

# OCEAN REEF PRESS

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## Thank You Beach Party Celebrates a Memorable Season

From the Keys-y sounds of the Jimmy Buffett tribute band to the 80's Swedish sensation tunes and the soulful rhythms of Motown, generations of Members put their toes in the sand and danced the night away on Buccaneer Island in celebration of a fantastic season at The Reef. See additional photos on page 22.



The Combs family, complete with George, George Jr., and George III, Members since 2000.



Maria and Sam Wardwell, Members since 2011



The Black family, Members since 2006.



The Holl family, Members since 1997.



Mark and Rebecca Hadfield, Members since 2023.

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#### Reef Hut Summer Closure

Due to the commencement of construction on the Associate Housing project, the Reef Hut is now closed for the summer. Grill Room, Toski's and the ORC Food Truck will be open all summer and feature new menu items, including Reef Hut favorites. Look for details and menus via email and on the website.

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### Calling All LINDAS!

We are gathering to discuss plans for our new social group "The LINDAS of Ocean Reef" at Port O' Call on **Tuesday, May 7** at 5 p.m. Please contact **Linda Salisbury** at 203-913-2162 if you have any questions. If you're name is Linda, come join us!

## Gotta Question?

How do I get my mail if I'm leaving The Reef for the summer?

If you want your mail sent to your summer location, please update your mailing address with the Club's Membership Department – by calling 305-367-5921 or emailing [membership@oceanreef.com](mailto:membership@oceanreef.com). To forward all of the mail you receive at your Reef residence, you can request mail forwarding through the post office (with a form that can be found at PakMail or online). If you have a mailbox at PakMail or The UPS Store, they can



also forward your mail to your summer address. Just call PakMail at 305-367-3096 or The UPS Store at 305-396-7444.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you would like to submit a question, email the *Ocean Reef Press* at [orp@oceanreef.com](mailto:orp@oceanreef.com).

# Airport Terminal Project Breaking Ground

At the April 11th Annual Meeting, Club Chairman **Charlie Johnston** announced the Club would break ground on the construction of a new Airport terminal in May. The new Terminal will greatly enhance safety and visibility, as well as the experience for Members, pilots and Associates. As you may recall, when the runway was renovated after Hurricane Irma in 2017 using Member donations, a commitment was made to use the remaining funds towards a future Airport terminal building.

As of this writing, the construction fencing has

been installed and a trailer has arrived to serve as our temporary facility. The fully-staffed trailer will serve as the terminal, opening at the end of next week and offering the same support and services currently in place. Entry to the Airport will be through the south gate (Medical Center side). Fuel service will be fully operational and we do not anticipate any restrictions or closures throughout the 9-month project timeframe.

As the Airport has become a destination for all Members and their families with special events like Vintage Weekend and Aviation Day, we know this new facility will further everyone's enjoyment of this special Club amenity.

Look for email updates and articles in the Ocean Reef Press this summer detailing the progress.

## Seasonal Dining Changes

Summer at your Club is approaching and with it, seasonal changes to the hours of operation. Below, we listed all outlet changes as of this writing, along with summer reservation information, so you can continue dining at Club restaurants without skipping a beat. For the full dining schedule, see page 27. For reservations, call 305-367-5931 or visit [oceanreef.com/Dining](http://oceanreef.com/Dining).

### Food Truck at Four Corners

Open Mondays-Fridays for lunch as of April 22.

### Palm Court

Serving inside the Islander beginning April 29.

### Islander

Opens for dinner at 6 p.m. beginning April 29.

### Gianni Ristorante

Opens for dinner at 6 p.m. beginning April 29.

### Grill Room

Beginning May 6, Grill Room will offer an all-day menu daily from 11am-7pm.

Beginning May 17, evening Steakhouse Dining Specials will be added Fridays and Saturdays until 9pm.

### Reef Lounge

Open Tuesdays-Saturdays beginning May 13.

### Raw Bar

Lunch continues daily through August.

Closed for dinner beginning May 27.

### CLOSED FOR SUMMER

- **Town Hall Waterside** (as of April 29)
- **Ocean Room Dinner** (as of April 28)
- **CH Lounge** (as of May 12)
- **CH Prime** (as of May 12)
- **Reef Hut** (as of April 20)

### Summer Reservation Policy:

- Social and Legacy Members may book 7 days in advance starting May 13. Equity reservation window stays the same at 14 days advanced booking.
- Equity Only Nights to end for summer May 12.

### Holiday Buffets will continue with early booking windows:

- **Mother's Day**  
Equity: Open now  
Social & Legacy: Opens Monday, April 29
- **Memorial Day**  
Equity: Opens Wednesday, May 1  
Social & Legacy: Opens Wednesday, May 8
- **Independence Day Weekend**  
Equity: Opens Saturday, June 1  
Social & Legacy: Opens Saturday, June 8
- **Labor Day Weekend**  
Equity: Opens Thursday, August 1  
Social & Legacy: Opens Thursday, August 8



## LET'S GO SHOPPING!

### May 10 - May 12

**MOM'S DAY OUT IN THE FISHING VILLAGE**  
Saturday, May 11 • 11:00am - 2:00pm • Fishing Village  
Moms and their families head to the Fishing Village for great deals, raffles and giveaways at various stores.

<h4 style="text-align: center;">TRUNK SHOWS</h4> <p><b>ZOE'S EMPIRE</b> Friday, May 10 The Spa • 9am - 3pm</p> <p><b>DEENA K JEWELRY</b> Saturday, May 11 The Spa • 9am - 2pm</p> <p><b>MLO JEWELRY CLASS</b> Saturday, May 11 The Spa • 2 - 3:30pm Create your own bracelet or necklace with natural stones and unique charms. \$145. limited space available. registration required by calling 305-367-6506</p> <p><b>LEXI JEWELRY</b> Fri., May 10 - Sun., May 12 Burgee Shop • 9am - 5pm</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">SALES</h4> <p><b>MEMBER FITNESS END-OF-SEASON SALE</b> Fri., May 10 - Sun., May 12 Fri 6am-7pm • Sat &amp; Sun 7am-5pm Up to 50% off select items, excluding Lululemon and On Running.</p> <p><b>BURGEE SHOP &amp; GIFT SHOP</b> Fri., May 10 - Sun., May 12 Burgee Shop • 9am-5pm Gift Shop • 9am - 5pm 25% off of \$100 purchase ladies' apparel only</p> <p><b>GOLF SHOP SALES</b> Sat., May 11 - Sun., May 12 7:30am - 5:30pm 25% off ladies' apparel and shoes</p> <p><b>TENNIS PRO SHOP SALE</b> Sat., May 11 - Sun., May 12 8am - 5:30pm 25% off ladies' apparel and shoes</p>
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# Berman Exemplifies Genuine Commitment to Community Service at Ocean Reef

## 2024 Spirit of Ocean Reef Recipient

By Annie Miles

When ORC Chairman **Charlie Johnston** announced the 2024 Spirit of Ocean Reef winner, he stated that "no recipient has been more deserving" than **Michael Berman**. An Equity Member since 1994, Berman embraced involvement in Reef community immediately and wholeheartedly and has never looked back. Michael, and wife **Angie**, first spent time here as part of an auto "Dealer



Chairman Charlie Johnston awards Mike Berman with the 2024 Spirit of Ocean Reef award.

20" group (think YPO for car dealers) and Berman noted that he found The Reef and its Members motivational and inspirational from the start. "I cannot imagine another place on earth with the mass of intelligence, talent and humble wealth as there is in our membership." He found mentors in **Tom Davidson** and **Alan Goldstein** and witnessed their endless commitment to the Club and its Members. He also came across a book

"What Happy People Know," by psychologist Dan Baker, and adopted its mantra for himself: "You can never be truly happy unless you commit to serving and helping others." He says Davidson and Goldstein showed him how to "connect the dots" of his passion for service with involvement at ORC.

The Spirit of Ocean Reef Award recognizes an "individual member or group that has had significant positive impact on our unique way of life that cannot be measured by financial or governance contributions." Berman received it on behalf of the ORC membership from Chairman Johnston at the April Town Hall meeting for his "unwavering dedication to the philanthropy, health and well-being of this community." In three decades of membership, Berman has proven himself to be a dedicated and a proactive force here at The Reef.

Beginning with working on the committee and eventually chairing the Member-Guest Golf Tournament, Berman also

served on the Membership and Nominating Committees and currently serves on the Marketing Committee. He is the Perpetual Chairman of All Charities, which is the fundraising arm of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, and he serves as the Community Foundation's Vice-Chairman. He is past Vice-Chairman and immediate past Chairman of the Medical Center Board, and is currently Chairman of the Medical Center Foundation. Additionally, he serves on the Ocean Reef Baptist Hospital Advisory Board, the Homestead Hospital Board and the Baptist Hospital Foundation Executive Board. Among his numerous contributions to these organizations, Berman had the vision to change All Charities from a single day event to a gala weekend, which has raised well over \$60 million for Ocean Reef entities and the upper keys community. At the Medical Center, he innovated patient options with the establishment of MedFit and expanded private medical services, to improve the lives of the ORC membership.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, where he built a family automotive business, Berman has two sons and four granddaughters. His sons now run day-to-day operations at the dealerships so his community service "keeps me out of their hair!" Reflecting on receiving the Spirit of Ocean Reef award, he acknowledged, "I am humbled and honored (and embarrassed) to receive an award for doing something that bring me so much joy." Thanks, Michael, for the "happy" way you have benefitted all of Ocean Reef!



Angie and Mike Berman.

