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A Unique Way of Life

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Joy to The Reef

With outstretched arms, the Club embraced a joyful holiday week, including a day of rain that for the first time ever turned Festival on the Green to Festival in the Halls!

View more holiday photos on pages 32, 34 and 35.



Concert on the Beach



Trapeze



Touch-a-Truck



Santa on the Beach



Santa on the Beach



Festival on the Green

Fitness at The Reef: What's New & What's Next

While it might seem cliché to talk about fitness at the start of the New Year, having just won 2024 Team of the Year, it just so happens to be the perfect time to cover some of the reasons why the Member Fitness Center received that distinction. If you've been to the Member Fitness Center, you know it's a bustling place for Members with machines, offerings and trainers galore (all of them busy with personal training or group fitness classes!). While this is not new, much of the innovative programming the team implemented last year and into this year is – a clear reason as to why their Member Satisfaction Score, derived from the annual Member satisfaction surveys, is so high at a 9.5 out of 10 (up .1 from 2023). Director of Fitness and Wellness Luis Bracamonte explained, "The Member Fitness Center has always offered special programming, but over the past couple years, we have really made it our mission to focus on overall wellness and bring in specialized trainers and offerings that are

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TOWN HALL MEETING

**Friday, January 10 at 9 a.m.
in Town Hall**

Listen to presentations from both the Club and ORCA's Board of Directors on important financial, membership and capital project topics. If you are not able to join in person, it will also be available via oceanreef.com/TownHall.

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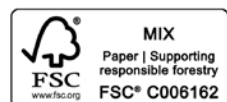
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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

2025 Annual Sunpass Registration

From **Tuesday, January 7 through Tuesday, January 28**, Members may register for the annual Sunpass every Tuesday and Wednesday in the Club's Human Resources Computer Lab from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The annual Sunpass is \$520 and checks as well debit/credit cards will be accepted. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Olympia Newton at newton-olympia@monroecounty-fl.gov or call 305-853-7359.

Buoy Paint Social

On **Saturday, January 11** from 1-3 p.m. at the Cooking School you can help Mote Marine Laboratory scientists create an underwater art exhibit and paint a buoy for their coral trees. Paint two buoys, one to keep and one to be used for the coral restoration. Buoys, painting supplies and lite bites are included, beverages will also be available for purchase. Activity is \$30++ per person and you can reserve by calling 305-367-6516.

CH Prime Chef's Table Dinner Series

Registration is now open for the new CH Prime Chef's Table Dinner Series, hosted by Clubhouse Chef de Cuisine Ian Fleischmann, with the first dinner scheduled for **Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m.** \$500++ per person. For more information on these dinners, visit oceanreef.com/Taste. To reserve your spot, email jhosmer@oceanreef.com.

Gotta Question?

Now that it's 2025, I guess it's time to take down my Christmas decorations! Do you know if Solid Waste at Ocean Reef can collect and dispose of Christmas trees after the holiday season?

Yes! The Solid Waste department does indeed handle the collection of Christmas trees post-holiday season. Simply give them a call at 305-367-5992.

You may not know that Solid Waste also offers a pickup service for various items from Members' homes, ranging from batteries, paint, and electronic e-waste, among other items. Furniture can also be picked up, but it must be placed outside for collection.



Additionally, the department accommodates special requests, such as garage clean-ups, where they can remove a substantial amount of garbage as specified by the Member.

The operational hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For special pickups, Tuesdays and Thursdays are the usual days.

For scheduling pickups or inquiries, individuals can contact Solid Waste at 305-367-5992.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Fitness at The Reef

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unique and can appeal to a variety of Members no matter their fitness journey."

While programming is important, the Member Fitness Center's dedicated team of Associates is what really makes MFC a Member favorite. Alongside Luis is Fitness Trainer Manager Casey Culp. The two have worked together for 12 years and in that time, have developed a culture of getting to know the Membership, listening to their needs and goals and then delivering. They have successfully crafted a team of 32 expert Fitness Specialists (29 returning from last season), each selected with purposeful intent for their different specialties, from EMS and stretch therapy to golf fitness and Pilates, to literally put the "personal" in personalized training. The skills and experiences that each Fitness Specialist possesses makes for a well-rounded team and makes the variety of programming being offered possible.

WHAT'S TO COME

Listed are some of the exciting things to look out for in the New Year:

Shamrock 'n Roll Half Marathon & 10k

The holiday 5k runs, such as the Reindeer Run and the Bunny Hop, are among the most successful and memorable events at The Reef. The Shamrock 'n Roll Half Marathon and 10k aims to expand the Club's running event offerings to include longer distances. The event will be held on **March 15, 2025** and will start and finish at the MFC parking lot.

Club Fitness Championship (CFC)

Now in its seventh edition, the CFC provides a platform for serious fitness competitors, while also welcoming Members of all fitness levels to participate. In this edition, we introduce two scoring systems: championship



The inaugural Half Marathon on April 2024 — now, mark your calendars for the first Shamrock 'n Roll Half Marathon and 10k on March 15, 2025.



Rest, recover, and take a cold plunge by the Fitness Pool.

scoring and challenge scoring. The championship category has stricter standards with points being awarded towards the CFC competition. The challenge category has technique requirements that allow all Members to take on the challenge, without the score going towards the overall CFC competition. Each CFC challenge offers a great opportunity to test and track progress over the years. They include Airdyne (November 2024), Swimming (December 2024), Push Up and C2 Row (January 2025), Rope Pulling and SkillRow Sled (February 2025), and Plank (March 2025).

Monthly Challenges

Members can participate in monthly challenges from January to March for different prizes. The challenges include the New Year Challenge (recording training hours) in January, the Ultra Challenge (miles on foot) in February, and the Ironman Challenge (swim, bike, and run miles and units) in March. Members pick up a log sheet at



2024 Team of the Year - Member Fitness Center.

the MFC front desk to participate and submit their results.

Cold Plunge

Cold plunging's benefits include reducing inflammation and improving the hormetic response, increasing resilience and weight management through white-to-brown fat conversion. The new cold plunge is located on the deck of the Fitness Pool and is open for all Members to use.

Expanded Pilates Offerings

The MFC Pilates program continues to grow thanks to the quality of our instructors and equipment. This season, we added three more reformers and two more studio spaces.

Wellness Talks & Workshops

As in other years, we have built a calendar of talks and workshops covering crucial topics such as longevity, healthspan, muscle building for health, and resilience.

HIKE

This new 90-minute weekly specialty class aims to develop strength, endurance,

conditioning, and mobility. It is specifically designed for Members preparing for endurance events such as long hikes, marathons, and triathlons.

Floating Sound Bath

Members float comfortably on inflatable mattresses in the Fitness Pool, while the instructor "bathes" them in sound - the ultimate relaxation.

New EMS Room

After two very successful seasons, the Electro Muscular Stimulation System (EMS) has a room of its own located on the first floor of the MFC. The EMS system effectively and efficiently increases muscle strength and tone with less stress on the joints.

To find out more about these offerings and events, please visit the Member Fitness Center or call their front desk at 305-367-5820. You can also see the current class schedule by visiting oceanreef.com/FitnessSchedule.

To hear more from Director of Fitness and Wellness Luis Bracamonte and read about upcoming offerings, see page 54.

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DS-16 | Floating Dock | 75'+ T-Head | \$5,250,000 | 2762
Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105 | Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265

CS-1 | Seawall Dock | 65' Dockage | \$4,500,000 | 2745
Mary Lee | 917.603.3252

DS-11 | Floating Dock | 90' Dockage | \$3,395,000 | 2438
Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461

DS-19 | Floating Dock | 80' Dockage | \$3,550,000 | 2789
Helena Morton | 305.522.2196

ES-21 | Floating Dock | 70' x 21'8" Dock | \$2,550,000 | 2422

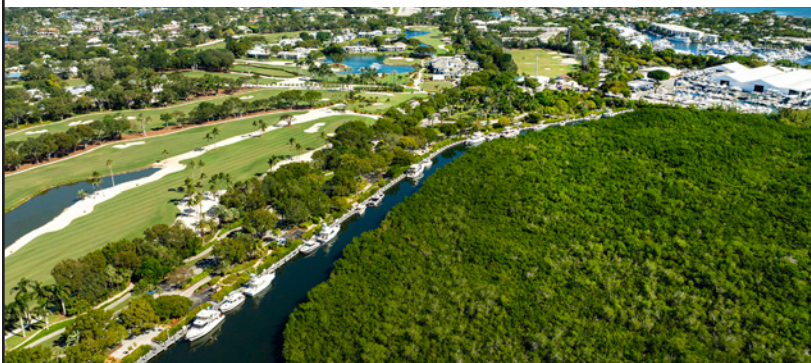
AS-13 | Gatehouse Dock | 48' Dock | \$1,250,000 | 2720

AS-16 | Gatehouse Dock | 48' Dock | \$1,595,000 | 2718
Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 | Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143

HS-11 | Floating Dock | up to 80' Dock | \$3,875,000 | 2785

AS-25 | NEWLY PRICED | 48' Dock | \$1,195,000 | 2728

AS-23 | Gatehouse Dock | 60' Dock | \$1,650,000 | 2727
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Coming in Hot at Carysfort Kitchen 2025

The kitchen is warming up and the oven preheating as the Carysfort Kitchen team of Chef Betania Salles and Chef Roly Cruz-Taura prepare for the first of 13 cooking classes on the 2025 Carysfort Kitchen schedule.

JANUARY'S CLASSES

Chef Roly Cruz-Taura
Monday, January 6
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Since the time Chef Betania Salles put together the lineup, Chef Roly Cruz-Taura has joined the Ocean Reef Club team as Chef de Cuisine at Gianni! Don't miss this Showcase Class opportunity to learn how he performs magic in the kitchen with a dedication to the finest ingredients and techniques.

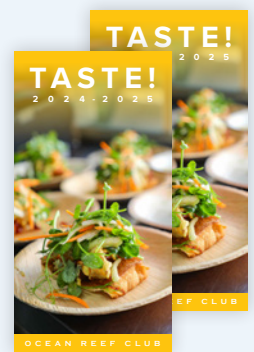
Chef Anthony Lamas
Monday, January 13
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Four-time James Beard nominee Anthony Lamas will be in the Carysfort Kitchen to spice up the South with his notable style that combines his Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage with new Southern Cooking.

Chef Martin Rios
Wednesday, January 29
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

If you missed Chef Martin Rios delectable performance at April's Food & Wine Weekend here at the Club, you have a chance to not only taste his talent but learn as well. Chef Rios is renowned for an innovative fusion of contemporary American cuisine with global influences.

Registration is open and available for all classes, so pick your favorite(s) and call Dining Reservations at 305-367-5931.



To view the full line up of culinary events and classes, visit oceanreef.com/Taste or scan this QR code.



EQUITY MEMBER GET TOGETHERS

MIX & MINGLE: CHAMPAGNE & CHARCUTERIE

Friday, January 10

Everglades South from 5:00-7:00pm

BINGO

Wednesday, January 15

Town Hall from 2:00-4:00pm

Lite bites and refreshments will be provided.



All events are complimentary for Equity Members. Registration is required by calling 305-367-5874 or e-mail memberevents@oceanreef.com

A Bittersweet Farewell: Honoring Rev. Dr. Robert W. Henley

By Michael Weiss, Vice Chair of the Jewish Congregation

The Congregation Ocean Reef (COR) invites the community to two special events celebrating the incredible contributions of Rev. Dr. Robert Henley (affectional known as Rev. Bob). These gatherings, taking place on **Friday, January 10** at 6 p.m. and **Sunday, January 12** at 10:20 a.m., will honor Rev. Bob's enduring impact on Ocean Reef's Jewish and broader spiritual community.

Rev. Bob, a retired Presbyterian pastor, has been the Chaplain-in-Residence at Ocean Reef Club since 2014. Alongside his wife, Jane, he has faithfully served congregations in California, Kansas, and Idaho, bringing a lifetime of ministry and wisdom to Ocean Reef. As they prepare to embark on a new chapter, it is only fitting to pause and reflect on the profound ways they have blessed our community.

From the moment Bob and Jane arrived, their warmth and humility allowed them to connect deeply with Ocean Reef's diverse community. Early in his tenure, Rev. Bob embraced opportunities to support and build bridges with the Jewish community. His first Passover Seder attendance in 2014 marked the beginning of meaningful relationships with Jewish leaders at Ocean Reef.

The following year, he supported an interfaith study of the book "Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith." This text highlights the shared spiritual ancestry between Judaism and Christianity, tracing its roots to Abraham. The study brought together Jews and Christians in a spirit of mutual



Bob and Jane Henley at the Chanukkah Candle Lighting on December 25, 2024.



Former Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren and Bob Henley when Congregation Ocean Reef hosted the Ambassador last January.

respect and exploration, laying the foundation for a thriving interfaith connection.

Today, Ocean Reef's spiritual life is flourishing as never before. During the 2022-23 season, over 20,000 attendees entered the Chapel, engaging in 750 events that nurtured faith, fellowship, and understanding. This growth is a testament to Rev. Bob's vision, passion, and commitment to shared Judeo-Christian values.

Rev. Bob's ministry has exemplified the unifying message found in scripture. The Bible reminds us in Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" His work has underscored the deep connections between our faith traditions, rooted in a shared heritage and the divine teachings passed down from Abraham.

The upcoming events will celebrate this legacy. On **Friday, January 10**, the Jewish Sabbath service and will feature a special devotional honoring Rev. Bob's lifetime of work in uniting the "people of the book." Then, on **Sunday, January 12**, a truly extraordinary event will take place: the unrolling of the entire Torah. The Torah, containing the first five books of the Bible, shown in its original form, not one word changed from when Moses descended from Mt. Siani over 5,000 years ago.

Rev. Bob has selected five passages, which he will read in

English alongside Rabbi Anne Feibelman, who will read them in Hebrew. This symbolic act beautifully represents the harmony of faiths. Following the event, attendees are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further exploration.

As we honor Bob and Jane for their years of dedicated service, we are reminded of the lasting bonds they have nurtured.

Their work enriched the lives of individuals and strengthened the spiritual foundation of Ocean Reef.

May we carry forward their legacy, walking in the light of shared faith, love, and unity. Let us give thanks to God for the blessings of Bob and Jane Henley, whose presence will forever be a cherished chapter in the life of our community.

Join Us Jan. 15th



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CARS AND COFFEE

Saturday, January 4
9-11am • Business Center Parking Lot

Members are invited to bring vintage automobiles, sports cars or any cool conveyance, or just stop by for a morning of "car talk" over complimentary coffee and lite breakfast bites.



