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Food & Wine Weekend: Bursting with Events

Food & Wine Weekend returns for the 11th year **April 3-6, 2025** to transform the Club into a journey of culinary experiences, live demonstrations, premium tastings, and exclusive dining events.

If this will be your first time attending Food & Wine, prepare for an extraordinary four-day affair filled with culinary delights and myriad wines and spirits. Plus, five celebrated

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AROUND THE REEF

Everton's Rum Tasting – TONIGHT! Friday, March 7 • 4-7 p.m. Spirits Bar

Five years ago, distilling of Ocean Reef's first private label rum began, and on November 22, 2024, "Everton's" rum was born. If you haven't already (or even if you have!), take this opportunity to taste the Reef-famous "Everton's" rum alongside its namesake Everton Darling. And, for the first time, bottles will be available for purchase and you can have it signed by Everton himself during the event.



Team Priceless, 2025 Reef Cup Champions.



Top Angler Mike Boundurant, Warbird.



Team Buckalot, second place overall.



Top Lady Angler Michelle Espinoza, Bar South, with Master of Ceremonies, Bill Johnston.



Team Sweet Water, third place overall.



Top Junior Angler Kristian Karl, Mollie K, with Bill Johnston.

40th Annual Reef Cup History Made Year After Year

Apart from being the most anticipated fishing tournament

of the season, Reef Cup celebrated its 40th year and didn't hold back on continuing to make history. Since its inaugural event in 1986 with only 25 participating boats to 59 this year, Reef Cup has seen immense growth. This year, there was even a total of 396

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OR "See"



Vanessa Falk Lindner captured this cotton candy sky on Saturday, March 1 – a gorgeous start to the final day of Reef Cup.

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

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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Cocktail Hours at The Point

The Point will be open for Members only cocktails today, **Friday, March 7** and **Sunday, March 9** from 5 to 8 p.m. and on **Saturday, March 8** it will be open from 6 to 9 p.m.

To view full hours of operation see page 35.

Daylight Saving Begins

Get ready for longer and brighter evenings! Daylight Saving Time officially begins on **Sunday, March 9** at 2 a.m. so don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

The Lindas Club Meeting

Calling all the Lindas to gather on **Monday, March 10**, at 5 p.m. in the Reef Lounge. All Lindas and Lyndas are welcome!

For information please contact **Linda Salisbury** at lindas927@aol.com.

Kappa Alpha Theta Gathering

Kappa Alpha Theta will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 19** at 4:30 p.m. in the Reef Lounge.

If you are planning on attending or would like more information please contact **Cynthia Mitchell** at 614-563-7343 or **Joan Techet** at 305-367-2322.

Ultimate Spring Break

Reef Experience brings you the "Ultimate Spring Break" with fun events and activities for the whole family. For a full list of events please visit oceanreef.com/ReefExperience or for more information call Member Guest Services at 305-367-6516.

Gotta Question?

At Ocean Reef, is it appropriate for bikers to ride against traffic or with traffic?



The rules of the road for cyclists, as established by Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), says that cyclists should ride in the same direction as traffic and stay as far to the right as possible, using bike lanes whenever available. This too goes for Ocean Reef, whether riding in the car lane or golf cart lane.

Bicyclists should also obey all traffic laws, including signs, signals and lane markings, when riding on the roadway.

Additional guidelines provided by FLHSMV apply to those driving a car or golf cart:

- Drivers must give bicyclists

a minimum of three feet of clearance when driving alongside or passing them.

- When turning, yield to any bicyclist in the car or cart lane and make your turn behind the cyclist.
- Avoid using high beam headlights when you see a bicyclist approaching.
- Before opening a car door, check for bicyclists who may be approaching from behind.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Food & Wine Weekend

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culinarians, headlined by Chef Dean Max, will join our own ORC team to present an exceptional weekend just for Ocean Reef Members.

Let us share a little about what each event this year holds.



Burger Bash on Buccaneer

Inspired by Miami's popular SOBE Wine & Food Festival's event of the same name, this elevated slider showdown showcases the creativity of our Club chefs from Burgee Bar, Islander, Ocean Room, CH Prime, Grill Room, Town Hall Waterside, and Gianni as they compete to create the best burger on The Reef. Sip champagne as you sample each slider and vote for your favorite by the end of the evening. Of course, what good are sliders without a full bar, endless Piper Heidsieck champagne, live DJ entertainment and dancing – all under a tent adorned with a colorful and vibrant interior. With an atmosphere that brims with energy, this is an event

you don't want to miss. Tickets for Thursday's extravaganza are sold separately – price includes all sliders, beverages, sides and dessert.



Sip & Savor Under the Tent

Friday's Sip & Savor Under the Tent is not your average evening at Town Hall Waterside. In this immersive culinary, cocktail and wine experience, Food & Wine Weekend's expert guest chefs Paula da Silva, Carissa da Silva, and Pushkar Marathe will take over, curating their own unique menus for an array of exquisite tapas-style tastings. Float from station to station tasting each gourmet plate or go back to your favorites as many times as you'd like.

As you sample, positioned all around Waterside is a variety of fun cocktails featuring an array of spirits, with a presentation as exciting as the cocktails themselves, like last year's Grey Goose ice luge and gorgeous cocktails in tin cups that were so pretty you could take them home (and many did!). Additionally, master Mixologist David Ortiz will craft inspired cocktails, while the Waterside bar transforms into a wine

haven. Sommeliers will guide you through a careful selection of Californian and European wines from Spain, France and Italy. Each sip and bite during this grand tasting is an experience unto itself.



Cocktails & Cigars Under the Stars

If lounging in a sophisticated ambiance atop the open-air Town Hall Terrace with soulful melodies by Juan Areco, a cigar roller, light bite libations, and sipping a variety of espresso martinis sounds like your vibe, then you won't want to miss this intimate after-hours event.



Taste & Technique Showcase

On Saturday, spend the day meandering from indoor and outdoor cooking demonstrations with master guest chefs Dean Max and Aaron Brooks, to sampling olives curated by aficionados at the Farm to Table Expo, sipping

cocktails from David Ortiz, and enjoying a sparkling wine presentation with Rafael Benassi of Wilson Daniels, all in your Carysfort Hall backyard.

A highlight of the day, the Farm to Table Expo, transforms the Town Hall Patio & Assembly into a gourmet marketplace just for Food & Wine attendees. Five premier purveyors will showcase their finest specialties - from premium cuts of beef and towering seafood displays to aged cheeses and charcuterie. Engage with these culinary artisans, sample their craft, and revel in a leisurely afternoon of cocktail, culinary and wine excellence.



Grand Dinner & Dance

To close out Saturday evening, imagine a traditional ORC ballroom affair, punctuated by a decadent multi-course menu, with each course crafted by one of our five world-class guest chefs. As you arrive, enjoy a glass of the fabulous Daou's Paso Robles wine while you listen to the full band entertainment. Dancing begins before the entrée is even served. Expect a lively atmosphere and a literal feast for the senses.

See the complete weekend event schedule on page 13.

Secure Your Pass

Registration is Open!

Passes for Food & Wine Weekend (**April 3-6, 2025**) are available now! Visit oceanreef.com/FoodandWine to register and secure your three-day weekend pass. See ticket information right.

For the first time, flexible ticketing options are available, including daily and individual event passes. Whether you wish to immerse yourself in the entire weekend or savor select highlights, there's an option tailored to your preference.

EVENT PASSES:

3-Day All-Inclusive Event Pass

\$850+ per person
Thursday's Burger Bash sold separately

Individual Day Passes

Friday - \$400+ per person
Saturday - \$400+ per person
Sunday - \$150+ per person

Add On: Thursday Burger Bash on Buccaneer

\$200++ per person
Discounted price of \$150++ is available when buying a 3-day weekend pass.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Burger Bash.....	\$200
Welcome Luncheon	\$175
Sip & Savor Under the Tent	\$250
<i>Cocktails Under the Stars included</i>	
Taste & Technique Showcase.....	\$200
Grand Dinner & Dance	\$250
Farewell Brunch	\$150



Reef Cup

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releases and Reef Cup hasn't seen more than 300 releases since 2011. This is now the fourth highest number of releases in Reef Cup history.