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## A Toast to Tradition Recognizing Patron Members

This past Tuesday, the Board of Directors offered a toast of gratitude to the Club's Patron Members. This new tradition was created last year to recognize an integral piece of Ocean Reef Club's history – Patron Membership. In 1993, when the Acquisition Committee needed to raise \$58 million to purchase the Club, the idea of Patron Membership was born. At the time, there were two tiers of Equity Membership offered, with Patron Members paying a significantly larger sum and receiving Club benefits. It is certain, Ocean Reef Club would not be what it is today had it not been for the support of this group of longtime Members.



# Embracing the Presence of American Crocodiles

As the vibrant ecosystem of southern Florida thrives, it's not uncommon to encounter the remarkable American Crocodile in our waterways, golf courses, and occasionally even within the confines of our yards.

This is a testament to the native status of these creatures as their home, the Everglades, borders our own of Ocean Reef, providing a distinctive charm to our surroundings. However, with this unique charm comes the responsibility of understanding and coexisting with these shy reptiles.

"Crocodiles are a huge conservation success



"If you hit a golf ball by a crocodile, drop a new ball." –Ron Magill. Photo by Patty Davidson.

story, they've come back in big numbers," said Zoo Miami's Ron Magill during a presentation at Ocean Reef earlier this year.

Protected under the Endangered Species Act, American Crocodiles are known for their elusive nature, typically avoiding direct interaction with humans. Despite their somewhat reclusive behavior, the Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission emphasizes the importance of maintaining a safe distance to ensure both human safety and the well-being of these remarkable creatures.

"If you hit a golf ball by a crocodile, drop a new ball. They're not going to come after you, but don't tempt fate," said Magill. "I can tell you that crocodiles will avoid you whenever possible. The problem is when people start feeding them. We don't want them to lose their natural fear of humans."

American Crocodiles, unlike their more aggressive counterparts, are reliant on external heat sources for body temperature regulation. It's not uncommon to spot them basking in the warm sun on golf courses or in yards, showcasing their need for specific environmental conditions. While these reptiles may enter the water with a graceful quietness, a

startled crocodile might make a splash as a defensive measure against potential predators.

To foster a harmonious coexistence, members are encouraged to adopt preventive measures. Keeping a minimum of a 10-foot distance from the water's edge, leashing dogs, and refraining from swimming in areas with reported crocodile sightings are pivotal steps to minimize the risk of incidents.

The Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) actively collaborates with the Crocodile Response Program, seeking solutions for safe cohabitation. Among the considerations is the temporary relocation of crocodiles to ensure the safety of both members and the reptiles.

For those seeking more information or with specific inquiries, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist can be contacted at 866-392-4286. Additionally, a comprehensive online resource, "A Guide to Living with Crocodiles," offers valuable insights and guidelines on fostering a respectful and secure environment for both humans and crocodiles in our unique corner of Key Largo.

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# Conservation Association Answers the Call

By Jack Salisbury, Chairman  
Ocean Reef Conservation Association

The Ocean Reef Conservation Association is now in its 16th year of supporting conservation and education in the Florida Keys. The generosity of the Ocean Reef community through the All-Charities Auction has enabled the organization to provide \$225,000 in scholarships and over \$1.6 million in grants over the last five years. One hundred percent of the funds are used to support students from Keys High Schools and organizations off The Reef.

Recent grants have included: support for the History and Discovery Center in Islamorada, the Wild Bird Center in Tavernier, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, the History of Diving Museum, Mote Marine Coral Nursery, Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, Ocean Studies Charter School, The Everglades Foundation, Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, National Parks Conservation Association, Audubon Florida, Everglades Outpost Wildlife Rescue, Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary, Biscayne and Everglades

National Parks, Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge and many more.

We were recently contacted by the Lower Keys Guides Association regarding an urgent need for help. An as yet unidentified source is affecting fish, primarily in the lower keys. The affected fish are swimming erratically and spinning around. There have been 49 sightings of sick sawfish with 16 deaths confirmed. Affected species include tarpon, snook, permit, grouper, snapper and baitfish. The Board of the Conservation Association quickly approved the request for funding. It is being used to send biologists out with guides to the affected areas for sampling and research. We had the funding and could react quickly to a very serious problem.

The Conservation Association has worked to develop strong relationships with the numerous State and Federal Parks, preserves and sanctuaries that surround Ocean Reef. We have a stake in working to preserve and protect these environmentally sensitive areas.

The continued support of the Ocean Reef community has enabled the Conservation Association to fulfill its mission of preserving and improving the environment and offering scholarships in the areas of marine science and environmental studies. Thank you for helping preserve this "Unique Way of Life".

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### NEWS & HAPPENINGS

#### Golf Course Aeration Begins

It's that time of year again when the Golf Course Maintenance Team begins their summer work of aerating the Club's golf courses and green spaces. This annual summer project begins **May 6** with the closing of the Hammock Course. See the full schedule on page 40.

#### Gift Shop Summer Hours

Starting **Monday, April 29**, the Gift Shop hours will change for the summer to the following:

**Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
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5 BD, 5 BA | \$23,000,000 | 2659  
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5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$19,875,000 | 2540  
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32 Channel Cay Rd. | Canal Front  
3 BD, 3 BA | \$12,950,000 | 2654

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15 Harbor Island Dr. | Canal Front  
5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,800,000 | 2594

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3 BD, 3 BA | \$9,975,000 | 2552

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24 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front  
5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$6,695,000 | 2495

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437 South Harbor Dr. | Golf /Lake

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

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36 Bay Ridge Rd. | Central Location

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

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23 Tamarind Lane | Lake Front

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3 BD, Bonus Room, 3.5 BA  
\$5,250,000 | 2619

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4 Country Club Rd. | Golf Course

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**PENDING**

32 Bay Ridge Rd | Central Location

3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,850,000 | 2498

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14 Grayvik Drive | Furnished

3 BD, 2 BA | \$4,100,000 | 2686

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# Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, producers, and sponsors for making the 2023-2024 entertainment season truly unforgettable. It's thanks to your generous support that we're able to showcase world-class entertainment on our stage. Stay tuned as we put the finishing touches on the lineup for the upcoming 2024-2025 season – expect the official announcement late this summer!

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## AT THE CULTURAL CENTER



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## LIBRARY CORNER

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# In Step with The Happy Hoofers



by Felicia M. Koretsky

The requirements of Happy Hooper membership are straightforward: Be inclusive, handle touchy subjects gingerly, and have a well-fitting pair of sneakers.

Meet The Happy Hoofers, a sort of informal Club within the Club, made up of a couple of dozen-plus Reefers, who get together daily for walks, followed by coffee and chit-chat at Town Hall, and Sunday dinners at The Burgee Bar.

**Mary Zwirn**, an ORC member since 1995, started walking with a friend 20 years ago around the Hammock Course. With each passing season, Mary invited new people to join them. They've grown to a revolving band of nearly 30 friends, whose three-mile course, strategically planned with bathrooms in mind, around The Fishing Village and Villa Cay neighborhood, begins at 8:30 a.m. An hour later they end up at Town Hall, where more Hoofers make their way over for coffee, with some lingering until 11.

"We are a family," said Mary, who sends out daily texts to the bunch detailing the day's optional plans. "We all have different political opinions and world views, but we do not fight. We talk about everything from events going on at The Reef to what we thought of last night's dinner. If someone has a problem, they can call one of us. It's a very caring group."

For **Phyllis Gorson**, joining the Hoofers has given her a renewed sense of purpose. When her husband, Murray, died suddenly in January 2020 at Ocean Reef, she went back to Philadelphia. A couple of months later with the onset of Covid, she and her family, who typically



Walking and talking binds this group of Happy Hoofers together.

visited ORC a couple times a year, returned to The Reef. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise for Phyllis.

"The Hoofers got me out of bed every day, they gave me a feeling of belonging," said Phyllis, who now calls The Reef her home most of the year. "I have family, but this gave me a sense of community. It introduced me to a whole group of people I never knew before."

**Dale Schuble**, who started hanging with the Hoofers 17 years ago when her husband, Joe, died echoed Phyllis' sentiments.

"By talking to others who had similar experiences, it gave me a lot of insight," said Dale, an ORC member since 1985. "I learned how to deal with life as a single."

When something happens to one Hooper, it happens to them all. If a Hooper takes a fall (and it's occurred more than once), the others go into rescue mode, driving each other to a hospital or doctor's appointment, taking care of another's pet, or stopping by with groceries, whatever it takes. It doesn't hurt that two of the Hoofers are physicians. Drs. **Jon** and **Lori Cilley** support their friends in need with advice and have been known to make house calls.

On average, eight people turn out for the daily walks, double or triple that for the coffee and convo and usually the weekly dinners get the largest turnouts. Made up of mostly Equity members, the door to friendships is always open even for those dropping in for a couple of days or months during the season, or are year-rounders. There are



You can find the group departing Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. daily.

no real rules- the Hoofers like to keep things fun and flexible, said **Jessica Olefson**, an active participant whose been an ORC member since 1976.

When the group decided to give themselves a name, it came down to a vote. **Joanne Wills** suggested The Happy Hoofers. It beat out the other nominee, The Walkie Talkies. The name Hoofers is slang term for tap dancers, but while nobody's shoes have taps, they are all in step with their view of the importance of social interaction.

**Martie Russel** credits The Hoofers with playing a role in extending her mother's life. Nancy Strayer died in November- two months short of her 100th birthday. Nancy loved playing bridge, Martie said, and when it became too hard for her to get to the Card Room, some of the Hoofers brought bridge tables over to her house.

"My mother loved The Hoofers," said Martie, tearing up thinking about birthday parties and pot luck dinners they spent together with the group. "We had a celebration of life for her

in January, and so many of The Hoofers were there. That meant everything."

Equal parts social, companionship, and emotional support, the Hoofers' unbreakable bond to keep each other motivated always find ways to circumvent obstacles. During Covid restrictions, they simply pivoted to a Plan B, meeting in their golf carts.

