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## 31st Annual Triple Golf Classic



Teri Kennedy and Cathy Zumkehr, Ladies' Overall Champions.



Jeff Fassbinder and Joey Rivera, Men's Overall Champions.

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2024 Triple Golf Classic Ladies' Flight Winners.



Men's Flight Winners. See full results on page 38 and 39.

## Epic Sailfish Days at Ocean Reef

### Fish Counts Are Way Up!

By Christine Patton,  
Rod & Gun Club

In what can only be described as the best week of fishing for sailfish ever seen in Club history, a number of boats from Ocean Reef participated with distinction in posting record numbers of sailfish caught. By my informal survey,



Can you count all of the sailfish flags a-flying on Carma?!

the headcount of fish caught midweek, February 20 and 21, ranged from **Carl Tallardy**

with 22 to **Carl Lindner's** "Seraphim's" one-day catch of 31, or to 37 for **Tom Ripley's** "Bad Fish" (who ran out of bait — and flags!), or **Benson Ford's** "Sweet Release" taking in 47, again in just one day, or "Double Take's" 50 or even better, "Jolene's" 61."Or the amazing record of 96 sails caught by **Carmen Sferrazza's** "Carma" over two consecutive days — one day alone catching 65. The previous record was held by **Rob Gothier's** "Bar South" with 45, so the record's been broken by 50 percent! This suggests that fishing in these waters is getting better and better...

### What Happened?

An early predictor of last week's epic fishing was Tucker Ersek, a professional captain who has spent his life in Ocean Reef. His study of weather, current and seasonal aspects led him to conclude early on that this week's conditions would be ideal, and he acted accordingly,

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# OR "See"



A February sunset cruise near Anglers turns gorgeous photo op, by **Gail Freed**.

What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before?  
Email [orp@oceanreef.com](mailto:orp@oceanreef.com) and share your discoveries.



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## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

### ORCA Bridge Repairs Will Impact Little Angelfish Creek

As of last Monday, Little Angelfish Creek is closed near the bridge to all vessels—including personal water crafts—through May 10, 2024. The purpose of the closure is to place required turbidity barriers in the waterway, and to ensure the safety of workers and boaters until completion of work. Markers and safety barriers are in place announcing the closure of the creek on both sides of the bridge.

### Vine to Table Dinner: Cultivating History

Featuring Frescobaldi Wine & Chef Rolando Beramendi  
**Tuesday, March 5 • 6:30 p.m.**

For 700 years, the Frescobaldi family has combined tradition, experience and innovation with creativity and the pursuit of excellence. Their commitment is to "quality without compromise". Frescobaldi will be joined by Chef Rolando Beramendi, founder of the Italian fine food importer Manicaretti and a frequent winner of Specialty Food Show awards.

Registration is required by calling 305-367-5931.

## Gotta Question?

We were at a Pickleball event and met a lovely Legacy Member couple. I remember only her first name and I would like to connect with them. Is there an easy way to find their contact information?



YES! The Ocean Reef Club app has a very easy to use Member Directory feature. If you don't have the app, you can download it from the app store. It's available for both iPhone and Android. You will need your Member login to access the directory (and many of the app's features). Once you are using the app simply hit Member Directory on the bottom and then type the name into the search bar. It will quickly show you all Members with that first name. From there you can click, see a photo and also click for

the spouse/partner's photo and contact information.

Don't know your Member login? Simply visit [oceanreef.com](http://oceanreef.com), select "Member Login," and then choose "Forgot Password." You'll be asked to provide your Member number and email address, and a link to reset your password will be sent to you. If you can't recall your username, please reach out to the Membership Department at 305-367-5921 for assistance.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

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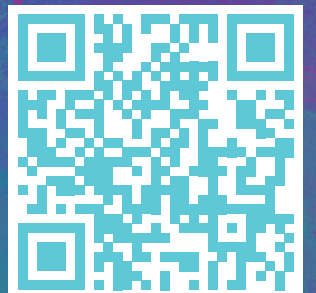
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# Memberabilia

How Sarah Cart helped save her husband's life....



by Joan Birsh

**In her book ON MY WAY BACK TO YOU, Sarah Cart gives a day-by-day account of the unimaginable challenges presented by her husband Ben's fight against a devastating disease, where the only possible cure lay in a heart transplant.**

Sarah did not save husband Ben from an ocean's surge, or a forest fire, or a sniper's bullet. She saved Ben's life (like many other men and women who were forced by time or circumstance into the role of nurse and caregiver) by supervising medical treatments, organizing and administering the countless prescriptions, probing for answers from the internet and (often reluctant) medical practitioners; and by providing homecare between and after Ben's hospital stays, when professionals were either unsatisfactory or unavailable. Then there were also all those additional chores (bills, taxes, endless medical forms). For Sarah, this meant putting her own life on hold and overcoming a forever aversion to needles and blood.

Though Sarah did the expected and a whole lot more, her most important contribution to Ben's survival was an optimistic spirit. She was aware that the odds of Ben's receiving the heart transplant essential to his recovery weren't good, but she continued to believe that in time it would happen – Ben would be able to keep his promise to be "On my way back to you". It was a phrase that subsequently became the title



Ben and Sarah Cart surrounded by their four sons.

of Sarah's detailed account of the torturous (for both of them) daily saga of Ben's three-year fight for life.

**THE BOOK & THE AUTHOR....** I found *On My Way Back to You* by Sarah Cart intriguing, informative, sometimes suspenseful, and often heart-rending. I read it in two nights. On the second night, it was 1 a.m. when I finished the last chapter which ended with these words. "Ben is home. Thanks be to God."

I have known Ben and Sarah Cart, not as close friends but more as valued acquaintances. The Carts have been Ocean Reef Members since 2007. By OR standards they are a *young* couple (late 60s), the parents of four sons and grandparents to three girls and one more boy. At Ocean Reef, Sarah has been a frequent contributor to the Ocean Reef Press (her coverage of All Charities was awesome). She has also served as Commodore of the Yacht Club and as a Director on the Ocean Reef Club Board.

Ben co-founded a successful company, which resurrects defunct oil wells. He is an outdoorsman, who is an amateur expert in marine biology. Note: He is also a snake man, who is always on call for neighbors and friends who happen to come upon a serpent of any kind.

**THE UNEXPECTED....** When Ben became ill, Sarah and Ben

were at the age where they were no longer saddled with young children and business worries. They had a full calendar of social activities and were often spotlighted on the dance floor at black-tie events at Ocean Reef and the neighboring Anglers Club.

Then in a routine visit to the OR Medical Center for their annual flu shot, Sarah mentioned Ben's swollen hands and feet and their doctor/friend Carlos Smith suggested that Ben skip the flu shot and instead have a blood test.

A few days later, Ben was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune condition called systemic sclerosis. This dire diagnosis was an event that could accurately be described as "a strike when you least expect it" – a favorite Cart phrase, which they had picked up fishing for salmon.

**SO NOTED....** Sarah is a prodigious notetaker. Over the last 20 years, she has kept daily journals and religiously recorded events in her life as well as her thoughts and feelings. In the summer of 2017, Sarah's journal reflected in minute detail the progression and treatment of Ben's disease and her own evolving dedication as his caretaker. It is these notes that give immediacy and a compassionate insight to Sarah's story. *On My Way Back to You* is a book that can be truthfully described "in her own words".



The Carts, enjoying the sunshine and being together.

Because Sarah's notes are so specific, personal and well-written, the reader becomes Sarah's companion on the harrowing medical journey that lasted the better (or worse) part of four years.

The details of that journey, as reflected in Sarah's journal entries (later edited for her book), began with the account of the diagnosis of Ben's autoimmune condition, which was followed by an increasing number of distressing symptoms that led to myriad other doctors and yet another frightening diagnosis – Congestive heart failure.

Though no one was quite sure whether the heart failure was the result of the autoimmune condition or if they were just co-existing horrors with similar symptoms (breathlessness, interrupted sleep, wounds to the feet and ankles that failed to heal, extreme fatigue and increasing confusion), for the first time the words "heart transplant" were uttered and the very slim chance of getting "on the list" was fantasized.

**A NEW HEART....** Ben's long stay in the ICU at Cleveland Clinic began in late March 2020.

At first, Sarah looked on this quiet period at home as an opportunity to acquaint herself with all the things Ben had handled: household accounts, general finances, insurance, taxes, etc. But with the advent

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# Memberabilia

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of Covid, all hospital visits were prohibited. For 10 weeks, all communication with her critically ill husband and the numerous doctors, nurses and hospital staff that were caring for him was limited to Facetime conversations.

As Ben's condition became increasingly serious with several near-death episodes, it became clear that his only hope for recovery lay in securing a new heart. Being on the "list" meant you were in line for a heart from a donor of the right blood type. Sometimes there can be a wait for years, but Ben (possibly because he had been in the hospital with no contact with the Covid-ridden outside world) put him in line for a heart.

On April 15th Ben and Sarah were told that a heart with a possible match was available. The next day at 10 a.m., Ben was

in the operating room and at 3:15 the doctor called Sarah and announced that "The surgery went well. It is a good heart and a good fit."

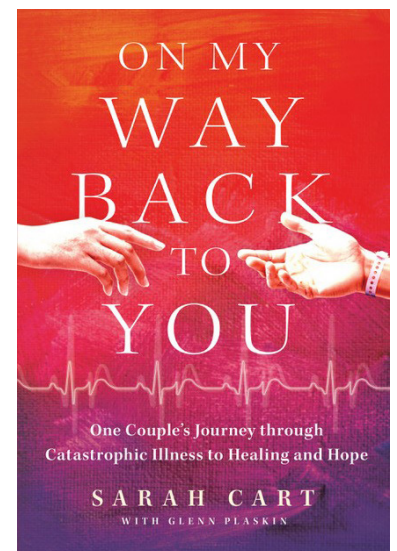
**HOMECOMING....** On June 3, 2020, Ben came home.

For months Ben's care had been the responsibility of a team of doctors, nurses, therapists, nutritionists, and pharmacists. Sarah described all these burdens that now lay on her shoulders "like the lead cape they drape over you for X-rays at the dentist's office". Her situation was not helped by a series of home health personnel, who failed to show up; left unexpectedly after one visit; or quit when the Carts refused to meet halfway to Miami in an empty office instead of at their home. Ultimately a nice nurse provided the necessary help and trained Sarah to do much of the daily routine like changing bandages.

Ben in the early days at home was confused and subsequently unreasonable and grumpy. Sarah felt unappreciated and angry when Ben immersed in paperwork at his desk, ignored a meal she had prepared or neglected to take the meds she had carefully selected and scheduled. But both of them were so glad to be together again, that issues were negotiated, and differences settled. Sarah admits she actually welcomed the normality of a few squabbles.

**LAST WORD....** *On My Way Back to You*, in addition to being a riveting medical odyssey, is also a love story. Ben and Sarah Cart are a devoted couple, who both came away from a traumatic experience with physical and emotional wounds. But with patience, determination, courage and love, they found their way back to one another.

The publication date for



*On My Way Back to You* is April 2nd and the book can be **pre-ordered from Amazon** (Hardcover \$26, Kindle \$14. The Audio version is in production). Copies of the book will eventually be available at the OR Library.

Join us for a celebration of the book at the Cultural Center from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3.



## Let's Talk Travel...

Join Haute Explore Luxury Travel & Lifestyle, an All Charities Preferred Partner, and their luxury vendor partners for a two day event packed with fun and exciting destination highlights and several luxury travel prize giveaways.

**Friday, March 8, 2024** 4 – 6 p.m. | Cocktails & Canapes  
**Saturday, March 9, 2024** 12 – 2 p.m. | Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
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**DINNER AT THE OPERA**  
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*Dinner at the Opera*  
**Nabucco**



**Monday, March 11**

5:00PM • Wine & Cheese  
5:30PM • First & Second Act  
6:45PM • Dinner  
7:45PM • Third Act  
\$63++, reservations required

Soprano Nadine Sierra stars as the self sacrificing courtesan Violetta — one of opera's ultimate heroines — in Michael Mayer's vibrant production of Verdi's beloved tragedy. Tenor Stephen Costello is her self-centered lover Alfredo, alongside baritone Luca Salsi as his disapproving father, and Maestro Daniele Callegari on the podium.



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## AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

### Library Corner

By Susan Bohan

The Library is a great source of both interesting historical fiction as well as non-fiction books containing facts we never knew. The following are four very different additions you might like:

**Fiction**

**"Absolution" by Alice McDermott** – the legacy left by 2 women who accompany their husbands to Saigon in 1963 and the unintended consequences of their actions and beliefs.

**"Let Us Descend" by Jesmyn Ward** – an intensely moving novel of a woman born into slavery

through her uplifting journey to rebirth and reclamation.

**Non-Fiction**

**"Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity" by Peter Attia, MD, with Bill Gifford** – a new approach to preventing chronic disease and extending long-term health based on science by a leading expert in the field including step-by-step plans.

