also friendly disagreements on which deserved to be voted first in their category.

New Member **Raymond Smith** submitted three of his photos for the first time in this show and the piece that won received much attention as people couldn't believe it was a photo and thought it

was a painting. It was a photo he captured at the Van Gogh Immersive.

We sure hope that this fun event inspires others to come out and try their hand at one of the classes and certainly consider any works they may have in 'process' be considered for submission next year. We may need more wall space!



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Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

Whenever John's Jungle Baskets appear at the Farmer's Market at Ocean Reef, the crowd grows larger every time. Besides their beauty, these one-of-a-kind creations have a story. Profit from each sale provides needed funds for thousands of families primarily from the Upper East region of Ghana. Made from river grass, more commonly called "elephant grass", each basket is carefully created by local weavers whose talent and creativity reveal their artistry. The rhythmic braiding of the grass fibers into distinctive



Dante and John, from John's Jungle Baskets, with market basket full of vegetables.

shapes and designs reflects years of weaving expertise while bringing dignity to an entire area. Besides their beauty, each is washable, re-shapeable, and biodegradable. Good for you, the environment and helpful to others.

Needless to say, I love these around my home. I use one for guest towels, fill another with

snack packs for the grandkids' visit and my favorite always holds an orchid on the pool deck!

Stop by the Farmer's Market **Mondays and Thursdays**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and hopefully, you will catch sight of them. See if you agree with me that they are truly special in so many ways.

FARMER'S MARKET SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh, Le Petit Pain, Pasta Amore, r.f. Orchids, La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese, Mediterranean Delight & Cure Skin, Lomelo's Meat & Seafood, Salsa y Sabor, Gardening Club NC, Harvey's BBQ, Gemitas Kitchen, Kool Treats Keys Refillery, Seamoss

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh, Le Petit Pain, Pasta Amore, r.f. Orchids, La Montagne Des Saveurs French Cheese, Mediterranean Delight & Cure Skin, Lomelo's Meat & Seafood, Salsa y Sabor, Harvey's BBQ, Gemitas Kitchen, Kool Treats, Keys Refillery, Seamoss

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"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

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Our Spa and Salon team has completed several advanced training sessions with Valmont's top educators. Valmont has such a wide array of advanced formulations and we thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to utilize them in our facials and treatments.

Valmont's team consists of skincare formulation experts. The products are categorized into specific areas within the brand, to make it a more simplified process when choosing which will work best for your skin's needs and concerns.

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- Friday, Feb 23**
Ala Von Auersperg Spa Trunk Show
- Saturday, Feb 24**
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- Tuesday, Feb 27**
Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show
- Wed., Feb 28 & Thurs., Feb 29**
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"On the Green at Carysfort"
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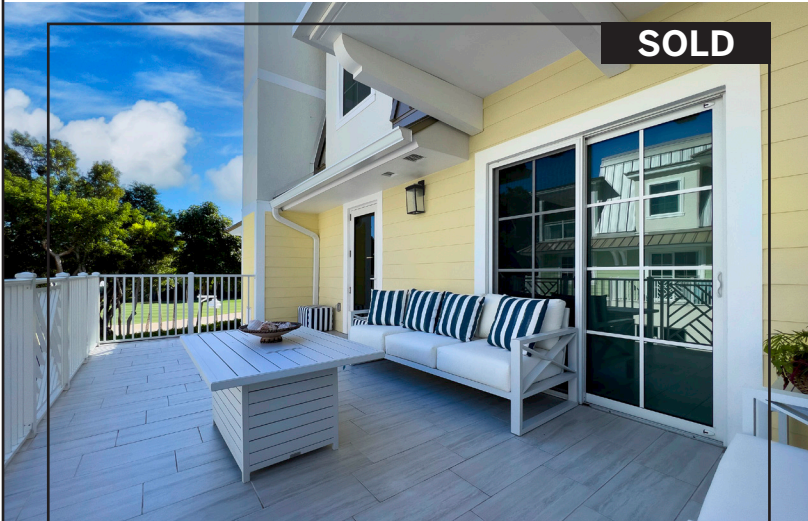
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This thoughtful photography presentation offers a current perspective of Florida's wildlife and the environment they need to flourish. Learn about endemic species that occur only in Florida, and animals that originated elsewhere in the world but now call Florida home. The best nature photography does not just capture the imagination-they help both educate and inspire action.

OFF THE REEF



Ocean Reef Connections Abound

Second Lieutenant William Seale (left), son of Jim and Erin Seale, and Second Lieutenant Colby Stevens (right), son of Bob and Janet Stevens, graduated from The United States Marine Corps Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, VA this January. The Infantry Officer Course is a 15-week rigorous program that pushes and tests Marine Corps Officers in grueling mental and physical assessments to ensure only the most capable Marine Corps Officers lead and serve in the United States Marine Corps Infantry.

Coincidentally while at the course, the two shared a barracks room and did not find out about their ORC bond until one day in the parking lot when 2nd LT Stevens observed 2nd LT Seale's vehicle with an ORC tag and asked, "Huh, I wonder who here is a Member of The Reef...?"

Both have now gone on to their respective Marine Corps units where they will serve as Platoon Commanders.

SPORTS

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ORYC Dances the Night Away

The 236 guests were ready, the dance floor was ready, the 12-piece Andrew Thielen Big Band was ready. The tables featured gorgeous displays of lush tropical greenery and blooms in shades of cream and soft pinks, glassware sparkling in the candlelight, and "forever roses," as favors. The walls were awash with blush uplighting, the bartending staff was on high alert, and the catering team prepared to perform magic.

