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## Clayton Gregory Captures 48th Annual ORC Bag Room Open Championship

By Annie Miles

## Friday Scoring Sizzles in Final Four Face-Off

The Members in the gallery for the final rounds of this year's Bag Room Open were treated to some tour-level golf as there were fireworks in both the semi-final and final matches. The defending champion, Zach Haynes, came out guns blazing, shooting 30 on the front nine of the Dolphin, including 4 birdies and an eagle for a 6-under 30. His opponent, Bentley Stover, had an outstanding performance with 34 on the front, but found himself 4 down to Haynes at the turn. Both golfers continued stellar play on the back nine but Haynes was able to hold off Stover's gritty closing



Bag Room Chairman J Guarch presents the championship trophy to Clayton Gregory.

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## By Land, Air and Overseas!

This past Saturday Members took to the streets of ORC in the first-ever half-marathon, admired all things aviation, and enjoyed hot coffee and cool cars at the Business Center.



More than 30 turned out for Member Fitness Center's Half-Marathon. Read more on page 38.



Kathleen and Louis Metzman were among several willing participants to take part in the gyroplane pull challenge during Aviation Day's Top Gun Boot Camp.



Jennifer and George Kachmarik en vogue with their French Citroen at Cars & Coffee.

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## OR "See"





Who says there aren't mountains at Ocean Reef?! Mary Bloom (left) and Daniel Rominski captured photo evidence of our very own ORC mountain (of clouds) range. Both were taken Tuesday morning – one as the sunrise rose behind the Marina and the other over South Harbor Bridge.

What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before?

Email <a href="mailto:orp@oceanreef.com">orp@oceanreef.com</a> and share your discoveries.

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## Gotta Question?

"I bought special glasses to see the eclipse on Monday and now I don't know what to do with them. Are they recyclable?"

You don't have to get rid of your eclipse glasses, but you can if you want to! They are recyclable as long as you take the film lenses out of them first. While the cardboard frame is recyclable, the lenses are not and should be tossed in the trash.

But even though the eclipse is over, there's no need to get rid of your glasses. Modern eclipse glasses, which are any glasses purchased after 2015 that meet the ISO 12312-2 safety standard, don't expire according to the American Astronomical Society. As long as the lenses aren't scratched, torn, punctured or loose in their frames, you can hang onto the glasses forever and use them for future eclipses, like the next partial solar eclipse in the US in 2026 or even the next total solar eclipse in the US in 2044!





This view of Monday's eclipse, which could be seen from Ocean Reef, was captured through eclipse glasses at the peak of coverage by Paige Rice.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

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

## **ORCA NEWS**

## As End-of-Season Nears, a Departure Checklist

As another vibrant season draws to a close at Ocean Reef, it's time for some Members to prepare to bid farewell to their southern homes. Here are some essential steps you should consider for a safe departure:

### **Indoors**

- **Adjust Thermostat**: Set your thermostat to an appropriate temperature.
- **Unplug Electronics:** To avoid any potential fire hazards or energy waste, unplug non-essential electronics and appliances.
- Disconnect e-Bikes, Scooters, and Golf Carts from their respective chargers.
- Place a cup of water in the freezer, and once it's frozen, place a coin on top. Upon your return, if the coin has sunk, it indicates a power outage at some point, potentially causing items in the freezer to thaw and refreeze.



- Use moisture absorbers:
- Place moisture absorbers or desiccant packets in closets, cabinets, and other enclosed spaces to prevent mold and mildew growth in humid conditions.
- Leaving **closet doors open** and dresser drawers cracked open helps promote air circulation, which can reduce moisture buildup in enclosed spaces.
- Installing portable dehumidifiers in bathrooms to run continuously and drain into the shower can be an effective way to control moisture levels in humid environments.
- If you've encountered ants, cockroaches, or other common pests in your home, **set traps** in places prone to attracting them as a proactive step to deter infestations while you're away.
- Inspect for Leaks or Damage: Before leaving, inspect your home for any leaks, damage, or potential issues that need attention.
- Lock Up Valuables: Store valuable items or important documents in a secure, fireproof safe.

### **Outdoors**

## • Secure Your Property:

Ensure all doors and windows are securely locked and provide Public Safety with a key so they can gain access in an emergency.

• Secure Outdoor Items:

Bring in or secure any outdoor furniture, plants, or decorations to prevent damage from wind or storms.

- Arrange for Mail: If you receive mail at your Ocean Reef home, consider forwarding it to your permanent address or arrange for someone to collect it regularly.
- Turn Off Water: Shut off the main water supply and drain the plumbing system to prevent pipes from leaking or bursting.
- Arrange for Lawn Care: If you have a lawn or garden, arrange for someone to mow the lawn, trim bushes, and water plants if necessary.
- Notify Trusted Individuals: Inform a full-time resident or property manager of your departure and provide them with your contact information in case of emergencies.

### **Hurricane Preparations**

With the anticipation of the 2024 Hurricane Season looming, securing your home for your absence is a priority. If you are leaving Ocean Reef for the summer, please review

- the ORCA Hurricane Guide for detailed information. Some things you can do before departing include:
- Keep gutters and drains free of debris
- Lower the level of the swimming pool about one foot. This will accommodate heavy rains.
- If your house is not stormready with impact windows and doors, have a plan to secure it with storm shutters.
- If your boat is not dry docked, make sure you provide Public Safety and the Dockmasters Office with your plans and information.

As always, ORCA's
Management and Public Safety
teams are fully operational and
available year-round to assist
Members who remain at Ocean
Reef throughout the summer
months. We are committed to
ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our community all year
long.

## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

## Towel Amnesty Day TODAY! Friday, April 12 • 10am-2pm

On this day, the Recreation team will respectfully avert their eyes to anyone who returns borrowed blue and white striped Buccaneer Island towels to the Nature Center. You'll even be rewarded with complimentary popsicles for doing so!

## Tri-delta Final Gathering Wednesday, April 17 • 5:30pm

**Sandy Rule Crowe** will be hosting the final Tri-delta gathering of the winter season at her home on 3 Cannon Point on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. Please email **Jane Battles** at <a href="mailto:janebattles@yahoo.com">janebattles@yahoo.com</a> to let us know you are coming or to be added to the list for next season's events.

## Afternoon Tea

### Friday, April 19 • 2-4pm

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## There's a Medical Emergency. You Call 911. Now What?

By Susan Bohan

Hopefully most of us will never need to know, but it is important to realize we are in very capable hands with 29 Firefighter-Paramedics/EMTs employed by ORCA Public Safety, with 8 or 9 on duty at all times.

### **Call Details**

"I am calling from Ocean Reef" are the most vital first words to say when your call is answered, according to Ariel Artime, Vice President/ Director of Public Safety and Operations. He added, "That is because depending on your phone carrier as well as instances in which the ORCA call taker is handling another emergency call, yours can go directly to the ORCA Call Center or Monroe County's. If it goes to Monroe County, mentioning Ocean Reef ensures that the call will be swiftly re-routed to Ocean Reef." John Flynn, Fire-Rescue Chief, further explained that "the initial 911 operator, whether it be Monroe County or Ocean Reef, will ask a series of questions to assess the nature of the emergency and what equipment and personnel are needed. While that is taking place, the Dispatcher is simultaneously working to notify our FirefighterParamedics and/or Monroe County Deputies (in cases of law enforcement issues) of the emergency. In fact, we have the fastest response in the area – on average 4 minutes – from incoming call to arrival of personnel."

## When Help Arrives

I further learned that if the Firefighter-Paramedic on site determines it is a critical medical issue, a helicopter will be immediately requested for an airlift to an appropriate facility, typically Baptist Hospital or Jackson South Trauma Center. For noncritical patients we can usually accommodate their preference of hospital as long as it will not negatively affect their outcome to bypass a closer facility. This is based upon the patient's condition and predetermined emergency medical protocols. Our special relationship with both Miami-Dade and Monroe County is critical. "Their helicopters or personnel can be available within minutes to supplement any possible needs we have. And that is mutual. We have on occasion gone outside our gates to assist them with our expertise," according to Ariel Artime. "It is worth noting", added John Flynn, "MCOR doctors, the Medical Center CEO and COO, some staff, and the Fire Chief monitor all medical transports via an encrypted app to improve patient arrival at the facility, patient care, and follow-up after admission."

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## Ed Talls Summer!











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## It's a Smartie Partie

**Smart Owners Unite** 

By Michael Berman Member since 1993

How is it that something that hasn't been distributed since 2019, Smart cars, multiply like rabbits around Ocean Reef. Every few months I get a call from a friend to ask my advice on acquiring a Smart car. After 51 years in the auto business, I have a pretty good nose for sniffing them out.

What started as a joint venture between Swatch watches and Volkswagen evolved into the Smart Fortwo, built by the Smart Division of Mercedes Benz. The first Smart car was seen at the Paris Auto Show in 1998. It was eventually marketed in 46 countries and sales surpassed \$1.7 million by 2015.

In September 2006, Daimler AG announced that Smart USA, a division of Penske Auto Group would officially distribute Smart in the United States and Puerto Rico.

In February 2017, Smart USA announced the brand would discontinue gasoline vehicle sales after the 2017 model year and focus purely on battery electric vehicles. The Smart Fortwo Electric Drive arrived as a 2017 model in the summer of 2017, and the transition to electric-only

occurred for the 2018 model year. Unfortunately, the Electric Vehicle version never met their sales goals (sound familiar), and in April 2019 sales were terminated in the U.S.

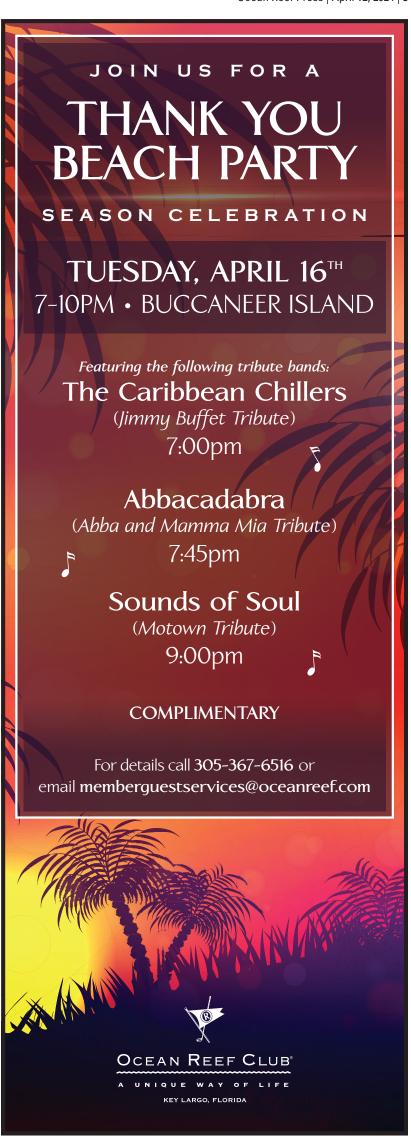
I first saw my first Smart car driven by the Grand Dame herself, **Adelaide Skoglund**, with a symbolic rubber iguana attached to the fuel filler door. It was love at first sight. One step above a golf cart and takes up less room. Women can arrive with their hair intact, and you don't have to worry about rain.

I am currently on my second one, and recently found Adelaide a replacement. Then located a few more for some friends, most recently **Debbie** & **Bill Hartmann**. However, it appears the well is starting to run dry.

Nevertheless, I am guessing there are more Smart cars per capita here at Ocean Reef than anywhere in the world. To prove the point, the **Hartmann's** and **Berman's** are hosting the first (and probably the only) Smart Car Breakfast on **Saturday**, **April 20** at 9:00 a.m. at Business Center parking lot. Show up with your Smartie and plan on a group picture.

