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Registration is Open!

10th Annual Food & Wine Weekend

You've heard the news and you know celebrated guest chefs Norman Van Aken and Martin Rios will be headlining the weekend. Your mouth is undoubtedly watering over the array of cocktails and vintages that will be on display, and you've been waiting patiently to secure your weekend pass before they sell out. Well, the wait is over...

Passes for the 10th Annual Food & Wine Weekend (**April 11 to 14**) are on sale now!

Enough said? Then scan the QR code in the ad on page 3 to access the registration page, see the complete weekend event schedule, and snag your three-day weekend pass along with your discounted Thursday evening ticket! (Don't forget, the new Thursday Burger Bash on Buccaneer is sold separately.)

If you're still reading, let us share a little about what's new this year. As you've already been told, this year's event is bigger, better and bolder than ever.

Burger Bash on Buccaneer

The Food & Wine fun will kick off on a Thursday this year with the a la carte Burger Bash on Buccaneer Island. This brand-new event, inspired by Miami's popular SOBE Wine & Food Festival's event of the same name, gives Members the power to decide the best slider at The Reef. Club chefs

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Senior Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championship

Club Championship season is undoubtedly upon us at the Tennis & Games Center! Last month, we cheered on the champions of the Ladies' & Men's Doubles Club Championships for tennis and pickleball, as well as the Senior Ladies' & Men's Doubles Pickleball Club Championship, and just last week, the Croquet Singles Club Championship. What a mouthful! Now this week, a new tradition is born with the inaugural Senior Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championship. Congratulations to the Members who continue to delight in these competitive championships, making them special and significant parts of Ocean Reef way of life.



Champions Rachel and Dan Cohen



Finalists Todd Doolan and Marilyn Clark-Karlovec



The 2024 Inaugural Senior Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championship boasted 26 players.

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OR "See"



Spring has sprung a little early at Casa De Paulus! Photo by Frederica Paulus.

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



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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Daylight Saving Time Begins: Spring Forward

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time officially begins on **Sunday, March 10** at 2 a.m.

39th Annual Reef Cup

Watch the Fleet Return March 13 – 16

Since the tradition began in 1986 with 24 participants squaring off for three days of serious sailfishing and nightly celebration, the Reef Cup Invitational Sailfish Tournament has become The Reef's most anticipated fishing tournament of the season. Thirty-nine years later, the tournament is capped at a 60-boat fleet and has been held every year, rain or shine, since the inaugural tournament.

Competition in the 2024 Reef Cup Invitational Sailfish Tournament begins **Wednesday, March 13** for four full days of fishing. Live results can be followed by visiting oceanreef.com/reefcupresults and Members can welcome anglers home from The Point daily at 4 p.m.

Tri Delta March Gathering

Tuesday, March 19 5:30 p.m. at CH Lounge.
If you would like to let us know you are coming, email janebattles@yahoo.com.

Gotta Question?

I would like to bring my daughter to The Spa while she visits in a few weeks. Are we able to walk in without an appointment? If not, how far in advance do I need to make a reservation?

Yes, you can always walk into The Spa to see if there are available appointments for the day! However, if you're seeking a specific time slot, especially during the morning or late afternoon, The Spa recommends making a reservation in advance. It is advisable to call at least one week prior to your intended visit to secure your preferred time. Nevertheless, there are days when they have a few appointments available for



last-minute callers, so it's worth checking even on the day you plan to visit. Additionally, The Spa is happy to add you to a waitlist in case something opens up at the specific time you are looking for.

If you have any further questions or specific requirements for your Spa experience, feel free to reach out to The Spa at 305-367-6506.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

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10th Annual Food & Wine Weekend

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from Burgee Bar, Raw Bar, Islander, Ocean Room, Reef Eats, Reef Hut, CH Prime, Grill Room and Gianni will compete to create their best slider. Members get to try each one and vote for their favorite by the end of the evening. Of course, what good are sliders without a full bar, Veuve Clicquot and live DJ entertainment?

If you can't make the whole weekend, Thursday's extravaganza can be purchased separately for \$150pp, giving you the opportunity to enjoy part of the celebration.

Cincoro & Cigars Under the Stars
The Friday night Cincoro & Cigars Under the Stars is Food



As excitement ramps up over what's new to come at Food & Wine Weekend, let's also celebrate the fun that is returning! Like Friday's Welcome Luncheon and the Food & Wine Experience at Town Hall Waterside, both pictured here.



& Wine's first after-hours event.

If lounging in a sophisticated ambiance atop the open-air Town Hall Terrace with curated playlists, a cigar roller, light bite libations, and sipping reposado and anejo neat sounds like your cup of tea (tequila?), then you won't want to miss this. It's included in your three-day weekend pass or your individual day pass for Friday.

Farm to Table Expo

Saturday's events also have a new spin to them. In addition to the Cooking Class with Chef Norman Van Aken, the Wine Presentation with Jackie Gwidt and the Mixology Demonstration with David Ortiz, there is a brand new Farm to Table Expo crafted by Chef Betania Salles.

On this day, the Town Hall Lawn will host four of Ocean Reef's premier purveyors as they showcase their most

exceptional offerings for Members to sample from wagyu beef and prime rib to aged cheeses and pristine olive oils. But this will be much more than just a tasting event...

Don't Wait... Register Now!

Secure your Food & Wine Weekend pass and Thursday Burger Bash ticket before prices go up on **April 1**. To do so, visit oceanreef.com/FoodandWine or scan the QR code below.



REGISTRATION OPEN

— FEATURING GUEST CHEFS —

CHEF NORMAN VAN AKEN
CHEF MARTIN RIOS

Food & Wine Weekend is THE April highlight, fusing the best of Ocean Reef's culinary, wine and spirit experiences into one unparalleled, four-day flavor extravaganza.

— APRIL 11-14, 2024 —

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ON BUCCANEER FRIDAY FOOD
& WINE EXPERIENCE SATURDAY
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SATURDAY NIGHT GRAND DINNER
SUNDAY FAREWELL BRUNCH

For the full schedule, visit oceanreef.com/FoodandWine.

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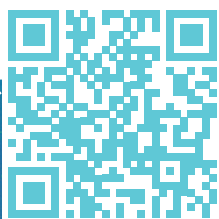
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NEW EVENT! ADD ON

THURSDAY BURGER BASH ON BUCCANEER
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Discounted price of \$100++ is available when buying a 3-day weekend pass.

Must be 21+ to attend ticketed events.



REGISTER NOW!

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ORCA NEWS

As Spring Break '24 Enters Its Peak, Some Safety Reminders

The concept of spring break originated slightly more than 90 miles north of Ocean Reef with a 1938 swim forum event in Ft. Lauderdale. By 1960, a substantial number of students had started flocking to the town, and local businesses capitalized on this surge by offering special promotions.

At Ocean Reef, sun-soaked days punctuate life year-round, so when spring approaches and schools let out, it's no surprise members' children and their friends enjoy maximizing their spring break experience at our club.

This year, mid-to-late March is the projected peak spring break time for most schools across the United States. Some schools, particularly in the northern states, will have their spring break in April.

"We want our members and their guests to enjoy themselves safely and make lasting memories during spring break," said Ariel Artime, ORCA's Vice President and Director of Public Safety and Operations. "We ask them to adhere to the community's rules and regulations to ensure the well-being of everyone on The Reef."

It's important to remember that Members are accountable for the actions of their children and guests. Therefore, we encourage Members to ensure their guests are aware of and adhere to all community rules and recommended safety

guidelines. This includes asking them to respect our local marine habitats and maintain a safe distance to prevent unintentional harm, to remain aware of weather conditions, tides, currents, and any other factors that can significantly impact water activities, and to swim in designated areas only. Jumping off bridges can be dangerous and is strongly discouraged.

While moving around The Reef in golf carts, it is essential that everyone adhere to the rules, especially after hours. Avoid joyriding late at night and stay on the designated golf cart paths. Overloading golf carts can lead to accidents, so it's crucial to follow occupancy limits for everyone's safety.

It is important to stay hydrated, use sunscreen, and remain mindful of alcohol consumption. Please

remember the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in the state of Florida is 21. All Ocean Reef Club venues serving alcohol will ask for proper identification. Additionally, members will be subject to fines for any use of fake IDs, whether by family members or by their guests.

To ensure a safe and fun spring break adventure and avoid run-ins with Public Safety officers at The Reef, we remind members to refer to the community rules included in the Member Handbook and share the rules and safety reminders with their children and guests.



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A Cross Crosswind



by Mike Smith

Friday, March 1, 2024

A brisk wind blew from the east as **Nelson Sims** and his two guests, Mike Ellis and Ron Haynes, teed off on the No. 6 hole at Card Sound Club. All three found the fairway and were about to hit their second shots when suddenly an airplane skimmed over palm trees and crashed nose down within one hundred feet of their standing. They could see the pilot slumped over, and Sims yelled to Haynes to call 911 and, at the same time, ran



toward the plane. "Are you okay?" Nelson asked, and the reply was positive. Fuel poured out of the ruptured wing tank and flowed toward the engine. Thinking they had to get the pilot out as soon as possible, they grabbed him by the shoulders, but the impact had jammed his foot under the seat. The pilot, with a severe laceration on his forehead and possibly in shock, said,

"Well, I guess my flying days are over." Finally, the two men were able to extricate the pilot, and they dragged him away from the plane. Meanwhile, when Haynes called 911, the dispatcher asked him where the plane crashed, to which Haynes replied that it was on hole #6. The dispatcher then asked which golf course, and Haynes, being a guest, did not know the answer. He

quickly went to their golf card and read the scorecard. "Card Sound Club," he replied. Within several minutes, the Ocean Reef Firefighters/Paramedics arrived. After making their analysis, they worked to check the pilot's vital signs, determine mobility, stabilize and carefully transfer him onto a gurney. Other firefighter/paramedic team members called for air rescue and cordoned off the area with yellow tape. The air rescue helicopter arrived shortly and air-flighted him to the hospital. The plane was a popular single-engine Cirrus S.R. 20. The exact cause of the accident has not yet been determined. Later, Sims and his guests changed out of their blood-splattered clothing and enjoyed a stiff drink. The pilot is recovering.

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 **College of the Florida Keys**, 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 now open at the Murray Nelson Government Center located at 102050 Overseas Highway from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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 additional information visit: <https://www.keyselections.org/>



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Pumpkin Cay 52B | Canal Front

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3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$7,250,000 | 2502

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Pumpkin Cay 43A | Canal Front

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

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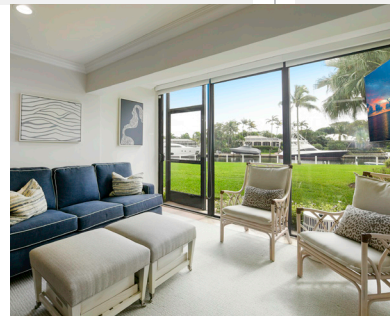
Angelfish Cay 25A | Canal Front
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,500,000 | 2547

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Angelfish Cay 19A | Canal Front
2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,375,000 | 2660

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Angelfish Cay 21A | Canal Front
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Angelfish Cay 29B | 36' Dock
2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,250,000 | 2622

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Pumpkin Cay 12B | Canal Front
2 BD, 3 BA | \$2,900,000 | 2561

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

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

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Fairway Lakes 41B | Golf Course
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Marina Village 9B | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$7,200,000 | 2658

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Marina Village 2B | Canal Front

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Harbour Green 45 | Canal Front

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

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Pumpkin Cay 47B | Canal Front

4 BD, 3 BA | \$5,850,000 | 2628

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Pumpkin Cay 7B | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,450,000 | 2513

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FC Landings 9A | 31' Dockage

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93 East Lake Rd. | Anglers Club

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Residence Club A-107

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Cay Harbor 8E | Canal Front

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Fairway Lakes 36A | Golf Views

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Angelfish Cay 72B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,200,000 | 2636

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Angelfish Cay 38B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,100,000 | 2579

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Angelfish Cay 11B | Canal Front

1 BD, 1 BA | \$1,975,000 | 2644

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Everglades Restoration Builds Environmental & Economic Resilience

By Tom Davidson and Bill Nutt

Last year, we published an article about the importance of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir to Florida Bay. Last month at the Cultural Center, we learned more from The Everglades Foundation about the vital Everglades restoration project and its impact on South Florida's economy. The following is a brief summary.

If you follow news of importance to our South Florida environment, you know that, once again, high water in Lake Okeechobee, combined with



a wetter-than-average winter, resulted in a need for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dump large volumes of polluted lake water to Florida's east and west coasts. The discharges that began February 17 have averaged about 4 billion gallons per day to both coasts.

The goal with the discharges is to lower lake levels before the warmer, longer days of the wet season when the risk of toxic blue-green algae blooms increases. Using past years as a

guide, these discharges and the blue-green algae blooms they cause can have a lasting impact on our coastal ecosystems and our economy.

The good news is, the EAA Reservoir and stormwater treatment area under construction – together representing the most important Everglades restoration project – will provide the necessary water storage and treatment south of Lake Okeechobee to minimize polluted discharges while also providing much-needed clean freshwater flow to the Everglades and Florida Bay. It is critical to send that water south where it belongs.

It's not just a matter of environmental importance. The Everglades ecosystem is inextricably linked to Florida's economy. In 2022, Monroe and the other 15 counties in the Greater Everglades System had a GDP of \$791 billion dollars – larger than more than 40 U.S. states! An important part of this economy – the Clean Water Economy – is directly or

indirectly harmed by changes in the health of the Everglades. Polluted discharges and harmful algae blooms hurt key economic sectors like tourism, outdoor recreation, and real estate. Recent studies showed that harmful algal blooms in 2018 cost tourism-related industries \$2.7 billion, and the businesses that rely on that income can't buy insurance to mitigate the risks.

Everglades restoration increases our economic resiliency. It reduces such harmful events and helps protect the ecosystem on which the Clean Water Economy relies. Restoring the flow of water through the Everglades and into Florida Bay benefits our fishing industry, water-based recreation and real estate, and protects us from natural hazards. In 2017, our extensive mangrove system reduced property damage by at least \$1.5 billion. Our extensive freshwater marshes, mangroves, and seagrasses sequester carbon dioxide from the air and store it, helping reduce the impacts of climate change. Simply put, Everglades restoration benefits our 21st-century economy and guides us toward a more resilient and sustainable future.

Tom Davidson and **Bill Nutt** are Ocean Reef residents who serve on the Board of Directors of The Everglades Foundation. For more information about The Everglades Foundation, contact Vice President of Development Jodi Farrell at jfarrell@evergladesfoundation.org.



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Dark Bingeing



by Felicia M.
Koretsky

Political intrigue, government corruption, hidden family secrets, social media trolls, kidnappings, and love triangles - there are plenty of dark streaming options for those wanting to take the escape hatch away from romcoms, game shows, and reality TV.