The occasion? The Ocean Reef Yacht Club's Valentine's Ball, this year dedicated to Commodore Sarah Cart's "You Gotta Have Heart" theme. After a cocktail hour, Em Wierda said a blessing, there were a few announcements, current ORYC officers and those Past Commodores in attendance were recognized and thanked



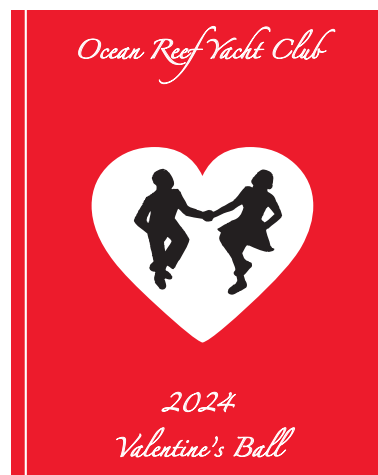
Sharon Halpryn, Stacy Scott, Kelly Hertzman, Lisa Johnson, Parris Bozeman, Jennifer Leonard, Esther Vazquez, and Jennifer Forelli look like they're in a promo shot for a movie! Taken upon their arrival at the ORYC Valentine's Ball, they were all dressed up and ready to party! Photo by Carol Ellis.

for their years of service, and everyone was encouraged to enjoy the evening, one another's company, and the opportunity to dance.

The result was AWESOME – everyone was well wine and dined and the dance floor was full from the moment the band took the stage, until the very end of the evening a few hours later.



Cinderella's shoe ... after all was said and done, the next morning, Gordana Schneider shared a photo of her poor shoe. It danced the night away, its broken state only revealed upon its return home.



In a nod to Commodore Sarah Cart's "You Gotta Have Heart" theme, artist Linda Salisbury created the invitation for the Ocean Reef Yacht Club's 2024 Valentine's Ball, a silhouette image of the Commodore dancing with her "Commendable Ben." More than 230 people responded to the opportunity to enjoy cocktails, dinner, and dancing to the Andrew Thielen Big Band.



When it came to the table settings, the "wow" factor was thanks to the gorgeous flowers in the lush tropical arrangements, conceived by Terry Ferrarone and the "forever roses" at each woman's setting, acquired and placed by Bonny Gothier.

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By Jude De'Niese, owner and head trainer at High Tide Retrievers in Ontario, Canada

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Do You Speak Dog?



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Ocean Reefers love their dogs...and the population of dogs at Ocean Reef has grown significantly, accelerated by the Covid era. For evidence of the numbers, you only have to watch the golf carts pass to see how many have dogs riding in them — and that's just a fraction of the numbers left at home!

But did you know that, depending on how you address your dog, you can be the Alpha dog, an adversary or a member of the pack? That there is a right way and

a wrong way to pet your dog? Canine psychology is logical, but it takes someone who has studied long and hard and worked with thousands of individual dogs to be able to make it clear to us humans. All dogs thrive in a secure, regular environment, where they know their role and can please their owners by behaving properly. Training your dog to know what behavior is expected of him (or her) is the way to make your pet happier, and to ensure a harmonious home life for both you and your animal.

The Bonefish Bonnies and the Rod and Gun Club are pleased to bring just such an expert to Ocean Reef on **Monday, March 18**, to share his knowledge and demonstrate his techniques. Jude De'Niese is the owner and head trainer at High Tide Retrievers Inc., internationally renowned for

quality sporting dogs. Jude has trained and competed with dogs in CKC, AKC and UKC events, titling dogs for clients in Canada and the United States. Jude teaches individuals and hunting clubs how to train and maintain dogs that not only work at a very high standard, but also look great while they are working. In the past Jude has trained and worked with dogs for detection and protection work for one of the largest metropolitan police forces in Canada.

Jude is known in the Ocean Reef community — just ask **Tom Davidson**, who volunteers, "I had the pleasure of meeting Jude when he was here for Catwalk a few years back. He was kind enough to spend some time with my beloved dog Digger and me. He is an amazing trainer and a wonderful guy." Or ask **Carmen Sferrazza**, who says, "I first met Jude when

I was a member at Griffith Island over 15 years ago. Jude was responsible for training over 30 dogs and more importantly, training all the handlers. It was clear to me that he was a true professional who knew how to get the most out of each and every dog. He has helped me countless times whenever I have a training problem. He's the best!"

On March 18, Jude will be the dinner speaker at the Cultural Center, after an afternoon demonstration for the dinner guests. Tickets are available from either the Bonefish Bonnies (bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com) or the Rod and Gun Club (events@rodandgun.org).

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A Father-Son Fishing Journey

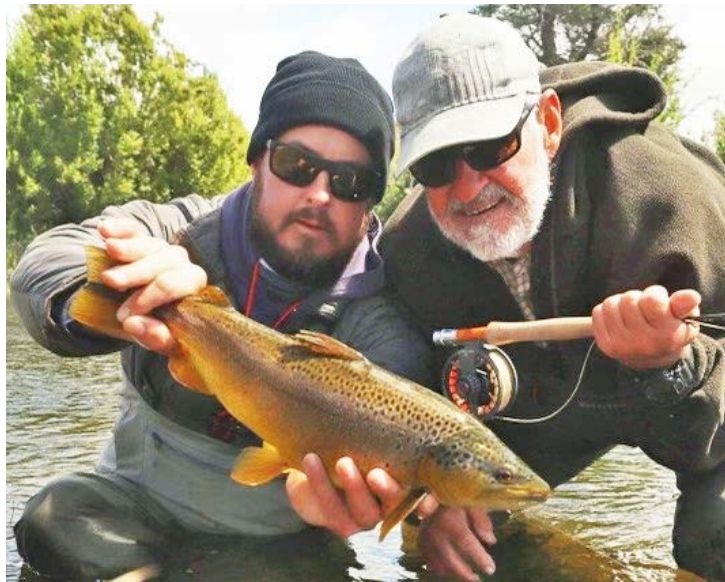
By Mike Love, Member since 2004

After an overnight stay in Santiago, my son and I took a 6:59 a.m. flight to Balmaceda, Chile, 900 miles to the south. We were greeted by Sebastian, one of the owners of the Cinco Rios Lodge, and after an hour's drive, we found ourselves on the outskirts of Coyhaique, Chile, our home for the next three days of fishing.