With full transparency, I am trying to talk Mercedes of Cutler Bay to service them again. Or we may have to pass the hat and send a technician from our own service center for training. Let's save our Smarties!





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April 12 – 14

The 10th Anniversary Food & Wine Weekend, fusing the best of Ocean Reef's culinary, wine and spirit experiences into one unparalleled flavor extravaganza, is here!

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

## **Welcome Luncheon & Registration**

Prepared by Chef Martin Rios 12-2pm | Sailfish Patio

## Food & Wine Experience

Prepared by Guest Chef Martin Rios 7-10pm | Town Hall Waterside

## Cincoro & Cigars Under the Stars

10pm-12am | Town Hall Terrace

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

## **Event Check-In & Bloody Mary Bar**

10-11am | Tarpon Patio

## **Classes, Tasting & Demonstrations**

11am-4pm

## Including:

## **Cooking Class with Guest Chef Norman Van Aken**

Tarpon Cooking School

## Farm to Table Expo with Chef Betania Salles

Town Hall Lawn

Featuring tastings and presentations by Halperns' Steak, Caviar Star, FOODMatch olives and olive oil, and Prime Line Distributors pasta and aged parmesan

Wine Presentation with Jackie Gwidt & Stephanie Southgate Sailfish Room

## **Mixology Demonstration with David Ortiz**

Sailfish Patio

## **Cocktail Reception**

6:30pm | Town Hall Ballroom

### **Grand Dinner & Dance**

Prepared by Guest Chef Norman Van Aken 7-10pm | Town Hall Ballroom

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

### **Farewell Brunch**

10am-12pm | Carysfort Ballroom

It's not too late, if you are interested in single-day passes or individual event passes, contact Member Events at 305-367-5874 or visit oceanreef.com/FoodandWine.

## **ALL CHARITIES**







Pat and Meg Shields

Tom and Patty Davidson Jr.

## Second generation Members step up to Chair All Charities Weekends for years to come:

In 2025, the event, set for the Jan 31- Feb 2 weekend, will be headed up by Lori and **Brad Young**, who are already working on the theme and new opportunities for the exciting Live Auction. Their Vice Chairmen Meg and Pat Shields (chairs for 2026) have also begun their focus on the silent auction. And now, waiting in the wings with anticipation, Patty and Tom Davidson Jr. have just confirmed their commitment to chair the 2027 event, which will be co-chaired by Madeleine and Brad Williams, a lineup that will provide amazing continuity for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.



Madeleine and Brad Williams





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## Spotlight on All Charities Preferred Partners – John and Mary Lee Fine Wine Society

By Richard Weinstein President & COO, Ocean Reef Community Foundation

When you think of Dom Perignon you often think how it marked a special occasion in your life. And when you think of Dom Perignon at Ocean Reef you immediately think of John and Mary Lee's Fine Wine Society. That is because they are among the longest tenured Preferred Partners with All Charities

and have been orchestrating unforgettable events and dinners featuring that storied fine Champagne and so much more. These have included the Vintage Golf Classic at Ocean Reef, Don Perignon's first ever philanthropic sporting event, Decoding Dom Pérignon with Chef de Cave Richard Geoffroy and the world-famous chef, Ferran Andrià. With Master Chef Rich Rosendale they created the Napa Cult Wine Dinner and many Members of Ocean Reef can credit that event as their first opportunity to enjoy a glass of Screaming Eagle wine.

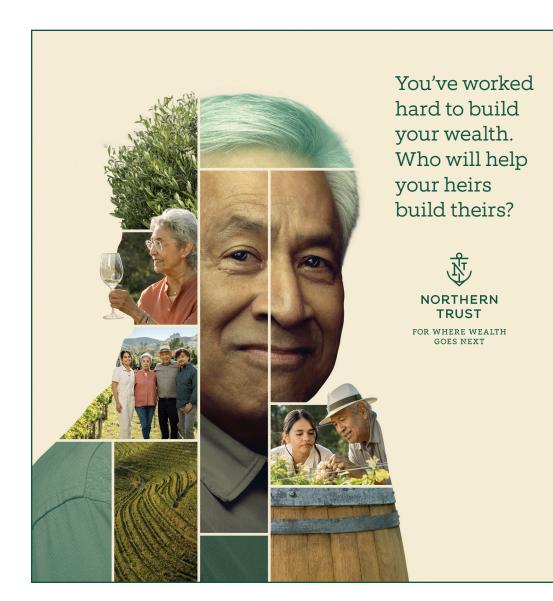
The Lees combine their love of fine wine and fine dining with two other passions, their love of Ocean Reef and their desire to make a difference through philanthropy. Each of these special events have been for the sole benefit of raising money for the Ocean Reef

Community Foundation's All Charities Gala. The numbers are impressive. Starting with their first event, The Legends Invitational Golf Tournament in Pebble Beach (which includes dinner at the French Laundry), they have raised over three million dollars for All Charities. These funds are so important to the non-profits here at Ocean Reef with approximately two million of that total being distributed to the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, Academy (where their children went to school) and ORCAT, that they help Ocean Reef thrive. Beyond the gates their funds helped to support the Ocean Reef Conservation Association and the Ocean Reef Community Foundation through Community Grants.

The Preferred Partner program has helped All Charities grow and provided Members with access to

services and experiences that they might not consider otherwise. Both John and Mary always welcome the opportunity to make introductions in the world of wine and are happy to help friends with reservations for The French Laundry and The Napa Reserve (at Ocean Reef, almost everyone is their friend!). John notes "We have enjoyed inspiring wine travel adventures to Paris, Champagne, Burgundy, and Bordeaux. The Fine Wine Society provides the perfect opportunity to continue this great tradition and curate new, world-class culinary and fine wine experiences."

If you would like to learn more about the Fine Wine Society events like their White Truffle Dinner at the French Laundry please contact John Lee, or call (305) 395-8500.



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## **ALL CHARITIES**



Big smiles all around at the "Private Pickleball Clinic with Eva Welsher and Randy Sussman," another 2024 All Charities auction item. Fresh off the court, Meg and Pat Shields and their "Table 19" crew are already winners thanks to All Charities.



The "ORC Lassies" and their beloved pro, Zach Haynes, relive Scottish adventures at this "ORC Croquet Party for 16," a 2024 All Charities auction item. This is the group's second year successfully bidding at All Charities together.



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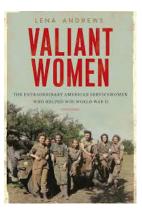
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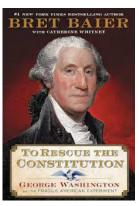
By Susan Bohan

The Library at the Cultural Center is a wonderful asset for all those who love to read the newest novels, classic crime stories, grab a lastminute paperback for the plane, exchange puzzles or escape with the kids to the Children's section on a rainy

There is also a large selection of non-fiction with the following latest additions:

"Valiant Women: The Extraordinary American Servicewomen Who Helped Win World War II" by Lena Andrews - A story of 350,000 women who served in every branch and were involved in some of the most important moments of WWII.







"To Rescue the Constitution: George Washington and the Fragile American Experiment" by Bret Baier - A dramatic illumination of George Washington's life from Continental Army through taking on the Presidency and how he alone could keep the nation from collapse.

"Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to

**Conservation That Starts** in Your Yard" by Douglas W. Tallamy - Explains how readers can turn their backvards into conservation corridors for wildlife habitats in a practical and effective way.

The library is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Swing by and dive into a world of books!

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## KEYS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

## Helping Children

The Keys Children's Foundation (KCF) recently distributed over 20 KCF Grants to non-profit organizations that provide education, healthcare, and recreation to children and their families in the Upper Keys.

Since 1995, the KCF Grant Program has provided generous financial and volunteer support to "the kids". This year, Grants include funds for athletic programs, swim lessons, after school care, playground equipment, dental services, college scholarships and much, much more. Board Members are proud to serve as liaisons to each of the Grantees and work closely with each organization to identify their particular needs yearly. These local shortages continue to multiply



KCF Grant presentation to the Florida Keys Children's Shelter. The Shelter was originally established by ORC Members to care for homeless children in the community. Pictured L to R: Lynda Weinstein, FKCS Development Director, Captain Spenser Bryan, FKCS Board Member, Ben Kemmer, FKCS CEO, Linda Falk, FKCS Board Member, Brad Copeland, FKCS Board Member and Chair, Diana Tweedy, FKCS Board Member, and Alvin Bentley, FKCS COO.

and help is a necessity.

It is only with the generous support of the Ocean Reef Community at the annual "Be An Angel Luncheon" in January and continued contributions throughout the year that KCF is able to accomplish their goal of helping our nearby children grow and thrive. As the Season comes to a close, the Keys Children's Foundation Board of Directors sincerely thanks the community for your donations.



Ann Liashek, KCF President and Corrine Tennant, KCF Board Member, present a KCF Grant to the AHEC (Area Health Education Center) Dental Mobile Van personnel.



Coral Shores High School Principal, Laura Lietaert and Athletic Director, Richard Russell welcome a KCF Grant from Board Member, Fred Sherman for new Athletic Needy Fund.





## The Big White Birds at the Three-Way Stop



by Harold Brewer

Every year I get a few questions about the big white birds swimming in the waters on both sides of the three-way stop. Immediately I am reminded of the first time I ever saw an American White Pelican. It was Christmas Day morning, 1988, on the Intracoastal Waterway in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. At the time NSB, as we call it, was a sleepy little beach town on the edge of the Canaveral National Seashore about 250



American White Pelicans have a wing span approaching ten feet.

miles north of Ocean Reef. **Mona** and I had just purchased a small house on an island in the ICW. We were celebrating our good fortune on a cool foggy Christmas morning with a down-home southern breakfast (grits).

Looking out over the ICW behind the house I was amazed to see a dozen or so huge birds that appeared to look like pelicans. The problem was that they were snow white slowly swimming along the edge of the mangroves across the river

as a group. In my mind, at that time all pelicans were supposed to be brown or gray. Certainly not white! Mobile phone apps were still two decades away and I quickly started searching around the mostly unpacked mess in the house for a bird guide.

Today I am never surprised when someone in Florida asks about the big white swimming birds. Even though they visit South Florida every winter the vast majority of Florida citizens have never seen one.

American White Pelicans are huge. With a wing span approaching ten feet, brilliant white plumage with black wing tips and a large orange bill they are easy to recognize but difficult to see. If that sounds like a contradiction try cruising around in your golf cart or personal vehicle and finding some from the road. Sometimes you might be lucky but more likely they are far back in the ponds of Crocodile NWR or the remote areas of Florida Bay. White Pelicans forage for fish as a team, swimming slowly in a curved line to herd the fish together to scoop them up with their large pouched bills. Our winter visitors mostly fly down from lower central Canadian provinces as the upper midwestern United States. It's likely most have packed their bags and headed north for this summer. Maybe we should have a reward of some type for the first one of you who asks about big white birds next fall.





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## A Special Place of Remembrance



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

As a pastor, it has been my great privilege to walk alongside numerous individuals and families as they have confronted the reality of death, and the inevitable companion, grief. Some of the circumstances have been tragic and unexpected. Others have marked the end of a long life, well lived.

What most have in common is a desire for a place filled with tender association, where we can remember our loved ones – as our Jewish friends say so well – of blessed memory. For many families, those places are often far away from our home at Ocean Reef.

### **Initial Plans**

Over two decades ago, a conversation began about providing such a place here at Ocean Reef to honor loved ones who have died. Initially, considerable time was spent developing plans for a columbarium, where the cremains of loved ones could be appropriately placed and cared for.

However, there were two hurdles to overcome. First was the lack of space on the grounds of the old chapel. There was simply not adequate space to implement the plans. The second hurdle were the legal requirements necessary to develop and maintain a columbarium.