"We'd park around in a circle and talk," said Jessica. "We'd celebrate anything with wine and cheese."

The Hoofers applaud Mary for her ongoing organizing efforts in keeping everyone in the loop. But she admits keeping socially active has been helpful to her, too.

"You can bring any problem you might have to the group and we will try and solve it by the end of the walk," she said. When her husband, **Mel**, also a Hooper, was no longer able to join in on the walks, she said still having friends to depend on, whether it was for exercise or a good laugh, makes her days always start on the right foot.

# All Charities Preferred Partner Spotlight: Lester Lampert Jewelers

Since the earliest days as a private club, Ocean Reef has crafted traditions and memories that are cherished by the Members. Even today these remain relevant as the future generations of members embrace the Club as their own. In Chicago, one name shines among jewelers with a similar century-old legacy: Lester Lampert, Inc. This family-owned business established in 1920 by David Lampert: has also evolved across generations into a renowned jewelry retailer

and manufacturer, leaving an indelible mark and a global reputation for their focus on creativity, craftsmanship, and innovation.

Having just completed their eighth year as a Preferred Partner for All Charities, both Lester and his son David can easily identify with the importance of carrying on their traditions and creating a lasting legacy. Members often marvel at their displays during their "Gem of an Evening" for the All Charities Trustees and the ensuing "Bubbles, Baubles and Jewels" for the Membership at large. And the true masterpiece with their display during the Silent Auction for the Gala. Just the logistics for creating these displays and transporting the precious gems and 18kt gold jewelry is stunning.

All of this has become a tremendous benefit to the All Charities fundraising effort. In addition, providing

a very generous contribution for every sale from every Member, ALL YEAR LONG! They also provide a stunning piece of jewelry to include in the Live Auction. Combined, their donations are rapidly approaching four million dollars for All Charities.

Now the fourth generation of leadership finds David Lampert, the great grandson of the family's namesake, at the helm. He carries forward the Lampert legacy with pride and passion. The family's dedication to excellence, quality, and service ensures that the Lampert name will continue to shine brightly for generations to come, illuminating the world with the timeless beauty of fine jewelry and the enduring spirit of artistic innovation.

Throughout their history, Lester Lampert, Inc. has garnered acclaim for their exceptional collaborations and notable achievements. The city

of Chicago entrusted them with designing the official gift for Pope John Paul II's historic visit. And one of the Field Museum's most noteworthy cut gems was also entrusted to Lester Lampert, a stunning 97.45-carat Imperial Red Topaz, one of the world's largest and most rare Topaz.

The Lester Lampert team, including David Lampert, Maureen Lampert, Fradine Lampert-Kipnis, Mark Gibbs, Elena Klibanova, and Graciela Peres welcome you to visit their jewelry store and workshop just steps off of the Magnificent Mile in Chicago at 7 East Huron St. Or visit them virtually at [lesterlampert.com](http://lesterlampert.com). And remember, every item you purchase from them, any time of the year, benefits the Ocean Reef Community Foundation All Charities effort!



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Pictured at the Grants Presentation Celebration are (standing, left to right) Ocean Reef Conservation Association Chairman Jack Salisbury, Ocean Reef Cultural Center President John Hunt, ORCAT Chair Luisa Bryan, Medical Center at Ocean Reef CEO Keith Young, Ocean Reef Conservation Association Board Member Ken Reda, All Charities and Medical Center Foundation Chair Mike Berman, Ocean Reef Community Foundation President & COO Richard Weinstein, (sitting, left to right) Ocean Reef Art League President Tom Mackell, Ocean Reef Art League Treasurer Linda Kaplan, ORCAT Veterinarian Dr. Lora Cummings, Academy at Ocean Reef Board Member Jim Hassett, Academy at Ocean Reef Board Member Russell Post, and Ocean Reef Art League Director Sherri Harris.

## Celebrating 2024 Grant Distributions

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation held its annual Grants Presentation Celebration last Wednesday, April 17, at the Cultural Center, distributing over \$2 million in Community Grants, largely made possible by support of All Charities, to nonprofit projects in the Upper Keys, Homestead, and Florida City. The ORCF Board, Grants Committee and Advised Fund Donors welcomed and celebrated 80+ local charities. Attendees explored the vital



ORCF Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, ORCF Grant Committee Member Linda Owens, and ORCF Board Member Ed Kramer with Genesis Hopeful Haven.

services these groups provide in the interest areas of Youth, Education, Health & Human Services, and Community,



ORCF Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, ORCF Board Member Diane Hill and 2024 All Charities co-chair Susie Hassett with Ocean Reef Member and President of the DMF Foundation, Lily de Moya.

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1 BD, 1.5 BA | \$2,100,000 | 2673

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# A Passover Lament



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

The tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King took place in Memphis on April 4, 1968. On that day, our small music group was touring in the Netherlands. The response of the Dutch young people was deep, palpable. At each performance in the days immediately following, students would request that we sing *We Shall Overcome*. It was their way of recognizing the significance of Dr. King's leadership in the civil rights movement. It was their way of expressing grief over the hate behind the bullet that killed him.

## Tragic Irony

Today is Passover, some fifty-six years after Dr. King's assassination. On this Passover morning, news shows featured live feed of anti-Israel protests on the campuses of Columbia University in New York City, and Yale University, some seventy-five miles away in New Haven, Connecticut. The protesters were singing *We Shall Overcome*.

The tragic irony is this. During the civil rights movement, the Jewish community was at the forefront of voices calling the nation to overcome the blight of racial injustice that is the sad legacy of slavery in the United States. This morning, those singing *We Shall Overcome* were doing so in support of a movement whose stated goal is the annihilation of the state of Israel, the rightful homeland of the Jewish people.

## Dangerously Naïve

If you look carefully, you will see protestors with signs that read, "From the river to the sea,

Palestine shall be free!" Some may naively think of these protests as a legitimate call for justice for the Palestinian people. Sometimes naiveté can be harmless, but not in this case.

The words on the signs come from a speech given in 2012, by the former head of Hamas, Khaled Mashaal. He declared, "Palestine is ours from the river to the sea and from the south to the north. There will be no concession of any inch of the land... There is no legitimacy for Israel... Israel has no right to be in Jerusalem."

## Never Again or Ever Again

On this Passover, there are no yellow stars on the clothing of those Jewish students and professors being hounded and threatened on the campus of Columbia and other schools. Yet these actions reflect an alarming increase in both the number and growing intensity of expressions of anti-Semitism today, in our nation and around the world. Given what is happening, is it unreasonable to think we could be witnessing the resurfacing of the dystopian history of the 1930's in Europe?

## Empty Chairs

Tonight at Congregation Ocean Reef's Passover Seder, there was an empty chair at our table. My first thought was mundane – someone had messed up the seating plan. But what I first thought mundane turned out to be intentional and deeply moving. There was an empty chair at each of the tables. These empty chairs were a reminder of the Jewish hostages who remain captive following Hamas' brutal attacks around Gaza on October 7th. The latest estimate is that one hundred thirty are still missing, hopefully alive. No one can be certain.

## Warnings

In an essay published in the *Wall Street Journal* a decade ago, Lord Jonathan Saks, the chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the

British Empire, gave a prescient warning. Quoting a British Tory MP, Lord Saks wrote, "Historically, anti-Semitism has been the early warning signal of a society in danger."

In the essay, he reminded us that anti-Semitism is "only obliquely about Jews. They were its victims but not its cause. The politics of hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews. It wasn't Jews alone who suffered under Hitler and Stalin. It is hardly Jews alone who are suffering today under their successors, the radical Islamists of Hamas, Hezbollah, al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Islamic State, and their fellow travelers. The assault on Israel and Jews world-wide is part of a larger pattern that includes attacks on Christians and other minority faiths in the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa, and parts of Asia – a religious equivalent of ethnic cleansing."

He concluded the essay with these sobering words that hopefully, every thoughtful person will take to heart. "Anti-Semitism has always been, historically, the inability to make space for differences among people, which is the essential foundation of a free society. That is why the politics of hate now assaults Christians, Bahai, Yazidis, and many others, including Muslims on the wrong side of the Sunni/Shia divide, as well as Jews. To fight it, we must stand together, people of all faiths and none. The future of freedom is at stake, and it will be the defining battle of the 21st century."

## A Final Question

In light of the above, the final question is this. "Who will overcome?" People of deep faith are not the source of hatred. It was Dr. King's faith that explains his life. It was Rabbi Saks faith that fueled his convictions. Will good people once again remain silent? History teaches us what happens when they do. Something to think about.

## CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

#### AA Meeting

7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room  
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### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

#### Catholic Mass

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

#### Traditional Worship Service

9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Chaplain Bob Henley

#### Kids Matter (4-8yrs)

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 29

#### AI-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  
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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

#### Intercessory Prayer

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### THURSDAY, MAY 2

#### Ocean Reef Men's Fellowship

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May 3

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May 1, June 3

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May 14

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April 26, May 17

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May 13

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May 31, June 14, July 19, Aug 16

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# A Real Adventure Camp



by Jody Steele

**Reef Discovery Camp** is offered for campers that are ready for a super active adventure in the Florida Keys. Each day is full of excursions that are action-packed for kids 8-14 years old. This has been a popular Ocean Reef Club Summer Camp choice for years and one that your favorite camper will always remember.