***The Indrani Mukerjea Story: Buried Truth* Netflix; 4 episodes**

India's most famous female media tycoon, Indrani Mukerjea, is caught up in a web of deceit, murder, complex bloodlines, and headline-grabbing conspiracy theories in this gripping four-part docuseries. Follow her social climb as one of the country's most famous TV executives to her descent as one of its most infamous accused killers. It's a fascinating true-life crime series on the 2012 disappearance of Sheena Bora as told by family members, friends, and reporters.

***American Conspiracy: The Octopus Murders* Netflix; 4 episodes**

The true story of the curious death of investigative journalist Danny Casolaro has been told before, but that shouldn't stop you from sitting down for this intriguing version. Casolaro thought he was about to get the last piece and final set of answers detailing a wide-ranging U.S. government-led international conspiracy when he winds up dead in a West-Virginia hotel bathtub. There were so many arms to Casolaro's unfinished investigation that he dubbed his own work the Octopus report. This story follows a fresh look at the case from another investigative reporter, Christian Hansen who oddly bears a resemblance to his subject.

Lover, Stalker, Killer Netflix;



American Conspiracy: The Octopus Murders

90 minutes

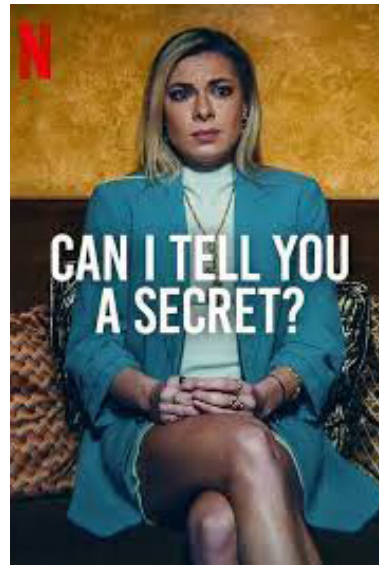
Freshly new on the singles scene, mechanic and divorcee, Dave Kroupa, gets caught up in a love triangle from hell when he starts dating one woman he meets online and another who came into his auto repair shop for help with her car. For a guy who makes it clear to the women he doesn't want to get serious, his new life in Nebraska gets serious quickly. A fire, a disappearance, scary stalking, and many lives permanently damaged, his story will make sure you never make any quick assessments on anyone again as well as add a talented tech expert to your contact list.

***American Nightmare* Netflix; 3 episodes**

A couple goes from victims to alleged master minds after they experience a horrifying home invasion where one of them gets kidnapped. At first, you won't know whose side to take, then things get complicated when the victim reappears outwardly unharmed. Once you're done watching this true-crime story, you should triple check that your video cameras and alarms are fully functioning.

***Can I Tell You a Secret?* Netflix; 2 episodes**

In *Can I Tell You a Secret?* three unrelated women in the U.K. tell their cyberstalking stories. Until they find out about each other and the many others creeped out by a prolific



Can I Tell You a Secret?

online stalker who knows no boundaries, they'll be convinced they're alone in trying to figure out who's slipping into their DMs. If you do not have a decent grasp on how social media works, skip this one, but for those who do-it's a story that reminds you of the vulnerabilities of oversharing online. (Do not confuse this one with *Can You Keep a Secret*, a 2019 romcom on Hulu).



The Indrani Mukerjea Story: Buried Truth

Lighten Up

If after watching these dark docs, you need to get in a laugh, catch up on the 12th and (allegedly) final season of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, now airing Sundays on HBO Max. It's a great opportunity to see comedian Richard Lewis, who died on February 27th, in some of his final performances. Ironically, in a recently aired episode (S12, E3), Lewis shares with his long-time friend, Larry David, that he's putting him in his will. Larry isn't happy as he's convinced it was a ruse to get him to put Richard in his.



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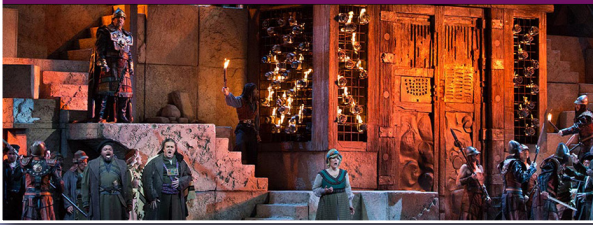
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Monday, March 11

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 \$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

CAMPUS SPEAKER SERIES

Why is Climate Change so Controversial?

Thursday, March 14 at 5 p.m.

David Biello, an accomplished journalist renowned for his extensive coverage of environmental and energy issues since 1999, will be sharing his insights on the contentious topic of Climate Change. His multifaceted understanding, encompassing scientific, economic, political, and social dimensions, adds depth to this intricate discourse.

Biello presently serves as the science curator for TED Talks and is the author of “The Unnatural World.” With a rich background in writing and editing for prestigious publications such as *Scientific*



David Biello

American, Aeon, Foreign Policy, and The New York Times, he brings a wealth of experience to the table. Additionally, he has hosted notable PBS series including “Beyond the Light Switch” and “The Ethanol Effect.”

We invite you to join us for this enlightening lecture on **Thursday, March 14** at 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center for this complimentary lecture.

LIVE PERFORMANCE

Ocean Reef Welcomes Kyiv Virtuosi Symphony Orchestra with Renowned Soprano Sarah Stead

Saturday, March 23 at 8:00 P.M. Cultural Center

Only touring the United States in March 2024, the Kyiv Virtuosi Symphony Orchestra from Ukraine will grace Ocean Reef, joined by the renowned lyric soprano Sarah Stead, as they present their captivating program. Hailing from Ukraine’s capital and currently based in Italy, this orchestra brings together exceptional musicians, many of whom have won notable competitions. Renowned cellist Dmitry Yablonsky, a Grammy-nominated artist and conductor laureate of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, will lead the ensemble.

Sarah Stead, an opera singer based in Orlando, sings worldwide with The Hollywood Concert Orchestra and with various orchestras and opera companies in the US. Most recently, you may have



Sarah Stead

heard her with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in The Young People’s Concerts or with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. Sarah sings locally with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Central Florida Vocal Arts and Opera Del Sol. She is a lyric soprano who enjoys roles such as Juliette, Pamina, and Musetta. Her Vocal Performance degrees are from The Catholic University of America and Georgia Southern.

Tickets are \$150 for Cultural Center donors and \$175 for non-donors. A pre-performance dinner will be available for \$63++, reservations are required. Email tickets@oceanreef.com.

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

ONE DAY UNIVERSITY – VIRTUAL SERIES ON THE BIG SCREEN

“Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, NFTs & Metaverse: Four New Concepts Explained”

Wednesday, March 13 at 5 p.m.

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and will be integrated into our daily lives via the metaverse.

Rabindra (Robby) Ratan is an Associate Professor and AT&T Scholar at Michigan State University’s Department of Media and Information as well as Director of the Social and Psychological Approaches to Research on Technology-Interaction Effects (SPARTIE) Lab, will share his insights on all these concepts and more.

Join us at the Cultural Center **Wednesday, March 13** for this complimentary virtual lecture starting at 5 p.m.

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

FOOD & FILM


The Film Society at the Cultural Center featured the 1988 movie “Mystic Pizza” this past week. The ORC Catering Department looked great in their authentic Mystic Pizza uniforms (below). Members Cathy Ripich, Currie Wooten and Chris Streit really enjoyed the Mystic pizza from our very own Reef Hut (pictured right).



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Committee service is one of our great traditions at Ocean Reef Club and perhaps one of the most important. We are member-owned and member-driven which allows us to create, enjoy and evolve our Unique Way of Life.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Represents the various neighborhoods of Ocean Reef and brings issues, policies, concerns, accomplishments and recommendations to the table, as voiced to them by their peers. They also are brought up-to-date on the Club's and ORCA's affairs.

Selection is based on area of residence.

Meetings per season: 2



AIRPORT

Reports on the use of the ORC Airport, programs to enhance the member experience and the condition of the related equipment and facilities.

Meetings per season: 3

AUDIT

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

Meetings per season: 2

CARD & GAMES

Consults and advises on matters concerning Club operations involving bridge, mah jongg, canasta, and other game activities.

Meetings per season: 4

CROQUET

Advises the Board on matters concerning croquet activity at Ocean Reef Club.

Meetings per season: 4

FINANCE

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

Meetings per season: 4

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Advises the Board on matters of style and taste concerning decorations, landscaping and alterations, and new project designs.

Meetings per season: 4



MARINE ADVISORY

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

Meetings per season: 3

MARKETING

Defines the marketing and marketing communications "vision" for Ocean Reef Club and reviews and insures its application across all marketing objectives, strategies and creative platforms targeted towards prospective members.

Meetings per season: 3



MEMBERSHIP

Reviews and recommends action to the Board with respect to Club membership and member conduct.

Meetings per season: 4

PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE

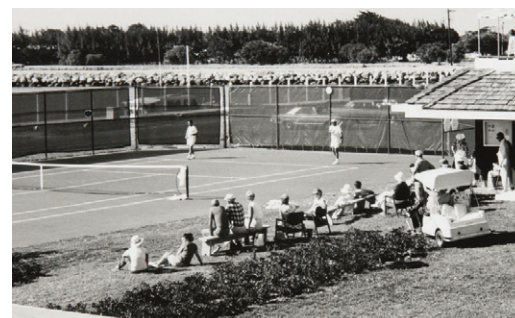
Advises on matters of rules, programming and events related to Pickleball activity at Ocean Reef Club.

Meetings per season: 4

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

Meetings per season: 4



TENNIS

Advises on matters of rules for Members and guests related to the operations of the Tennis Center.

Meetings per season: 4



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Contact our Member Guest Services Team today at 305-367-6516 or visit them in the Inn Lobby (daily from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) or the Clubhouse (Thursday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). They are available with extended hours during holiday times.

Last Call for Committee Questionnaires

Consider whether you have prior professional experience or simply a deep interest that would make joining a particular committee rewarding for you and your Club. It is one of the great traditions at Ocean Reef Club and perhaps one of the most important.

The Social Committee, for example, helps guide the Member Events team on existing and new celebrations and traditions. The Marketing Committee ensures that strategies are aligned with the direction of Membership and the Member experience, while others Committees help to ensure practices and rules in place meet the needs of Members.

Take a look at the adjacent page for the full listing of Committee seats available and think about where you might be able to contribute.

This is your final opportunity to raise your hand—questionnaires are due on Sunday, March 10. To request an application, contact LuAnn Lowen at llowen@oceanreef.com.

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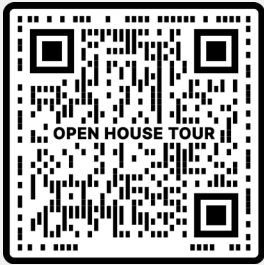
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32 Channel Cay Road | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$12,950,000 | 2654

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11 Grayvik Drive | Canal Front

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5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$6,695,000 | 2495

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39 Thatch Palm Way | Golf Course

5 BD, 5.5 BA \$6,499,000 | 2661

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11 Perky Road | Central Location

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$5,795,000 | 2671

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426 South Harbor Drive | Lake Front

3 BD, Bonus Room, 3.5 BA \$5,790,000 | 2619

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6 South Harbor Dr. | Golf Course

3 BD, 2.5 BA | \$5,500,000 | 2672

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23 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,395,000 | 2640

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32 Bay Ridge Rd | Central Location

3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,995,000 | 2498

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3 Ocean Reef Drive | New Construction
7 BD, 7F/3H BA | \$11,950,000 | 2580
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29 Baker Road | Water Front
4 BD, 4.5 BA | Nearly Complete | \$6,995,000 | 2332
Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461 | eric@oceanreefclubsir.com



26 Channel Cay Road | Canal Front
4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$12,950,000 | 2533
Rick Romeo | 304.667.7896 | rickromeo@oceanreefclubsir.com



15 Harbor Island Drive | Canal Front
5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,800,000 | 2594
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437 South Harbor Drive | Golf /Lake
4 BD, 4 BA | \$5,900,000 | 2607
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36 Bay Ridge Rd. | Central Location
3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,850,000 | 2601
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5 Ocean Reef Drive | Central
3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,950,000 | 2609
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4 Country Club Rd. | Golf Course
3 BD, 3 BA \$4,995,000 | 2656
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24 Cardinal Lane | Water Front
25,828 Sq. Ft. Lot | \$8,200,000 | 2570
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Artists Enhance Ambience of 2024 House & Garden Tour



by Annie Miles

In a wonderful display of community support for the Garden Group House & Garden Tour, six gifted Ocean Reef artists will show off their talents as part of the fun for the **Friday, March 22** event. Denise Bermant, Mary Biddinger, Joan Birsh, Olivia Kent, Marylou Krause and Karen Waite will delight tour patrons, each stationed at one location on the tour. They will use the subject matter and medium of their choice, painting or crafting for about a two-hour segment during the six hours of the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tour.

Each artist has her own unique abilities and inspiration for her work. **Denise Bermant** notes that her inspiration comes from everything! "Learning to draw or paint first teaches you to see." She tries to express the experience of a fleeting moment, whether painting seascape, boats, landscapes or people. Water shows up in almost all her work, fascinating her with its constant motion, and variation in its moods and expression. Bermant prefers to use acrylics and water colors. She has enjoyed classes at the Art League with Kathleen Denis and Mike Rooney here as well as workshops with visiting artists.

Mary Biddinger enjoyed crafting but never thought she could paint. She has now painted off and on for 20 years, "just for the joy of it." She likes painting things close up rather than a wide-open landscape. She makes birthday cards for family and friends and sometimes makes her paintings into note



Lovely artists Karen Waite, Marylou Krause, Denise Bermant, Mary Biddinger, Joan Birsh, and Olivia Kent will share their talents with The Reef as they are featured at each of the locations on this year's Garden Group House Tour.



In some cases, fabulous home interiors will be complemented by touring their garden areas as well.

cards which she sells. "I give the money from the sales of paintings or note cards to my church for its mission work," Biddinger explained. "I like taking something I enjoy doing and turning it into a way to help others."

The multi-talented **Joan Birsh** never has thought of herself as an artist but those who know her would disagree. A talented writer and editor, she is a valued member of the Ocean Reef Press Editorial Advisory Board. There her artistry is displayed in her clever columns which are sometimes accompanied by her favorite artistic form, her doodles. Doodles decorate her entire kitchen on the front panels of her cabinetry. She also paints sunglasses, of which she has 40+ pairs, shoes, and small purses. Birsh finds painting "perfectly restful and relaxing" and something she does "just for herself."

From childhood **Olivia Kent** loved art and has taken art classes for many years, attending art schools in three states. She finds pleasure in many disciplines, including printmaking, charcoal drawing, watercolors, acrylics and ceramic painting. Her current favorite is pastels. Kent expressed that she will continue with her art projects to bring joy to others and herself! She praises the Ocean Reef Art league, saying, "It's contribution to art lovers on The Reef is immeasurable!"