Fishing here is done with inflatable pontoon boats, some equipped with small motors for the high-altitude lakes in the area, but most with oars. Our target species were large rainbow and brown trout, and we were there for hopper season. Grasshoppers were hatching in the area, and the larger fish were rising to the top to feed on these large insects.

This isn't a numbers game. We targeted the larger fish with larger flies. The majority of fish were 18 to 22 inches, nice trophies.

We then moved an hour and a half east to their other lodge,



Mike Love and son Michael in Chile fishing for large rainbow and brown trout.



La Estancia del Zorro. Here the fishing is done from the land, and we waded in the numerous rivers and creeks in the area. The fishing here was very good, and my son (who is a much better fly fisherman than myself) caught over 30 large trout in a day.

We were preparing for our 6th and final day of fishing when our guide, Christian, came over to us after dinner. "Señor Miguel, would you like to go hunting tomorrow?" Confused, I said, "Well, no Christian, we are only interested in fishing." Christian laughed and said, "No, Señor Miguel, we will be hunting for brown trout." Christian continued, "There is an area where we can fish that is very shallow, only one to one

and a half feet deep. We walk the banks and look for a feeding fish or a fish we can see in the water, then we try to get into position to make a cast without spooking the fish. You usually only get one cast at the fish; it is very challenging, but to watch a 20-inch trout hit your dry fly in a foot of water is really spectacular."

So, my son and I agreed and

spent the next day in total seclusion, walking the banks of this small creek area. We both caught five, but it was a remarkable experience watching large brown trout crush your topwater grasshopper fly in a foot of water. If you're a trout fisherperson, I am sure your mouth is watering now, so consider Patagonia, Chile for your next adventure.



Adelaide Skoglund to be Honored

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What a Sailing Week!



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

Last week, Vice Commodore, **Jim Lampman**, sent out an interest email for Beer Can and Chocolate racing on Friday afternoon. He had a great group of boats that responded and joined him for some informal racing with **Windsor Coffin** handling the marks and race committee boat. It was a fun practice day and the wind was great, the pictures say it all.

Then, Saturday arrived and the wind had promised a southerly 7-14 kts all week. By 7 a.m., the winds were reporting 3kts at the airport but our PRO, **Lorne Price**, held to the conviction that the winds were supposed to increase. Thirteen boats paddled out to the calm harbor and by race time, the winds were 7-8 kts. YEA!!

This particular Saturday, we had many new sailors join us. During our Thirsty Thursday at Waterside, we met new equity sailor members **Ned** and **Louise Brooks**, who had been interested in joining our club last year but needed to become ORC members, so they bought a dock slip. We were happy to think they did it just to be a Card Sound Sailor! One of our skippers, **Bill Reynolds**, who was also with us at Waterside offered his boat to the Brooks and **Thayer McKenzie**, who had just honed her skills with **Gary Sayia's** Clinic, signed up as crew for her first time in the races.

Our gathering at Waterside also brought **Peter** and **Maggie McChesney**, who had just arrived for the season to catch up with the crowd and suddenly found themselves offered a boat by **Chuck Cook** to race with that Saturday. Another new member to the club, **Kim Lockhart**, got to crew for **Tom**



RC Jay Beatty and Commodore Currie Wooten with new sailors and second-place finishers Peter and Maggie McChesney 2nd Place. Photo by Windsor Coffin.

Austin as his partner was not available. Our treasurer, **Rick Glorvigen**, who hasn't been able to race all season, joined **Frank Schneider** as his crew for Saturday. So with 7 new sailors out on the water, all sorts of fun was happening and we can all thank Waterside for a great place to gather and pick up new members, boats, and crew!

We finished 3 good races that day and there were only a few hit marks, but eventually Gary Sayia and **Nancy Lampman** won the day, 1st place. Then our newbies, Peter and Maggie McChesney, came in a close 2nd place and **Neil Sullivan** and **James Maida** came in 3rd.

The Race Committee and Auxiliary boats were helpful in judging the timing of the races and finishes as we had lunch to attend. We rushed back from the race course, jumped in our carts and headed to our midseason lunch at the Residence Club, and it was awesome.

We have lots of other fun gatherings planned for the rest of the season, more Hot Dog Days, Pumpkin Key luncheon after a race around the island, 2 Hobie Cat Challenge Race Days, more Beer Can and Chocolate Race Days, a nautical trivia night at the Burgee Bar, and of course our regular Saturday Race Series, next week is Magic Series Race #3. Anyone can see our schedule and race results on our website, cardsoundsailingclub.com.

We welcome sailors and friends to join us at any part of the season. Please contact Gary Sayia at 210-919-7432 if interested or stop by and join us most Saturdays at Baker Harbor.



Getting ready for start on Beer Can and Chocolate Race Day. Photo by Aimee Lockhart.



Frank Schneider and Kim Lockhart on Beer Can and Chocolate Race Day. Photo by Aimee Lockhart.



Not much wind as we headed out to race Saturday.