## **A Different Approach**

When the time came to plan the new Chapel and Fellowship Center at Ocean Reef, this also created the opportunity to revisit the idea. Those leading the effort decided that there was adequate space at the rear of the property if the new building was positioned closer to Ocean Reef Drive. And, it was determined that a memorial garden was more appropriate than a columbarium.

Today, in the rear of the Ocean Reef Chapel and Fellowship Center there are two gardens separated by a beautiful, tranquil water feature. On one side you find the John and Marlene Boll Garden, a welcoming space where wonderful celebrations and gatherings are held. On the other side is the Farmer Family Memorial Garden. This beautiful garden is set aside for both quiet reflection and specifically as a special place of remembrance.

At that time, the name of the surviving spouse and year of their birth is engraved on the plaque. For a single individual, of course their name would be placed on the wall at the time of their death.



Sample Memorial Plaque

Also, if you look closely, you'll see the symbol of one of the four congregations of the Chapel community included on the



Memorial Walls in the Farmer Family Memorial Garden

## A Wonderful Gift

The Farmer Family Memorial Garden is bounded on two sides by beautiful walls covered with tastefully designed plaques of varied sizes. The garden is designed to be that special place of remembrance for Ocean Reef members who wish to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed. If you have not yet visited the quiet reflective garden, we encourage you to do so.

### **Helpful Information**

If you choose to visit, let me point out a few details for you. First, you'll see that one of the two memorial walls has several plaques with names and dates engraved. What is not obvious is that the entire wall is already over two-thirds reserved. If that is the case, why aren't the other names engraved on them?

The answer is that names are engraved once the first spouse dies, in the case of a couple.

plaque. You'll see the Crucifix to indicate a Roman Catholic loved one; the shield of the Episcopal church on another; the Magen David (Star of David) honoring a Jewish loved one; and a simple Cross for those of any Protestant or non-denominational faith tradition.

Does that mean that you must be a participant in one of the four congregations to have your names, or the names of a loved one on the Memorial Wall? The answer is of course not. The Farmer Family Memorial Garden and Memorial Wall is for any Ocean Reef member who wishes to honor their loved ones.

### **Next Steps**

If you are interested in learning more about what is required to participate in having the garden be a special place of remembrance for yourself, for you as a couple, or another loved one, here is how you start the process.

Please contact the chapel office in person during the week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; by phone at 305-367-2049, or by email at contact@orcchapel. org. Someone will be pleased to provide you with all the information you need to consider an informed decision.

Should you choose to join with many others, know that your contribution will go toward a designated endowment providing for the care and maintenance of the chapel and grounds, including the Farmer Family Memorial Garden.

## Gratitude

Frequently, I will leave my study and stand in the garden, looking at the names of friends engraved on the memorial wall. Seeing their name fills me with memories of who they were, and all those things that were good and wonderful about their lives. It fills me with gratitude. That's the goal of this special place of remembrance. May it become that for you as well.











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## **CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

Ocean Reef Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert Henley 305-367-2049 orcchapel.org

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

### **AA Meeting**

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

### **Shabbat Service**

6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

## Reconciliation

3:15 p.m., Chapel Board Room

### **Catholic Mass**

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

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**Traditional Worship Service** 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Dr. Os Guinness

## Kids Matter (4yrs-8yrs)

9 a.m., Chapel Children's Room

## **Journey Together with Bob Henley** 10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

## Kids Matter (9yrs & Up)

10:30 a.m., Chapel Children's Room

## **MONDAY, APRIL 15**

### **Al-Anon Meeting**

9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

### **Rosary Prayer Group**

4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

### **AA Meeting**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

## **Intercessory Prayer**

8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

## **Episcopal Service**

9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Spencer Potter

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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



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## WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EPISCOPAL SERVICE

All are invited for this community service each Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary. This **Wednesday**, **April 17**, Reverend Spencer Potter will lead the service.



# ORC Community Invited to Special Event with October 7th Coalition

Founder Patricia Heaton & Guests

By Annie Miles

On Monday, April 15th, members of Ocean Reef will have a unique opportunity to attend a special conversation with Emmy award-winning actress Patricia Heaton in a complimentary event at the Cultural Center at Ocean Reef. Heaton will address the question, "Israel after October 7th-How are we to respond?" at the 4:30 p.m. event,



Patricia Heaton, beloved in her "Everybody Loves Raymond" role, now advocates for Israel and the Jewish people as founder of the October 7th Coalition.

followed by a reception at 6 p.m. All members are encouraged and invited to attend.

Heaton will be joined by Deputy Consul General of Israel Mike Driquez, Bible scholar Kristi McLelland and musical guest Omer Netzer.

Actress Heaton, well-known

for her role as Debra in the popular comedy "Everybody Loves Raymond" and a career in television, theater, feature films and publishing, is the founder of the October 7th Coalition, a movement of Christian leaders, dedicated to public and private support of the Jewish community. It is strongly devoted to fighting antisemitism and to encouraging Christians to find common ground with the Jewish community in their sphere of influence.

Within days after the atrocities of October 7th, and the anti-Jewish protests that began almost immediately, Heaton knew she needed to use her celebrity platform to stand up for the Jewish people and to encourage others to do the same. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about her motivation to found O7C, and its purpose to strengthen our communities of faith.

## REGISTERED TO VOTE IN FLORIDA?

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August 20, 2024, Primary Election

October 24, 2024, Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballots for November 2024\*

**November 5, 2024,** General Election

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## NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

## April is Parkinson's **Awareness** Month

The Discovery of Parkinson's

According to the National Institute of Health (NIH) in 1817, a 62-year-old British physician, Dr. James Parkinson, wrote a case series about six individuals who had developed a distressing disease that had "not yet obtained a place in the classification of nosologists" [1]. "Parkinson's disease," as Dr. Jean-Martin Charcot would first term it, did not "appear to have engaged the general notice of the profession" according to Dr. Parkinson. While ancient Indian and Chinese texts reference features



of Parkinson's disease, Dr. Parkinson was likely describing something novel, something that a senior physician would find noteworthy.

For most of history, Parkinson's disease was a rare disorder. In 1855, forty years after Dr. James Parkinson first described the condition, approximately 22 people of 15 million in England and Wales died of the condition. In 2014, roughly 5,000 to 10,000 individuals of 65 million in the United Kingdom suffered

the same fate. In less than two centuries, a rare disorder became common.

Today, estimates suggest that Parkinson's affects nearly 1 million people in the United States and more than 6 million people worldwide. It's believed to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. The loss of dopaminergic neurons, in the area of the brain known as the substantia nigra, is the main finding in Parkinson's disease.

Environmental risk factors associated with PD include head injury, exposure to pesticides and other factors. Genetics cause about 10-15% of all Parkinson's and scientists have discovered dozens of gene mutations linked to Parkinson's.

Organizations, such as the Michael J. Fox organization (michaeljfox.org) are dedicated to finding a cure through funded research and development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today. There are sponsored outdoor events, all around the country, to support Parkinson's research- such as the 30th 2024 Parkinson's Unity Walk on Saturday, April 27, in Central Park, NY. Visit michaeljfox. org if you or a loved one are interested in learning more about supporting a Parkinson's event near you.

(1). Nosologist- a branch of medicine that deals with classification of disease



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## **Cardiology**

Julio Barcena April 12, May 10

**Howard Bush** April 18, May 16

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Jila Senemar April 17, May 7, June 11

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April 19

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May 13

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## Cars & Coffee For ALL



by Jody Steele

If you like coffee and cars and socializing, join the crowd at the Business Center Parking Lot at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of the month from January-May for Cars & Coffee. It is a fabulous way to kick off the day. This newer tradition at Ocean Reef has become an enormous hit.

Kudos to Member Jerry Henn who had an idea and went to Mic O'Keeffe, VP of Sports and Amenities, and Kyle Landers, Director of Member Events & Services, to share his thoughts. Jerry recognized that a number of ORC Members loved their cars—some "vintage" and others "special". Some of the cars were featured at the everpopular Vintage Weekend held every December and other cars just lived at Ocean Reef for the Season or more. Each owner and car had a story so why not get together and share all of these memories? So it began a few years ago, and it keeps building and growing by the month.

Cars & Coffee now includes cars, dogs, kids, and Members with their families and guests. Of course, there is coffee and some treats for humans and dogs. It started with just a few owners and their cars and Jerry explained that it keeps growing with other Members now even bringing their cars to The Reef so they can be part of the Saturday celebration. He is thrilled that not only men are participating, but women are also joining in the fun with six bringing their cars to last week's event. A few of the cars have even changed ownership as having one of these cars is



John Healey



Laurie and Lucas Rios



Margo and Thomas Tyghem holding Puffin



Jon Maxwell, Parker Young, Mary Claire Young and Susan Maxwell

evidently way too appealing. Jerry remarked how fascinated he is with the stories of each owner that usually starts with where and when they bought their car, the process of how they are restoring it, and then the emotional attachment each has developed to their precious car. Some are "collector" cars and others are priceless in the eyes of the beholder. All are beautiful!

Samantha Gibson, Member Events & Services Manager is pleased with this Member created event and how it has developed in to a destination. She shared that the March turnout was the largest so far at 257 participants. One more Cars & Coffee is scheduled for this Season on Saturday, May 4th (yes, we said April would be the last one, but the Members just couldn't get enough!). For any questions, please contact Member Events at 305-501-5527.

## THE WHIZZER

Adding to the excitement of "Cars & Coffee", Member **Tony** Rodriguez brought his Whizzer to the Saturday event. The Whizzer Bicycle sold first in the late 1930's and along the way had a number of upgrades and models through 2014. Tony grew up in Cuba and always wanted a Whizzer—evidently they were very popular. This one is a Schwinn Phantom bicycle from 1949 with a one-cylinder engine with 2 HP. Tony's daughter, Amy heard the story over the years and gifted her dad this bike on his 70th birthday. He finally got his wish!



## Historical Binges



by Felicia M. Koretsky

Wrapped in historical drama, stitching true-event inspiration with fantastical fiction, we took a binge flight back to 1860s Washington, D.C., 1920s Moscow, and 1940s Paris for some intrigue plated in mini-series formats:

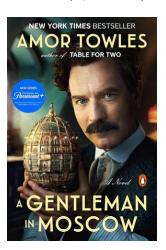
**The New Look:** 10 episodes; Apple TV+

The lives of fashion designers Christian Dior and Coco Chanel and others during Nazi-occupied Paris in the 1940s are explored in this fascinating 10-episode miniseries. We learn that Dior's sister Catherine (later known as the inspiration behind "Miss Dior') is placed in a concentration camp after being arrested for her role as a French resistance fighter while Chanel cooperates with the Nazis during the war make her a post-war target. It will leave you never looking at either designer's branded clothing, accessories, and perfumes, the same way again.

Those of us who were fans of Netflix's Bloodline some years back will be impressed at Australian actor Ben Mendelsohn's portrayal of Dior, who spends much of the early episodes griefstricken by his younger sister's unknown whereabouts and fate and impact of his father's failed business on his own entrepreneurial ambition. Mendelsohn has come a long way from playing the troubled black sheep "Danny Rayburn". French actress Juliette Binoche is outstanding as Chanel, conveying the designer's flawed and clouded iudgement in search of couture dominance.







**Manhunt:** 7 episodes; Apple TV+

April 15th will mark the 159th-year anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln at age 56. It's a great excuse to delve into *Manbunt*, Apple TV+'s story of the 12-day search for the 16th American President's killer, John Wilkes Booth.