While some boats came back with no flags and others with too many to count on Day One, it was an enthusiastic start to Reef Cup with 125 sailfish caught – a number that hasn't been seen on Day One since 2011. The success of Day One set the stage for what the rest of the tournament would look like. From a shared tradition to a thrilling come from behind win, this year's Reef Cup had everyone on the edge of their seats.

Reef Cup 2025... Priceless

While Dr. **Jorge Sanchez** is by no means a new Member to the Club, his Team Priceless, which includes his son Jorge, is fairly new to the Reef Cup tournament, having participated for less than a decade of this 40-year event, never placing



2025 Reef Cup Champions, Jorge Sanchez's Team Priceless.

higher than eighth place.

This year would change all that.

The first day of fishing landed Team Priceless in 13th place with 400 points – half that of the teams in first and second place.

The team took their lay day on Day Two to regroup with some bait-fishing, proving the sport of fishing is not just about competition for the Sanchez team, but a true passion.

Team Priceless ended Day Three in a whopping 23rd

place. It's safe to say the team was not at the top of anyone's list to win the tournament but, Reef Cup proved once again that it really is anyone's tournament up until the very end.

Day Four is when Team Priceless made the critical decision to switch to outrigger, finally hitting the jackpot. Priceless had their first fish that day at 12:40 p.m., and in an exciting turn of events, reeled in 10 sailfish in the span of three

hours which meant one every 10 to 20 minutes.

"The moment I realized we could win the Reef Cup was around 3 p.m. on the final day," said Jorge Jr. "We were head to head with **Mike Levy's** Team Buckalot. I believe we had them by one point, but they had been fighting a fish for a long time. That last hour was a rollercoaster ride."

In the end, Team Buckalot lost their fish, effectively securing the come-from-behind win for Team Priceless. When asked what point was the most exciting for the Priceless team, Jorge Jr. said the moment "lines out" were called and they knew the tournament win was theirs.

How'd the team celebrate their win? "Victory cigar, of course," said Jorge Jr.

While the competition is always exciting, and this year especially, for this father-son team it's the family tradition that is really their favorite part of the tournament. And to end the 40th Annual with their first win together?

Priceless.

REEF CUP RESULTS

1ST PLACE OVERALL:

Team Priceless: 2700 Points

Miguel Sosa, Manny Fernandez, Jorge Sanchez, Matthew Rodriguez, Jared Spitz, Esteban Bruno, Lonnie Menendez, Maverick Rodriguez and George Sanchez

2ND PLACE OVERALL:

Team Buckalot: 2600 Points

Mike Levy, Edgar Benes, Tyler Levy, Jordan Wycoff and Francis Masse

3RD PLACE OVERALL:

Team Sweet Water: 2400 Points

Jason Connellee, Mike Connellee, Clark Connellee, Grant Connellee and David Reeves

1ST INDIVIDUAL OVERALL:

Mike Boundurant on Warbird with 9 points

2ND INDIVIDUAL OVERALL:

Carl Lindner IV on Seraphim with 9 points

3RD INDIVIDUAL OVERALL:

Robert Desmond on Day Sea with 7 points

TOP JUNIOR ANGLER:

Kristian Karl on Mollie K with 4 points

ORC Census Winners

If you have filled out the 2025 ORC Census already, thank you! If you haven't, it's time.

Additionally, **if you have Legacy member children and grandchildren**, please encourage them to take the

Census if they haven't already. As the next generation of Ocean Reef, their input is critically important to the future of the Club. So important that there are questions designated just for them.

Your Board and Management Team are listening now so this is a chance for every Member to be heard!

Here are the lucky winners from week three:

- **Mr. & Mrs. Porter Lummus:** Complimentary Dinner for 4
- **Mr. Tom Olson:** 3-Day, 2-Night Lodging Certificate at The Inn
- **Mr. Chris Drane:** Complimentary Drink Coupon for the Spirits Bar
- **Mr. & Mrs. Scott**

Greenstein: Complimentary Drink Coupon for the Spirits Bar

- **Mrs. Kristen Farmer:** Complimentary Drink Coupon for the Spirits Bar Winners, please stop by the Membership office to pick up your prize!

Visit oceanreef.com/Census to be directed to the Census now.

Ready for 20 More Questions?



by Felicia M. Koretsky

Today is the first Friday of the month, and you know what that means—it's time for Round 5 of 20 Questions! Are you ready to prove your Reef knowledge by testing yourself on these brain-bending questions? Dive in and see how many you get correct—you might just impress your friends or family (or at least get a good laugh trying)!

1. How many people who work at Gianni speak Italian?
2. What is the most popular cocktail garnish served on The Reef?

3. How many places on The Reef can you get a hot dog for lunch (children's menus count)?
4. What popular area of The Reef is 4,456-feet long?
5. This is the most popular dog breed seen at the Grayvik Animal Center.
6. Before they wore red, what color was the Recreation Team's uniform?
7. This side dish is so popular, Reefers consume 37,000 pounds of it a year.
8. How many outdoor chlorinated pools does the Club oversee?
9. What is the most popular beverage purchased at Wynn's? (hint: It's not water).
10. True or False. There is one 9-hole golf course on property.
11. Reefers consume a lot of coffee around The Reef, do you know the name of the brand used?
12. Rank in purchase popularity at Wynn's from 1-3. 1. Fresh

- baguette roll 2. Cornbread
3. Chicken noodle soup.
13. If you counted all the chefs, sous chefs, and cooks on property (this includes Associate Café cooks) how many are cooking in Reef kitchens? A. 65. to 100 B. 101 to 200 C. More than 200.
14. After sunscreen, what is the best-selling product at the Pool Desk?
15. How many different types of Reef Eats modes of transportation might deliver your order?
16. What is the most often used

- vegetable used in dishes at The Reef?
17. This is the most popular cat name registered with the Grayvik Animal Center?
18. Where in the Club are men permitted to wear baseball-style caps on backwards?
19. Can you spot the one pasta that's not on the Gianni menu?
20. Spaghetti, pappardelle, capellini, macaroni, linguine, ravioli, agnolotti, penne, bucatini
21. Guests approach the Inn's Concierge Desk most often for directions to this place.

Answers

1. Just one. General Manager Luca Panini, who was born in Florence, Italy.
2. Limes.
3. Five: Toski's, Hammock Hut, Beach Grill, Palm Court, the Grill Room.
4. The Airport runway.
5. Labradoodle.
6. Yellow.
7. Rice.
8. Five! (Two pools and a hot tub at Buccaneer Island plus the lap pool and cold plunge pool at the Member Fitness Center.)
9. Gatorade.
10. True. A 9-hole miniature golf course is located across in front of the Marina Fitness Center (hey that counts!).
11. La Colombe.
12. 3, 1, 2.
13. C. We have 180 cooks, 29 chefs and sous chefs, and 20 Associate Café cooks.
14. Goggles.
15. Three. (Reef Eats has four cars, one van, and four golf carts).
16. Green beans.
17. Tiger.
18. Nowhere.
19. Macaroni is not on the menu.
20. The Marina Fitness Center.

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FEATURED SPIRIT OF THE WEEK
From the Spirits Bar and Port O'Call

Monkey 47 Gin

Hailing from the Black Forest in Germany, our featured spirit of the week is Monkey 47 Gin. Named for its 47 individual botanicals (they claim their "secret weapon" is lingonberry), this craft spirit is great with tonic, as well as any number of classic gin cocktails. All of the botanicals used in Monkey 47 are hand picked and hand pressed as part of the process of creating such a great gin. With a distinct scent of juniper, tangy and crisp citrus, bright floral aromas, and subtle notes of berries, Monkey 47 is very well balanced with a tremendously long finish. It is \$97 per bottle at Port O'Call, and you can even try it in your favorite drink at the Spirits Bar for \$25.

See page 35 for hours of operation.

Pop-Up Tasting at Spirits Bar



ORC BOURBON TASTING

Friday, March 14
4-7 p.m. • Spirits Bar

ORC Director of Beverage & Wine Operations Sean Carroll will host a first-ever bourbon tasting with eight ORC bourbons to sample for purchase. Throughout his 14-year career, Sean has sourced a total of 43 barrels for the Club, so you won't want to miss out on this unique opportunity to learn more about the range of exclusive bourbons currently available.