Cool Cars, Hot Coffee

No, it's not Vintage Weekend, it's the first Cars & Coffee get together of the season! On **Saturday, January 4** from 9-11 a.m., come one come all to the Business Center Parking Lot to enjoy coffee and a breakfast bite, admire cool conveyances owned by your fellow Members, and mingle! Whether there for the cars or simply the camaraderie, the monthly Cars & Coffee events welcome all.

Now in its fourth season, Cars & Coffee was the first Club event, outside of Vintage, to bring Members together in an easy and lighthearted manner to mingle and fawn over beautiful cars. Simple, fun, no need to register or even RSVP!

"Ocean Reef Members have so many great cars in their garages that nobody ever sees," said **Jerry Henn** who spearheaded the first event in 2022. "I always thought; we have to find a way to get these out and about.

For years, there have been Members who would drive and park their cars near the Lobby to have breakfast at the Ocean Room or grab coffee. That's where I got this idea. Seeing all those cool cars parked outside, I thought, we could really make this into something."

Henn brought his idea to Director of Member Events & Services Kyle Landers who, along with his team, took off with it, coordinating the

breakfast items, the coffee and the location, which was a very important part of Henn's concept. Cars & Coffee was born.

"I wanted to host it in a place where Members could drive by, see the event, and come join," he said. "I want the whole community to have the chance to enjoy a cup of coffee and admire the cars."

That's exactly what **Terri McLaughlin** did as she and several friends met at the Business Center Parking Lot for the first get-together held March 5, 2022. "None of us own vintage cars ourselves. It was a delightful morning and we were even able to meet some other Members that we did not know before."

Fred and Jeffrey Olefson, on the other hand, were at the debut event exhibiting the Lamborghini they only just acquired the week prior. Their eye-catchingly green car named Pickles because "when you're trying to get out of it, you find yourself in a pickle!"

So, like Vintage Weekend, the monthly Cars & Coffee events are meant as a way to celebrate cars while having a good time with fellow Members. And, it is not just about vintage cars - any and all can participate. "If you think your car is cool," Henn said, "bring it! No reservations needed."

Cars & Coffee will continue on the first Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. through April. If you're interested, show up! It's that simple.



Margo and Thomas Tyghem holding Puffin at one of last year's Cars & Coffee events.

20 Questions: Reef Edition Round Three



by Felicia M. Koretsky

We are starting the new year with Round Three of our monthly in-season Reef Trivia game. Gather your friends and family for this Reef quiz. We've sprinkled a few tennis-related questions in honor of the 51st Annual Member-Guest Tennis Tournament kicking off **Friday, January 17**, as well as for those Members who still haven't converted to Pickleball. Hope it sparks some competition and laughter among your lingering guests.

1. How fast does the wind have to be blowing before Palm Court gets moved inside during the season?
2. By what day in 2025 should you stop wishing fellow Members a Happy New Year?
3. What is the most common type of omelet requested of Franco at The Ocean Room?
4. True or False: Cary S. Fort was a pseudonym for one of the early writers of The Ocean Reef Press.
5. True or False: Two separate brides, who chose ORC for their first weddings, also held their second weddings at the Club.
6. What Tri-Star Pictures movie was partly filmed at Ocean Reef?
7. Which then up-and-coming actors starred in the film?

8. How many road carts are in the Club's rental fleet?
9. What is the most common item guests leave behind inside Inn refrigerators?
10. What hotel chain chairman once visited ORC to consider a partnership purchase of the Club?
11. Which of the following hurricane(s) did not make significant impacts at ORC: Andrew, Sandy, Katrina, Betsy, or Irma?
12. Protecting former President Nixon during a 1972 visit to The Reef, The Secret Service surrounded, with guns drawn, what person (innocently arriving by boat) because they viewed them as a potential safety threat?
13. What is the most common Member surname?
14. What year did tennis become an available sport at the Club?
15. True or False. Ocean Reef once had two grass tennis courts.
16. How many Inn rooms does the Club have (including Yachtsman units)?
17. In 2016, what former number one tennis player spent time at the Tennis Center, but didn't come to play?
18. Who is Samuel Page, Jr.?
19. What annual event was born out of the celebration of the Member buyout of Club in 1993?
20. In 1961, what was the price range for a building lot at ORC? A. \$5K to \$17K B. \$20K to \$45K or C. \$90K to \$125K

Answers

1. According to Palm Court Manager Rosa Shlyfman who uses four different weather apps, food and umbrellas lose their stability at 20MPH.
2. According to etiquette experts, it's never too late to wish someone well. Many agree, though by Friday, January 10, you might want to consider an alternative greeting such as "Wishing you a great year" or "I hope your New Year is off to a great start."
3. Egg white vegetable omelet (mushroom, tomatoes, spinach, onions, peppers).
4. True. Former Club manager John Hartman covered Ocean Reef news and gossip inspired by the name of the nearby Carysfort Lighthouse.
5. Of course, it's true. Reef brides are loyal to The Reef. Private Resort in 1985.
6. Venus Williams. She came to promote EleVen, her athleisure collection.
7. Dr. Page was the first resident physician at the Club in 1970.
8. Festival on The Green.
9. A (Don't you wish you bought earlier?)
10. Personal medication.
11. Bill Marrott.
12. Sandy and Katrina didn't impact ORC.
13. Santa Clause.
14. 1962.
15. True.
16. 131.
17. Johnny Depp and Rob Morrow, plus actors Hector Elizondo and actor/comedian Andrew Dice Clay.
18. 310.
19. Personal medication.
20. Bill Marrott.
21. Sandy and Katrina didn't impact ORC.
22. Santa Clause.
23. Smith.
24. 1962.
25. True.
26. 131.
27. Venus Williams. She came to promote EleVen, her athleisure collection.
28. Dr. Page was the first resident physician at the Club in 1970.
29. Festival on The Green.
30. A (Don't you wish you bought earlier?)
31. Private Resort in 1985.

TOWN HALL MEETING OF EQUITY MEMBERS

Friday, January 10, 2025
9am at Town Hall

ORCA's presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by Ocean Reef Club.

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48 Card Sound Road

Bayfront Homesite | \$31,500,000 | 2748

Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185
Kelsey Thiele | 305.393.3484



6 Sunrise Cay Drive

Ocean Front | \$29,500,000 | 2743

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
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35 Cardinal Lane

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$28,000,000 | 2675

Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



1 Osprey Lane

4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$25,900,000 | 2256

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11 Sunrise Cay Drive

5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$25,000,000 | 2770

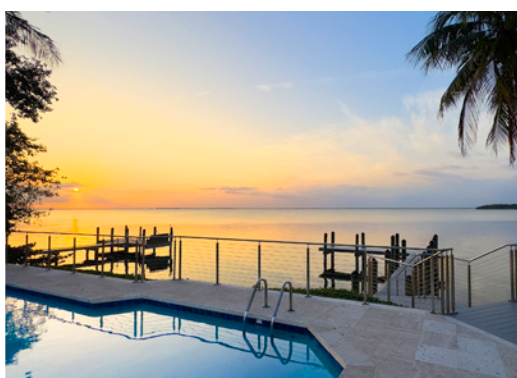
Barbara Sibley | 305.394.0061



12 Sunrise Cay Drive

5 BD, 5 BA | \$23,000,000 | 2659

Bill Dickinson | 305.304.8311



21 Card Sound Road

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$22,500,000 | 2677

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



16 Sunrise Cay Drive

5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$19,875,000 | 2776

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RECENT ACTIVITY

PENDING

1 Spray Road

Listed at \$6,800,000 | Pended and Listed by Helena Morton | 2781

PENDING

437 South Harbor Drive

Listed at \$5,595,000 by Barbara Sibley | Pended by James Morrison | 2774

PENDING

14 Grayvik Drive

Listed at \$3,800,000 by Bill Dickinson | Pended by Daisy Gonzalez | 2686



42 Spadefish Lane

5 BD, 5F/2H BA | \$19,250,000 | 2729

Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461



21 South Bridge Lane

4 BD, 4F/2H BA | \$17,925,000 | 2787

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



9 Sunset Cay Road

4 BD, 4 BA | \$13,750,000 | 2759

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



204 Andros Road

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$13,585,000 | 2680

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44 Cardinal Lane

5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$12,995,000 | 2615

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105
Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



32 Channel Cay Road

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

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



15 Harbor Island Drive

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

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**Pumpkin Key
Private Island**

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PRIVATE ISLAND
\$75,000,000 | 2670**

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Looking Ahead to 2025: Key Updates & Events

As we welcome the new year, the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) is thrilled to share updates and plans for 2025.

To keep Members informed and address any questions, a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, January 10 at 9 a.m. in Town Hall**, providing Members an opportunity to stay informed on important community updates and other topics of interest.

Here's what Members can look forward to in the months ahead:

Sunrise Cay Bridge Project Progress

The Sunrise Cay Bridge repair



Work in progress at the future Grayvik Animal Center - Home of ORCAT.

project continues to advance ahead of schedule. However, recent asphalt milling revealed that the aged bottom layer of asphalt was no longer bonded to the concrete, requiring additional work that will slightly offset the earlier gains. Asphalt reapplication for one-third of the bridge is set for early January, with the

remainder to be completed within the first quarter of the year.

Also beginning this month, a second contractor will commence an 11-month project to install protective jackets on 167 underwater piles, enhancing the bridge's durability and lifespan. Homeowners should not experience disruptions during this phase of construction.

ORCA Sponsored Presentations

ORCA's sponsored presentations will continue into 2025, bringing valuable information to Members. Upcoming events include a Monroe County Property Appraiser visit on **Wednesday, January 22** and another by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) on **Monday, February 24**. Details will follow soon.

Grayvik Animal Center Construction

Construction of the new Grayvik Animal Center, Home of ORCAT, is progressing well, with exterior walls now going up. This vital project will establish a world-class veterinary facility, meeting Ocean Reef's growing demand for exceptional medical care and grooming services for pets. It will also support ORCAT, our nonprofit Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program. ORCA will share continued updates as milestones are achieved.

Public Safety Training Schedule

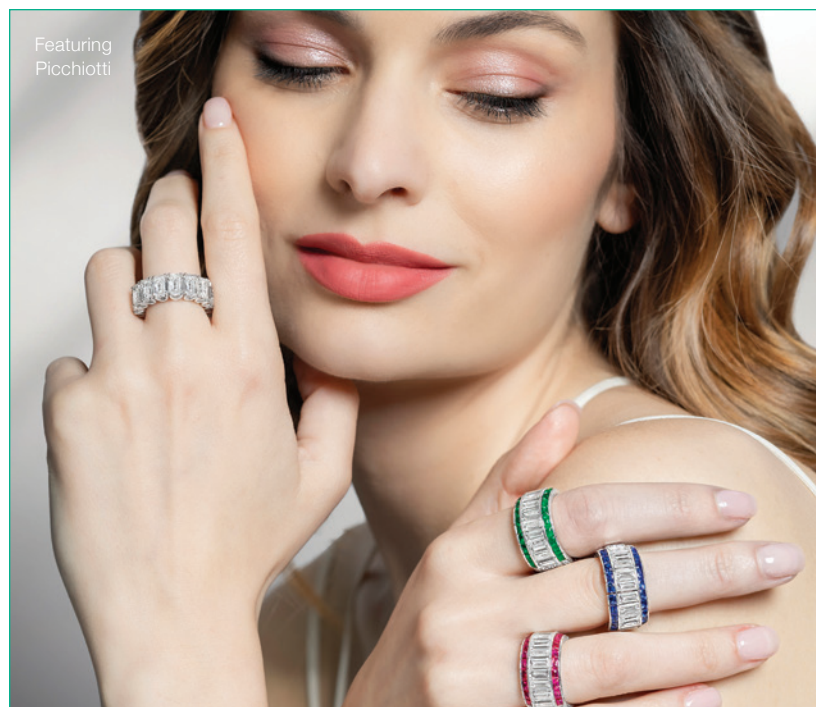
Public Safety will maintain its commitment to The Reef's preparedness by offering CPR, First Aid, and AED training throughout 2025. These essential courses equip Members with lifesaving skills and are highly encouraged for those who have not yet participated. Spring classes for first-time participants or those wishing to be recertified will be held on the following dates:

- January 29-30
- March 19-20
- May 28-29

Coffee with the Crew will also be held in the coming months, offering families an opportunity to mingle with our fire medics and safety officers over coffee and light snacks. The event will conclude with a special presentation featuring essential safety tips.

Stay Connected

ORCA remains dedicated to making 2025 a productive and impactful year. We invite all Members to participate in the January 10 Town Hall Meeting, and to explore the various programs available throughout the year. Stay connected with ORCA News for the latest updates and stories. We value your feedback and encourage your comments and questions. Together, let's continue fostering a vibrant and unique community!



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ORCAT

Dogs to the Rescue



by Winston Baxter



The dog inspection team -- Simba and Leo Smith, Bella Desmond and Winston Baxter

It doesn't take long to get in the swing of things at Ocean Reef... just be here and you get swept up. I, like most dogs, enjoy a regular routine (I know the time of my dinner to the exact minute with no clock for reference). You know about my morning routine, the Treat Patrol. Dad, golf cart, Town Hall, Bell Stand. Pure magic. Routines are comfortable, but surprises and fresh experiences add spice to life. We look for my brother Spot if Uncle **Ed Kavanaugh** gets to the Gift Shop at the same time. Or Benji Coit on *Eagle*, Molly Fazio on *Villa Cay*, Moose Castellanos on *Blue Moon*, or merely a wave from Chelsea on *Lady M* gets my heart beating faster. Endless fun. Dad never seems to get bored; I always make him laugh at something goofy I do.

Last month was special with all the beautiful vintage cars and boats and airplanes (and people). I wandered around with Bella Desmond. I like being seen with a pretty girl dog. We found a treasure hunt of priceless vintage cars parked in every out-of-the-way space. Very exciting – some

are older than Dad, which is saying something. Bella and I got to meet some of the dogs visiting here with vintage humans. They said it must be great to have such constant thrills. You bet! Christmas concerts, outdoor band performances so loud we can howl along and not get in trouble, fireworks, holiday confabs, family visits, the Catwalk... little do they know. Bella and I get excited just thinking about the good things to come.

Have you heard about the new Grayvik Animal Center and home of ORCAT under construction in the corner of Wynn's parking lot? A few humans have grumbled about the location, but Bella and I think it's great. It's closer for most of us and centrally located, which could be vital in an emergency. Easy parking. We can wave to **Dr. Lora Cummings** when we ride to PakMail (we all LOVE Dr. Lora). And, after getting groomed (UGH), we can stroll with Mom

over to the Fishing Village for a reward at J McLaughlin (a bacon bit from my Fav Candy).