While many of us recognize Booth's name, being able to speak in any great detail beyond that is likely limited for most. Manhunt, while fictionalized, is based on many historical facts, that will fill in many gaps we never realized were missing from our childhood American history classes. Taking us on a captivating hunt for Booth after he escaped The Ford Theatre on a rented horse, riding into Maryland, where he was aided by Confederate sympathizers, the story is mostly told through the eyes of Lincoln's secretary of war, Edwin Stanton (played by Tobias Menzies who also stars in The Crown and Outlander).

A Gentleman in Moscow: 8 episodes, Paramount+ Based on the 2016 book of the same name, A Gentleman in Moscow, is the story of a fictional count imprisoned by the communist regime to life confined within the walls of a 1940s luxury Moscow Hotel. The show is a slow burn at the jump. But as the banter between the colorfully charming count (played by Ewan McGregor), and a

revolving cast of hotel guests and lovers turns delightful, particularly starting in episode 2, when Count Alexander Rostov meets starlit Anna Urbanova (played by McGregor's real-life wife Mary Elizabeth Winstead), things begin to pick up. The story follows many themes from what it means to truly be free, the value of material things vs. human relationships, and Russian politics.

**Franklin:** 8 episodes, Apple Tv+

For a bonus binge, starting tonight on Apple TV+ is Michael Douglas, starring in *Franklin*. It should be interesting to see how long it will take audiences to embrace Douglas in this role as one of the nation's founding fathers, best known inventors, and politicians. The story is set in 1776 where Benjamin *Franklin* is then tasked to be the first American diplomat to France.

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## Connecting with The Academy at Ocean Reef



by Jerome Murphy, Head of School

Since arriving at Ocean Reef Club 5 years ago to serve as Headmaster at The Academy at Ocean Reef, we have tried to focus on broadening awareness of The Academy in and among the Ocean Reef Club community.

As part of this strategic initiative, we are always looking for ways to connect with the different organizations that contribute to the wonderful life at Ocean Reef Club.

To date, we have done well in that regard. Every year,



Denise Prete working with Blake Acree.

we arrange for our children, toddler-8th grade, to engage constructively in different ways with the Medical Center, the Cultural Center, our Public Safety Dept, the Residence Club, and the ORC Recreation Department, among others.

Further, to our goal of increasing awareness of The Academy, we arrange opportunities every year for our children to show off their different talents within the ORC community. In addition to



Carrie Yonke working with Cian Bennett.

engaging community members via the gift of song at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, holiday caroling, Valentine's Day serenades, and at the annual Key's Children's Foundation luncheon, our children really impress during The Academy's Musical at the Cultural Center - The Lion King, May 30 and 31, at 4 p.m. Truth be told, I am never prouder of our students than I am following their performance on the big stage every year!

What has been absent from our approach until recently has been establishing connections between The Academy and individual ORC Members. Over the last few years (yes, it took me some time), it has become abundantly clear to me the wealth of resources and experience that exist among the ORC Members. As such, I have been moved to try and connect individual ORC members with our Academy children to provide valuable learning opportunities based on the Member's life experiences. Between marine biologists, surgeons, retired

OODZ LIFE

judges, former CEO's, and ForgetMeNots, among others, The Academy children have benefited immensely from connecting with those Members to hear about their life experiences.

Beginning this year, The

Academy established another relationship with a group of ORC Members to form a reading volunteer group. Thanks to the commitment of ORC Members Tricia Woodman, Sharon Halpryn, Claudia Mullet, Delia Guarch, Carrie Yonke, Jen Forelli, and Denise Prete, our Academy children now benefit from having these parents read to them twice a week during the school day. Our children love their time with these special

Suffice to say, we are grateful to be in a community where such kindness and experience can be shared with our children. As the saying goes, "it takes a village....", and The Academy is blessed to have the ORC community in the village!

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## **AVIATION DAY**

The sky on Saturday's Aviation Day could not have been more perfect and families were out in droves. Not sure who was more excited at the sight of all the different types of aircraft, the adults or the children, but it was a fun way to spend a glorious day at The Reef. - Susan Bohan



James Wrobelwski, James Dolan, Larry Brady, Henry Wrobelwski, Shepherd Peña and Carol Shepherd Kate Reilly, Maureen and Andrew Driscoll





Timmy Asman



The Tennent family on the Seaplane



Carole and Steven Levin



## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

## 12 FRIDAY

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

**Towel Amnesty Day** 10am-2pm • Nature Center

Importance of Stretching and **Mobility Presentation** 

12-2pm • Member Fitness Center

Food & Wine: Welcome Luncheon & Registration

12pm-2pm • Sailfish Patio (Registration Only)

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

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

Food & Wine Experience 7-10pm • Town Hall Waterside (Registration Only)

Cincoro & Cigars Under the Stars 10pm-12am • Town Hall Terrace (Registration Only)

## 13 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee 7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

**Tennis Singles Club** 

**Championship Finals** 9am • Tennis & Games Center

Food & Wine Event Check-In 10-11am • Tarpon Patio (Registration Only)

**Dancing Through the Decades** Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

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

Food & Wine Classes, Tasting & **Demonstrations** 

11am-4pm • Cooking School at Carysfort Kitchen (Registration Only)

Food & Wine Grand Dinner & Dance

6:30-10pm• Town Hall Ballroom (Registration Only)

Live DJ at Burgee Bar 9pm• Burgee Bar

## 14 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members

**Cardio Tennis Clinic** 

8 & 9am • Tennis and Games Center

**Reformers Pilates Class** 9am • Member Fitness Center Center

Food & Wine Farewell Brunch 10am-12pm • Carysfort Ballroom (Registration Only)

**Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour** 1pm • Meet at the Pool Desk

Cocktails

5–8pm • The Point (Members Only)

## 15 MONDAY

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

**Deepwater H20 Class** 10am • Member Fitness Pool

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

FIT Camp 12pm • Member Fitness Center

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

Follow My Voice Obstacle Course Activity

3:30pm • Buccaneer Island

Israel & the Church 4:30pm • Cultural Center

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

## 16 TUESDAY

**ORC Swim Club** 

7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

Senior Cafe

10:30am -12pm • Chapel Fellowship Hall

Clinic or Private Lesson with Jay

8am-12pm • Tennis & Games

**Restorative Yoga & Silver Fit Class** 10am • Member Fitness Center

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

**Aqua Cardio Class** 

11am • Member Fitness Pool

LGA Interclub

12pm SG • Dolphin Course

FIT Camp 12pm • Member Fitness Center

**LGA** Interclub

12pm SG • Dolphin Course

**Golf 360 Class** 

2pm • Member Fitness Center

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

**Thank You Beach Party** 

7-10pm • Buccaneer Island

## 17 WEDNESDAY

**ORC Walking Club** 

7am • Member Fitness Center

**Sweat Class** 

8am • Member Fitness Center

**Reformer Pilates Class** 

8am • Member Fitness Center

**Silver Fit Class** 

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Funky Flow Yoga Class** 

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen** 10-11am • Driving Range

**Duplicate Bridge Game** 

1pm • Card & Games Room

**Intermediate Croquet Clinic** 2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

**Balance Like a Pro Class** 

3pm • Member Fitness Center **Gameio Tennis Clinic** 

4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

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

**Team Ocean Reef** 

5pm • Cultural Center **Equity Member Get-Together:** 

Sunset & Sangria 6:30-8:30pm • Town Hall Terrace

## **18 THURSDAY**

**ORC Swim Club** 

7-8am • Member Fitness Pool

**Sweat Class** 

8am • Member Fitness Center

Men's Pickleball League

8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Men's Spring Golf Invitational** 

9am • Dolphin Course

**Reformer Pilates Class** 9am • Member Fitness Center

Vinyasa Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

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

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

**Dancing Through the Decades** Class

11am • Member Fitness Center

**Casual Canasta** 

11:30am • Card & Games Room

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Mah Jongg Open Play

1pm • Card & Games Center

**Golf 360 Class** 

2pm • Member Fitness Center

**Bridge Lessons** 

3pm • Card & Games Room

Raw Bar Lobster Bake 5-9pm • Raw Bar

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

## **ON SCREEN** & STAGE

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## NOW SHOWING



"Bob Marley: One Love" (PG13) Friday, April 12 • 4:30 & 7:30pm **Sunday, April 14 •** 4:30 & 7:30pm Wednesday, April 17 • 7:30pm Genre: Biography, Drama, Music

Runtime: 1hr. 47min.

**Premise:** The story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music.



"Dune: Part Two" (PG13) Friday, April 19 • 4:30 & 7:30pm **Sunday, April 21 •** 4:30 & 7:30pm Wednesday, April 24 • 7:30pm Genre: Action, Adventure, Drama

Runtime: 2hr. 46min. **Premise:** Paul Atreides unites with Chani and the Fremen while seeking revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family. Facing a choice between the love of his life and the fate of the universe, he must prevent a terrible future only he can foresee.



"Love Lies Bleeding" (R)

Runtime: 1hr. 44min.

Friday, April 26 • 4:30 & 7:30pm **Sunday, April 28** • 4:30 & 7:30pm Wednesday, May 1 • 7:30pm Genre: Action, Adventure, Crime

**Premise:**Reclusive gym manager Lou falls hard for Jackie, an ambitious bodybuilder headed through town to Vegas in pursuit of her dream. But their love ignites violence, pulling them deep into the web of Lou's criminal family.

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

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

## **CLUB SHOPPING**

## Joan the Shopper

## Vineyard Vines (Men & Kids)

The Fishing Village is the only place at Ocean Reef that caters exclusively to men. Here you can find beautiful lightweight jackets, a huge collection of ties, cool linen short-sleeved shirts in subtle patterns, and shorts including the new short shorts currently the rage with the spring breakers). The OTG (On the Go) line includes men's casual (wear anywhere) pants. Many items have the traditional Vineyard Vines "whale" logo, but for Ocean Reef Only, some merchandise has a new sport fishing boat logo.... Pictured here in a favorite Vineyard Vines combination of jacket/ shirt/pants in Sean Carroll, Director of Beverage & Wine Operations for Ocean Reef Club.... In 2011 Sean and his wife Molly (who had been hired as editor of the Club's newspaper) arrived at OR with their two young children. Initially, Sean worked as the bartender at the Islander, then was quickly promoted to manager of Port O'Call where he endeared himself to the membership by stocking the wine shop with "fine" affordable wines. In 2014 Sean was appointed Director of Beverage & Wine Operations. It is a far-reaching job that involves him in every place and event at Ocean Reef that serves



Sean Carroll wears a grey Lightweight Blazer (\$395); Gingham Shirt (\$128); Pants (\$128). All from Vineyard Vines ONT (On the Go collection).

alcohol. In addition to keeping a day-by-day check on OR's multiple bars, he is required to keep abreast of the trends in the Wine & Spirits Industry by making annual trips to Napa and elsewhere; arranging and acting as MC for the periodic wine dinners and helping to oversee all other special events... This year's high point for Sean Carroll is the three-day Food & Wine Weekend - an over-the-top celebration that offers culinary events topped by a gala dinner on Saturday, April 13. The goal, said Sean, was to bring inside the Ocean

Reef gates "an out-of-the-gates

by Joan Birsh

## OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

### **Member Fitness Center**

Monday 7am-7pm Tuesday – Friday 6am-7pm. Saturday & Sunday 7am-5pm. 305-367-5820.

### **Ocean Reef Gift Shop**

Daily 7am-7pm. 305-367-2611, ext. 7139.

## The Burgee Shop

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

**Tennis Pro Shop** Daily 8am-5:30pm 305-367-6583.

## Port O'Call Wine & Spirits

experience."