Christopher Nelson, Director of Recreation, updated me on the details of this exciting camp. Each weekday a trip to an off-property activity is scheduled. The days include a



This summer's Reef Discovery Campers will enjoy a snorkeling trip, a parasailing adventure, and new activities like a day at Keys Cable Park, plus more!

snorkeling trip with The Dive Shop on Monday, a parasailing trip in the Keys on Tuesday, an air boat ride in the Everglades followed by a stop at the Alligator Farm on Wednesday, a day at Keys Cable Park with wakeboarding in Marathon added on Thursday, and an Escape Room adventure in Key Largo on the final day – Friday. This year, a Thursday night celebration bonfire will be an additional event with an award given to the Camper of the Week and more recognition for



other outstanding campers. It really is a fun-filled week where the action is nonstop for the active camper. This Camp is featured four different weeks on the Weekly Line-up in the brochure or online at [www.oceanreef.com/summercamps](http://www.oceanreef.com/summercamps).

I was happy to hear that other special daily activities can be scheduled for tweens or teens with the Recreation team upon request during the summer months. These adventures include wakeboarding lessons, tubing, guided kayak tours,

sailing lessons, fishing with Orvis, group fitness classes, or a stand up paddleboard tour. All of these choices would be perfect for a family reunion, a teen get together, or a birthday party. The Recreation Department always can come up with a fun idea for any age. No one is allowed to get bored at The Reef.

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# A Chip Off the Old Block



by Terry Baxter

The 121 Marina residents are exceptionally close-knit. This is partially a result of the generosity of the Developer and Ocean Reef Member Eric Soulavy, who frequently hosted cocktail receptions for new residents or prospective new residents. Eric was a gracious diplomat and clever marketer. We all got to know and like our fellow "121ers." Partially our cohesion is due to the comfort of gathering in the Club Room of our Beacon House. But the most important factor is the magic of Ocean Reef that draws so many diverse and complementary Members.



121 Marina partygoers react to Alicia Ann.



Alicia Ann Plessis.

So when the Club promoted the idea of Block Parties last year, our party planners **Tim** and **Christy Sheehan** and **Julia Rushmore** sprung into action. We had a catered bar and bartender, buffet and sushi bar, a terrific band, and a massive turnout. As the "cherry on top" we hired a talented young Ocean Reef Associate Tim Sheehan had met at the

Islander. Alicia Ann Plessis is on a hospitality visa from South Africa. She competed in the South Africa edition of "The Voice." Tim persuaded her to sing for us. Alicia Ann electrified the crowd. She gained a legion of new fans.

With the winter season drawing to a close, 121 Marina residents wanted to celebrate with colleagues before heading

to their summer communities. We decided to recreate the popular Block Party right down to Alicia Ann leading a raucous sing-along. Last week we did it. What a way to finish.

We will treasure our summer break, where we can gradually recover and share more family time, but we will look forward to our return home to 121 Marina and Ocean Reef.

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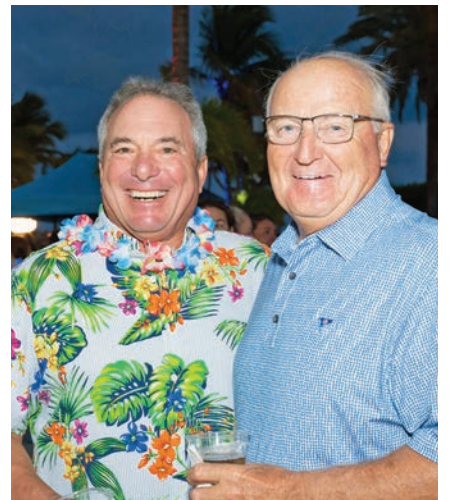
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# Thank You Beach Party



# A Coffee Anniversary!

by Jody Steele

Ocean Reef Club Members love to start their day with a good cup of coffee. The most popular venue to get a "Cup of Joe" is at the entrance of Town Hall. You probably will be surprised to know that this destination just passed an amazing fourth anniversary! That is a lot of caffeine. This newer tradition opened on April 17th, 2020 all because something called "social distancing" entered our lives. It is here to stay.

## The Perfect Hosts

Dan Tanner, Executive Director of Banquets, explained how the best decision was asking Sidonia Hunter and Donald Lewis, both experienced Banquet Captains with now a total of 60 years of service to take

over this venue. Of course, they were at Town Hall on that opening morning in 2020. Both men are true professionals that imagined this setting to be more than a coffee stop. With smiles, a welcoming greeting, and coffee anyway you like it, this became a comforting place to start the day. It was exactly what Members needed during a troubled time for all of us.

## The Personal Touch

Sidonia and Donald have the made the morning coffee into a real event. They open at 6:00 AM and yes, they do have regular customers that early. The "beat goes on" with Reggae music (another idea from the original hosts) until 11:00 AM. They know all about special beverage requests that include a variety of milks, cream, chocolate, sweeteners and all kinds of teas. Of course, Reef dogs are not forgotten. My friend, Winston Baxter knows the route and as he heads up the driveway with



Sidonia Hunter and Donald Lewis.

his reliable owner, Winston shimmers with excitement all ready for his treat. Other wonderful Associates are now part of this delightful team and know the routine that was started four years ago.

## To Be Continued

So rain, shine, wind, and more has not stopped coffee being ready to kick off your day. Dan Tanner shared that an average of 60 gallons of coffee is served daily which is

about 800 cups—all made by the hosts. This has become a special spot where Members chat in the driveway, sit on the porch overlooking the Marina, or hop back on their golf carts to start their adventures around the Reef. Our sincere gratitude to Sidonia and Donald for creating this wonderful AM "vibe" where we all share our stories, our history, and become part of the "unique way of life" at Ocean Reef Club.

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## A Note of Thanks

Sending a big thank you to the Ocean Reef Host Committee from all of us at Yellow Ribbon Fund. Your incredible passion and support have truly made a difference. Because of you, 13 amazing families got to experience the magic of Ocean Reef, and wow, the stories we've heard!

Each family came back with the same message: "Thank you for welcoming us with open arms, taking care of everything from the kids club, to making sure we could all get around easily. It meant the world to just be together as a family in such a beautiful place."

It's all thanks to your kindness and the generosity of the Ocean Reef community that we've been able to bring a little light into the lives of families who



Thirteen veterans' families were treated to a magical Ocean Reef experience once again this year. It is now an annual tradition that started with the late Jerry Fitzpatrick.

have given so much.

One story that really hit home was a moment that changed everything for one of our veterans, a story that was shared to us by his wife. He watched another hero, a triple amputee, dive into the water to snorkel with his family. Seeing

that, knowing if that warrior could do it, he could too, that was a turning point for him. He immediately followed into the water. That jump into the water wasn't just a swim; it was a leap of faith, of overcoming. And it showed his son, his wife, and the rest of his family, that

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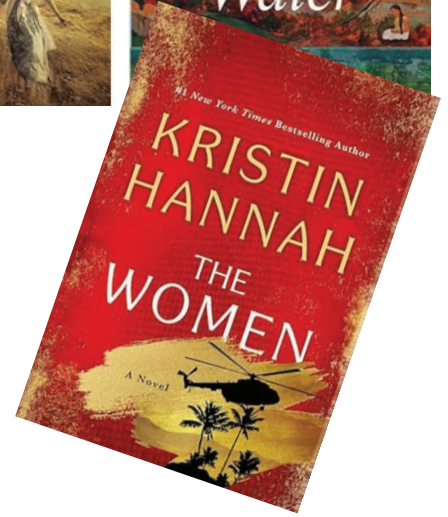
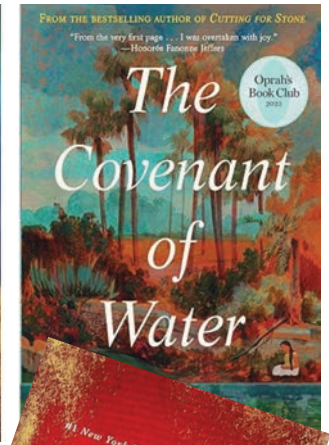
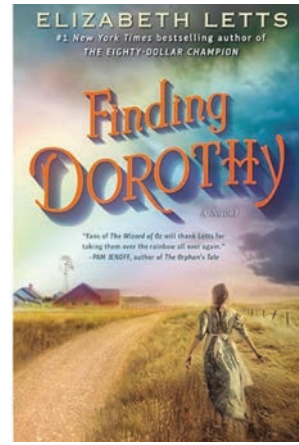
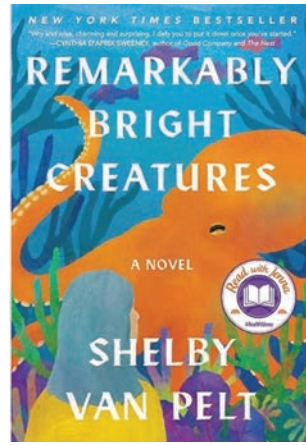
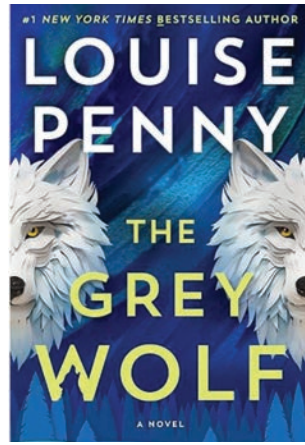
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# Plan Ahead for the 2024-2025 Book Club



"Art League" by Deborah Goodwin Geller



First let me remind everyone that our Art League Book and Lecture Club is open to everyone whether you are a member of the Art League or not. Of course you know I'll always recommend being a member of the Art League, but in case you just want to dip your toe in and see what we are all about please know you are welcome!

We have a diverse group of men and women as well as a wide range when it comes to our book choices. Next season is no exception. From the moment I arrived in November people have

stopped me and inquired "Have you heard of this book..."

We thought we would start off our new season in November with the very popular Remarkably Bright Creatures. We take December off knowing how busy everyone is this month. Louise Penny's newest book "The Gray Wolf", the 19th mystery in the Armand Gamache series, will be our choice for our January meeting. (Note: "The Gray Wolf" will be released on October 29, 2024.) Facilitator: Max Brown. February, March, and April will feature one of the other books below.