**"Dinner with the President: Food, Politics and a History of Breaking Bread at the White House" by Alex Prud'homme** – from personal taste to state dinners the author explores the unique picture of presidents through the food they ate and served and how it fits into our American history.

### Proposed for Membership Through March 7, 2024

*The following individuals are being considered for Ocean Reef Club membership. Direct communication concerning these nominations to Vice President of Membership, Islande Dillon, at 305-367-5921 or [idillon@oceanreef.com](mailto:idillon@oceanreef.com).*

**Equity Membership**

**Jessica and Taylor Broughton** are new members applying for Equity Charter Dues Only Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton are co-purchasing 12 Ocean Reef Drive with Alicia & Joe Mulvihill from Hugh Nuckolls. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton are residents of Louisville, Kentucky. They belong to Valhalla Golf Club and Owl Creek Country Club. Their sponsors are Michael Marzano, Adrienne & Angelo Marzano, Nancy & Carl Dillman, and John Gibson on behalf of the Membership Committee.

**Lydia and Ronald Harrington** are Sr. Legacy members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington are purchasing 5 Bay Ridge Road and the equity

from Jeffrey Congdon. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington are residents of Hudson, Ohio. They belong to The Club at 3 Creek. Their sponsors are Lori & Brad Young, Frances & Joseph Murphy, Michael Sullivan, and Joe Urbinati on behalf of the Board of Directors.

**Alicia and Joe Mulvihill** are new members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Mulvihill are co-purchasing 12 Ocean Reef Drive with Jessica & Taylor Broughton from Hugh Nuckolls and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Mulvihill are residents of Orlando, Florida. They belong to the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes. Their sponsors are Joe Hertzman, Michael Marzano, Adrienne & Angelo Marzano, and John Gibson on behalf of the Membership Committee.

**Sr. Legacy Membership**

**Laurie and Steven Aronoff** are applying for Sr. Legacy Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Aronoff are residents of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Their Sponsors are Constance Riley, George Aronoff, Julia Cronin, and Teresa Ferrarone on behalf of the Board of Directors.



AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

**GET READY FOR THE OSCARS!**

All film enthusiasts at Ocean Reef Club have an opportunity to be totally prepared for the 96th Academy Awards. Just join Dan Hudak, film critic in print, radio, and television, as he reviews each of the 10 Best Picture nominees at the Cultural Center on **Sunday, March 10** — the very SAME day as the evening ceremony.

Dan will review why each film was nominated along with his own knowledgeable insight and accompanying film clips. He will share his opinion on which film should win the Oscar and which film will most likely carry it home—not always the same one! Hollywood history and trivia along with audience participation makes this quite an entertaining event.



This is the seventh time Dan has given this popular hour lecture at Ocean Reef and it is always a huge hit that you will not want to miss. Guests will have the chance to vote for which film they think will win Best Picture and later that evening we can all discover who got it right. And the Oscar goes to...

**Best Picture Oscar Talk**  
**Sunday, March 10 • 1 p.m.**  
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**DINNER AT THE OPERA: NABUCCO**

**Monday, March 11**  
**5 p.m. at the Cultural Center**

Join us for an unforgettable evening as the Met Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's timeless masterpiece, Nabucco on Monday, March 11. The world of ancient Babylon comes to life in the classic staging of biblical proportions.

Baritone George Gagnidze makes his Met role debut as the imperious king Nabucco, alongside soprano Liudmyla Monastyrskya reprising her thrilling turn as his vengeful daughter Abigaille. Daniele Callegari conducts Verdi's exhilarating early masterpiece, which features the ultimate showcase for the great Met Chorus, the moving "Va, pensiero".



Wine and cheese begin at 5 p.m. with the first and second acts starting at 5:30 p.m. A specially-prepared dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. The third act will commence after dinner.

Tickets are \$63++, reservations are required. Email [tickets@oceanreef.com](mailto:tickets@oceanreef.com).

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- Advisory Council
- Airport
- Audit
- Card & Games
- Croquet
- Finance
- House & Grounds
- Marine Advisory
- Marketing
- Membership
- Pickleball
- Social
- Tennis

Please contact LuAnn Lowen at 305-367-5817 or [llowen@oceanreef.com](mailto:llowen@oceanreef.com) for a questionnaire. Questionnaires must be submitted by **March 10**.

## Grayvik Animal Center & ORCAT to Build State-of-the-Art Clinic

As was announced at this year's Catwalk Fashion Show & Luncheon, Grayvik Animal Center and ORCAT will be breaking ground on a new facility this summer. It will house a veterinary clinic on the ground floor, with ORCAT—our 501(c)(3) cat adoption center and sanctuary—on the second floor. There will also be a grooming space to be operated by the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA).

The new Grayvik Animal Center will be located at the corner of Marina Drive and Gatehouse Road. Design partner BDA Architecture, a leader in the design of animal care facilities, has designed the new Grayvik Center to meet the community's ever-growing demand for top-tier veterinary services. With over 1,200 active patients and a steady influx of new patients and visitors each month, the need for this veterinary facility and sanctuary at Ocean Reef has never been more pressing.

Selecting the location was a strategic process. This move not

only adds much-needed parking near the Fitness Center and Spa but also ensures uninterrupted veterinary services during construction. The site is centrally located within the Club where members will be able to enjoy the convenience of dropping their pets off for grooming or vet appointments and enjoy the amenities of the Fishing Village.

ORCAT is grateful for the generosity of members who have contributed to the construction of the new Grayvik Center.

The new veterinary clinic will provide spay/neuter and other non-cosmetic veterinary procedures. It will feature a spacious lobby, numerous large exam rooms, imaging capabilities, in-house

bloodwork and diagnostics, a state-of-the-art surgical suite, visiting specialists, and much more. The cat sanctuary and adoption center will provide a serene setting for visitors and adoptable ORCATs. Currently

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having 3,000 visits per year, the new Grayvik Center will offer a spacious porch for visitors and plenty of enrichment for the center's feline friends as they await forever homes.

This marks an exciting new chapter for ORCAT and the Grayvik Animal Center. Grayvik and ORCAT eagerly anticipate welcoming the entire community to the new facility in the not-so-distant future. Together, we are forging a brighter future for animal care at Ocean Reef.

We are also excited that **Lisa Desmond**, chair of the 2024 Catwalk, along with co-chairs **Mona Brewer** and **Debbie Hartmann**, announced during the Catwalk event that the Ocean Reef Pet Book, *The Pets of Ocean Reef*, will be available for distribution starting March 1st. Lisa was joined by **Madeleine Williams** and **Laura Zausmer** to produce the Pet Book.

## Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 19

### Vote at Florida Keys Community College

For those Ocean Reef residents registered to the Republican party in the State of Florida, the precinct location is the **Florida Keys Community College**, located at 106040 Overseas Highway. Voting will open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19 and close at 7:00 p.m.

Early voting is open every day from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, March 4 through Saturday, March 16 at the Murray Nelson Government Center located at 102050 Overseas Highway.

The Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Election is a closed primary, so only

registered party members can vote for their preferred presidential nominee. The Democratic Party submitted only one candidate, so there will not be a PPP ballot for the Democratic Party on March 19.

Two years ago, an opinion issued by the state Division of Elections provided clarification on voting precincts being accessible to the public. This in turn meant voting could no longer take place at The Academy at Ocean Reef unless it was agreed that the gates would stay open during the entire voting process. Your ORPAC Committee is working on a solution with the Monroe County Supervisor of Elections for future elections.

The deadline to request a mail in ballot be sent to you is Thursday, **March 7 and it must be received by election day at 7:00 p.m.** To request your ballot, either call 305-292-3416 or visit <https://www.keyselections.org/>



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# Journalist Lauren Green to Speak in the Chapel



by Rev. Dr.  
Bob Henley

Fox News Channel's chief religion correspondent, Lauren Green, will be speaking at the Protestant Congregation's 9 a.m. worship service in the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center this **Sunday, March 3rd.**

## Family Story

Lauren's family was from south Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was the youngest of five children who grew up in a three-bedroom home. Her father, Robert Grissam was a welder/janitor and her mother, Bessie Grissam Green, a teacher's assistant.

What her family lacked in monetary resources she says they made up for in an enormous emphasis on all areas of learning. Lauren developed an interest in music and art through her older sibling's studies in everything from painting to piano. As a teenager, she was a 'tomboy,' competing on her school's gymnastics team. She used

her height and striking beauty to earn her way, working as a model in local department stores.

## Education

Lauren earned her Bachelor's degree in piano performance from the University of Minnesota in 1980. After college, she made her way to Los Angeles to pursue a modeling career and explore the world of acting. She enjoyed some success but returned to her home in Minneapolis.

In 1984, she competed in the Miss Minnesota pageant and became the state's first African American Miss Minnesota. She took third place in the Miss America competition in Atlantic City. Looking back, she says that without losing the competition, she might never have attended graduate school.

## Career Path

Her graduate studies took her to the highly regarded Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, and then, she became an intern at KSTP television back in the Twin Cities. While there, an old friend and high school classmate, Prince, invited her to appear with Kirstie Alley in his "My Name Is Prince" video.

After earning an on-air position in the Twin Cities, Lauren then moved on to WBBM in Chicago, and became the first talent to be

hired through the then new Fox News Channel.

## Reporting

Lauren has been privileged to cover numerous major stories in her career at Fox. Among them, in 2006, she provided live coverage of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States, and in Rome, the beatification of Pope John Paul II in 2011. Again in Rome in 2013, she reported the election of Pope Francis, as well as the retirement of Pope Benedict XVI.

## Controversial Advocacy

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Lauren took the controversial stance of advocating for churches who defied court orders to stop large gatherings. She penned an editorial accompanied by a stock photo of people holding hands when CDC guidelines advised against it. In the article she labeled washing hands, sanitizing homes, and practicing social distancing a "temporary or flimsy barrier to a raging tsunami." She strongly opposed closing churches because they were the one place where people turned for comfort and found spiritual strength.

## Music and Writing

Lauren has released an album of classical piano music titled *Classic Beauty*. She has also played keyboards with former governor Mike Huckabee's band, *The Little Rockers*, on his program *Huckabee*. In 2014,

she performed in the 90th birthday concert for George Ratzinger, the brother of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, describing this a "the honor of a lifetime."

She is also the author of two books. Her first, *Lighthouse Faith*, was published in 2017. The subtitle, *God as a Living Reality in a World Immersed in Fog*, reflects her deep desire that people understand the work of God in their everyday lives, and not just an hour or so out of their week. Our temptation she says is to "make God a concept" that we can control instead of "the living reality" who can mold our lives.

Her latest book, published in February of this year, is titled *Light for Today*. Lauren explains that she "wanted to increase her faith through writing." Her writing took the form of reflections she shared on social media. When a publisher asked if she would consider writing a devotional, she realized she had already done a lot of the work. She said, "It just so happens that I have these thoughts for the day that probably could be edited very well into a 365-day devotional." Her aim is to drive home the point that "God is a living reality" for our lives.

We invite you to come and hear this outstanding journalist and woman of faith as she shares her music and message this Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center.

## WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EPISCOPAL SERVICE

All are invited for this community service each Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary. This **Wednesday, March 6,** Reverend will return to **Bryan Hobbs** lead the service.

## SHABBAT



## SERVICES

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Chapel Sanctuary - 6:00 pm

Led by Cantor Happie Hoffman.  
Followed by dinner on the Sailfish Patio.