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March 12th

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Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



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Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



185 South Harbor Drive

6 BD, 5F/2HBA | \$7,200,000 | 2809

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4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$6,995,000 | 2332

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39 Thatch Palm Way

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Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



3 Spray Road

3 BD, 2 BA | \$5,300,000 | 2782

Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



41 South Bridge Lane

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

Patti Furneaux | 305.321.3156



23 Tamarind Lane

3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,395,000 | 2640

James Morrison | 305.393.3407



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Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



7 Perky Road

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CONTINGENT

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Residence Club 209

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Fairway Lakes 41B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,650,000 | 2807
Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461



Fairway Lakes 3B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,650,000 | 2827
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ORCA NEWS

Relax, Recharge & Stay Safe During Spring Break

Spring Break 2025 is right around the corner! As students and families get ready to trade textbooks for tan lines, Ocean Reef stands as the ultimate getaway for Members and their guests.

The kick-off of spring break for many U.S. schools begins next week, with most taking time off between mid-March and early April, while other schools take their breaks later in the season.

As excitement builds, it's important to keep safety top of mind. Whether you're enjoying the water, exploring the community, or simply unwinding with loved ones, a few simple reminders can help ensure a fun and worry-free break for everyone.

Safety First: Tips from Public Safety

"We want everyone to have a memorable and safe spring break," says Ariel Artime, ORCA's Vice President and Director of Public Safety and Operations. "Following the community's rules ensures that everyone enjoys their time at The Reef."

Here are a few reminders to help vacationers make the most of their visit:

- **Water Safety:** From snorkeling and kayaking to fishing and diving, Ocean Reef's diverse marine environment offers endless aquatic adventures. Please be mindful of marine life, follow safety guidelines, and stay aware of tides, currents, and weather conditions. For safety, swimming is only allowed in designated areas, and bridge jumping is strictly prohibited.

- **Golf Cart Etiquette:** Following these simple guidelines will help keep everyone safe on the roads.
 - Do not let children sit on adults' laps, especially the driver.
 - Wear seat belts. Seat belts can be installed at the cart repair shop.
 - Turn on headlights at night for visibility. Avoid late-night joyrides.
 - Drive cautiously, following all traffic laws and designated paths.
 - Register the vehicle with ORCA Public Safety and display the decal.
 - Follow passenger limits and avoid overcrowding.
 - Alert passengers before turning to prevent injuries.

Alcohol & Identification:

The legal drinking age in Florida is 21. Venues at Ocean Reef will request proper identification, and Members could face fines if their guests use fake IDs.

Stay Safe, Stay Smart

A little preparation goes a long way in making spring break both fun and safe. Keep these additional tips in mind:

- Stay hydrated and use plenty of sunscreen.
- Be mindful of alcohol consumption.
- Review the community rules in the ORCA **Member Handbook** and share them with your guests.
- Remember, Members are responsible for ensuring their guests follow all community guidelines including noise levels and dress codes. Let's work together to create a safe and enjoyable spring break for everyone at The Reef!

Did you know? Spring break's origins trace back to a 1938 swim forum in Fort Lauderdale, just over 90 miles north of Ocean Reef. By the 1960s, the tradition had blossomed, with students flocking to Florida's sun-soaked shores.

Golf Cart Safety with ORC Toddlers: Navigating The Reef with Little Ones

By Annie Miles

Spring at Ocean Reef is always a beautiful season and one filled with families and fun as schools break for vacations in March and April. Cart rentals soar as Members seek to transport extra family members, especially children, to all the fabulous activities and recreational areas.

Many Members have installed seatbelts in their vehicles but what about those little ones who are too small to ride safely in a traditional belt? It's fun to cuddle little guys on our laps but this is not the recommended way for toddlers to ride. Drivers cannot operate the vehicle as safely while holding a child and



Luke Goldenberg, 22-month-old son of Legacy Members Nate and Jennie Goldenberg, enjoys traveling The Reef in his golf cart safety harness.

passengers cannot adequately protect a child they are holding in the event of an accident.

One option for families with

young children is an easily-installed (and removed) harness designed especially for golf carts to help provide safety for little ones in both the front and back seats of a cart.

Many products are online, but our one-year-old grandsons have adjusted well to the "Lil' Caddie" (we purchased on Amazon). Now I can take them to Buccaneer Island or Reef Treats alone with confidence that we all will travel safely. Members can do research and find whatever products meet their specific needs. Together we all can work together to make our "very special place" a safer place too, especially for our tiny future Legacy Members.

Note:

An NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) approved car seat, correctly installed in the back seat of an automobile, is still the safest way to transport children.

CPR FIRST AID & AED TRAINING COURSES

Refresher Course

Wednesday, March 19

8:30-11 a.m.

Public Safety Training Room

Re-certify in CPR and AED in just two hours!
Must have current First Aid/ CPR Certification

Full Course

Thursday, March 20

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Public Safety Training Room

Become certified by the American Heart Association in First Aid, CPR, and AED. Class will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please arrive prior to this time.

Visit shorturl.at/UCsp4 to register!



CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE & SHARE YOUR VISION

CENSUS 2015:
The new Clubhouse completed in 2021 was a result of feedback gathered.

CENSUS 2010:
You told us of your desire to increase fitness and wellness activity. This led to a new Member Fitness Center & Spa.

CENSUS 2010:
Revealed an opportunity existed to grow Legacy Membership and engagement so the Club developed new programming events & communication.

CENSUS 2020:
You told us how important the Club's Dress Code was to your experience so we increased communication, Associate training & enforcement.

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Achilles Tendinitis

Tennis, pickleball, basketball—many of the court sports can be rough on feet and legs. If you are experiencing tenderness or pain, be careful not to overdo it and be aware of how Achilles tendinitis can present.

Achilles tendinitis typically begins as a mild ache in the back of the leg or above the heel after sports activities. Achilles tendinitis is caused by repetitive or intense strain on the Achilles tendon, the band of tissue that connects your calf muscles to your heel bone. This tendon is used when you walk, run, jump or push up on your toes.

The structure of the Achilles tendon can weaken with age, which can make it more susceptible to injury.



Achilles tendinitis. Credit: ID 309605914 Starast Dreamstime.com

Risk factors

Several factors may increase your risk of Achilles tendinitis, including:

- Being a male.
- Age related risk.
- A naturally flat arch in your foot can put more strain on the Achilles tendon. Obesity and tight calf muscles also can increase tendon strain.
- Running in worn-out shoes can increase your risk. Tendon pain occurs more frequently in cold weather than in warm weather and running on hilly terrain also can predispose you to injury.
- People who have psoriasis or high blood pressure.
- Certain types of antibiotics, called fluoroquinolones, have been associated with higher rates of risk.
- Achilles tendinitis can weaken the tendon, making it more vulnerable to a tear (rupture) — a painful injury

that usually requires surgical repair.

Prevention

Increase your activity level gradually. If you're beginning an exercise regimen, start slowly and gradually increase the duration and intensity of the training.

Avoid activities that place excessive stress on your tendons, such as hill running. If you notice pain during a particular exercise, stop and rest.

The shoes you wear while exercising should provide adequate cushioning for your heel and should have a firm arch support to help reduce the tension in the Achilles tendon.

Take the time to stretch and strengthen your calf muscles to better enable them to handle the stresses they encounter from activity and exercises.

Visit us on the web at www.mcor.org.

VISITING SPECIALIST SCHEDULE

Please bring your identification and insurance cards to each visiting specialist appointment. They bill separately from the Medical Center. To schedule with a visiting dermatologist, please call their office directly. Specialist with phone numbers do their own scheduling. For all other specialists, please call 305-367-6702.