Bella and I along with friends Simba and Leo Smith conducted a doggy inspection tour of the new site. Of course, we can't go inside the fence, it is an active construction project. So, we walked the fence line. Lots of sniffing was involved, and peeking through the cracks. The foundation is complete and the

walls are going up. Our hearts swelled with pride. A year from now, we'll have a beautiful and well-equipped home for our friends on the Grayvik staff. Just between us, we marked our territory as we circled the work site. Don't tell any humans.

The Catwalk is already on the horizon in the new year. "Construction" is the theme with the tag line "Let's all Build a Pawsitive Future." Proceeds from the gala event will help support operations at the new Grayvik HQ. We can all make a difference. Mark your calendar. Urge your humans to come to ORCAT's 20th Annual Catwalk on **Monday, February 17, 2025**. Wonderful companions, delightful luncheon, and the fabulous Neiman Marcus Fashion Show. Don't miss out on the new treat this year – an additional shopping day on Sunday, February 16 in the afternoon. I'll see you there. I'll be the dog in the cute little construction hard hat.

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Special Nights at the Grill



by Jody Steele



New Friday night Grill Room special – smoked Baby Back ribs!

The Grill Room, with its casual Clubhouse ambiance, creative menu, and beautiful views of the Dolphin Course, is truly a dining gem. Designed for "Members Only", the Grill Room is open for lunch Monday-Friday, brunch on Saturday and Sunday, bar snacks daily, and dinner nightly. It is really quite a comfortable spot and it does not require reservations.

Weekly Dinner Traditions

Recently, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with Chef de Cuisine, Romane Francis, who leads the Grill Room

team with energy, enthusiasm, and a great understanding of cuisine. He has updated the special nightly dining choices to include:

- Shepherd's Pie Monday
- Asian Tuesdays **NEW**
- Wednesday Fajita Night
- Thanksgiving Thursday
- BBQ Friday **NEW**

Chef Romane shared that these evening specials are an enormous hit due to the careful

preparation and planning by the Team. He explained that the turkeys for Thanksgiving night are brined, cooked slowly, and usually sold out by 7 p.m. I can attest to the tenderness of the turkey, the yummy cornbread stuffing, and the tangy cranberry sauce as we love this meal.

The **NEW** BBQ dinner consists of, per Chef Romane, a "Kansas rub, a Memphis tomato sauce, and a Texas sweet sauce" with an ample serving of Baby Back ribs that have been smoked for hours. It comes with jalapeno cornbread, smoky baked beans, and coleslaw with green apple slices. It was delicious.

Still to try is the **NEW** Asian dinner on Tuesday with orange glazed chicken, pork fried rice, and broccoli. Another favorite comfort food for Members. And there are two more nights to enjoy these traditions.

Glorious Pies

The Sticky Toffee Pudding and

Chocolate Cookie desserts are legendary, but now the PIES have arrived. I love pies and Chef Romane does, too. So nightly he has added seasonal rotating pies. So far, we have had the blueberry, pineapple apple with a crumbled topping, and lemon tart---all were wonderful (especially warm with vanilla ice cream). It is quite important to save a little room for a slice of pie.

The Menu

Other regular offerings on the typical menu are Starters and a Soup of the Day, Handhelds, and Grill Room Specialties, and Salads. There is really something for all ages and tastes with GF and V available.

A dedicated chef and staff at the Grill are ready to serve you every day of the week. It is just so nice to walk in to the Clubhouse, be greeted warmly by the staff and then sit down for a well-designed menu. You will discover your favorites and be back for more.



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Happy New Year from Port O' Call!



by Micah Winecoff,
Port O'Call
Manager

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. As we welcome 2025, it's the perfect time to make this year even better than the last. Our team is here to help by offering exciting tastings and events throughout the season, kicking things off with a Clase Azul tasting on **Wednesday, January 8th.**

We'll be hosting seatings from 5 to 7 p.m., and reservations are required. During this special event, you'll have the chance to choose from two distinct flight options, each featuring a selection of three tequilas, one mezcal, and two cocktails, all paired with light bites designed to perfectly complement the flavors.

Flight Options:

- **Flight 1 - \$75:** Clase Azul Plata, Reposado, Gold, and Guerrero Mezcal
- **Flight 2 - \$250:** Clase Azul Gold, Anejo, Ultra, and Guerrero Mezcal

Tequila has seen explosive growth in recent years, with no signs of slowing down. Thanks to brands like Clase Azul and

Casamigos (thanks, George Clooney!), the spirit has gained a reputation for being smoother and more refined than ever before.

For many years, tequila had a bad reputation, largely due to the presence of inferior products tarnishing the spirits image. Many have had "that one night" where we swore off tequila. But times are changing. As more people discover the exceptional quality of high-end tequila, we're realizing it can be a delightful drink that, when enjoyed in moderation, doesn't lead to a night we'd rather forget.

In addition to its smoother profile, tequila has benefited from a growing awareness of the health benefits linked to agave, the plant from which tequila is derived. That said, I'm no doctor, and I haven't seen any studies proving that tequila is healthier than other spirits. As always, it's best to adhere to the golden rule of alcohol consumption: moderation is key.

What I find most fascinating about tequila is the incredible variety it offers. Tequila is one of the most regulated spirit categories, with strict guidelines governing production and labeling. By law, tequila must be made from at least 51% Blue Agave. However, tequila made from 100% Blue Agave is the highest quality and should be your go-to choice. If a bottle simply says "Tequila" without the "100% Blue Agave" label, it's likely a mixto, which contains

lower-quality ingredients.

Tequila also comes in different styles, each with its own distinct flavor profile:

- **Blanco (Silver):** Unaged, offering the purest expression of agave.
- **Joven (Gold):** A blanco Tequila that has been colored or may contain additional additives.
- **Reposado:** Aged in oak for a minimum of 2 months, giving it a smoother, more complex flavor.
- **Añejo:** Aged for at least 12 months in oak, resulting in a richer and more refined taste.
- **Extra Añejo:** Aged for a minimum of 3 years, delivering a deep, robust profile.

Recently, newer styles like Rosé and Joven have emerged, but we'll save those for another discussion!

The flavor of tequila is also deeply influenced by where it's grown. While tequila can only be produced in five

Mexican states, Jalisco is the most well-known region. Mezcal, on the other hand, has a broader geographical range in Mexico (with Oaxaca being its epicenter) and can be made from a wider variety of agave plants, giving each Mezcal a unique flavor profile based on the terroir of its region.

We hope to see you at our **Clase Azul tasting on January 8th** to kick off an amazing year. Don't forget to reserve your spot by calling 305-367-5999 and join us in celebrating the vibrant world of tequila and mezcal!

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STELLA CHEN, violinist; GEORGE LI, pianist (RISING STAR CONCERT)

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The program will include Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata and the Rondo in B minor by Schubert and other exciting works for violin and piano. At this year's Rising Star Concert, the winners from the most prestigious competitions in the world for their instruments will play for us. Stella Chen, violinist won first prize at the Queen Elizabeth Competition, and George Li, pianist won the silver medal at the International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition.

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A Great Investment



by Rev. Dr.
Bob Henley

If you've been an investor this past year, the value of your portfolio reflects how we have benefited from the rise in the stock market. But there has been another significant upturn during the same period, an important one that likely went unnoticed.

A Remarkable Trend

A recent news article reported that sales of the Bible have risen like the stock market. In the first ten months of this year, sales of the Bible have grown more than twenty-two percent, with almost fourteen million copies being sold.

When asked how to explain this significant increase, Catholic Bishop Robert Barron responded that he thinks it reflects a hunger in the culture today – a hunger for truth, for purpose, for meaning, and a sense of direction for our lives. He said it also reflects an instinctive realization that we know where to turn to fulfill that hunger, that longing – to the Bible.

Bishop Barron observed that many have turned away from the claims of the "new atheism" that labeled faith in God irrelevant and unnecessary. He went on to identify the big questions many are asking in these unsettling, uncertain, turbulent times. He said people want to know "What's going on?" "Who do we trust?" "What do we turn to?"

Other Indicators

There are other 'leading indicators' of this trend worth note. First is the popularity of the series on the life and ministry of Jesus, "The Chosen." The series is one of the most

widely watched television series in the world, with over two hundred million viewers globally.

There has also been the growth of the prayer app, "Hallow." Since it came out in 2018, the app has been downloaded more than two million times. Millions have watched Jason Roumie and Mark Wahlberg model meaningful prayer in brief televised commercial segments.

We've all seen the "Jesus Gets Us" ad campaign. While roundly criticized by all sides, the ads have asserted that Jesus is the answer to the most conflicted, controversial issues of our time.

And finally, there is the popularity of the movie, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Released this past November, the film rose to number three in box office revenue and received a ninety-eight percent audience approval on Rotten Tomatoes.

What might this mean? While I'm certainly not a trained sociologist, some changes stand out that have hopefully contributed to this development.

Embracing the Whole Story

For many years, the cleanest pages of most Christian's Bibles were the first two-thirds of the book called, The Old Testament - better referred to as the First Testament or the Hebrew Scriptures.

However, when watching any of the episodes of The Chosen, you realize the context of Jesus' story in the Gospels is rooted in the faith and life of the Jewish people. That history is found in the Hebrew Scriptures of the Tanakh – the Torah, the *Nevi'im* or Prophets, and the *Ketuvim*, or the Writings. In fact, Jesus' life and teaching can't be fully understood apart from his Jewish context during the Second Temple period of history.

Without ignoring our differences, embracing the Hebraic roots of Christian faith has been one of the most important developments since

the Holocaust, or the Shoah. So too has been the rejection of the many debunked anti-Semitic tropes. Too often, these have been voiced by parts of the church in the past, as they are in the diabolical global rise of anti-Semitism today. Further, the nature of most Jewish-Christian relationships today does not and need not reflect the hostility and antipathy found in the pages of the New Testament.

The Changing Face of the Church

The past four decades have seen the decline of what were known as the 'mainline' Christian denominations, now called the 'oldline.' This is in part an understandable historical development.

When our nation was founded, the First Amendment Establishment Clause prohibited the government from making a law "respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the exercise thereof." This establishes freedom of religion, not freedom from. Faith has always had the right to a place, a voice in the public square.

The question during the colonial period was, "How will people of faith denominate themselves from one another in this new land?" Our Christian forebearers had come from countries in Europe with established state churches. The development of denominations was the answer to their question. However, that often

devolved into a negative competitive comparison - 'my brand is better than your brand' – contrary to the very prayer of Jesus for his church.

Recent decades have seen dynamic change in the face of the Church. These developments and trends may indicate the hunger for a meaningful faith, one grounded in God's story in Scripture. Hopefully, it reflects a desire for an underlying unity of faith and belief – yet one that allows for and honors a diversity of particularity in praxis.

Encouragement for the New Year

As you think about your goals for the coming New Year, let me encourage you to consider reading through the Bible. There are several plans you can find online and in different print versions – both formatted to be read in a year's time. If you're a new to the Bible, consider a readable paraphrase or translation like the New Living Translation, or the Message, or the New International Version.

As you read, remember that it's God's story. Like any great story it has a beginning and a conclusion. In between, the story unfolds like most of our lives, with the good, the bad, and the ugly. But God's story contains the answers to those deepest questions. So let me encourage you to dig in and hopefully, find your deepest hunger satisfied in a vital life of faith. You'll find it a great investment, maybe the best!

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Free Screening of the Feature-Length Film "Cabrini"

Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center

By Missy Attridge, Ocean Reef Catholic Community Communications

Born in 1850 in Italy, Francesca Cabrini overcame a challenging start in life to leave a lasting impact on the world. The youngest of thirteen children, she faced health struggles and hardship early on. Despite this, she pursued an education, eventually becoming a teacher and a Catholic nun.

Arriving in New York City in 1889 at the behest of Pope Leo XIII, Cabrini encountered widespread disease, crime,



and poverty among Italian immigrants. Undeterred by language barriers, lack of funds, and hostility from the local political and Church hierarchy, she found ways to reach out to the press and sympathetic donors. Cabrini helped establish 67 missions in the US, Latin America, and Europe including schools for the poor, orphanages, and hospitals that would treat immigrants. Her

work provided much-needed care for the sick and poor, long before government social services were available.

Mother Cabrini became a U.S. citizen in 1909 and was canonized in 1946, becoming the first American citizen to be recognized as a saint. Today, she is remembered as the patron saint of immigrants, symbolizing hope and resilience. Her name lives on through schools, hospitals, and other landmarks, a lasting reminder of her dedication to helping those in need.

New Yorkers affectionately recognize her as the "patron saint of finding a parking space," a testament to her approachable and enduring spirit. Celebrate her inspiring life by attending a special complimentary screening of "Cabrini" at the Cultural Center on **Tuesday, January 14**, at 7:30 p.m. This powerful film promises to move and inspire audiences.

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Shabbat Service
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Catholic Mass
Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Traditional Worship Service with Chaplain Bob Henley
Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

Kids Matter (4yrs - 11yrs)
Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

Journey Together
Chapel Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

Kids Matter (11yrs & up)
Chapel Children's Room, 10:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass
Chapel Sanctuary, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

AI-Anon Meeting
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.
Rosary Prayer
Chapel Sanctuary, 4:30 p.m.

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Catholic Men's Fellowship
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Intercessory Prayer
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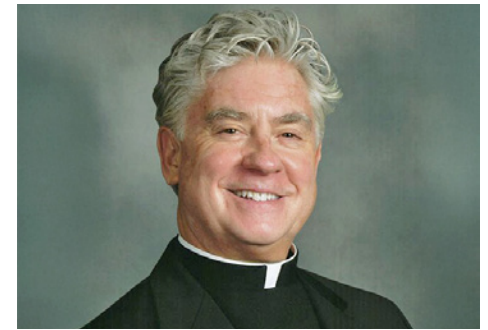
Episcopal-Anglican Service with Robert Deshaies
Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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

Welcome Visiting Priest Fr. Don Farnan

Don Farnan was born near Richmond, Missouri. He graduated from Rockhurst College, Kansas City, in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Secondary Education. He received a Master of Divinity degree from The University of Saint Mary of the Lake—Mundelein Seminary, Chicago, and Master of Christian Spirituality degree from Creighton University, Omaha. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 1987, for the Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph. He served as parochial vicar at Visitation Parish (1987-92), pastor of Saint Therese Little Flower and Saint Louis Parishes (1992-2001), Saint John Lalande (2001-2006), Saint Thomas More (2006-2016), and Saint Charles Borromeo (2016-2022). He's currently serving three inner city parishes: Saint Francis Xavier, Saint James, and Little Flower. He has also served in diocesan positions: Director of Vocations (1991-96), Director of Priest Personnel (2005-2013), the College of



Consultors (2004-2014), and chaplain at Saint Teresa's Academy, Avila University, and Rockhurst University (2018-present). In the mid-90s he established The Upper Room, a nondenominational inner city literacy program for youth and their families, and he has served on the board of directors of numerous educational and service institutions in and around the Kansas City area. His writings include "At the Crossroads of Hope: A priest's inner (city) journey," "This Bold Prayer: A collection of spiritual essays," and "A Parish for All Seasons: A year in the life of Saint Thomas More School." He writes a weekly blog and hosts a podcast, both entitled Upon This Rock.