I will forewarn everyone that best seller "The Covenant of Water" is a big read so you may want to get a head start this summer.

Regardless of if you have read these books by the time the Book Club meets, please come and hear the discussion. It's one of the reasons we changed the name of the club. We have guests who have come and 'decided' after the discussion "to read or not to read" the book! LOL.

I will be facilitating all the other weeks and want to extend my sincere appreciation for all the lovely comments and

encouragement of our current group. I look forward to meeting new members as well. Look for the dates in next season's Art League Catalogue and updates in the Ocean Reef Press and Facebook's Ocean Reef Gals.



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### 26 FRIDAY

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

**Spa Trunk Show: Idalia Baudo**  
9am-3pm • The Spa

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

**Equity Get-Together: Salsa Fiesta**  
3-5pm • Everglades Patio

**Table Tennis Open Play**  
3-6pm • Member Fitness Center

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

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

### 27 SATURDAY

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

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

**Tennis Pro Shop End-of-Season Sale**  
8am-5:30pm • Tennis and Games Center

**Quickstart Tennis Clinic**  
2pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Catholic Mass**  
4pm • Chapel Sanctuary

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

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

**Lighted Standup Paddleboard Tour**  
7pm • Buccaneer Island

### 28 SUNDAY

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

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

**Tennis Pro Shop End-of-Season Sale**  
8am-5:30pm • Tennis and Games Center

**Traditional Worship Service**  
9am • Chapel Sanctuary

**Beginner Sailing Clinic**  
9:30am • Buccaneer Island

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

**Croquet Mixer Open Play**  
2pm • Tennis & Games Center

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

### 29 MONDAY

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

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

**Barre Ballet Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

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

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

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

**Rosary Prayer Group**  
4pm • Chapel Sanctuary

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

### 30 TUESDAY

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

**Cardio Pickleball**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Strength Cycle Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**A-Flight Croquet League**  
9am • Tennis & Games Center

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

**Aqua Cardio Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Pool

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

**Arts & Crafts Activity**  
2pm • Buccaneer Island

### 1 WEDNESDAY

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

**Intercessory Prayer**  
8am • Chapel Board Room

**Pickleball Open Play**  
8:30-10am • Tennis & Games Center

**Mat Pilates with Spine Corrector**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Funky Flow Yoga Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

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

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

**Pickleball Intermediate/Advanced Clinic**  
11am • Tennis & Games Center

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

**Beach Bingo Activity**  
3:30pm • Buccaneer Island

### 2 THURSDAY

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

**Strength Cycle Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Vinyasa Yoga Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

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

**Dancing Through the Decades Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Center

**Casual Canasta**  
11:30am • Card & Games Room

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

**Arts & Crafts Activity**  
2pm • Buccaneer Island

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

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

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#### "Love Lies Bleeding" (R)

Friday, April 26 • 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Sunday, April 28 • 4:30 & 7:30pm  
Wednesday, May 1 • 7:30pm

Genre: Action, Adventure, Crime  
Runtime: 1hr. 44min.

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



#### "ONE LIFE" (PG)

Friday, May 3 • 4:30pm  
Wednesday, May 8 • 4:30pm

Genre: Biography, Drama, History  
Runtime: 1hr. 49min.

Premise: ONE LIFE is the moving true story of Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a London broker who, in 1938 Prague, convinces the British Committee for Refugees to rescue hundreds of Jewish children before Nazi occupation. Fifty years later, he reconnects with those he saved, becoming a national hero.



#### Arthur the King (PG-13)

Friday, May 10 • 4:30pm  
Wednesday, May 15 • 4:30pm

Genre: Adventure, Family  
Runtime: 1hr. 48min.

Premise: Desperate for one last chance to win, Michael Light convinces a sponsor to back him and a team of athletes for the Adventure Racing World Championship in the Dominican Republic. As the team gets pushed to the outer limits of endurance, a dog named Arthur comes along for the ride, redefining what victory, loyalty and friendship truly means.

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## CLUB SHOPPING

### Joan the Shopper



Ultralight Storm Jacket from ORVIS; *Coral Kaleidoscope* top from DIVE SHOP; Salmon Sisters rubber boots from MarineMax SHIP STORE

**WATERWORKS:** Three shops in the Fishing Village with clothes for water sports, etc.

**DIVE SHOP....** This little store on the Marina side of the Fishing Village books diving and snorkeling excursions and sells clothing and equipment relevant to these water sports.... But I don't own a snorkel or a mask, so what interests me are their "dry goods", the items appropriate for on-land activities.... On my last visit to The Dive Shop I discovered the eye-popping *Coral Kaleidoscope* top (pictured) with leggings in the same flamboyant design.... The Dive Shop has a table filled with leggings that dazzle and tops that you can mix or match.... Good news: the tops and leggings from *SpaceFISH Army* are made from recycled polyester and spandex. Best news: the tops and leggings are currently on sale – 50% off the original price of \$75 each. I bought the top (\$37.50) and matching leggings (\$37.50). I plan to wear them tomorrow morning to my Zumba class at the Fitness Center.

**ORVIS....** Located next to The Dive Shop, this store is a favorite with the OR fishing crowd. But the well-designed outdoor clothes are great for any informal and relaxed activity.... For example, the *Ultralight Storm Jacket* shown here on the model (Who is that model?) could go anywhere in any weather (\$189). Note: Orvis has lovely culotte styled jeans, rugged but not rough. (Kut \$99).

**MarineMax SHIP STORE....** Ocean Reef doesn't have a shoe store, but I often think that the Ship Store, in addition to stacking everything imaginable for the outdoor life, is the go-to when you are looking for easy-wear footwear.... No they don't carry baby doll heels, but they have a huge supply of attractive slip-on sneakers, and flip flops from *OluKai*.... And they have the rubber boots pictured. Great for fly fishing but I plan to wear them whenever there is minor or major flooding. (*Salmon Sisters* \$120).... On second thought, they are so cute, I don't think I'll save them for a rainy day.

by Joan Birsh

## WINING & DINING

MONDAY, APRIL 29 – SUNDAY, MAY 5

### Palm Court

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

### Everton's Rum Bar

Beverages Thurs.-Fri. 2-8pm

### Islander & Sushi Bar\*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 6-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 6-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Thursday

### The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am  
Buffet Sat. 7-11am, Sun. 7am-12pm  
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### Gianni Ristorante\*

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 6-9pm  
Fri. & Sat. 6-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Monday

### Raw Bar

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

### Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Tues.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am-6pm • Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm

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### The Point (Members Only)

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### Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm  
Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-12am  
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-1am

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Equity Member Only Night Wednesday

### CH Lounge (Members Only)

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# Children's Author Francine Dingeman Visits The Academy



by Jerome Murphy, Head of School

2nd/3rd grade students to lead a reading of her most recent book, "The Animal Menagerie." Beautifully illustrated by Marta Maszkiewicz, Francine's work is an A to Z picture book for children ages 4-7.

The characters are animals for each letter of the alphabet. The book was written to entertain and educate by introducing dozens of creative new words to a child's vocabulary. "The Animal Menagerie" uses rhyme to help children learn and remember new words and animal names and teaches their meanings through the use of imagery and animal tales. "Writing a book was something I talked about doing for years," said Dingeman.

Francine's visit to our 2nd and 3rd grade classroom could not have been timelier given that our students are in the last stages of authoring



Francine Dingeman, children's author, visits Academy 2nd and 3rd graders.

The Academy was delighted to recently host the children's author, Francine Dingeman, for an engaging visit with some of our Academy students.

Francine met with our Kindergarten/1st grade and

and publishing their annual class book project! Following Francine's reading, our students filled the time with a variety of questions related to the writing process.

All of our students were delighted to welcome Francine, and we are grateful for the time she spent with our children.

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# That's a Wrap!

## Another Delicious Season at the Farmer's Market



by Susan Bohan



The Lafferty family having a picnic.



Gemma Matthews (right) helps Gemita's Kitchen.

With the season end of the Farmer's Market yesterday, we want to thank all the vendors, as well as the Members who enjoyed them, for making this season such a success. Whether picking up lunch, appetizer, dinner or dessert, everything was equally delicious! The orchids, skincare and eco-friendly products were very popular treats as well. It was always an important stop every Monday and Thursday for most of our Members.

And the vendors themselves were interesting. Each was always there with a ready smile happily providing tips on preparations and visiting with each other between customers. It was a very



Natalie and Harvey selling BBQ.

pleasant way to shop! And the picnic tables were a nice addition for a hurried lunchtime or lazy afternoon of tempting sweets! A



Nick's pear tart at Le Petit Pain.

big thank you to Gemma Matthews, Senior Commercial Properties Manager, for her efforts in putting it all together. She sets a wonderful



Lucia Rivera at family owned Salsa y Sabor.

tone that is contagious! We look forward to everyone's return in November.

# New Favorite Sunscreen Protection



"Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

It is heating up out there and I for one have definitely amped up my sunscreen usage! One of our favorite skin care lines, Valmont, recently released a new sunscreen, which is a first for them, and we couldn't be more excited about

it! It is more than just a sunscreen, it is also an anti-aging moisturizer filled with amazing ingredients that leave your skin looking amazing! The Daily Veil SPF30 is a moisturizing face fluid and broad spectrum SPF30 with UVA/UVB protection.