Audiology

Natalie Crespi
March 10, 12, 17, 19, 31

Daisy Elwick
March 11, 13, 18, 20, April 1

Cardiology

Julio Barcena
March 7, April 4

Howard Bush
March 13, April 17

Chiropractic

Howard Furshman 305-668-9545
March 14, 28

Jesse Suess
March 19, April 2, 16, 30

Colorectal Surgery

Dan Ruiz
March 17, April 21

Dermatology

Mariam Borges 305-740-6181 Opt. 1
March 12, April 16, May 7

Alysa Herman 305-444-4979
March 20, April 3, 17

Varee Poochareon 305-740-6181 Opt 1
March 12, 19, April 2, 9

Debra Price 305-670-1111
March 7, 21, April 11, 25

Jill Waibel 305-279-6060
March 18, April 15

Endocrinology

Heberto Valdes
Tele-Med **786-595-9930 Opt 1**

ENT

Pablo Arango
April 7, May 5

Gastroenterology

Sandra Rodriguez
March 10, April 8

Gynecology

Jason James
March 13, April 10, May 8

Jila Senemar
March 11, April 15, May 13

Holistic Medicine 305-451-1819

David Coppola
March 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

I.V. Therapy 305-907-7550

Scott Williams
March 10, 17, 24, 31

Nephrology

Anthony Farias
March 10, April 14

Neurology

Victor Faradji
April 10

Neuro-Spine

Raul Vasquez-Castellanos
March 18, April 15, May 20

Ophthalmology

William Culbertson 786-530-2289
April 1

Mark Dunbar 786-530-2289
March 25, April 22

Richard Parrish 786-530-2289
April 2

Zach Segal
March 18, March 18, April 15

Optometry

Susanna Tamkins
March 21, May 16

Orthopaedic Hand Surgery

Roberto Miki
March 7, April 18

Orthopedic Sports Medicine

Michael Swartzon
March 14, April 18, May 9

Orthopedic Surgery

Derek Papp
March 27, April 10

James Voglino
March 14, April 4

Joseph Fernandez
March 28, April 18, May 16

Pediatrics

Rosa Fernandez
Tele-Med **954-385-6277 Opt 1**

Plastic Surgery

Anne Taylor 614-569-2649
March 8, 22, April 5, 19

Ramiro Perez
April 7, May 5

Podiatry

Brigette Smith
March 12, 26, April 9, 23, May 14, 28

Polly Reeves
March 13, April 10, May 8

Sophia Masri
March 21, April 25

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Sarah Couper
March 17, April 21

Pulmonary & Sleep Disorders

Raul Valor
March 7, April 11

Spine Care & Pain Management

Ronald Tolchin
March 18, April 8, 22, May 6, 20

Urology

Lunan Ji
April 2, May 7

MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

Baptist Health & Ocean Reef Celebrate 25 Years of Partnership

A Legacy of Excellence, Growth & Philanthropy

Submitted by the Medical Center Foundation

Twenty-five years ago, a visionary conversation took place between **Tom Davidson**, then Vice Chairman of the Ocean Reef Medical Center, and **Brian Keeley**, CEO of Baptist Health. Their shared goal? To explore synergies that could elevate healthcare access and services for the Ocean Reef community while strengthening Baptist Health's mission.

At the time, Ocean Reef sought a partnership that would provide its Members with access to Baptist Health's world-class services and specialists for the Medical Center's visiting doctor program. Baptist Health, in turn, saw an opportunity to deepen its relationship with Ocean Reef through

the Giving Society program, a philanthropic initiative supporting Baptist's mission of providing top-tier medical care.

What began as an idea has since blossomed into an extraordinary and mutually beneficial partnership. One that has transformed healthcare for Ocean Reef residents and significantly contributed to Baptist Health's growth and impact.

A Remarkable Journey of Philanthropy & Advancement

In the early days of the partnership, only four Ocean Reef Members were Baptist Founders. Today, that number has grown to over 600 Ocean Reef current and past Members, with numerous transformational gifts supporting key initiatives, including:

- Funding a rooftop helipad at Baptist Emergency, ensuring faster, life-saving transport for critical patients.
- The Jane & Al Nahmad's Women's Cancer Center
- Recently adding two endowed Chairs in Neuroscience

And additional major donations to Baptist Health's four Centers of Excellence:

- Baptist Health Miami Cardiac & Vascular Institute

- Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute
- Baptist Health Kenneth C. Griffin Center at Miami Neuroscience Institute
- Baptist Health Orthopedic Institute

In return, Ocean Reef Medical Center has received invaluable guidance, helping it evolve into the best-in-class facility it is today. Baptist Health has played a key role in expanding the Medical Center's visiting doctor program, growing from just four specialists to an impressive 47 over the years.

A Partnership Built on Dedication & Personal Connections

This collaboration would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of dedicated ambassadors like Jamie Thomas and the late Bob Baal, who serve as liaisons between Ocean Reef and Baptist Health. Their efforts ensure that Ocean Reef Members not only have access to exceptional medical care but were also welcomed with warmth and familiarity during their healthcare journeys.

Today, this thriving relationship continues to be guided by joint leadership committees and the Ocean Reef / Baptist Advisory Council, led

by **Mike Berman** and **Adelaide Skoglund** from Ocean Reef, along with Joe Natoli and Jamie Thomas from Baptist Health.

Under the visionary leadership of CEO Bo Boulenger, Baptist Health has risen to national and international prominence, now boasting 12 highly ranked hospitals and over 200 clinics and service centers.

Looking Ahead: The Future of Healthcare at Ocean Reef & Baptist Health

As we celebrate 25 years of partnership, we look forward to the next chapter, one defined by continued collaboration, innovation, and generosity.

With the planned expansion of Homestead Hospital, Ocean Reef Members can access the best minds in these Centers of Excellence without driving to Miami.

Philanthropy is the fuel that drives innovation.

We invite you to be a part of this legacy. Join us in shaping the future of healthcare through philanthropy, innovation, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

For more information, please contact Jamie Thomas at jamiet@baptisthealth.net or 305-984-9436.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 3-6, 2025

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

BURGER BASH ON BUCCANEER ISLAND
6:00-9:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

WELCOME LUNCHEON & REGISTRATION
12:00-2:00pm

SIP & SAVOR UNDER THE TENT
7:00-10:00pm

COCKTAILS & CIGARS UNDER THE STARS
10:00pm-12:00am

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

EVENT CHECK-IN & MILAGRO TEQUILA BAR
10:00-11:00am

TASTE & TECHNIQUE SHOWCASE

Cooking Class with Chef Aaron Brooks
Cooking Class with Chef Dean Max
Farm to Table Expo with Chef Betania Salles
Champagne Presentation with Rafael Benassi
Mixology Demonstration with David Ortiz
11:00am-4:00pm

GRAND DINNER & DANCE
6:30-10:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

FAREWELL BRUNCH
10:00am-12:00pm



Discover the unique



121 Marina 108

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$14,875,000 | 2811

Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



Marina Village 13B

3 BD, 3 BA | \$12,995,000 | 2777

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105
Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



Pumpkin Cay Garden Home 68

4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$9,495,000 | 2821

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



Residence Club Penthouse 8

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$7,475,000 | 2784

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



The Sanctuary Orchid Penthouse 1

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$6,875,000 | 2735

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



The Sanctuary Azalea 202

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$6,500,000 | 2742

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



Pumpkin Cay 57A

4 BD, 3 BA | \$6,250,000 | 2816

Barbara Sibley | 305.394.0061



The Sanctuary Gardenia 201

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$5,990,000 | 2744

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



Harbour House 4

3 BD, 4 BA | \$5,975,000 | 2684

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633

RECENT ACTIVITY

SOLD
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Harbour Green 11
Sanctuary Orchid 101
Residence Club PH21
Marina Slip HS-19
Fisherman's Cove 16A
Pumpkin Cay 32B
Angelfish Cay 38B

Listed at \$6,500,000 by Patti Furneaux | 2749
Listed at \$5,895,000 by Russell Post | Molly Taylor | Pended by Eric Woodward | 2761
Listed at \$4,195,000 by Jay Rourke | Megan Lyons | Pended by Rupert Rodriguez | 2767
Listed at \$3,250,000 | Sold by Bill Henneberry | 2669
Listed at \$3,150,000 by Daisy Gonzalez | 2682
Listed at \$3,050,000 | Listed and Pended by Helena Morton | 2799
Listed at \$1,750,000 | Listed and Pended by Parris Everhart | 2738



