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It's a Garden Par-Tee!

Last week, the 9 Hole LGA held its Garden Par-Tee Member-Guest Tournament. Almost 125 players dressed for the occasion before heading to the Dolphin Course for the competition. Following the play, the ladies strutted on over to Carysfort Kitchen for a luncheon, awards presentation (where they presented awards from the tournament as well as Best Dressed!), and a fashion show. It's safe to say these ladies were the best-dressed golfers on The Reef that day! Results from the tournament can be found on pages 43 and 44.



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39th Annual Reef Cup Underway

Warbird Holds Lead After Day Two

The 2024 Reef Cup Invitational Sailfish Tournament has begun with anglers taking to the waters in search of the elusive sailfish. The first two days of fishing saw a total of 65 sailfish – 46 on kite and 19 on outrigger. Here are the standings as of Day Two.

Day One

John Swift of *Huntress* had the

first release of the tournament at 9:20 a.m., followed just one minute later by **Eric Yonke** on *Trips + 1* with his first of two releases. The final release of the day went to Ed Dunn on *Irish Twin* at 4:05 p.m. As for Top Angler, *Warbird's* Mike Bondurant had the most catch and releases of the day with four on kite totaling 400 points, but Yonke's two catches on outrigger brought him to 400 points as well (200 per sailfish caught on outrigger), placing him in the top spot for the day with time of release being the differentiator in scoring. Still, Day One saw **Roger Ward's** *Warbird* in the top spot with 600 points.

Day Two

Day Two saw its first catch and release of the day on outrigger by **Jodi Zifferer**, *Catchin Z's*, with the day's final sailfish coming in at 4:02 p.m. by James Huffman of *Days Like This*. Willy Underwood on *Palawan* is Day Two's Top Angler with 400 points.

At the end of Day Two, *Warbird* holds the top spot with 800 points – a solid start to their tournament – with **Carl Lindner's** *Seraphim* in second place and **TJ Ely's** *Irish Twin* in third place, both with 500 points.

With two days left, will *Warbird* remain on the top of the leaderboard? On Saturday at 4 p.m., we will know the answer!

Follow the live results posted throughout the day at oceanreef.com/reefcupresults and look out for a full report in the March 22 edition of the Ocean Reef Press. Support your anglers and welcome the fleet home today and tomorrow starting at 4 p.m. from The Point.

Good fishing to all!

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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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Gotta Question? With Easter Weekend approaching, which activities require reservations?

As Easter Weekend draws near, the Club has prepared an array of exciting activities at Ocean Reef Club! Here's a quick summary of some events that require reservations:

Kick off the holiday festivities on Wednesday, March 27 with the ever-popular **Mommy & Me Royal Tea**, a magical event tailored for mothers and daughters at The Reef. And for a festive Easter Weekend outing the whole family can enjoy, lace up your sneakers for the **Bunny Hop 5K Fun Run** on Saturday, March 30, starting at 8 a.m. You can pre-register at the Business Center at 7:30 a.m. or on Friday, March 29 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Pool Desk. Then on Sunday, March 31, the Easter Bunny makes his rounds delivering beautiful **Easter baskets** to Ocean Reef homes. Order one for your child, your grandchild, your dog... even get one for yourself! Visit oceanreef.com/EasterBaskets for more information.

Our holiday dining events required advance reservations as

well. Enjoy **Fish Fry & Bingo** on the beach Friday, March 29, **Starlight Dinner Buffet**



in Carysfort Hall and **Ocean Room Holiday Buffet** in the Ocean Room, both on Saturday, March 30, and the **Easter Bunny Breakfast & Brunch** at Carysfort Hall on Sunday, March 31. Dining reservations can be made by calling 305-367-5931.

For more details on these events and how to make reservations, and for a full schedule of Easter Weekend fun, visit oceanreef.com/EasterHappenings or scan the QR code below.

And remember, you can always stay informed about weekly activities at Ocean Reef Club by picking up a copy of This Week at The Reef or by visiting oceanreef.com/thisweek.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Welcome (Back)!

Chef Norman Van Aken Headlines Food & Wine Weekend

Will you be at Food & Wine Weekend **April 11-14**? If not, you're missing out on an unparalleled four-day celebration of culinary, wine and spirit excellence, and the opportunity to delight in an acclaimed chef like Norman Van Aken.

For many Ocean Reef Members, Chef Van Aken needs no introduction; and not only because he's a culinary "who's who" as the only Floridian chef inducted into the James Beard Foundation's list of "Who's Who in American Food and Beverage".

Chef Van Aken has roots at Ocean Reef Club and no shortage of fond memories. For three years, he was at the helm of the Carysfort Grille, the Club's premier restaurant at that time. He's excited for his return this April as the featured chef for Food & Wine's 10th anniversary.

In fact, upon receiving the invitation, he shared, "I have been having memories of ORC since the call. I am sure very much of it will be new to me! It was a special time for me, my wife, and our teams at Carysfort. And you know my long history, indeed my culinary start, was in the Keys. Cayo Hueso."

So who better to help us celebrate this 10-year Food & Wine tradition? In anticipation of the Weekend, we asked Chef Van Aken a few questions:

What is your fondest memory of your time at Ocean Reef?

I loved waking up there, getting my coffee and walking the sands in the very quiet hours as the sun rose. My fondest singular memory might be the private dinner the Academy Awarded actress **Liv Ullmann** asked me to cook personally



Chef Norman Van Aken

to celebrate her husband's birthday! I have a very special note in her handwriting framed in our home thanking me for the night in her exquisite and charming way.

Has your culinary style changed since then, and if yes, how so?

My culinary style has been "New World Cuisine" ever since I created that vision around 1987 in Key West. That being said, the term was chosen for the elasticity it allows. In the last decade, I would say two major things have been part of my culinary evolution. Having done the 20-year ongoing project - NORMAN'S in Central Florida - has allowed me to bring more Southern nuances to my menus. And the second being a purposeful lighter and less complicated way of conceptualizing and plating my dishes.

Why did you want to be a part of the Club's Food & Wine Weekend?

I am very pleased to be part of this celebratory weekend because of the long, elegant history of ORC, my deep love of the Florida Keys, and the chance to make new friends and reconnect with those from our time there.

Talents On Display

Chef Van Aken's talents will be on display Saturday during his **Cooking Demonstration** and at the evening's **Grand Dinner Dance**. There's no telling what he will bring to the table (literally!) for the 2024 Food & Wine Weekend. You'll have to

experience it for yourself!

Register now for your three-day weekend pass and Thursday Burger Bash before prices go up on April 1 by scanning the QR code on page 15 or visiting oceanreef.com/FoodandWine.

More About Chef Van Aken

Norman Van Aken is a culinary trailblazer, credited with the concept of "fusion" cuisine and known as "the founding father of New World Cuisine" - a celebration of Latin, Caribbean, Asian, American and African flavors.

His namesake restaurant NORMAN'S, in Coral Gables, was a finalist for "Outstanding Restaurant in America" - the only one thus far in the entire state. His second outpost, after years at the Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes Orlando, has a new home at the Dellagio Town Center in Orlando and was just named Southern Living Magazine's 2024 Best New Restaurants for the entire state

of Florida.

His accolades extend globally for representing the US as one of the "Founders of New American Cuisine" at Spain's International Summit of Gastronomy 'Madrid Fusión' (2006), representing Florida at EXPO Milano/World's Fair USA Pavilion, and becoming the first Chef to sit on the James Beard Foundation's Board of Directors.

Van Aken has authored six cookbooks and a memoir, with his latest, "Norman Van Aken's My Florida Kitchen," winning the Florida Book Award's Gold Medal for Cooking.

In 2022, Van Aken became the 'Culinary Director' for the non-profit Camillus House to help with the homeless, formerly homeless and food insecure families of South Florida.

When not in the kitchen, he can be found spending time with his wife, Janet; son, Justin; and granddaughter, Audrey Quinn Van Aken.



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ORCA NEWS

Ocean Reef's Innovative Water Management

Ocean Reef stands as a model of sustainable living and responsible water management. The Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) plays a pivotal role in overseeing its crucial water sources, ensuring the well-being of both The Reef's residents and the Florida Keys ecosystem.

Behind the scenes, the North Key Largo Utility Corporation (NKLUC) delivers essential irrigation and wastewater services to the Ocean Reef and Angler's Club communities. NKLUC is a not-for-profit organization managed by ORCA, providing a seamless integration of water services for the community.

"The dedicated team at NKLUC effectively manages both the State-regulated Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP) and the Reverse Osmosis (RO) irrigation water plant, which is vital to maintaining the golf courses and landscaping," says Jeff Oeltjen, P.E., ORCA's Vice President of Public Works and Utilities.

At the heart of Ocean Reef's water sustainability lies the Reverse Osmosis (RO) water treatment plant. Using brackish



Reverse Osmosis irrigation plant

groundwater from several wells over 1,000 feet deep as a feed, reverse osmosis is a sophisticated filtration method. Pressure is applied to force water through a very small pore semipermeable membrane, so that contaminants, dissolved salts, and minerals are effectively filtered out. The concentrate with the contaminants is disposed of by wells. The clean water from the RO process meets all regulatory requirements and is completely suitable for irrigation.

Located at 2 Service Village Lane, across from the Ocean Reef Club Airport, NKLUC's state-of-the-art RO facility boasts a total daily capacity of 2.3 million gallons of water, including a three-train recovery system with capacity of 600,000 gallons per day for each train and a fourth train contributing up to 510,000 gallons per day. This ensures a steady supply of water for irrigating the Dolphin, Hammock, and Card Sound Golf Courses, as well as common areas and some Club and ORCA

buildings.

The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA), provides potable water to the community and irrigation water to members. "This partnership ensures that the community receives clean and safe drinking water and improved water pressure," added Oeltjen.

Spearheading the charge is the plant's dedicated Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Bill Midling, who has been serving

the Ocean Reef community since 2013. During peak seasons, Bill and his staff of three certified operators and two collection technicians ensure that the wastewater is fully treated before undergoing the reverse osmosis process. The resulting purified water is then stored in the holding pond, catering to the irrigation needs of the community.

In off-seasons and periods of low flow, the treated wastewater finds its way to injection wells underground, guaranteeing a responsible disposal method. Resiliency is an ongoing concern, and staff plans continuously to ensure adequate supplies and equipment are available.

ORCA is committed to remaining a steward of water sustainability. It is not just a necessity but a way of life. And that makes it a true paradise.



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Memberabilia

My Famous Friend...



by Joan
Birsh

One of the nice things about writing a column called Memberabilia is that you can sometimes make it personal. And this column about my friendship with Ann Roth is a little about me and a lot about Ann.

Who is Ann Roth?

You may not have a clue but I'll bet if you ask a friend or relative with any connection to film, theatre, television, they will tell you that Ann Roth is this century's most famous, creative and endeared costume designer, who has earned every conceivable theatrical award, including two Oscars (2021 for *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* and 1997 for *The English Patient*).

Ann has created costumes for well over 200 major productions. Her objective in designing a costume never involves trying to make the star look glamorous. She believes that what an actor wears onstage has nothing to do with the person she or he is in real life and everything to do with the character they are portraying.

For example: Dustin Hoffman's purple suit and Jon Voight's fringed suede jacket in *Midnight Cowboy* made those actors feel like the drifters they were portraying. Jane Fonda's sequined cocktail dress and boa in *Klute*, helped her morph into her role as a call girl. Nicole Kidman's latex nose convinced her that she really was Virginia Woolf in *The Hours*.

Ann is dedicated to the authentic. This means her costumes often contain details that might never be seen by the audience but are felt by



Joan Birsh (aka Joanie Alleman) with her bff Ann Roth (circa 1947)

the actor. She has gone so far as to put 18th Century undergarments on cast members in a period drama, even though the script never calls for any of them to be seen undressed.

Ann's best friend Meryl (OK, I'm willing to be second "bested" by Meryl Streep) claims that Ann doesn't just design costumes – she works with the actor and director to build a believable onstage character. Ann is certain that what you choose to put on in the morning has a lot to do with who you are.

Best Friends Forever

Ann Roth and I grew up in the same small town of Hanover, PA. We bonded in kindergarten, when we were asked to guess whether a stone would sink or float in a bucket of water, we both voted for "float." Our shared optimism and mild humiliation marked the beginning of a long friendship – though, as 5-year-olds I don't think either of us had any idea that in our nineties we would still be "besties".

In junior high and high school Ann and I saw each other nearly every day. When we were 13 only Ann could have convinced me that we should both dye all our cotton panties and unnecessary bras black (the resulting color was a dirty military green). A neighbor shocked at the sight of our intimate apparel hanging on the clothesline called my

mother and we got a deserved "dressing down."

Ann's flair for costume design flourished in a 7th grade biology class where instead of drawing bugs she did alluring sketches of Gibson Girls (those big-haired 40's pin-up girls). These drawings were coveted by 13-year-old football players, who needed decoration for their lockers. Ann and I both took painting lessons at the local Catholic school but as I recall we painted apples, and I don't think Sister Mary Elizabeth contributed much to Ann's impressive career.

Early Days

Ann and I graduated from Hanover High School in 1949 with top honors and an expectation of college. Though compared to what my children and grandchildren went through, our college selection and acceptance was a breeze. Ann went to Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh and I went to William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. I don't know what Ann was officially majoring in, but she soon switched to Carnegie's excellent Drama Department. I started out as an English major and then changed my major to Philosophy.

During our college years, we saw one another infrequently, mostly at Christmas vacation, where we hooked up with former high school boyfriends for holiday parties. After



Ann's costume sketch from *Shuffle Along*

graduation we emigrated from Hanover, as fast as we could – me to New York City, Ann to NYC and California.