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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Get Ready & Stay Ready

By Randy Woods, Staff Officer for Vessel Examiners Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04

I find motivational writers, serving up aphorisms urging better behavior, extremely annoying. Try this one:

“Stay Ready, So You Don’t Have to Get Ready!”

Really? Who thinks these things up?

In this case, it was rapper Dejuan Walker—aka Suga Free—in his 1997 hit single “If U Stay Ready.” I’m reasonably confident that Dejuan did not have boating safety in mind, and readers might be vexed that I am going to apply this pithy nugget to promote vessel safety inspections.

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Michelle Delligatti recently captured a few creatures posing around The Reef:

Crocodile in the water between holes 4 and 5 on the Dolphin Course (left), Mr. Big Shot Iguana along Caloosa (center), and while taking this picture of the orchids on the tree (right), I discovered the squirrel sitting in the tree. You have to look closely, he really blends in!

Enjoying all the wildlife on The Reef from a distance.

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Sailors Enjoyed a Break in the Weather at the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

As dawn broke last Sunday morning, we were uncertain what the weather that morning would bring. If you watched the local news, some said that the rain would move in mid-morning others said the rain would hold off until lunchtime. The wind forecasts from our usually reliable sailing apps could not offer anything other than it might be calm or it might be windy...and direction, let us just say most of the compass was in play. But, after a heavy downpour between 8:30 and 9 a.m., the wind settled



Joe Robillard leads the way around the windward mark. Photo credit - Alzbeta Robillard.

in from the east-northeast and the rain stayed away so we were good to go racing.

That east-northeast breeze did not make it easy on us, however, as it was puffy and shifty. One minute you would get a lovely puff of air, then the next the wind would die, or you would get an unfavorable 30-degree shift. The day was all about managing boat speed and then keeping it as long as you could when the wind went awry. Despite the challenging conditions, we were able to run seven races on the day. After each sailor's worst race finish was

thrown out the winner of the day was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. While I did manage to have great boat speed there was a fair amount of luck involved. There was one moment where I was ahead of second place finisher for the day, **Joe Robillard**, where we were becalmed with his boat's bow inches from my boat's stern. Then a gust of wind came along that I got, and Joe did not get until I was ten to twelve boat lengths up the leg of the course. You just never know what you will get on the Pond and that is what makes it such a fun body of

water to race on! Rounding out the top three for the day was **Al Mast**, who I am confident the rest of us will once again be chasing when he gets his new sails rigged to his boat. Race Committee duties were once again in the very capable hands of **Lynne Mast** and **Alzbeta Robillard**.

Join Us!

Looking toward this coming Sunday, conditions are looking breezy out of the north to northeast. If the forecast holds true, we will be looking at more puffy and shifty conditions. Sounds like it will be another exciting day on the Pond!

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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Harry Kennedy.

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required to play at this level.

The Men's A Flight Final competition was fierce, with each team fighting tooth and nail for every point. In the end, it was the duo of **Wally Hayward** and **Ralf Sellig** who came out on top defeating **Bob Zoba** and **John Pearson** in straight sets. In the B Flight Final, **Mark Murphy** and **Dan Cohen** took what they learned in round robin play and executed perfectly on

finals day rolling over a young and athletic team of **Harry Kennedy** and **Griffin Ernst** in straight sets.

The Ladies' Finals were just as competitive. The team of **Barbara Kopcynski** and **Lynn Crutchfeild** made their first appearance in the Club Championship finals, but **Michelle Flanigan** and **Yalin Murdock** took them in straight sets, giving Flanigan her second Ladies' Doubles Club Championship in a row. In the B Flight, many long points were played. **Mary Beth Stefanowicz** and **Maggie Polisano** defeated **Karen Ernst** and **Gaye Van der Eerden** in an exciting match, but an unfortunate tumble by Van der Eerden mid-way through the second set led to a retirement of the match.

Congratulations to all of our Club Champions and Finalists!

Pickleball & Croquet Club Championships on the Horizon

With the beautiful Key Largo weather peeking into Spring and outdoor activities becoming more appealing than ever, it's the perfect time to start thinking about signing up for some Club Championships or your favorite Tennis & Games Center events. If you're a senior and enjoy playing Pickleball or Croquet then you're in luck! We have upcoming Club Championships for both of these popular sports.

The Senior Pickleball Club Championship will be held on **Monday, Feb. 26th** starting at 8:30 a.m. The tournament will conclude that day and the winners engraved on our Championship plaques that hang in the Tennis & Games Center.

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Second Place: Don Steinbrugge
Third Place: Andy Hofmann

**LADIES' & MEN'S DOUBLES
TENNIS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Men's A Flight winners: Wally Hayward and Ralf Sellig
Men's B Flight winners: Mark Murphy and Dan Cohen
Ladies' A Flight winners: Michelle Flanigan and Yalin Murdock
Ladies' B Flight winners: Mary Beth Stefanowicz and Maggie Polisano

Tennis

Player of the Week

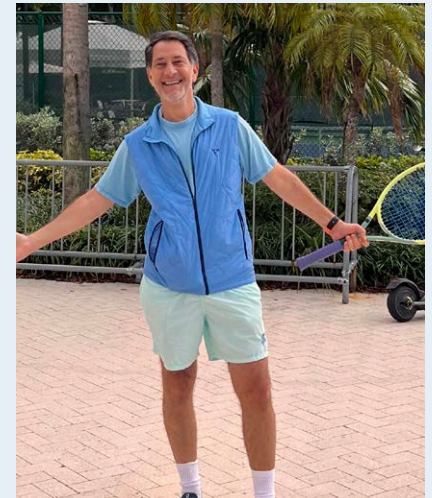
Nazim Zilkha

Who's your favorite tennis player?