Harbour Green 29

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,950,000 | 2825

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105
Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



FC Moorings 43A

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,625,000 | 2822

Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185



FC Landings 2B

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,495,000 | 2747

Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461



Pumpkin Cay 43A

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,450,000 | 2524

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



Residence Club 207

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$5,300,000 | 2814

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



Pumpkin Cay 7A

3 BD, 3 BA | \$4,900,000 | 2746

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



Pumpkin Cay 47B

4 BD, 3 BA | \$4,895,000 | 2628

Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332
Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Residence Club PH 5

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$4,750,000 | 2765

Mary Brady | 201.303.2052



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Angelfish Cay 8A

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$4,600,000 | 2721

Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332
Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Harbour House 29

3 BD, 4 BA | \$4,590,000 | 2801

Barbara Sibley | 305.394.0061



Fisherman's Cove Landings 9A

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,995,000 | 2621

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105
Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



NEWLY LISTED

Pumpkin Cay 8B

3 BD, 3 BA | \$3,995,000 | 2829

Russell Post | 305.451.8199
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633

Ocean Reef Business Center | Fishing Village
oceanreefclubsir.com | 305.367.2027



HAPPENINGS AT THE CULTURAL CENTER



ZZ TOP - OUTDOORS

Lanyards/Tickets will be available for pick-up Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. No e-tickets will be issued.

WHEN: Saturday, March 8 • 8PM
PRICE: \$325 Donor
\$350 Non-Donor



MANDY GONZALEZ CABARET

Best known for her emotional portrayal of Nina Rosario in the Tony Award winning, Lin-Manuel Miranda Broadway musical "In the Heights". She starred as Elphaba in the Broadway production of "Wicked". Other Broadway roles include Princess Amneris in the Elton John and Tim Rice musical Aida and she is currently starring in the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton".

WHEN: Saturday, March 15
Early Show: 5PM Cocktails • 5:30PM Dinner • 6:15 Show
Late Show: 7:30PM Cocktails • 8:00PM Dinner • 8:45PM Show
PRICE: \$175 Donor/ \$200 Non-Donor

REQUEST TICKETS

Scan the QR code to order your tickets and/or visit our website at ORCulturalCenter.org for complete details on all our shows.



THE STATE OF SPORTS WITH MIKE TIRICO & BILL MARTIN



The Campus Series is excited to welcome back ORC members Mike Tirico, NBC Sports anchor and play-by-play announcer, and Bill Martin, former University of Michigan athletic director and past U.S. Olympic Committee president, for a discussion on the current state of the sports world with an interactive Q&A.

WHEN: Friday, March 14 • 4PM
PRICE: Complimentary

*Open to all ORC members and their guests on a first come, first served basis. No reservations or e-tickets issued.

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

CAMPUS SPEAKER SERIES

The State of Sports with Mike Tirico & Bill Martin

Friday, March 14 at 4 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Complimentary Lecture

Back again by popular demand, the Campus Series at the Cultural Center is pleased to announce **Mike Tirico** (NBC Sports Anchor and play-by-play announcer) and **Bill Martin** (former Athletic Director at the University of Michigan and past President of the U.S. Olympic Committee), both ORC Members, as they discuss the current status of the sports world and have an interactive question and answer session with the audience. This event will be held on **Friday, March 14**, and begins at 4 p.m. in the theater of the Cultural Center. It is open to all ORC Members and their guests on a first-come, first-serve basis and there is no charge. You can also enjoy complimentary beer and wine before heading into the theater.

Mike Tirico is the voice of NBC Sports biggest events, handling play-by-play for Sunday Night Football – primetime TV's #1

show for an unprecedented 14 consecutive years. He has called a multitude of sports in his career including the NBA, NHL, college football and basketball, golf, tennis, World Cup Soccer, and anchors NBC's Primetime Olympic broadcasts. He has also served as lead play-by-play announcer for Notre Dame football on NBC, hosted the Triple Crown races, the Indianapolis 500, and NBC's coverage of the Stanley Cup. In May, 2024, Mike earned his second Sports Emmy for Outstanding Sports Personality - Studio Host. He is a graduate of Syracuse University where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

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



Head to the Cultural Center for a complimentary lecture with Mike Tirico & Bill Martin on Friday, March 14.

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

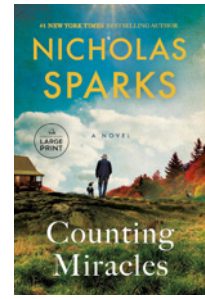
Library Corner

By Susan Bohan

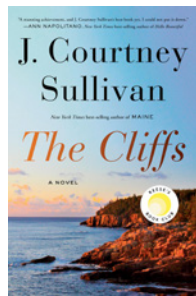
A good reason to turn off the TV is to find a good book, a comfortable chair and get lost in someone else's problems! Love and the human condition are at the center of the following novels recently added to the Cultural Center Library:



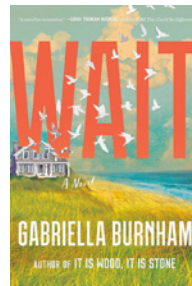
"The Mighty Red" by Louise Erdrich – A story of love, spiritual yearnings and the tragic circumstances that can alter an ordinary life.



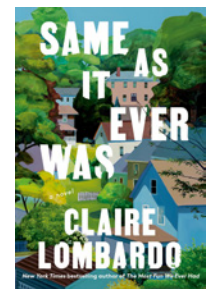
"Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks – A military man raised by his grandparents is suddenly given the chance to find his father as his chance meeting of 2 people alters all their lives.



"The Cliffs" by J. Courtney Sullivan – A novel of family, secrets, ghosts and homecoming set in the seaside cliffs of Maine.



"Wait" by Gabriella Burnham – Idyllic Nantucket is the backdrop for this heartfelt story as the dream of a better future collides with inherited wealth and cataclysmic change.



"Same As It Ever Was" by Claire Lombardo – Infidelity, dysfunction and secrets are explored through marriage, motherhood and self.



The very popular "Best Picture Oscar Talk" presented by Dan Hudak was held on Oscar Sunday at the Cultural Center. The audience selected "Conclave" most likely to win, Dan selected "Anora"...and the Academy chose..."Anora". Congratulations to Dan for picking the winner! Pictured are Jennifer Kachmarik and Patty Ethington all ready for the big night!

Cay Harbor 5E



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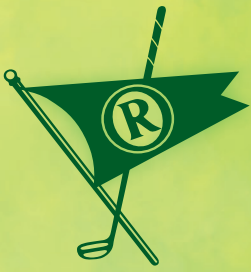
- 10% discount on all club food, beverage and retail outlets
- Front desk services open 24/7 for convenient check-in
- Housekeeping Services provided during your stay
- When reserving through your Club, all club outlets and services are notified should you have any special needs
- All billing direct to your member account

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MARCH

2025 Happenings

Dining Special Events

COOKING SCHOOL CLASSES:

9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

ITALIAN CONNECTION
WITH CHEF SARAH GRUENBERG
Monday, March 10

FOOD FOR THE SOUL
WITH CHEF SUZANNE BARR
Monday, March 17

PUTTING ON THE RITZ
WITH CHEFS PAULA & CARISSA DASILVA
Monday, March 24

STIR-FRY GURU
WITH CHEF GRACE YOUNG
Monday, March 31

OCEAN ROOM BUFFETS:

5:30 to 9:45pm Seatings

MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET
Saturday, March 15

SPECIALTY DINNERS:

Begins at 6:30pm in Carysfort Kitchen

COLGIN CELLARS
Thursday, March 13

EISELE VINEYARD 'ALTAGRACIA'
Thursday, March 20

MEMENTO MORI WINERY
Thursday, March 27

VINE TO TABLE DINNERS: Begins at 6:30pm in Carysfort Kitchen

A TASTE OF ITALY
Tuesday, March 11

REFLECTING REFINEMENT
Tuesday, March 18

RICH HERITAGE
Tuesday, March 25

DETAILS & RESERVATIONS:
305-367-5931

BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

March 19 & 26 • 1pm
Card & Games Room
Details & Registration: 305-367-6609

105 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 7 • 11am
Tennis & Games Center
The rules are simple, play to 105 points.
Details & Registration: 305-367-6583