I went to work at *Mademoiselle Magazine* (now defunct but important then). I had a dream job as an assistant to the Arts Editor, Leo Lerman. Leo was a big, bearded, Gay man. A sort of modern-day Proust. He was loved and admired by everyone who was up-and-coming, or already hugely successful, in the arts and entertainment arena. He was always helpful in finding jobs in his world for friends. (It was Leo who was instrumental in getting me the job of editor-in-chief of *Playbill*, a position I held for over 30 years.)

One of Leo Lerman's closest friends was the legendary costume designer, Irene Sharaff. She frequently visited Leo at the office. On one of her visits, I overheard a comment she made to Leo. "My new assistant Ann Roth is wonderful," said Irene. "She looks like a little 11-year-old boy. But she can do anything."

I think I knew then that my best friend was going to be a famous costume designer.

Onward and Upward

In 1964 Ann had her first breakthrough with the Peter Sellers' comedy *The World of Henry Orient*. There's a wonderful Ann Roth costume moment in this film when

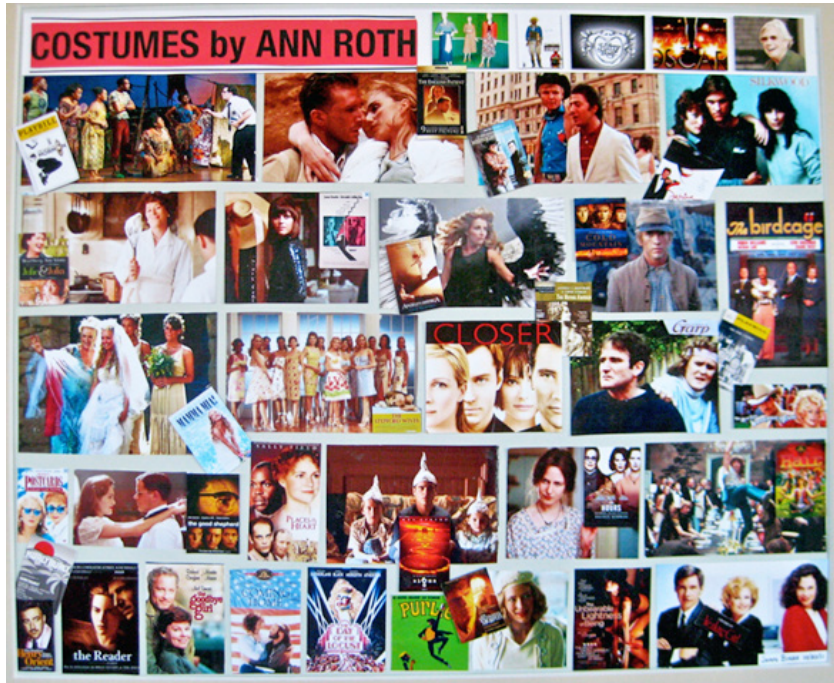
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a rich Manhattan teenager indicates her feelings of isolation by draping her neglectful mother's long mink coat over her plaid school uniform.

In the years that followed *The World of Henry Orient* Ann worked with every major director (e.g., Spielberg, Minghella, Ephron). She had a symbiotic relationship with director Mike Nichols for nearly five decades. She did six plays with him, starting with *The Odd Couple* in 1965, and 13 films including *Heartburn*, *The Birdcage* and *Working Girl*.

Ann created costumes for a galaxy of Hollywood and Broadway stars (e.g. Nathan Lane, Jane Fonda, John



This montage by Joan Birsh encompasses many of the shows with "costumes by Ann Roth"

Travolta, Nicole Kidman). She worked with Meryl Streep on a dozen or so films (e.g. *Postcards from the Edge*, *Julie & Julia*, *The Post*, *Mamma Mia*).

It's now 2024 and Ann is still

working. (So am I, but mainly unpaid for the Ocean Reef Press). Though Ann swears she is retired, her retirement plans are constantly being undercut by top directors or producers

who won't accept no as an answer. Or even more difficult, dear friends like Meryl, whose pleas are impossible to resist.

Last Word:

Is there any question that my best friend is famous?

Addendum: There's a good chance you have recently seen Ann in a movie without realizing it. She had a pivotal scene in "Barbie". It takes place when the forever-young Barbie ventures into the real world and encounters a woman sitting at an LA bus stop reading a newspaper. Barbie has a sudden insight that maybe being human and growing old wasn't such a bad idea. "You're so beautiful," says Barbie. "I know it," replies Ann Roth in character.

Ann told me that the film company flew her to LA for one day to shoot her saying those three words. Later when there was pressure to cut the scene, the director Greta Gerwig, adamantly refused "because without it, I don't know what this movie is about."

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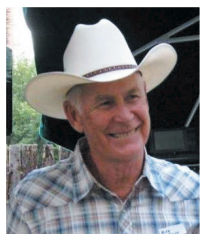


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Wimbledon Tennis Championship 1983



by Mike Smith



Diane Petrosino dons her Wimbledon jacket.



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“YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS!” John McEnroe said as he rushed toward the line umpire. The umpire calmly pointed to the ball mark left by McEnroe’s serve and didn’t say a word. He looked at the mark, clearly understanding the umpire was correct, and returned to the baseline, continuing to rant and offer expletives. That cool line umpire was Ocean Reef’s own **Diane Petrosino**.

From the quaint town of Port Washington on the north shore of Long Island, Diane’s journey in tennis began. She learned to play the sport at the prestigious Manhasset Bay Yacht Club. Her passion for the game led her to a tournament at Forest Hills, where she had a chance encounter with Eastern Umpire Tennis Association officials. Intrigued by the prospect, she decided to try her hand at officiating. Starting in junior tournaments, Diane quickly made a name for herself as a solid, unflappable umpire. Later, her reputation caught the attention of the United States Open officials, who invited her to be an umpire at their esteemed event.

The pinnacle of an umpire’s career is to officiate at Wimbledon, a dream that Diane was fortunate to realize. She was approached by John Ralph, the then chairman of Wimbledon Tennis, who invited her to

England. She accepted and embarked on a journey that would see her umpire for three years in pre-Wimbledon matches and finally five years at the Wimbledon main event. Diane fondly recalls her first arrival at Heathrow. The stewardess made an announcement in the cabin that Diane would be the first to deplane. Upon hearing her name, she was initially filled with dread, thinking something terrible had happened to her family. But she was soon relieved to discover it was a gesture of true British hospitality as she was whisked past customs and onto her hotel.

The pay was nominal, and Diane had to cover her airline tickets and expenses. But for her, the thrill of the game and the challenge of maintaining order on the court outweighed the financial considerations. She fondly recalls being a net umpire during Wimbledon. In those days, the net umpire would have her hand on the net to sense a let, and a device would beep if a ball hit it, indicating a let. An umpire could not overcall the beeper. John McEnroe hit an excellent serve during one memorable match, but the beep sounded. Diane called a ‘let.’ McEnroe, known for his fiery temper, stormed up to her and demanded, “Did you

feel it?” Ever the professional, Diane calmly replied that she did not feel it. It was the correct response, and McEnroe reluctantly returned to his baseline. Over time, the top players, including the legendary Martina Navratilova, recognized and respected Diane as a very good umpire.

In the mid-nineties, Diane was introduced to Ocean Reef through her friend, Yanna Scalamandre (think exotic fabrics). She was quickly enamored, bought a property, and joined the Racquet Club. And if you’re playing tennis against her, she still makes the calls as she sees them.



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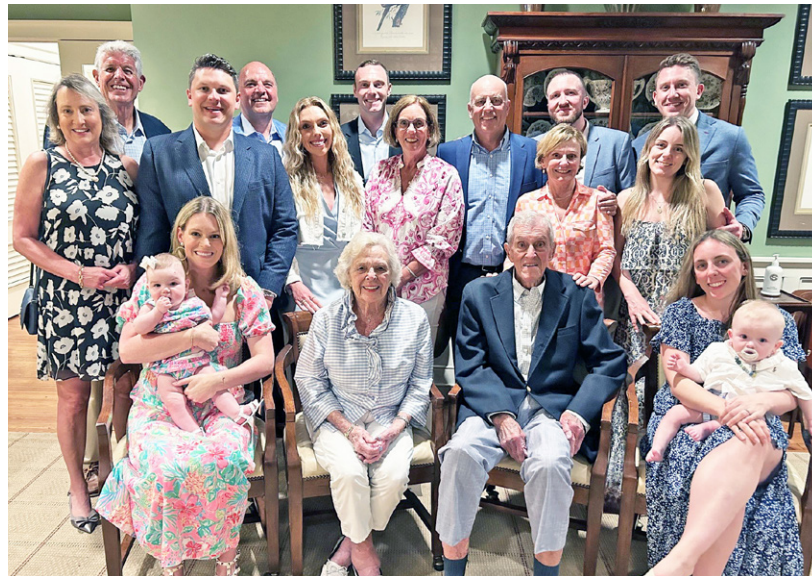
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95 is the New 70

By Molly Carroll, Ocean Reef Press

When **Gail Guyton** mentioned to the Ocean Reef Press that his good friend, **Fred Pape**, would be celebrating his 95th birthday at Ocean Reef our immediate reaction was, "of course, we can put a photo in the paper!" In attendance would be family, (two good kids, five really good grandkids and two really great grandchildren as Fred describes them), his longtime companion **Sue Peterson**, and his ever present fishing buddies, Gail and Barnacle Bill McKee, all together on March 9 to celebrate his milestone birthday at Card Sound Golf Club.

We continued chatting and it didn't take long to realize that this nonagenarian just might have some simple wisdom to share.



Fred Pape and Sue Peterson surrounded by family in honor of Fred's 95th birthday.

"You have to wake up every morning and look for the good things in life."

The good things, as Fred describes, are someone to love, health, and happiness. While not novel concepts, they are non-negotiables in the Pape house, and certainly intertwined.

Someone to Love

Fred and Sue, both widowed,

were introduced at Ocean Reef with the help of friends. Fred asked two friends to make a list of eligible ladies; separately each put Sue Peterson at the top of the list. While some joke he may have asked her to dinner simply because her name was the same as his first wife, Sue Peterson is still very much at the top of his list.

The two had their first dinner on Fred's birthday in 2011. Since that time they have had dinner every night so long as they are within 15 miles of each other. "It's healthy to be together," Fred says. When asked what he looks forward to most, he replied, "spending more time with Sue this summer". After the season at Ocean Reef, Fred returns to Maine and Sue to Chicago.

Family is also a source of love for Fred. "We really have a lot of fun together. My grandkids genuinely enjoy each other, and even spend vacations together. I am very proud of that."

Happiness

Spending summers in Portland, Maine and winters in Key Largo, Fred has always been surrounded by water and like so many at Ocean Reef, it brings him great joy. He only gave up sailing last year and he takes two trips a year to Canada to pursue Atlantic salmon. Barnacle Bill says he can't think of a fish that Fred



Fred Pape with Gail Guyton and Barnacle Bill, a friendship trifecta.

hasn't caught. Bill would know, he has been taking Fred out weekly for the past twenty years and has fished with each of Fred's grandchildren. Fred says, "Bill is family, there's so much more to our relationship."

"We have a lot of laughs, and never had a cross word," says Gail, who joined in fifteen years ago. The trio has been going out every Monday and Friday ever since with a snack of fresh cut pineapple followed by a trip to the Raw Bar.

While they have a host of fish tales they could tell, it's evident that the deep friendship between the three has brought more delight than even landing that elusive tarpon.

Health

When asked how it felt to be 95, Fred replied, "I don't know, I feel 70." With the exception of one added accessory, a walking cane, Fred says he is exactly the same as he was twenty-five years ago and that the cane is only temporary (a topic that is currently being debated).

Some wonder what kind of fountain of youth Ocean Reef Club might have and contemplate whether The Reef is a "blue zone," but if you look around it's easy to see that it just might be the three things Fred Pape insists on, love, happiness and health.

Happy Birthday, Fred!

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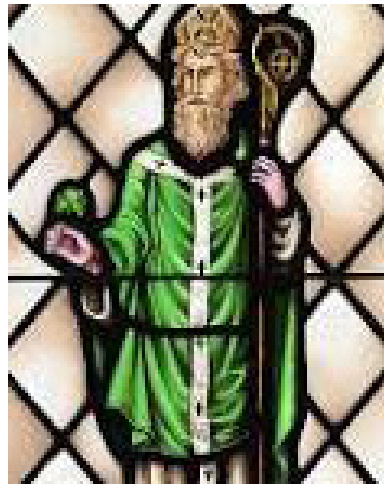
Who is St. Patrick?



"Nature Notes" by Nancy Zakon

You think he drove the snakes from Ireland? Think he's Irish? His name is Patrick? Read on.

Let's begin with the world into which he was born... The Romans occupied Britannia (Britain) for three and a half centuries – from 43 CE to 410 CE and, of course, intermarried with the local British Celts. One such couple in 386 CE (near the end of the Roman occupation) had a son named Maewyn Succat. Meanwhile to the west, Ireland had been unconquered by the Romans for political and cost/benefit reasons: no tin or lead mines,



St. Patrick

sparse population, Rome didn't want another conquering hero returning home to threaten stability – in short, bad idea! Consequently, Irish Celts developmentally remained in the Iron Age. However, by the time our young man was 16, the Roman occupation of Britain was waning. Emboldened Irish raiders sailed to Britain to capture able British men as slaves. Our Romanized-Brit unfortunately was captured at age 16 to become a slave

cattle-herder in Ireland for six years. A holy vision appeared to our young man - escape to Britain by boat - and he did! Being grateful for his escape, he turned to the Christian religion, studying for the priesthood in France. After fifteen years, he returned to Britain as the ordained priest known as Patrick (the Latin translation meaning "father figure"). He credited his time in Ireland to God's leading him to the priesthood and decided to repay by returning to Ireland, leading the Irish Druids to Christianity. (A brave move!) Despite resistance, he established monasteries, churches, and schools. Monasteries became centers of learning, and creators of libraries. He, in essence, jump-started the "civilization" of Ireland and its Renaissance when the rest of Europe was in the Middle Ages. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.