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

## The Spa at Ocean Reef

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

### **Golf Shop**

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

## WINING & DINING

## **MONDAY, APRIL 15 – SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

## **Palm Court**

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

### **Beach Bar & Grill**

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

### **Everton's Rum Bar**

Beverages Thurs.-Sun. 2-6pm

### Islander & Sushi Bar\*

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

### **The Ocean Room**

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am Buffet Sat. 7-11am, Sun. 7am-12pm Dinner Tues.-Thurs. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

### Gianni Ristorante\*

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

### **Raw Bar**

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

### Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

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

### **Reef Treats**

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

### Reef Hut

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11am-4pm • Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm (Closed starting April 21)

### **Reef Eats**

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

## Fitness Café

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

### The Point (Members Only)

Coffee Sat. & Sun. 7-10am • Cocktails Fri. & Sun. 5-8pm, Sat. 6-8pm

## Burgee Bar

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

## Reef Lounge

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

## CH Prime (Members Only)\*

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

### CH Lounge (Members Only)

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

## Toski's

Snack Bar Daily 9am-4pm 305-367-5835

## **Town Hall Waterside**

Open Thurs. & Sun. 5-9pm • Friday & Saturday 5-10pm

### Grill Room (Members Only)

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

### Rum Runner

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## **OUT & ABOUT**



Beth and Joe Joyner loving all the beautiful orchids on The Reef.

## Proposed for Membership

Through April 18, 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**

**Diane** & **Austin Starke Taylor III** are new members applying for Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are purchasing Dock A-6 from Cory Martin and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are residents of Dallas, Texas. They belong to Dallas Country Club. Their sponsors are Wally Hayward, Lisa & Keith St. Germain, Tim Smith and John Gibson on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Astrid & Robert Klein are Social members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Klein are purchasing 14 Marlin Lane, unit B and the equity from Jeffrey Levitetz. Mr. and Mrs. Klein are residents of Lantana, Florida. They belong to La Coquille Club. Their sponsors are Lou Pilati, Roy Williams, Charles Rilli, and Keith Bozeman on behalf of the Membership Committee.



## An Artist is Revealed



'Art League" by Deborah Goodwin Geller

Like so many children, **Julie Walsh** had the experience of
doing some "art" but not getting
a very encouraging response
from her father. Years later her
husband **Paul** bought her some
art supplies after seeing a sketch
of hers and encouraged her to
pursue her (obvious to him)
talent.

She stored those supplies away until Covid. With time on her hands, she found a YouTube video of how to create a dog using pastels.

Her first attempt was a marvel. She doubted herself but







The Art League helps Julie Walsh explore her hidden artistic talents. These "first attempts" at pastels, oils and pencils don't look like first attempts at all!

was encouraged by the response when she shared the picture of the piece.

Fast forward to the Art League. Julie decided to join the Art League to check out the classes.

Naturally shy, she had hesitated because she felt intimidated by works she'd seen. However, she was blown away by the encouragement and support along with the quality of the teaching. She tried oils (see bumblebee).

Next up the Pencil Class (see woman). Julie couldn't stop raving about the Art League. She even requested no picture of her be in this article but instead, focus on what the Art League had done for her. Everyone made her feel secure and comfortable. She never felt "vulnerable or stupid'.

The only downside for Julie was how busy she was with life after lockdown. She hopes to fit in a few more classes and teachers next year! She has even

created a studio in their home in Portugal where she hopes to spend hours and days of undisturbed time this spring and summer creating!

I think you may agree with me seeing these "first" attempts that Julie is definitely talented and to me somewhat of a "savant". Whether you think you have a talent or not, her message is to come out to any of the Art League classes and give it a try. You'll be glad you did.



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## Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

Like many of you, I have a sweet tooth and nowhere is it easier to indulge than the Farmer's Market.

First stop is **Le Petit Pain** where the brownies are my favorite. To avoid over-indulging, Charles or Nick graciously cut them into quarters so I can freeze them and grab a piece when needing a pick me up. The tarts and chocolate croissants are the go-to treat when our granddaughters are here. Ever since their parents took them

to London, they have asked for an Afternoon Tea (minus the tea). Member **Jessie Broughton** wholeheartedly agreed with me as she picked up the identical treats for her 3 sons accompanied by her friend Shannon Lampton who could not wait to try them!

Across the field from Le Petit Pain is **Kool Treats** which is aptly named. Whether gelato, ice or their famous Acai bowls, these hot days are easily quenched by their many choices.

Of course, there is always healthy fresh fruit, conveniently cut up by **Jerry's Here Farm Fresh**. It is a no brainer when trying to watch the waistline!

So, stop by and pick out your favorites. Everything tastes great and your sweet tooth will be VERY happy!

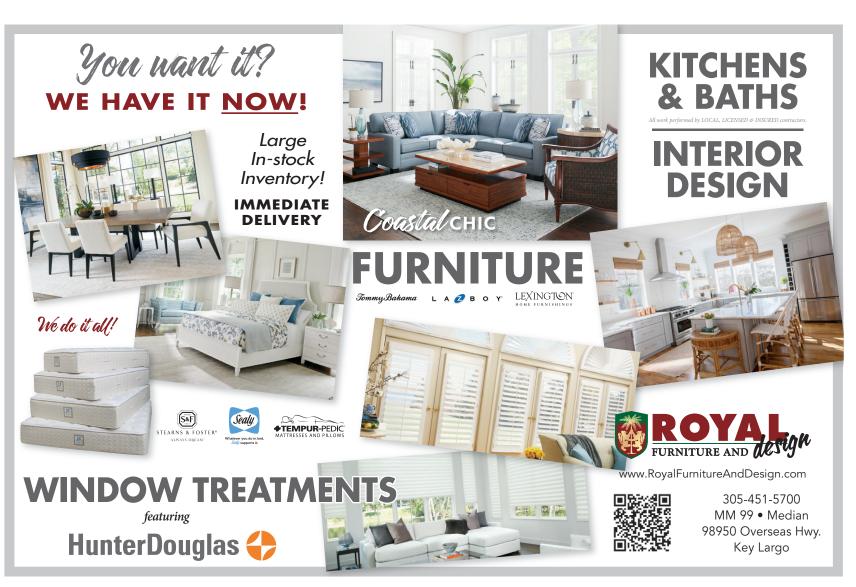
NOTE: Farmer's Market will continue through April.



Jessie Broughton with friend Shannon Lampton



Strawberry/ blueberry tarts from Le Petit Pain



## Get Styled with Moda Baronessa's Ashley Barone Spa Trunk Show



'Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

Ashley Barone, the creator and founder of Moda Baronessa, returns on **Friday**, **April 19** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spa for a trunk show. The fabric makes you feel beautiful and like a million bucks while wearing it, but everything is also extremely lightweight and

comfortable. Each item in the collection is devised and curated with the highest quality of silk, breathtaking prints and a tailored fit to compliment all body types unlike traditional resort wear garments.

Moda Baronessa's silk cover-up line transports you to a world of refined beauty and sophistication. The collection, which takes luxury fashion to new heights, has a compelling blend of traditional designs and exquisite silk fabrics. These high-end silk cover ups are the definition of effortless chic, whether you're sunbathing by the pool, strolling down the beach, or attending a fancy event.

Launched in 2019, this vibrant collection celebrates founder Ashley Barone's childhood love of the ocean. Ashley worked as fashion director for L'uomo Vogue then as a creative director for various fashion brands

in NYC for 10+ years. She then moved on to Punta Mita Mexico where the inspiration for her own resort-wear brand started. With a dream of creating her own clothing brand, she decided to draw inspiration from her Connecticut seaside roots and time living in Punta Mita, Mexico to start her own dazzling, tropical inspired resort wear styles. Through brainstorming with fashion professionals turned friends from her time in NYC and partners in India, Moda Baronessa was born. Now Moda is available in over 50+ luxury resorts in the U.S. and Mexico, and is expanding soon to Dubai.

Moda Baronessa truly has the best day and night styles to elevate your looks to be effortlessly elegant. This Miami based brand works diligently to create luxury styles for every occasion. Captivating with a unique flair, her pieces are executed into tailored silhouettes designed to complement the body. With meticulous attention to detail and rendered in unmistakable prints that captivate the eyes with their playful sensibility and a refined touch, these are unlike any other resort wear garments.

## SPIN THE WHEEL SALE IN THE GOLF SHOP

**April 12 & 13** 

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## **SPORTS**

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# Clayton Gregory Captures 48th Annual ORC Bag Room Open Championship

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charge (including an eagle on 14), winning the match 4 & 3. Stover lost despite being under par for his round. In the other semi-final match, where Clayton Gregory faced Jordan Sanyshyn, Gregory had a fabulous front nine shooting 4-under. Clayton continued to dominate the match with extremely consistent play, winning 6 & 4, including five birdies and only one bogey.

Saturday's finals matched

Haynes and Gregory, whom ORC Director of Golf Mike Leone described as the staff members "definitely playing the best golf of the season." Both golfers continued their strong play with nearly flawless rounds. Haynes carded three birdies in a row during the match, but won only one of those holes as Gregory matched Zach's excellent play with his own birdies on two of the three holes. Clayton finished the match with his steady, consistent play and bested Haynes to win 3 & 2 and become the 48th Bag Room Champion in his first season here at Ocean Reef. Gregory expressed the experience in this way: "From playing professional golf on the mini tours and now in the Bag Room, I've never felt an atmosphere like here on Saturday afternoon. It's a one-of-a-kind event and I hope to defend my title next season. Ocean Reef is truly special and will forever have a place in my heart."



Dan Muckler is honored with the Hank Heinrich Award, given to a person who embodies the spirit of golf at Ocean Reef.



The final four included Mentor caddies and ORC golf staff members Briggs Forelli, Jordan Sanyshyn, Dave-O Johnson, Clayton Gregory, Linda Roberts, Zach Haynes, Don Bermant and Bentley Stover.



A huge crowd followed the tournament finals on this fabulous Saturday at the Reef.

## **Special Recognition**

The largest crowd ever was on hand at the Ocean Reef golf pergola after the finals to congratulate Clayton as the new champ of Ocean Reef, to thank the club for their continued support, and to recognize all members of the golf staffs. Bag Room Chairman J. Guarch

thanked everyone who made the Bag Room so successful this year and recognized his predecessors **Jodi** and **Mike Betz** and the wonderful foundation they provided. Guarch applauded Ocean Reef members, stating, "I am personally extremely grateful for the generosity of our membership who supported

the Bag Room in record fashion this year." He complimented the excellence of the golf staffs in general and expressed his excitement in watching the exceptional play. "I definitely felt like I was in the gallery of a tour-caliber event." Mike Leone and Card Sound Head Professional David Sandberg also recognized and thanked their staffs for an exemplary year of golf and service to the clubs.

Guarch and wife **Delia** also presented the "Hank Henrich Award," which is given to a person who embodies the spirit of golf and is exceptionally supportive of the golf staff in every way. The 2024 recipient was beloved long-time member **Dan Muckler**.

Members also celebrated Zach Haynes' six years of great golf and leadership at Ocean Reef as he moves on to take the helm as head professional at The Club at Olde Stone in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Haynes wished to share these sentiments with the ORC membership. "I am forever grateful for my time at Ocean Reef. The place has allowed me to grow as a golf professional but more importantly, to develop strong, hopefully lifelong relationships with so many wonderful individuals and families. There really is no place like Ocean Reef, and ORC and its members will always have a special place in my heart."

Haynes, back-to-back champion in 2022 and 2023 and this year's runner up, also had this to say about playing in his final Bag Room. "Even though the tournament didn't end how I wanted it to, I was able to soak it all in walking down the fairways lined with what seemed like hundreds of carts. It always gave me chills and I will never forget the memories that the Bag Room Open has provided me."