Reservations for dinner requested:  
[SHirschbiel@CongregationOR.org](mailto:SHirschbiel@CongregationOR.org)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8 & 15

Cornerstone Room - 6:00 pm

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CONTINGENT

Harbour Green 11 | Canal Front

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

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Contingent by:

Rick Haney | 305.394.4645 | rick@oceanreefclubsir.com  
Denise Haney | 305.394.6838 | denise@oceanreefclubsir.com



NEW LISTING

Pumpkin Cay 52B | Canal Front

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$6,595,000 | 26xx

Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461 | eric@oceanreefclubsir.com



NEWLY PRICED

Pumpkin Cay 43A | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,900,000 | 2524

Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633 | molly@oceanreefclubsir.com

Russell Post | 305.451.8199 | russell@oceanreefclubsir.com



Angelfish Cay 25A | Canal Front

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

Helena Morton  
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Angelfish Cay 19A | Canal Front

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,375,000 | 2660

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Kelsey Thiele  
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Angelfish Cay 21A | Canal Front

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,275,000 | 2641

Mary Brady  
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Angelfish Cay 29B | 36' Dock

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

Marcy Aultman  
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Pumpkin Cay 12B | Canal Front

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

Mary Brady  
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Angelfish Cay 14B | Canal Front

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

Rick Romeo  
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Residence Club B-211 | Large Patio

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

Molly Taylor  
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Russell Post  
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Fairway Lakes 41B | Golf Course

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,550,000 | 2665

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PC Garden Home 74 | Canal Front  
3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$7,250,000 | 2502  
Helena Morton  
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Marina Village 9B | Canal Front  
3 BD, 3 BA | \$7,200,000 | 2658  
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Denise Haney  
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Marina Village 2B | Canal Front  
3 BD, 3 BA | \$6,999,000 | 2578  
Karyn Thiele  
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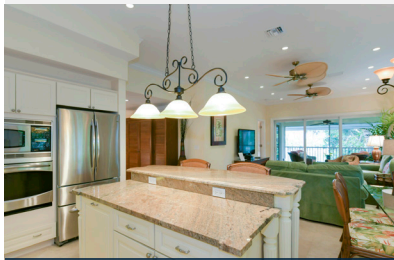


Harbour Green 45 | Canal Front  
4 BD, 3 BA | \$6,850,000 | 2635  
Cassy Everhart  
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Morgan Smith  
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**NEWLY PRICED**

Pumpkin Cay 47B | Canal Front  
4 BD, 3 BA | \$5,850,000 | 2628  
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Morgan Smith  
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**NEWLY PRICED**

Pumpkin Cay 7B | Canal Front  
3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,450,000 | 2513  
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Susan Bryan  
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FC Landings 9A | 31' Dockage  
2 BD, 2 BA | \$4,150,000 | 2621  
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Megan Lyons  
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**CONTINGENT**

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Contingent by: Helena Morton  
305.522.2196 | helena@oceanreefclubsir.com



Residence Club A-107  
2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,200,000 | 2553  
Mary Brady  
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Cay Harbor 8E | Canal Front  
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,195,000 | 2647  
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Megan Lyons  
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Pumpkin Cay 14B | Canal Front  
2 BD, 3 BA | \$2,995,000 | 2604  
Molly Taylor  
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Russell Post  
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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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CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Ocean Reef Chaplain**  
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

**AA Meeting**  
 7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room  
**Shabbat Service**  
 6 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Cantor  
 Happie Hoffman

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

**Catholic Mass Archbishop Samuel Aquila**  
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary,

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

**Traditional Worship Service**  
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,  
 Ms. Lauren Green  
**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. Hilley

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

**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*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

**Catholic Mass**  
 7 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. Jim Shea  
**Intercessory Prayer**  
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room  
**Episcopal Service**  
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Rev. Bryan Hobbs

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

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

We Mourn the Loss

Paul Frederick Obrecht, Jr.



Paul F. Obrecht, Jr. passed away from Alzheimer-related complications on January 26, 2024. He was surrounded by his beloved wife Mary, family, and the wonderful team of Gilchrist Hospice Care.

Born May 17, 1949 to Marilyn and P. Fred Obrecht, Sr., Paul was the eldest of five children. Paul graduated from St. James School, Hagerstown, Maryland in 1968 and immediately began his lifelong career in construction and commercial development by renovating historic homes on Mount Royal Avenue. Within just a few years, and following in his father's footsteps, Paul and his brothers George and Tommy founded Obrecht Properties and developed numerous office, retail and industrial projects throughout the region. Paul served on numerous Boards including St. James School, Sun Trust Bank and Baltimore Country Club.

Paul was an avid golfer and outdoorsman and spent

his time in, Baltimore, Key Largo, and Elliots Island, Maryland. Paul was known to be a very competitive golfer with a keen wit who was able to bring people of all ages together for a good time.

Paul is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Obrecht (nee Rose), sons Paul F. Obrecht, III (Meg) of Stevenson, Maryland and Dudley (Lisa) Obrecht of Fort Loudon, Pennsylvania, grandsons Paul F. Obrecht, IV and Lewis Obrecht, sister Susan Riehl, brothers George Obrecht, Tom Obrecht, and Fred Obrecht, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: [Gilchristcares.org/donate](http://Gilchristcares.org/donate) /c/o Paul F. Obrecht, Jr. Member since 1996.

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The Chapel & Fellowship Center welcomes Father Jim Shea, S.J., Catholic Chaplain at the Georgetown University Medical Center, and Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, guest of **Nancy** and **John Sevo** and Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Denver to lead the following Catholic Masses at the Chapel & Fellowship Center.

**CATHOLIC MASSES:**  
**Wednesday, March 6 • 7 a.m.**  
 Father Jim Shea, S.J.

**Saturday, March 2 • 4 p.m.**  
 Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila

# Are You Thirsty for Retail Therapy?

## Discover the Power of Boutique D' Reef Shopping

**March 5-7**  
**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
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Retail therapy – the phrase itself evokes a sense of excitement and anticipation. There's something undeniably exhilarating about stepping into a boutique, browsing through racks of clothing, trays of hand-crafted jewelry, soft cashmere scarfs and finding that perfect item that speaks to your soul. But did you know that retail therapy goes beyond just a momentary mood booster? It has the power to positively impact your well-being. When you engage in shopping, especially when you find items that you love or that resonate with you, it can stimulate the brain's reward system and lead to a surge of endorphins. We



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all have experienced that "retail high".

Shopping, especially at our unique Boutique D' Reef, can do wonders for your mood and it can also do wonders for our vital Medical Center at Ocean Reef. A percentage of every purchase benefits our Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation. So when you show up March 5th, 6th or 7th for retail therapy just remember.... it's not just about acquiring material possessions, the thrill of the hunt, or the joy of discovering something truly unique...it's about being part of our community, boosting your mood and supporting our

healthy way of life.

Boutique D' Reef shopping offers a treasure trove of original, one-of-a-kind items. These are not mass-produced pieces that you can find in every store. Instead, they are carefully crafted, often by independent designers, with attention to detail and a passion for their craft. By shopping at the Boutique D' Reef, you have the opportunity to own something truly special and support our Medical Center at Ocean Reef! It is a win-win!!

Additionally, the act of shopping itself can be a form of self-care and a way to practice mindfulness. It allows you to focus on the present moment, explore your interests, and express your personal style. Engaging in an enjoyable activity like boutique shopping can help reduce stress, improve your mood, and provide a temporary sense of relaxation and joy.

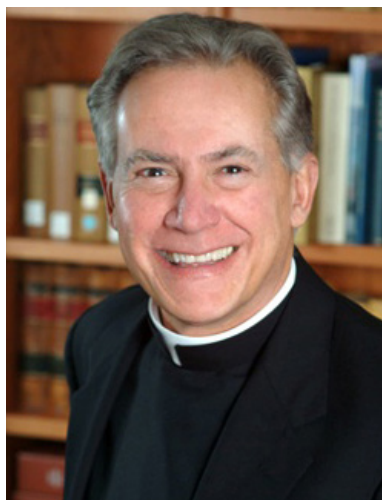
The Boutique D' Reef understands the power of retail

therapy and the importance of offering original, one-of-a-kind items. This upcoming event, starting Tuesday, March 5th at 10 a.m., will bring together some of the most exceptional vendors, including Charlotte Brody, Clara Williams, Jennifer Miller Jewelry, Daniella Ortiz, Jeffery Levinson, Jodi Rose, Trevor Furbay, Zonnie Sheik, Jennifer Tyler Knitwear and many more. It's a celebration of fashion, community, and making a difference.

So, if you're thirsty for a retail therapy session that goes beyond the ordinary, mark your calendars for the Boutique D' Reef, **March 5-7**. Indulge in the joy of discovering unique treasures, support your Medical Center and experience the magic of boutique shopping. Get ready to elevate your mood, style, and community spirit – all in one unforgettable event!

# Fr. O'Brien to Lead Catholic Masses

Father Raymond C. O'Brien, Professor Emeritus at Columbus School of Law, is an ordained Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Washington. He has published extensively in the area of family law, elder law, and decedents' estates. Fr. O'Brien has taught at Columbus School of Law since 1977, has served as a permanent Visiting Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center since 1986, and also serves as a weekend associate at St.



Father Raymond O'Brien

Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Parish, Rockville, Maryland.

Fr. O'Brien will lead the Catholic Masses in the Chapel Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 9** at 4 p.m. and **Sunday, March 10** at 12 p.m.

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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

# Pediatric Care Collaboration at Ocean Reef

Recently the Medical Center, Public Safety, ORCA, and the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Executive team met at Ocean Reef to discuss future developments for pediatric care at Ocean Reef.

Currently, Rosa Monte Fernandez, M.D. and Iris P. Silverberg, M.D., F.A.A.P., both seasoned pediatric physicians from Nicklaus Children's Hospital come to the Medical Center as visiting specialists.

The focus of the meeting was to discuss the potential for expanded pediatric services at Ocean Reef, as well as opportunities for community education. Of note was a proposal for Ocean Reef's Firefighter-Paramedics to



receive on-site training for specific pediatric medical care from Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Additionally, telemedicine, Nicklaus Children's dedicated fracture clinic, and ground transport processes were reviewed.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital has 39 locations which span from Weston, Florida to Homestead, Florida. Pediatric care is provided by them at

Baptist Health South Florida at 8900 N. Kendall Drive and a stand-alone Nicklaus Children's Urgent Care facility is located in Homestead, FL.

The excellent partnership and cooperation between these entities ensures the best healthcare for the children at Ocean Reef.

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## AFTERNOON TEA WITH A TWIST

The tradition returns, with a twist! Join fellow Members for a spot of tea and get to know a Club Associate while they speak about their area of expertise.

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**Friday, April 19 • 2-4pm**  
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### Audiology

**Natalie Crespi**  
March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17  
**Daisy Elwick**  
March 4, 5, 11, 12

### Cardiology

**Julio Barcena**  
March 8, April 12, May 10  
**Howard Bush**  
March 14, April 18, May 16

### Colorectal Surgery

**Dan Ruiz**  
March 18, April 15

### Dermatology

**Alexandra Price**  
March 15, April 19, May 17  
**Alysa Herman**  
(305) 444-4979  
March 7, 21, April 4, 18  
May 2, 16

### Debra Price

(305) 670-1111  
March 1, 15, April 5, 19,  
May 3, 17

### Jill Waibel

(305) 279-6060  
April 15, May 20

### Varee Pochareon

(305) 740-6181 x1  
March 6, 13, 20

### Endocrinology

**Heberto Valdes**  
March 1, April 5

### ENT

**Pablo Arango**  
March 1, April 1, May 1,  
June 3

### Gastroenterology

**Sandra Rodriguez**  
March 5, April 11, May  
14, June 18

### Gynecology

**Jason James**  
March 14, April 11, May 9  
**Jila Senemar**  
March 12, April 17, May 7

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### Nephrology

**Anthony Farias**  
March 18, April 22

### Neurology

**Victor Faradji**  
March 7, April 4

### Neuro Spine

**Raul Vasquez**  
**Castellanos**  
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### Ophthalmology

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March 19, April 16

### Optometry

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**Susanna Tamkins**  
March 15, April 19

### Orthopedic Sport Medicine

**Michael Swartzon**  
March 8, April 12

### Orthopedic Surgery

**Joseph Fernandez**  
March 15, April 19, May 17

### Derek Papp

March 14, 28, April 11, 25

### James Voglino

March 8, April 26, May 17

### Orthopedic Hand Surgery

**Roberto Miki**  
March 8, April 5

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**Ramiro Perez**  
March 4, April 8, May 13

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**Brigette Smith**  
March 13, 27

### Polly Reeves

March 14, April 11, May 9

### Sophia Masri

March 22, April 26

### Psychology

**Joseph Mora**  
March 11, April 15, May 13

### Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders

**Raul Valor**  
March 15, April 12

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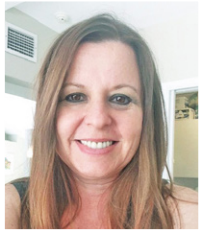
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# Relatively Speaking



by Felicia M. Koretsky

When Eyonys Leal was looking for work as a general mechanic, he turned to his father, Eufemio, for advice.

"I told him to go to Ocean Reef," said Eufemio, who originally found his job with Golf Course Maintenance six years ago through his brother. "I explained that it was a great environment, the Members are very nice, and that he would be treated fairly."

Eyonys was particularly impressed when his father shared stories of how The Club responded to its associates during unexpected crisis periods in both 2017 and 2020.

"The Club was under no obligation to us during Hurricane Irma and the pandemic, but they showed a genuine, collective interest in us. I saw how quickly they looked for ways to help. I was impressed with that," said Eufemio. "If you show you are responsible with your work, no one is on top of you pressuring you. They let you do your job."

Now nearing his first anniversary with ORC's Engineering Department, Eyonys, is glad he listened to his father. The Leal/ORC family tradition continues to expand with Eyonys' sisters Lemary Leal Mollinedo and Mary Leal Mollinedo, who have recently joined the staffs of Reef Eats and Reef Treats.

The philosophy of family-focused family-first Club isn't just centered around Club Members. It's fully reflected and embraced in every department with repeated examples of Associates recommending ORC to their siblings, parents, nieces, nephews, and adult children. Relatively speaking, there's a



Lani Smith with her daughters Zaria and Jacqueline.



The Leal Family.

lot of people who are related to each other at The Reef.

If you had to do a diagram of who is related to who among The Associates (we'll explore Members and married couples in separate future stories), it would go on for days. At The Reef, there's no such thing as six degrees of separation, It's more like one or two. You would need an extra-long spool-full of red yarn to connect the dizzying number of relatives crisscrossing departments at The Reef.