My favorite tennis player is Bjorn Borg.

What is your favorite thing about playing tennis at Ocean Reef Club?

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



What has kept you motivated to keep improving in tennis?

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

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

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



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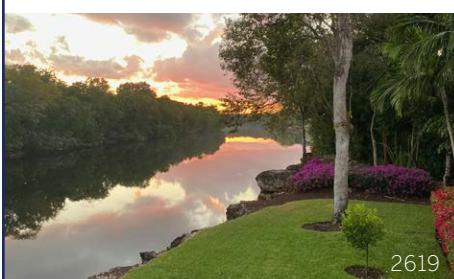
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Doubles Return Tactic from the Deuce Court



"Tennis Tip"
by Alex Henderson,
Assistant
Tennis
Professional

One of the most effective doubles return tactics you can use from the deuce court is the lob down the line. It works well against aggressive net players that position too close to the net or players that serve and volley. The goal is to target the area behind the net player. If you happen to leave the lob to return a little short, but get the direction right, the opponent's net person will have a high backhand volley which most club-level players

do not love to hit. If you execute the return correctly, it will force the server to hit a running backhand groundstroke down the line if they want to avoid your partner at the net which is not an easy task. Many times this ball will come back short to your partner to put away. If it comes back to you your best options are to either attack this shot with your forehand or follow the lob in and attack with a volley. In both cases, you want to target the center of the court at the net person's backhand volley if they're a right-handed player or the open center for a clean winner. One of the best ways for the server to counter this lob is to lob it again back cross-court over your partner's head.

So, next time you're playing against someone aggressive at the net and you're having trouble getting that return cross-court, try a lob down the line.

WHAT IS TINNITUS?

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

SIGNS OF TINNITUS

Symptoms of tinnitus include hearing:

BUZZING | HUMMING | RINGING
WHISTLING | WHOOSHING



CAUSES OF TINNITUS

Tinnitus can be caused by many factors, including:

- HEAD OR NECK INJURY**
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Fairway Highlights: This Week in Golf



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

9-Hole LGA Ringer Round 2

We had 62, 9-Hole LGA members play the front nine of the Hammock Course for the second round of the 2024 Ringer Tournament. The Ringer Tournament took place over two rounds of golf where each participant was able to take their best ball on each hole between the two rounds to calculate the Ringer Score. Every single player from Round 1 improved their score! Once all the scores were turned in, there were 19 ladies who were able to achieve

an under-par Ringer Score, this shows great consistency between two separate rounds.

There were three ladies who were able to achieve a Ringer Score below 30, leading to a three-way tie for first place. Congratulations to **Jennifer Leonard, Florie Perellis, and Penny Cunningham** for making lots of birdies and a few eagles along the way to recording a Ringer Score of 29 (6 under par)!

Next Week - 9-Hole LGA

Next week, we will be on the front nine of the Dolphin Course for Beat the Pro.

MGA Monday

On Monday 76 players took on the Dolphin Course in an ABCD - 2 Better Balls of the Foursome (Shamble) format. Teams took advantage of this "bombs away" format by selecting the best drives off each tee played. On the gross side, one team was able to separate themselves from the field. The team of **Tim Prete, Hilary Rolih, Buzz Hilberg**

and **Frank Schneider** came in with an impressive -6 score of 136 to take home the gross prize. On the NET side, we had a tight race for first place. Edging out our runner-ups by one shot, the team of **Mike Lahey, John Horner, David Jackson and Lee Westervelt** claim the low NET prize with a -19 score of 122. The closest to the hole contests were on holes #5 and #16 on Monday. **Bill Wonfor** with a near ACE on #5 by putting it to (3"). **Wicho Hernandez** won the competition on the 16th sticking it to 3'8". Great playing Gentlemen.

Next Week - MGA Monday

MGA next Monday will be an ABCD - 1 BB of 4 format on the Dolphin Course. It will be a 9 am Shotgun with lunch under the pergola following play.

LGA Beat the Pro

It was a spectacular day for our annual "Beat the Pro" event on the Hammock Course on

Tuesday. Cool temperatures could not keep our participants from heating up with one goal in mind, Beat the Pro! The Pro knew he was up for a challenge with a 67-player star-studded field trying to chase him down. It is the heart of the season which means everyone's game is in tip-top shape and the ladies proved that today. The Pro stood no chance! 12 players in total were able to defeat the professional score posted today.

Next Week - LGA

Our first Club Champion of the season will be crowned next week. The LGA Senior Club Championship will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a two-day, 36 hole medal play event contested on both the Dolphin and Hammock Course that will determine our 2024 Senior Club Champion, Net Senior Club Champion, and Super Senior Club Champion (75 & older).



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SWING TIP

Quick & Easy Speed Drill



by Stefanie Shaw, Golf Teaching Professional

One of the most asked questions I receive is how to hit the golf ball further. I have a lot of great ways to help you do this, but an easy drill to do on your own is simply flipping the club over. To the hit the ball further, you need to swing your arms faster. Back faster and through faster. It should be equal both ways. We find many people trying to bring the club back slowly

and then faster through. Take a driver and flip it over in your hands. Let it hover above the ground and take some swings and see if you can make a "whoosh" sound. If there's no whoosh, let your arms and wrists relax and swing it faster! If there is a whoosh sound, make sure it's happening where the golf ball would be. The sound comes where the fastest part of your swing is happening and we want that to be where the ball is!

Take three or four swings back and forth without stopping, then flip the club back to normal and see if you can recreate it!

For more tips like this, schedule a lesson at the Academy of Golf by calling the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.