## Weekly Golf Associates Roundup



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

## 9 Hole LGA Ryder Cup

Congratulations to the team of the **Lahey's** and the **Olmert's** for shooting an unbelievable Gross score of 28 at the Twilight Wine Night. The team of the **Joyner's** and the **Silverman's** also had an excellent Net score of 22. As we rolled into last Thursday morning 24 players participated in the 9-Hole LGA Ryder Cup.

The field was split in half, between the Red and Blue teams, partners played a



2024 Birdie Bash Champion, Cynthia Comenos

2-person scramble against a duo from the other team within their foursome. As groups completed their round the Red team took an early lead. Players from the Blue team tried to make up some ground at the end, but the Red team was able to secure a ½ in the last match to win the 9-Hole LGA Ryder Cup. Congratulations to all

team members from the Red team!

### **LGA Birdie Bash**

The birdies were flying during our Birdie Bash event! The Birdie Bash invited all LGA Members who recorded at least one gross birdie in the 2023-2024 LGA Season. This is a sudden-death shootout format where one birdie machine has to outlast the rest to claim the Birdie Bash Flask. 21 participants began on the first hole of the Dolphin Course with hopes of taking home the victory.

After many close calls on the first hole, only Cynthia Comenos & Hillary Smith could card a net birdie moving them on to the second hole of this sudden death shootout. Both players were able to par the challenging second hole, which brought the players and crowd to number three. After two spectacular drives and approach shots, it would come down to a short game contest. Hillary Smith made a valiant effort for birdie with her opponent in close. Cynthia Comenos brought the birdies out in the Birdie Bash as she knocked in her final put for her second birdie in three holes. Congratulations to our 2024 Birdie Bash Champion, Cynthia Comenos.

## **LGA Closing Day**

Another LGA season has come and gone. It feels just like last week we were kicking off the season. The Ocean Reef Staff and LGA Board cannot thank its Members enough for their continued support of the Golf events here. The LGA continues to grow in participation and that speaks volumes to its Membership.!

The 2023-2024 Season wrapped up today with its Closing Day event on the Dolphin Course. Teams competed in a 1 Best Ball Shamble and the scores were impressive. One of the first groups featured our 3 time3-time club champion who led her team to an incredible score of 53. A score of 53 was almost

assured the win, but it did not come easy with many other teams' carding rounds in the mid-50s.! Our winners today had not run out of birdies for the season.! Congratulations to our Closing Day Champions, Nancy Vamvakas, Dudley Mason, and Carol Santemma!

## **MGA Closing Day**

MGA Closing Day marks the official end to the 2023-2024 MGA Season. On the GROSS side of the competition, the team of Art Berry, Tony Olmert, Phil Russel, and Cal **Phillips** lit it up, making 5 birdies and 0 bogeys on their way to a smooth 5-underpar round of 66 to claim the competition. On the NET side, the team of Robert Aultman, Dan Miller, and Brock Vinton left it all on the course, making an incredible 10 birdies and 3 eagles on their way to a 16-under-par score of 55. Closest to the hole winners were **Don Watson** (Hole #5. 4'2") and Mike Lahey (Hole #11, 11'2").

## **Bobby Jones Award**

Before the results from MGA closing day, we presented the Bobby Jones Award. This award is of the highest honor and is presented to an individual who most represents what the MGA stands for. The award reads (The MGA Member who has shown the spirit of the game, the MGA traditions and group fellowship). Past recipients include John Kazmer, Larry Biddinger, Joe Flanagan, Bob Morosky, Dan Muckler, Tom Flynn, Jimmy Watson, Tom Bell, Lee Westervelt, Dick Elliot, Michael Betz and many others. Joining these remarkable gentlemen on the Bobby Jones plaque in the Clubhouse is an honor, to say the least. We are proud to announce that this year's recipient will be Stan Henry! A special thank you goes out to Mr. Henry for upholding the MGA's values and traditions of the game. He is well deserving of this award and we are proud to add his name to the list.



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#### **GOLF SCOREBOARD**

#### 9-Hole LGA Ryder Cup Thursday, April 4

1st Place: Red Team Carol Schafer-Yates, Kathleen Metzman, Jennifer Leonard, Esther Vazquez, Bettina Schottland, Joanna Silverman, Giovanna Lucy, Mary Heffner, Gina Kaplan, Kristine Voulgaris Kim Elliott, Trish Elliott Closest to the Hole: Denise Ecuyer (Hole #4), Kathleen Metzman (Hole #6)

#### MGA Closing Day Monday, April 8

1st Place Gross: Art Berry, Tony Olmert, Phil Russel, Cal Philips 2nd Place Gross: Michael Conley, Bill Tweardy, Derek Johannson, Ray Smith 1st Place Net: Robert Aultman, Dan Miller, Brock Vinton 2nd Place Net: Joe Urbinati, Briggs Forelli, Don Bermant, Gary Boynton 3rd Place Net: Bill Wonfor, Al Rex, Sean Durkin, Stan Henry Closest to the Hole: Don Watson (Hole #5), Mike Lahey (Hole #11)

#### MGA Bobby Jones Award

Stan Henry

#### LGA Closing Day Tuesday, April 9

1st Place: Nancy Vamvakas, Dudley Mason, Carol Santemma 2nd Place: Hillary Smith, Nancy Grote, Hope Fortis, Shirley Shumway 3rd Place: Kathy Tropea, Suzanne Grandis, Toni Vreeland, Brenda Sport Closest to the Hole: Elizabeth Pitts (Hole #9), Kathy Weiland (Hole #16)

#### **LGA Birdie Bash**

1st Place: Cynthia Comenos

#### **FITNESS**

# The Road to Health is Paved with Good Digestion:

Five Foundational Tips to Optimize Your Gut Health with Dr. Erika Siegel

#### Thursday, April 18th, at 4:00 p.m.

Ocean Reef residents and their guests are invited to join Dr. Siegel in the Member Fitness Center as she discusses Five Foundational Tips to Optimize Your Gut Health. Prepare to be inspired and leave feeling empowered. She will also sell and sign copies of her newly published book set, *The Nourish Me Kitchen*, nourishme.com.

Your digestive health plays

a significant role in all organ systems and has a wide-spread influence on your overall well-being. Indigestion, heart burn, gas and irregular bowel movements aren't just uncomfortable, but may be signaling that this crucial organ system isn't able to perform its essential jobs. The GI system is not just about eating and absorbing important nutrients. It also has a crucial role in water retention, waste removal, immunity and hormone production. Amazingly, more than 90% of serotonin, the "happy hormone," is made not in the brain, but in the gut. The gut is also responsible for about 60% of the immune system's functions. Therefore, trouble in the GI tract can literally affect everything downstream, which is everything. Most functional medicine physicians agree that both health and disease start in the gut.



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#### **FITNESS**

#### A New Club Event is Born



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

The inaugural Ocean Reef Club Half Marathon by the ORC Run Club took place **Saturday, April 6**. The course, mapped by ORC Fitness Specialist and lead of the ORC Run Club Bella Rose, started and ended in the Member Fitness parking lot and took runners through every street before the South Harbour bridge twice.



Top walker, Anton Schutz

The event aimed to provide an opportunity for runners to go beyond the already extremely popular 5k holiday runs. The course received great reviews due to being easy to follow (only right turns), mostly shaded, and located in the beautiful Hammocks Course neighborhood. We plan



Lane and Jennifer Vogel, winners of the inaugural Half Marathon.

to host this event again next year around the same time. Begin getting ready for it! For those interested in joining a running community, the ORC Run Club meets every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Outdoor Gym in the Member Fitness parking lot. Running can

be many things, including fun, social, challenging, and deeply rewarding.

#### Here are the top finishers: Men:

Lane Vogel
 Kevin Crowe
 Anton Schutz Jr.
 2:54.02
 1:59.25
 2:00.25

#### Ladies:

Jennifer Vogel
 Riley Hayward
 Sindee Furshman
 2:03.38

From Silver Fit to bootcamps and challenges, the Member Fitness Center has something for every Member. For questions about services, programs and events ,please contact the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820.

#### Get to Know Club Fitness Champion Kathleen Metzman

Tell us about your history with fitness and sports: Fitness has always been part of my life. When I was young I ran cross country and track and played softball, with a little bit of golf and tennis. As one of six siblings, there was always someone to play with. After college, the gym became a place where I could meet people. In those early years, we moved four times in five years and had a new baby in each state. As my husband finished medical school and residency and started a practice in Indiana, an hour in the gym was a welcome refuge.

What got you interested in doing the challenges? We came to The Reef in Jan. 2020, six weeks before the start of COVID. I met Joannie Rich in those early weeks and when the Fitness Center closed, she invited me to her outdoor workout group. This led to meeting more members who had an interest in fitness. I started doing the challenges to get a smoothie, but I have always liked the competitive side of fitness. I soon realized I was pretty good at several of the events, and not so

great at others. I always work on whatever the challenge is for that month. This year the swimming events in the pool were quite challenging for me. I had to put in a fair amount of work to swim laps and not look like I was going to sink to the bottom.

#### What is your weekly fitness routine?

My daily fitness routine, even I admit (and my husband, Louis agrees), can be a bit much. I like to get to the gym by the time it opens, which is usually about 5:45. There are a handful of gym regulars that have become friends. The thing I love best about the early-morning crowd is that they always look out for each other. If someone is missing for a few days we make sure all is well. Of course, the downside of this is that I can never miss a day or I will get several texts as to my whereabouts. I always start my morning with a two- or three-mile run on the treadmill. I like to work on my speed. Two mornings a week I move onto the stair climber and then finish with core work and stretching. I am only there for an hour. I head home to have breakfast with my husband. We then head back to Sweat Class at 8 a.m. This is where I will add in a weight routine. Two days a week I also stay for Cycle Strength. After the



Kathleen Metzman with Luis Bracamonte at the Fitness Awards.

Fitness Center comes more of the fun stuff. I play tennis, golf, and pickleball. One of the best things I do is captain the USTA Ocean Reef tennis team. Last December we qualified for Nationals and competed in Orlando. We were thoroughly beaten but had a great weekend of tennis with my Ocean Reef friends. In the afternoons, I will sometimes go on a longer run outdoors. I usually will do this if I am preparing for a race. Last May, my fitness highlight was running the Indianapolis Half-Marathon with my three sons. The middle one, Eric, graduated from medical school and we all met there to celebrate. Hopefully, I will do that again next May when my youngest son, Andy, graduates from medical school as well. Maybe I can convince my husband and daughter to join.

What advice do you have for fellow Members who want to get in shape and be healthy? The wonderful thing about the Fitness Center is the variety of choices. You can try out different things and find what works for you. Start with Pilates, or Zumba, or Sweat Class. If it is not for you, choose a different activity. I have one rule that I live by regarding working out. If I am not feeling up to working out, say, a migraine, or when I was younger, children up at night, I would always get on the treadmill for twelve minutes. At the twelveminute mark, if I was still feeling terrible, I would allow myself to get off. But most of the time, I realized that I felt better and kept going. The point is, do what you can and keep your body moving.

The two things I like most about the Fitness Center are the staff and my fellow members. The Fitness Center staff are wonderful. They always have words of encouragement and new competitions, and they create such a fun environment that working out becomes routine. I'm also inspired by the number of older members who put in effort every day to maintain their fitness and mobility. I hope when I approach my later years I will still be at the door of the Fitness Center when it opens each morning.

### Big Wind Shift on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

Last Sunday was absolute proof that weather forecasts are not always as accurate as you'd hope. The entire week leading up to last Sunday's racing, the wind conditions looked like they would be perfect, out of the east around 11 knots. What we found when we arrived at the Pond were west winds at two to three knots. Even though the Pond's surface was like glass, there was still just enough breeze to get our EC-12s moving and racing. But after a couple races, the wind conditions would do a complete 180...literally.