A good story, eh? Hoping

you enjoy your green whatever!

(Pssst... Scientists say there were no snakes in Ireland. In Christianity, "Snakes" are a symbol of evil, and St. Patrick, through religion, drove out evil.)

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AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

CAMPUS SPEAKER SERIES: CHINA'S NEXT ACT

Thursday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

Dr. Scott M. Moore is a political scientist, university administrator, and former policymaker whose career focuses on China, sustainability, and emerging technology. As Director of China Programs and Strategic Initiatives and Practice Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, Scott Moore works with faculty members from across the University to design, implement, and highlight innovative, high-impact global research initiatives in areas including sustainability and emerging technology.

In his latest book, "China's Next Act: How Sustainability and Technology are Reshaping China's Rise and the World's Future (Oxford University Press, 2022)", explores how shared ecological and technological challenges force us to re-envision China's rise and its role in the world. Dr. Moore will delve into the transformative dynamics



Scott Moore

reshaping China's global role amidst climate change, emerging technologies, and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Discover how China's pivotal role in addressing these urgent global challenges makes it an indispensable partner. Yet sustainability and technology also are focal points for intensified economic, geopolitical, and ideological competition with China.

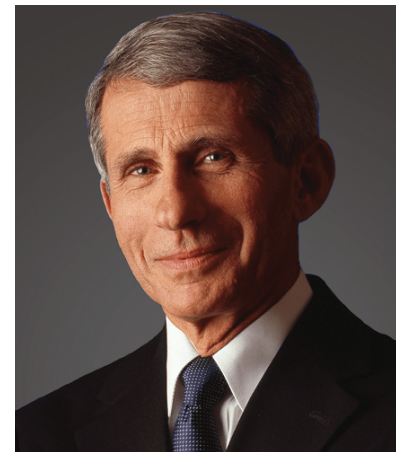
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Dr. Anthony Fauci may have become a household name in 2020, but his commitment to public health and biomedical research has spanned a lifetime. In a conversation about his decades-long career, Dr. Fauci will share stories from his early years as a medical student through the challenges and successes he faced while leading the nation through two of the most significant global health crises in modern history. Dr. Fauci's passion for science and his unwavering dedication to improving human health will be on full display while he reflects on his experiences on the frontlines of the HIV/AIDS



Dr. Anthony Fauci (Streamed on the Big Screen)

epidemic and while navigating the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

Join us **Wednesday, March 20** at 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center to watch the Richmond Forum's lecture featuring Dr. Anthony Fauci. This complementary lecture is streamed virtually and will be shown on our big screen.

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

CAMPUS SPEAKER SERIES

Mike Tirico and Bill Martin on Sports

Friday, March 22 at 4 p.m. at the Cultural Center Complimentary Lecture

Back again by popular demand, the Campus Series at the Cultural Center is pleased to announce **Mike Tirico** (NBC Sports Anchor and play-by-play announcer) and **Bill Martin** (former Athletic Director at the University of Michigan and past President of the U.S. Olympic Committee), both ORC members, as they discuss the current status of the sports world and have an interactive question and answer session with the audience. This event will be held on **Friday, March 22**, and begins at 4 p.m. in the theater of the Cultural Center. It is open to all Members and their guests on a

first come, first served basis and there is no charge. You can also enjoy complimentary beer and wine before heading into the theater.

Mike Tirico is the voice of NBC Sports biggest events, handling play-by-play for Sunday Night Football – primetime TV's #1 show for an unprecedented 11 consecutive years. He has called a multitude of sports in his career including the NBA, NHL, college football and basketball, golf, tennis, World Cup Soccer, and anchored Olympic broadcasts. He has also served as lead play-by-play announcer for Notre Dame football on NBC, hosted the Triple Crown races, the Indianapolis 500, and NBC's coverage of the Stanley Cup. In May, 2022, Mike earned the Sports Emmy for Outstanding Sports Personality – Studio Host. He is a graduate of Syracuse University where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

Bill Martin served as Athletic Director of the University of Michigan from 2000 to 2010. During this term, he served as Chair of the Big 10 Athletic Directors and was heavily involved in the creation of the Big 10 Network. A lifelong sailor, he served as President of the United States Sailing Association, the governing body of the sport. He has also served as a board member and President of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and received its highest honor, the General Douglas MacArthur Award. In 2008, Bill was named Athletic Director of the Year by the Dodd Foundation and in 2017, he was inducted in to the National Sailing Hall of Fame. He holds a B.A. from Wittenberg College, and an M.B.A. and an honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Michigan.

THE AWARD GOES TO....



On the day of the 96th Academy Awards, film critic Dan Hudak reviewed the ten nominees for Best Picture at his annual presentation at the Cultural Center.

Over 150 film enthusiasts voted for who they thought would take home the big prize. Once again, Dan Hudak gave a rousing lecture of who would win and why. Both Dan and the crowd chose "Oppenheimer" and got it right as the film won Best Picture at the ceremony later that evening. Pictured are Dan Hudak with **Patty Ethington** looking ready for the Oscars!



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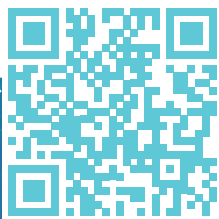
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by Terry Baxter

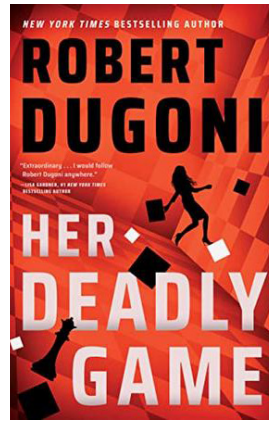
Reading mysteries and thrillers is one of my favorite diversions. But at the start of the year, new releases come so slowly that my reading pace outstripped new books from Amazon. Even worse, two of my "dependable" authors, John Grisham and Lee Child (Reacher), each turned out duds this year ("The Exchange" and "The Secret" respectively). I could have saved myself some angst if I had listened to **Susan Bohan** sooner – she told me



Rack after rack of classic paperbacks from all ages in the Cultural Center

about the large collection of old mysteries at the Cultural Center Library. A 40-year-old copy of "The Salzburg Connection" eliminated my dry spell. I loved Helen MacInnes back in the eighties. I had read the book before, but after all these years, it was completely new to me.

Fortunately, Spring brings a parade of new books. No dud for Michael Connelly. His legal thrillers (the Lincoln



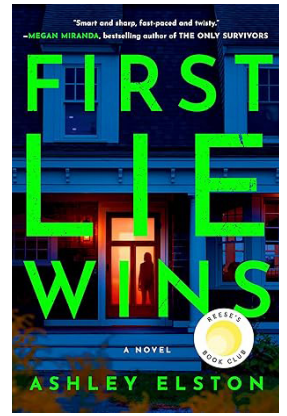
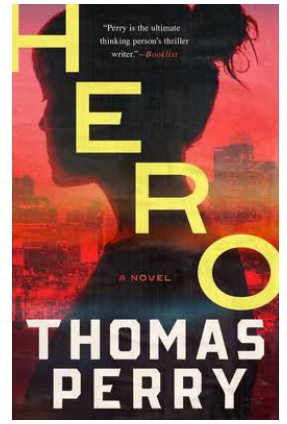
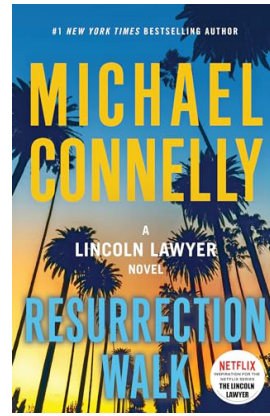
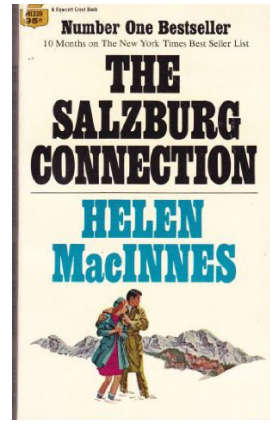
Lawyer) or police procedurals (Harry Bosch) are always first rate. "Resurrection Walk" is the name Connelly's lawyer (Mickey Haller) gives to the victory swagger after an acquittal. The question becomes, is there any chance of a victory this time?

Robert Dugoni turns out another riveting courtroom drama with "Her Deadly Game". It also features a touching father/daughter dynamic as a young defense attorney overcomes her doubts to step into her father's shoes at a critical moment. Expect twists and surprises.

Don Winslow is a special favorite of mine. His gritty crime stories or surfer tales are invariably excellent. His most recent, "City of Dreams", is book two of a trilogy following the life and times of a Boston gangster, Danny Ryan. The NYT calls it "The Godfather of our generation." And best of all, book three, the finale, comes out next month.

My favorite new writer is Ashley Elston, who keeps the pages flying by in "The First Lie Wins". A fresh spin on the con artist genre, Elston takes you on a wild ride with surprising U-turns. The book has been snapped up for a TV movie to be streamed on Hulu.

In "Hero", Thomas Perry has created more than just a thriller but a sharp look at



society today and how out of control parts of it are. The main character is a hero who saved a couple of lives, then finds herself attacked by critics of her actions. A taut, well-paced thriller that will keep you in suspense.

Winston has two favorites to mention, where the dogs are a main feature of the plot. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author comes a thrilling novel featuring LAPD K-9 Officer Scott James and his German shepherd, Maggie. "Suspect." Winston swooned over this. Then, actually professing his inspiration from Robert Crais, T Jefferson Parker wrote "The Rescue", a gripping thriller that explores the strength of the human-animal bond and how far we will go to protect what we love by this three-time Edgar Award winner and New York Times bestselling author.

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11 Grayvik Drive | Canal Front

3 BD, 3 BA | \$11,450,000 | 2552

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437 South Harbor Dr. | Golf/Lake

4 BD, 4 BA | \$5,900,000 | 2607

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36 Bay Ridge Rd. | Central Location

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,850,000 | 2601

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NEW LISTING

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

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23 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front

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3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,995,000 | 2609

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32 Bay Ridge Rd | Central Location

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

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302 Carysfort Road | Villa Cay

5 BD, 4 BA | \$4,995,000 | 2593

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4 Country Club Rd. | Golf Course

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24 Cardinal Lane | Water Front

25,828 Sq. Ft. Lot | \$8,200,000 | 2570

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Preparing to Celebrate Easter



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

Someone has said that a club without traditions is little more than a resort. As we all know, the rhythm of life in at Ocean Reef Club during the season revolves around many wonderful, cherished traditions.

A Historic Partnership

One of these long-standing traditions is the annual Easter Sunrise Service on Buccaneer Island. This year it will be on **Sunday, March 31**, starting at 7 a.m.

The Easter Sunrise Service is an historic partnership between the Ocean Reef Club and The Protestant Congregation of The Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center. More than twelve hundred people gather to face the dawn at Buccaneer Island on Easter morning.

The Arrangements

As you well know, events of this size don't simply happen. My thought was that perhaps you would enjoy a brief glimpse of what takes place in preparation for the morning. Leaders from the Club and Chapel review the plans and arrangements weeks ahead each year. Some 1,200 chairs that cover Buccaneer Island must be set up on Saturday evening. The damp, early Sunday mornings can require lots of hands and towels to dry them off before you sit down.

The sunrise service would not be complete without the beautiful lily cross in its place. Easter is nothing apart from the story of how an instrument of alienation and death was transformed into the image of reconciliation and life.

The choir risers, stage, lighting, and sound equipment arrive on a big trailer early on Saturday evening. Everything must be in place and working properly before the choir and musicians arrive before sunrise.

While the musicians are rehearsing, a small platoon of dedicated ushers are sipping coffee and preparing to welcome everyone, distribute programs, and collect the offering.

And then, just as soon as the service concludes, everything is torn down and trucked off so Buccaneer Island can be reset for another great Ocean Reef tradition – the Easter Egg hunt!

The Music Team

Weeks ahead, a team from the chapel is at work, planning the program and music for the morning.



Wesley Roy

Our Choir Director, Wesley Roy, is a doctoral student at the University of Miami Frost School of Music. Wesley is a beloved and gifted conductor. His thoughtful selection of music has freshened the choir's repertoire, and his engaging conducting style has brought new joy to their singing!

He also coordinates the transportation for the busload of students and musicians coming from the University to Ocean Reef on Saturday afternoon.

Upon arrival, Wesley rehearses the combined choir from the chapel and the university, plus the musicians who accompany all the music. No small task!

After the rehearsal, a catered dinner is provided for all the musicians. Then members from the chapel arrive and open their homes to house them as guests. After a short night of sleep, the hosts bring them to the beach,

bright and early on Sunday morning.



Bill Galliford

Wesley works closely with our Music Director, Bill Galliford. Bill is a gifted pianist, accomplished arranger, and talented accompanist. Before joining the staff of the chapel, Bill spent thirty-eight years with Alfred Music, transcribing music from major film scores and noted recording artists, turning it into sheet music! The collection of his scores reads like a 'who's who' of films, composers, and artists.



Ed Sagi

Ed Sagi rounds out our music team. Ed, a retired teacher, has

been the principal organist of the Protestant Congregation for over a decade. His love for the organ is on full display in his home, where he has not one, but three, and one is a pipe organ! These are in addition to his beautiful grand piano.