GOLF SCOREBOARD

Ringer Tournament Results

- First Place:** Jennifer Leonard
- Second Place:** Florie Perellis
- Third Place:** Penny Cunningham
- Closest to the Hole (#2):** Lisa Schultz
- Closest to the Hole (#4):** Florie Perellis

MGA Monday

- First Place Gross:** Tim Prete, Hilary Rolih, Buzz Hilberg, Frank Schneider
- Second Place Gross:** Joe Joyner, Wicho Hernandez, David Johnson, Don Steinbrugge
- First Place Net:** Michael Lahey, John Horner, David Jackson, Lee Westervelt
- Second Place Net:** Bill Wonfor, Mike Materna,

- Gary Boynton, Thomas Bartelmo
- Third Place Net:** Miroslave Fajt, Joe Hertzman, Don Watson, Larry Brady
- Closest to the Hole #5:** Bill Wonfor
- Closest to the Hole #16:** Wicho Hernandez

Beat the Pro

- First Place:** Marita Sladky
- Second Place:** Cindy Baird
- Third Place: Suzanne Grandis
- Hole Contest #2:** Marita Sladky
- Hole Contest #17:** Vanessa Lindner

Carysfort Cup Standings

- First Place:** Barbara Pearson
- Second Place:** Britta Garcia
- Third Place:** Hillary Smith



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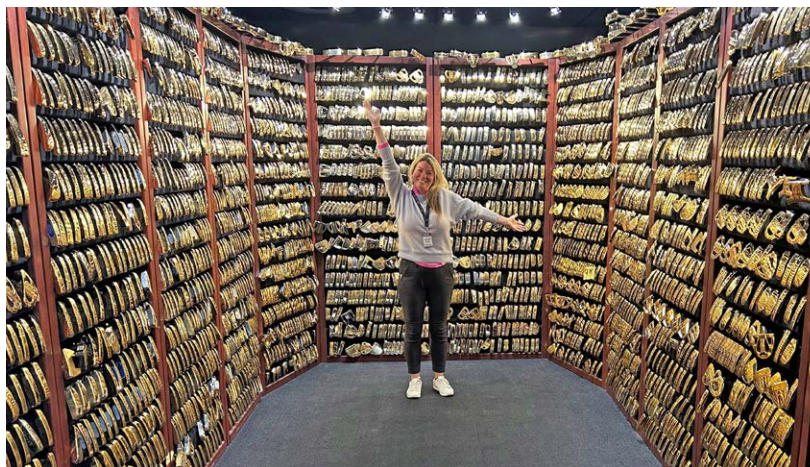
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Stef Shaw First Female Invited to PING Program

Ocean Reef's Director of Instruction Stef Shaw recently spent an intense three-day course at the PING campus in Scottsdale, Arizona. Only 12 people from the country were chosen this year and Stef was the first female ever to be invited to the program.

The main purpose of the visit was to consult with teachers and club fitters to get their input on how they need to see new equipment shaped and club fitting web development. Every facet of PING was explored and the grand finale led to a vault where PING displays every one of its putters that were used to win a tournament. The vault currently holds 3,300 putters all plated in gold.



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8 Reasons You Should Be Swimming



“Fitness Focus”
by Luis Bracamonte,
Director of
Fitness &
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I competed in swimming from age five until I graduated from college. Swimming was and still is an integral part of my life, and the benefits expand far beyond the physical. Here are eight reasons why you should swim:

1. It is an activity that develops strength, flexibility, and endurance while being easy on the joints.

2. The water provides a different environment, which can be mentally relaxing. Time in the water is a great way to unplug, meditate, and introspect

3. Cross-training (running, biking, swimming, hiking, lifting, etc.) reduces the risk of overtraining injuries.

4. Besides the physical benefit, cross-training also provides variety to a fitness routine, making it more fun and engaging.

5. You can train every energy system with a very low injury risk. Go for a long swim and do some sprints to elevate your conditioning and stamina training.

6. The surface of our planet is 71 percent water; being a swimmer allows you to enjoy natural bodies of water, like oceans, lakes, and rivers.

7. If you choose to, you can register for open water events, master competitions, and triathlons. Pushing your body and mind to new limits is one of the most rewarding things you can do with your time on this planet.

8. You can be part of a community like our ORC Swim Club, which meets every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Swimming is an efficient and effective way to stay fit. Besides the ORC Swim Club, we also



Louis and Kathleen Metzman at the 100-yard swim challenge.



Ray Herman participating in 100 yard swim challenge as the current overall Club Championship leader.

have coaches and instructors for all ages and all levels. For inquiries and bookings, contact us at 305-367-5820.

Wall Sit Challenge Wednesday, February 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Wall Sit Challenge tests lower body and mental strength and endurance. How long can you hold a wall sit? **Cynthia Doolan** currently holds the Club Record with 1 hour, 11 minutes, and 11 seconds. **Bob Schwartz** holds the men’s record with 33 minutes and 33 seconds.

Members must hold a wall sit for 3 minutes to beat the challenge. Age group handicaps are 10 seconds per decade after 50.

Challenges are fun ways to test your fitness and check your progress. All are encouraged to participate.

Swim Endurance Challenge Results
Championship leaders left their comfort zone and joined the 100-yard swim challenge. Here are the results:



Ballet Barre class with Moorey-Margaret on Mondays at 10 a.m.



Valentine’s Day at the Member Fitness Center.