Influenced by a family that included artists and carpenters, **Marylou Krause** had some art training early in life but painting came much later, starting here at the Ocean Reef Art League. She likes to paint exclusively watercolors as a medium, but her subject choices include flowers, landscapes, and seascapes. "I try to achieve peace while painting," she shared, "and my inspiration



Spectacular orchids enhance the landscape of Ocean Reef and will be a delightful part of visiting the garden on this year's house tour.

is Mother Nature."

Former president of the Ocean Reef Art League, **Karen Waite**, is motivated by her love for art in all its many forms. Her dad was a painter and introduced her to oil painting as well as to drawing, the violin, the piano. These experiences led to her majoring in drama in college, where she sang and danced in musical theater. She initially began in oil painting and continues that in her time at The Reef. As a grandmother, she now uses her expertise in drawing and painting to create unique personalized pottery and other items for her grandchildren's birthdays and for holiday gifts.

Tour Chairman **Loretta Mackay** hopes this year's event is special for The Reef, both as a returning biennial tradition and because it encompasses so much of the beauty we enjoy here. "Patrons will see gorgeous architecture and décor in all the homes, and we have the added bonus of lush gardens and the creative talents of our artist volunteers." Hosts and hostesses will greet patrons at each location and guide them through the beautiful properties. Unique horticultural features will be marked by special signage.

Tickets are available from all Garden Group Members, at J. McLaughlin, and at the Farmer's Market for a donation of \$75. You may also call Loretta Mackay (305-304-3284) or **Joan Flippin** (703-628-9127).

Art Thrives After 100 Pieces Lost in Hurricane Ian



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

This past week, the Art League held a showing of art by Stacy Krupa. Stacy has been a professional artist since the age of 12. She earned a Masters in Fine Arts, Painting, Drawing, Fibers and Printmaking. Her work is incredibly colorful and vibrant. Just walking into the Gallery, you are hit with the energy of color, the ocean, and definitely the Keys and Florida. Stacy's work is collected by many Ocean Reef Members. She has fans far

and wide throughout the US. Stacy used to have a well-known studio and gallery in Islamorada, but years ago moved up to the Ft. Myers area. Unfortunately, during Hurricane Ian, her studio and gallery were destroyed by 10 feet of water. Hundreds of paintings were damaged or lost out to sea! However, speaking to her, she assured there was no self-pity or being stuck in the past. She said she used that tragedy to power her determination and creativity and found the last two years to be some of the most productive of her career. We all got to see some of the results this past week.

More Events in March! Associates Show - Talent On The Reef

Another annual favorite show is the Associates Show! Art is submitted by anyone who works on The Reef. So, encourage those you know to show their talent. The show is held **March 12 & 13**. Come out and support the



Art by Stacy Krupa.

people who support and serve us in enjoying this amazing Club.

Kids Happy Hour!

These events have been so popular this year. Register the kids for March 19 4 to 6 p.m.

Easter Show & Celebration

Soon after the Associates Show, we will have another Members

Art Showing **March 29-April 20**.

March Book Club

Our March Book Club choice is "Demon Copperhead", a Pulitzer Prize Winner. **Linda Salisbury** and **Deborah Geller** will be facilitating. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 20** at 4 p.m.

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C.S. Lewis Scholar to Speak



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

It was sometime during the college term of 1966-1967 that I first heard the name C.S. Lewis. My newfound faith had led me to transfer from a state school in Texas to a small Christian liberal arts college in Kentucky. Several of my fellow students were reading Lewis' Space Trilogy. I was intrigued. I began reading the first volume, *Out of the Silent Planet*.

This marked my introduction to two new worlds. The first was into the imaginative world of C.S. Lewis. His protagonist in the book is a philologist, a word-lover like Lewis himself, named Elwin Ransom. Ransom is kidnapped, taken aboard a spaceship to the planet Malacandra where he encounters beings known as hrossa. At first, I honestly wasn't sure what to make of it.

Looking back now, that first encounter with Lewis was like the children who discovered another world through the magic wardrobe in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. His Space Trilogy opened the door into a wonderful world I



Dr. Jerry Root.

never knew existed. It was the world of thoughtful writers, who creatively used imagination to engage topics like good and evil, through story, and with a Biblical faith perspective.

My next foray into Lewis' works took place a decade later during a Christmas break from my theological studies in California. During those two weeks, I immersed myself in the world of Narnia in Lewis' series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. I read all seven volumes, non-stop. The powers of Lewis' imagination were on full display in his brilliant storytelling, which also artfully reveals the depths of his understanding of the Christian faith.

One of the most brilliant preachers I have known was the late Earl Palmer. He was for many years the pastor of University Presbyterian Church in Seattle. It was said of Earl that he never delivered a sermon that didn't include some reference to the *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Subsequently through the

years, in no particular order, I have read and re-read *A Grief Observed*, *God in the Dock*, *The Great Divorce*, *Mere Christianity*, *Miracles*, *The Problem of Pain*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *Surprised By Joy* (the account of his conversion from atheism), *The Weight of Glory*, and others.

Having said that, my comprehension of Lewis is like a day hiker who picnics at the head of a mountain trail and thinks he has explored the mountains. To mix my metaphor, the truth is you've only waded in the shallows. When you talk to someone who has spent countless days living on the trail, you realize how meagre your understanding really is.

That's why I'm grateful for friends like Dr. Jerry Root. Jerry is professor emeritus at Wheaton College outside Chicago. He has been studying C.S. Lewis and related topics since 1970. He has shared his extensive knowledge through teaching many C.S. Lewis focused courses for forty-one years, lecturing on Lewis at seventy-eight universities in eighteen countries.

He is one of those who has explored the world of Lewis extensively. In addition to writing numerous articles on Lewis, Jerry's books include the bestselling and award winning *The Quotable C.S. Lewis*; *The Soul of C.S. Lewis*, co-authored with Wayne Martindale; *C.S. Lewis and the Problem of Evil*; and *The Surprising Imagination of C.S. Lewis*. He also co-edited the *C.S. Lewis Bible*

with Douglas Gresham, Lewis' stepson.

Not only is Jerry a renown Lewis scholar, unlike some scholars, he is an engaging communicator. He conveys his grasp of Lewis with genuine warmth, self-effacing humor, depth of faith, and love of teaching.

Jerry will be leading a conversation about Lewis' book *Letters to Malcolm* on Saturday, March 9th, from 2:00 until 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall of the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center. Everyone is invited to attend at no charge. Whether you're simply interested in learning about Lewis, or an avid reader wanting a deeper grasp of his thought, you will both enjoy and benefit from Jerry's presentation.

Jerry says that in addition to Lewis, he loves conquering fear through experiencing adrenaline inducing activities including skydiving, spelunking, swimming with sharks, roller-coasters, flying in vintage airplanes, hammerhead stalls in biplanes, and turbulence on commercial airplanes.

Jerry will also be speaking at the 9:00 AM worship service of the Protestant Congregation at Ocean Reef in the Chapel on Sunday morning, March 10th.

He and his wife Claudia have been married for forty-five years, have four married children, and fifteen grandchildren.

We encourage you to join us. You won't be disappointed! Who knows, it might open your mind and heart to a new world as well!



SHABBAT SERVICES

<p>FRIDAY, MARCH 8 Cornerstone Room - 6pm Join us as we welcome Shabbat as a community with a brief service.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MARCH 15 Congregational Annual Meeting - 5pm Shabbat Service - 6pm Join us as we welcome Shabbat as a community with a brief service.</p>
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All events at the Ocean Reef Chapel

Upcoming Guests in the Chapel Sanctuary

	<p>Dr. Jerry Root Saturday, March 9 at 1pm CS Lewis lecture</p> <p>Sunday, March 10 at 9am Traditional worship service</p>	 <p>PROTESTANT CONGREGATION AT OCEAN REEF</p> <p>32 Ocean Reef Drive 305-367-2049 orcchapel.org</p>
	<p>Jim Brickman in Concert Thursday, March 21 at 7:30pm Jim Brickman is an American pop songwriter, pianist and radio host.</p>	

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

C.S Lewis with Dr. Jerry Root
 1 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall
Catholic Mass
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Fr. O'Brien

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Traditional Worship Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Dr. Jerry Root
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. O'Brien

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room
Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Bernard Griffin

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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

Visiting Priests to Lead Catholic Masses

Father Edward Seton Fittin, OSB. (Order of St. Benedict), is the prior, second in command of St Mary's Abbey, a monastery at Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ. He oversees an annual exchange program with the Glenstal Abbey School, a Benedictine school in Co. Limerick, Ireland. These exchanges take place twice a year, winter and spring. In addition, he teaches Theology at Delbarton and is also the liturgy director and abbey advancement officer. He is the guest of **Susan and Norman Scott.** Fr. Edward Seton Fittin will lead the Catholic Masses in the Chapel **Monday, March 18** through **Friday, March 22** at 7 a.m.



Fr. Edward Seton Fittin

Please also welcome **Father Raymond C. O'Brien**, Professor Emeritus at Columbus School of Law, to the Chapel for this weekend's Catholic Masses. See below.

CATHOLIC MASSES:

Father Raymond C. O'Brien
 Saturday, March 9, 4 p.m.
 Sunday, March 10, 12 p.m.

Father Edward Seton Fittin
 Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 22, 7 a.m.



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Jerry H. Jared, 78, passed away on February 28, 2024 at Miami Baptist Hospital due to complications of lung cancer. He was surrounded by his family at his side.

Jerry was born in Jacksonville, Florida on March 19, 1945 to Ed and Celeste Jared. His younger years were spent in Gainesville, Georgia, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Judy Betts. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary together. Jerry and Judy had two sons, Todd and Tim. The family moved to England and Germany in the early years of Jerry's business career.

Over a span of six decades, Jerry committed his professional career to improving the quality of life for America's active duty and retired personnel and



Jerry H. Jared

their families. In his role in the 1980's as the President of the American Logistic Association, Jerry became the Icon of the Military Resale industry with his relentless pursuit to innovate and improve performance and efficiencies for all players.

As a natural-born salesman and motivator, in the late 1960's Jerry quickly took the helm as the European Sales Manager for Wilson Harrell and Company, a major worldwide sales organization serving the

US military commissaries and exchanges. In the early 1970's, he returned stateside and joined Military Distributors of Virginia. In 1983, he assumed the role of CEO and Chairman of the Board where he molded the company into the world's largest exclusive military food distributor. In 1986, with his brother David, Jerry founded Coastal Pacific Food Distributors. As the Board Chairman until his recent passing, Jerry shepherded Coastal into its current position as the major player in the food distribution network supporting West Coast and Far East commissaries and exchanges, as well as the US Navy's 7th fleet ships throughout the entire Pacific Realm.

For Jerry, the secret of his success as an entrepreneur and industry leader was never a mystery. He always understood the playing field and never took his eye off the ball and its relative position to the goal line. He knew the goal for his companies was to profitably fulfill the customers' needs better than anyone else in the game. To that end and throughout his entire career, Jerry confidently coached and motivated his partners and associates to challenge themselves, giving them the

latitude to take risks, to learn from mistakes, and always to share the rewards of a team win. Jerry was truly the Lombardi of his chosen profession.

Jerry had many passions in his life, none more important than his family. When he wasn't in pursuit of business excellence, he loved to play golf and travel the world. In recent years, he took his family to destinations such as Rome, London, Salzburg, Amsterdam, Barbados, and Costa Rica. Jerry played golf at some of the most incredible courses in the world, including Augusta National, Pine Valley, and Pebble Beach. He took his sons to St. Andrews twice, and accompanied by Royal and Ancient members, the trips were epic. Jerry was a member at Ocean Reef Club, Card Sound Golf Club, Anglers Club, Greenbrier Sporting Club, and the Olde Farm.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Judy, sons Todd (Nancy) and Tim (Meigan), and grandchildren Lindsay, Connor, Ashland, and Allison.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

The Ocean Reef ForgetMeNots, a caregiver support group, cordially invites you to its **Tuesday, March 12**, meeting at 12 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Medical Center.

Hector Franco, who is leading the complimentary Silver Fit Plus session every Friday at 2 p.m. in the Member Fitness Center, will speak to the group about another important link to wellness, and that is nutrition. Please bring your questions and be prepared for a lively discussion.

Please RSVP to 708-476-6350, to reserve your place.

Lunch will be served.

-Cynthia Weglarz, Dr. Frank Gudicello, Ron Sekura, Tricia Woodman and Carol Blackburn.

New Exciting Happenings at Ocean Reef

Three Programs for Members and Caregivers

By Ron Sekura, Member since 1993

Ocean Reef's volunteer group, ForgetMeNots, is working with others at Ocean Reef to establish programs that provide fun and health-activity options for our fellow Members. These programs are intended to be a resource to help you get away from the everyday routine and enjoy. So far, three programs are in place for members and those who help provide support.

Silver Fit Plus

The Ocean Reef Member Fitness Center has initiated Silver Fit Plus. It is a free introductory class that runs at a slower pace

than regular Silver Fit to provide members and their caregivers a way to find their level, and as they improve, move to the more advanced class. This special opportunity is open to all members and meets in the Fitness Center on Fridays at 2 p.m. This is an excellent program that helps improve and maintain your strength, flexibility and mobility.

Senior Café

Senior Café is a recreational event that meets once a month during the season. It is held in the Chapel Fellowship Room from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. Keep tuned to the Ocean Reef Press for notifications. It is a fun event that helps get a group of people together to just have fun. The activities may vary a bit from month to month, but always include some simple refreshments, a performer and some type of craft activity. It's a fun way to take a break and get out and meet with friends and new acquaintances.

ForgetMeNots

The ForgetMeNots meetings have a different structure. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Medical Center Conference Room at 12 p.m. Members, healthcare supporters, and volunteers are cordially invited. Each month we have a speaker who addresses the health concerns of our community members. The topics are always interesting and have included how to keep physically fit, how to handle an emergency situation, how to take care of simple injuries, and lots more that affect our everyday lives. The information provided at these luncheon meetings is valuable to our Members and

their caregivers. There is time for questions and answers. Lunch is included and offers time for sharing and networking. See page 20 for information on the next meeting.

ForgetMeNots also maintains a list of home healthcare providers. The individuals on the list have extensive experience in helping our members. This listing is provided to the Medical Center and is available to Ocean Reef members.

If you are interested in our programs, have any ideas, want to find out about caregivers, or if you are willing to help in any way, please contact us at 708-476-6350.

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 13**, Reverend **Bernard Griffith** will return to lead the service.

MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to Debbie Brady and Frank Gudicello who were married on Leap Day!



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Medical Lecture Series Presents: "Brave New World -A.I. Changing The Future Of Miami Medicine"

Tuesday, March 12

Please join us on **March 12 at 5 p.m.** at the Cultural Center with Tom Nguyen, M.D. for an informative lecture on the use of artificial intelligence (A.I.) as it relates to the scope of medicine. Dr. Nguyen is the Director of minimally invasive valve surgery and Chief Medical Executive of



Tom Nguyen, M.D.