Two Services

Following the Sunrise Service, the musicians and ushers enjoy a well-deserved sumptuous breakfast provided by the club. Then after a brief moments rest, they repeat it again at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center.

The Easter service could not be what it is apart from the hours of rehearsing and preparing the glorious music that inspires and punctuates this celebration of the greatest event in history – the resurrection of Jesus.

My hope is that when you take your dry seat this Easter morning, it will be with greater appreciation of all that goes into preparing this beloved Ocean Reef tradition.

Of course, the goal is that your experience of the speaker's message will be deepened and enriched. The historic event we celebrate in word and in song can be summarized using the words of acclamation that have greeted the dawn of Easter from millennia. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

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.

Email OceanReefConservationAssoc@gmail.com to reserve your spot and get further details.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Ocean Reef Chaplain
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FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

Shabbat Service
 5 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Catholic Mass
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Rev. Bishop Enrique Delgado

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Traditional Worship Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Rev. Karl Martin

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Daily Mass with Father Edward Seton Fittin
 7 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Al-Anon Meeting
 9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

Rosary Prayer Group
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

AA Meeting
 7:30 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary
For additional AA Meetings: 305-390-4983

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Daily Mass with Father Edward Seton Fittin
 7 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Catholic Bible Study
 9 a.m., Chapel Living Room

Potluck Gathering
 6 p.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Daily Mass with Father Edward Seton Fittin
 7 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

Intercessory Prayer
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

Episcopal Service
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary,
 Bernard Griffin

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Daily Mass with Father Edward Seton Fittin
 7 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

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

Jim Brickman Concert
 7:30 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

VISITING PRIESTS TO LEAD CATHOLIC MASSES



Bishop Enrique Delgado, auxiliary bishop of Miami, left his professional career as an industrial engineer to become a priest. He is now the first Peruvian to be named a bishop in the US. He considers himself a "late vocation," having entered the seminary at 35. In February 1991, he left Peru and came to live in St. Agnes, in Key Biscayne, for

a month, then Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Fort Lauderdale, for six months. That fall, he entered St. John Vianney Seminary, followed by more years of study at the major seminary of St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach. He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese June 29, 1996, by Miami's then auxiliary bishop, Agustín Román. In October 2017, after 21 years of service in various archdiocesan parishes, Pope Francis named him a bishop.

Bishop Enrique Delgado will lead the Catholic Mass in the Chapel **Saturday, March 16** at 4 p.m.

CATHOLIC MASSES:

Bishop Enrique Delgado

Saturday, March 16, 4 p.m.

Father Edward Seton Fittin

Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 22, 7 a.m.

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 20**, Reverend **Emilie Wierda** will return to lead the service.

SHABBAT SERVICES



FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Congregational Annual Meeting - 5:15pm
 Shabbat Service - 6pm

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

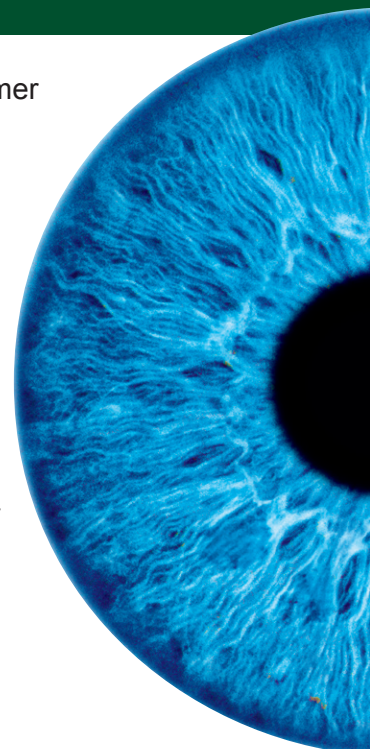
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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

A Grand Turnout for the 42nd Annual Fun-Raiser

The 42nd Annual Fun-Raiser truly had something for everyone this year; golf, tennis, pickleball, croquet and a 5k run/walk event held on Sunday, March 10th.

And the Winners Are:

18 Hole Golf:

Card Sound

- 1st place – Stacy Scott, Michael Watson, Corbett Powers, Jennifer Leonard
- 2nd place - Karin & Dean Teglia, Cindy & Tim Brammer

Dolphin

- 1st place - Nancy & Tom Grote, Karen & Bud Copeland
- 2nd place - Daniel Brady, Pattie Heutel, Frank McKee, Eileen Mullray

Hammock

- 1st place - Mary & Larry Biddinger, Linda & Lee Westervelt
- 2nd place – Jerry Baer, Carlos Vazquez, Tim Prete, Juan Carlos Diaz

Nine Hole Golf:

- 1st place- Marcy Aultman, Francesca Johnson, Ken Owens, Betsy Skudder
- 2nd place - Drew Cunningham, Penny Cunningham, Iggy Sanchez,



5K Fun Runners.

Laura Sanchez

Tennis:

A Flight

- Top Men's - Bob Zoba
- Finalist - Tony Griffin
- 3-way tie - Yalin Murdock, Tricia Griffin, Christie Zoba

B Flight

- Top Men's - Alex Mason
- Finalist - Jeff Schumer
- Top Ladies - Turi Rodstat
- Finalist - Suzanna Wylie

Pickleball:

Ladies

- 1st place - Molly Lanson
- 2nd place - Currie Wooten

Men's

- 1st place - John Gibson
- 2nd place - Charlie Simms

Croquet:

- 3 Wicket Tournament Champions - Francesca Johnson & Mike Love Cooperative Drill
- Champions - Debbie Hartman & Bill Hinkebein

5K Run:

Men's

- 1st place - Evan Ciecimirski
- 2nd place - Ryan DePaul



"Fun-Raiser" foursome from L to R: James Tedford, Thomas Yates, Thomas Honan, PJ Duffy.

- 3rd place - Mike Minsch

Ladies

- 1st place - Leslie Minsch
- 2nd place - Daniele Harrison
- 3rd place - Amanda Parker

Under 18

- 1st place - James McEwan
- 2nd place - John McEwan

Closest to the Hole

- Card Sound - Jennifer Forelli & Joe Holl
- Dolphin Course - Carla Wood & Don Bermant
- Hammock Course - Liz Zug & Carlos Vazquez

- Nine Hole - Karen DiMaura & Alan Silverman

This year's raffle raised over \$150,000!

And the lucky winners are: First prize \$10,000 - Jan Graybill, second prize \$5,000 - Brock Vinton, third prize \$2,500 - Maria Velez. A big thank you to everyone who supported this year's raffle.

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Audiology

Natalie Crespi
March 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24

Daisy Elwick
March 18, 19, 25, 26

Cardiology

Julio Barcena
April 12, May 10

Howard Bush
April 18, May 16

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz
March 18, April 15

Dermatology

Alexandra Price
March 15, April 19, May 17

Alysa Herman
(305) 444-4979
March 21, April 4, 18
May 2, 16

Debra Price

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

Jill Waibel
(305) 279-6060
April 15, May 20

Varee Poochareon
(305) 740-6181 x1
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17

Endocrinology

Heberto Valdes
April 5, May 3

ENT

Pablo Arango
April 1, May 1, June 3

Gastroenterology

Sandra Rodriguez
April 11, May 14

Gynecology

Jason James
April 11, May 9

Jila Senemar
April 17, May 7

Holistic Medicine

David Coppola
(305) 451-1819
March 19, 21, 26, 28

I.V. Therapy

Scott Williams
(305) 907-7550
March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15

Nephrology

Anthony Farias
March 18, April 22, May 29

Neurology

Victor Faradji
April 4

Neuro Spine

Raul Vasquez Castellanos
April 9, May 14

Ophthalmology

William Culbertson
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April 2, May 7

Mark Dunbar

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March 26, April 23, May 28

Richard Parrish

786-530-2289
April 3, May 8

Zach Segal

March 19, April 16

Optometry

Lauren Nicholas
April 5, May 3

Susanna Tamkins
March 15, April 19

Orthopedic Sport Medicine

Michael Swartzon
April 12

Orthopedic Surgery

Joseph Fernandez
March 15, April 19

Derek Papp
March 28, April 11, 25

James Voglino
April 26, May 17

Orthopedic Hand Surgery

Roberto Miki
April 5, May 17

Pediatrics

Rosa Fernandez
Tele-Med 954-385-6277
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Plastic Surgery

Ramiro Perez
April 8, May 13

Podiatry

Brigette Smith
March 27, April 10, 24

Polly Reeves
April 11, May 9

Sophia Masri
March 22, April 26

Psychology

Joseph Mora
April 15, May 13

Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders

Raul Valor
March 15, April 12

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Ronald Tolchin
April 2, 16, May 21

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Lunan Ji
April 3, May 1

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The Early Shift



by Felicia M. Koretsky

While most of us are in a deep snooze by 2 a.m., there are dozens of employees around The Reef working through the wee hours to prepare for the day ahead. First shift hours vary by department with the bakers being some of the earliest to arrive.

Enrique Gonzalez has worked a 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. shift at The Bake Shop for the past 30 years. His delicious responsibilities entail preparing 300 to 500 ciabatta rolls for Gianni's, pastries and bread for the Ocean Room, and donuts and croissants for Reef Treats. He also helps set up for the rest of the 15 bakers, who work rotating schedules through 10 p.m.



Enrique Gonzalez and Horlang Blanco, Bake Shop

When Enrique leaves The Reef, he may run an errand or two and usually naps from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rest of the afternoon and early evening he spends with his wife and then sleeps again from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. While he admits working untraditional hours conflicted with spending holidays with his daughters when they were growing up, at 72, he's grateful to still be doing what he loves. The main difference between now and then, he says, is that



Melissa Lazo, Member Fitness Center

he didn't use to need the nap.

One of the things Enrique enjoys most about his work is training younger bakers and pastry chefs. For the past year, he's been working alongside Horlang Blanco, a part-time baker who is seeking his degree in culinary arts from Miami Dade Community College. He hopes to go full time later this year. The father of three boys and one girl, ranging in age from five to 18, says the advantage of an alternative schedule is that he can get to the grocery store, pick up his kids from school, watch his kids play sports, and prepare dinner for his family while his wife is at her banking job.

Caffeine also plays a big role in each man's life with five to six cups a day of coffee for Horlang and three to four cups of hot tea daily for Enrique. The two work straight from 2 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. when they stop to have breakfast.

Early Greeters

The Member Fitness Center's Melissa Lazo, 26, wakes up at 4:30 a.m. to be at the front desk by 5:45 a.m. She gives herself a little extra time in the morning driving a dark Card Sound Road into Ocean Reef.

Melissa, who has worked at ORC for five years, points to two advantages of having the morning shift. First, it gives her time to work her second job as a Cheer Coach at her alma mater, Keys Gate Charter in Homestead. Secondly, she loves the morning crowd at the gym, greeting each person with an



Fenel Kersaint, Bellstand

energetic "Good Morning."

"We have a steady group of Members who come in early. It allows me more time to build relationships, to talk to them," said Melissa, who calls waking up at 9 a.m. on her days off "sleeping in".

Over at The Inn

You can count on a familiar smile at the Inn's entrance from Bellstand's Fenel Kersaint, who starts his shift at 5 a.m. He begins his day reviewing his staff's schedules, greeting Inn guests checking out early and Members coming in for their morning coffee. He does newspaper deliveries to private homes and outlets, but his real claim to fame is a fan club made up of the four-legged friends. He stocks up on boxes of treats he hides behind a podium and keeps an ongoing list of Member names with their corresponding pet's names so that everyone gets a personal greeting.

"I get done with work early, so I have the rest of the day to myself or work a second job," said Fenel, a 25-year associate. "I usually take a nap after work. Just one hour. You get a lot of other opportunities when you have your days free, I prefer this schedule."

Any time Fenel, who walks an hour four times a week in the afternoons, can squeeze in watching an NBA basketball game, he's all in, especially when The Miami Heat is playing. "Win or lose, that's my team," he says.



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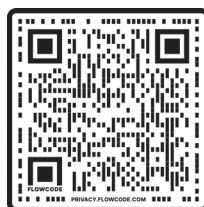
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Creating with Glass



Art League by Deborah Goodwin Geller

Recently at the Members Art Show, I was especially intrigued by the exhibits of Sea Glass Mosaic. The variety of glass pieces, the colors, the movement and life in these works were beautiful to see. Obviously, I wasn't the only one who was inspired as our recent class was full.

Instructor Susi Trottnow holds two-hour workshops periodically at the Art League. Susi is a porcelain artist who decided to try working in this medium and soon was asked by fellow artists to teach them. They held classes at Our Place



Tania McCain

in Paradise in Islamorada and the word spread.

Words the recent workshop participants used to describe the class include, "Fun Art not Fine Art", "Gets you out of your usual routine", "A different way to express creativity." I was stunned at the variety of glass and novelty pieces Susi brings to the class to choose from. I'm sure there were at least 90 containers. The rainbow of colors, the amazing shapes



Lynn Clark

would make it hard for me to choose but fortunately, Susi is an expert guide. All this is included in the class. All you have to do is show up and maybe come up with an idea you are interested in.

Tania McCann said she "loves orange" and decided to work with it in a sunrise and later told me she enjoyed the class so much she's inspired to do a much larger work. **Lynn Clark's** sparkling underwater

scene featured starfish. I was amazed at how quickly she achieved a beautiful piece. One of the comments shared was, "It's hard to know when to stop. You keep wanting to add more pieces."

The next workshop is **Tuesday, April 9** so contact the Art League to reserve your spot!