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Candice Millard

Thursday, January 16, 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center

Candice Millard, one of our favorite speakers and authors, returns to Ocean Reef to enthrall us with a tale that borders on the fantastical but is absolutely true. It boggles the mind to conjure up a former President embarking on a journey no one else has ever done. Candice Millard does exactly that in her book “River of Doubt,” which details the perilous 1912 expedition down the Amazon River that Theodore Roosevelt did. Come hear her describe an incredible and incredulous adventure.

With the popularity of this series, the event is now ticketed with reserved seating. To attend

the complimentary lecture, you **MUST** submit a ticket request. Reservations are required for both the complimentary lecture and the optional dinner.

Dinner following the lecture is \$65++ per person. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., then you’ll be seated at a table to enjoy a specially-prepared dinner. During dessert, you will hear answers to written questions submitted by your tables and others.

To request tickets, email tickets@oceanreef.com with your name, Member number, and the number of tickets you would like for the lecture. A separate email will follow with details for reserving the optional dinner, including the menu.

Speaker Series: In-Person & On Stage

Box Office Champs: The Real Top Ten Movies of All Time



Dan Hudak

Think you know the biggest box office hits in history? Think again! Join film critic Dan Hudak for an exciting dive into the true top ten highest-grossing movies of all time—adjusted for inflation.

While “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” may hold the top spot for the domestic box office at \$936 million, inflation changes the game, knocking it down to #11. What iconic films actually

make the cut? From “Snow White” to “E.T.” and “The Sound of Music,” this hour-long lecture features fascinating clips and images that bring the numbers to life.

Don’t miss this complimentary event on **Tuesday, January 7**, at 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Movie buffs, mark your calendars!

Ring in the New Year

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

TYLER HUBBARD OUTDOOR CONCERT

Florida Georgia Line country artist hits the stage! With a legacy of countless awards, over 20 chart-topping hits, and sold-out tours, this is a concert you won’t want to miss.

WHEN: Friday, January 10

TIME: 8:00PM

PRICE: \$300 Donor
\$325 Non-Donor



REQUEST TICKETS

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THE AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES SHOW



The Australian Bee Gees Show brings Saturday Night Fever to life with hits like “Staying Alive” and “You Should Be Dancing,” celebrating the Bee Gees’ iconic style and disco legacy.

WHEN: Saturday, January 18

TIME: 8:00PM

PRICE: \$150 Donor \$175 Non-Donor

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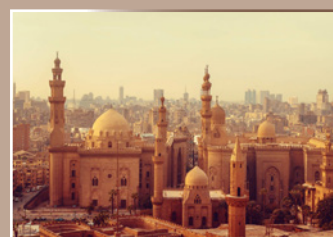


“BOX OFFICE CHAMPS: THE REAL TOP TEN MOVIES OF ALL TIME” WITH DAN HUDAK

WHEN: Tuesday, January 7

TIME: 5:00PM

PRICE: Complimentary



“THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE GLOBAL ORDER: A CHANGING REALITY” WITH NOAH FELDMAN

WHEN: Thursday, January 9

TIME: 5:00PM

PRICE: Complimentary

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Richmond Forum: Virtual Series on the Big Screen

Artificial Intelligence: What is Real with Baratunde Thurston

Back by popular demand, the Richmond Forum Virtual Series returns with an exciting lineup, starting with writer, producer, and comedian Baratunde Thurston. Featuring five of the most influential voices shaping our world, this series offers thought-provoking talks streamed virtually in the theater and are complimentary.

Baratunde Thurston, host and producer of "Life With Machines," will explore what it means to be human in an era of digital transformation.



Baratunde Thurston

While technologies like artificial intelligence offer potential benefits, their unchecked growth raises concerns about consent, control, compensation, and the impact of meaningless content. In this lecture, Baratunde challenges us to reflect on whether our obsession with technology is distancing us from our humanity and invites us to imagine a future where innovation and humanity coexist.

Join us on **Wednesday, January 8, at 5 p.m.** at the Cultural Center for this thought-provoking event.

Speaker Series: In-Person & On Stage

Harvard Law Professor Noah Feldman Gives Insight on the Middle East Conflicts



Noah Feldman

Noah Feldman, a renowned scholar at Harvard Law School, recognized for his expertise on Jewish and Islamic law and philosophy, will deliver a compelling talk on the changing realities in the Middle East and the interests of the United States in the region. Feldman's

talk promises to be a thought-provoking exploration of the multifaceted challenges facing the region. He will analyze where we are, how we got here, and what will happen next, and why. Join us **Thursday, January 9 at 5 p.m.** for this complimentary lecture at the Cultural Center.

Country Star Tyler Hubbard Kicks Off the Outdoor Concert Season!



Tyler Hubbard from Florida Georgia Line

Get ready for an unforgettable evening as country music sensation Tyler Hubbard takes the stage for our first outdoor concert of the season at the Cultural Center, on **Friday, January 10 at 8 p.m.**

With an impressive 22 No. 1 singles on country radio, a collection of awards, and a legacy of sold-out tours, Hubbard's career as a songwriter is nothing short of legendary. His self-titled debut solo album, "Tyler Hubbard," has garnered over 1.3 billion streams, featuring hit singles like "5 Foot 9" and "Dancin' In The Country," which collectively boast more than 420 million global streams.

Hubbard's latest album, "Strong," continues his streak of success, with its lead single "Back Then Right Now" topping country radio and making him the only artist to launch two

separate careers with at least three consecutive No. 1 hits. His current single "Park" hit country radio on June 17th and is already making waves.

Put on your dancing boots and join us for an evening of incredible music under the stars. Tickets are \$300 for Donors and \$325 for Non-Donors. Don't miss out—email tickets@oceanreef.com to reserve your seats today!

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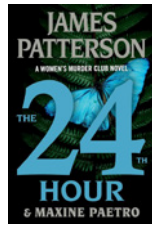
The Library at the Cultural Center is extending its schedule on **Monday, January 6** to open Monday through Thursday with volunteers at the desk from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The following are popular new mystery novels that might interest you from some of the most prolific in the genre:

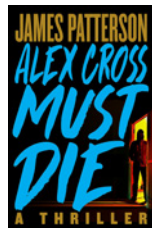


"The Bad Weather Friend"
by Dean Koontz – a kind-

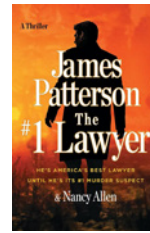
hearted man is gifted a menacing "friend" to deal with his unknown enemies. Scary and fun read!



"The 24th Hour: Is This The End?" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro – is this the final Women's Mystery Club thriller? A high society killer wreaks havoc - the group may not survive.



"Alex Cross Must Die: A Thriller" by James Patterson – a serial killer is on a ruthless mission only our hero can stop.



"The #1 Lawyer: He's America's Best Lawyer Until He's Its #1 Murder Suspect" by James Patterson and Nancy Allen – courtroom drama with twists and turns until the very end.



"Toxic Prey" by John Sandford – a father and daughter team race to find the dangerous scientist whose theories endanger the entire world.



"Tell Me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout – a small town murder investigation as backdrop for complicated feelings, friendships and old loves.



"One Perfect Couple" by Ruth Ware – a reality TV show on a remote island, an immense storm and a killer among the five couples. What could go wrong?

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3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,950,000 | 2788

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3 BD, 2 BA | \$5,850,000 | 2782

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39 Thatch Palm Way

5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$5,500,000 | 2661

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36 Bay Ridge Road

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,450,000 | 2772

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Preview All Listings



23 Tamarind Lane

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41 South Bridge Lane

3 BD, 2 BA | \$4,750,000 | 2775

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6 South Harbor Drive

3 BD, 2.5 BA | \$4,500,000 | 2672

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Fisherman's Cove 26B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,925,000 | 2674

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Fairway Lakes 47

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Pumpkin Cay 12B

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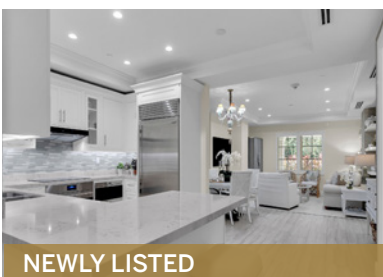


NEWLY LISTED

Residence Club 119

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NEWLY LISTED

Residence Club 105

1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,595,000 | 2793

James Morrison | 305.393.3407



Angelfish Cay 38B

1 BD, 1 BA | \$1,950,000 | 2738

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It's a Brand New Year

Happy New Year from the Medical Center's providers and staff! We wish you a healthy and happy 2025. Not sure of a New Year's health resolution? Here are a few suggestions from the Medical Center's excellent primary care providers.

Rene Fernandez, M.D.

- "Strive to build a closer relationship with your primary doctor so that they can become your health coach and advocate as well as your doctor."

Carlos Smith, M.D. - "Get to know the Ocean Reef Fitness Center and staff, and include strength training as part of your exercise routine. Building muscle and getting stronger can help you age more successfully."

Rick Baxley, M.D. - "Lighten up this year. Don't take life so seriously. Laughter



The Medical Center wishing you a healthy and happy new year!

triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals."

Suzanne Romeo, M.D.

- "It's important to incorporate resistance training to maintain muscle mass and strength, for all levels of fitness. This is important to reduce injury from sports activities or overuse. Loss of muscle mass is a predictor of frailty and fall risk, so it's important to exercise and include adequate protein in your diet to prevent muscle

loss."

Manuel Torres, M.D.

- "Know your numbers regarding basic things like blood pressure and blood sugar, hemoglobin, A1c, LDL cholesterol and others. That way you can set realistic goals with your primary care physician for the New Year. Center your goals around these numbers to focus on improving cardiovascular health."

Mara Cakans, A.P.R.N.

- "Find the time to destress and do something you love every

day. Stress is linked to so much illness. Take time for walks, phone calls to loved ones, and self-care."

Jennifer Perez, A.P.R.N.

- "During the holidays and throughout the New Year, take the time to enjoy your family! Ensure they are obtaining their annual physical exams and appropriate age screenings. Staying healthy with longevity is the real goal in life."

Start your New Year with a renewed sense of purpose to meet your health goals. Even small steps can reap big rewards!

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 14, 2025**, when the Medical Lecture Series presents: "Advances in Movement Disorders" with speaker Diego Torres-Russotto, M.D. of the Miami Neuroscience Institute, Baptist Health South Florida.

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Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13

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Jan 24, Feb 21

Orthopedic Surgery

Derek Papp
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Joseph Mora
Jan 20

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Raul Valor
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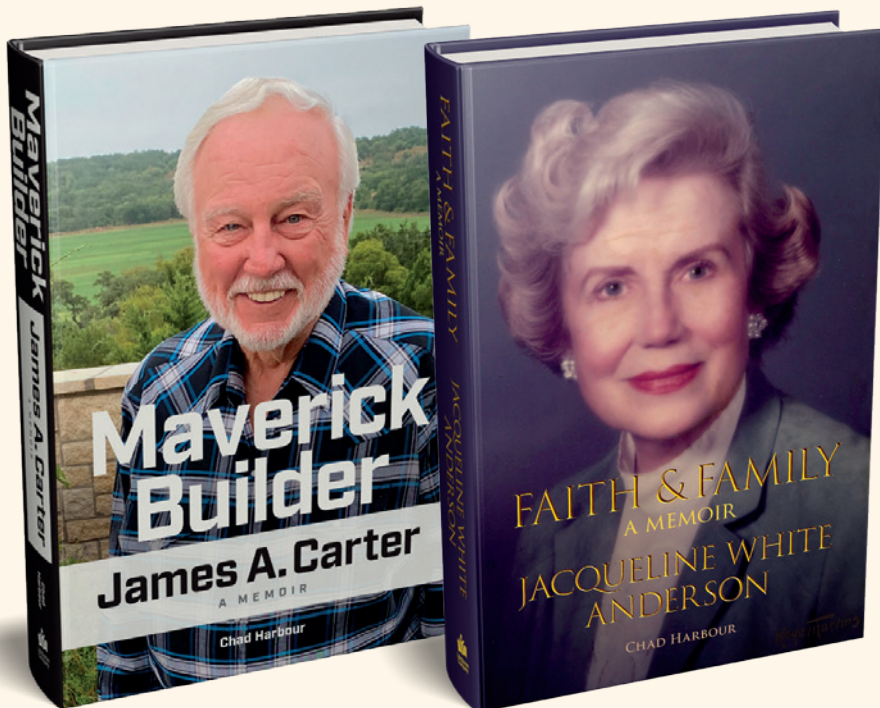


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New at the Farmer's Market

by Susan Bohan

There is a new Vendor at the Farmer's Market at the Field at Four Corners, Keys-RE-Treats, which is a great addition for Reef pets. Owner Heather Morelli noted she currently partners with three local restaurants for "up-cycling". As she explains, "up-cycling food is an innovative technique using all parts of the human food-making process by 'rescuing' surplus ingredients and re-purposing its value, all while making a positive impact on the environment." In other words, she accepts donated, clean, uncooked and unseasoned foods, dehydrates the ingredients along with organic additions to make delicious treats.

Heather's motto is "Spoil



Heather Morelli, owner of new Farmer's Market vendor Keys-RE-Treats.

your pet and be kind to the planet" so come by on **Monday, January 6** with or without your dog and learn more about her special treats.