Baptist Health Miami Cardiac & Vascular Institute, Barry T. Katzen Medical Director Endowed Chair.

He is an internationally recognized minimally invasive heart surgeon and believes that small incisions make a big difference. His outcomes score in the top 98.7% in the National Society of Thoracic

Surgeons database.

He graduated from Rice University in Houston, Texas and then worked in Switzerland at the World Health Organization. Although he was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship, he decided to pursue medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He completed his surgery training at Stanford, where he received the Outstanding ICU award and the Intern of the Year Award and then completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at Columbia University as well as a transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) fellowship at Emory.

During a recent TikTok video, Dr. Nguyen stated the following: "We can only recognize things that we are aware of – whether we feel like we are dizzy, we have a fever or we are short of breath. But there

might be subtle things you are not aware of that's happening to you. And using A.I. we can pick up on some of these things, so for example, maybe there might be a subtle twitch in your left eye, and you don't realize it, and that could be a sign of something else that's foreshadowing that something is coming. That's the power of A.I., to pick up on those subtle patterns and have that pattern recognition to make a potential diagnosis. In heart disease and pretty much any medical condition out there."

Mark your calendars to hear this fascinating talk on how A.I. will shape the future of medicine. Following the lecture will be a cocktail reception. Many thanks to Healthnetwork Foundation for sponsoring this lecture.

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Fun on the Port O'Call Patio This Month



by Micah Winecuff, Port O'Call Manager

In my 12 years at Ocean Reef Club, March has generally been my favorite month. We hit that sweet spot where events are in full force with the ebb and flow of families visiting for Spring and Easter break keeping us on our toes. March also signals the light at the end of the tunnel and the opportunity to visit new wine regions. Foremost, it is imperative to end as strong as you start. Our goal at Port O' Call is to do just that by providing fun events and keeping the wine flowing at your house and engagements with friends and loved ones. In addition to our regular service we are hosting two (possibly more) events in March, so mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 13th** and **Saturday, March 16th**.

"Wines of the World" Tasting on Port O' Call Patio

While we have had a great response to the sit-down tasting format implemented since opening the new shop, some Members miss the old walk around tastings we used to host on the patio. They provide

a fun, casual environment to stimulate your taste buds and meet fellow oenophiles. Those yearning for the past will be pleased with our **March 13th** "Wines of the World" tasting. Most of our tastings are focused on a specific winery or region of the world, but this time we are shaking things up.

Are you aware there are over 10,000 different grape varieties used to make wine, that over 29 countries account for 94% of global wine production, or that there are over 100,000 wineries worldwide? I certainly didn't until a quick Google search opened my eyes. The vast majority of wine is produced from the 9 "classic" varieties we commonly see in stores and on wine lists. Perhaps naming them will be a question for the next Trivia Night, however, Wyatt is the trivia master, not myself.

As with most things, the classics are classic for a reason. That doesn't mean there aren't plenty of gems among the other 9,991 plus varieties. This tasting will include the classics but also delve into the unknown. Final wines are yet to be selected but you can look forward to tasting a minimum of 24 wines and 15 varieties from over 10 countries! As I said before, the set-up will harken back to the days of old POC when Wyatt and I operated out of a space smaller than many closets. Tables will be set up around the patio with plenty of wine to taste accompanied by light bites. Cost for this event is \$25++ and you may taste at your leisure from 5-7pm.

Champagne Henriot "Party on the Patio"

We are following up "Wines of the World" with a Champagne Henriot "Party on the Patio" with Regional Sales Director, Kelly McFadden telling the house's story. Henriot was established in Reims in 1808 by Apolline Henriot. Champagne is one of the few famous wines of the world where women have historically been at the forefront of advancement and quality improvements. It was Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin (the "Widow" Clicquot) who created the method of removing that pesky sediment which forms in Champagne bottles during its unique fermentation process (called remuage or riddling). This development led to the style of Champagne we know today. The Henriot house has been back under family ownership since 1994 when Joseph Henriot left his post at Veuve Clicquot to manage the estate. In the words of Henriot's current cellar master

Laurent Fresnet, "What makes our champagne so special is that it is sourced from beautiful terroirs, mostly Grand & Premier Cru vineyards. Thanks to our independent status, I can dedicate the time and care they require to craft the most luminous champagnes and perpetuate the unique style of the House." This is unique as many Champagne brands are owned by large conglomerates like LVMH (Moët & Chandon, Dom Perignon, Veuve Clicquot, Ruinart, Krug) or co-ops (Nicolas Feuillatte).

This will be an entertaining and casual gathering showcasing 3 different cuvees from Champagne Henriot, snacks, live music and patio games. Event will be held on **Saturday, March 16th** from 3-5pm. Price is \$60++ per person and we will keep the bubbles and fun flowing! Space is limited so please RSVP by stopping by or calling (305) 367-5999 to join in.

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Spring Fling Spring Cleaning



by Sarah A. Cart

It's March, and in a few weeks, we will herald the official arrival of spring ... spring break ... spring flowers ... spring cleaning ...

Ah, yes, spring cleaning. Time to refresh, renew, clean out, and perhaps give away.

Ladies, if, over the course of this past season, as you were deciding what to wear to New Year's Eve, or the All Charities Gala, or a Valentines Ball ... or what you'll wear for Easter, you've come across a lovely dress or two that no longer needs to be hanging in your closet, here is a lovely possibility

for you, and for the young women of Coral Shores, the high school in Key Largo. Consider passing it along so that it can be re-tailored for the high schoolers' late spring prom, A Night to Remember, scheduled to take place at Playa Largo Resort on a mid-May evening.

Gentlemen, you, too, are invited to consider if you have a dress shirt or two, or some ties you are ready to part with – your contributions can help the young men meet their dress code obligations for that event.

The idea is the brainchild of **Cathy Jansen** and **Nancy Zakon**, who sat and chatted with the principal of Coral Shores during January's Keys Children's Foundation luncheon this past January.

If you have items to contribute, Cathy Jansen will be happy to take delivery at her home, 27 E. Snapper Point between now and March 29.

OUT & ABOUT



Jim Engel shared this photo of a triple birthday celebration! Celebrating the birthdays of Martha Marrinson, Ralph Marrinson and Elizabeth Khan.

Associate Spotlight:

Jacqueline Hosmer

By Susan Bohan

There are so many wonderful places to dine here at The Reef to please every palate. While some of us enjoy the spontaneity and flexibility of joining friends last minute, others prefer to plan ahead knowing that a reservation is on the calendar for that special occasion or particular time and ambiance of a favorite restaurant.

But over the last few years, and especially during Covid, there were a lot of discussions, both positive and disappointing, about dining reservations. Management knew changes needed to be made in order to combat the lack of availability, vague cancellation policies and "no shows", so in fall of 2020, they turned to Jacqueline Dobson (now Hosmer since she married Wyatt Hosmer from Port O' Call almost two years ago). With a day's notice, she returned



Jacqueline Hosmer, Food & Beverage Manager

from her Covid furlough to this newly-created position where she would address the Member feedback and work with Management and other Associates to create a system that would work efficiently.

Jackie first joined Ocean Reef as a seasonal Concierge in 2015 and gradually moved around in various positions in both Catering and Reservations, giving her unique insight into both the problems and possible solutions. "The most important part of this new job was to centralize reservations and create an online system that would allow Equity Members to book two weeks

ahead for a restaurant on a day and time of their choosing. If their first choice was not available, they could clearly see what was and plan accordingly," describes Jackie. This means if timing is more important than restaurant, you can choose a different restaurant at your desired time. But if the restaurant is the priority, your best bet is to be more flexible in timing.

Another benefit of the new system is that a file can be created by Member number to notify each restaurant of Members' needs: Are there any allergies? Are there mobility issues? Do you like to sit by the window or in the middle of the room to see your friends? Do you linger over coffee so a slightly longer time slot is best? Many other needs and habits can be included as well. And this Valentine's Day there were so many requests for tables for two that Jackie arranged to open the Private Dining Room in CH Prime and set up smaller tables to accommodate the additional reservations so no one would be disappointed.

Jackie's title is Food and Beverage Manager, but her

responsibilities are so much broader than that. Her expertise has smoothed out a system that many thought was unmanageable. She has also defined the cancellation policy to avoid double booking and last-minute changes, which cut down on those empty tables that were a constant complaint. She has trained her group to be in tune with Members' needs. Coming from a military family, she understands rules without losing a personal touch. In fact, if you have been on the receiving end of a reminder phone call, you will have spoken with Destiny Remigio, Dining Reservations Coordinator, just one of the many capable "behind the scenes" people who are responsible for your dining experience.

Last year, Jackie Hosmer was awarded the Associate of the Quarter award and will no doubt earn many more in the years to come. Still, Jackie emphasizes that the success of Dining Reservations is a team effort.

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7 Sail Point Lane

4 BED / 3 BATH MLS #2645

\$14,000,000



24 Cardinal Lane

25,828 SQ. SW FACING LOT – BUILDING PLANS AVAILABLE MLS # 2570 \$8,200,000



36 Bay Ridge Road

3 BED / 3 BATH MLS #2601 \$5,850,000



31 OCEAN REEF DRIVE DS-F36 \$4,500,000
80+YACHT AND 30.5 BEAM MLS # 2646



201 OCEAN REEF DR. HS-11 \$4,200,000
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2024 INVESTMENT OUTLOOK: ACHIEVING STABLE FOOTING IN A WHIRLWIND

While investors face continued volatility and uncertainty amid economic conditions not seen in a generation, forecasters, observers and even policymakers have misjudged what was to come. The best way to prepare for the unexpected is by being clear about your goals for your wealth, and your plan for those goals. Join us at our upcoming event to unpack the data and receive answers to your questions about the markets, financial conditions and ongoing effects of aggressive monetary policy.

FEATURING:

Katie Nixon

Chief Investment Officer
Wealth Management, Northern Trust



THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024

4:00 PM – Presentation

5:00 PM – Cocktail Reception

Town Hall | Assembly Area

101 Ocean Reef Drive

Key Largo, FL 33037

Katie Nixon is an Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer for the Wealth Management business at Northern Trust. In that capacity, Katie leads the national investment management practice for Northern Trust's Wealth Management business from the firm's Chicago headquarters.

Please RSVP to DadeRSVP@ntrs.com by March 14

Space is limited. Reservations are required.

Those Easter Bunnies!



by Jody Steele

Since early January, the “head” Easter Bunnies, namely Melissa Mirocha, Recreation Administrative Supervisor, and Jeanette Rivera, Naturalist, have been gathering Easter Basket items for Ocean Reef Club kids of all ages. The Easter Basket project is a tradition our Recreation Department eagerly hops in to every Easter.

The Basket Choices

This year there are ten different baskets available that include themed choices for toddlers to adults and even your dog! You might want to order a few.



Outdoor tween basket

- Just a sampling of some of the contents, which also includes a variety of candy:
- Little Ocean Basket** (infant-3)-for beach or bath time, toys, bubble wand, boat
- Cat Theme Basket** (ages 4-6)-cat plush toy, swishy ball, water bottle
- Safari Basket** (ages 4-6)-binoculars, insect inspector, toy snake
- Outdoor Tween** (ages 7-11)-glowing soccer disc, balls, water frisbee
- Colorful Tween** (ages 7-11)-artsy theme, friendship bracelet kit, arm spinner
- Beachy Teen** (Teen)-beach



Colorful tween basket

- bag, sunscreen, lip balm, nail polish
- Active Teen** (Teen)-bag, sunglasses, sunscreen, Waboda flunge
- Dog Basket** (ageless)-ball, frisbee, squeaky toy, bandana, treats
- Fishing Outdoor Basket** (Adult)-hat, travel fishing kit, tumbler
- Orchid Mug** (Adult)-candle, tea/coffee, mug, orchid, chocolate treat

The Delivery

The Easter Baskets can be delivered two ways. Melissa Mirocha explained that the

Recreation Bunny Team would be delivering baskets on **Saturday, March 30th** beginning at 8 p.m. to your doorstep. The other choice is to schedule the “real” Easter Bunny to deliver on **Sunday, March 31st** from 6:00-9:30 a.m. The Easter Bunny is then available for a picture op and hugs.

How to Order

All baskets must be ordered by **Friday, March 29th** at the Pool Desk, Member Events, Guest Services, or call 305-367-6516. Samples of the themed baskets can be seen at the Membership Office, Member Guest Services desk in the Inn, the Buccaneer Island Pool Desk, or online at oceanreef.com/EasterBaskets. The Easter Bunny team has already begun to assemble these special baskets, so now is the time to get your order in. Sure to please, over 200 of these are delivered on The Reef every Easter.



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

8 FRIDAY

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

Cycle Class
9-9:30am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am • Tennis and Games Center

Deep H2O Class
10am • Member Fitness Pool

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

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

Lifebreath Class
4pm • Member Fitness Center

Equity Member Get-Together: Wine & Cheese Social
5-7pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Reef Club Kids Open
6-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

Live DJ at Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

9 SATURDAY

ORC Run Club
7am • Member Fitness Center

Cardio Boxing Class
7:30- 8am • Member Fitness Center

Everesting Class
8am • 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

Canasta Club Championship
1pm • Card & Games Room

Quickstart Tennis Clinic
2-3pm • Tennis & Games Center

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

Lighted Standup Paddleboard Tour
6pm • Buccaneer Island

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar
9pm • Burgee Bar

10 SUNDAY

Medical Center Fun Run
8am • Medical Center Parkign Lot

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

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

Junior Tennis Clinic
11am • Tennis & Games Center

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour
1pm • Meet at the Pool

Nature Center Open
2-5pm • Nature Center

Reef Rec Room Open
3-10pm • Reef Rec Room

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

11 MONDAY

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

Cooking School Class: Classically Southern with Chef Jennifer Brule
9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Deepwater H2O Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

Ballet Barre & Silver Fit Class
10am • Member Fitness Center

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

Buoy Paint Social
2-4pm • Carysfort Hall

Learn and Play Croquet Beginner Clinic
2:30-3:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Reformers Pilates Class
3pm • Member Fitness Center

Evening of Bridge in the Ocean Room
4:30pm • Ocean Room

12 TUESDAY

Medical Center "Fun Raiser"
Various Times

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

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

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

Zumba Class
11am • Member Fitness Center

Intro to Pickleball Clinic
2-2:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Fitness Class
4pm • Member Fitness Center

Pickleball Organized Play
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

Potluck Gathering
6pm • Chapel Fellowship Hall

13 WEDNESDAY

Medical Center "Fun Raiser"
Various Times

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

Cycle Class & Zumba Toning Class
9-9:30am • Member Fitness Center

Ladies' Pickleball League
8am • Tennis & Games Center

FIT Camp
12pm • Member Fitness Center

Duplicate Bridge Game
1pm • Card & Games Room

Intermediate Croquet Clinic
2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Reef Rec Room Open
3-10pm • RCK Clubhouse

39th Annual Reef Cup Sailfish Invitational
4pm • The Point

Pickleball Organized Play
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

14 THURSDAY

ORC Swim Club
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

Cardio Tennis Clinic
9am Shotgun • Tennis & Games Center

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

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

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

Canasta Open Play
12pm • Card & Games Center

Golf 360 Class
2pm • Member Fitness Center

39th Annual Reef Cup Sailfish Invitational
4pm • The Point

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

Speciality Dinner: French Harmony
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Burgee Bar Karaoke
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

ON SCREEN & STAGE

General Admission \$12, Donors \$10
Children (under 12) \$6
Movie Hotline: 305-367-6306

"Poor Things" (R)

Friday, March 8 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, March 10 • 4:30 & 7:30pm
Wednesday, March 13 • 7:30pm

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. 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 for everyone!
\$150 Donor - \$175 Non-Donor
Ticket price includes dinner.