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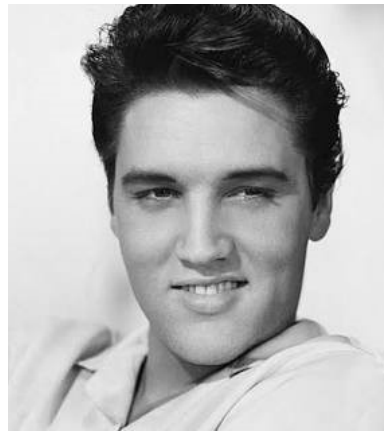
Famous Family, Or Not?

By Susan Bohan & Annie Miles

Did you ever wonder if your antecedents were famous, infamous, intellectual, courageous or maybe even none of these? In January of this year, we both found ourselves signed up for the Art League's Genealogy class given by Tamara Hallo. It was a serious class but we had a good laugh when she taught us how to find famous relatives based on our family tree.

Susan Bohan

Since this was my first time taking anything like this I was not as advanced on creating my "Tree" but came up with quite a collection of characters who are anywhere from eighth to twelfth cousins. These are



Could Elvis be in your family tree? Or perhaps Marilyn Monroe is your tenth cousin?

just a sample of the standouts: Millard Fillmore, The Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Babe Ruth, Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball and (my personal favorite) Elvis Presley, as well as two royals in Princess Diana and Grace Kelly.

Annie Miles

My background in journalism and literature made me more excited about my literary relatives including Mark Twain, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Emily Dickinson (all sixth



cousins, four times removed). LBJ and John Wayne are tenth cousins and Susan and I must be related because Marilyn Monroe is also my ninth cousin! Probably my most interesting find for me is that Dr. Samuel Fuller, who came over on the Mayflower and signed the *Mayflower Compact*, is my tenth great uncle! I pursued that briefly and can trace myself all the way to him. But the reality is it may take me years to document that all the relatives who

showed up on this branch of my family tree are really the same ones as Dr Fuller's! Could be a fun but daunting task!

Many of us at Ocean Reef are now retired but are still curious to try new things now that we have more free time. So, sign up for a class, attend some lectures, peruse the Library, become a wine connoisseur, try Pickleball or maybe follow in one of your famous ancestor's footsteps! Here at Ocean Reef, the possibilities are endless.

Authors note: If you want to join in the fun of searching your "famous" relatives, go to FamilySearch.org, enter a name, date and place of birth and get started! Search under Activities to find your famous kin. (It's free) However, just remember that according to the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, we only share 0.002% of our DNA with tenth cousins!

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15 FRIDAY

Ocean Reef vs. Anglers Club Invitational

8:30am Start • Croquet Lawn & Anglers Croquet Lawn

Cycle Class

9-9:30am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am & 11am • Tennis & Games Center

Golf Clinic with Brad Pinho

1pm • Driving Range

Silver Fit Plus Class

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Come Sail Away (Bullseye Sailing)

2pm • Card Sound Sailing Club

9- Hole LGA Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw

4pm • Driving Range

Reef Cup Sailfish Invitational

4pm • The Point

Ocean Room Asian Buffet

5:30-9:45pm Seatings • Ocean Room

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm • Burgee Bar

16 SATURDAY

ORC Run Club

7am • Member Fitness Center

Ocean Reef vs. Anglers Club Invitational

8:30am Start • Croquet Lawn & Anglers Croquet Lawn

Guided Eco Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

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11am • Member Fitness Center

Luck of the Irish in the Fishing Village

11am-2pm • Fishing Village

Port O'Call Wine Tasting: Champagne Henriot

3-5pm • Port O'Call

Reef Cup Sailfish Invitational

4pm • The Point

Lighted Standup Paddleboard Tour

6pm • Buccaneer Island

Live DJ at The Burgee Bar

9pm • Burgee Bar

17 SUNDAY

Cardio Tennis Clinic

8 & 9am • Tennis and Games Center

St. Patrick's Day Workout Bootcamp

8am • Member Fitness Center

Beginners Sailing Clinic

9:30am • Meet at the Pool Desk

Guided Eco Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour

1pm • Meet at the Pool

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Waterside Goes Green

5-9pm • Town Hall Waterside

18 MONDAY

Men's Senior Club Championship

8am • Dolphin & Hammock Course

Ballet Barre & Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Cooking School: Putting on the Ritz

9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Training Demonstration with Jude De' Niese

3:30-4:30pm • Sunrise Casting Park

Croquet Women, Wickets, & Wine

3:30-5pm • Croquet Lawn

19 TUESDAY

ORC Swim Club

7 & 8am • Member Fitness Center Pool

A Flight Croquet League

9am-12pm • Croquet Lawn

9-Hole Play for a Cure

10:30am SC • Hammock Course

Kering Eyewear Trunk Show

10am-2pm • Fishing Village

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Canasta Open Play

12 pm • Card & Games Room

Spring Solstice Intention Setting

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Afternoon Tea

2-4pm • Carysfort Kitchen

Potluck Gathering

6pm • Chapel Fellowship Hall

Vine to Table Dinner: Distinct Personality

6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

20 WEDNESDAY

ORC Walking Club

7am • Member Fitness Center

Tai Chi Class

7:30-8am • Member Fitness Center

Plank Challenge

9am-12pm • Member Fitness Center

Silver Fit Class & Funky Fun Flow Yoga

10am • 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

Pickleball Organized Play

4pm • Tennis & Games Center

21 THURSDAY

ORC Swim Club

7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

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 Room

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2pm • Member Fitness Center

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wine and cheese.

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Wed., March 20 • 5pm • Complimentary

"For the Greater Good" by Dr.

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shown on the Big Screen, Dr. Fauci will

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ical student through the challenges and

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CLUB SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

Lilly Pulitzer...Sunday is Saint Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is not my favorite saint. My first choice in the Saint's category is (for obvious reasons) Saint Joan of Arc. I was content to make St. Patrick my second favorite because he "drove all the snakes from Ireland." Then that spoiler "Siri" informed me that *there never were snakes in Ireland (or at least, there are none in the fossil record)*. That is not going to affect my "wearing of the green" on March 17th.... I found a lovely crop of green merchandise at the **Lilly** store in the Fishing Village, that I promise will be appropriate for St. Patrick's Day and for the spring and summer days to come. The Morgan Maxi Dress (pictured here) features the delightful new Lilly design (palm ferns enhanced with splashes of pink). The design appears on many Lilly garments. I especially liked the boxer shorts with a bra top. The finishing touch is a loose-fitting matching shirt.... Green means GO. And tomorrow (March 16) the Fishing Village is pulling out all the stops for a big St. Patrick's Street Fair. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be good deals and fun activities.



For the kids, there is face painting, complimentary treats, and a bounce house. For the "big people" (like me) there is complimentary green beer and some interesting shopping. And for everybody, there is Irish music. **LAST WORD:** Have you ever wondered if America has a patron Saint? I checked with Google, who informed me that it was ultimately decided (I don't know by whom) that the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception) should be our Patron Saint.

by Joan Birsh

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Gianni Ristorante*

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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

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Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm
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Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

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Proposed for Membership Through March 21, 2024

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

Equity Membership Julie and C. Richard Davis

are Social members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. & Mrs. Davis are purchasing 8 Cay Harbor Unit C from Michael O' Daniel and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are residents of Carmel, Indiana. Their sponsors are Tom Austin, Phil

French, Mary & Ross Williams, and Keith Bozeman on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Carl Lindner IV is a Legacy member applying for Equity Membership. Mr. Lindner IV is purchasing 8 Halfway Road from John Spinney and the equity from the resale list. Mr. Carl Lindner IV is a resident of Peebles, Ohio. He belongs to Kenwood Country Club. His sponsors are Nancy & Tom Grote, Greg Joseph, Peggy Johns, and Joe Urbinati on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Megan and JT Watters are Social members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. & Mrs. Watters are purchasing 2 Hardwood Hammock from Gregory Stemler and the equity from the

resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Watters are residents of Rome, Georgia. They belong to Coosa Country Club. Their sponsors are Daniel Hathaway, David Cummings, Leonard Wood, and Keith Bozeman on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Jennifer and Keith C. Wold Jr. are Senior Legacy members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. & Mrs. Wold are acquiring Dock C-4 & C-5 and the equity from Elaine Wold. Mr. and Mrs. Wold are residents of Boca Raton, Florida. They belong to the Boca Raton Club and the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. Their sponsors are Ben Kennedy Jr., Jerry Baer, Edmund Hajim, and Carol Andrews on behalf of the Membership Committee.

OUT & ABOUT



Terry Baxter shared, "If the Reef Lounge looks brighter recently it's because two of my featured associate singers, Jurissa and Lisa, have joined forces at the bar. Maybe we can get them to harmonize. Bar chicks?" Read his original story in the February 16 edition of the Press.



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LEFT: Recent Kappa Alpha Theta gathering. Front row - Sally Martin, Kay Fischer, Connie Taylor, Cynthia Mitchell, Amy Salisbury. Standing - Barbara Murphy, Joan Techet, Olivia Fisher, Morgan Smith, Pam Gibson, Julie Crawford, Ann Satterfield, Paula Davidson.

RIGHT: Doubling Down on Tradition: The Daylight saving time tradition was twice as nice this year. Bill Gooch and friends held the official changing of the clock first at the Beach Bar, and then moved to Everton's Rum Bar, which like the Beach Bar, now has its very own clock!



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Farmer's Market Favorites

Bob is Here!



by Susan Bohan

Did you ever wonder how Jerry's Farm Fresh's display of fruits and vegetables at the Farmer's Market looks as good as it tastes? Well, he has a secret worker who helps every Monday and Thursday in early morning. It's a short story of pure kindness on both sides.

Bob Ethington describes himself as "just a lumberjack from Kentucky" (but more on that story for another time). According to Bob, "I first met



Bob Ethington

Jerry when the Farmer's Market was across the street from my house, in the parking lot". It looked like there was a lot of work unpacking all those boxes. It was time consuming. I am used to being busy and decided to offer my help."

When I stopped by on Monday at 9 a.m., they were more than half way through putting everything together. As Jerry says, "I enjoy having Bob's help not only because it allows me to work on other

arrangements but because it gives me contact and communication with a member of the community. He knows we are good people."

So next time you pick up a container of mushrooms, baby tomatoes, strawberries or blueberries, know the good-hearted efforts of a fellow Member helped make it look that enticing!

Stop by the Farmer's Market Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Have you come across a lovely dress, a dress shirt, or some ties you are ready to part with? Consider passing them on to the young men and women of Key Largo's Coral Shores High School so they can be re-tailored for the high schoolers' prom, scheduled to take place mid-May.

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

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The Academy Celebrates Courage



by Jerome Murphy, Head of School

The Academy at Ocean Reef remains steadfast in its commitment to instilling in all of our students the importance of character education. As part of this ethos, we recognize the responsibility we all have to develop our children's moral character as a function of The Academy's mission "...to position our students for future leadership and success."

As part of The Academy's character education initiative, we gathered for a special assembly last week to recognize



Courage Award Winners (left to right) Julia Ford, Lily Thurkettle, Kai Howell, Jake Lyons, and Jack Holland. Not pictured: Valentine Rossienboich.

and celebrate our Courage Award Winners. Please join me in congratulating this month's values award winners: Valentina Rossenbroich, Julia Ford, Jack Holland, Lily Thurkettle, Josh Lyons, and Kai Howell, each of whom best exemplified the characteristics of bravery and courage this month.

During the assembly, a narrative was shared for each student award winner, detailing how the child best exemplified the value of Courage this month. The narratives revealed

a common theme - the true measure of bravery lies not in the absence of fear, but in the strength to be oneself, flaws, fears, and all. Or, as one narrative referenced, "Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear" (Mark Twain).

Throughout the morning assembly, we heard through the student award winners' actions the ways in which each of them overcame their fear and anxiety about public speaking, performing on stage, raising a

hand during class, separating from mom on the first day of school, taking ownership of mistakes, resisting peer pressure, and raising the school flag while everyone is looking.

The goal of The Academy's character education program, ultimately, is to have our children be able to independently apply our Academy Seven Values (Courage, Commitment, Compassion, Honesty, Leadership, Respect, and Kindness) in their daily decision-making going forward in life. And, to that end, the developmental journey continued at this morning's Values Award Assembly.

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"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

As you may already know, our Spa partners with a few luxury and result-driven skin care lines, one of which is the French line, Biologique Recherche. If you've experienced this product firsthand, you'll understand its incredible quality! While it may not boast an overpowering fragrance or luxurious ingredients like caviar and gold, its efficacy immediately places it in the realm of luxury skincare. They are known for



Remodeling Face Machine Treatment

cold-pressed products, so there is never a lot of heat, steam, and aromatherapy to their treatments.

We offer multiple Biologique Facials, but one of them is our Triple Lift 80 min Facial, which uses the Remodeling Face Machine, specifically designed by Biologique themselves using innovative microcurrent technology. The machine combines four types of electric currents to firm, sculpt, and lift the skin. The products used in the treatment are customized to your skin's specific needs. Some of the results you may see include widened eyes, softer wrinkles, more defined

cheekbones, and a smoother, more youthful appearance overall.

To be able to have a non-invasive skin care treatment that delivers the results that BR's Magic Remodeling Face Machine does is great! It gives you red carpet-worthy skin without downtime.

NOTE: This facial is not recommended for anyone who has a pacemaker, is pregnant, or has cancer, and you need to make sure you have not used retinol, retinA, tretinoin, Accutane, or any other chemicals, lasers, facial wax services, and/or peels before having this done.

Call The Spa to schedule or stop by and talk to one of our estheticians at 305-367-6506.