MEN'S GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

March 8 & 9 • 8-9:30am Tee Times
Hammock & Dolphin Courses
Details & Registration: 305-367-5912

MEDICAL CENTER "FUN RAISER"

March 8, 11 & 12 • Various Times
Join the Medical Center in fundraising through participating in the 5K run and golf, tennis and pickleball events.
Details & Registration: 305-367-2151

EVENING OF BRIDGE IN THE OCEAN ROOM

Monday, March 10 • 4pm
Ocean Room
A friendly game of bridge, cocktails and dinner.
Details & Registration: 305-367-6609

OCEAN REEF VS. ANGLERS CLUB CROQUET INVITATIONAL

March 14 & 15 • 8:30am
Croquet Lawn & Anglers Croquet Lawn
ORC Croquet Club takes on the Key Largo Anglers Club!
Details: 305-367-6583

LUCK OF THE IRISH IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

Saturday, March 15 • 11am-3pm
Fishing Village
Enjoy live Irish music, complimentary green beer and snacks, retail specials and giveaways.
Details: 305-367-6586

SHAMROCK N' ROLL HALF MARATHON & 10K FUN RUN

Saturday, March 15 • 7am
Member Fitness Center
Pre-registration is on Friday, March 14.
Details: 305-367-5820

WATERSIDE GOES GREEN

Monday, March 17 • 6-8pm
Town Hall Waterside
Come join us for green beads and beer as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!
Details & Registration: 305-367-6516

EQUITY GET TOGETHER: SUNSET & SANGRIA

Friday, March 21 • 6:30-8:30pm
Town Hall Terrace
Sip sangria while watching the sunset & enjoying lite bites.
Details: 305-367-6516

LADIES' POKER NIGHT

Tuesday, March 25 • 6:00pm
Card & Games Room
Drinks, snacks and a friendly poker competition.
Details & Registration: 305-367-6609

YAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, March 26 • 3-5pm
Dog Park
Pets and their owners are invited to pick up a complimentary tasty treat!
Details: 305-367-6516

Reef Experiences: Ultimate Spring Break

MARCH 10-14

PAMPER PARTY

Monday, March 10 • 1-5pm
Carysfort Hall
Includes 3 mini-treatments, a gift bag, beverages, lite bites and entry into a Spa Gift Basket Raffle.
\$120++ per person.

BEACH OLYMPICS

Tuesday, March 11 • 10am-12pm
Buccaneer Island
The Beach Olympics are where teams compete in a series of challenges to take home the win!
\$25++ per person entry fee.

DUELING PIANOS

Wednesday, March 12 • 5-7pm
Carysfort Ballroom
Lite bites are included with this sing-along show. Beverages will be available for purchase. \$50++ per person.

ULTIMATE BINGO

Thursday, March 13 • 6-8pm
Carysfort Ballroom
Sign up for a chance to win prizes through four rounds of bingo! \$30++ per person.

FULL MOON PARTY

Friday, March 14 • 7-10pm
Field at Four Corners
The party includes glow giveaways and DJ entertainment. Food and beverage available for purchase. \$20++ per person.

DETAILS & REGISTRATION:
305-367-6516



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Cars & Coffee & F16s

Held on the first Saturday of each month, "Cars & Coffee" was brought to the Club's Member Events team two years ago by **Jerry Henn**. The

formula is quite simple, coffee provided by the Club and unique cars provided by Club Members. The cars don't have to be vintage, they don't have to be expensive, they just have to be special to the owner. And special this event has become, so much so that **Frank McKee**, an Honorary Wing Commander

at Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), approached Jerry about taking Cars & Coffee on the road to Employee Family & Friends Day at the Base. Jerry jumped at the opportunity to be able to support the event, and rallied several other Ocean Reef Cars & Coffee regulars to drive up to HARB and display

their cars on the runway. The end result was a day filled with 360 degrees of appreciation. The employees, airmen and their families were excited to have the cars present and the Ocean Reef group relished being able to say thank you to these families that give back every day.



Frank McKee and Jerry Henn (pictured on left) teamed up to take ORC's Cars & Coffee on the road to Homestead Air Reserve Base this past weekend.

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MARCH 7 - MARCH 13

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FRIDAY, MARCH 7

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Cornerstone Room, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Catholic Mass with Fr. Jim Greenfield
Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Traditional Worship with Chaplain Dr. Dan Meyer
Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

Kids Matter (4yrs & 11yrs)
Chapel Children's Room, 9 a.m.

Builders of Eternity: Life Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah
Chapel Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

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

Catholic Mass with Fr. Jim Greenfield
Chapel Sanctuary, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Daily Mass with Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

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

Rosary Prayer Group
Chapel Sanctuary, 4:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Daily Mass with Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

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

Catholic Way Bible Study
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 3 p.m.

Potluck Gathering
Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Daily Mass with Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

Intercessory Prayer
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

Episcopal-Anglican Service with George Ronkowitz
Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

Chapel Women Connect Bible Study
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Daily Mass with Fr. Edward Seton Fittin
Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

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

Pursuing Spiritual Health: Finding Freedom from Self Sabotage

Saturday, March 15 • 2 p.m.
At the Chapel & Fellowship Center
Presented by Dave Wiedis, J.D., M.C.C.S, Founder and Executive Director Serving Leaders Ministries



Dave Wiedis, J.D., M.C.C.S

Most Christians don't usually implode from outside pressures, but rather, we are incapacitated by functional idols—unconscious commitments—that result in a cycle of sinful or self-defeating behaviors.

Although we may claim we are most passionate about our relationship with God and the gospel, many of us have "ruling passions" for unconscious pursuits such as self-protection, love, receiving affirmation, comfort, being in control, and achieving success. The degree to which we are unaware of our ruling passions is the degree to which we engage in idolatry of the heart. Unchecked, our

ruling passions can sabotage our most significant relationships and ministries.

In this brief seminar, based on Dave Wiedis' new book, "The Spiritually Healthy Leader: Finding Freedom from Self Sabotage", we will learn to identify our ruling passions and engage in profound life-changing repentance.

The result? We will be governed by a ruling passion to pursue intimacy with God, allowing the Lord to transform us radically. With the supremacy of Christ as our heart's foundation, we will be able to rule our passions rather than be ruled by them.

Please visit shorturl.at/lcz5z to RSVP.

United By Our Longings



by Rev. Dr. Dan Meyer, Chaplain-In-Residence

All Our Differences

Like most everyone in this community, it has been my privilege to visit dozens of countries and to interact with people from many walks of life. I've worked on an offshore oilrig, in a maximum-security prison, in the world corporate headquarters of IBM, and on a farm. I've known an Ecuadorean woman who literally lived in a hole in the ground and an American man who used a golf-cart to get from one end of the inside of his palatial home to the other.

People's life experiences

can be so very different. The lens through which people come to look at the world is, correspondingly, diverse. Even simple words like "mother" or "America" or "club" can invoke widely varying responses based on someone's storyline. No wonder people don't always see eye-to-eye or struggle to get along.

E Pluribus Unum

In light of all this, the Latin motto on our currency, "out of many one," can seem a bit unrealistic. Nonetheless, I hope we will not give it up. For all that genuinely separates us, there is so much more that unites us.

Certainly, our *biology* does. For all the surface distinctions, we share 99.9% of our DNA with everyone else we meet. Our ecology is another uniting reality. Astronauts and astrophysicists alike say that once you get out into space it becomes clear how rare is this little blue and green marble on

which we live and what a gift to be alive on it.

But there's something else that ties us together with people from different races and religions, economic and experiential conditions. We are united by "Our Longings."

The Big Five

Psychologist, Abraham Maslow, posited that once someone has satisfied the basic requirements for their physiological and safety needs, they move on to seeking to fulfill a higher level of desires. Let me name Five Longings in particular that I've noticed seem to link almost everyone I've met across the years, spheres and continents.