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4 BED / 4 BATH WITH 151' SEAWALL – \$13,750,000

Welcome to this charming one level home on Sunset Cay at Ocean Reef, boasting 151' of new seawall frontage. A thoughtful renovation with beautiful finishes, and attention to detail throughout. Gracious outdoor living is a dream on the expansive pool deck, perfect for both relaxation and entertaining. Brand new pool and spa, with wet bar, and outdoor shower. Inside, the home unfolds into four bedrooms, each offering its own private bathroom, plus an additional office/media/bedroom. Step into your kitchen where family and friends naturally gather, highlighted by an open layout that merges effortlessly with the outdoor area and an abundance of light. An attached garage provides shelter for a vehicle and golf carts. Located in the sought-after neighborhood of Sunset Cay, this is a great family that strikes the perfect balance between private comfort and easy access to outdoor adventures. MLS #2759



21 Card Sound Road



4 BED / 4 BATH / 1 HALF BATH – \$22,500,000

One of the Reef's most magical Bayfront homes. Impeccable details and panoramic bay views, with the feel of intimate living. Spacious primary bedroom with views of the bay, large walk in closet, spacious office, media room, three private guest suites and baths, panoramic pool patio, with a separate screened in porch. Beautiful bay views envelop you when you walk-in the door to the main living area of this single-family home. Beautifully renovated with a new addition, this lovely home offers four bedrooms, four baths and powder room. Features include wood beam vaulted ceilings with cove lighting, gas fireplace, stone flooring and walls of impact windows to showcase the beautiful bay views and breathtaking sunsets. Custom kitchen provides an eat-in breakfast area, located on almost half an acre with 132 feet of bay frontage and a 30' new dock directly behind the home, this is truly a rare opportunity. MLS #2677



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101 Anchor Drive

4 BED / 4 1/2 BATH MLS #2734



\$11,550,000



36 Bay Ridge Road

3 BED / 3 BATH MLS #2770 **\$5,450,000**



141 Beach Rd. Unit 302

4 BED / 3 1/2 BATH MLS #2645 **\$14,000,000**



32 Channel Cay Road

3 BED / 3 BATH MLS #2654 **\$12,950,000**



3036 Sanctuary Terrace

4 BED / 4 1/2 BATH MLS #2742 **\$7,000,000**



7 Pumpkin Cay Road A

3 BED / 3 BATH MLS #2746 **\$5,200,000**



201 Ocean Reef Dr. CS-1

65' W/ OCEAN VIEWS MLS #2745 **\$4,500,000**



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Chef Betania's Kitchen

Shrimp Panzanella Salad



by Betania Salles,
Carysfort
Kitchen Chef
de Cuisine

This version gets beautiful shrimp from Tampa Bay, they are pink and sweet, just like the ones you find in Italy, but if you are not able to get these, the Key West Pink Shrimp will do it.



Shrimp Panzanella Salad, a treasure of the Italian cuisine.

For me, Panzanella is one of the hidden gems in Italian Cuisine. Not everyone likes it but those who get a chance to try a nicely done Panzanella, they always fall in love with it.

SHRIMP PANZANELLA SALAD

(Serves 6)

Ingredients:

- 18 ea. Tampa sun shrimp, shell on, deveined
- 2 cups crusty bread, large diced, lightly toasted with olive oil
- 1/4 cup olive oil + 1/4 cup
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 3 tbsps. red wine vinegar
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black peppercorn, freshly ground
- 3 cups Cucumber, medium diced
- 1/2 cup yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cups Roma tomatoes, cored and medium diced
- 3 tbsps. basil, chopped
- 2 tbsps. parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup olives, sliced
- 1 1/2 tbsp capers

Directions:

- Fill up a medium pot with water, season with salt (it should taste like ocean water), bring it to boil.
- Add shrimp to boiling salted water and cook for 2 minutes, stirring a couple times.
- Turn off the fire and let the shrimp stand in the water for 1 more minute. Strain it and place it in the refrigerator. Once shrimp is cold, remove the shell.
- In a medium size mixing bowl, toss shrimp with 1 tbsp lemon juice and 1/4 cup of olive oil.
- In a small mixing bowl, combine the 1/4 cup of olive oil, red wine vinegar, shallots, and salt and pepper. Whisk well.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine the cucumber, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, olives, capers, herbs and bread. Pour in the dressing and toss well.
- Gently fold the marinated shrimp into the salad.

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PENDING

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\$14,875,000 | 2791



5 DIANA ROAD
4 BD/4.5 BA | PARK FRONT
\$10,450,000 | 2781



22 SOUTH ISLAND DRIVE | ANGLERS CLUB
3 BD/3 BA | 42' DOCKAGE
\$5,995,000 | 2722



PUMPKIN CAY 47B
4 BD/3 BA | OCEAN VIEWS
\$5,650,000 | 2628



39 THATCH PALM WAY
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\$5,500,000 | 2661

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

03 FRIDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

"A Flight" Cardio Tennis Clinic

8am • Tennis & Games Center

Discovery Days: Zoological Wildlife Foundation

9am • Meet at Reef Rec Room

105 Tennis Tournament

11am • Tennis & Games Center

Live Duplicate Bridge Game

1pm • Card & Games Room

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3-4pm • Driving Range

DUKE Women's & Members

Tennis Round Robin

3:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Shabbat Services

6pm • Chapel Cornerstone Room

Family Night! Mini Golf

7pm • Mini Golf Course

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

04 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Cars & Coffee

9am • Business Center Parking Lot

Pickleball Pro-Am Hosted by Jay Devilliers

9am • Group 1 Pro-Am Round Robin

1pm • Group 2 Pro-Am Round Robin

Tennis & Games Center

Strength Cycle Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

DUKE Women's Tennis Practice

2pm • Tennis & Games Center

Spa Day at the Residence Club

2-5pm • Residence Club

DUKE Women's Exhibition – Cocktails – Meet and Greet

5pm • Tennis & Games Center

Family Game Night

5-7pm • Card & Games Room

Cocktails

6-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Teens Only! After Hours

10pm-12am • Reef Rec Room

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

05 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Pickleball Pro-Pro Hosted by Jay Devilliers

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge & Backgammon Open Play

10am-4pm • Card & Games Room

Mat Pilates Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Catholic Mass

12pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Junior Tennis Clinic

2:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

DUKE Women's Tennis Gameio Clinic

3:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Wacky Mini Golf

3:30pm • Mini Golf Course

Gameio Tennis Clinic

4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

06 MONDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Beach Yoga

7:30am • Buccaneer Island

MGA Weekly Event

9am • Dolphin Course

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

FIT Camp

12pm • Member Fitness Center

Live Duplicate Bridge Game

1pm • Card & Games Room

MFC Gym Tour

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Croquet Women, Wickets & Wine Opening Day

3:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Food & Film: The Taste of Things

4:30pm • Cultural Center

Men's Monday Night Poker

6:45-9:30pm • Card & Games Room

07 TUESDAY

Master Swim Club

7am • Member Fitness Pool

Catholic Men's Fellowship

8am • Chapel Fellowship Hall

LGA Weekly Event

8:30am • Hammock Course

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

TPI Tuesday: Jump Into the New Year Vertical and Broad Jump Competition

4pm • Member Fitness Outdoor Gym

Speaker Series: Dan Hudak "Box Office Champs"

5pm • Cultural Center

Men's Pickleball Night League

5:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

08 WEDNESDAY

Rock & Roll Vinflow Yoga

8am • Member Fitness Center

Club Championship: Push Up Challenge

9am-12pm • Member Fitness Center

Episcopal-Anglican Service

9am • Chapel Sanctuary

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10-11am • Driving Range

Electro-Muscular Stimulation Demo

3pm • Member Fitness Center

U-40 Croquet and Cocktails

3:30-5:30pm • Croquet Lawn

The Richmond Forum Virtual Series; Baratunde Thurston "Artificial Intelligence: What is Real?"

5pm • Cultural Center

Vine to Table Dinner:

Intense Harmony

6:30pm • Cooking School

09 THURSDAY

Golf 360 Class

7am • Member Fitness Center

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event

9am • Dolphin Course

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

New Year New Mindset: Intro to Wellness

4pm • Member Fitness Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

LTA & MTA Mixed Doubles Round Robin

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

Live Performance: Tyler Hubbard - Outdoors

8pm • Cultural Center

Karaoke at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

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"A Real Pain" (R)

Friday, January 3

• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, January 5

• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 8

• 7:30pm

Runtime: 1hr. 30min.

Director: Jesse Eisenberg

Stars: Kieran Culkin, Jesse Eisenberg, Olha Bosova

Premise: Mismatched cousins reunite for a tour through Poland to honor their beloved grandmother, but their old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.



"Gladiator II" (R)

Friday, January 10

• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, January 12

• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 15

• 7:30pm

Runtime: 2hr. 28min.

Director: Ridley Scott

Stars: Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal

Premise: Years after witnessing the death of Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius must enter the Colosseum after the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honor needed to return the glory of Rome to its people.



Food & Film:

"The Taste of Things"

Monday, January 6

4:30pm

Reservations Required

This is an exquisite "food movie" with cinematography of the preparation of food not like anything you might have seen before.

Cultural Center Museum
Daily 9am-4pm
Open During Movies

Library Hours
Mon. & Thurs. • 10am-12pm

SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

The Treasures of ISLAND GARDEN

Island Garden This small Ocean Reef store has blossomed into a high-end boutique, one that you might expect to find on New York's Madison Avenue or LA's Rodeo Drive. But here it is – in the Fishing Village, next to Lilly and across from the Raw Bar.... The young owners **Carly** and **Rob Desmond** have stocked Island Garden with an abundance of stylish, comfortable, high-quality women's clothes and accessories. The store offers lots of choices without appearing to be crammed with items hard to view or not immediately accessible.... At Island Garden I felt I could buy a dress I adored without fearing that at the next OR party I might be sharing the spotlight with a similar fashionista.... The items pictured here are representative of the treasures that await you at Island Garden – clothes that are unusual, but always with an Ocean Reef conservative flair.

by Joan Birsh



Alemas Lula shirtdress with beaded fringe trims – \$795



Caracara NYC Erica shirt in Dentelle blue – \$295



Emporio Sirenuse Irina Jade multi-color dress. – \$1034



Sea NYP Payton denim jeans with hand crochet birds – \$450

OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Member Fitness Center

Mon. – Fri. 6am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday 7am-5pm
305-367-5820

Golf Shop

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

Ocean Reef Gift Shop

Mon. – Sat. 8am-7pm
Sun. 7am-7pm
305-367-2611, ext. 7139

Tennis Pro Shop

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

The Spa at Ocean Reef

Mon. – Fri. & Sat. 8:30am-5:30pm
Sun. 9am-4:30pm
305-367-6506

The Spa Boutique

Tues. – Sat. 10am-5pm

The Burgee Shop

Daily 9am-5pm
305-501-5515

Port O'Call Wine & Spirits

In the Fishing Village
Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am-8pm
Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm
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WINING & DINING

MONDAY, JAN. 6 – SUNDAY, JAN. 12

Palm Court

Daily 11:30am - 3:30pm

Beach Bar & Grill

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm
Food Daily 11:30am-5pm

Everton's Rum Bar

Thurs. - Sun. 2-8pm

Islander & Sushi Bar*

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

The Ocean Room

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

Gianni Ristorante*

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

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm • Dinner Daily 4-9pm
Thursday Lobster Bake 5-9pm

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

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

Spirits Bar

Wed., Thurs. & Sun. 4-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-10pm

Reef Treats

Breakfast Daily 7am-1pm
Mon. - Thurs. & Sun. 7am-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 7am-10pm

Fitness Café

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

Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon. - Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm
Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-10pm • Fri. & Sat 4-11pm

The Point (Members Only)

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

Burgee Bar

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

Reef Lounge

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

CH Prime (Members Only)*

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

CH Lounge (Members Only)

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

Toski's

Daily 9am - 4pm

Grill Room (Members Only)

Brunch Sat. & Sun. 9am - 3:30pm
Lunch Mon. - Fri. 11am - 3:30pm
Bar Snacks Daily 3:30-5pm
Dinner Daily 5-9pm

Hammock Halfway House

Daily 9:30am - 4pm

Rum Runner

Hammock & Dolphin Courses
Daily 9am-4pm

Town Hall Waterside

Fri. & Sat. 5-10pm • Sun. 5-9pm

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

Art Can Add 7 1/2 Years to Your Life



“Art League” by Deborah Goodwin Geller

A few weeks ago, while watching the Sunday Morning on CBS show, they featured an exciting study that said one of the keys to a longer life, and yes they quoted 7 and 1/2 years, was to take up a form of artistic expression and preferably in a group setting.

Well at the Art League, we definitely want to see you live longer and happier and we are thrilled to provide the classes, workshops and experiences you may need to make the results of this study work for you! So if



Try Alcohol Ink Silk Scarves with Diane Smith on Friday, January 10.

you haven't joined us yet, now is the time.

Drawing 101 with Andres Lopez on **January 8 and 9** from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This workshop will take you through the genre of floral art, in your preferred medium. Use colored pencil, pastel, or charcoal. Suitable for all levels.

Learn to Knit with Jenny Baumer on **January 8 and 22** from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. You will learn the basics and create a

small project, such as a scarf or cowl. If knitting isn't for you, why not try Crochet with Jenny. This is on the same days from 1 – 3 p.m.

Lizzie Stebbins is teaching us how to make a personalized Beach Bag on **January 9 and 10**, and the very popular workshop Alcohol Ink Silk Scarves with Diane Smith is back on **Friday, January 10**.

We have so much more in January, including a fun pop-



Learn how to make a personalized Beach Bag on January 9 and 10.

up workshop you won't find in your catalogue. Introduction to Woodworking will be a fun class for beginners and you'll be making a chess board with a choice of wood types.

Off The Reef

You may want to check and see if there are any seats left for our South Beach Art and Eats Tour on **Saturday, January 11**.



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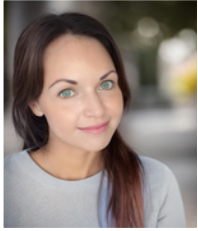
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Alala Apparel at the Spa Boutique:

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"Spa Notes"
by Jillian
Barron, The
Spa Director

If you have not yet been to The Spa Boutique in the Fishing Village, please come and check out all of the beautiful things we have! The Spa Boutique has a variety of items that you are sure to love. In addition to our premium skin care product lines, we also carry Baobab candles, various jewelry and accessory lines, makeup, handbags, apparel and more. One of our new apparel lines that is available at The Spa Boutique that is quickly gaining fans here on The Reef is Alala Apparel. The fabric is so buttery soft, and many of their pieces are made with cashmere, but on activewear, which makes it so chic and comfortable at the same time!