Upcoming Spa Events:
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Saturday, March 16, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Private Candle Making Class, RSVP required by emailing jbarron@oceanreef.com.

oceanreef.com or calling the Spa at 305-367-6506. \$85 per person

We are so excited to be hosting this fun Candle Making class at the Spa on **Saturday, March 16** from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at The Spa. All supplies included, no candle making skills are necessary, we will teach you everything! Make a beautiful custom organic coconut soy candle, by choosing their color vessel and fragrance with the option to add color to the wax and decorate your candles with an assortment of dried flowers, glitter and more!

Valmont Facial Event
Monday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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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SPORTS

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Fitness Special Events Coming This Week



"Fitness Focus" by Luis Bracamonte, Director of Fitness & Wellness

Beach Yoga

Friday, March 15, 8 a.m.

Buccaneer Island Main Beach

Start your day with a refreshing Vinyasa by the water. Meet by the tiki hut on Buccaneer Island's main beach.

St Patrick's Day Workout Bootcamp

Sunday, March 17, 8 a.m.

Fiesta Room

Feel the luck of the Irish as you tackle a series of high-intensity exercises inspired by the spirit of the holiday in an exhilarating St. Patrick's Day workout boot camp experience. Fitness specialist Hannah Whistler will lead you through a fun and challenging workout to boost your strength, endurance, and festive spirit. This all-level St. Patrick's Day boot camp promises to leave you feeling energized and ready to tackle any pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! Wear green or festive attire.

Spring Solstice Intention Setting, Journaling & Gentle Flow

Tuesday, March 19, 2 p.m.

Yoga Room

Celebrate the arrival of spring and set your intentions for the season ahead with our Spring Solstice Intention Setting event. Join wellness coach and yoga instructor Hannah Whistler for a rejuvenating blend of journaling and gentle yoga flow to inspire reflection, clarity, and inner growth. Connect with the energy of the changing seasons as you journal your intentions and desires, then let your body move freely and gracefully through a calming yoga flow. Whether you're seeking renewal, balance, or simply a moment of peace, this event offers the perfect opportunity to nourish your mind, body, and

spirit as you embrace the fresh beginnings of spring. Reserve your spot today and embark on a journey of self-discovery and transformation.

Plank Challenge

Wed., March 20, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Member Fitness Center

The last Club Championship Club challenge tests core and mental strength and endurance. The current club records are Cynthia Doolan's 40 minute and 54 second plank and Bob "The Prankster" Schwartz's 45 minute and 1 second plank. Participants must hold a forearm plank for three minutes to beat the challenge. The age handicap is 20 seconds for each decade after 50.

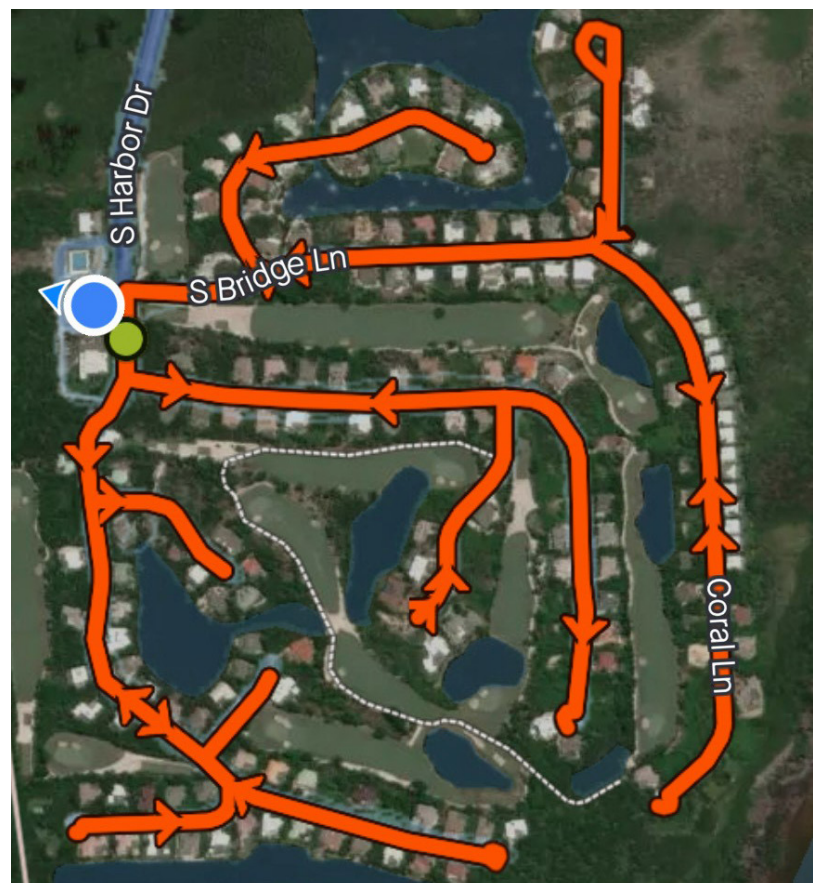
ORC Half Marathon: Run, Walk, or Relay

By Izabella Rose, Member Fitness Specialist

Excitement is building as we gear up to host the first-ever Half Marathon on **Saturday, April 6th**, with the starting gun set for 7 a.m.

This half marathon isn't just for runners - participants can choose to walk the course at their own pace or form relay teams of 2 to 4 individuals, adding an extra layer of excitement and camaraderie to the event. Whether racing against the clock, enjoying a leisurely stroll, or sharing the challenge with friends, there's something for everyone.

The race will unfold along a 6.1-mile loop beginning and ending at the Member Fitness Center, a route that participants will complete twice (see photo). As the sun rises over Ocean



Reef, runners, walkers, and relay teams alike will embark on a journey of personal challenge and collective celebration.

Registration for the event opens this week at the

Member Fitness Center. With limited spots available, early registration is encouraged to ensure a spot on the starting line.

Following the race,

participants can look forward to a post-event celebration filled with light refreshments, and the camaraderie of fellow participants. It's a chance to swap stories, celebrate achievements, and revel in the sense of accomplishment that comes from pushing beyond personal limits.

As the countdown to April 6th begins, the ORC Half Marathon promises to be an exciting event. Whether running, walking, or relaying, all are invited to join in the excitement.

So lace up your shoes, gather your teammates, and register today at the Member Fitness Center -this is one event you won't want to miss! To register, please call the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820.

For those interested in additional running-related activities at The Reef, the ORC Run Club meets every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Outdoor Gym by the Member Fitness Center. Runners of all levels are welcome.



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2540

16 Sunrise Cay Drive | 5 BD/6.5 BA | 50' Dockage in Sunrise Marina | \$19,875,000 furnished



2652

32 East Snapper Point Drive | 153' Seawall | Canal Front | 4 BD/3 BA | \$16,900,000

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15 Harbor Island Drive

5 BD/5.5 BA | Canal Front | \$11,800,000 | 2594



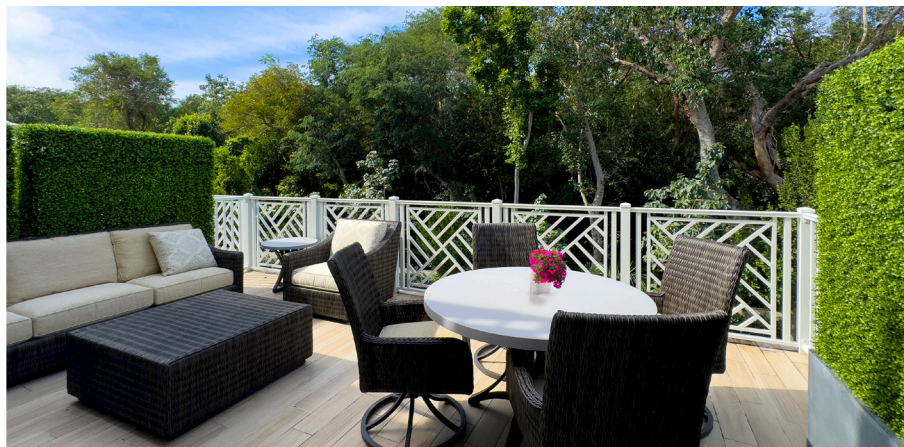
11 Grayvik Drive

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Be a Force Multiplier

By Fiona Woods, Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Ocean Reef Coast Guard Flotilla is always seeking new members who have an interest in maritime activities and who want to increase their knowledge of and participation in recreational boating initiatives. What organizational or practical proficiencies might you share to further our mission? All sorts of skills are needed, and everyone is welcome in the Auxiliary.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed, volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard. Formed by Congress in 1939, the Auxiliary has approximately 21,000 members nationwide. Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04 has been active at Ocean Reef Club for more than 50



Fiona Woods, Flotilla Officer for Navigation Systems, has been a member of the Ocean Reef Club Flotilla since 2020. Say hello next time you spot any of us in uniform out and about on The Reef.

years acting as an important force multiplier for the Coast Guard along the Keys.

Members of our Flotilla come from many backgrounds: some are veterans of the armed forces, but most are not, many are experienced boaters, and some are not. Auxiliarists have various reasons for joining, but

the common cause is to help make boating safer and better in the Ocean Reef area and surrounding waters.

My top 10 reasons for joining include:

Volunteerism

1. Supporting the initiatives of the Coast Guard with our volunteer time and skills.
2. Improve community relations with the public on behalf of the Auxiliary and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Community Service

3. Have a direct impact on keeping our area of operations safe, and effectively managed by the Coast Guard.
4. Improve boating safety through providing convenient, free, and informative vessel safety checks.
5. Improve boating safety through educational opportunities made available to

the public and to associates at Ocean Reef.

- Socialization
- 6. Camaraderie: the opportunity to share in a common mission (teamwork!) and socialize with Meet people with whom you might otherwise never cross paths, both from within and without the Ocean Reef community.

- Self-Improvement
- 8. The opportunity to develop specific skills of interest to each individual through highly developed classes and training.
- 9. Improve my own knowledge of boating, especially as it relates to the Keys.

- Fashion
- 10. Wear a cool uniform and wear it well.

If you are interested in learning more, email **Matt Pilon**, Flotilla Commander, at mpilon1@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.



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USCG Auxiliary Course Boating Emergencies

**Friday, March 29
10 - 11:30 a.m.
Key Largo Building**

This course is intended to provide guidance for captains and those boat occupants such as guests, friends, spouses, etc., who may find themselves in an emergency situation on the water. Learn what to do now so you are well prepared for your boating experiences!

Topics include:

- How to use the VHF to call for help
- How to determine your location in any body of water and give that information to rescuers
- Flare usage, life jackets, anchoring, emergency gear etc.
- A discussion of pertinent cell phone apps

Following the formal presentation will be a "show and tell" of recommended safety equipment as well as a question and answer period.

Please RSVP to pljr51@gmail.com and give your name and contact phone number.

Bag Room Update



by Annie Miles

A record crowd turned out to watch the first matches of the 2024 Bag Room Open. Great chips and putts received approval by applause and honking golf cart horns as the supportive gallery encouraged the players all the way around the course. Justin Seybuck and Corey Vecciarelli emerged victorious and will advance to the next round of play.

The tournament continues **Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th** with two matches each day, beginning at 1 p.m. On Friday (today!), it will be Louis Fiumara vs. Maddie Murray,



Golf Mentors and Mentees line up for the first round of the Bag Room: (l to r) Scott Heffner, Justin Seybuck, Mike Miles, Mike Schreiner, Scott Franzblau, Ryan Vineyard, Joe Urbinati and Corey Vecciarelli.

Michael Rivera vs. Erika Jones, Brad Pinho vs. Stef Shaw and Kyle Johnston vs. Matt Costigan. Saturday's matches will be Ben Claus vs. Tim Watson, David Sandberg vs. TJ Terpanick, Dave Vihlen vs. Brette Bryant and Evan Cartwright vs. Matt Beck.

Don't miss the excitement of this entertaining ORC tradition. Stop in the Golf Shop and pick up a Bag Room Open golf cap or shirt (or both!), slather on the sunscreen, and come out and watch our outstanding golf professionals and staff tee it up!



WGA Chairperson Hillary Smith and Jay Bailey volunteered as scorers for the first round.



The great first day crowd gathers at the 5th green to cheer on the staff.



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Bob & Denise Ecuyer are sailing into a semi-retirement stage of their Ocean Reef® life's journey and are welcoming the next chapter.



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equity member and Attorney, who is ready and willing to take the helm. We welcome this change and will continue to be an integral part of the business.

After years of dedication, Denise and I are able to check off a few things on our bucket list at the start of the New Year. We traveled to New Zealand & Australia to go to the 4th Grand Slam

Australian Open. While in New Zealand, I had the thrill of Bungee Jumping, Paragliding and taking a jet boat through the mountains. It was the shot of adrenaline we needed to begin living life to the fullest and enjoying all there is to offer.

We are back home and enjoying all aspects of our lives here at the Reef. We have 4 new listings (including one Villa Home by appt. only) and look forward to finding the right home or property for our dearest friends and family, selling for the right price at the right time.

Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time. We appreciate your continued trust and a big thank you to all that have allowed us to work together over the years, see you soon!