- **To love and be loved.** Human beings seem hardwired to connect. We find our greatest joy and wealth in meaningful relationships where we are welcome, known and loved and can offer that to others.
- **To grow in grace and truth.** Few of us want to get "stuck" in our development. We want to keep growing in our character and wisdom. For this reason, all but the most unusually ignorant of us strive to be lifelong learners.
- **To give a gift that matters.** Deep within most of us is desire to bring something of value to the party of life, to be a valued contributor to each circle we enter, and to leave those places better

because we were there.

- **To sow a seed that continues.** Many of us seem bound to leave some graffiti on the wall of time, saying "I was here." We write books and do works of art. We work to raise up families or businesses or institutions. We plant trees whose shade we will never sit under to leave a legacy of ongoing good.
- **To sing a song of joy.** No matter our temperament, we want our life to be a dance not a dirge. We yearn to hear and move to the deepest, most beautiful notes of life. We seek to have days filled with inspiration and not just industry.

Can You Relate?

Which of those longings rings a responsive chord in you and why? Where do you see these impulses expressed in your life? Is there a yearning that needs to be pursued further in days ahead? I encourage you to share this article with a spouse or a child, a friend or co-worker, and ask how they might respond to these questions.

We are so much more alike than we are different. We share some deep desires. Theologians have sometimes called these "the image and likeness of God" in us. These longings are put there to lead us to the best kind of life. Let's support each other in finding that life.

SHABBAT SERVICES



FRIDAY, MARCH 7

CORNERSTONE ROOM – 6:00 PM

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

SANCTUARY – 6:00 PM

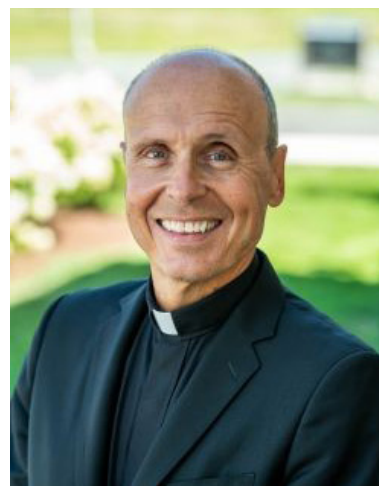
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All events at the Ocean Reef Chapel

CATHOLIC MASS WITH FR. JIM GREENFIELD



CATHOLIC MASS:

Saturday, March 8

4 p.m. • Chapel Sanctuary

Sunday, March 9

12 p.m. • Chapel Sanctuary

Rev. James J. Greenfield, OSFS, fourth president of DeSales University, will lead a Catholic Mass in the Chapel Sanctuary. Please join us in welcoming him to our community.

We Mourn the Loss

James "Jimmy" Watson



We mourn the passing of James "Jimmy" Watson, sometimes referred to as "The Mayor" of Ocean Reef because of his gregarious nature and ready smile. Jimmy was proud to be a 50-year Member of the Club and served it well, from the ORC Membership Committee, MGA Golf Committee, Landings Condo Assn President, Medical Center "Fun Raiser" Marshall, and even a singer/dancer in the Ocean Reef Follies - and, of course, he will always be remembered as the Voice of the Bag Room Open. For ORC, he always gave his all.

Jimmy was born March 2, 1935, in Baltimore, MD. He attended Immaculate Conception Elementary and Towson Catholic High School where he captained the Owls basketball team. He enlisted in the USMC after high school and headed to Camp LeJuene and then Camp Pendleton, where he and his 4.2 Mortar company were used in the film "Battle Cry," starring Aldo Ray, before shipping off to Korea. After a tour in Korea, he returned to Lutherville, MD, where he joined his brothers, Joe and Bobby, in business with a budding Garden Center. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan Mays, and had four daughters by the age of 30 and a surprise son 10 years later. Watson's Garden Center thrived under the brother's leadership as a true family business for over 60 years.

Jimmy was a true family man and he loved to tell you all about his kids, Bobbie, Christina, Liz, Jamie, Michael and his grandchildren, Jake and Mariela. One of Jimmy's true passions in life was spending many a day next to his wife while cheering on their son Michael during his illustrious lacrosse career, from St. Paul's High to UVA, Team USA, and beyond in the big leagues.

Jim fell in love with golf in his teens after earning his first dollar



as a caddy at the Country Club of Maryland. In 1969, he and some ambitious golfers started the Towson Golf and Country Club in northern Baltimore County, where he served as its first president. Later that year, he and a dozen other Baltimore golfing buddies discovered ORC and it was love at first sight! In fact, nine of those men joined the Club and purchased properties.

In his golfing career, Jimmy garnered five Holes-In-One, an Old Buddy Tournament Win, and a Senior Club Championship. In 2016, he received the Men's Golf Association's Bobby Jones Award for exhibiting the spirit of the game, and in 2019, he was the Super Senior Club Champion. But nothing was more special to him than his volunteer work with

the Annual ORC Bagroom Open. He announced the foursomes of the Bagroom Open for over 22 years.

He remained a proud Marine all his life, attending Veteran's Day at The Academy where his grandkids attended and singing songs in the Burgee Bar with his comrades each November 10.

He will be laid to rest in his hometown of Baltimore and a Celebration of Life Memorial will be held in Ocean Reef at the Sailfish Room and Patio on **Thursday, March 20** from 3-5 p.m. All are welcome to celebrate his long and blessed life with us.

The Watson children appreciate the love and support that has embraced us since his peaceful passing.

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CATHOLIC MASS WITH FR. EDWARD SETON FITTIN



CATHOLIC MASS:
Monday, March 10 -
Friday, March 14
7:30 a.m. • Chapel
Sanctuary

Father Edward Seton Fittin, OSB, will lead Catholic Mass in the Chapel Sanctuary. Please join us in welcoming him to our community.

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OFF THE REEF



Jim and Gina Kaplan, along with Jim and Erin Seale and friends, recently enjoyed an amazing trip to Southern Argentine Patagonia. Above: Jim and Gina Kaplan (left) and Erin and Jim Seale (right) are pictured at the Perito Moreno Glacier, part of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Left: A close up of the Perito Moreno Glacier.



Lesley and Chris Cooper, along with son Jeremy, made it to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro! The family has just returned to Ocean Reef and are very happy to be back.



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Produce the Impossible



by Terry Baxter

Our new Executive Banquet Chef is Paul Larson. He grew up in a boisterous Italian family. "Did you ever see The Night of Seven Fishes," Paul asked. I nodded (the film was recently featured at our "Film and Food" evening in the Cultural Center). "That was my family." Paul said, eyes shining. "Loud and colorful, food and party focused. We fermented our own wine and made our own cheese. That's where I got my passion for food."

Paul enrolled in the CIA, Culinary Institute of America. After graduation, Paul and several of his roommates moved to Chicago to make their mark. Paul spent the next thirty years learning -- line cook and chef for the Park Hyatt and Four Seasons, banquets and catering for Blue Plate Catering. He once catered an all-day corporate event for Bloomberg, serving ten thousand attendees. As a "side hobby" Paul owned a 10 acre

organic farm in Michigan. What began as 10 heirloom tomato plants, grew to 2,000 plants and a greenhouse, supplying the trade in Chicago.

Paul heard about Ocean Reef from word of mouth. Our reputation dependably feeds our success. At a Club industry chef-to-chef confab, he was invited to come tour Ocean Reef. The tour morphed into a 13-course tasting menu for nine people on the Culinary Team, and shortly, an offer to join the team.

Fortunately, Paul is calm and unflappable. He arrived in early November, and immediately plunged into the deep end of the pool -- on his second day, he catered the Associate's Kick Off Celebrations, with 800 for breakfast and lunch. Then, in short order: The Gathering, Thanksgiving, the Christmas Concert, the Film & Food events, Dining with the Presidents, the Trustees Dinner, All Charities, the Keys Children Luncheon, the Cat Walk, and last week, 400 at Waterside for the Reef Cup. Yikes. It wears me out just typing it all. But the catering team not just delivered to record crowds, but garnered rave reviews for the food.