Men (Total Reps, Points)

1. Bill Salisbury: 1:00.3, 40 (Club Record 1:00.3)
2. Ray Herman: 1:44.2, 16
3. Louis Metzman: 2:10.7, 14
4. Bob Schwartz: 2:50.4, 12
5. Steve Levin: 1:00.2 *fins and snorkel

Ladies (Total Reps, Points)

1. Amy Salisbury: 1:11.6, 40 (Club Record 1:15.6)
2. Kathleen Metzman: 2:15.1, 16.

Top 10 Rankings after 6 Challenges: Men Total Points:

1. Ray Herman: 84
2. Louis Metzman: 82
3. Bob Schwartz: 80
4. Mark Burish: 52
5. Anton Schutz Jr. and Mark Foreman, and Bill Salisbury: 40
6. Eric Contreras: 28
7. Charlie Schilderink, David Rountree, Jason Beans and Ed Benford: 16
8. Brian Krouskos: 14
9. Rick Kocerha and Connor Shields: 12
10. Peter Liashek, George Musto and Paul Benario: 10

Ladies Total Points:

1. Kathleen Metzman: 88
2. Sindee Furshman: 64

3. Cynthia Doolan: 48
4. Marilyn Clark, Savannah Gossweiler, Liz Angelone, and Amy Salisbury: 40
5. Sarah Cart: 20
6. Meg Shields: 16
7. Judy Wilson, Penny Dinsmore, Nicole Krouskos, Angelina Materna, Kelly Siwek, and Heidi Hubbard: 14
8. Talia Wilner and Susanne Kramer: 12
9. Lindsay Shields, Sheri Boston, and Kristen Zug: 10
10. Stephanie Foreman, Cathy Langham, and Jamie Benario: 8

Upcoming Challenges

- Wall Sit Challenge
- Plank Challenge **Wednesday, February 28th**
- Plank Challenge **Wednesday, March 20th**

Save the Date:

- Ocean Reef Club Half Marathon with the Ocean Reef Run Club: **Saturday, April 6th** at 7 a.m.
- The ORC Run Club meets every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Outdoor Gym

Member Fitness Awards

- **Wednesday, April 10** at 4p.m.

BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

Mastering Cue Bids in Bridge



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Cue Bids are versatile tools in the arsenal of bridge players, offering a range of functions to communicate crucial information during the game. Here's a breakdown of their various applications:

1. Showing Control for Slam Purposes: Cue Bids can reveal control, such as holding an ace or a void, in a particular suit. This information helps assess the potential for bidding slam contracts.

2. Indicating a Two-Suited Hand: In certain scenarios, Cue Bids can signify a hand with strength and distribution across two suits, aiding in further bidding decisions.

3. Expressing a Strong Raise: They can also convey a strong raise in partner's suit, indicating substantial support and potentially aiming for a higher contract level.

4. Creating a Force: Cue Bids can be employed to force partner to bid further, ensuring that necessary information is exchanged before reaching a final contract.

5. Asking for a Stopper: They serve as a means to inquire about the presence of a stopper in a particular suit, crucial for pursuing no-trump contracts.

6. Showing a Stopper: Conversely, Cue Bids can also demonstrate the possession of a stopper in a suit, aiding in determining the viability of certain contract options.

Employing Cue Bids

When employing Cue Bids, it's essential to understand their timing and context within the bidding sequence. For instance, after a Major Suit agreement at the three level or higher, or after a Minor Suit agreement at the four level or higher, new suits become slam-oriented Cue Bids.

For instance, consider the following scenarios:

Major Suit Example:

- Opener: 1D
- Responder: 1H
- Opener: 3H
- Responder: 4C

Here, the bid of 4 Clubs by

Responder indicates 1st round control of clubs (ace or void) and expresses slam interest in hearts.

Minor Suit Example:

- Opener: 1C
- Responder: 1D
- Opener: 3D
- Responder: 3H

In this scenario, the bid of 3 Hearts by Responder is not a Cue Bid; rather, it aims to reach 3NT by indicating a stopper in hearts. To qualify as a Cue Bid, the agreement in the minor suit must occur at the four level.

By mastering the nuances of Cue Bids and understanding their varied purposes, bridge players can enhance their bidding strategies and improve their chances of success at the table.

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Exciting Events and Activities at the Card & Game Room

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Mark your calendars because the Card & Games Room at Ocean Reef has a lineup of events tailored just for you!

Canasta Strategy Class with Claudia Langworthy

Claudia Langworthy will be hosting a Canasta Strategy Class on Monday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, this class promises insights and techniques that will enhance your gameplay

Poker KO Tournament Winners
 Congratulations to Paul DiMaura for emerging victorious in the recent Poker KO tournament. Bill Sport clinched the second position, followed by Harvey Bundy in third. The competition was fierce, but these players showed their prowess at the table.

Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge

New to Bridge? Join us for Sunday Funday on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. for Beginning Bridge sessions. It's the perfect opportunity to learn the ropes in a friendly and supportive environment.

Canasta and Mah Jongg Pickup Games

Join us for casual Canasta and Mah Jongg pickup games on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No need to sign up in

advance – just drop by and we'll organize games on the spot. Plus, if you're looking to improve your skills, lessons are available on Thursdays for Canasta and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Mah Jongg.

Live Duplicate Bridge Games

Get your Bridge fix with live Duplicate Bridge games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 1 p.m. If you're new to Duplicate Bridge or need a refresher, feel free to reach out to me at 305-367-6609 for instructions.

Backgammon Lessons

Interested in learning Backgammon? Schedule a lesson on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Simply call ahead to let us know you're coming. We even have Backgammon games available for checkout so you can practice at home.

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for the March Card & Games Room schedule, available for pickup. Mark your calendars for the Canasta Dinner on Monday, February 26 and Bridge Dinner on Monday, March 11, both happening in the Ocean Room.

Championship Events

Competitive spirits, rejoice! The Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship will take place on Tuesday, March 5 at 1 p.m. in the Card & Games Room, followed by the Ocean Reef Canasta Club Championship on Saturday, March 9th.