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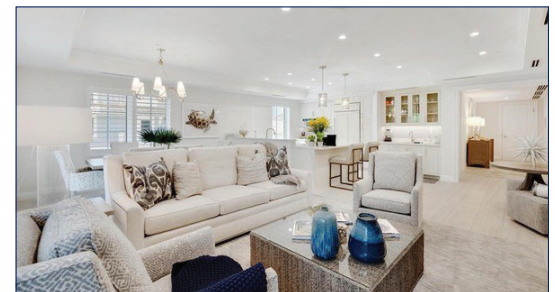


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# SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Members had fun challenging themselves to simulated firefighting tasks like carrying a hose up and down stairs, crawling through tunnels, wielding a sledgehammer, and more.

## First Fire Fit Challenge a Success



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

Last Saturday, our members experienced the thrill and intensity of a firefighter’s training in the Fire Fit Challenge. The course was a modified replica of the Firefighter Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and was designed to test their endurance and strength, with tasks like carrying firehoses up and down stairs, slamming a large tire with a sledgehammer, crawling through a tunnel, and pulling a firehose three floors up with a rope. Fitness Manager Casey Culp and ORCA Fire-Rescue Chief John Flynn led this exciting challenge. The next edition will be in mid-December, and we’ll announce the date during the summer. In the meantime, start preparing by focusing on your physical and mental strength and conditioning.



Member Fitness Center Manager Casey Culp and ORCA Fire-Rescue Chief John Flynn (pictured left) led the first Fire Fit Challenge.

### FIRE FIT CHALLENGE TOP TIMES

**Men:**

1. **Tim Willis**  
5 min. 8 sec.
2. **Randy Furshman**  
5 min. 48 sec.
3. **Grant Zug**  
7 min. 5 sec.

**Ladies:**

1. **Sheila Menn**  
7 min. 17 sec.
2. **Joannie Rich**  
7 min. 51 sec.
3. **Colette Frey**  
8 min.

### Virtual Sessions With Fitness Specialists

One of the standard reports we hear from members at the beginning of every season is that they did not workout as much as they did when they were here. To help you maintain accountability, we are offering virtual training sessions all summer long. All that is needed is a phone, tablet, or computer to connect with the trainer at your fitness location. Talk to your trainer or contact the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820 to learn more about this service.

# Legends, Legacy & Love of the Game

Founder's Award  
Recipient: Donna  
Archibald  
Burgee Cup Winner:  
Paul Archibald



by Annie Miles

I first learned about golf legend Francis Ouimet (he won the US Open in 1913 at age 20) in my early days visiting Ocean Reef with my husband, **Mike**. Mike loved playing at Card Sound with his dad where he met some great golfers, many 40+ years his senior. One particular story we treasure involved a senior Card Sound member, **Bob Fisher**, who forgot to set the brake on his golf cart and it ended up at the bottom of a water hazard. Both his and his wife's clubs were "hazards" of that event. Fisher said he didn't care about the cart or his wife's clubs (she was not happy), but in his bag was a putter given to him by Ouimet. A crane and divers were engaged and the cart, clubs and Fisher's beloved putter were eventually recovered from the deep. I was reminded of this story when I learned that my good friend's



The Archibalds display their respective golf awards for this season, the LGA Founder's Award and the Burgee Cup trophy.



Donna's early golf instruction also came from her dad's close friend, Ted Bishop, who won 3 Massachusetts Amateurs, two New England Amateurs, played on the 1947 and 1949 Walker Cup teams and won the 1946 US Amateur. Talk about impressive golf instructors!! From left: Bishop, Donna, sisters Diane and Carol, and dad, David.

dad, David Sullivan, was a good friend and golf associate of Ouimet's in Massachusetts.

Sullivan's daughter, **Donna Archibald**, is the 2024 recipient

of the LGA Founder's Award, presented to an LGA member who exemplifies what the LGA is all about. In Donna's case, her active participation since coming to Ocean Reef, her service as LGA President from 2020-2022, her welcoming spirit and warm smile were all part of her nomination and selection for the award. Her passion and respect for golf were instilled by her father at a young age when he taught "Dewey" (his nickname for Donna) to play and love the game. Sullivan competed with the likes of Palmer and Casper in the 1950s won the 1955 New England Amateur Championship, three Massachusetts Amateur

Championships and played with Ouimet at the legendary Charles River Golf Club in Newton Centre, MA, becoming club champion there numerous times. Sullivan attended Notre Dame on a golf scholarship for two years, served in WW2 and finished his college degree at the University of Miami, returning to New England to marry and raise his family. Donna treasures all the golf memories of her youth and the gift her dad lovingly gave her in teaching her the game of golf. Sullivan was also a key player in establishing the Francis Ouimet College Scholarship fund for need-based men and women who have worked at Massachusetts golf courses.

**Paul Archibald** is the 2024 Burgee Cup Winner for Ocean Reef's MGA. The Burgee Cup rewards players who, according to Director of Golf Mike Leone, "have consistently played great golf all season, and then play their best golf when it matters most in an intense two-day stroke play competition." In this year's field of the top 21 MGA qualifying golfers, Archibald put together one of only three net under-par rounds and was in first place after day one. He carded a net 73 the next day on the Hammock achieving the only cumulative under-par round of the tournament.

Paul and Donna share a mutual affection for golf and each other, celebrating 44 years of marriage next month. You can usually find Paul on the practice green at the Hammock #1 tee, and Donna rarely passes on a game when there is a chance to play.

We all cherish traditions and legacies from our families, but Donna and Paul share one of the finest in the exceptional golfing talent and brilliant example of Donna's dad.

*"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening – and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."* -Arnold Palmer

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ROD & GUN CLUB

# Rod & Gun Club Season Wrap-up



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

The Rod & Gun Club (RGC) is closing its 2023-24 season on a high note. Both fishing and shooting saw significant increases in participation, and the plans are in motion for improved and expanded activities in the season to come.

### A Season of Great Activity - of All Kinds!

With increased fish populations reported both off-shore and in, the activity on the water has been great. In March there was a record-setting day in sails, when "Carma", with Capt Tucker Ersek, First Mate Andres Garcia and anglers **Carmen Sferrazza, George Blaha** and **Davo Johnson** caught 65 sails in a single day, breaking the Ocean Reef record wide open. A strong Reef Cup tournament followed, with a fish catch well above average.

The new Sunrise Casting Park was a much-needed space for casting practice and coaching, and was also the site of the demonstration of dog training that accompanied the joint Bonnies/Rod & Gun dinner event in March, where dog training expert Jude D'Niese spoke on Positive Canine Citizenship to a rapt audience. Jude was much

in demand over the week that he was here, working with a wide range of pets from puppies to older dogs, consulting and encouraging.

2024 also saw a rise in activity at the shooting range, in both shotguns and handguns, in part because of the improved facilities and the excellent staffing, including instructor Pablo Montealegre. There was a significant increase in shooting use this season, with over 350 shooters and over a thousand rounds, and new trap machines are arriving just in time to upgrade older equipment, enabling the 5-stand to support the increased loads and throw more diverse and faster targets. Handgun practice was the biggest growth area. The range will close for the season on **April 27**.

There has also been a new level of social activity at the range — a "Reveal" party used the facility to great advantage for a memorable afternoon. The shooters from Rod and Gun also went on a road trip together to visit the Markham Park range.

Also this past season, **Tom Davidson, Jr** passed the Chairmanship of the Rod and Gun Club on to **Carmen Sferrazza**. Tom will stay on as Special Events Chair, while the Shooting Range co-managers will be **Ignacio Borbolla** and **Bud Copeland**. **Ken Reda** remains in charge of the Fishing Program.

### Happening Now: Good Fishing & Great Competitions

Fishing locally just gets better as spring turns to summer — the tarpon are in and the reef fishing is good. For those who



Rod and Gun Club's latest acquisition – a new trap machine!

love a contest, the Pick Any Three Days tournament is still open — until **April 30** — and the Fish of the Month are Tuna and Cobia for April and then Mutton Snapper and Porgy for May.

### A Look to Next Season

The Rod & Gun Club plans to help members get out on the

water even more in the coming season through casting lessons, fishing trips to the Bahamas, and more. Plans are also underway to increase the overnight trips in 2025 to include duck hunting as well as quail.

If you are not receiving emails and would like to stay up-to-date on all Rod & Gun happenings, please email [contactus@rodandgun.org](mailto:contactus@rodandgun.org).



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BONEFISH BONNIES

# Bonefish Bonnies' Gasparilla Island Fishaway



by Mary Bloom, Bonefish Bonnies

Day one of the last Bonnies' fishaway of the season saw all eight Bonnies catching at least one snook. They also caught redfish, ladyfish, a few jacks and enough speckled trout for the chef at the Pink Elephant restaurant at the Gasparilla Inn, where they were staying,



Susannah Shubin, Carolyn Allen, Suzanne McManmon, Ina Broeman, Bonnie Carpenter, Lynne Jackson, Tina Jones and Joyce Neely.

to make appetizers and a main course for dinner that evening.

Day two the winds picked up with gusts of up to 40 mph. Fishing "The Pass" and catching tarpon would have to wait till next spring. Everyone agreed that although the fishing was cut short, staying at the Inn, the results of the first day of fishing and the comradery they enjoyed

made it a great trip. Many thanks to board member Tina Jones for organizing the trip.

**Reminder to all Bonnies**  
Don't forget to send in your summer fishing photos to [Bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com](mailto:Bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com).



Bonefish Bonnies enjoy one last fishaway of the season to Gasparilla Island.

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### OUT & ABOUT



Eric Soulavay, Steve Kaplan, Coach Joan Olsen and Susanne Kramer participated in the 1-mile and 2-mile Swim Across America open water event in Islamorada.

CARD SOUND MODEL YACHT CLUB

# Near Perfect Sailing Conditions to End the Season



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

As the old saying goes, "time flies when you are having fun!" Well, certainly no one can accuse the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club of doing anything other than having fun. So, to use yet another old saying in consecutive sentences, "all good things must come to an end," with this past Sunday marking the end of another season of racing on the Pond.