Santos "Pedro" Tumax started working at Ocean Reef after Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and never left. A few years later, he was joined by his brothers Fermin and Hermalindo. The Tumax brothers, greenskeepers with Golf Course Maintenance said they love meeting Club members and knowing their work is appreciated.

### Three Generations

Having multiple members of the same family working at the same property is a testament to how much our Associates enjoy Ocean Reef. An endorsement from a relative is one of the best referral sources for new employees and often expands multiple generations.

The Didier family history on The Reef goes back decades. Food runner Duverdier "DD" Didier, recommended his daughter, Vania, to Housekeeping. She then brought in sister, Pologne, to the department. Vania's daughter, Serah Cangas, is a



The Mazariego brothers.

popular server at Reef Treats.

### Reef Sibs & Cousins

Carmelino Mazariego is an assistant mechanic at the Club's Service Station who recommended The Club to his brother Nestor, who works at Cart Repair.

Then there's The Mirandas and their cousins the Mirabal brothers. Livan Miranda, who works in Member Events brought in his cousin Daniel, who is a supervisor at The Marina. Daniel brought in his brother Abe, a bartender at the Reef Lounge. Livan also recommended the Reef to his sister, Saray, who works in Membership. There's also the Bechette brothers. Wilson, a culinary supervisor, recommended his brother, Jacob, who works as a cook at Palm Court. (Jacob's wife,

Marie, is a cook at the Associate Cafeteria).

### Lots of Family Branches

Using Reef Treats as an example, you'll find that many of its associates have relatives working in other departments-sometimes with each other's relatives.

Reef Treats Manager Lani Smith has two daughters who work on property; Jacqueline Smith, works at Card Sound Golf Club and Zaria Nicholas, is a Retail Warehouse supervisor. Server Xavier Martinez's brother, Javier, works with Zaria as a retail receiving lead at the Retail Warehouse. Server Lexi Cervantes' father, Enrique, is a clerk at The Commissary.

At Ocean Reef, whether it's at work or play, it's all about family.



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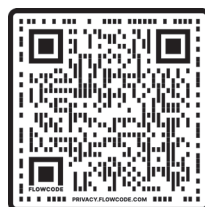


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# Are We a Club or a Community



by Jim Leenhouts

In trying to describe Ocean Reef Club to friends and neighbors from afar with the vast array of offerings and activities available, it often brings into question, is it a club or is it a community.

Members of Ocean Reef Club have historically had the advantage of being allowed to join with other members of The Club to negotiate conditions and purchase property from The Club to build and operate their own private equity clubs. Their effort has created the Racquet Club at Ocean Reef and the Card Sound Golf Club,

which are both pleasantly intermingled within the boundaries of the Ocean Reef Club property. These members still retain membership and joint use of social and athletic facilities of Ocean Reef's Club's tennis courts or golf courses. The latter tennis courts are so nearby that errant tennis balls can possibly travel between the two clubs' tennis courts.

There is a long list of other clubs incorporated into the fabric of Ocean Reef, such as the Ocean Reef Yacht Club, that do not require property but, if or when needed, can utilize space from The Club for their annual or monthly activities that will include bars, dining space, servers, food and party help. The Ocean Reef Yacht Club thus saves the cost of a clubhouse and can still offer its members a local venue for their famous annual Valentine's party with extravagant dining and dancing to a full orchestra.

Should an imaginary couple fail to complete a dance

step and seriously fall, an ambulance from the Ocean Reef Community Association, abbreviated ORCA, also supported by The Club's homeowners, would respond with a team of trained first responders to treat the injured and provide transportation to The Medical Center at Ocean Reef, or hospital.

Likewise, the weekly editions of the locally published and distributed *Ocean Reef Press*, sponsored and edited by The Club, are filled with articles and photos of social and newsworthy items at Ocean Reef Club that include both events from the various amenities across The Club as well as from Member-organized clubs. The authors of these articles, as herein, generally simply use "The Club" to indicate if there is an event connection with "The Ocean Reef Club". Topics cover golf, tennis, sailing, fishing, yachts, model yachts, cards, religion, cooking, art, sorority, flying, swimming, pets, politics, health, knitting, sobriety, wine and age, to promote the interests and members of their Club within The Club.

The Club also offers a wide variety of social events such as

a vintage car and boat weekend, sailfish tournaments and multiple visits from Santa Claus. Decorated golf cart parades are popular through defined street routes to celebrate Halloween or other holidays with judges and a prize to the winner for dining at one of a dozen or so of The Club's restaurants. Such an event might bring hundreds of Members to line the streets and cheer their families along.

There's also the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, which holds an annual gala to raise money for the non-profits at Ocean Reef as well as for the surrounding communities.

The purpose of this article is not to distinguish between "clubs" and "community", but to praise and commend the long-running, successful quest of the management of Ocean Reef Club to provide, perhaps, a nationally unique and successful social club expanded with private clubs within a social community that members are very fortunate to live, either, in or at.

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“Art League”  
by Deborah  
Goodwin  
Geller

This past week the annual Sculpting Class took place at the Art League. The class is led by renowned sculptor Gregory Johnson each year. You may have attended the Members Art Shows and seen some of the students' works. What you wouldn't have seen is the daily guidance, encouragement and camaraderie they get to experience.

My husband **Alan** took the class for the first time this year. He's never done anything like this and truly felt he had no real affinity for art, but I encouraged



Left to right - Gail Noyes, Nancy Hillenbrand, Gus Gus Hillenbrand, Esther Carrico, Chris Garlich, Alan Geller, and Joanie Arredia. Front row left to right - Lori Lyons, Debbie Brady and Instructor Gregory Johnson.

him after seeing the class projects last year.

What neither of us knew was that the instructor was not only kind, helpful and genuinely interested in guiding a newbie along with his experienced students, but that Gregory Johnson is the man behind the amazing bronzes we admire around The Reef. He is the creator of the Panther in the Water Garden, the Bonefish Bonnie sculptor at the corner entry to the Fishing Village and

the beautiful bird at the Art League entrance.

That's not all. He has been commissioned for important historical figures all over the country. From George Washington to War Memorials and Commemorative Works, to personal family commissions. At this time he has been commissioned to create the Bronze of President Jimmy Carter upon his passing.

The students in the class created works inspired by family,

hobbies, pets, and team mascots. Included were... A Medicine Man, Fantasy Princess Horse, child representing four sons, tiger mascot from a favorite alma mater, face of a fiancé, garden statue of St. Francis of Assisi, monkey with baby, seahorse, and a beloved beagle.

A close friend of mine has a saying, "Who's life is this anyway?" when she gets to experience something new and special. I kept thinking of that phrase as I listened to the class participants talk about their experiences and the privilege of working with Gregory.

They enjoyed themselves so much, **Gail Noyes** arranged for a dinner at The Residence so spouses could come and celebrate their week. What a wonderful night. If you get the chance to get in for next year (and it's filling up) you won't regret it! Imagine having this kind of experience with this level of teacher just a quick golf cart ride from your home! Who's life is this anyway?!

## OFF THE REEF



Donning their ORC caps mother and daughter Sheila and Caroline Menn summit Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet) on Feb. 18 after an eight-day trek. Sheila said, "We are smiling in this picture but it was one of the most difficult challenges of our lives. We started hiking at 11:45 p.m. on February 17 and reached the summit at 7:45 a.m. on February 18."



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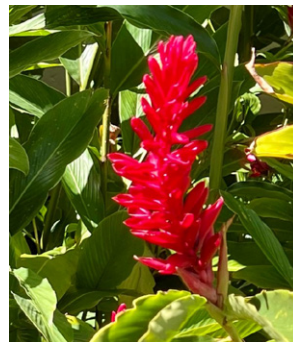


by Annie Miles

Do you ever find yourself driving up and down the same streets of Ocean Reef and never diverting from those familiar paths? We are all such creatures of habit! Most of us rarely leave our comfort zone while traveling to our usual haunts. So, once each season, I drive up and down every street of The Reef, just to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of our "very special place." On this season's trek around ORC, I was particularly struck by the rainbow colors all around me. Luscious floral blooms light up the landscape at every turn and wash color over the Reef. I thought of this quote, by Kahlil Gibran, on this leisurely tour around my happy place: "In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and the sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things, the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." These flowers were some of my favorites. Enjoy the rainbow, my friends of The Reef!



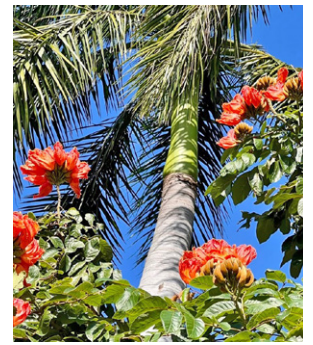
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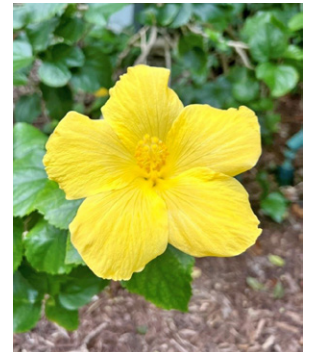
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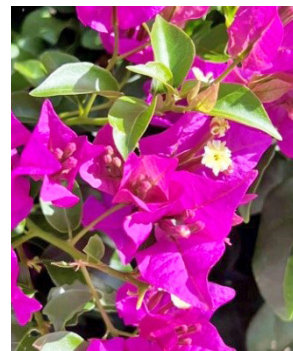
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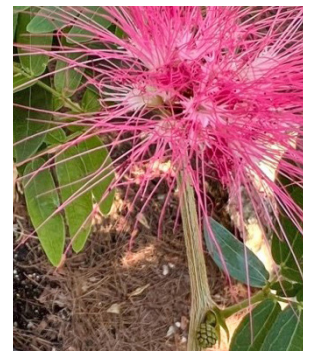
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# Tales From FWC With Captain David Dipre

## Chamber Luncheon



by Christina Sarmiento, Executive Director Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

Join us on **March 6** at the Cultural Center at 11:45 a.m. as the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce proudly presents Captain David Dipre as our monthly luncheon speaker. This event promises a unique opportunity to delve into the challenges and triumphs of marine law enforcement alongside a



Ocean Reef Members recently joined the Chamber of Commerce for our 6th Annual Yappy Hour. They had an incredible time, enjoying complimentary wine, the opportunity to mix and mingle, and spoiling their dogs in this wonderful weather we've been having! Together, we celebrated not just the spirit of community, but also the joy that our furry friends bring into our lives.

seasoned veteran.

Captain David Dipre's career exemplifies dedication to service and a steadfast commitment to preserving

our oceans and natural resources. With a background in the US Army from 1983 to 1988, followed by tenure with the Florida Marine Patrol since May 1995, Captain Dipre has become a pivotal figure in marine law enforcement. His expertise lies in addressing Federal Violations within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Squad.

Notable among Captain Dipre's endeavors is his pivotal role in the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma in 2005. Entrusted

with the monumental task of removing over 750 derelict and hurricane-affected vessels, his leadership and

resilience were instrumental in the restoration of Florida's coastal waters and marine ecosystems.

Prepare to be captivated by tales ranging from daring rescue missions to unforgettable encounters with marine wildlife. This luncheon promises an insightful glimpse into the dynamic nature of Captain Dipre's work.

We invite all members of the Ocean Reef community to join us for this enriching event. Space is limited, and registration is required. Secure your spot today by visiting [www.oceanreefchamber.org](http://www.oceanreefchamber.org), calling 305-340-8905, or emailing [director@oceanreefchamber.org](mailto:director@oceanreefchamber.org).

Don't miss this opportunity to gain firsthand insights from Captain David Dipre's remarkable journey in marine law enforcement.



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# Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

While you can stop by the Farmer's Market any day they're set up to grab lunch, a snack, or even ingredients for dinner, the Market is much more than just food! For the Garden Group at Ocean Reef, it's a way to get the word out about their upcoming House and Garden Tour – **Friday, March 22.**

Looking back, Covid caused many changes in event planning here at The Reef, but to many, the cancellation of the annual House and Garden Tour was one of the biggest disappointments.



Penny Dinsmore and Loretta Mackay

The wait is over!

Because there have been a few years since the last Tour, the Group realized they had to get creative about reaching out to inform people and sell tickets to the **March 22** event. According to one of the organizers, **Loretta Mackay**, "Selling tickets at the Farmer's Market has been quite successful. As the last Garden Group House and Garden Tour was held in 2018, many new Members are not familiar with it. They are inquisitive and enthusiastic when they see the

beautiful tickets which describe the lovely homes and enchanting garden (a new feature this year) and either buy tickets on the spot or return with cash or a check."

Members of the Group alternate at the Farmer's Market and will be selling tickets to this fun event on Mondays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m: March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21. And while you are there, pick up fun and delicious goodies from some of the other vendors!