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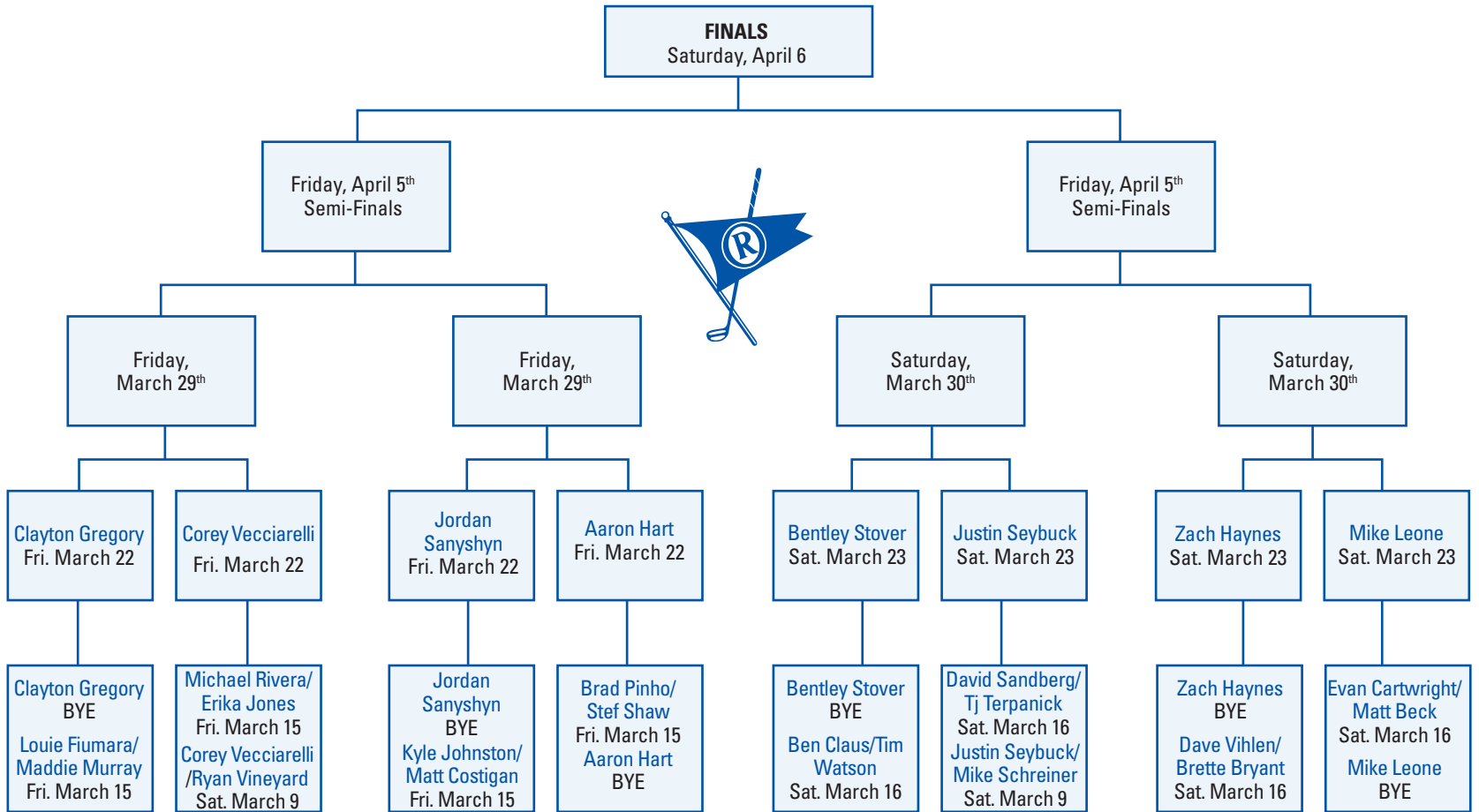
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This Week in Our Golf Associations



“From the Gold Tees” by Michael Leone, Director of Golf

9-Hole Ladies Garden Par Tee Member Guest & Fashion Show

As promised, our biggest 9-hole LGA event of the season did not disappoint! I would like to thank our 9-Hole LGA Chair, **Bettina Schottland**, and **Co-Chair, Esther Vazquez** for planning out this fantastic event for our association. We had 124 golfers show up dressed for the occasion before being sent out onto the Dolphin Course. All teams on both the front and back nine competed in a four person scramble format. There



Bees and Flowers participated in the Garden theme tournament!

were exceptional scores across the board. Congratulations to the team of **Pat Baxter, Cynthia Egan, Lisa Schultz, and Cassandra Moffett** for winning the front 9 division. Congratulations to the extravagantly dressed team of **Pam Cook, Regina Fink, Linda Adams, and Vicki Turowski** for winning the back 9 division.

Following the play, we had a phenomenal lunch at the Cooking School that was followed by our 2024 Fashion Show! Our Fashion Show Chairs,

Heather Hogarth and Kym Read did an outstanding job.

MGA Monday

62 players enjoyed stress-free tee shots in our ABCD 1 Best Ball of the Foursome (Shamble) format. There was a tight race in both our Gross and Net competitions with some stellar scores. Players brought their “A” games to snatch some last-minute points before our Burgee Cup Final in a couple of weeks. In the Gross Competition, we had a tie for first place at 9-under-par, 62!

Winning the scorecard playoff, with a back 9 score of 31, was the team of **David Ross, Hilary Rolih, Geoff Noyes, and Clarke Moody**. On The NET side, the team that just missed out on gross cleared the competition by two shots with a 17-under-par score of 54! Congratulations **Rick Kocerha, Mike Miles, Frank Demmerly and Bill McGuire**. See more results on page 44.

LGA Color Wars

59 participants were divided into four teams for our LGA Color Wars event all competing to win. This format can allow for thrilling holes with multiple points on the line. It was a closely contested finish with all teams finishing within 8 points of each other. It is a team effort to come out on top, but there are always a few MVPs! Collecting 10 points for the winning team was **Cynthia Egan and Maryann Combs**. Their efforts along with the rest of their teammates allowed for the Blue Team to win Color Wars.



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GOLF SCOREBOARD

9-Hole LGA Garden Par Tee Member Guest & Fashion Show

Front Nine

1st Place: Pat Baxter, Cynthia Egan, Lisa Schultz, & Cassandra Moffett
 2nd Place: Kathleen Metzman, Tricia Woodman, Charlotte Drinkwater, & Marita Sladky
 3rd Place: Bettina Schottland, Ester Vazquez, Beth Noyes, & Kelly Hertzman

Back Nine

1st Place: Vicki Turowski, Linda Adams, Regina Fink, & Pam Cook
 2nd Place: Stacy Scott, Rachel Kelley, Parris Bozeman, & Jennifer Leonard
 3rd Place: Julie Crawford, Alison Ward, Kelly St. Clair, & Caylee Valentine

Best Dressed

Front Nine

Pat Baxter, Cynthia Egan, Lisa Schultz, & Cassandra Moffett

Back Nine

Pam Cook, Regina Fink, Linda Adams, & Vicki Turowski

MGA Monday

Gross

1st Place: David Ross, Hilary Rolih, Geoff Noyes, & Clarke Moody
 2nd Place: Michael Conley, Paul Archibald, Bruno LaRocca, & Frank Schneider

Net

1st Place: Rick Kocerha, Michael Miles, Frank Demmerly, & Bill McGuire
 2nd Place: Tyler Davis, Greg Thompson, Peter Shea, & Larry Brady
 3rd Place: John O'Hara, Joey Rivera, Elkan Scheidt, & Daniel Attridge
 Closest to the Hole
 Hole #6: Al Rex
 Hole #12: Joey Rivera

LGA Color Wars

1st Place: Blue Team

Patti McGrath
 Cherie Henn
 Amy Salisbury
 Donna Archibald
 Adele Acheson
 Marylou Krause
 Suzanne Grandis
 Margie Smith
 Cynthia Egan
 Victoria Miller
 Laura Zausmer
 Cathy Zumkehr
 Maryann Combs

Closest to the Hole:

#2 Cherie Henn
 #4 Victoria Miller
 #6 Kathie Markel
 #12 Linda Jaikins
 #17 Vanessa Linder

Carysfort Cup Standings

1st Place: Barbara Pearson
 2nd Place: Marita Sladky
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Rod & Gun on Land & Sea



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

By now, you've heard about the abundance of fish in our waters — with record-setting one-day catches of sailfish, huge schools of bonefish, and pods of tarpon rolling slowly, spring seems to be bursting on land and sea! It's time to prepare your gear and practice your casting. Fortunately, there is a new, perfect spot for such activity — the Casting Park out on Sunrise Cay. Located just over the bridge on the bayside of Sunrise Cay Drive, it offers plenty of space for back casts, accommodates various wind conditions and has been set up with yardage markers and targets, just right for casting practice. This is where the demonstration of Jude De'Niese's dogs is set to take place on **Monday, March 18** at 3:30 p.m. Don't miss it! Please arrive in golf carts and park on either side of the Casting Park, on Sunrise or Pelican.

Jude De'Niese, Dog Training Event

Jude is in town for a few



David Sandberg from Card Sound Golf Club practices his distance/accuracy cast at the Sunrise Park Casting Field using new markers for pinpoint accuracy. Watch out tarpon!

days and available for private consultations with dog owners. Reach out to him via text or call 705-241-0196. Better yet, join us for dinner that evening at the Cultural Center and hear Jude speak on the topic of Positive Canine Citizenship. Tickets are available from the Bonefish Bonnies or Rod and Gun (events@rodandgun.org). Act fast, the final headcount is **March 15**.

"Pick Any Three" Fishing Competition

The Rod and Gun's fishing competition, Pick Any Three, has ended for January/February but is just getting started for March/April. Participating is simple: email Fishing@RodandGun.

[org](#) the night before your fishing excursion or even while you're out on the water, and report your tally at the end of the day to the same address. Three days of your choice, and compete in two categories, Flats and Offshore — with cash prizes!

Congratulations to the winners of the first period: first place, **Carmen Sferrazza**, followed by **Carl Tallardy**, and **Tom Grote** in third. In the FLATS division, there were no entries, but the weather has turned and the prize money has doubled, so competition is expected. For details see our website RodandGun.org and click on Events Calendar.

Rod & Gun Off-Property Trips

Rod and Gun members are on the move — following last week's sporting clays road trip, the quail hunters are off this week. A fly-fishing trip to the Bahamas is on the docket. It's amazing how a few days

of total immersion can clear your mind, improve your skills, and invigorate you. Join your fellow Members, renew old friendships and make new ones. Contact range@rodandgun.org for shooting or fishing@rodandgun.org for fishing trip opportunities.

Reef Cup!

And last, but not least, it's Reef Cup time — **March 12 to 16** — and by the time you read this, it will be well underway. Don't miss the chance to watch the boats come it, flags flying, and to salute the victors with a beverage at The Point off Buccaneer Island.

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CARD SOUND SAILING CLUB

Pumpkin Key Day!



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

Last Saturday, we had a terrific day with 16 boats ready to race around Pumpkin Key Island. During this race, each boat chooses what direction to go around the first leg and can choose to stick with that direction or change on the second leg. Boats had been practicing earlier in the week as this is a serious race! The winning plaque (displayed at the Burgee Bar) and a special pumpkin trophy are revered by all sailors.

I remember my first introduction to the Pumpkin Key Race in 2014. **Didi Streit**, **Suzanne Stout**, **Suzanne Sayia**, and **Patty Lucas** were in charge of the setup for the Race and Luncheon (Nooners). **Sim Wooten** was crewing for **Ham Sloan** on *Cheers*, 801, that year so I decided to help them. The next thing I knew, we were headed to the Pumpkin Key Island on a skiff. The ladies had all sorts of decorations and it was quite a spread. One of the **Berry** sons acknowledged that his father **George** ("Bud") and mother **Jane** loved the Card Sound



Stephen and Chris Streit, Pumpkin Key Race Champs. Photo by Neil Sullivan.

Sailing Club. They especially loved the sail around their island with a cookout on their beach. The "Bud" Berry Memorial Pumpkin Key Race plaque is in their honor and the winners have been noted since 1996. George won with **Patty Lucas** in 2008, with **Russ** and **Molly Lucas** in 2010, and again with Molly in 2013. George was instrumental in providing the take-home trophy, which has a pumpkin on top!

This year's race had **Chuck** and **Heather Post** on *Whim* as the Race Committee (RC) captains and they had a full boat with **Jay Beatty** as PRO and **Jane Schaefer** (our Birthday Girl) and **Shirley Shumway** as race results collectors, along with many others as judges for the finish line. The formidable team of **Chris Streit** and son **Stephen** won the trophy handily. They were close to being the first one to round the mark in the first leg and then decided to go all or nothing by switching the direction on the second leg around. That turned out to be a "lucky", calculated risk



Twelve out of the 16 boats starting the race. Photo by Ken Morse.

by Stephen as he felt the distance looked less to get to the finish from that direction! They were followed by **Jim Lampman** and **Jim Foster** for second and **Sim** and **Currie Wooten** for third. The second race, which didn't count for the trophy, was only once around. In this case, the boat that went counterclockwise snuck in first by inches from the boat that was in the lead on the clockwise direction. So **Neil Sullivan** and **James Maida** got first place, **Joe** and **Betka Robillard** were second, **Jim Lampman** and **Jim Foster** third. **Meg** and **Ralf Sellig** were Most Improved. his was one of Ralf's first races- trial by fire!

The luncheon at Baker Harbor was delicious, planned, coordinated, and decorated by



Windsor and Erin Coffin jockeying for a position at the start.

Rick and **Lesley Chanin**. Fun was had by all, even Palo the dog, who will not be invited again as he was stealing cookies from the tables!

Upcoming Events

Our last series, The Mills & Metcalf Series, starts **Saturday, March 16** where we will have two classes of winners, the Bulls and the Eyes. Also, CSSC members sign up for Nautical Trivia Night at Burgee Bar, **March 21**, we will have our Thirsty Thursday get-together there. **Bonnie Schoedinger** promises to have multiple-choice answers for her fun questions. We always welcome sailors and friends to join us any Saturday. Please contact **Gary Sayia** at 210-919-7432 if interested.