With a bustling schedule of events and activities, the Card & Game Room at Ocean Reef is the place to be for enthusiasts of all skill levels. Join us seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. See you at the tables!

BRIDGE RESULTS

Wednesday, February 14

North - South

1. Judie Berry and Denny Morgan
2. Adelaide Jared and Jay Beatty
3. Monica Phillips and Paula Pendergast

East - West

1. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner
2. Cynthia Comenos and Susan Mann
3. Kathy Bahl and Charles Simms

Friday, February 16

North - South

1. Susan Mann and Cynthia Comenos
2. Adelaide Jared and Jay Beatty
3. George Aronoff and Brian Platner

East - West

1. Nancy Grote and Bessie Connelly
2. Ed Kavanaugh and Fred Bacher
3. Rosalie Svete and Pat Henry
4. Kathie Markel and Pamela Harding

Monday, February 19

North - South

1. Cynthia Comenos and Philip Comenos
2. Rosemary Jones and Joanne Wills
3. Judie Berry and Denny Morgan

East - West

1. Dorothy Kemp and Gail Yoh
2. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner
3. Marjorie Smith and Barbara Besse
4. Linda Westervelt and Mariann Florio

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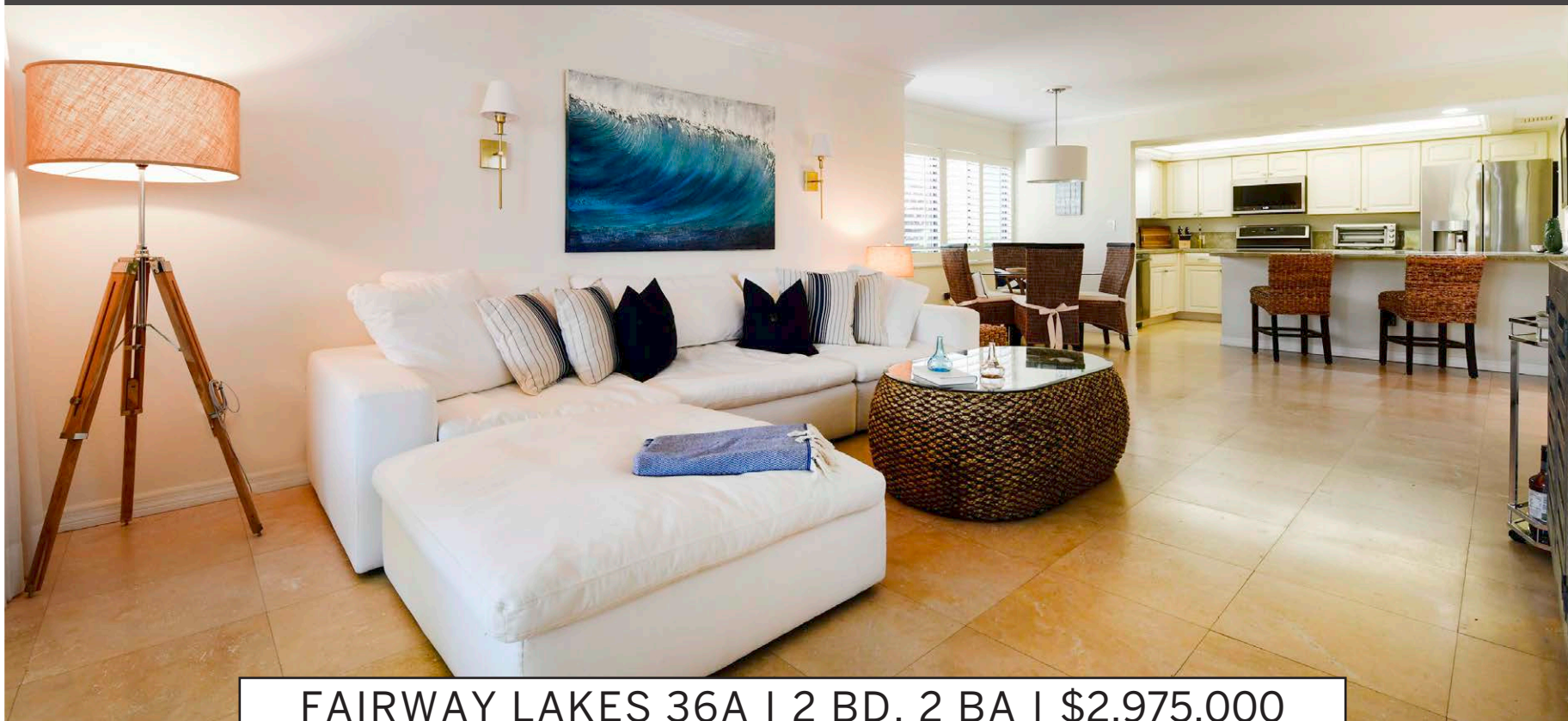
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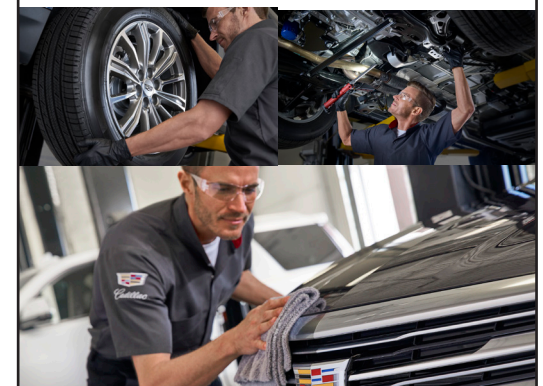
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