Campus Speaker Series: Best Picture Oscar Talk by Dan Hudak

Sun. Mar. 10 • 1:00pm
Complimentary.
Film critic, Dan Hudak, will discuss each Best Picture Oscar nominee with respect to why each film was nominated with accompanying clips and critique.

Dinner at the Opera....

Nabucco by Giuseppe Verdi
Mon., March 11 • 5:00pm
\$63++ per person
5:00PM – Wine & Cheese, 5:30PM – First & Second Acts
6:45PM – Dinner, 7:45PM – Third Act
Baritone George Gagnidze makes his Met role debut as the imperious king Nabucco, alongside soprano Liudmyla Monastyrskaya as his vengeful daughter Abigail. Daniele Callegari conducts.

**One Day University Virtual Series...
Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, NFTs and Metaverse: Four New Concepts Explained**

Wed. Mar. 13 • 5:00pm
Complimentary

Speaker Series....

David Biello on Climate Change

Thu. Mar. 14 • 5:00pm
Complimentary
David Biello, an award-winning environmental journalist since 1999, is currently the science curator for TED Talks and the author of The Unnatural World.

Cultural Center Museum
Daily 9am-4pm • Open During Movies
Library Hours
Monday-Thursday • 10am-2pm

CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper



DINNER AT THE OPERA One of my favorite Ocean Reef events, **Dinner at the Opera** is coming up this Monday (March 11) at the Cultural Center. This is your chance to experience Verdi's opera *Nabucco* (one of the Metropolitan Opera's incomparable simulcast productions) on the big screen of the Cultural Center. And, if that isn't enticement enough, the opera is preceded by a gala dinner.... A few words about *Nabucco*. It is not as tuneful as *Carmen* or *La Bobeme*, but it more than compensates with great chorus pieces – *Va Pensiero* ("Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves") is so popular in Italy, that it has become a sort of unofficial national anthem....

The story takes place in Babylon times when Nabucco leads an army to Jerusalem, determined to conquer the city and enslave the residents. The negotiations that followed were simpler in those ancient days with king Nabucco's daughter offering to save the Israelites if the nephew of Jerusalem's King, will return her love....
NOTE: **Joan the Shopper** is a fashion column. Consequently, I have (roughly) sketched three dresses from Ocean Reef stores that would be appropriate for Dinner at the Opera.

by Joan Birsh

The big screen and excellent acoustics of the CC allow you to experience the performance almost as if you are seeing it at the Met's NYC opera house.

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Tuesday – Friday 6am-7pm.
Saturday & Sunday 7am-5pm.
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The Burgee Shop

Daily 9am-5pm.
305-367-2611, ext. 5515.

Tennis Pro Shop

Daily 8am-5:30pm
305-367-6583.

Port O'Call Wine & Spirits

In the Fishing Village.
Monday – Thursday
& Sunday 11am-8pm
Friday & Saturday 11am-9pm
305-367-5999.

The Spa at Ocean Reef

Monday – Saturday 8:30am-5:30pm. Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. 305-367-6506.

Golf Shop

Daily 7:30am-5:30pm.
305-367-5912.

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, MARCH 11 – SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Palm Court

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

Beach Bar & Grill

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm
Food Mon.-Thurs. 11:30am-4pm • Fri.-Sun 11:30am-5pm

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
Asian Buffet Friday • Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

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

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm
Dinner Daily 4-9pm (Lobster Bake on Thursday)

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am-8pm
Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm

Reef Treats

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 7am-9pm
Fri. & Sat. 7am-10pm

Reef Hut

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

Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon-Sat 7am-11am, Sun 7am-12pm
Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-11pm
305-367-5898

Fitness Café

Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm • Sat. & Sun. 7am-3pm

The Point (Members Only)

Coffee Sat. & Sun. 7-10am
Cocktails Fri.-Sun. 5-8pm

Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm
Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-1am

Reef Lounge

Small Plates Daily 5-10pm
Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

CH Prime (Members Only)*

Dinner Wed., Thurs., & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm
Equity Member Only Night Wednesday

CH Lounge (Members Only)

Open Wed., Thurs., & Sun. 5-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5-10pm

Toski's

Snack Bar Mon.-Sun. 9am-4pm
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Grill Room (Members Only)

Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11am-4pm • Brunch Sat. & Sun. 9am-4pm
Dinner Daily 4-9pm

Rum Runner

Open Daily 9am-4pm

*Visit oceanreef.com/Dining for menus and weekly specials.
For dining reservations, call 305-367-5931.
Reservations required.

Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

If you love tomatoes, mark your calendar to stop by Jerry's Here Farm Fresh at the Farmer's Market while Baby Heirlooms are at their peak. With descriptive names like "tiger stripe" and "bumblebee", they are a must have!

"Just roast them with an olive oil drizzle sprinkled with finely chopped fresh basil in a hot oven", according to owner, Jerry. A Member picking up a few colorful containers commented that they are great served as they come out



Jerry, from Jerry's Here Farm Fresh at the Farmer's Market, says Baby Heirlooms are at their peak.

steaming hot or can be chopped up, tossed with pesto and poured over pasta. Great any way you can imagine.

In fact, Jerry remarked that so many Members now ask him how best to prepare most of his vegetables that he is working on creating recipe cards to make their choices easier. So look for these delicious tomatoes and try some of the other multi colored ones as well. Recipe cards arrive soon!



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

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 305-367-5924 or idillon@oceanreef.com.

Equity Membership

Nancy and **Dan Wall** are new members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Wall are purchasing 27 Fishermans Cove Unit B from Gregory Stemler and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Wall are residents of Wilmington, North Carolina. They belong to Figure Eight Island Yacht Club, Country Club of Landfall, and Porters Neck Country Club. Their sponsors are Mike Rogers, Harold Wells, Kristine and Jim Mestdagh, and Gayle Tallardy on behalf of the Membership Committee.



Please join us for The State of the Economy and US Banking Industry

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President, Regional Banking
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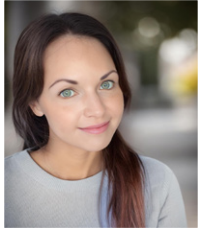
Thursday, March 14, 2024 • 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Sailfish Patio – Carysfort Conference Center

Space is limited, so please call 305-367-3040 or email peter.raffalski@firsthorizon.com to reserve your spot.



Antioxidant Protection for Your Skin



“Spa Notes” by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

Around this time of year, the sun starts feeling stronger and hotter, and I start paying a lot more attention to it and the harmful effects the UV damage can have on my skin. You may be familiar with the term “free radical damage” because it has been a key buzzword for skin care companies for many years. Free radicals are unstable molecules that can cause damage to our skin or body. They are either produced within our bodies, or introduced from an outside source, such as UV rays, pollution, visible

or infrared light, and cigarette smoke, to name a few. Free radicals can damage your cells and your DNA through a process called oxidation, which can lead to disease and signs of aging. While many of us believe we are taking sufficient precautions by using sunscreen daily, that may not be enough.

So, what can you do to help keep your skin protected from free radical-induced damage, even when the sources of oxidative stress are difficult or even impossible to avoid?

This is where antioxidants come in. While wearing a daily SPF is important, adding an antioxidant to that regimen gives you a dynamic duo and better protection for your skin. Applying an antioxidant topically to the skin can boost your body’s ability to neutralize free radicals and prevent the damage they can induce, however, not all antioxidants are created equally. The problem with many topical antioxidants is that using just

one or two antioxidants isn’t enough to give the skin the support that it needs, especially when exposed nearly 24/7 to sources of oxidative stress.

This is where SkinBetter Science and its award-winning antioxidant, Alto Defense Serum comes in. SkinBetter Science’s Alto Defense Serum™ contains a proprietary blend of 19 different antioxidants to provide your skin with 360-degree support, even in the face of a variety of potential sources of free radical-induced damage. In clinical trials, in just four weeks of use, this serum was shown to drastically improve the appearance of redness and wrinkles, even for people with sensitive skin types or rosacea. Allure Magazine featured skinbetter science’s Alto Defense Serum™, explaining that “its impressive medley of antioxidants work in synergy to provide skin with a sort of blanket protection.

Why You’ll Love It:

In addition to daily antioxidant protection, Alto Defense Serum improves the appearance of uneven skin tone and redness.

All skin better science products are dermatologist tested, paraben free, fragrance-free, dye free, and cruelty-free.

Stop by the Spa to check it out! We hope you love it as much as we do!

Upcoming Spa Events:

Saturday, March 16, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Candles, Cupcakes & Cocktails – Private Candle Making Class, RSVP required by emailing jbarron@oceanreef.com \$85 per person

Monday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Valmont Facial Event – Book your V-Firm Firmness Facial with Valmont Senior Educator Melissa Marin – RSVP required to reserve your time slot by calling 305-367-6506 to schedule. Space is limited. \$150 per person, which goes towards Valmont product purchases.

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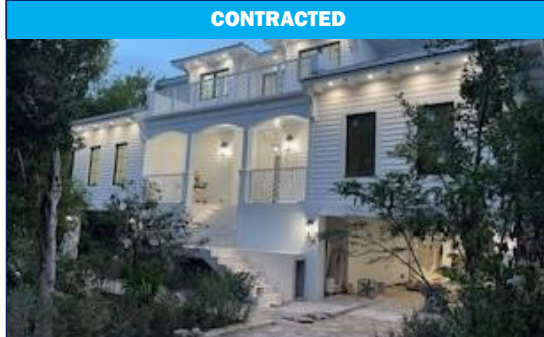
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Possible 7th BD en-suite • NEW Coastal smart home. Lg. garage, golf course & lake views. **Juan Ventura**



OPEN HOUSE

345 S. Harbor Dr. c/s 2630
3 BD / 3.5 BA • \$5,755,000
Gourmet kitchen, new pool deck, lg. garage & elevator. **Julie Dey**



OPEN HOUSE

Angelfish Cay 53A c/s 2667
2 BD / 2 BA • \$3,950,000
36' Dock waitlisted. **Ignacio Borbolla**



OPEN HOUSE

11B Landings of Fisherman's Cove c/s 2631
3 BD / 3BA • \$6,385,000
Includes 31' Floating Dock. **Andy Hofmann**



19 South Rd. c/s 2582
4 BD / 4.5 BA • \$16,250,000
Ranch, en-suite, floor to ceiling windows. 81' dock. Move in ready. **Andy Hofmann**



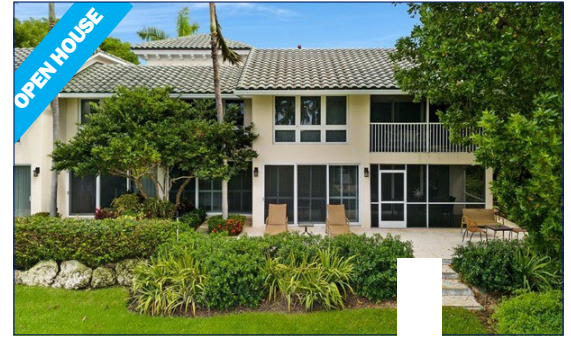
OPEN HOUSE

Angelfish Cay 53B c/s 2655
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2023 Million Dollar Remodel! **Andy Hofmann**



OPEN HOUSE

48 Sunrise Cay Dr. c/s 2650
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Prime Location! Expansive views & Dockage. **Wendy Brainard**



OPEN HOUSE

Pumpkin Cay 5A c/s 2554
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16 HARBOR ISLAND DR. c/s 2423 • \$6,995,000
Pre-Construction 7 BD/7BA w/80' Dock. Completed price \$14,950,000. **Bob Ecuier**

535 CORAL LN. c/s 2287 \$5,900,000
(CONTRACTED) 5 BDS/5.5 BA **Olga Grant**

305 S. HARBOR DR. c/s 2512 • \$5,500,000
3 BD/2 BA **Wendy Brainard**

15 OSPREY LN. c/s 2464 • \$6,995,000
31,000sf canal front lot on Sunrise Cay. **Bob Ecuier**

5 S. MARINA DR. c/s 2569 / Angler's Club
\$5,900,000 • 2 BD 2 BA Plus Lg downstairs, Bay Views 48' Dock. **Nelson Gordy**

OPEN HOUSES 3/9/24 • 2-5 PM

SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Bag Room Open Kicks Off Play Tomorrow

By Annie Miles

The first matches of the 2023-2024 Bag Room are set for 1 p.m. **Saturday, March 9th** on the Dolphin Course and feature ORC PGA Assistant Golf Professional Justin Seyback taking on ORC Assistant Outside Operations Manager Mike Schreiner, while Card Sound's Corey Vecciarelli will face ORC's Ryan Vineyard. Caddies for the matches will be the Mentors for this foresome: **Scott Heffner**, for Seyback; **Mike Miles**, for Schreiner; **Joe Urbinati**, for Vecciarelli; and **Scott Franzblau** for Vineyard. Heffner will introduce the players for the opening match and throughout the tournament. The winners will advance to the next round of play on Friday, March 15th. All matches begin at 1 p.m.

Pairings were determined last week at a "Bracket Reveal" party in the Key Largo Room

for all golf staff members and their Equity Member Mentors. (See page 38 for the complete pairings). Chairman of the Bag Room, **Jay Guarch**, addressed the crowd and reiterated that ALL golf staff members, whether



Director of Golf Mike Leone reveals this year's pairings for the Bag Room Open.



Stacey Lahey and Delia Guarch work tirelessly in the planning and social media presence of the Bag Room Open.



Golf staff members Jordan Sanyshyn, Bentley Stover, Maddie Murray, Louis Fiumara, Ryan Vineyard, TJ Terpanick, and Evan Cartwright enjoy the Bracket Reveal party.

they play in the tournament or not, benefit from our Members' enthusiastic support of the Bag Room. "We recognize all members of our outstanding staff whether they work inside the clubhouse or in outside

operations," Guarch emphasized. "The Bag Room Open isn't just about determining 'the best golf pro on The Reef.' It's about appreciating what every Golf Associate does day in and day out to enhance our experience at

Ocean Reef playing this game we all love."