Fortunately for our final day of racing this season, we had near-perfect conditions. A beautiful breeze from the south-southeast allowed us to take advantage of most of the surface of the Pond most of the time. During the early races, the south side of the Pond would go from calm to breezy, and you just had to hope that if you ventured over on that side you would get the timing right. For me, in practice before racing began, I had some great runs on

the south side. Unfortunately, the minute I went over there during Race #1 the wind went calm. That is timing for you! When racing wrapped up for the day, we managed to get six races run for the great turnout of sailors and spectators. Winning the day with three race wins was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. In second place, only one point adrift and with two race wins, was **Joe Robillard**. Rounding out the top three with one race win was **Jim Seale**. Many thanks go to **Alzbeta Robillard**, who once again pulled "triple duty" on Race Committee for the day by starting the races, scoring the races, and taking photos! Overall, it was a fantastic morning of racing to end the season.

A season ending thanks go to our CSMYC members, particularly **Al Mast**, **Joe Robillard** and **Al Hill** who enthusiastically support our club by helping where they can whether it be setting or retrieving race marks, helping fellow sailors with technical issues, or helping promote our club to their friends. Thanks go to **Lynne Mast** for helping with the Race Committee all season, and again thanks to **Alzbeta** for helping on the Race Committee and taking photographs of the action. Finally, thanks go to **Erin Coffin** who keeps us all in check whether it be on the water or off it.

While it is now time to clean



Ralph Marrinson (sail #1946) leads the fleet just after a race start. Photo credit: Alzbeta Robillard.

up our East Coast 12 Meter model yachts and store them for the summer, it is never too early to start thinking about next season. Based on the contact I have already received about next season, the CSMYC looks set for a growth spurt! If you think you might be interested in joining our model yachting club next season and would like

more information about the CSMYC and our EC-12 model yachts including if any boats are available for sale please contact me, Windsor Coffin, at [csmyc12@gmail.com](mailto:csmyc12@gmail.com).

*On behalf of the CSMYC and our members, we wish you all a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you at our Sunday races next season!*



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# Amazing Days on the Water



Above: Legacy Member Erica Simms and Mary Tarantine, fiancé of Grady Simms, enjoyed an acrobatic display by around ten dolphins while boating in Card Sound bay over Easter vacation. Submitted by Charlie Simms.

These pictures, captured by multi-talented mate Dustin McCabe (aka Earl Byrd III), show a great day fishing aboard "Reel Hawk" with Pack St. Clair and friends.

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# Channeling Courtesy



by Peter Liashek, USCG Aux Flotilla Staff Public Education Officer

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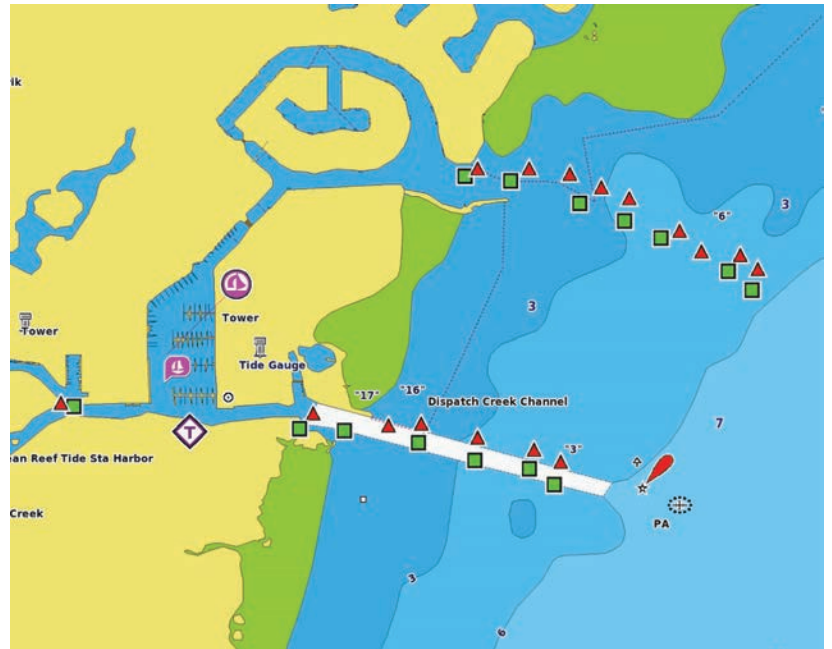
These channels were built many years ago when a 40' sport fishing boat was a "Big Boat." This is no longer the case, and two large vessels will not fit side by side in the narrows between the green and red daymarks.

Multiple signs, posted both inward and outward, dictate that minimum speed is required for your safety and mine. Wakes from any size power boat can be dangerous for paddleboarders and kayakers within the nearby shallows, and for small vessels in the channel.

Please slow down and be courteous. Boaters should monitor VHF 16. Larger vessels should make a Security call declaring their intent to proceed through the channel. If a larger vessel is transiting the channel, wait until that boat is clear before proceeding. The seabed outside the marked channel is extremely shallow and unforgiving.

**Coast Guard Rule 9 (Narrow Channels-excerpt) must be followed:**

- Vessels shall keep to the



The Owners' Channel and Main Channel at Ocean Reef are well marked and require minimum speed, no wakes, communication, and courtesy.

outer limit of the channel on their starboard side.

- A vessel 20 meters or less in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can only navigate

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# Men's Spring Invitational



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

We couldn't have picked a better champion for our final event of the 2023-2024 tournament season here at Ocean Reef Club! Throughout the season, this person has played in the most golf events, played the most holes, hit the most range balls, smoked the most cigars and had the most fun on the golf courses over the last 6 months. Congratulations to member **Dragos Alexe** and his guest Chris Smith for being crowned our 2024 Men's Spring Invitational Champions!

For those that were not at the Shoot-Out, you certainly missed an entertaining one. On the first hole of the Shoot-Out, #13 on the Dolphin Course, we had some excellent play which included 3 teams making a birdie and solidifying their



Men's Spring Invitational Champions Dragos Alexe and Chris Smith.

place into the second playoff hole. Those teams included **Jim Davidson** / Chris Besse, **Brian Platner** / Ben Hahn and **Cliff Milam** / Eric Hepple (Wild Card Winner). The other two teams that played their way into the second playoff hole, after a tough blind chip off, over a bunker included the team of **Dragos Alexe** / Chris Smith and **Cody Aldridge** / Javier

Garcia.

On #14, again the team of Davidson / Besse made a net birdie to guarantee their spot to the final sudden death Shoot-Out hole. After putting another chip to just a few feet in the blind chip off, the team of Alexe / Smith met Davidson / Besse on the back tee.

The hole location of the final hole was something you

saw a week ago at Augusta. It was cut just over a slope and with the green speeds over 13 it provided much drama for determining our Overall Champion. Both teams made a 4 on the first sudden death hole, but it was the consistent, steady play of Alexe & Smith that outlasted the hot birdie-making team of Davidson & Besse. After Alexe tapped in the final putt, the crowd erupted and we were able to hand our championship belts to Dragos Alexe & Chris Smith! Congratulations gentlemen!

## LGA South Florida Interclub

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting our friends from Doral, Riviera, Fort Lauderdale, La Gorce, and Deering Bay for our final interclub event of the season. Our lowest score of the day came from the team of **Eileen Mullray**, Mercedes Avino, Kay Waltman, and Eloise Carrol. Congratulations on their wonderful score of 54 (-17).

We want to thank everyone for a wonderful season and wish you the best with your golf this summer!

## HOLE IN ONE CLUB



Sally Newman and Cathy Ripich play golf together every Sunday and within a few weeks of each other, they got to see each other make hole-in-ones! Sally (right) knocked it in from 111 yards on #4 Hammock with a 7 wood on March 11th. Joining her in the Hole-In-One club on April 14th was Cathy (left) with an ace on the 17th hole of the Hammock with a 9 iron from 98 yards!

## Golf Course Closure Schedule

### Hammock Course Closed:

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### MEN'S SPRING INVITATIONAL RESULTS

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- Flight 2 Champions:** Dragos Alexe & Chris Smith
- Flight 3 Champions:** Doug Totura & Johnny Capes
- Flight 4 Champions:** Tony Olmert & Erik Johnson
- Flight 5 Champions:** James Davidson & Chris Besse
- Flight 6 Champions:** Paul Rubinstein & Thomas Land
- Flight 7 Champions:** Cody Aldridge & Javier Garcia-Velez
- Flight 8 Champions:** Rob Edwards & Bill Fuller
- Flight 9 Champions:** John Borneman & Frank Brewer
- Flight 10 Champions:** Brian Platner & Ben Hahn

### LGA SOUTH FLORIDA INTERCLUB RESULTS

- 1st Place:** Eileen Mullray, Mercedes Avino, Kay Waltman, Eloise Carrol
- 2nd Place:** Donna Archibald, Maria Dresnick, Brenda Battle, Jan Joyce
- 3rd Place:** Hillary Smith, Staci Berry, Sheri Shoup, Gabriella Gutierrez
- Closest to the Hole:** Beatriz Robelo (Hole #5), Gieditta Castello (Hole #11)

## Serve & Volley Strategy for Doubles Matches



"Tennis Tip", by Jose Vacabustamante, Assistant Tennis Professional

The serve is a very important shot for both singles and doubles matches and is usually not practiced enough. With the serve being one of the shots people tend to avoid the most, it limits players from being able to compete in small tournaments or social tournament events.

I recommend practicing at least once a week with a coach, friend or alone with a basket of balls. If you spend at least one practice a week on just serves -

practicing technique, accuracy and timing - your game will be improved rapidly.

You can start with different types of serves and pace. After you are comfortable with serves being consistent, you can start practicing accuracy, which later can be developed for a strategy in your doubles games.