## FARMER'S MARKET SCHEDULE

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### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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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# Leaping Lizards! It's Leap Year



"Nature Notes" by Nancy Zakon

Why do we have a "leap year" every four years? Here's the story. Our ancient ancestors had quite a challenge to devise a yearly calendar that matched the same dates to the seasons - year after year, for centuries. Let's begin about 700 B.C. when an early Roman king created a calendar for agriculture – planting to harvesting – a calendar from March to December – 10 months. The months of January and February didn't exist, reason being – no growing or harvesting, so no calendar months! (Don't you love it!) Next, they tried a calendar based on cycles of the



Ancient Egyptians simply partied for five days to account for the extra time at the end of their calendar.

moon... twelve in all. Ah, now we're getting somewhere. We get to add two missing months, January, and February. However, a calendar based on lunar (moon)-cycles is only 354 days. Oops... We're missing 11 days. Other civilizations tried the solar (sun) calendar: one had a dozen months of 30 days each, giving 360 days/year – missing only 5 days. Getting better, it's getting better all the time! And how did they make up the missing 5 days

– why, those Egyptians partied for five days at year's end. Way to go! So now, we have 12 months, but how do we get to 365 days? We discovered the Earth rotates around the Sun in 365.2422 days. Julius Caesar refined his calendar to include 365.25 days/year. You'd think that would work, but from Julius Caesar's time to the 16th century, seasons were off one day every 128 years – the calendar had "drifted". Pope Gregory XIII came to the rescue in 1582 with the Gregorian

Calendar, the one we live by today. He developed a new leap year system that added one leap day every four years and dropped three leap days every 400 years to keep the calendar from drifting. It sounds confusing, but the system has kept the calendar and the seasons in sync for more than 400 years. The Gregorian calendar isn't perfect—there's still a 30-second drift every year. But even with that, the calendar won't be off for more than a day for another 3,300 years!

I still wondered why add the extra day to February... here's that story. Because Romans believed "odd numbers" were lucky, they assigned either 29 or 31 days to their months. When January and February were added to the calendar, January got a lucky number of 31 days. That left February short, with only 28 days. It seemed only fair to add the extra day to dear old February. At last, the month has a "lucky" number of days (29) this year!

Fun Fact: Leap years are evenly divisible by four.

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**LEFT:** Simona Wallace, Nancy Eaves, Karen DiMaura and Cindy Lemes all modeling fashions from The Dress Code during the February 17 Art & Fashion Walk.

**MIDDLE:** Hadley and Monty Gerrish brought their daughter Lulu (5 months) to Ocean Reef for her first visit this past February. Hadley said, "Of course, we had to say hello and congratulations to Everton on his new Rum Bar! The picture came out so sweet, we had to send it in to show how Everton and the Club are so loved by all generations!"

**RIGHT:** Susan DiSanto proudly submitted this photo of her granddaughter Lorelai Kreiger, who she says spent her Presidents' Day vacation running around The Reef collecting tabs from cans. Her school is having a contest to benefit sick children and their families in the Ronald McDonald House. Five-year-old Lorelai is the daughter of Legacy Members Travis and Lexi Kreiger and granddaughter of Equity Members Susan and Mark DiSanto.

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### 1 FRIDAY

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

**ORCC Croquet Single Club Championship**  
8:30am Until Finished • Croquet Lawn

**Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw**  
9am • Driving Range

**Cooking School Class: Tantalizing Treats**  
9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

**Deep H2O Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Pool

**105 Tennis Tournament**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

**FIT Camp**  
12pm • Member Fitness Center

**Golf Clinic with Brad Pinho**  
1pm • Driving Range

**Silver Fit Plus Class**  
2pm • Member Fitness Center

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

**Golf Clinic with David Vihlen**  
3-4pm • Driving Range

**9-Hole LGA Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw**  
4pm • Driving Range

**Pickleball Organized Advanced Play (DUPR 3.75 Rating Required)**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Reef Club Kids Open**  
6-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

**Live DJ at Burgee Bar**  
9pm • Burgee Bar

### 2 SATURDAY

**ORC Run Club**  
7am • Member Fitness Center

**Everesting Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

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

**Men's Club Championship**  
8-9:30am • Hammock Course

**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

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

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Lighted Standup Paddleboard Tour**  
6pm • Buccaneer Island

**Live DJ at The Burgee Bar**  
9pm • Burgee Bar

### 3 SUNDAY

**Interclub Match vs. Fisher Island**  
TBD • Tennis & Games Center

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

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

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

**Guided Eco Kayak Tour**  
10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Journey Together Teaching Series**  
10:30am • Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Bob Henley

**Nature Center Open**  
2-5pm • Nature Center

**Croquet Open Play**  
2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

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

### 4 MONDAY

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

**Mixed Doubles Pickleball Senior Club Championships**  
8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

**MGA Weekly Event**  
9am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

**Cooking School Class: Autentico, Italiano**  
9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

**Deepwater H2O Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

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

**Duplicate Bridge Game**  
1pm • Card & Games Room

**Croquet Women, Wickets & Wine**  
3:30-5:30pm • Croquet Lawn

### 5 TUESDAY

**ORC Swim Club**  
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Center Pool

**LGA Event**  
8-10am TT • Dolphin Course

**Rock & Roll Shakti Yoga Class**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

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

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

**Zumba Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Center

**Boutique D'Reef**  
10am-5pm • Town Hall

**Mah Jongg Club Championship**  
1pm • Card & Games Room

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Potluck Gathering**  
6pm • Chapel Fellowship Hall

**Vine to Table Dinner: Cultivating History**  
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

### 6 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

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

**Boutique D'Reef**  
10am-5pm • Town Hall

**Reef Rec Room Open**  
3-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

### 7 THURSDAY

**ORC Swim Club**  
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

**9-Hole LGA Member Guest Tournament**  
9am Shotgun • Dolphin Course

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

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

**Boutique D'Reef**  
10am-5pm • Town Hall

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

**Mah Jongg Open Play**  
1pm • Card & Games Room

**MGA Golf Clinic with Brad Pinho**  
2pm • Driving Range

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake**  
5-9pm • Raw Bar

**Speciality Dinner: Ornellaia Estates**  
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

**Burgee Bar Karaoke**  
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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### "American Fiction" (R)

Friday, March 1 • 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Sunday, March 3 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 6 • 7:30pm

**Runtime:** 1hr 57mins

**Premise:** A novelist who's fed up with the establishment profiting from Black entertainment uses a pen name to write a book that propels him into the heart of the hypocrisy and madness he claims to disdain.

### Film Society: Food & Film

#### Mystic Pizza

Mon. Mar. 4 • 4:30pm

Must be a Film Society Member to Attend \$63++ Optional Dinner following the movie. Three young women face challenges in their careers, love, and life in this classic sentimental comedy.

### Dining with the Presidents....

#### Jeffrey Engel on Putin and the Presidents

Thursday, March 7 • 5:00pm

Complimentary Lecture - Optional Dinner includes Q&A with the speaker \$63++

Jeffrey A. Engel is the founding director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University, Professor in the William P. Clements Department of History, and a Senior Fellow of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies. Engel has authored and edited a total of thirteen books on American foreign policy and the American presidency.

### Live Performance:

#### Don Felder (Formerly of the Eagles) Concert moved Outdoors on Cultural Center Grounds

Sat. Mar. 9 • 8:00pm

\$225 Donor - \$250 Non-Donor  
Felder spent 27 years with the Eagles, who own the fine distinction of recording the top-selling album of all time — Their Greatest Hits (1971-1975), which has sold over 38 million copies. Don left the band in 2001 and has since forged an impressive career as a top-tier solo artist with a three fully realized full-length albums as well and several very successful singles for film scores. music. Music for everyone!  
\$150 Donor - \$175 Non-Donor  
Ticket price includes dinner.

### Cultural Center Museum

Daily 9am-4pm • Open During Movies

#### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday • 10am-2pm

For full list of events pick up a copy of This Week at the Reef!

## CLUB SHOPPING

### Joan the Shopper

ABODE....Interior decorating is not for me. I hate picking out a new couch or the perfect little table. But I love buying things for my home that are instantly available and are easily transportable in my golf cart. That's why **Abode** gets high marks from me.... This attractive little store, located on Barracuda Lane (turn right at the Medical Center and keep on going) is a small branch of two large North Carolina stores (in Charlotte and Linville) .... Like the two NC stores **Abode at Ocean Reef** offers the decorating services of owner Mary Miller, who guarantees that couches, a dining room table, bureaus, etc. are available at the store or can be easily ordered.... But for me it is the little things that count. Pictured here are four items featured at **Abode** that I found intriguing. *top*: A large (61x138) Ardmore table cloth in a heavy fabric with an exciting jungle theme (\$475).... *center*: Mini orchids, just as beautiful as the real thing and longer lasting (\$28 each).... *bottom left*: A beautiful flora print 27 inches by 63 (\$1175).... *bottom right*: an assortment of small colored battery lights – green



(\$125) and the red – 12 in. tall (\$185)....Last Word: Count on **Abode** to make your "Home on the Reef" a cheerier place to abide!

*by Joan Birsh*

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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  
Seafood Buffet Saturday • 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
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Breakfast Mon-Sat 7am-11am, Sun 7am-12pm  
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Dinner Daily 4-9pm
- Rum Runner**  
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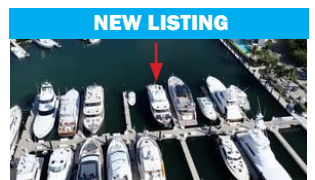
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Monday, March 4

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# The Rec Team is Ready for March!



by Jody Steele

Spring Break is almost here and the Recreation Department at Ocean Reef Club is ready to roll. Looking forward to the weeks ahead, there are plenty of additional activities offered for kids of all ages. So just so you can start planning for all of your visitors...

### Buccaneer Island Rocks

The Lagoon is always a destination, but every Thursday at 2 p.m. it is now packed with a variety of large, floating inflatables that are



Nothing says fun like the Club's Recreation Team. Sailing Clinics are one of many weekly offers.

great fun for all ages and are perfect for photo ops. Kayaks are also available for a more relaxing experience. Just a short distance away, a sailing adventure awaits as Sailing Clinics are offered every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or "How to Sail" lessons can be arranged at other available times at the Pool Desk. And the ever-popular "GaGa Ball" is always ready to go and has become a traditional Buccaneer Island pastime for

all kids.

### Reef Club Kids

Staffed by our outstanding Recreation counselors, this spot for the younger set is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a good way for parents (and grandparents) to get a morning tennis or golf game in while children are safely entertained. Plus, lunch is served!

### Fun for Teens

Christopher Nelson, Director of Recreation, shared that more day and evening activities are on the horizon for teenagers in March. Watch for dodgeball games and beach volleyball. Scavenger hunts and bonfires for the older kids are also scheduled with a s'more or two for a treat. Later in the day and out of the sun, the Reef Rec Room becomes a gathering spot for teens and is now open seven days a week from 3-10 p.m.

### Bunny Hop Fun Run

A real tradition at The Reef, the Bunny Hop is the Saturday before Easter on **March 30th**. So start stretching and hopping to get ready as the month will fly by quickly.

There is a lot more to come, and the Recreation Team is always ready to help Spring Breakers have fun at The Reef.

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# SPORTS

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## Good "Carma" Record-Setting Sailfishing

By George Blaha,  
Member since 2005

The stars had to align for a group of anglers on Wednesday, February 21, and align they did. A boat named "Carma" received good karma, landing 65 sailfish in one day.

The captain, **Tucker Ersek**, and first mate **Andres Garcia** had been preparing for this day for more than a week, as they saw conditions develop for a midweek opportunity to land a lot of sailfish. Those conditions included opposing wind and current, which created the short wave rhythm that sailfish love called "riding the waves," resulting in fish on the surface. The son of Members, Tucker has been fishing at Ocean Reef since he was 11 and captaining since he was 18 (now 25). Andres has been fishing since 2019 and has excelled at this sport after giving his tennis racquet a rest.

Being a sought-after captain and crew, they were both booked with different clients on Tuesday and Wednesday and it took some friendly horse trading with those clients to get both days scheduled with **Carmen Sferazza** on the Carma, which was equipped with the tower and Seakeeper (a stabilizing gyro) that Tucker and Andres considered critical to the job. It's a testimonial to the sense of fair play shared by all Ocean Reef Members that the original clients **Davo Johnson** and **George Blaha** were both invited Wednesday to fish on the Carma, although the three had never fished together before. This was going to be an interesting day.

On Tuesday, the boat with



Captain Tucker Ersek and First Mate Andres Garcia – the day's "reel" heroes.

Carmen and its frequent anglers **Angela Basciano** and **Jodi Zifferer**, went out and got 31 sails, so Tucker and Andres were excited for Wednesday like kids on Christmas morning. In preparation, they spent the night before and the morning of catching more bait - pilchers and goggle eyes. Andres had been preparing leaders for months before this day in hopes of it happening.

Lines went in a little after 7:30 a.m. and by 10 a.m., they had landed over 13 and switched from kite fishing to sight fishing - just chasing the fish by sight. This technique worked better as by noon, they had almost 40.

Carmen said the fish were spooling together in packs of up to 10 at times, and as the anglers pitched baits to them, there was an instant bite with many times up to five fish on and only three anglers to reel them all in. It was chaos, but Tucker orchestrated the cockpit calmly and instructed

who should go where and do what from his perch up top in the 39' Sea Vee.