As we all gathered at the Pond and rigged our boats, we waited until the very last minute to



Closing in on a photo finish, won by Al Mast (sail # 1947).

set the race buoys in hopes the previously forecasted wind shift would arrive. But with our 10 a.m. start time quickly approaching, we had to set the course based on the conditions Mother Nature provided at that moment. With the west wind, this meant a start line on the east side of the Pond with the windward mark and the jibe mark on the west side and south side, respectively. Racing began with a photo finish in Race #1 and close racing in Race #2, but soon the change was upon us...a complete 180-degree wind shift from the west to the east.

This created a conundrum. Do we take another ten minutes to

swap the course around and move to the other end of the Pond or do we adapt to the new conditions? Adapting quickly seemed to be the logical thing so we kept the course as it was and instead of sailing upwind to start, we did downwind starts. This created some exciting first legs of the course in the final as the fleet was in a pack rounding the first mark. But with a falling tide that caused more than one of us to run aground on the east side of the Pond, we only managed to get five races run on the day.

Winning the day with three race wins was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. Second place with two race wins and only one point

adrift was **Al Mast**. Rounding out the top three was **Erin Coffin**. Special mentions go out to **Ralph Marrinson** who joined the racing after a few weeks of practice sailing and, as always, to **Lynne Mast** for being our Race Committee.

#### What Will this Sunday Bring?

Since I can only base my comments on the forecast, I can say that at the time of this writing it is looking perfect. East winds at 13-14 knots and a building tide that will fill the Pond. I am keeping my fingers crossed that the forecast is spot on.

There are only a few Sundays left in the season to watch the Card Sound Model Yacht Club races, so we hope you will come out! 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.





#### **ROD & GUN CLUB**

# Ducks Unlimited Comes to Ocean Reef



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Since its inception 87 years ago, Ducks Unlimited has restored or protected nearly 16 million acres of North America wetlands and over a billion acres of Canadian Boreal Forest. The Prairie Pothole Region is



Join the Rod & Gun Club for a screening of "Wings Over Water" at the Cultural Center April 18.

at the heart of what was once the largest expanse of grasslands in the world, namely the Great Plains of North America, and is the top priority conservation area for Ducks Unlimited.

At the Cultural Center on **Thursday, April 18**, the Rod and Gun Club is pleased to host

Adam Putnam, CEO of Ducks Unlimited, who will present the screening of DU's new awardwinning documentary, "Wings Over Water," narrated by Michael Keaton. The 45-minute film will begin at 5 p.m., and following there will be a wine/beer reception, 6-6:30 p.m., hosted by the Rod and Gun Club and to which all Ocean Reef Members are invited.

This film tells the story of the Prairie Pothole Region, seen through the lives of three different species — the Mallard Duck, the Sandhill Crane, and the Yellow Warbler. These birds are dramatically different from each other but all depend on the wetlands for reproduction. The Sandhill Crane is a large bird with a bugling call that lives in open habitats. The

Mallard Ducks are familiar sights to many in ponds and even swimming pools, while the Yellow Warblers are the singers of the three, and can be heard in spring and summer, singing in the tops of willows and small trees at water's edge.

With extraordinary footage of soaring migratory flight, mating and family-raising, "Wings Over Water" brings the fascinating behaviors of each individual species and the challenging journey that they face to survive in the hidden oasis in the heartland of America. Don't miss this powerful film.

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#### **RECENT CATCH**









**TOP:** George Aloysius Kingdon, 9-year-old grandson of Queenie and Tom Eagle, caught a sailfish on March 30th aboard Mr. Nice with Captain Mike and Mate Alex. After working hard to bring in his 6-foot catch, he proclaimed joy at achieving his "lifelong ambition" and now he could take it off his "bucket list"! Wonder what else is in store for young George!

**LEFT:** Judy Rodriguez was proud to share that her daughter, Legacy Member Amy Rodriguez, recently caught this 50-pound Giant Trevally, this peach faced triggerfish, and almost 100 bonefish during a 6-day fishing trip to Christmas Island.

#### COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOATING SAFETY

### Is Your Boat a Food Festival?



by Randy Woods, US Coast Guard Auxiliary Ocean Reef

Food and Wine Weekend at Ocean Reef (yes, this weekend April 12-14) provides an opportunity to consider the hungry, wine-dark sea around us.

My friend, Mitchell, a British Virgin Islander, is an accomplished charter captain, a keen observer of coastal weather and a philosopher. He once described a newly exposed construct on tiny Saba Rock near the Bitter End Yacht Club as "hurricane food."

Sailors might remember the original boozy bar built by Bert Kilbride long ago which reminded visitors of a pirate's cave full of plunder, castaways and revels. My family often visited, and my young son declared the place to be the "last lair of real pirates."



Bert Kilbride, in 1990, points to where the most delicious boats are moored. Photo: Author.

Bert sold to a developer who doubled the size of the island and its bar. To Mitchell, this was asking the gluttonous winds and waves to devour the place—and naturally—this occurred more than once.

Boats can likewise become part of the ocean food chain, and owners and operators have a responsibility to make their vessels as unappetizing as possible.

Be certain your boat not only employs all required safety equipment but also offers conveniences for the welfare of all on board. Is there ample fresh water, drinking water, ice and snacks? Shade or a way to get out of the elements is appreciated. Do you have a good first aid kit, sunscreen, and clothing in layers?

Is the VHF radio turned on and tuned in—do your passengers know how to use it?

Do you have enough insurance, fuel, and good weather for the voyage? Are movable items stowed properly, and can your crew locate safety equipment? Are your mechanical systems sound and serviceable?

Do you have an ample supply of towels aboard?



Certain towels are essential equipment on certain boats. Photo: Anonymous.

Visualize winds, tides and currents, waves and wakes, salt water, rain squalls, sun, heat, cold, darkness, rocks and reefs—and of course pirates—as insatiable demons anxious to consume vessels and crew. You want your boat to be the most unappetizing option on the marine traffic buffet.

You probably know several Ocean Reef mariners who, like my friend Mitchell, are coastal philosophers, and who operate boats prepared to survive banquets at sea.

Peter Liashek, an amiable colleague with the Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary, is one. A Navy veteran, he is a long-serving and decorated Auxiliary Officer who, as Coxswain, has participated in

frequent Coast Guard missions. He often teaches classes on boating emergencies and safety, writes for this column, and he serves as one of five CG Vessel Examiners on The Reef.



Captain Liashek's boat is unrivaled but revolting to the hungry ocean. Photo: CG Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04.

I have inspected Pete's boat, At Ease, twice. All requirements were exceeded for safe and dependable navigation. Personal flotation devices are equipped with emergency locator beacons, strobe lights and whistles. His vessel is trim, orderly, and every item is prepped and properly stowed. Pete is fixed on vessel upkeep and has a locker packed with enough boat protection and cleaning products to open a marine store.

I have no information on how successful he is at fishing.

Pete is an accomplished mariner, and his boat is the envy of many, but it is repellant to the hungry seas.

The sea is a hungry dog, giant and grey. He rolls on the beach all day. With his clashing teeth and shaggy jaws, hour upon hour he gnaws.

The rumbling, tumbling stones, and 'Bones, bones, bones, bones, bones,

The giant sea-dog moans, licking his greasy paws.

-James Reeves



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#### CARD SOUND SAILING CLUB

# We Barely Got in the Last Race of the Season!



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

Last Saturday, the Card Sound Sailing Club had their last race of the season. We already knew it would be a challenge with the wind forecasting to be light from the NW and switching around to the West in the middle of the race, all while the tide would be increasing and the current changing 180 degrees.

Thankfully, our PRO, Lorne Price, gave his early morning call and said "the winds will be light and let's just see how she goes!" The wind and current did exactly what was predicted. The first race went off slowly, but we were all moving. Bill and Sally Reynolds (Bull, 699) won that race handily as they went on a port tack at the starting line while almost everyone else went on starboard. The second race, only Jim Lampman and Jim Foster (Reefer, 639) found enough wind to get around the windward mark before the calm. Some boats even hit the mark and started going backwards with the change in the current.



Anne and Peter Askew - winners of the Mills-Metcalf Eyes Race series.



Natasha and Lorne Price reporting Race Committee results.



Photo by Windsor Coffin

It was quite a sight as some boats were becalmed in the middle, would cheer as they moved a little, but then stop again. I believe the attendant boat at that mark had all the fun of watching the frustrated sailors turn in circles. That was **Chuck Cook's** boat, *Little Geezer*, with **Bob** and **Christa Murray** and **Windsor Coffin**, who were taking all sorts of pictures. Our Race Committee boat, *Truant*, with **Henry Stout** 

and Lorne Price, Natasha Price, Jane Schaefer, and Shirley Shumway, called that the last race, but then the question was whether we would ever get back to the harbor. Miraculously, the wind picked up and we found the dolphins again who brought us home.

The Nooner committee of **Pam Cook, Anne Lampman** and chef **Vanna Cheng** were busy setting up for our last Hot

Dog Day. Vanna cooked some delicious beef sliders to add to the menu and we topped it off with cupcakes in our Burgee colors.

The results from our last Mills-Metcalf series Race Day #4 were divided into the Bulls and the Eyes. In the Bulls, Jim Lampman and Jim Foster came in 1st place, the Reynolds came in a close 2nd, and **Gary Sayia** and **Nancy Lampman** (*Taurus*, 810) came in 3rd. With these results added to the last race days in this series, the winners were **Chris Streit** and **Jim Wilson** (*Beluga*, 708), with Gary Sayia and Nancy Lampman 2nd and Bill and Sally Reynolds 3rd.

In the Eyes, **Peter** and **Anne Askew** (*Dead Eye*, 819) came in 1st for the day, **Frank Schneider** and **James McCann** (*Target*, 91) came in 2nd and **Glenn** and **Anne Gormley** (*Last Chance*, 817) came in 3rd. The Eyes Series overall winners were the Askews, 2nd place was **Ned Brooks** and **Bert Winchester** (*Card Trick*, 707), and 3rd place was Frank Schneider and James McCann. Congratulations to them and all our sailors who showed up to all the races!

Our Awards Night was last Tuesday, so stay tuned for that report next week.

We are always welcoming anyone interested in joining our Sailing Club so check out our website, <u>cardsoundsailingclub</u>. <u>com</u>, or contact Gary Sayia at 210-919-7432.





#### **BONEFISH BONNIES**

#### **Bonefish Bonnies Annual** Meeting in the Butterfly Garden



by Mary Bloom, Bonefish **Bonnies** 

Standing in for President Laura Wilson, Vice President Jodi Zifferer, on behalf of the Board of Directors, welcomed the Bonnies to the Annual Meeting, the last meeting of the 25th anniversary season. She expressed thanks to Key Largo Anglers Club for once again hosting the Bonnies in the Butterfly Garden and sent many thanks to Chef Jon and his team and to Clay for making the day so special.

She acknowledged and thanked all of the Bonnies who chaired the three tournaments and the many special events this past season. As usual at the end of the season, Bonnies who caught their first fish, bonefish, tarpon, permit, sailfish, or fished in their first tournament were acknowledged and celebrated with a round of applause.

The Bonefish Bonnies, Inc. Annual Meeting was then called to order. The slate of candidates for directors at large was presented and Angela Basciano and Michelle Musto were elected to the board for two-year terms. They will be replacing Bonny Gothier and Kathy Weiland who are both retiring from the board. Kathy and Bonny were honored for their combined service of 10 years on the board. Both had served as chairpersons of tournaments as well as other special events. Kathy also served as Luncheons chairperson while Bonny served



Vice President Jodi Zifferer (center) and newly elected BB Directors Angela Basciano and Michelle Musto.



Sarah Cart holds the engraved pen given to her by the Bonnies with thanks and as a symbol of the years she spent as the Bonnies' scribe.

as Membership chairperson. The Bonnies thank them for all of their contributions over the years.