Alala Apparel is a contemporary activewear brand known for combining high-performance fabrics with fashion-forward designs. Founded in 2014 by Denise Lee, Alala was created with the vision of offering women



Shop the fashionable and comfortable Alala Apparel at The Spa Boutique.

stylish, versatile, and functional clothing that seamlessly transitions from workout to everyday wear. Since its inception, the brand has garnered a loyal following, becoming a go-to choice for women who want to feel confident and comfortable in their athletic and casual apparel. The name "Alala" is derived from the Greek goddess of the battle cry, symbolizing strength and empowerment. Alala's designs aim to cater to the needs of women who juggle busy, multifaceted lives, from workouts to social engagements, all while maintaining a sense of style and elegance.

Fashion Meets Functionality

One of Alala's defining features is its ability to blend fashion with high-performance functionality. The brand offers a wide range of products, including joggers, tanks,



outerwear, and accessories, all crafted with attention to detail. Alala's designs are sleek, sophisticated, and versatile, making them suitable for casual and athleisure looks. The versatility of Alala's designs allows them to be worn in various settings, whether it's at the gym, running errands, or meeting friends for lunch. The brand's minimalist aesthetic,

often seen in bold, solid colors and clean lines, makes it easy to mix and match pieces, creating polished, chic looks.

Whether you're running errands or going to a casual lunch, Alala ensures that you will feel confident and stylish in everything you wear, making it a top choice for those of you looking to enhance your wardrobe with pieces that go beyond traditional activewear. The Spa Boutique is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., so please stop by and check out all of the Alala line!

UPCOMING SPA EVENTS

All at the Member Fitness Center
and Spa & Salon

MLO Jewelry Spa Trunk Show

Friday, January 3
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Irresistibles Spa Trunk Show

Thursday, January 9
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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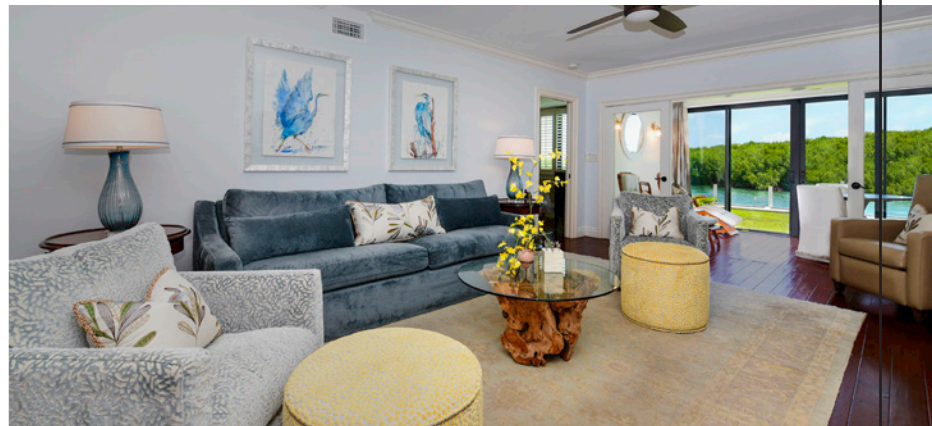
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Pumpkin Cay 43A | Canal Front

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OFF THE REEF



Emery Otzen (left) represents The Reef in her ORC swimsuit and hat while racing at the Orange Bowl regatta. Her brother, Briggs (right), was also in the regatta.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

All Members are encouraged to share photos of their family milestones, recent catches, life around The Reef, and even off The Reef happenings with their fellow Members. If you have a fun photo you'd like to share, please email it to orp@oceanreef.com for consideration. Photos are best if sent as large jpeg attachments and if from an iPhone, be sure to select "Actual Size" when submitting.



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Reindeer 5K Fun Run Results



Cashen Keeler, Marietta Lee, Maggie Keeler, and Jen Lennen.



The Tweardy Family fully sweeps the Male Walking Category! Emette in 1st, Zach in 2nd and Bill in 3rd.



Natalie Garcia and Kathryn Leonard.



1st Overall Female Reagan Moore and 3rd place (Ages 13-19) Michelle Myers.



The Reed Family.



Anne, Grace and David Heutel.



Sam Battles (center), 1st Overall Male, Brian Smith and Markus Refvik.

MALE WALKERS

1st Place: Emette Tweardy
2nd Place: Zach Tweardy
3rd Place: Bill Tweardy

FEMALE WALKERS

1st Place: Kelly Wagner
2nd Place: Catherine Kipp
3rd Place: Finlay Swartz

MALE RUNNERS

Ages 8 Under

1st Place: Clark Porter
2nd Place: Merrick Silva
3rd Place: Ben Van Niekerk

Ages 9-12

1st Place: Rhys Farmer
2nd Place: Wes Grossman
3rd Place: Aspen Ethington

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Jackson Shellman
2nd Place: William Weregland
3rd Place: Benjamin Sexton

Ages 20-29

1st Place: Brian Smith (1st Place Overall Male)
2nd Place: Sam Battles (2nd Place Overall Male)
3rd Place: Markus Refvik

Ages 30-39

1st Place: Francisco Castro
2nd Place: Oliver Hasiett
3rd Place: David Marshall

Ages 40-49

1st Place: Ralph Van Niekerk
2nd Place: Luke Myers
3rd Place: William Groff

Ages 50-59

1st Place: George Wagner III
2nd Place: Joe Lacher
3rd Place: Jeff Fischer

Ages 60-69

1st Place: Rex Sessions
2nd Place: Lacy Rice
3rd Place: Frank Perryman

Ages 70+

1st Place: Randy Furshman
2nd Place: Tom Friel
3rd Place: Kenneth Page

FEMALE RUNNERS

Ages 8 Under

1st Place: Georgia Moffett
2nd Place: Maris Kresler
3rd Place: Riley Farmer

Ages 9-12

1st Place: Elise Myers
2nd Place: Piper Pitz
3rd Place: Eleanore Fornshell

Ages 13-19

1st Place: Reagan Moore (1st Place Overall Female)
2nd Place: Caroline Ferguson
3rd Place: Michelle Myers

Ages 20-29

1st Place: Sarah Norvik (3rd Place Overall Female)
2nd Place: Avery Robertson
3rd Place: Race Ripley

Ages 30-39

1st Place: Caki Watkins (2nd Place Overall Female)
2nd Place: Lauren Celentano
3rd Place: Hilary Bones

Ages 40-49

1st Place: Kate Myers
2nd Place: Amanda Desocio
3rd Place: Sarah Ruekberg

Ages 50-59

1st Place: Jeannie Haab
2nd Place: Keri Capan
3rd Place: Robyn Sexton

Ages 60-69

1st Place: Anne Heutel
2nd Place: Susan Friel
3rd Place: Barbara Sessions

Ages 70+

1st Place: Pat Wambold
2nd Place: Barbara Olcott

Congratulations to Jack Ricciardi for beating the reindeer!



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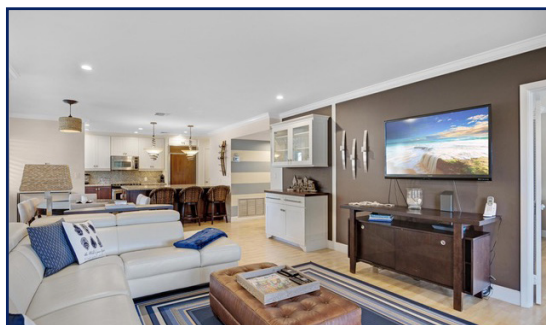
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Adventures to the Talachulitna River

By Mike Love, Member since 2004

The first week of September, my son Michael and I traveled to the Talaheim Lodge outside of Skwentna, Alaska on the Talachulitna River. Its uniqueness is that it uses helicopters to fly guests to the various fishing locations. The lodge is all handmade, heated by wood burning stoves and only hosts eight anglers per week

The owner is a true Alaskan pioneer. He landed his J3 Cub on a small sandbar on the upper Talachulitna River at age 22, and decided it looked like a good spot for a lodge.

He learned to fly helicopters in the mid 80s mid-80s and paid for his passion by flying clients into remote areas to hunt moose, bear, and dall sheep. He also gave rides at the state fairs, and would fly veterinarians to the check points at the Iditarod race to care for wounded dogs. He also herded reindeer for the local ranchers that raised them for the tasty meat and sold the antlers to China.

So for the next six days my son and I fished the remote rivers of the area. The helicopters would drop you off and arrange to pick you up at a designated area that evening. Two of the days we had inflatable rafts that we would float with and stop at different areas to fish. A couple of the rivers had Sockeye Salmon. As we quickly learned, the Alaskan Brown Bear also wants to catch the Sockeye. A cousin to the Grizzly, the full grown males can reach 1500lbs. You rotated guides each day but each had a 10 millimeter Glock pistol. The guides instructed you to be very aware of the bears. "Sometimes you can hear them walking in the brush, but normally you can smell them first," one of the guides was telling us. "Where we fish, there is only perfectly clean air. So if you ever smell something like a garbage dump, come and tell me quickly."

So one day we were hiking a



Michael and Mike with a nice Silver Salmon.



Arctic Grayling showing off its pronounced dorsal fin.



Evidence of an Alaskan Brown Bear in our midst.

river. This was the river with the most sockeye. My son had moved further down the river, when he came running back. "I smelled it" he said. I asked, "You smelled what?" Michael said, "The garbage dump." Our guide immediately pulled out the 10 millimeter from the chest holster, and cocked it so a bullet was in the chamber, he held up his hand for us to remain still. He and Michael could hear the bear in the brush, but luckily it was moving away.

After a few minutes, the coast was clear. I asked our guide if he had ever had to shoot a bear. He said he had not. He had only had to fire two warning shots. The guide said, "These 10 millimeters are really loud, both times the bears ran away. Plus they are totally focused on the salmon, they don't need to eat us with so many fish right now."

So my son and I spent six glorious days in the Alaska wilderness, catching Dolly Varden, Rainbow Trout, Sockeye Salmon, Chum Salmon, Pink Salmon, and Arctic Grayling, and getting to fly around in the Enstrom helicopters.

I think my son said it best, "Dad, it was another trip of a lifetime."



Mike and Michael Love in Alaska on "the best trip ever."

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Results of the Rod & Gun Club Holiday Tournament



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

The annual Holiday Tournament, a family-oriented team fishing contest, was held this December 28, with seven boats and 35 anglers participating. The weather was mixed, with some rain in the early morning and some rough seas that tested anglers' stomachs, but those who braved the elements were rewarded. The objective was the most fish by weight, with a broad category of eligible species, and there was a prize for Top Boat, First Place, Second, Third and Junior Angler.

For the first time on record, the results were a tie — between "Wiebelized," owned by **Paul Wiebel**, and "Off Key," **Frank McKee's** boat. Both boats earned 265 points -- the Wiebel boat with Paul Wiebel, P J Erin and Eddy Gardiner on board caught some big groupers for the highest poundage, while "Off Key,"

manned by **Frank McKee, Dave Black**, Cameron Black and **Lila Hannock**, caught and released a sailfish, plus some other fish. Top Score to both boats, and Top Reef Score to Wiebelized — congratulations and a MarineMax shop credit certificate!

More Fishing Competition

While you are out fishing, keep in mind the Fish of the Month contest. Now that we are into January, the fish to win are wahoo, blackfin tuna and seatrout. The contest is easy — the biggest catch of the targeted species wins — just bring in your specimen and have it weighed at MarineMax as an official entry for the potential to win a \$250 shop gift certificate for each species. (Sailfish don't count for anything with Fish of the Month.)

Also, our "Pick Any Three Days" fishing tournaments commenced again January 1. We will have two of them — one from January 1 to February 28 and the other March 1 to April 30. We will have three places for each category (Flats and Offshore), with \$750 for first, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third. So \$1,500 up for grabs for each of the categories in each of the two tournament periods. When you are going out, just send an email to Fishing@RodandGun.org.

See our website calendar for more details.

So many ways to win!

Shooting Range is Ready

This Saturday is a good day for visiting the Card Sound range for Rod and Gun members and their guests (as are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 3pm) where skeet and five-stand and the new wobble traps are ready to test you. Handguns, too, all with proper supervision. There is a new, monthly competition that started January 1 for skeet, five stand and twister - prizes for the top 75 and 150 rounds. All members of Rod and Gun Club should have received an email with all the details. Didn't get one? Reach out to contactus@RodandGun.org and put yourself on the mailing list.

Further afield, while the quail hunts are fully booked, there are still some open spots on the day trips to Markham Park, **January 29, February 26** and

March 26. Markham Park is a premier classic clays experience, and the day includes transport and lunch. And, we are adding NRA-certified instruction for these outings. Questions? Contactus@RodandGun.org.

Shoreline Patrol with the Bonnies

On **Monday, January 6** there will be a Kayak Cleanup at Buccaneer Island in conjunction with the Bonefish Bonnies. Keeping our shoreline clean is a top priority for all members, and the Club will provide gloves, bags and sunscreen — boats provided, you provide the manpower and sense of humor as you see what washes ashore. Meet at Buccaneer Island at 9 a.m.

Visit our Events Calendar at RodandGun.org for all the happenings.



"Off Key" caught and released a sailfish and more to tie them for the RGC Holiday Tournament Championship win.



The "Wiebelized" crew reeled in some large groupers to tie them as RGC Holiday Tournament Champions.



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Thursday, January 16

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

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

PICKLEBALL TIP

Transitioning From Baseline



by Alex Mabred, Head Pickleball Professional

As you transition from the baseline to the kitchen line, ensure your feet are firmly planted and stay low while hitting the transition shot. The most common mistakes occur when hitting and moving simultaneously or failing to stay low during the shot. My tip is to focus on feeling gravity pulling you down to stay grounded and avoid jumping up.



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How not to hit the ball.

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Tennis

Player of the Week

Phil Sproat



When did you start playing tennis?

Last week, but I have played pickleball for quite some time!

What is your favorite thing about playing tennis and pickleball at Ocean Reef?

Socializing and having fun with other Members on the court.

What do you look forward to most this season?

Beating Coach Hannah in a game!