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Thursday, March 28

10am-2pm • Buccaneer Island

Schedule of Events:

- 10am • Shark Run
- 10am-2pm • FWC & Public Safety Vessel Touring
- 11am • Seaweed Tag in the pool
- 11am-1pm • Face Painting
- 11:30am • SUP and Kayaking Safety Demo
- 12pm • Knot Tying
- 1pm • Life Jacket Demo
- 2pm • Nautical Cookie Decorating
- 2-4pm • Inflatables in the Lagoon

Friday, March 29

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Daylight Saving Time and Gusty Conditions Affect CSMYC Sailors



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

Daylight Saving Time, not “savings” believe it or not, can be somewhat of a challenge. When you lose that hour by “springing forward” everything in your normal morning routine happens an hour earlier at least until you acclimate to the new time. If you are an early

riser, you get an extra hour of darkness in the morning. But, if you are a sailor who races in the morning and relies on the sun to come up to bring the breeze with it, the first morning of Daylight-Saving Time can throw you off a bit.

As I arrived at the Pond last Sunday, I parked my vehicle in the parking lot, and began to unload my boats and gear. During this time, I am accustomed to seeing a steady stream of members headed to The Point for their coffee and croissants. While I am unloading, new CSMYC member **Ralph Marrinson** stops and asks me if the wind was going to come up. It was calm at the time. I told him, yes, it would indeed come up. What I should have realized then was with the sunrise now an hour later, wind wise, everything would be pushed back an hour. Fast forward to the fleet



Just part of the group of race spectators - Photo Credit - Erin Coffin



Al Mast and Windsor Coffin keep an eye on their EC12's - Photo Credit - Erin Coffin

gathered on the shores of the Pond rigging our boats. The wind was still on the lighter side and so it was an obvious choice to rig with our larger “A” rig sail and mast setup. As it turned out, this was fine for the first couple of races. But, as the morning progressed, it became increasingly apparent that the winds were building more than expected, and gusty. We were quickly moving out of the operating range of the “A” rig setup and into the smaller “B” rig territory. Although all of us sailors were discussing the challenging conditions, it was not until the final race, Race #7, that we said “Whew! Glad we said that was going to be the last one!” At the end of racing for the day, it was **Joe Robillard** who won the day, taking five race wins, by best tackling the gusts, the calm, and the baffling wind shifts. Second place went to yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. I managed to get some decent starts by the end of the day’s racing and won the final two races of the day. Third place went to **Al Mast** who was wishing he had

rigged his alternate “A” rig with different sails. As always, our Race Committee and greeters, **Erin Coffin** and **Alzbetka Robillard**, were there. But it was **Lynne Mast** who did the bulk of the work on the day by writing down the scores as usual and starting the races!

Looking towards this Sunday, the forecast is predicting conditions solidly in the “B” rig range with winds around 15-16 knots. Since it is also St. Patrick’s Day, hopefully a little “luck of the Irish” will shine upon us and winds will not be too much for us to race. Fingers Crossed.

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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Making the Most of Your Spring Break at the Tennis & Games Center



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

The weather is warm and spring break is here at the Tennis & Games Center. Whether you have been coming to The Reef for many years, or are new to the Club, here are some tips and

suggestions to make the best of your time at the Tennis & Games Center.

1. Book Lessons and Clinics Early

March overall is our busiest month of the year, when you know you are coming down call the Pro Shop at 305-367-6583 to book your lessons to get your preferred Pro and time. Court reservations can be booked as well.

- Patron Members – 2 weeks in advance
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2. Have you tried Croquet?

Ocean Reef Croquet is a bit different than your backyard croquet. Gather friends and

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We look forward to seeing you soon at the Tennis & Games Center this March!

TENNIS RESULTS

MEN'S NIGHT LEAGUE RESULTS

1st place: Andy Hofmann
2nd place: Tyler Massey

Pickleball

Player of the Week

Dan Cohen

Who's your favorite pickleball player?

Rachel Cohen

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

The complete sense of community. The people, Members and pros are the best part of The Reef.

What's kept you motivated to keep improving in pickleball?

Traveling the Mid Atlantic pickleball tournament schedule this summer required improvement to be competitive.

What are some goals you have for the upcoming season in pickleball?

A goal of mine is to help our northern club establish a pickleball program and to have a successful singles and doubles summer season.



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The ORAC

Ocean Reef vs Anglers Club

by William Hinkebein ORC Croquet Chair

Today and tomorrow is the **22nd ORAC Golf Croquet Challenge Invitational**. The ORAC, which stands for Ocean Reef, Anglers Club, is the annual Golf Croquet match between the Ocean Reef Croquet Club and the Key Largo Anglers Croquet Club.

Tradition of Golf Croquet

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, the ancestral croquet game was introduced to Britain from France during the 1660-1685 reign of Charles II of England, Scotland and Ireland and was played under the name of *paille-maille* (among other spellings, today usually *ball-mall*), derived ultimately

from Latin words for 'ball and mallet'.

Various croquet disciplines have been practiced over the decades, including American, Six Wicket and now today's most popular game called Golf Croquet, all of which have a long glorious croquet tradition at ORC and KLAC.

In the last 25 years, Golf Croquet has risen to be the game played by an estimated 80% of all croquet players in the world – its rise similar to that in Pickleball. There are some 500 croquet clubs in the US with about 200 of those clubs are in Florida.

In decades past, Ocean Reef has hosted large croquet tournaments with the world's top professionals. These events were so large and popular, temporary courts were cut into the golf course fairways. Even Card Sound Golf Club once had a beautiful lawn and an active croquet club. We are all so glad to see The Racquet Club

beginning their own croquet club organization.

ORC Croquet

ORC Croquet has been developed over the years by many devoted leaders. To name but a few: **Joan and Art Ruffing, Betsy and Hardwick Caldwell, Ron Sekura, Alan Thomson, Ken White, Michael Todorovich and Jim Morton**. And in the last several years **William Hinkebein, Carol Blackburn** and Justin Romero.

The 2024 Ocean Reef ORAC Team has been selected from those individuals who have achieved high success in the scheduled events this season. Others are active Croquet Committee members based on their skill of play this season and individuals who have exemplified extraordinary effort and enthusiasm joining in most every scheduled event.

The 2024 ORC

ORAC Team: Heather McHold Campbell, Laney Hinkebein, Carol Blackburn, Bob Blackburn, Gordana Schneider, Frank Schneider, Alan Thomson, Mike Love, Judy Wilson, Jim Wilson, William Hinkebein, Ron Sekura.

KLAC Croquet

KLAC Croquet was founded by Ken White. Other leaders over the years include **Tom and Jerrie Cooper, Art and Joan Ruffing**, and in the last few years **Leslie and Jack**

Phillips.

KLAC is the perennial Key Largo powerhouse in this game. They are always the favorite in this event and have dominated the series. Anytime ORC wins, it is considered an upset.

The 2024 KLAC ORAC

Team: Linda Haury, Bill Haury, Leslie Phillips, Jack Phillips, Alicia & Stephen Spenlinhauer, Adelaide Jared, Ben Cart, Charlotte Curry, Steve Olsen, Jerrie & Tom Cooper

ORAC Tradition

The ORAC 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 (today!)** and **Saturday March 16** beginning at 9 a.m. at both clubs.

This rivalry has heated up the last several years with high-quality play, intense competition and close outcomes. While KLAC incredibly won the first 15 yearly matches, ORC has won three of the last six. KLAC is the defending champion.

ORAC Winners:

- 2003–2017 KLAC
- 2018 ORC
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- 2022 ORC
- 2023 KLA

Good luck and good play to all ORAC players from ORC and KLAC!



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2024 Canasta Club Championship Success



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

The Card & Games community is buzzing with excitement as the 2024 Canasta Club Championship recently concluded. The competition showcased the skill and camaraderie of ORC Members.

Championship Results:

- First Place: **Gail Freed** and **Helen Stein**
- Second Place: **Marlene Csendes** and **Suzanne Kitching**

- Third Place: **Carol Hutson** and **Sue Mahaffey**

These talented pairs demonstrated their mastery of the game, captivating both competitors and spectators alike.

Upcoming Events:

- **Ladies Poker Night:** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 26th, for the next Ladies Poker Night. Be sure to sign up at the Card & Games room to reserve your spot.
- **Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge:** Beginners eager to delve into the world of bridge can join the Sunday Funday session on Sunday, March 25th at 2 p.m. It's a perfect opportunity to learn and socialize in a relaxed setting.
- **Men's Poker Night:** Don't miss Men's Poker Night on Monday, March 18th, at 6:45 p.m. for an evening of friendly competition.

Ongoing Activities:

- **Canasta Pick-Up Games:** Drop by on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. for Canasta Pick-Up Games. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, it's a fantastic way to enjoy the game and make new friends. Lessons are also available on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. for those seeking to enhance their skills.
- **Mah Jongg Pick-Up Games:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. are reserved for Mah Jongg enthusiasts. Contact Gregg at 305-367-6609 to arrange lessons.
- **Beginner Canasta Lessons:** Brush up on your Canasta skills or learn from scratch with beginner lessons scheduled for Thursday, March 21st, at 12:30 p.m.

Additional Offerings:

- **Live Duplicate Bridge Games:** Join the action on Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays for live duplicate bridge games starting at 1 p.m. If you're new to duplicate bridge, Gregg is available to provide instructions. Contact him at 305-367-6609 for guidance.

- **Backgammon Lessons:** Interested in backgammon? Schedule lessons on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. by appointment. You can also borrow backgammon games to practice at home. Simply call 305-367-6609 to arrange your session.

Card & Game Room Hours:

The Card & Game Room is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing ample opportunities for entertainment and socializing among Members. Stay tuned for the March Card & Game Room schedule, available for pickup at the Card & Games Room. With a diverse range of activities and events, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



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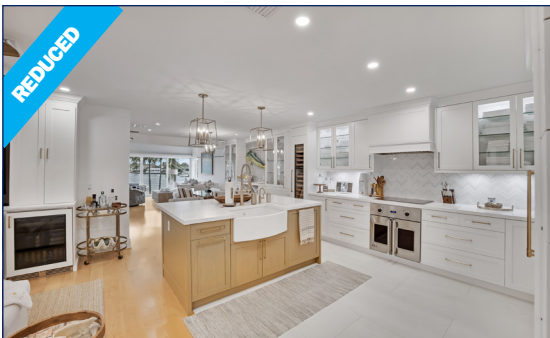
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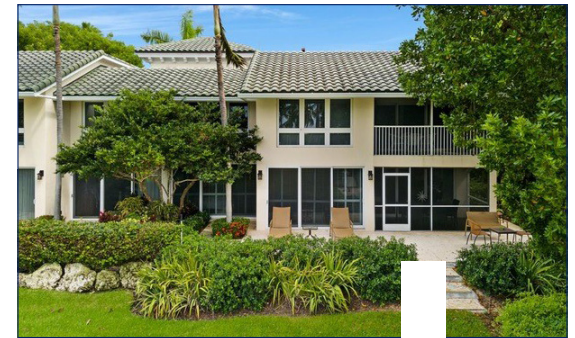
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3. Monica Phillips and Mary Anne Dickson

East-West

1. Dorothy Kemp and Gail Yoh
2. Pat Richwagen and Marianna Brink
3. Chloe Beatty and Jay Beatty

Wednesday, March 6

North-South

1. Adelaide Jared and Jay Beatty
2. Joyce Fowler and Ted Fowler
3. Patricia Kent and Nancy Grote

East-West

1. Beverly Platner and Brian Platner
2. Carolyn Fovel and Paula Davidson
3. Kathy Bahl and Elizabeth Coleman

Friday, March 8

North-South

1. Michele Tai and Kathy Cordozo
2. Nancy Grote and Cynthia Comenos
3. Joyce Fowler and Ted Fowler

East-West

1. Ann Petersen and Hollis Petersen
2. Hillary Charlton and Gretchen Wyatt
3. Pat Henry and Charles Simms

BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

Maximizing 5-4 Major Distributions after Partner's 1NT Opening

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

When your partner opens with 1NT, the objective is to explore potential fits in the major suits, typically facilitated through Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. However, encountering a 5-4 distribution in the majors presents a unique challenge. Here's how to efficiently communicate your hand shape to the NT opener, especially with 10 or more high card points (HCPs) using the Smolen Convention.

The Smolen Convention (For 10+ HCPs):

- 1. Initiate with Stayman (2♣):** Begin by employing Stayman to inquire about a 4-card major fit. If partner responds with a major suit, simply raise it to the 4-level to indicate your preference.
- 2. Utilize Smolen Convention after Denial:** If partner rebids 2♦, signaling a lack of a major, it's time to employ the Smolen Convention to uncover a

3-card fit with your 5-card major.

Executing the Smolen Convention:

- 1. Start with Stayman:** Begin as usual with Stayman to gauge partner's major holdings.
- 2. Jump to the 3-Level with the Shorter Major:** In response to partner's denial of a 4-card major, jump to the 3-level with your shorter major, which partner does not have. This indicates your 5-4 distribution and game-going values.
- 3. Partner's Response:** Partner will either bid game with a 3-card fit in your shorter major or opt for 3NT, depending on the overall strength of the combined hands.

The Strategy Behind Smolen: The Smolen Convention aims to efficiently convey a 5-4 distribution in the majors and signal game-going values. By allowing the stronger hand to play the hand, it maximizes the chances of achieving the optimal contract.

In summary, when faced with a 5-4 distribution in the majors after partner's 1NT opening, integrating the Smolen Convention into your bidding sequence can effectively communicate your hand shape and propel your partnership towards a successful contract.

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