Continuing on the board are current directors: Carolyn Allen, Carol Andrews, Johanna Carrier, Kristina Ersek, Diana Frazier, Allison Freeland, Tina Jones, Esther Vazquez, Laura Wilson, Nancy Zakon, Jodi Zifferer, Liz Zug and board member emeritus, Mona Brewer. Next, the slate of candidates for officers was presented and Laura Wilson as president, Kristina Ersek as secretary and Allison Freeland as treasurer were all elected for two-year terms.

On a special note, Jodi mentioned that Sarah Cart was another Bonnie who has gone above and beyond the call of



Bonefish Bonnies Annual Meeting at Key Largo Anglers Club.

duty for so many years. Sarah's contributions to the Bonnies and the Ocean Reef community have been innumerable. Before retiring from the board a few years ago, Sarah was the board secretary as well as the voice of the Bonnies, writing both Tight Lines and Bonnie articles for the Ocean Reef Press. Jodi went on to say that these were just a few of the roles Sarah has had and that now she has added a new

one as a published author.

With her usual poise and grace, she tells the incredible story of the medical odyssey that she and her husband, Ben, endured. The book is "On My Way Back To You." Jodi, on behalf of all the Bonnies, wished Sarah and Ben every happiness as they embark on a new journey to their new home in Massachusetts. She will be missed.



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# Tennis & Pickleball Special Happenings



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

While Pickleball and Tennis are two very different sports, they share many similarities. Both require quick reflexes, excellent hand-eye coordination, and a strategic mind. Whether you're playing Mixed Doubles Pickleball or Singles Tennis, the ultimate goal is always the same: to have fun, stay active, and enjoy the thrill of competition.

#### Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championships

One of the highlights of the Pickleball season is the annual Mixed Doubles Club Championships. This year 21 teams competed across two flights to earn their right to be called Club Champion. Play started on Saturday with round-robin play. In each A and B, the top four teams made it to the semifinal. The winners of the semifinals earned the right to compete in the finals on Championships Sunday. Play was once again, championships level, and the crowd was amped. Thank you to all finalists and participants, and congratulations to our Club Champions!

- A Flight Caki Watkins & Andrew Watkins defeated Nikki Smith & Wally Hayward 0-11, 11-8, 11-8
- B Flight Michelle Flanigan & Jeff Mokris defeated Debbie Tirico & Bart Shuldman 12-10, 11-4

#### **Bring-A-Pro Tennis Pro-Am**

One of the most exciting forms of any club sport is Pro-Am Tournaments. These types of tournaments bring together amateur players with professionals for a thrilling and competitive experience. The idea behind these



2024 Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championship

tournaments is to allow amateurs to play with professionals and gain some valuable experience while having fun at the same time. The Bring-A-Pro Pro-am Tournament takes this concept one step further by allowing Members to bring their own Pro player to the tournament. The format of the Bring-A-Pro Tennis Tournament is doubles and each amateur is paired with their chosen Pro player, and they compete against other teams in the tournament. The matches will be played in a round-robin format, with the top teams advancing to the knockout rounds.

The tournament provides an opportunity for players of all

skill levels to come together and enjoy the sport they love while supporting their favorite Pro by placing a wager on their Team. The competitive nature of the tournament can create a lively and exciting atmosphere, with players and spectators cheering on their favorite teams. Some like to think of this as the Tennis Tournament to Golfs Bag Room Open.

All Members are invited to meet the Pros at the Cocktail Party and auctioning of the teams on **Friday, April 19th** at 6:00 p.m.

Play starts at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, April 20th**, and will conclude at approximately 3 p.m.

**Singles Club Championships**The Tennis Singles Club

Championships has been a season-long tournament. Players have a few weeks to schedule their matches to have a chance at moving on to the next round. It started with a 19-person draw and it has been narrowed down to the finals. Clinching their Finals appearance is **Andy Timmerman** after beating defending champion **Ralf Sellig**. Andy will take on previous Club Champion Wally Hayward who beat **Tyler Massey** in the other semifinal.

The Singles Club Championship Finals will take place on **Saturday**, **April 13th** at 9 a.m. All are encouraged to come and watch some phenomenal Championship Singles.

#### OCEAN REEF YACHT CLUB

Taking this season's "You Gotta Have Heart" theme to heart, 124 members of Ocean Reef Yacht Club enjoyed what was billed as an "April Fool's Cruise (three days late!)" to Playa Largo on Thursday, April 4. Mother Nature kept everyone on their toes until the last minute, but 10 boats opted to make the trek despite early-morning showers, and the overcast skies ensured the tropical temperatures were just right.



# The Final Open Play & Presentation of the Ruffing Award

By William Hinkebein, ORC Croquet Chair

Our final Open Play and Pizza Party, held last Sunday, saw 20 to 30 croquet enthusiasts come out to play a final round with fellow teammates, friends and ORC croquet club members. This special afternoon was also the presentation of the coveted Ruffing Award, given to a most distinguished, most deserving individual.

#### **The Ruffing Award**

This honorable award is given to a person(s) who has given so much to the ORC croquet community, recognizing outstanding contributions that have enhanced the overall experience of our croquet life at ORC. To receive a Ruffing Award is a very special achievement.

The Ruffing Award is so named in honor of our great croquet friends and leaders **Joan** and **Art Ruffing**.

The Ruffing's are long-time ORC and KLAC members who helped build the croquet community. Through their long tenure at both clubs, they've volunteered countless hours in creating, organizing and leading the croquet activities.

Joan and Art have taught hundreds of people the croquet game and are pillars of the croquet community upon whose shoulders we stand. In honoring an individual with this special award, we also honor the Ruffings themselves. What a pleasure it was to have Joan and Art in attendance on this special day.

#### And the Winner....

It is with great pleasure that we honor and recognize the



Joan and Art Ruffing, Ruffing Award winner Betsy Caldwell, and Croquet Chair William Hinkebein

outstanding dedication and contribution of one of our most beloved members. For many years, this person has been a cornerstone of our club, dedicating countless hours and resources to help make it the thriving community it is today. Their unwavering commitment to the sport and our club has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Their contributions have been numerous and significant. They have served on the club's committee, helping to guide its strategic direction and ensure it remains a vibrant and welcoming community for all. They have organized countless tournaments and events, bringing together members from far and wide to enjoy the game and each other's company.

But perhaps most importantly, they have been a friend and mentor to so many of us. They have welcomed new members with open arms, sharing their knowledge and passion for the game and helping to foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie.

Their dedication and commitment have been an inspiration and we could not have achieved all that we have without them. Their legacy will be felt for many years to come.

We wish them all the very best in their future

endeavors and look forward to continuing to share in their love of the game. On behalf of the entire club, we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our distinguished recipient of this year's Ruffing Award - **Betsy Caldwell**.

#### A Special Note From Jim Morton:

"Betsy and her late husband Hardwick came to the rescue of the croquet group just as it was beginning to fracture. Her friendliness and calm, yet firm, influence as croquet chairman increased participation as well as programming. Betsy was an amazing leader who welcomed everyone to the croquet lawn to learn the great game of golf croquet!

One of the amazing events we had during that time was when Betsy invited a group of hardcore players from the Highlands area of the Carolinas to play us over a long weekend at Ocean Reef. The Highlands is considered one of the meccas of golf croquet in the US so I was worried we might not be strong enough to compete with them. However much to all of our surprise, we didn't lose a match until the end of the second day! Needless to say we haven't heard from them at all since!"



#### TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

#### Men's Tennis Night League Monday, April 8

1st Place: Tony Olmert 2nd Place: Tyler Massey 3rd Place: Thomas Williamson

#### **Ladies Pickleball League**

1st Place: Cathy Ryon 2nd Place: Kam Krouskos 3rd Place: Lisa Towbin

#### Men's Pickleball Morning League

1st Place: Jeff Mokris 2nd Place: Dan Attridge 3rd Place: Todd Doolan

#### Men's Pickleball Evening League

1st Place: Dan Cohen 2nd Place: Dan Attridge 3rd Place: Brandon St.Germain

#### Pickleball Mixed Club Champions A flight

Winners: Caki & Andrew Watkins Finalists: Nikki Smith & Wally Hayward **B flight** 

Winners: Michelle Flanigan & Jeff Mokris Finalists: Debbie Tirico & Bart Shuldman

#### **BRIDGE RESULTS**

#### Monday, April 1 Section A Howell Movement

1st Place: Carolyn Fovel - Amy Salisbury 2nd Place: Judie Berry - Denny Morgan 3rd Place: Beverly Platner - Suzy Heilpern 4th Place: Pat Richwagen - Martha Kavanaugh

#### Wednesday, April 3 North-South

1st Place: Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast 2nd Place: Joyce Fowler - Ted Fowler 3rd Place: Judie Berry - Denny Morgan

#### **Section A East-West**

1st Place: Kathy Bahl - Elizabeth Coleman 2nd Place: Pat Henry - Rosalie Svete

#### Friday, April 5 Section A North-South

1st Place: Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast 2nd Place: Fred Bacher - Beverly Platner 3rd Place: Rosemary Jones - Joanne Wills

#### **Section A East-West**

1st Place: Bessie Connelly - Patricia Kent 2nd Place: Ann Petersen - Hollis Petersen

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### Card & Games Update



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Whether you're a seasoned poker player, a fan of Canasta, or eager to learn Mah Jongg, there's something for everyone at the Card & Game Room this April.

While I am in Gatlinburg, TN from April 12 through April 23, David Babcock will fill in my absence.

#### **Poker Nights:**

Join us every Monday evening at 6:45 p.m. for Men's Poker Night. Test your skills and enjoy some friendly competition in an inviting atmosphere.

#### Canasta Pick Up Games:

Tuesdays and Thursdays mark the return of Canasta Pick Up Games at the Card & Games Room. Swing by between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to join in on the fun. No need to worry about finding a group—we'll organize games just like we did before Covid-19. Whether you're a novice or a seasoned player, it's a fantastic opportunity to socialize and hone your skills. If you're new to the game or looking for a refresher, don't miss our beginner lessons on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

#### Mah Jongg:

For lovers of Mah Jongg, Tuesdays and Thursdays are your days to shine. Join us from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Mah Jongg pickup games. Plus, we're thrilled to announce that we now have a Mah Jongg teacher on-site offering both beginner and intermediate lessons. For more information or to schedule a lesson, please contact me at 305-367-6609.

#### **Beginner's Canasta Lessons:**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 25th, at 12:30 p.m. for Beginner's Canasta Lessons. Whether you're new to the game or looking to brush up on your skills, this is the perfect opportunity to learn and connect with fellow players.

#### **Live Duplicate Bridge Games:**

Calling all bridge enthusiasts! Join us for Live Duplicate Bridge Games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 1 p.m. don't worry if you're new to duplicate bridge—we're here to help. Reach out to me at 305-367-6609 for instructions and guidance.

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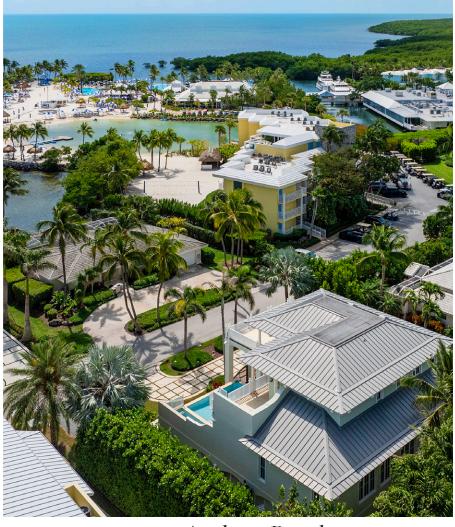
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