"The Seakeeper and tower were key in stabilizing the boat and letting Tucker see the fish," said Johnson. "Tucker is an amazing man with great goals and the discipline to go along with it. He is going to go far in life."

As the afternoon went on, the fish count kept piling up with Tucker shouting, "Let's stay 'til we hit 70!" However,

as the sun began to set we thought it was time to get in to find additional sailfish flags, which were gladly provided by friends and family who met the tired, salty fishermen at the dock with libations and celebration. All three anglers were so grateful for the efforts of Tucker and Andres. They are true professionals.

With 65 sails in a day and 96 for two consecutive days, this was one for the record books. Only at Ocean Reef!



Carma Team, fishing together as a group for the first time, First Mate Andres Landh-Garcia, Carmen Sferazza, Captain Tucker Ersek, George Blaha and Davo Johnson.



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# Epic Sailfish Days at Ocean Reef

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from accumulating extra bait of a specific kind to borrowing more flags. Capt Ersek says it was the combination of springtime, winds and current that set the stage — winds out of the north go against the northbound currents and create huge wave action that the sailfish love to “surf”. Tucker said he had seen free-jumping sailfish earlier and knew the scenario was setting up. What no one had expected was the sheer number of fish. Packs of 6-8 fish fighting each other for the bait and having all lines hooked up, more lines than there were anglers on the boat, was a new experience. Just think of catching 65 in a day as Carma did with three anglers. That works out to a fish every

seven minutes for eight hours. I am reminded of the Lucille Ball comedy routine at the cake factory with the conveyor belt bringing a new cake, one after another, whether she was ready or not...

For a detailed account of the action from an actual participant, read **George Blaha's** article on page 35.

## The Record Numbers Don't Stop With Sailfish

There have been consistent reports of increasing fish populations in the Key Largo waters. **Russ Fisher**, a devoted bonefish chaser, has tracked his favorite quarry over the decades and, as a Founder of Bonefish & Tarpon Trust, has studied the numbers. He has no doubt the bonefish are increasing in the Key Largo area and more significantly, are larger — an important piece of information for scientists studying the species. What I found interesting was that Russ, out in the flats on one of these

remarkable days last week, saw massive numbers of bonefish — schools of 100 to 200! — and caught 12. Not a record, for Russ anyway, and he modestly gives all the credit to his guide, Jared Raskob, who he thinks is superlative. But still...you have to admit that the fishing has been better, year after year and that there seem to be more fish of all kinds in our waters.

Is the sailfish population growing too? These big fish are migratory and their numbers are influenced by a wide range of factors, but last week's activity argues that the numbers are vastly more than we ever suspected. This bodes well for the Reef Cup, the biggest fishing event of the season, which is coming up **March 13 to 16** and will bring out the most competitive fishermen.

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## WATCH THE REEF CUP FLEET RETURN

March 13 – 16

With the recent record sailfish counts, we should have a very exciting Reef Cup Invitational Sailfish Tournament coming up!

Watch the fleet return every afternoon, March 13 – 16, at 4 p.m. from The Point and see those sailfish flags fly.

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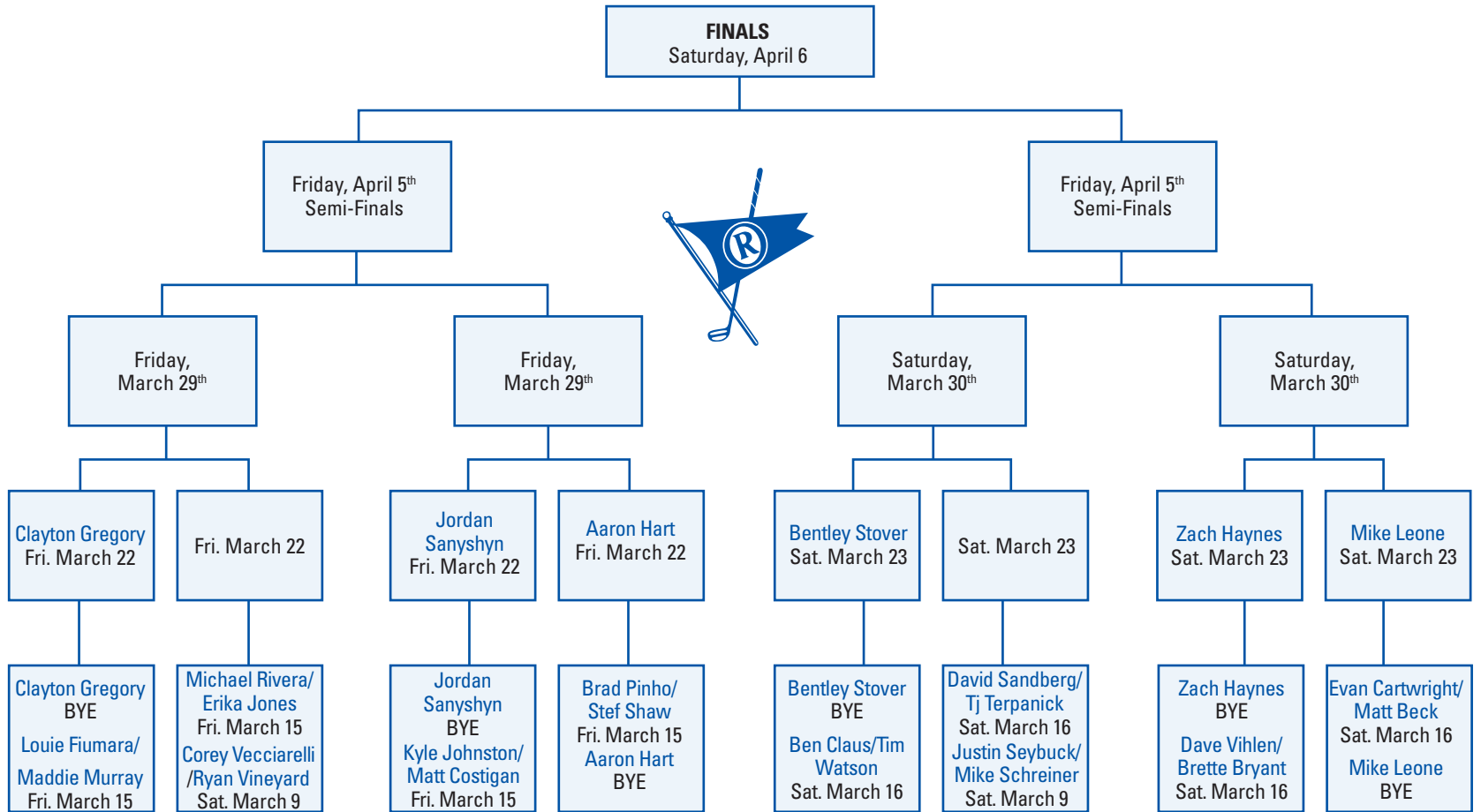
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# Triple Golf Classic



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

There is an infinite number of ways to win a golf tournament and the 2024 Triple Golf Classic Champions in both the men's and ladies' divisions won with the same approach, shooting three consecutive rounds in the mid 60's. As golfers, we all know that is easier said than done.

Congratulations to the Ladies 2024 Triple Golf Classic Champions **Cathy Zumkehr** and **Teri Kennedy** and the Men's 2024 Triple Golf Classic Champions **Joey Rivera** and **Jeff Fassbinder**!

We hope everyone enjoyed

the tournament and plays next year!

### MGA Monday

Monday was another fantastic day for our Men's Golf Association. We couldn't have asked for better weather for our ABCD 1 Best Ball of the Foursome format. 64 Players took on the Dolphin Course and we saw some great scores in both our Gross and Net competitions. In the Gross Competition, we had several teams shoot sub-70 rounds, but one group was able to edge out the rest of the field. The team of **Mark Hadfield, Jim McCann, Greg Stemler, and Phil Russel** fired a -3 round of 68 to win Gross. On the NET side of the competition, we had some more impressive scores and the team of **Dick Satterfield, Mike Materna, Greg Thompson, and Derek Johannson** outplayed the rest of the field by posting a -13 round of 58. Our closest to the hole contests were on Hole #9

and #18. **Billy Orgel** stuck it on #9 by putting it to (6' 9"). **Tom Yates** hit his to (9' 10") on the difficult #18.

### MGA Monday Next Week

Next Monday will be Better Ball of Partners – 6,6,6. In this format, holes 1-6 will be a Shamble, 7-12 will be a Modified Alternate Shot, and 13-18 both balls count. (Gross & NET). This format will be played on the Hammock Course and is a 9 a.m. Shotgun start with Lunch under the pergola following play

### 9-Hole Men's League

We will have another 9-Hole Men's League event next Monday on the Dolphin Course. Tee Times are taking place at 10:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in playing with this league, please reach out to the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.

### LGA Senior Club Championship

A picture-perfect Tuesday morning greeted our contestants for the second and final round of the Senior Club Championship! The first groups were out early hoping to post a score that could chase down the leaders. Many fantastic scores were turned in, but our leaders were up to the challenge.

After a solid score of 77 in round one, **JoAnn Titley** was in a familiar position. Our 2022 Senior Club Champion slept on a narrow 3-shot lead. With the defending champion and multiple past club champions

in close pursuit, our Champion was able to rely on her past experience to hold steady. Congratulations to our 2024 Senior Club Champion, **JoAnn Titley** with a score of 161.

### Senior Net Club Championship

After a few fantastic round-one scores, the Net Championship was bound to be an exciting finish. A sub-par round on the difficult Dolphin Course is no easy feat, but our top four players were able to accomplish this and vault themselves up the leaderboard. Only one player was able to card sub-par rounds in both rounds this year which led to a 7-stroke victory. Congratulations to our Net Club Champion, **Sally Newman** with a score of 137!

### Super Senior Club Championship

The newly added Super Senior flight included 13 LGA staples all looking to add to their trophy collection. After two fantastic rounds including a 1 under-par round, **Joan Flippin** was able to come out on top in the Super Senior Flight.

### LGA Next Week – Individual Stroke Play

The LGA will continue the 2024 season next Tuesday with an Individual Stroke Play event on the Dolphin Course. This event will be tee times from 8 to 10 a.m. Participants may create their own pairings. If you would like to participate, please sign up via Foretees, by responding to this email or calling the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.

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## GOLF SCOREBOARD

### 2024 TRIPLE GOLF CLASSIC

#### Ladies' Overall Leaderboard

1st Place: Cathy Zumkehr & Teri Kennedy  
 2nd Place: Martha Lindner & Heather Post  
 3rd Place (tie): Pam Gibson & Cassandra Moffett  
 3rd Place (tie): Guida Fernandes & Diana Frazier  
 Flight 1 Winners: Martha Lindner & Heather Post  
 Flight 2 Winners: Cynthia Lee & Suzanne Grandis  
 Flight 3 Winners: Cathy Zumkehr & Teri Kennedy  
 Flight 4 Winners: Guida Fernandes & Diana Frazier

#### Men's Overall Leaderboard

1st Place: Joey Rivera & Jeff Fassbinder  
 2nd Place: James Davidson & Wally Hayward  
 3rd Place: Bill Sport & Mark Nuccilli  
 Flight 1 Winners: Ricky Fortis & Elias Vamvakas

Flight 2 Winners: James Davidson & Wally Hayward  
 Flight 3 Winners: Chris Berry & Al Mast  
 Flight 4 Winners: Joey Rivera & Jeff Nuccilli  
 Flight 5 Winners: Bill Sport & Mark Nuccilli  
 Flight 6 Winners: Jim Seale & Arne Christensen  
 Flight 7 Winners: Robert Falk & John Reed  
 Flight 8 Winners: Peter Shea & Chip Hillyer

### MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

#### February 26

##### Gross:

1st Place: Mark Hadfield, James McCann, Gregory Stemler, Philip Russel  
 2nd Place: Steven Rosenberg, Albert Rex, Larry Park, Mark Moxley

##### Net:

1st Place: Richard Satterfield, Mike Materna, Greg Thompson & Derek Johansson  
 2nd Place: Ryan Bonner, Lee Westervelt

& Frank Schneider  
 3rd Place David Ross, Jay Christhilf, David Johnson & Ken Owens  
 Closest to the Hole:  
 Hole #9: Billy Orgel  
 Hole #18: Tom Yates

### LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

#### Senior Club Championship

##### February 27 & 28

1st Place: JoAnn Titley  
 2nd Place: Gayle Tallardy  
 3rd Place: Sally Newman

#### Net Senior Club Championship

1st Place: Sally Newman  
 2nd Place: Linda Roberts  
 3rd Place: Gayle Tallardy

#### Super Senior Leaderboard

1st Place: Joan Flippin  
 2nd Place: Linda Roberts  
 3rd Place: Kathie Markel



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# Making Up for Some Non-Sailing Days This Past Winter!



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

The season just keeps getting better. We had three good sailing days this past week.