### Serve & Volley Strategy

You can start developing your serve and volley strategy after you become accurate in your first serves. This can be used as a weapon in different situations, allowing you to serve wide to the opponent's weak side, for instance, and charge to the net expecting a weak return, therefore giving yourself an advantage to put balls away at the net.

Serving and volleying is a great shot strategy, especially when we are more offensive in doubles. It gives players the opportunity to open the court right away, putting yourself and your opponent in a winning position.

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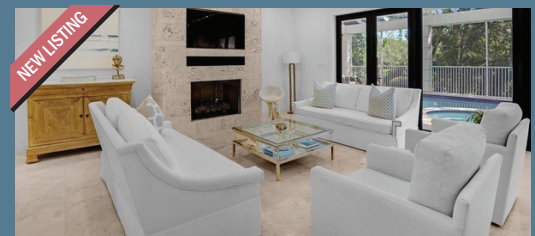
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# An End to the Season But Not the Memories



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

As the end of the season approaches, it's time to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and fun we've had on the courts. To mark the occasion, a round robin tournament and cocktail party was the perfect way to bring everyone together and cap off the season.

The event started with a Tennis, Pickleball, and Croquet round robin tournament, where players of all skill levels were matched up with partners and opponents. This format ensured everyone had a chance to play with and against different people, making for an exciting and varied competition. Players showcased their skills and competed for prizes, but more importantly, they got to enjoy the camaraderie and sportsmanship that comes with the game.

As the matches wound down, players relaxed and socialized at the cocktail party, enjoying drinks and apps as they reminisced about their favorite moments of the season, fostering a sense of community among Tennis and Pickleball players alike. So raise a glass to the end of the great season and the beginning of new friendships and memories to come.

## Tennis

- 1st Place: Lynne Jackson
- 2nd Place: Greg Hogarth
- 3rd Place: Fran Kono

## Pickleball

- Ladies 1st Place: Alyssa O'Mara
- Ladies 2nd Place: Fiona Norton
- Men's 1st Place: Hollister Bundy
- Men's 2nd Place: Mike Hutchins

## Croquet

- 1st Place: Rose Pelton

## Bring-a-Pro Tennis Pro-Am

Last Saturday was rockin' at the Tennis & Games Center. The level of Tennis play during the Bring-A-Pro was some of the best we have seen. Some Members recruited Pros from our Club, others brought Pros from other Clubs, and some even brought college players or touring Pros. The tournament provided 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 created a lively and exciting atmosphere, with players and spectators cheering on their favorite teams.

This year's tournament started with a welcome cocktail party on Friday evening. Members playing and supporting gathered around while the teams were auctioned off to the highest bidder. We loved to see the crowd get involved with bid going back and forth.

Fast forward to the next day, 15 teams were separated into two flights. The top 6 teams in each flight advanced to the quarterfinals of the knockout round with the bottom 9 dropping to the consolation bracket. After lunch players began strategizing against who they'd play next. After two round wins in the main draw, the finals were set. **Christopher Carlsson** and Pro Juan Manuel Benitez faced off against **Bill Rockwood** and ORC Pro Alex Henderson. Carlsson and Benitez stuck with a unique strategy that got them all the way to the finals, and it gave Rockwood/Henderson a hard time. A few unforced errors from Rockwood/Henderson gave Carlsson/Benitez an early break and they rolled through with a final score of 6-3.

In the Consolation finals two teams remained, **Paul Keimig** and Pro Marvin Rolle vs. **Charlie Simms** and WTA Pro Ema Burgic. Just by looking at the score, you could tell this match was a battle. Congratulations to Keimig/Rolle winning the match 7-5.

Thank you all who came out for one of our favorite tournaments of the season!



Bring a Pro Champions Christopher Carlsson and Pro Juan Manuel Benitez.



Finalists Bill Rockwood and ORC Pro Alex Henderson.



Consolation Champions Paul Keimig and Pro Marvin Rolle.

# Tennis

## Player of the Week

### Christopher Carlsson

This week's Player of the Week goes to our Bring a Pro Tournament Champion Christopher Carlsson! Carlsson hasn't played tennis very often but took a lesson on Friday, April 19 – the day before the Bring a Pro Tournament. After the lesson, the Tennis Staff convinced him to play in the Saturday event, and he won the tournament with partner and professional Juan Manuel. How amazing! Congratulations Christopher on your win and for being named Tennis Player of the Week. See their photo above.

**TENNIS RESULTS**

**MEN'S NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE**

**Monday, April 22**

1st Place: Tyler Massey & Chris Garlich  
 2nd Place: Clarke Futch & Richard Weinstein



Men's Night League Champions Chris Garlich (middle) and Tyler Massey (right), along with second-place finisher Richard Weinstein. Not pictured: second-place finisher Clarke Futch.

**Tennis & Games Center Summer Schedule**

**AS OF MAY 1ST**

**Cardio Tennis** –  
 Saturdays & Sundays  
 8am  
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**Junior Tennis Clinic** –  
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**Men's Tennis Night League** –  
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SWING TIP

# Find Your Best Balance



“Swing Tip” by Stefanie Shaw, Director of Instruction

Before I get into my final tip for the end of the season, I wanted to share that this has been the most memorable season of all, being in this incredible position as Director of Instruction in the amazing Ocean Reef Club with you all! It was the most wonderful winter and it went by in a flash!

Now, here’s a simple tip that I find can help ball striking immediately.

**Hold your balance. Hold the pose. Watch the ball. Enjoy the shot.**



Hold your balance. Hold the pose. Watch the ball. Enjoy the shot.

I find that if I’m in balance while I’m swinging, I can hold my balance after I’ve hit quite easily. Finding your best balance all starts at setup and with your feet. Feet do so much in the golf swing but balance is the most important.

**Here’s something fun to try on the range:**

**Start with 5 continuous swings** all the way through and all the way back without stopping in between. Let your feet move and lift or do what feels comfortable. After the 5 swings, look down and see what position your feet have moved to. This usually puts you how your feet should be at setup! For example, when I do this my left toes point out and my stance has widened.

**How wide should your stance be?**

Take a small jump and see where you land. Your body wants to land in its best balance. This can help you decide how wide your stance needs to be.

**Proper Golf Posture**

It’s all about the posture. Good posture allows you to make solid contact by helping stay in balance and hit the ground.

Bow forward from the waist

so your arms are hanging below your shoulders.

Take out the tension. Step your feet.

The next time you watch golf on tv, watch what they do with their feet. Once they are set up, they step their feet continuously until they feel balanced and comfortable. Try including this in your routine before you hit.

**Getting Ready for the Course**

Practice taking balanced practice swings. This sounds simple but is extremely effective.

1. Simply take practice swings on the range and hold your pose for as long as you can.
2. Focus on bowing forward from the waist.
3. Step your feet to get comfortable.
4. Take a practice swing and hit the ground.
5. Hold your pose after you swing.



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BRIDGE TIP

# Opening Preempts



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Preempts are weak bids that are designed to a) interfere with the opponent's bidding and b) describes your hand to partner in one bid. Once a preempt bid is made, unless forced, only the partner may continue bidding for his side.

**Requirements**

1. 0 to 10 HCPs (If you have more than 10 HCPs, consider opening at the 1-level).
2. At least a 6-card or longer suit.
3. No 4-card outside major.

**Now count your tricks:**

Count the number of winners you should receive from the honors in your hand and the number of cards over 3 in any suit.

**Examples:**

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|--|--|
| 1. ♠KQJ9754<br>♥765<br>♦4<br>♣32<br>6 tricks | 4. ♠987<br>♥<br>♦K74<br>♣KJ97653<br>5 tricks |
| 2. ♠8<br>♥AQ87642<br>♦Q542<br>♣2<br>7 tricks | 5. ♠KQJ9762<br>♥7654<br>♦3<br>♣3<br>Open 1♠  |
| 3. ♠9<br>♥76<br>♦QJ9876<br>♣J987<br>5 tricks |  |

**Vulnerability ("Rule of 2, 3 and 4")**

If your side is vulnerable and the opponents are not, then you can open the preempt missing 2 tricks.

Open at the 3-level if you have 7 tricks. Open at the 4-level if you have 8 tricks.

If both sides have equal vulnerability, then you can open the preempt missing 3 tricks.

Open at the 3-level if you have 6 tricks. Open at the 4-level if you have 7 tricks.

If your side is not vulnerable and the opponents are, then you can open the preempt missing 4 tricks.

Open at the 3-level if you have 5 tricks. Open at the 4-level if you have 6 tricks.

**Responses**

Since the preempt bid shows a weak hand, the responder will usually pass. But if the responder has a better than an opening hand and a strong 5-card suit, he can bid at the 3-level. This bid is forcing! The opener will either raise the partner's suit if he has support or repeat the preempt.

**Examples:**

East	West	North	East	South
♠AQ9754	3♣	Pass	3♠	
♥A65				
♦4				
♣K32				

With this hand, East responds with his spade suit. If West has 3 spades, then he would rebid 4♠ otherwise he would repeat clubs, 4♣

East	West	North	East	South
♠AQ974	3♣	Pass	3♠	
♥AQ965				
♦4				
♣32				

Clearly East wants to be in a major, instead of diamonds. He bids 3♠ then will bid 4♥ to give his partner a choice.

But be careful! Always check the vulnerability. If partner opened on favorable vulnerability, then he will probably opened light. Have more than an opener if you decide to respond.

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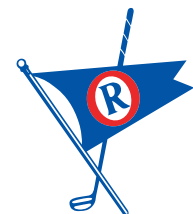
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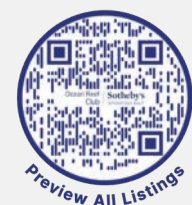
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