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

CHRISTMAS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 26

The Grinch A Flight

1st Place: Thomas & Henry Shields
2nd Place: Keith King & Chris Shields

The Santa's B Flight

1st Place: Erin & Abbey Shields
2nd Place: JJ & Jerry Henn

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TENNIS ROUND ROBIN

Thursday, December 26

1st Place: Amy & Isabella Holmes
2nd Place: Sara & Nora Johnson

13 & Under

1st Place: Izzy Jefferson & Jennifer Chao
2nd Place: Cathy & Reese Jefferson

FATHER-SON TENNIS ROUND ROBIN

Friday, December 27

1st Place: Charlie & Dan Holmes
2nd Place: Ashton & Andy Houghton

13 & Under

1st Place: Edward & Nicolas Reed
2nd Place: Ross & Nicolas Dannenberg

MEN'S "B" NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE

Monday, December 30

1st Place: Glory Roper
2nd Place: Richard Krantz
3rd Place: Ben Wilner

Fun at the Tennis & Games Center



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

Join your Tennis & Games Center in a fun-filled weekend with our Tennis and Pickleball events. Be part of some new and old traditions, watch and/or play our many events. Sign up today!

DUKE Women’s Tennis Team at Ocean Reef Club

Here is your chance to watch, meet, and play with members of the DUKE Women’s Tennis Team.

Schedule:

Friday, January 3

- 2-3:30 p.m. Practice (all welcome to watch)
- 3:30-5 p.m. Member/DUKE Round Robin (registration required)

Saturday, January 4

- All welcome to watch
- 3-5 p.m. Practice
- 5-7 p.m. Exhibition – Cocktails – Meet and Greet

Sunday, January 5

- 2-3:30 p.m. Practice (all welcome to watch)
- 3:30-5 p.m. Gameio Clinic (registration required)

7th Annual Pickleball Pro-Am and Pro-Pro

Join us for a weekend of pickleball action by watching or playing side by side with top ranked Pickleball professionals. The committed Pros this year are Jay Devilliers, Rachel Rohrabacher, Dylan Frazier, Tina Pisnik, Federico Staksrud, and Kate Fahey. To sign up to play call the Pro Shop at 305-367-6583 or email me at jromero@oceanreef.com. Space is limited. This event is free to watch.

Schedule:

Saturday, January 4

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Group 1 Pro-Am Round Robin
- 1-4 p.m. Group 2 Pro-Am Round Robin

Sunday, January 5

- 9 a.m. Pro-Pro Doubles & Mixed Doubles

34th Annual Ocean Reef Tennis Pro-Am

Registration is now open! Support your favorite Pro in this annual event. The Pro-Am was started as a way to honor the Tennis Professionals on The Reef, while providing the top playing Members an opportunity to showcase their tennis talents as well. Over the years this has served as the Tennis Staff’s “Bag Room Open” – giving Members a chance to support their favorite Pro! Winners are honored by having their names added to the beautiful sculptured tennis trophy. The event kicks off on **Sunday, January 12** at 10:30 a.m. with the auctioning of the Teams. Look forward to seeing you all there!



13 & Under Mother-Daughter Round Robin Champions Isabelle Jefferson and Jennifer Chao and Finalists Reese and Cathy Jefferson.



13 & Under Father-Son Round Robin Finalists Nicolas and Ross Dannenberg and Champions Edward and Nicolas Reed.



Father-Son Round Robin Champions Charlie and Dan Holmes and Finalists Andy and Ashton Houghton.



Mother-Daughter Round Robin Champions Amy and Isabella Holmes.



Mother-Daughter Round Robin Finalists Sara and Nora Johnson.

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by Carol Blackburn,
Croquet
Committee
Chair

Happy New Year's from Ocean Reef Croquet! Now that the New Year is here you can take it as an opportunity to think croquet and fitness.

Here are helpful things to know about croquet from Director of Fitness and Wellness, Luis Bracamonte!

Muscles Involved When Playing Croquet

The muscles primarily involved when playing croquet are the shoulders, core, and pelvic floor. A reasonable balance, flexibility, and strength are enormously



Every day is a great day for Croquet!

beneficial. The mallet should be swung from the shoulders to minimize wrist and elbow movement, and adequately engaging the core and pelvic floor muscles provides the striker with a stable foundation from which to hit. Exercises to improve include Pilates for

the core and pelvic floor, yoga for balance and flexibility, and strength training for muscle and control and force production. Combining these modalities provides croquet players with an improved ability to maintain a more stable hitting stand, move through more optimal

ranges of motion, and increase their capacity to exert force with the upper body.

Reminder

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A Tide in the Affairs of Mariners



by Randy Woods, US Coast Guard Auxiliary Ocean Reef

"There is a tide in the affairs of [mariners], which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries." If Shakespeare's Brutus were navigating the Florida Keys, he might continue "... and be stuck in the mud with an expensive repair."

At Ocean Reef we experience mixed semi-diurnal tides, two high and two low tides of dissimilar sizes daily. Tidal

range is quite different on the Atlantic flank of the Keys from that within Florida Bay. NOAA establishes the average tidal range for the Ocean Reef Marina on the Atlantic at 2.3 feet while for Pumpkin Key, on the bay side, it is merely 0.65 feet.

The distinction arises because the Atlantic is a show-off, and her open waters allow for the full expression of tidal cycles, whereas within the shy and shallow sounds semi-enclosed geography and narrow channels restrict tidal swing. Strong reversing currents in the channels running from ocean to bay create a lively tidal dialogue.

Tide levels in the US are measured relative to the reference point of Mean Lower Low Water, (MLLW) adopted by NOAA in 1980, which means "this is about as low as it gets, usually." Of course, tides can and do fall lower than "usually" during "minus tides" when waters ebb below MLLW.

This is not the case in Canada

which politely avoids negative numbers and applies a reference point based on Lower Low Water Large Tide (LLWLT), meaning "this is really as low as it gets, eh?" In Britain, well never mind - discussing our cross-the-pond cousins' arcane tidal datums is like learning the rules of cricket.

When traveling the shallow

Intracoastal Waterway within the Keys, tidal range is small, but depths can fall a large percentage of the available water, particularly during minus tides or when offshore winds push water out of the bay.

Within the Florida Keys fortunes in the affairs of mariners are bound to the tide tables.



Tidal predictions displayed for Ocean Reef and Pumpkin Key for the morning of January 13, 2025. Tidal range and times in Card Sound are approximately 2 feet less than Ocean Reef and lag by nearly 3 hours. Charts illustrate negative low water predictions, known as "minus" tides.

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“Fitness Focus”
by Luis
Bracamonte,
Director of
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The New Year is here; as tradition states, it is time to hit the gym. The Member Fitness Center team, which won Team of the Year in 2024, vows to improve in every way to make fitness and wellness practical and effective for every Member. Here are twenty-five suggestions to achieve the best results and stay motivated along the process:

1. Everyone needs strength training. Strength training builds our bodies to be leaner, move better, and be more resilient to injury.
2. Cardio exercise includes steady-paced aerobic exercise and different interval training ranges and intensities. Modalities include running, jogging, walking, cycling, swimming, tennis, pickleball and dancing.
3. Becoming more flexible improves how we move and makes us less likely to get hurt. In addition to daily stretches, yoga and Pilates can make us more pliable.
4. Assisted stretching and massage sessions can improve short- and long-term muscle tissue quality.
5. The foods we eat and how they are prepared build and fuel our bodies.
6. Reducing alcohol intake is one of the easiest ways to manage weight and improve sleep.
7. If we do not perform resistance training regularly, we start losing muscle due to the aging process in our 30s at an initial rate of 3-5% per decade and up to 8%



Amy and Janie Salisbury enjoy a mother-daughter Pilates class with Moorey-Margaret Myers at the Member Fitness Center over the holidays.



8. When we exercise at high intensities, we trigger the release of endorphins, which can reduce stress and anxiety and improve well-being.
9. High-intensity exercise increases Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF), a protein crucial for the growth and survival of brain cells, leading to improved cognitive function.
10. Sleep is essential to well-being. Good quality sleep has many benefits, including boosting the immune system, regulating hormones, removing toxins from the brain, and consolidating memories and new information.
11. Personal trainers provide knowledge, guidance, motivation, and accountability.
12. Social wellness is as crucial as individual wellness. We live better when we build community. Engaging others in open-minded discussions over coffee is wellness.
13. Fitness progress can be measured in the number of reps, the amount of weight lifted, learning new skills, and improving known ones.
14. Physical balance combines muscle strength, inner ear health, vision, and awareness of where our bodies are in space while static or in motion.
15. Sarcopenia is the loss of muscle mass as we age. We must increase our protein intake and regularly perform resistance training to fight it.
16. Drinking water reduces fatigue, improves mood and cognition, helps our muscles work more efficiently, protects our joints and organs, and helps deliver nutrients to cells.
17. The best results in a strength training program are obtained using a combination of body weight, free weights, and machines.
18. Good technique and appropriate resistance and volume are key to minimizing training injuries.
19. To control stress, we can learn relaxation techniques, which include breathing and stretching, yoga, sound baths, and specialty breathing classes such as Life Breath.
20. Goals are north stars in a training program. The more specific, the better. Examples include signing up for a running event or booking a hiking or ski trip.
21. Training partners and group training can increase motivation, accountability, and camaraderie.
22. Learning more about a subject is motivating. Listening to fitness and wellness podcasts and lectures, watching videos, and reading books regularly can increase our participation and level of engagement.
23. Proper exercise clothing and footwear can increase performance and comfort and reduce injuries.
24. Active lifestyles lead to healthier and happier lives. Seat less, walk more, take the stairs, and play more games.
25. Fitness and wellness are part of everyday life, and consistent practice substantially improves overall performance and well-being. Prioritizing fitness and wellness in our schedules impacts our health span and increases our capacity to do more with time.

A new year is a new beginning; make each day count, enjoy the process, or become fitter and healthier than you are today. For guidance, accountability, and motivation, contact the MFC at 305-367-5820

Events to Look Forward to:
Intro to Yoga with Hannah Whistler - Sunday, January 5 at 10 a.m. This introductory yoga workshop is designed for beginners looking to explore the basics of yoga practice.

AT THE FITNESS CENTER



Santa stopped for a cup of coffee at the Member Fitness Center with Matt Johnson, Jackie Quintal, Chip Hillyer, and Jane Martin.

Learn foundational poses, breathing techniques, and relaxation methods to improve flexibility, balance, and overall wellbeing. Perfect for enhancing mind-body connection in a supportive environment.

MFC Gym Tour - Monday, January 6 at 3 p.m. Get acquainted with every piece of fitness equipment at MFC during this complimentary tour and demo.

TPI Tuesday: Jump into the New Year" Vertical and Broad Jump Competition with Ryan Lawless - Tuesday, January 7 at 4 p.m. in the Outdoor Gym. Each month, we will hold a group fitness event for fitness-focused golfers at Ocean Reef.

The events will begin with fun, golf-specific workouts and end with TPI power tests that our TPI trainer will record and track. All are welcome to participate in exercise, competition, and personal growth as we continue to build this community. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Club Championship Challenge: Push Up Challenge - Wednesday, January 8 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The third Club Championship challenge of the season tests upper body strength and endurance. Members of the Member Fitness team will be the official counters. The challenge will

have two technique standards:

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New Year, New Mindset—Intro to Wellness – Thursday, January 9 at 4 p.m. in the Fiesta Room. This workshop is designed to provide valuable insights into the fundamental principles of fitness and mobility, allowing you to make informed choices about your well-being. Explore topics such as resistance training, flexibility, mobility, injury prevention, etc.

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RECENT CATCH



Peter Liashek is one proud grandpa! While fishing on his boat "At Ease" during Christmas week, his grandson, Dylan Castellani, caught this 30" mahi (left). During the same fishing trip, Liashek's other grandson, Parker Castellani, scored this 42" mahi (above). What a great day out on the water.



After decades of fly fishing the flats around Ocean Reef, John O'Hara caught the bonefish of a lifetime this past weekend.

CARD SOUND MODEL YACHT CLUB

Model Yachting Gets Washed Out



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

Once again, Mother Nature did not provide conditions conducive to racing on the Pond last Sunday. Heavy rains and gusty winds kept the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club at home watching the harsh weather through their windows.

With last Sunday's cancellation, our practice season ends and on **January 5**, we start our Season Series of racing which lasts through the end of March. While we were only able to have one Sunday

of practice, our sailors will be ready for friendly season-long competition. Who are the favorites to compete for season series glory? Watch this space and follow along. But what is even better? Come out to Buccaneer Island and watch our races! What better way to spend some time on a Sunday

morning than to watch the competition from the shores of the Buccaneer Island lagoon, which we affectionately refer to as "the Pond"?

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) until the end of April at the Pond. Races start at 10 a.m. As always,

our sailing is dependent on favorable weather conditions. If you have an interest in sailing and 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.



EC12s racing on a beautiful day. Photo credit - Erin Coffin.

Smiling Eyes



“Live slow, sail fast!”
by Neil Sullivan,
CSSC Commodore

Ready, willing and able are sometimes not enough determination to hold an CSSC Regatta! The club is learning that you can't forget that the weather gods need to be contacted to deliver consistent winds of 5 to 15 knots with gusts not exceeding 20 knots. Also it would be mighty nice not to have on and off rain squalls from 9 a.m. to noon!

And so it goes the race committee, with guidance from **Al Mast** and **Henry Stout** joint PROs, were once again forced to make a tough call at 7am on Saturday, December 28... NO SAILING!



Skip Shumway packing away his racing sails and Santa hat.



Idle Bullseyes waiting for Connors Series next week.

These words jumped over the internet to all CSSC members and were received with a collective, “NOT AGAIN,” but, “Good call!”

It reminds us Bullseye sailors that the venerable Herreshoff-designed boat has limitations that can lead to rig failure, broken parts and pieces or even a man overboard drill. These calamities usually happen the first race of the season in strong winds where the newly-rigged boat had not been tested in light to moderate

breeze sailing at the edge of the established wind limits.

This race, had it been held, was the final race of the four Saturday Dingley series, which started on November 23rd and ended on December 28th. The series was named in honor of Lucile Dingley, the first female Commodore of the CSSC. With a little luck from the weather Gods and with Smiling Eyes from Lucile, we are ready to kick off the Connor series tomorrow, **Saturday, January 4.**

Don't forget it's a hotdog day (first Saturday of each month)...fingers crossed....game on!.

Check out our new website at cardsoundsailingclub.com. Members will be using this site full-time this season, so please log in and try it out. It also provides great information to anyone who is interested in our club and who would like to join us. There are boats available and dockage but going fast.



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Golfing Away!



"From the Gold Tees" by Ben Claus, Director of Golf

The Golf Shop now is on Instagram! Feel free to follow us @ORC_Golf. From there, you will find updates on tournament results, golf shop news, and much more!

2024 was an excellent year for golf. We are excited to roll into 2025 with a full head of steam! The month of January continues to be one of the busiest months of the year here for Golf events. The month started off with the biggest fielded event of the year, the Hangover Open!