On Thursday, **Gary Sayia** and **Windsor Coffin** organized a Hobie Cat Challenge at Buccaneer Island. They had three races for three boats. The start and finish were off the beach. That part was the most fun to watch as sailors raced to get the boats moving and scrambled onto



Hobie Cat Challenge Champion Jim Wilson. Photo by Priscilla Pilon.

the decks, aiming to push their boat in the right direction with more speed than the others. **Jim Wilson** won overall and received the 1st place cup; he had to buy the drinks. **Joe Robillard** and **Windsor** won the best starters and received the cherished plastic plates painted by **George Lucas** for last year's challenge.

Then on Friday, Beer Can and Chocolate informal races started with a pretty good wind with 4 boats and Windsor at the helm of



Joe Robillard and Windsor Coffin, best starters at Hobie Cat Challenge. Photo by Priscilla Pilon.

the marks boat. Life jackets were on and the sailors were on the edge of the boats. After two races the winds started to build, so they safely returned to the harbor.

On Saturday, we had our Magic Series #3 Race. Despite light rain early on and not much wind, the forecast predicted the wind to build, so nine boats headed out of the harbor. **Lorne Price** was PRO on **Henry Stout's** boat *Truant* with his race committee, **Jane Schaefer** and **Tom Snyder**.



Jim Foster and Jim Lampman practicing the day before the races. Photo by Windsor Coffin.

The races started at 9:45 a.m. and the boats had just enough wind to make it to windward mark before winds shifted and marks had to be set again for the next race. Our auxiliary boats were working hard. **Bob Broton** joined **Morgan Whiteley** for his first time this season and he was blowing up marks and setting and resetting. **Chuck Cook** had **Suzanne McManmon** and **Gordana Schneider** to help on his auxiliary boat, Little Geyser. We were able to get in three races and some boats went from 2nd to 8th position from one race to the next, while others went from 9th to 4th.

The winners were **Jim Lampman** and **Jim Foster** in 1st Place, **Joe** and **Betka Robillard** in 2nd place, **Gary Sayia** and **Nancy Lampman** in 3rd place, and **Peter** and **Anne Askew** for Most Improved. At Nooners, we were able to celebrate some end-of-month birthdays. **Sim Wooten** and **Windsor** were there to receive their cupcakes, but we were missing **Clarke Moody** who only gets a birthday every 4 years.

We have Magic Series Race #4

next Saturday and yes, it's the first of the month, **March 2nd**, so it's Hot Dog Day! The next Saturday is the fun race around Pumpkin Key island and then we have our Pumpkin Key Luncheon at Baker Harbor at 12 p.m., **March 9**, with Mike's Barbecue, so sign up.

**Rick Glorvigen**, our treasurer, has been working hard to get our club in the electronic realm and we now we have the ability to pay online with credit cards. Members, please login to [cardsoundsailingclub.com](http://cardsoundsailingclub.com) and register and pay for the Pumpkin Key luncheon online. You can still mail a check to: Card Sound Sailing Club, 24 Dockside Lane #93, Key Largo, FL, 33037, but try to register for the event online and email **Glen Gormley** that you are coming to the luncheon and sending a check.

We always 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 most Saturdays at Baker Harbor.



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# Another Beautiful Morning Racing in the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore



Part of the fleet makes their way to the next race mark. Photo Credit - Windsor Coffin.

Sunny skies, cool temperatures, and a nice breeze last Sunday. What more could you want for a morning of model yacht racing at Buccaneer Island? Frankly, what more could you want for any activity at Ocean Reef in February? Certainly, the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club thought so, as the beautiful weather brought

out a few more East Coast 12 Meter model yachts and their sailors!

With another frontal passage last weekend (this time on a Saturday, fortunately), we were once again set up with the starting line on the south side of the Pond due to the north-northeast wind direction. This creates an interesting racecourse layout. The windward and leeward (downwind) legs are short, but the jibe legs, when racing in a triangular

configuration, are quite long. I could spend many pages of Ocean Reef Press discussing how all this works and the unique geographical aspects that affect the wind flow, but it is much easier to explain in person. It is a good excuse to come check out our racing! Anyway, back to last Sunday. It was great to have **Jim Seale** and **Pike Noyes** return to model yacht racing. Their addition gave us a nice-sized fleet for racing. Even though there were a few pauses in the morning racing for repairs and adjustments, we were able to run six races during our allotted racing time. In fact, of the six races there were four different winners. **Joe Robillard**, **Al Mast**, **Jim Seale**, and yours truly, **Windsor Coffin** all won races. But when the scores were tallied up it was the three race wins and three Top 3 finishes of yours truly that took the win for the day. Second place went to Joe Robillard with a slew of second-place finishes to go

with his one win. Third Place went to Al Mast. As always, we were fortunate to have **Lynne Mast** and **Alzbetka Robillard** starting and scoring the races.

The long-range forecast is promising for this coming Sunday. With a southeast wind direction, which is the favored direction for the Pond, it maximizes the length of each leg of the course. That, coupled with a tide midway through the tidal range and flooding, will assuredly give us another enjoyable day of racing! So come out to see us!

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](mailto:csmyc12@gmail.com).

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# Fishin' Funatics Tournament & "Reel Women Love Sails" Offshore Tournament



by Mary Bloom, Bonafish Bonnies

## Fishin' Funatics Tournament

The results of the delayed Fishin' Funatics Tournament were announced at the Bonnies' membership meeting last week. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the tournament. They didn't let high winds and rescheduling their teams stop

them from going out fishing. This tournament includes both offshore and flats competitions.

### Offshore

- 1st Place boat was *Reel Romance* with anglers **Cathy Jansen, Gordana Schneider, Carolyn Allen, Jessica Olefson, Anne Hinkebein and Joanne Wills.**
- 2nd Place boat was *Sea Monkey* with **Diane Hill, Lisa Desmond, Susan Engle, Linda Jaikins and Patti McGrath.**
- 3rd Place boat was *Romance* with **Nancy Zakon, Lynne Jackson, Betsy Skudder, Laura Morse and Carol Berwind.**

### Flats

- 1st Place anglers were **Heather Post and Patty Strunk.**
- 2nd place went to **Barbara Olcott and Judy Brand.**
- 3rd place was taken by



Offshore Tournament Champions Mate Andres Garcia, Cindy Doolan, Angela Basciano, Kristina Ersek, Jodi Zifferer and Capt. Tucker Ersek.



Fishin' Funatics Offshore Champions at the Captain's Meeting - Cathy Jansen, Gordana Schneider, Jessica Olefson and Joanne Wills from Reel Romance. Not pictured: Anne Hinkebein and Carolyn Allen.

## Kristina Ersek and Jeannie Schiavone.

### Offshore Tournament

The Offshore Tournament, "Reel Women Love Sails", was won this season with 7 sailfish by *Catchin' Z's* with anglers **Jodi Zifferer, Kristina Ersek, Angela Basciano and Cindy Doolan.**

In 2nd Place was *Bad Habit* with **Meg Dieppa, Esther Vazquez, Jennifer Leonard** (who caught her first sailfish!) and **Laura Wilson.**

3rd Place boat was *Business* with **Joanie Rich, Bonny Gothier, Laney Hinkebein, Molly Larzon, Kelly French and Jessica Blackie.**

Congratulations to all of you.

## Final Season Tournament - Flats Tournament

The last tournament of the Bonafish Bonnies' 25th anniversary season will be the Flats Tournament on **March 25th.** Bonnies can sign up online at [www.bonafishbonnies.com](http://www.bonafishbonnies.com) or by picking up an entry form from the drawer below the Bonnies' bulletin board in the Reef Treats lobby. The entry deadline is **March 4th.** Look for more information in *Tight Lines*, the Bonnies' weekly e-newsletter.

It's never too late to join the Bonnies or renew your membership in order to participate in the tournament. Just email [bonafishbonnies1@gmail.com](mailto:bonafishbonnies1@gmail.com) with your name, email address and ORC Member number.



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# Pickleball Senior Club Championships



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



Pickleball Senior Club Championships Mens Flights.

The Pickleball Senior Club Championships have concluded, marking the end of an exciting tournament! Congratulations are due to all the players who participated, with special commendations reserved for the finalists who battled their way to the very end.

Throughout the tournament, there were some amazing displays of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Players gave it their all on the courts, and spectators were treated to some thrilling matches. In the end, it was the two finalists in the Men's and Ladies' division who stood out from the rest as it was clear that they deserved to be in the final.

The Finals were a nail-biting affair with both teams giving their all in pursuit of the title. The tension was palpable and the atmosphere was electric as the two sides battled it out on the courts. Congratulations to our Ladies Flight winners **Jodi Betz** and **Lina Bey** as they beat **Cathy Ryon** and **Sue Shuldman** in a three game thriller. In the Men's Flight, brothers **Mike Shields** and **Pat Shields** defeated **Rob Kurz** and **Chuck Hartz** in a hard fought match. Well done to all the players that participated, you have all shown what it takes to compete at the highest level, and you should be proud of what you have achieved. To the finalists, congratulations! You have shown that hard work, skill and determination can pay off, and you are deserving champions.

Next up is our Pickleball Senior Mixed Doubles Club Championships on **Monday**,



Pickleball Senior Club Championships Ladies Flights.

**March 4.** Sign up today by calling the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.

### Croquet Singles Club Championships

The Croquet Singles Club Championships are fast approaching, and enthusiasts of this quintessentially British sport are gearing up for a thrilling event. Croquet, a game that has been played for centuries, has seen a resurgence in popularity in recent years, with more and more players taking up the mallets and balls to enjoy a game on a sunny afternoon.

This tournament promises to be a thrilling and competitive event, with players of all abilities showcasing their skills and tactics to outdo each other. There will be some exciting matches to watch, with nail-biting finishes, and some unexpected upsets along the way.

Come on out and play or support your fellow croquet players on **Friday, March 1** starting at 8 a.m. Matches will be refereed by Coach Paul Fecteau.

### Interclub Match vs. Fisher Island Club • Sunday, March 3

For the 3rd year in a row Ocean Reef Club will host Fisher Island Club for a Tennis and Pickleball Interclub match. Interclub matches are a great way to showcase the skills of tennis and Pickleball players and to foster a sense of community amongst sporting enthusiasts. These matches involve teams of players from one Club facing off against players from another Club. The matches are usually played in a round robin format, with each team facing off against each other. The team with the

most wins at the end of the matches is declared the winner and gets bragging rights for the year.

Interclub matches also provide an opportunity for players to meet and socialize with other Members of similar Clubs and can help build camaraderie and create a sense of community among players. It can also help players from friendships that extend beyond the courts. Call the Tennis & Games Center today at 305-367-6583 to register to be a part of Team Ocean Reef Club for Tennis or Pickleball.

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**Men's champions:** Mike and Pat Shields  
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**First Place:** Andy Hofmann  
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# Ladies' and Men's Doubles Clinics

As we have gotten into the swing of season, we have seen a high demand for curated doubles experiences. As a result, our Tennis and Pickleball Concierge, Chiara Rebecchi has been hard at work at helping Members put games together weekly. It has been so wonderful to see so many people excited to get on the court for some doubles action!

With the demand for doubles play so high, Head Tennis Professional Hannah Fleckenstein has also put together doubles clinics

for Members to hone in on their skills and strategy. The Ladies' Doubles Clinic is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the Men's Doubles Clinic is held on Friday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Typically, there are three Members and one teaching professional on each court. Shot selection, positioning, serve placement and so much more are discussed during the hour and a half of fun. If you are interested in playing in the Doubles Clinics, please reach out to Hannah directly at 845-857-9639. If you are looking to set up a game of doubles or need a third or fourth player for your game, reach out to Chiara on our Concierge phone at +1 (305) 522-1519.

# Avoid Hitting Down on Shoulder Level Balls



"Pickleball Tip" by Zach Grabovic, Pickleball Professional

Far too often I see players work way too hard to get to pop-ups at the net just to miss the volley into the net. As we are forced to be seven feet away from the net thanks to that No-volley zone (NVZ), when we hit down on the ball a high percentage of the time we are going to miss hit and place it into the net.

Instead, what we want to do is swing up and over the ball. By swinging up from underneath

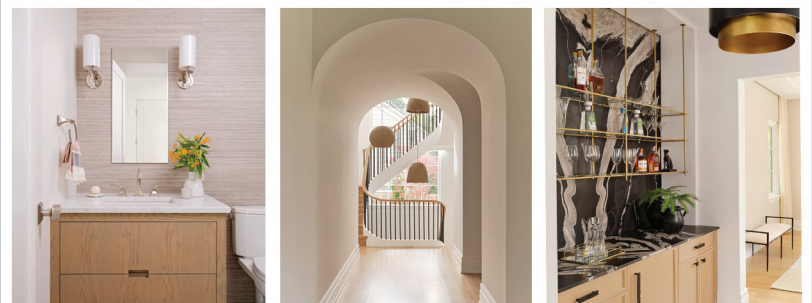
the ball and over it with our follow through we are not only going to avoid missing into the net but we are going to add topspin to our drive volleys making it way more difficult for our opponents to handle.