Something new this season is special merchandise sold in the ORC Golf Shop so that Members can support the tournament and the players. The logo for these unique items was conceived by first-round participant Justin Seyback! If you would like to be part of the fun and show your support for ORC's outstanding golf associates, you may pick up a Bag Room Open brochure at the Golf Shop. Your support is what makes this special entertaining event possible. Plan to come out and watch or follow the tournament on Instagram (@BagRoomOpenORC) or Facebook (@Bag Room Open), both managed by **Delia Guarch** and **Stacey Lahey**.



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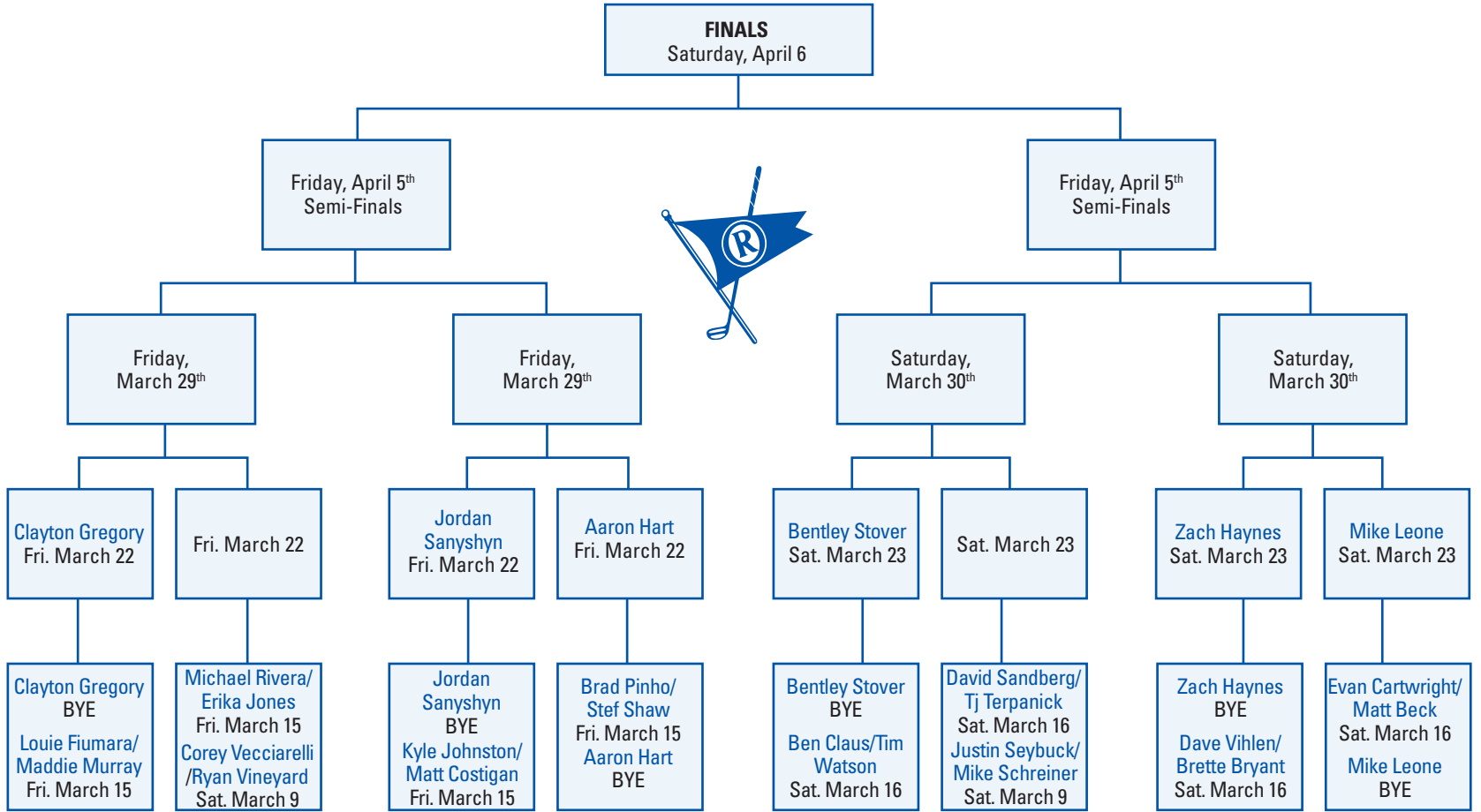
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2024 Men's Club Championships



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

Our contestants in the 2024 Men's Club Championship had their golf games tested playing both courses, in 36 holes of medal stroke play. With slick greens and tough hole locations on the Hammock Course in Round 1, players were presented with an interesting challenge. It was vital for everyone to keep the ball in play and this proved to be the case for those who separated themselves from the field. With only 5 players coming in with sub-80 rounds on the Hammock Course, the field was anxious to take on the Dolphin Course in Round 2.

As our three leaders eagerly waited to take the tee, the rest of the field took the course in front. In Championship play, carding a low number on the final day can be essential in winning a tournament but it was a battle for the championship in the final group. Our leader from Round 1, **Colin Warren**, continued his steady play, firing a smooth 37 on the front 9 as he made his way to the turn. His playing partner, **Phil French**, eager to join his son's name in the clubhouse, turned over his scorecard and never looked back. Knowing exactly where he stood, French got off to a blazing hot start, birdying holes 10 and 11 to start his second nine. Gaining a few shots back, he put it on cruise control, making par on the next three holes until he reached the difficult 15th. After hitting his tee shot to 190 yards, he zoned in, making an impressive approach shot to 20 feet, and sank the putt to get within 1 shot of the lead.

After an impressive par on a back left hole on 16, French then made another birdie on the 17th and survived the daunting 18th



2024 Club Champion Phil French celebrates his win alongside son Max, 2021 Men's Club Champion, marking the first time a father-son duo has become Golf Club Champions!

hole to complete a back-round score of 32! This proved to be enough to edge out the rest of the field. Let's all congratulate our 2024 Men's Club Champion, Phil French!

Not only was Phil French our 2024 Club Champion, but he was lucky enough to have his family present to share the victory, including his son **Max French** won the Men's Club Championship in 2021.

9-Hole LGA

We had another beautiful morning for 9-Hole LGA members to enjoy during our Beat the Pro event. 9-Hole LGA members played a 4-person scramble on the front nine of the Dolphin Course to try to beat the score of 42. Our lowest score was a fantastic one, congratulations to the team of **Janet Norris, Joni Arredia, Tania McCann** and **Penny Dinsmore** for shooting a 10 under par, 26.

MGA Monday

As we move along through our season, players are fighting for those much-needed points to move up the leaderboard in our season-long Burgee Cup competition. The format played this week was Better Ball of Partners – 6,6,6. In this format, teams played a shamble on holes 1-6, modified alternate shot on holes 7 through 12, and

both balls counted on holes 13 through 18. Performance on holes 13 through 18 was crucial for the competition and proved to be the deciding factor for our winners. On the gross side, the team of **Joey Rivera** and **Charlie Zahringer** were even par on the first two formats and survived the gauntlet for a total of 101 to take first place. On the NET side, the team of **Jay Guarch** and **Ignacio Sanchez** was able to double down in the "both balls count" portion of the tournament. On these six holes, they were 4-under-par, to add to their lead and seal the NET competition with a score of -8, 87.

MGA Monday Next Week

MGA Monday next week will be ABCD 1 BB of 4 – Shamble on the Hammock Course. Next

week will be a shotgun start at 9:00 AM with lunch following play at the pergola.

LGA Weekly Event

It was a spectacular event on the Dolphin Course for our Individual Stroke Play event. Contestants came out on fire looking to claim the top spot in this 82 player field. Golf can be a game of momentum and a few of our Members are continuing their incredible play. In the Net competition, the race to the top was tightly contested with 5 sub-par rounds posted. Edging out the early 67 posted by **Gretchen Riley** was **Susan Reichardt** who carded a 66 claiming the top spot.

On the Gross side of the event, our multi-time Club Champion is adding to her collection of victories. Congratulations to **Nancy Vamvakas** for carding an 80 and taking the top spot in this event.

LGA Next Week

Color Wars is an exciting team format in which each player in the foursome is designated a color. Each hole is worth one point and the player with the lowest net score on each hole will receive the point. After the round is complete, players will add their point total to the color they were assigned. The color with the most points will be the winner! Color Wars will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on the Hammock Course. Pairings will be created randomly by the professional staff. Please sign up via Foretees or calling the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912.




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GOLF SCOREBOARD

9-Hole LGA: Beat the Pro

February 29

1st Place: Janet Norris, Joni Arredia, Tania McCann, Penny Dinsmore

2nd Place: Carol Schafer-Yates, Katheleen Metzman, Carolyn Sheehan, Charlotte Drinkwater

3rd Place: Bettina Schottland, Daisy Gonzalez, Kristine Voulgaris, Susie Hassett

Closest to the Hole #5: Kristi Davidson

Closest to the Hole#9: Penny Dinsmore

MGA Results

February 4

Gross:

1st Place: Joey Rivera and Charlie Zahringer

2nd Place: Joe Hertzman and Doug Totura

Net:

1st Place: Jay Guarch and

Ignacio Sanchez

2nd Place: Joy Joyner and Frank Schneider

3rd Place: Jim Davidson and Frank Demmerly

Closest to the Hole #2: Thomas Bartelmo

Closest to the Hole #17: Bill Wonfor

2024 Men's Club Champion
March 4

1st Place: Phil French

2nd Place: Colin Warren

3rd Place: Kristian Fortis

LGA Individual Stroke Play
March 5

Gross:

1st Place: Susan Reichardt

2nd Place: Gretchen Riley

3rd Place: Hope Fortis

Net:

1st Place: Nancy Vamvakas

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“Swing Tip” by Brad Pinho, Golf Teaching Professional & Club Fitter

When faced with lengthy bunker shots, many golfers struggle with the challenge of determining how hard to swing or how much sand to take. However, there’s a method to eliminate the guesswork. When positioned beyond 30 yards but still in a greenside bunker, consider swapping your sand wedge for a longer club while using the same

technique as a short bunker shot. Begin by opening the face of the chosen club, maybe it is a 9-iron or 8-iron, ensuring it effortlessly glides through the sand beneath the ball. As a reminder of fundamental sand play principles: adopt an open stance, establish a solid footing, strike the sand an inch or two behind the ball, and complete the swing. The extended club length will influence the ball’s distance, but with proper execution, it should still check up on the green.

Mastering longer bunker shots can be a daunting task for many golfers, but with the right strategy, it can become a manageable part of your game. By swapping your sand wedge for a longer club and employing the same technique as a short bunker shot, you can eliminate the guesswork and approach these shots with confidence. Remembering fundamental sand play principles such as stance, footing, and striking the

sand behind the ball is crucial for success. With practice and proper execution, you can effectively control the distance and spin of the ball, ensuring it lands softly on the green.

So next time you find yourself faced with a lengthy bunker shot, consider this method to elevate your game and conquer the challenge with ease.

Ocean Reef Conservation Association Field Trip Offering

The Ocean Reef Conservation Association will be hosting a day’s event/group tour on **Tuesday, April 2nd.**

Join us and visit the History and Discovery Center in Islamorada. There are several exhibits and films on the building of Flagler’s railroad, early Keys history and the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane. Lunch will be provided at the Islander Resort. After lunch we will visit the Wild Bird Center in Tavernier. Transportation to and from provided! Space is limited. Early sign ups suggested. \$50 per person. All Members welcome.

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ORYC Cruises to Boca Chita for Fun, BBQ & Sunshine

More than 130 members of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club cruised up to Key Biscayne National Park's Boca Chita Key on a spectacularly beautiful "leap day," Thursday, February 29. For many, it was an inaugural visit to the picture-perfect little harbor with its picture-perfect lighthouse guarding the entrance.

Traveling aboard 30 boats, the crowd dined on a picnic of finger-licking-good ribs thanks to the local pitmasters from Sonny's BBQ, and everyone's thirst was quenched thanks to the excellent bar-backing skills of Fleet Capt. **Tom McKenzie**. Many took the time to explore the island, the beach on the Hawk Channel side, and the historic district with its collection of coral stone



After a morning of smooth cruising, a fleet of 30 ORYC boats arrived at Boca Chita Key's picture-perfect harbor one by one and rafted up two by two.



As a result of ORYC's Vice Commodore Chip Hillyer's winning over one of the contractors re-roofing the National Park's picnic pavilion, there is photographic evidence of the size of the crowd that cruised to Boca Chita Key on the last day of February.

structures built by industrialist Mark Honeywell. He and his wife, Olive, hosted all sorts of

social gatherings there (rumor has it that one guest would bring his pet elephant; another rumor



Lots of ORYC members found their way to the other side of Boca Chita Key to enjoy the beach. Chuck Post, Thayer McKenzie, Hillary Smith, Jennifer Forelli, and Sim and Curry Wooten even took advantage of the opportunity to go for a swim (and pose for the camera).

warns the place is haunted and that you can hear the echoes of the cannon at the lighthouse if you are there overnight).

A couple boats did go up the night before, but no cannon shots were heard; instead, it was an experience marked by peace and quiet, a gorgeous sunset, spectacular moonrise, and the calm at dawn.

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Hot Dog Days at Baker Harbor are the Best



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

This past Saturday, **Jane Schaefer** was starting to call out our Magic Series Race #4 results after our "fun" day of racing on Card Sound. First, she said, "I hope you all were thankful for the nice wind that we provided you with today, and I hope you all enjoyed yourselves!" Yes, we really did enjoy the fact that the wind was good for us that day!

What would we do without our race committee? **Peter Liashek** captained the race committee boat this week along with his team of **Lorne Price, Shirley Shumway, Jane Schaeffer, and Tom Snyder. Chuck Cook and Gerrit Vreeland** handled one of the marks boats and **Morgan Whiteley and Gordana Schneider** were the other auxiliary boat. They all worked together to set the course and naturally, they had to change it as the wind shifted halfway through the race.

Jane Schaefer read the results for the day. The winners of the day's races were **Gary Sayia** and **Meg Sellig**, with **Jim Lampman** and **Jim Foster**



Hot Dog Day gathering.



Ned Brooks and Bert Winchester on his new boat.

hot on their tails in 2nd place. Then we added two new sailors to our top three winners, **Ned Brooks** and **Bert Winchester** who came from seventh place in first race, to 3rd place in 2nd race and then came in 1st place in the last race, which earned them 3rd

place glassware. There was great celebration after the race as it was Hot Dog Day and many friends came out to rally around the sailors and brought many guests. There was not a hot dog left on the grill (**Liz Foster** said there were about 90 or more to start) except for the ones that Vanna Cheng saved for my dog, Palo, who found them on top of the table and devoured them.

This past week, we had two boats that changed owners, the **Robillards** bought Green Hornet, 704, from **Chuck Cook** and **Ned Brooks** bought Card Trick, 707, from the Robillards. The race results stay with the boat, so that could change a skipper's position in the race series results a lot! There are four race Saturdays in a series and three to four races in a day.