The rest of the month consists of many major events, such as the MGA Interclub with Card Sound, MGA Old Buddy Tournament, LGA Member-Member, the 28th Annual Member-Professional, as

well as the LGA Challenge Cup.

The Golf Staff is excited to crown a new list of champions to kick off another wonderful year down here at The Reef!

Santa's Sleigh Wreck

On Christmas day 49 players participated in our annual Santa's Sleigh Wreck tournament. For this event, each team had the tough task of counting (1) Best Ball for Holes #1 - #3, (2) Best Balls for Holes #4 - #6, (3) Best Balls for Holes #7 & #8, and all Four Balls on the 9th hole. Although this format proved to be difficult for some, there were a few teams that separated from the pack, and kept the trouble out of play!

Congratulations to the team of **Geoffrey Noyes, Beth Noyes, Brad Noyes, and Chris Noyes** for winning 1st Place Net with a score of 67 (8-under par). On the Gross side of the competition, the team of **Newell Kraik, Pam Kraik, Andrew Kraik, and Daniel Kraik** ran into little trouble this morning, with a steady Team Score of 76 (1-over par).

Thank you to everyone who

came out and joined us on Christmas Morning! We look forward to another edition of Santa's Sleigh Wreck in 2025!

MGA Weekly Event

What an incredible turnout we had with the MGA! 95 players took to the Dolphin Course to compete in an Individual Stroke play – Stableford Scoring (Gross & NET).

On the Gross side of the competition, **Bo Andrews** was able to secure 1st Place Gross shooting an impressive 63 earning 46 Stableford Points! Coming in 2nd Place with 35 Stableford Points was **David Cummings**. Meanwhile, on the NET side, **Billy Paynter** was able to beat out the field with a solid 48 Stableford Points, coming in 2nd place right behind with 46 Points, **Brian Cox**. 3rd Place was **Chris Garcia**, who won a scorecard Playoff with 43 Points against **Tony Rodriguez**.

Our Closest to the Hole contests were on Holes #5 & #11. **Charlie Zahringer** claimed #5 by knocking it to 1'9"! Then **Frank Schneider** hit it to 1'4" on #11.

LGA Weekly Event

I cannot think of a better way to cap off 2024, other than playing golf at Ocean Reef Club! This week, there were 49 participants who played their last round of golf for the year on the Dolphin Course. The format was T's and F's where participants only counted their score on holes that began with T and F. In total, there were 9 holes that counted for scoring. Wonderful course conditions allowed for groups to play fast and play well.

In the gross division there was a familiar name at the top of the leaderboard. Congratulations to **Nancy Vamvakas** for winning 1st place Gross with a score of 38 (2 over par). In the net division there were 7 players that came in with an under par score! **Susan Shuldman** stepped up in a major way on all of the holes that counted. She made par or better on every single hole beginning with T and F on her way to a 1st place score of 28 (8 under par).

Happy New Year!

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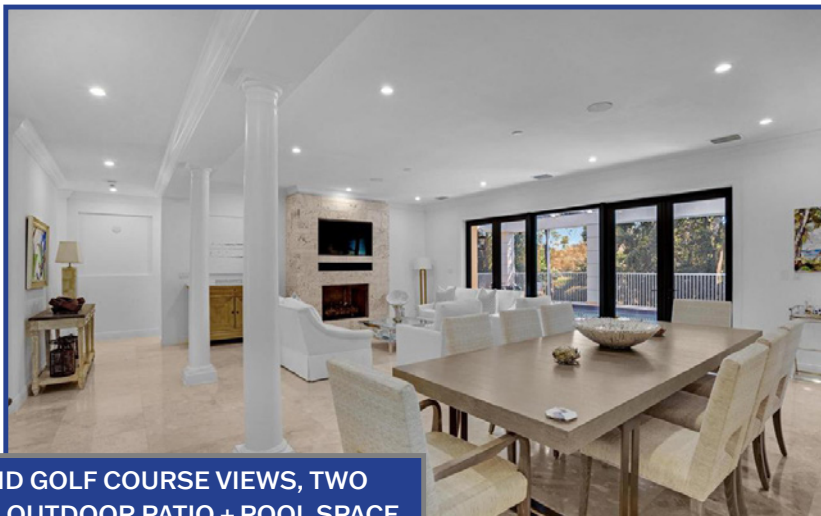
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10 Ways to Hit the Ground Better



“Swing Tip”
by Stefanie
Shaw,
Director of
Instruction

I would say one of the top things I work on with students is learning to hit the grass better. I have a lot of people who do not want to make a mess. Our superintendent Eric is incredibly amazing at his job and will not be upset if you make a divot!

If you struggle with making the ball go up in the air consistently or are searching for a way to compress the ball better, then these tips would be helpful.

10 WAYS TO HIT THE GROUND BETTER:

1. Posture

This is the most simple and best way to accomplish this. If you're not hitting the ground then you may be standing too upright which pulls your chest and arms away from the ground. Bow more forward from the waist to allow your arms to hang below your shoulders. This puts you closer to the ground and makes it easier to brush the grass.

2. Don't hit the towel

Putting a rolled up towel outside the ball forces the club to work in a more downward motion towards the grass. Bonus is this drill works on path too!

3. Throw the ball

I use this drill a lot. Take a golf ball and for a right handed golfer let your right elbow bend and throw a ball straight down to the ground. A similar motion would be like you're bouncing a tennis ball down to the ground. The lead arm should straighten to make the ball go in the air.



Tip #1 Posture

4. Go to the beach

Head to a bunker and just take swings getting comfortable hitting the ground. Some simply need to know its A Okay to make a mess! Another great way to do this is go to a fairway bunker and take an iron and hit balls. We have one here on the range and you are more than welcome to use it!

5. Little Tee

Having a focal point when hitting can be very helpful. This can be done in practice or on the course if you're not playing in a match or event. Tee up the ball very low and try to put your focus on sweeping the tee out not hitting the ball. Aim lower than the golf ball.

6. Relax

It's easier said than done, but relax your shoulders and elbows. Your grip pressure should not be a 12/10. Too much tension and the club will never reach the ground. This also plays into posture, once you're hinged forward allow your arms to hang and be tension-free like an elephant's trunk.

7. The Rough

Hitting balls out of thick rough can be really helpful. Lots of grass is less scary and it can be a motivator to try to hit the ground more to pop the ball out.

8. One-handed

To help get a better feeling take your lead arm (right for a



Tip #2 Don't hit the towel

right-handed golfer) and just take small swings one-handed trying to make the club thump on the ground. Then add a ball, it's really hard to help the ball in the air with one arm and by separating one arm from the other it can change what you are focusing on. This drill pairs nicely as a second part to the throwing down the ball drill.

9. Shorter is not always better

I know a lot of us start to make the club shorter because we feel like it provides more control but if you're really struggling to hit the ground make sure you haven't made the club so short it can't reach the turf. Hopefully you had a chance to have your



Tip #3 Throw the ball

clubs fitted for you which means they are already the correct length and you don't need to make them shorter!

10. Forget Racquet Sports for a minute

Hannah and Justin will have to forgive me but put tennis and pickle out of your mind once you put a golf club in your hand. Racquet sports require a low to high motion which moves you away from the ground. Golf is high to low. Straight down into the ground. You do not help the ball in the air in golf. You make the club go in a downward motion towards the ground to make the ball go up.

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GOLF SCOREBOARD

SANTA'S SLEIGH WRECK

Wednesday, December 25

1st Place Gross: Newell Kraik, Pam Kraik, Andrew Kraik, Daniel Kraik

2nd Place Gross: Sean Murdock, Jack Murdock, Patrick Murdock, Charlie Walsh

1st Place Net: Geoffrey Noyes, Beth Noyes, Brad Noyes, Chris Noyes

2nd Place Net: Kathi Whitaker, Courtney Whitaker, Kelsey Whitaker, Andy Walkley

MGA WEEKLY EVENT

Monday, December 30

1st Place Gross: Bo Andrews

2nd Place Gross: David Cummings

1st Place Net: Billy Paynter

2nd Place Net: Brian Cox

3rd Place Net: Chris Garcia

4th Place Net: Tony Rodriguez

5th Place Net: Miles Bonner

6th Place Net: Kevin Scalia

7th Place Net: Tony Olmert

8th Place Net: Todd Blanche

9th Place Net: Ben Orgel

10th Place Net: Connor Burke

LGA WEEKLY EVENT

Tuesday, December 31

1st Place Gross: Nancy Vamvakas

2nd Place Gross: Tracy Pester

1st Place Net: Susan Shuldman

2nd Place Net: Sally Newman

3rd Place Net: Stacey Lahey

4th Place Net: Anne Rolih

5th Place Net: Gayle Tallardy

6th Place Net: Beth Noyes

Closest to the Hole:

Kathie Markel (Dolphin Hole #5)

Staci Berry (Dolphin Hole #11)



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New Year, New Fun



by Gregg Van Dyke, Bridge Director

Hi Card & Gamers, happy New Year!

We are starting off the New Year with a lot of events in the Card & Games Room this January. Here are some of the events you can't miss:

Family Game Night

A lot of fun to be had on **Saturday, January 4** from 5-7 p.m.

Ladies Poker Night

This event will be on **Tuesday, January 28** and you can call the Card & Game Room to register at 305-367-6609.

Dinner in the Ocean Room

Set for **Monday, March 10** for Bridge and **Monday, March 24** for Canasta.

Men's Monday Night Poker

Feel free to join in on Mondays at 6:45-9:30 p.m.

Men's Knockout Texas Hold'em Tournament

This event will be on **Monday, January 13**, and you can call Gregg to register.

Jerry Helms will be coming for a seminar on **Monday, February 3**. Call Gregg to register.

Patty Tucker will arrive for her 3rd season on **Monday, January 20**. This is for new players or people that have never been exposed to bridge but would like to learn about it.

Canasta Pick-Up Games Tuesdays & Thursdays

Come over between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Just show up and we will put games together! If you

need to learn or brush up on your skills, lessons are available **Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.** or just stop in and watch. This is a wonderful way to meet people.

Mah Jongg Pick-Up Games

Available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-4 p.m.

Beginners Canasta Lessons

Available on **Thursday, January 9** at 12:30 p.m.

Live Duplicate Bridge Games

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are Live Duplicate Bridge Games starting at 1 p.m. Please participate. If you need instructions call Gregg at 305-367-6609.

Reminder for Canasta Players:

As you finish your game and are done for the day please put a rubber band around the cards so the next players will know it is a full deck of 108 cards. You can bring short decks to Gregg's office or the table in front of it. Thank you for your help.

Card & Games Room

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Foretees Reservation System

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BRIDGE RESULTS

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BRIDGE TIP

Does the 5-Level Belong to the Opponents?

by Gregg Van Dyke, Bridge Director

To bid to make at the 5-level, you need:

- Offensive values – extra high-card points, extra trumps
- A source of outside tricks – a long side suit, or extra trumps and ruffing values
- Controls (aces, kings and singletons) in outside suits
- Very important: Control of their suit (singleton, ace or sometimes Kx)

Words of wisdom:

The 5-level belongs to the opponents. Be very slow to jeopardize the possible plus position you create when you push the opponents to the 5-level. If the decision is close whether to push on, double them, or pass -- then you should pass.

If you push on and go for too much, or it is a phantom, or you double them and they make it, you have a terrible result. If you double them and beat them one, you may have gained little or nothing. If you pass, in most cases the worst that will happen to you is that you break even.

This is almost analogous to a statement made by Daryl Royal: "If the (foot)ball is in the air, only three things can happen, and two of them are bad."

[Excerpted from "Rules of Bridge" by Grant Baze, published in 1985.]

To sacrifice at the 5-level, you need:

- Extra trumps – usually a fit of at least 10 trumps
- Distributional values – a singleton in their suit (best) or other suits
- Very few defensive tricks (keep in mind that queens and jacks in your shorter suits may be tricks on

defense)

- The expectation that you can take 10 tricks (red vs. white), 9 tricks (at equal vulnerability) or 8 tricks (white vs. red)
- The strong expectation that the opponents will make their game contract.

Estimating tricks for a sacrifice

If partner has preempted and you're deciding whether or not to sacrifice, estimate partner's playing strength by using the **Rule of 2, 3 & 4**. Assume partner will have the playing tricks to be within 2, 3 or 4 tricks of making his bid, depending on the vulnerability and that virtually all of his winners are in his trump suit. Here's a summary of how to apply the Rule of 2, 3 & 4 (See table).

In practice, partner's preempt could be a bit light at favorable vulnerability (he may "stretch" the Rule of 4, especially in third seat). He'll tend to be more careful when vulnerable (he may not bid with a marginal Rule of 3 hand when both sides are vulnerable).

If partner opens or overcalls a weak two at:

Favorable vulnerability (white vs. red) – he'll usually have 4 winners and 9 losers (sometimes 5 winners, 8 losers) (**Rule of 4** to bid at the 8-trick level).

Equal vulnerability (white vs. white **or** red vs. red) – he'll have 5-6 winners and 7-8 losers (**Rule of 3**).

Unfavorable vulnerability (red vs. not) – he'll have 6 winners and 7 losers (**Rule of 2**).

If partner opens or overcalls a preemptive three-bid at:

Favorable vulnerability – he'll have 5 winners and 8 losers (sometimes 6 winners, 7 losers) (**Rule of 4** to bid at the 9-trick level).

Equal vulnerability – he'll have 6-7 winners and 6-7 losers (**Rule of 3**).

Unfavorable vulnerability – he'll have 7 winners and 6 losers (**Rule of 2**).

RULE OF 2, 3 & 4			
Your Side	The Opponents	Preempting conditions	The level of your preempt should match:
Not Vulnerable (white)	Vulnerable (red)	Excellent (Favorable)	Rule of 4
Not Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable	Good (Equal)	Rule of 3
Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Fair (Equal)	Rule of 3
Vulnerable	Not Vulnerable	Poor (Unfavorable)	Rule of 2

Before you make a sacrifice bid, always:

- **Count your tricks on offense.** Add the number of high-card and playing tricks in your hand to your estimate of partner's playing tricks. Look at the vulnerability and decide if you can afford the penalty when the opponents double.
- **Count your tricks on defense.** Estimate the number of defensive tricks

you might take against the opponents' contract. If partner opened or overcalled a Weak 2-bid, assume he'll take one defensive trick (perhaps two, depending on your length in his suit). If partner made a 3-bid, assume he'll take zero or one defensive trick.

- If you have doubts about the success of the opponent's game contract or your sacrifice, pass.



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