Despite this information, it's not to say we can't ever swing down on the ball, especially if it's overhead, but what we want to focus on is swinging out (forward) and down to avoid that ball going into the net. The next time you get to watch high-level players, watch how they hit the shoulder level balls, it's one of the biggest differences between beginner/intermediate players and advanced players.

In conclusion, mastering the technique of swinging up and over the ball rather than down can significantly improve volley accuracy and add topspin, essential for navigating the No-volley zone and distinguishing between beginner/intermediate and advanced players.



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# Big Events on the Croquet Lawn

By William Hinkebein, Ocean Reef Croquet Chair

## Golf Croquet Singles Championship

The 2024 Golf Croquet Singles Club Championship will be held today, **Friday, March 1** at 8:30 a.m. until finished. While the Doubles Championship has been held since 2004, the singles is being held for just the sixth time. Come out and watch the action on the Lawn today. Past Champions include **Kendall Hendrick, Gordana Schneider, Art Ruffing** and **William Hinkebein**.

## Woman, Wickets & Wine (WWW)

The WWW continues on **Monday, March 4**, 3:30-5 p.m. No sign ups needed.

Simply show up and enjoy the fun.

## Medical Center "Fun-Raiser" March 12

The annual fundraiser for the Medical Center at Ocean Reef features Golf Croquet. The Croquet Committee is pleased to host any and all interested in hitting the ball around in a learning, fun and charitable way. Call 305-367-6707 to sign up. Play is on **Tuesday, March 12**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch to follow at the Racquet Club.

## ORC vs KLAC Golf Croquet Challenge

This annual event referred to as "The ORAC" (Ocean Reef/Anglers Club) is now in its 22nd year. This invitational pits six doubles teams from each side against each other, featuring some of the best players both clubs have. Teams have been selected from a list of this season's tournament and event winners, plus a few

Committee choice additions. The competition is as intense as the camaraderie and fun of the game. This year's matches are held on two half-days - **Friday, March 15** and **Saturday, March 16** beginning at 8:30 a.m. at both clubs. The rivalry has heated up the last several years with high quality play, intense competition and close outcomes. While Key Largo Anglers Club actually won the first 15 yearly matches from 2004-2017, Ocean Reef

Club is the defending champ and has won three of the last six.

## Golf Croquet Lessons

Coach Paul Fecteau is continuing lessons on Saturdays. Paul is a championship level player and a certified USCA Referee. Those taking lessons with Paul have all expressed positive comments and shown good results. Paul has a natural way to make a player understand how to hit the ball and the strategy to follow.

## GOLF CROQUET TIPS

### Determining Your Next Shot

The following is a simple four-step method to help players determine their next shot.

- **Make the wicket:** Make the wicket if you feel you can.
- **Hit or block the danger ball:** The danger ball is the opponent's ball that is up next after you. If it is in scoring position and you are not, you should smash their ball away so they cannot score.
- **Help my partner:** How can you help your partner ball so they are in an improved position?
- **Eliminate any threats:** Think through the order of play moving forward and determine what might help you by eliminating an opponent's next good move.

### Remember the importance of the following three shots in a game:

- **First shot to the next wicket:** The first player shooting to the hoop has a huge advantage. Place this shot in a position to score. If you can do this, your opponents are forced to try to clear your ball away from scoring position, which is not always easy. Theoretically, the player who has that first shot at a hoop should be able to score on their second shot.
- **Clearing:** Clearing is the act of knocking your opponent's ball out of scoring position. You must be able to hit straight and sometimes long to clear your opponent's ball away from in front of the hoop.
- **Scoring:** Obviously one cannot win a game if they cannot score. While defense, including clearing, is huge and important, you still have to ultimately score hoops.



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# Strength & Conditioning for Hiking



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



Director of Fitness & Wellness Luis Bracamonte demonstrating strength and conditioning exercises for hiking.

It is possible to get ready to hike mountain trails in Florida. To get in hiking shape, you need the following:

### 1. Steady pace endurance training or time on your feet:

All activities that improve the cardio-respiratory system will benefit hiking fitness. To develop the muscles we primarily need for hiking, try running, walking on an incline, cycling, and stair climbing.

### 2. Strength training for leg, arms, and core:

Hiking high elevations can be more demanding on the legs than the arms, but a strong upper body makes hiking easier, especially when using poles. Core training protects the back and provides a stable center from which the legs and arms can produce force. Lower body exercises that are beneficial in preparing for a long hike include step-ups, squats, split squats, lunges, and sled pushing.

### 3. Flexibility and mobility training:

One of the best systems to improve mobility and flexibility is yoga. Pilates also works well as it pays detailed attention to moving with proper alignment and length. No program is complete with mobility and flexibility work in strength and conditioning. Moving with optimal ranges of motion increases performance and reduces the risk of injury.

When doing strength training, add longer sets to develop muscle endurance. Adding a weight vest or any extra load for moderate and advanced exercisers will make the activity more challenging, leading to greater adaptations and increased fitness.

Here is a typical workout from



Balance Workshop with Hannah Whisler.

the Everesting class, which is the strength and conditioning for hiking class we host every Saturday at 8 a.m.:

- 5-minute treadmill walk on a 5.0 to 10.0 incline at easy pace
- Squats for 5 minutes
- Step-Ups for 5 minutes
- Core set for 5 minutes
- Step-Ups for 3 minutes
- 5-minute treadmill walk on 10.0 or higher incline at a moderate pace
- Upper body set for 5 minutes (row and push-ups)
- Mobility and Core for 5 minutes
- 5-minute treadmill at max incline and faster pace

Exercises should be performed with good form at the complexity and intensity that meets your current fitness level. This workout can be done once per week with other forms of strength and endurance training. The more often you train and the more sessions and miles you log, the longer and more difficult hikes you will be ready to enjoy. A very small percentage of people will hike the actual Mount Everest, but there is a

symbolic Everest that represents an ultimate personal challenge. Make the climb.

### ORC Ironman Challenge March 1- March 31

Members will have the entire month of March to complete the distance of an Ironman triathlon. The goal for those who finish is to rack as many units and miles as possible until the end of the month.

- Run/Walk: 26.2 miles = 1 unit
- Bike: 112 miles = 1 unit
- Swim: 2.4 miles = 1 unit

Each participant will receive a tracking sheet to keep track of their progress in miles and units. We will be using the honor system to track progress.

At the end of the month, the male and female contestants with the most units and miles completed will win the grand prize. To be eligible for the grand prize, participants must have at least one unit in each category.

Participants who complete the Ironman distance will receive a free smoothie and be added to the finishers list. There will also be a prize for the member who



Daisy Gonzalez training on the Oxefit.

completes the Ironman distance the fastest.

Ocean Reef Club Specialist Izabella Rose is in charge of this challenge. If you are a fan or want to start endurance training, this is the challenge for you. Sign up for this complimentary challenge at the Fitness Front Desk and receive your tracking sheet.

### Rock & Roll Shakti Yoga with Hannah Whistler Tuesday March 5 at 8 a.m.

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# Canasta Night Success



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

The recent Canasta event at the Ocean Room proved to be a resounding success, drawing in a crowd of 64 eager players for a night of spirited gameplay followed by a delightful meal. Among the participants, several standout pairs achieved impressive high scores, showcasing their love for the game:

1. **Karen DiMaura** and **Susana Totura**: 20,795 points
2. **Claudia Langworthy** and **Cathy Ryon**: 19,650 points
3. **Nancy Sevo** and **Deborah McKenney**: 13,275 points
4. **Helen Stein** and **Gail**

## Freed: 12,545 points

For those eager to delve into the world of Bridge, Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge will take place on **Sunday, March 3** at 2 p.m., providing a welcoming environment for newcomers to learn and enjoy the game.

Additionally, Canasta Pick Up Games are set to resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., offering an engaging opportunity for players to come together and enjoy the game as they did before the pandemic. Those seeking instruction or a refresher can attend lessons on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. or simply observe to hone their skills and socialize.

Mah Jongg enthusiasts will find Tuesday and Thursday afternoons exciting with pickup games from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., facilitated by a dedicated teacher offering both beginner and intermediate lessons. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Gregg at 305-367-6609 to arrange sessions.

For newcomers to Canasta, beginner lessons will be available on **Thursday, March 7th**, starting at 12:30 p.m., providing an excellent opportunity to learn the ropes and join in on the fun.

Bridge enthusiasts are invited to join live Duplicate Bridge games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 p.m. For those unfamiliar with Duplicate Bridge, instructions can be provided by contacting Gregg at 305-367-6609.

For fans of Backgammon, Friday mornings offer the opportunity to receive lessons at 10:30 a.m. by appointment. Participants can also borrow Backgammon games to practice at home, further enhancing their skills and enjoyment of the game.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Bridge Dinner in the Ocean Room on **Monday, March 11th**, starting promptly at 4:30 p.m. Additionally, the Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship is scheduled

for Tuesday, March 5th at 10 a.m., followed by lunch, and the Ocean Reef Canasta Club Championship will take place on **Saturday, March 9th** at 9:30 AM, with lunch served during the event. Participants are reminded of the importance of punctuality for these championship events.

The Card & Games Room remains open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing a welcoming space for entertainment and socializing.

As the March schedule unfolds, participants can stay informed by picking up a copy at the Card & Games Room, ensuring they don't miss out on any upcoming events or activities.

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BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

# Learning Bridge

## Developing Your Card Sense

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

### Read and Deal

Bridge books will teach you how to play card combinations and give you other basic knowledge you need to develop card sense. Reading and practicing don't have to be separate activities, though. Keep a deck of cards with your bridge book and use it to translate the book's diagrammed hands into "real" bridge hands. Deal out the cards to match the example in the book and play it out on a tabletop next to the open book. Replay it as many times as you like until you understand the principle or the technique. This exercise is especially

beneficial if you're studying suit combinations or reading a book on declarer play.

### Practice Daily

To add continuity to the learning process and keep your brain stimulated, try to spend at least a few minutes with some bridge-related activity every day. Here are some good practice and study activities that are fun, but not time-consuming:

- Keep a deck of cards handy on your desk at work, or on your coffee table or nightstand at home, and when you have a few minutes (or the boss isn't looking), deal out a practiced hand.
- Read the bridge column in the newspaper. Keep in mind that most columnists write for intermediate-level players, so don't be discouraged if some of the bidding and explanations don't make sense. Just use what you know and do your own

analysis. Look at the hand diagram and decide what you would bid with each hand, what opening lead you would make, how you would declare or defend the contract, etc.

- Keep your class notes and bridge book accessible. Read a chapter, or even a few pages, during your coffee break, between TV shows, before you go to sleep.
- Bookmark some bridge websites and visit your favorites to see what's new.
- Play a hand or two on your computer. Download the free Learn to Play Bridge programs from ACBL review the lessons and practice hands.
- If your local TV stations are running one of the new bridge programs, tape the weekly show and watch all or part of it whenever it's convenient.

### The Play's the Thing

Experience itself is the best

teacher of card sense, so the more time you spend actually playing bridge, the faster you'll develop your abilities. Don't feel like you have to know everything to begin playing. As soon as you've finished a few lessons, organize a weekly game with some friends or the people from your class, or recruit co-workers for a lunchtime game at work. You'll pick up more skills every time you play, especially if you can get some more experienced players to join your game.

Try these suggestions to see which works best for you, and use your imagination to identify other learning and practice opportunities. Developing your card sense will take time, but if you're committed enough to put some effort into it, it will come. And with every small step you make, you'll probably find that you enjoy playing bridge even more than before.



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## BRIDGE RESULTS

### Wednesday, February 21

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2. Joanne Wills and Rosemary Jones
3. Paula Pendergast and Monica Phillips

#### East/West:

1. Patricia Kent and Nancy Grote
2. Amy Salisbury and Carolyn Fovel
3. Pamela Harding and Cynthia Comenos

### Friday, February 23

#### North/South:

1. Monica Phillips and Paula Pendergast
2. Fred Bacher and Ed Kavanaugh
3. Rosemary Jones and Joanne Willis

#### East/West:

1. Gordana Schneider and Nancy Grote
2. Beverly Platner and Dorothy Kemp
3. Ann Petersen and Hollis Petersen

## MARCH CARD & GAMES SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

### Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge

Sunday, March 3 • 2 p.m.

This event provides a welcoming environment for newcomers to learn and enjoy the game.

### Mah Jongg Club Championship

Tuesday, March 5 • 10am

Competitive spirits, rejoice! The Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship will take place this Tuesday.

### Canasta Beginner Lessons

Thursday, March 7 • 12:30 p.m.

For newcomers to Canasta, beginner lessons are available providing an excellent opportunity to learn the ropes and join in on the fun.

### Canasta Club Championship

Saturday, March 9 • 9:30am

Join us for the ultimate showdown of strategy and skill as canasta enthusiasts compete in the highly anticipated Canasta Club Championship.

### Bridge Dinner in the Ocean Room

Monday, March 11 • 4:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Bridge Dinner in the Ocean Room.



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