Boats receive points for each race according to how they place, no matter who the skipper is. If they miss a race day, they receive the maximum points, so boat owners love to have their boat raced by another good skipper if they have to miss, so that their boat gets less points for that race.

At the end of this past week's Magic Series, **Windsor Coffin** tallied up all the results from the past four race days. He explained that because of the number of races, the three worst finishes were thrown out. For most of the boats that did not compete (DNC) for one race day, those scores were thrown out. For other boats, their three highest scores in any of the races were thrown out. So, our winners for the Magic series were Gary Sayia and **Nancy Lampman** and second place to Jim Lampman and Jim Foster and third place went to Card Trick, 707, now owned by Ned Brooks!

Ned Brooks and Bert Winchester win the award, but some credit goes to Joe and Betka Robillard who raced it twice in the series before they sold it to Ned! The race results can be seen on our website, cardsoundsailingclub.com.

This Saturday, March 9, is the fun race around Pumpkin Key island and then we have our Pumpkin Key Luncheon at Baker Harbor at noon, with Mike's Barbecue. Members, please login to 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 and email to **Glenn Gormley** that you are coming to the luncheon and that you are sending a check.

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Gentle Breezes on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin,
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Joe Robillard surveys the calm waters of the Pond. Photo Credit - Erin Coffin.

Conditions were nearly perfect last Sunday for model yacht racing on the Pond. The gentle breezes were consistent and only offered some calm spots of no wind a few times. The best part was a quick look in all directions showed folks in golf carts, folks standing, and folks gathered on the chairs and lounges surrounding the Pond watching the action. It was fantastic to have so much interest in the many decades' tradition of model yachting at Ocean Reef!

In addition to our regular sailors that show up week in and week out, we welcomed

Ralph Marrinson to the Card Sound Model Yacht Club who spent the course of the morning learning the nuances of controlling a radio-controlled model yacht with help from **Al Hill**. We look forward to helping Ralph get up to speed with his East Coast 12 Meter model yacht. Meanwhile, the regular group rigged and tuned their boats for the racing ahead. One sailor who, unfortunately, did not even get a chance to sail was **Jim Seale** who had an unexplained failure of his radio transmitter before racing even began. But I know he will be

back this Sunday with a new (or borrowed) transmitter. As for the rest of us, we took to the waters of the Pond for six races. Winning the day with three race wins was **Joe Robillard**. In second place for the day with two races was **Al Mast**. In third for the day with a race win in the final race of the day was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. A special honorable mention goes to **Erin Coffin** who finished fourth, but whose boat speed and tactics meant she was always right in the mix with the leading boats all the while helping the regular Race Committee of **Lynne Mast**

and **Alzbetka Robillard**.

As of the time of this writing, it is truly anyone's guess what the wind conditions will be this Sunday. The forecast models show anything from light and variable around 3 MPH to southerly winds 14 MPH with gusts to 20 MPH. Regardless, it should be sunny with a strong high tide occurring just before the time of the first start. The recipe is nearly there for yet another perfect sailing day. But to be fair, any day sailing is a wonderful day!

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) until the end of April at "the Pond." Our first race start is at 10 a.m. and, of course, our sailing is dependent on favorable weather. If you would like more information about our model yachting club and our EC12 model yachts, please come by "the Pond" to see us or contact me, Windsor Coffin, at csmyc12@gmail.com.

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Rod & Gun Road Trip



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

This week a dozen Rod and Gun members went up to Markham Park, a massive 600-acre park near Ft Lauderdale that has an impressive shooting academy, including skeet, trap and a shooting range, and makes them available for private groups. The sporting clays course, run by Broward County, is more extensive than the 5-stand course at the Card Sound Sporting Range and includes 14 stations spread out through an area of Everglades forest. The Rod



Rod & Gun Club members took a trip to the Markham Park shooting academy to enjoy its sporting clays course, which includes 14 stations spread out through an area of Everglades forest.

and Gun sportsmen traversed the course in golf carts — the favorite mode of travel for all Ocean Reefers — were able to sample a variety of different shots.

Rod and Gun members' visit was organized by **Carmen Sferrazza** with the assistance of Cory Carr, the range officer at our Card Sound sporting range, and the group travelled the relatively short distance,

spending the day at the facility and still getting home early. The experience was very successful and everyone enjoyed themselves — it will be doubtlessly repeated. If you would be interested in joining the next trip, contact range@rodandgun.org and let them know.

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Carmen Sferrazza, with assistance from Cory Carr, organized the visit.



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As told to Mary Bloom by Carol Berwind

Bonefish Bonnie **Carol Berwind** and her son, Dickens, went out recently in their 36' center console, *Raptor*. They were 16 miles off Ocean Reef in 1,700 feet of water hoping to catch a swordfish. They hooked what seemed like a big one on the buoy rod right away and fought it for an hour. While taking the weight off they lost it. It was only 9 a.m. so they decided to set up and try again.

As soon as they were set and got the tip rod to the bottom Dickens called out, "I think we have a fish on". Carol couldn't believe it but he insisted so they brought the tip rod in

and pulled in the buoy. Sure enough, there was some weight but it was coming in until it reached 500 feet and the line started screaming off the reel. It became a real battle. At the time Carol was at the wheel and Dickens was on the reel. Every so often they would switch places to give each other a brief rest. They would get the fish up to about 500 feet and it would steam back down to the bottom. It was a stalemate.

After two hours they got the fish to 200 feet. Dickens rigged the harpoon while Carol got to the weight and started pulling hand over hand as the electric reel at 20 lb. drag was not making much progress. She couldn't believe it when the swordfish came up. She kept pulling and Dickens made a great throw with the harpoon through the gill plate and she went for the gaff.

They had a 260 lb., 80 in. swordfish beside the boat. The



Carol Berwind, her son Dickens, and her grandson Wyatt with their 260 lb. swordfish.

next struggle was to get it into the boat. It took two attempts with Carol lying on her back with her feet on the rail pulling

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"Center Court" by Justin Romero, Director of Racquet Sports

The Wingfield Smart Tennis Court represents a revolutionary advancement in tennis technology, designed to enhance player experience, training efficiency, and spectator engagement. This state-of-the-art court integrates cutting-edge features and digital capabilities to transform the traditional tennis court into an immersive, interactive environment.

At its core, the Wingfield Smart Tennis Court boasts embedded sensors and advanced tracking systems meticulously placed in the system itself and back camera located on the fence. These sensors meticulously capture various data points including ball speed, trajectory, spin, player movement, and shot accuracy in real time.

Players can leverage this wealth of data to analyze their performance, identify strengths and weaknesses, and refine their strategies. Coaches also benefit from detailed insights into player dynamics,



Last Sunday Fisher Island Club boated down to Ocean Reef to challenge us in our 3rd interclub match. ORC won the match 8-6.



Senior Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Champions Rachel and Dan Cohen in action.

facilitating more targeted training sessions and strategic adjustments.

Moreover, the Wingfield Smart Tennis Court offers a seamless integration with mobile applications and wearable devices, enabling players to access their performance metrics instantly, even beyond the court. This fosters continuous improvement and personalized training regimes tailored to individual needs.

For spectators, the Wingfield Smart Tennis Court offers an unparalleled viewing

experience through augmented reality (AR) overlays and interactive displays. Fans can enjoy immersive statistics, instant replays, and engaging visualizations, enriching their

understanding and enjoyment of the game.

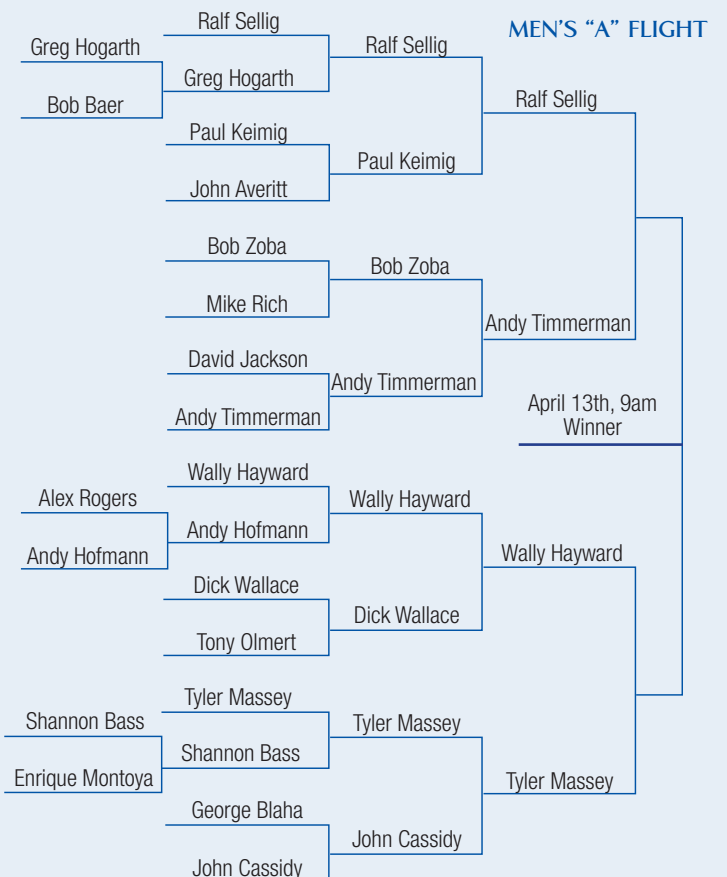
The court's intelligent lighting system adapts to various lighting conditions, ensuring optimal visibility for players and spectators alike, even during evening matches or tournaments.

In essence, the Wingfield Smart Tennis Court represents a groundbreaking fusion of technology and tradition, ushering in a new era of tennis excellence, innovation, and accessibility. Whether for professional athletes striving for peak performance or recreational players seeking to elevate their game, the Wingfield Smart Tennis Court sets the standard for the future of tennis.

Wingfield is live on the Tennis & Games Center's Tennis Court #4. Book a lesson or set up a game on court #4 to start viewing your statistics. Just call us at 305-367-6583.

Monday, March 11 at 11 a.m., Pros will be offering a demo of Wingfield including how to download the app and view drills and live ball play. Please join us to embrace the Wingfield experience.

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1. Brandon St. Germain
2. Dan Cohen
3. Dan Attridge

MEN'S PICKLEBALL MORNING LEAGUE:

1. Jeff Mokris
2. Tom Ross
3. Dan Attridge

LADIES PICKLEBALL MORNING LEAGUE:

1. Cathy Ryon
2. Lisa Towbin
3. Kam Krouskos

MEN'S NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE

1. Randy Furshman and Andy Hofmann (tie)
2. Dan Cohen

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Champions: ORC 8-6 in the interclub match on Sunday

The Importance of a Good Serve in Tennis



"Tennis Tip" by Chiara Rebecchi, Tennis & Pickleball Concierge

The serve is one of the most important tools in tennis. It allows us to start a point either aggressively or defensively if we have a weak serve. Mastering the serve is the cornerstone of tennis success. A powerful and accurate serve sets the tone for the entire match, giving you a strategic advantage.

When the serve is solid, you dictate the pace, control the court, and put pressure on your opponent. It's not just

a shot, it's a game changer. Invest time practicing your serve technique. Toss of the ball, focusing on power and precision. A well-executed serve not only secures easy points, but also disrupts your opponent's rhythm, making it harder for them to respond effectively. Soon you'll find that 50% of the match is in your control, paving the way for overall improvement on the court. Picture each serve as an opportunity to seize control, applying pressure that forces errors and frustrates your opponent.

In conclusion, the serve stands as a pivotal element in the game of tennis, holding the power to shape the course of a match. By dedicating time to refine your serve technique, focusing on both power and precision, you not only secure easy points but also disrupt your opponent's rhythm, paving the way for overall improvement on the court.



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Championships & Other Events on the Lawn

By William Hinkebein, ORC Croquet Chair

Golf Croquet Singles Championship

With 11 players entered in the event, there was exceptional play on the lawn. Good defense was displayed with many successful long-clearing shots, several long shots, and several difficult jump shots. Every hoop was fiercely contested.

The top two players from each block advanced to the final four: **Carol Blackburn, William Hinkebein, Alan Thomson** and **Ben Cart**. In one semi-final, Alan came out hot, jawing the first hoop. This led to his first score and a perfect setup on hoop two. Thus, Alan was quickly up 2-0 while playing to four. Hinkebein could not keep pace. Thomson won the first semi.

In the second semi-final, Carol was rolling the ball exceptionally well. She won this semi by defeating current KLAC Singles Champion Ben Cart.

In the final, it was Alan over Carol. Congratulations to both.

The croquet play at ORC has vastly improved over the last few years. I want to thank Coach Justin Romero and Coach Paul Fecteau for teaching so many players the finer shots and strategies of the game.

Medical Center "Fun-Raiser" March 14

The annual fundraiser for the Ocean Reef Medical Center includes Golf Croquet this year. The Croquet Committee is pleased to be hosting 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 14** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at the Racquet Club.



Coach Justin Romero, Alan Thomson, Carol Blackburn, and Coach Paul Fecteau.



The Thomson Family nervously watching the finals.



Croquet Singles Club Championship.

The 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.



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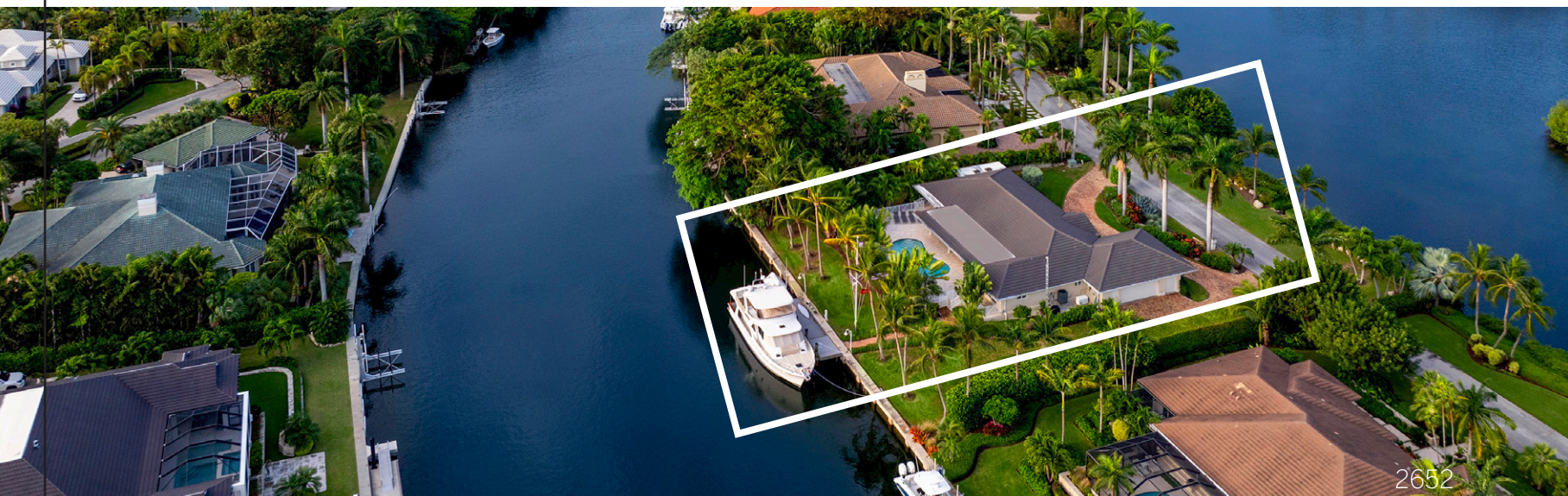
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Jade Pickron

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What's your favorite thing about playing tennis?

My favorite thing about playing tennis is the friends you make through the sport and the many health benefits from playing.

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

When I'm not playing tennis, I enjoy just being thankful.



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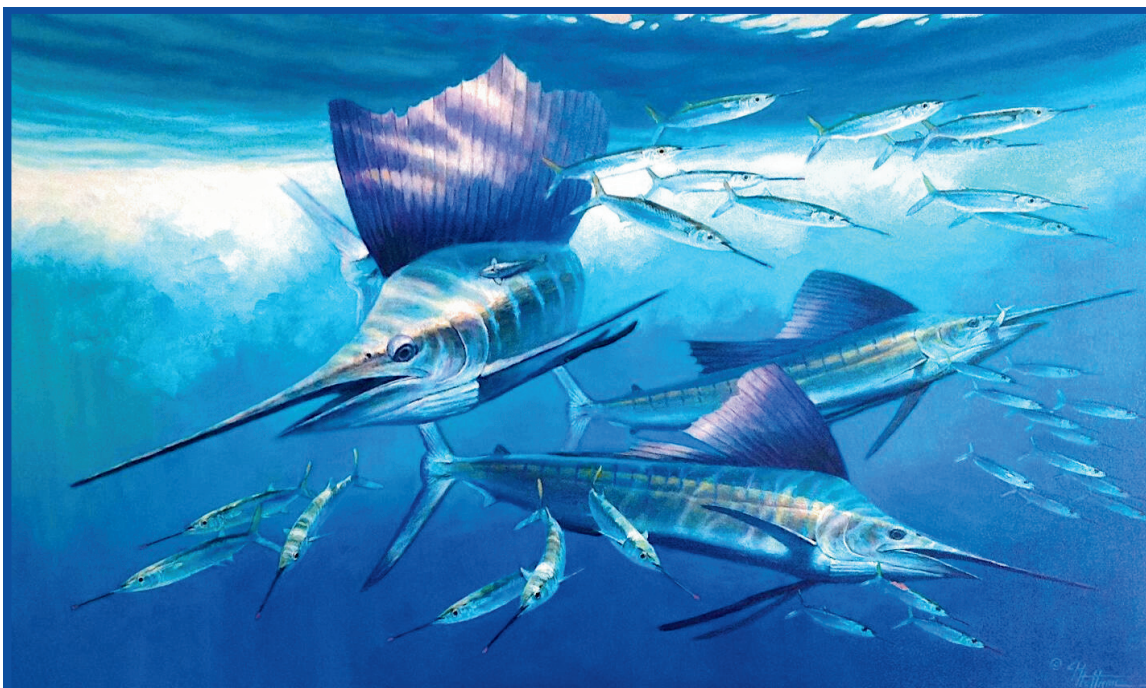
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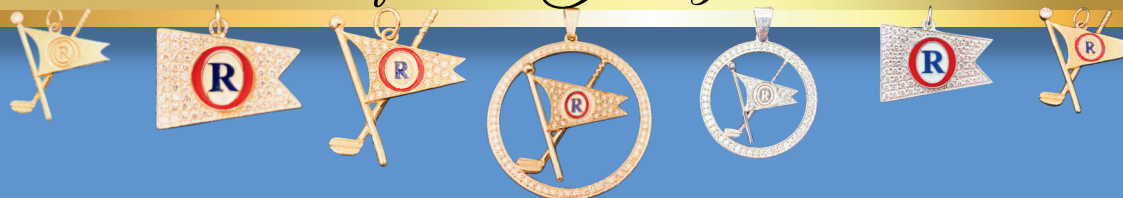
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“Fitness Focus”
by Luis Bracamonte,
Director of Fitness & Wellness

One of the principal characteristics of today's world is that we constantly seek external stimuli via our many electronic devices in the form of music, entertainment, news, books, documentaries, audiobooks, podcasts, and social media. While much of this stimuli leads to intellectual growth and stress relief, finding time to unplug is also important.

I am writing this after a four-hour swim experience in the MFC Fitness Pool. Being in the water, swimming back and forth for several hours, is physically demanding, even for a former

D-I swimmer. And the time spent without any stimuli can be just as demanding. However, there is much to be gained from regularly unplugging and practicing introspection. Go for a walk, jog, or bike ride; paddle boarding or kayaking in the ocean; sit in stillness or contemplation; or immerse yourself in the water and swim and connect with your thoughts.

Fitness is about improving every aspect of your body, including the part that thinks and makes decisions. Train your mind by setting time aside to unplug, reflect, and connect with the deepest parts of who you are.

Men's Wall Sit Results: (Total, Points)

1. Bob Schwartz: 1hr 10min 30sec, 40 points (new record)
2. Ray Herman: 53min, 22sec, 16 points
3. Louis Metzman: 27min, 13sec, 14 points
4. Eric Contreras: 6min, 51sec,

- 12 points
5. Mark Burish: 5min, 50sec, 10 points

Ladies Wall Sit Results: (Total, Points)

1. Kathleen Metzman: 2hr, 37min, 40 points (new record)
 2. Cynthia Doolan: 2hr, 15min, 16 points
 3. Sherri Boston: 1hr, 17min, 47sec, 14 points
 4. Susie Shields: 3min, 7sec, 12 points
 5. Barbara Ferri: 1min, 40sec, 10 points
- *Total times have handicap included.

Mens Rankings After 7 Challenges:

1. Bob Schwartz: 120
2. Ray Herman: 100
3. Louis Metzman: 96
4. Mark Burish: 62
5. Anton Schutz Jr., Mark Foreman, and Bill Salisbury and Eric Contreras: 40
6. Charlie Schilderink, David Rountree, Jason Beans and Ed Benford: 16
7. Brian Krouskos: 14

8. Rick Kocerha and Conor Shields: 12
9. Peter Laishek, George Musto and Paul Benario: 10
10. Chris Beyer and Sean Constantino: 8

Ladies Rankings After 7 Challenges:

1. Kathleen Metzman: 128
2. Sindee Furshman and Cynthia Doolan: 64
3. Marilyn Clark, Savannah Gossweiler, Liz Angelone and Amy Salisbury: 40
4. Sherri Boston: 24
5. Sarah Cart: 20
6. Meg Shields: 16
7. Judy Wilson, Penny Dinsmore, Nicole Krouskos, Angelina Matherne, Kelly Siwek, and Heidi Hubbard: 14
8. Talia Wilner, Suzanne Kramer and Suzie Shields: 2
9. Lindsay Shields, Sheri Boston, Kiersten Zug and Barbara Ferri: 10

Last Challenge of the Season:
Plank Challenge on
Wednesday, March 30th.

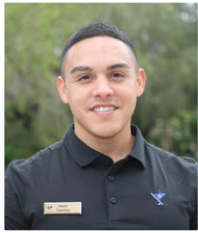
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Silver Fit and Silver Fit Plus: A Fitness Program for Seniors



by Hector Franco, ORC Fitness Specialist

Are you looking for a way to stay fit and healthy as you age? Do you want to improve your mobility, strength, and balance? Do you enjoy working out with other seniors in a friendly and supportive environment? If you answered yes to these questions, Silver Fit is the perfect fitness program for you!

Silver Fit is an exercise class offered at the member's fitness center that helps seniors maintain and improve their physical well-being. Silver Fit classes are taught by a certified instructor trained to work with older adults and adapt the exercises to suit different levels of fitness and ability. Silver Fit classes are held Monday-Friday at 10:00 am and run for 50 minutes. You can join Silver Fit anytime, and you don't need any special equipment or clothing. Just bring water, a towel, and a smile!

If you are a senior who needs more assistance and



Ankle mobility



Knee mobility



Hip mobility



Leg strengthening



Balance



Lower back mobility



Neck/shoulder mobility



Arm strengthening

attention during your workouts, or if you have a private aide who accompanies you, you may be interested in Silver Fit Plus. Silver Fit Plus is a modified version of Silver Fit that offers smaller classes and more one-on-one guidance from the instructor. Silver Fit Plus classes are held on Friday at 2:00 pm and run for 50 minutes. Silver Fit Plus follows the same structure and goals as Silver Fit but with some adjustments to suit your needs and preferences. Silver Fit Plus exercises are designed to be safe, effective, and enjoyable for seniors with different levels of fitness and ability. Silver Fit Plus exercises are also adaptable to your situation, whether you use a wheelchair, a walker, a cane, or no assistive device. The Silver Fit Plus instructor

will work closely with you and your aide to ensure that you get the most out of your workout and have fun at the same time. Silver Fit Plus is a great way to stay fit and healthy with your peers' and your aide's support and encouragement.

Both Silver Fit classes consist of a series of exercises that target different parts of the body, with an emphasis on mobility, strength, and balance. Silver Fit is a complete full-body workout that focuses on the following areas:

- **Ankle mobility:** Exercises that move and stretch the ankles in different directions, such as pointing and flexing the toes, rotating the ankles, and standing on the toes and heels. These exercises help prevent stiffness and improve foot and lower leg circulation.
- **Knee mobility:** Exercises that bend and straighten the knees, such as marching, squats, lunges, and leg lifts. These exercises help strengthen the muscles and ligaments around the knees and improve joint stability and range of motion.
- **Hip mobility:** Exercises that open and close the hips, such as leg swings, hip circles, and clamshells. These exercises help loosen the hip flexors and rotators and improve posture and alignment.
- **Leg strengthening:**

Exercises that work the muscles of the legs, such as calf raises, sit to stands, and side steps. These exercises help build muscle mass and bone density in the lower body and prevent falls and fractures.

- **Balance:** Exercises that challenge the ability to keep the body stable, such as standing on one leg, standing on the toes, and running in place. These exercises help improve balance and coordination and reduce the risk of dizziness and vertigo.
- **Lower back mobility:** Exercises that stretch and strengthen the lower back, such as pelvic tilts, back extensions, and twists. These exercises help relieve tension and pain in the lower back and improve spinal flexibility and core stability.
- **Neck/shoulder mobility:** Exercises that move and relax the neck and shoulders, such as head nods, shoulder rolls, shrugs, and arm circles. These exercises help ease stiffness and soreness in the upper body and improve mobility and function in the arms and hands.
- **Arm strengthening:** Exercises that work the muscles of the arms, such as bicep curls, triceps extensions, shoulder presses, and chest presses. These exercises help tone and shape the arms and upper body and prevent muscle loss.

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Ocean Reef Club Mah Jongg Championship



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

The prestigious Ocean Reef Mah Jongg Club Championship for the year 2024 took place on **Tuesday, March 5th**, drawing participants eager to showcase their skills in this beloved tile-based game. Amongst the contenders, **Sue Mahaffey** emerged triumphant, claiming the coveted title of champion. Following closely behind were **Marlene Csendes**, securing the second position, and **Helen Stein**, clinching the third spot.

In addition to the Mah Jongg Championship, the Ocean Reef Club offers a diverse array of engaging activities for its members. Claudia Langworthy,

renowned for her expertise in Canasta, will be hosting an exclusive Canasta Strategy Class on **February 12** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Card & Games Room.

For those passionate about poker, mark your calendars for the upcoming Ladies Poker Night scheduled for **Tuesday, March 26**. Interested participants are encouraged to sign up by calling the Card & Games Room at 305-367-6609 to secure your spot.

Meanwhile, beginners keen on delving into the world of bridge can join the Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge on **Sunday, March 17**, at 2 p.m. This introductory session offers an excellent opportunity to learn the fundamentals of bridge in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The Ocean Reef Club also hosts regular pickup games for Canasta and Mah Jongg enthusiasts. Canasta pickup games are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m., offering a casual setting for players to enjoy the game and socialize. Additionally, beginners can

participate in Canasta lessons on **Thursday, March 21** at 12:30 p.m., providing a supportive platform to hone their skills.

For Mah Jongg enthusiasts, pickup games are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., complemented by expert instruction tailored for both beginners and intermediate players. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Gregg at 305-367-6609 to arrange for lessons or join in the pickup games.

The Card & Games Room is a hub of activity, open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering a welcoming space for members to indulge in their favorite games and socialize with fellow enthusiasts. Additionally, the club hosts Live Duplicate Bridge Games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1 p.m., providing a platform for bridge enthusiasts to test their skills and engage in friendly competition.

For those interested in learning Backgammon, lessons are available on Friday mornings by appointment, offering a unique opportunity to master this timeless game. Contact Gregg at 305-367-6609 to schedule your lesson and explore the fascinating world of Backgammon.

Make sure to stay updated with the latest events and activities by picking up a copy of the March Card & Games schedule.

Save the date for the upcoming Bridge Dinner in the Ocean Room on **Monday, March 11**, starting promptly at 4:30 p.m. Additionally, mark your calendars for the Ocean Reef Canasta Club Championship scheduled for March 9 with a start time of 9:30 a.m. Note the location change (now in the Card & Games room) and ensure punctuality for this esteemed event, where lunch will be served.

BRIDGE TIP

Bridge: The Mind Sport for Healthy Aging and Social Connection

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Did you know that bridge isn't just a game, but a mind sport? It's true! Immersing yourself in the world of bridge not only sharpens your focus and clarity of thought but also provides a welcome escape from everyday worries, reducing stress and boosting self-esteem.

As a partnership and team game, bridge isn't just about

winning tricks; it's about building communication and social connections. It's a cornerstone of intergenerational community building, bringing people together across ages and backgrounds.

Many consider bridge to be the greatest card game, offering a lifetime of fulfillment and enjoyment. Its blend of excitement, challenge, and mental stimulation exercises your brain, promoting healthy aging and brain fitness. Plus, it's a fantastic way to socialize and have fun!

Remember, social connection is key to a longer, healthier, and more meaningful life. So, grab your cards, join a game, and age well with bridge!

WEEKLY BRIDGE RESULTS

Wednesday, February 28 North-South

1. Ed Kavanaugh and Fred Bacher
2. Judie Berry and Denny Morgan

East-West

1. Kathy Bahl and Elizabeth Coleman
2. Pat Henry and Rosalie Svete

Friday, March 1 North-South

1. Monica Phillips and Mary Anne Dickson
2. Joanne Wills and Suzanne Kitchings

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