Paul says, "When I needed help, all the other Ocean Reef chefs were eager to pitch in. Ocean Reef is its own little culinary school, we never



Executive Banquet Chef Paul Larson in the Banquet Kitchen.

stop learning from each other and growing. I look forward to learning sushi." He finally has time to take a breath. It is simply amazing how much food emerges from the small Banquet Kitchen, and the (also small)

kitchens in Town Hall and the Cultural Center Compass Room. Paul is obviously proud. Of Ocean Reef he says, "There is no other place like it. I have never been surrounded by so much talent." How lucky we are.

Proposed for Membership Through March 13, 2025

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

Equity Membership

Sharon Gorman is a new Member applying for Equity Membership. Ms. Gorman is purchasing 26 Lakeside Lane, unit A and the equity from Alex

Pereira. Ms. Gorman is a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. She belongs to Coldstream Country Club and Beechmont Racquet Club. Her sponsors are John Gibson, Gary Mitchell, Jeff Gibson and Cynthia Egan on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Christina & Jeff Giles are new Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. & Mrs. Giles are purchasing 65 Anchor Drive, unit B from Gustavo Pena and the equity from the resale list. Mr. & Mrs. Giles are residents of St. Louis, Missouri. They belong to Bellerive Country Club. Their sponsors are Clark Wolfsberger, Joe DiMartini, Jay Sugavanam and Michael Heaney on behalf of the Board of Directors.



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Collecting algae samples from the reef to collect necessary data.

Water Quality Testing in the Florida Keys: Uncovering the Impact of Nitrogen Pollution

By Lisa Bailey-Cassidy, Co-owner The Dive Shop at Ocean Reef

On Thursday, February 20, Research Professor Dr. Brian Lapointe from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and his team, Greer Babbe and Ocean Webber, joined forces with The Dive Shop to conduct critical water quality testing in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. This initiative is part of an ongoing effort to understand nutrient pollution's impact on the region's delicate marine ecosystems.

Dr. Lapointe has been studying the Florida Bay and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary since the 1990s. His research

focuses on utilizing stable nitrogen isotopes to "fingerprint" nitrogen sources, helping to trace the origins of nitrogen pollution. This method has been instrumental in revealing the significant role of agricultural nitrogen from mainland sources in fueling harmful algal blooms in the Keys.

During this round of testing, six out of 10 planned sites throughout the Keys marine sanctuaries were examined. The team collected water and algae samples, which were taken back to the lab to analyze for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sucralose – a chemical marker directly linked to human waste. In addition, they measured several key water quality parameters on-site, including:

- **pH Levels** – Indicating the acidity or alkalinity of the water.
- **Dissolved Oxygen** – Crucial for the survival of marine life.
- **Temperature** – Influences coral health and the

- **Light Measurement & Turbidity** – Determining water clarity and how much light penetrates to the ocean floor, impacting the growth of seagrasses and corals.

One of the findings from the recent testing was the high levels of sucralose present in the water, highlighting the impact of human waste on the marine environment. This is a stark reminder of how interconnected our water systems are and how human activities on land can have far-reaching consequences on ocean health.

Humans have more than doubled the amount of reactive nitrogen entering the environment, largely from human waste and agricultural runoff. This excess nitrogen is particularly harmful to coral reefs, contributing to stress and increasing the risk of coral bleaching.

Florida has made significant

strides in reducing fertilizer runoff, achieving more than a 60% reduction since 2003. However, with the state's growing population, nitrogen levels in coastal waters remain high. In extreme weather events such as hurricanes and heavy rainfall, excess nitrogen is carried south through the watershed, promoting harmful algal blooms that threaten the delicate balance of the marine ecosystem.

The findings from Dr. Lapointe's team underscore the urgent need for continued water quality monitoring and proactive measures to reduce nitrogen pollution. Protecting the Florida Keys' vibrant marine life and iconic coral reefs depends on addressing nutrient pollution at its source.

The work conducted by Dr. Lapointe, his team, and partners like The Dive Shop plays a critical role in safeguarding these underwater ecosystems for future generations.



Preparing water quality containers.



Using water quality samples data is being collected on its pH level, dissolved oxygen, temperature and light spectrum.



Collecting the water quality samples for data.

Members Are Trying New Things



"Art League" by Deborah Goodwin Geller

On a recent visit to the Art League I had the chance to chat with a couple of our Members who had decided to 'try something new' in our workshops and classes.

First I spent some time with **Linda Altman** who was in the Stained Glass class. Linda has chosen to 'go big' her first time out and work on a window project of considerable size. She is just at the beginning stages of a sunflower pattern. She told me she had never done anything at the Art League before and this caught her interest. Although



Linda Altman's stained glass project.

it's a large time consuming project she is finding the process very interesting and

enjoys the hours she is able to be there getting hands on advice and guidance.

I popped in downstairs to the wood working room and some gentleman were just getting set up to start a new workshop by **Ned Ferrarone**. These pop up workshops have included making Charcuterie boards,

Chess Sets, bowls, Serving trays, wine storage boxes and more. This time they were making Corn Hole Boards. **Jim Meenan** told me he was excited to try something like this for the first time and **Kimberly D'Angelo** even made a wine box tray. What a fun thing to make and use as a family.

Find Reminders of Shows, Classes, Workshops & Pop-Ups

If you are a member of the Facebook Group "Ocean Reef Gals" I regularly post reminders of things coming up at the Art League as well as Pop Up events and workshops. We have lots of fun things happening in March.

Something that might be of interest to you if you have grandchildren coming is our Paint & Pizza Night on **Thursday, March 20**. Contact the Art League for availability.

At the time of this writing, I believe there is a good chance our Biltmore Excursion is sold out but coming up next is our Tour Historic Fort Lauderdale Trip!

Also coming up **Wednesday, March 19** we are having a very special Book Club event with the author of "Finding Dorothy" at the Compass Room! Look for more info to come.



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Kimberly D'Angelo made a wine box tray.

March Madness at The Academy



by Jerome Murphy,
Head of School

Following up on last week's all-school Values assembly to celebrate our Courage Award winners for the month of February, I am struck by how busy the upcoming month of March will be at The Academy!

We have over 10 off-campus experiential learning activities scheduled this month. Between the trips to Key Largo Library for The Academy's littles, our continued focus on Marine Science and our experiential partnerships with Coral Restoration Foundation and Mote Marine Lab, along with our Middle School students'

engagement with Model UN, Academy students are going to enjoy some exciting learning opportunities this month.

The highlight of the month will be **Saturday, March 8** at The Academy's annual Casino Night fundraiser, 6-9 p.m., hosted this year by the Residence Club. The proceeds for this event help support all the wonderful programs we provide for our children, including off-campus learning opportunities, student support services in speech/language and occupational therapy services, and our annual spring musical (**April 9 and 10**) at the Cultural Center. In addition to welcoming all our Academy families and friends, the March 8 event is open to all Ocean Reef Club Members, and we hope to see many of you there!

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the thoughtful offering our partners at ORCA recently provided to our Academy children in the form of brand-new Tonka trucks. Our littles were so delighted!



The February Courage Award winners.



The little ones at The Academy enjoying their brand-new Tonka trucks gifted by ORCA.

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Pamela Porter (right) with Cupacabana owner Luana Peixoto and her daughter.

Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

The parking lot at Four Corners was packed for the Farmer's Market on Monday. There were carts full of both Members and Associates pulling in and out with lunch for some, dinner for others and, I suspect, sweets for many. It is a great place to see people mingling with each other, petting dogs, munching on a brownie or sipping a latte as they make the rounds of the various vendors.

At Gemitá's Kitchen there was **Pamela Porter** chatting with Luana Peixoto, owner of the mobile coffee camper

Cupacabana, who was holding her squiggling daughter. When Pam pulled out a beautiful coloring book it was so sweet to see a little one's eyes light up as she was handed this fun present. Based on her book, "Fishing in the Rain" (available on Amazon and carried by Joyce at Dockside) is a wonderful early reader full of fantasy creatures. It was such a lovely gesture and very much appreciated by a hard-working mother whose toddler was getting restless.

If you have never been to the Farmer's Market on Mondays and Thursdays (yes, it's back on Thursdays), stop by to find a fun experience. I left while Members, Associates and other vendors gathered around to sing "Happy Birthday" to Natalie from Harvey's BBQ. Couldn't we all benefit from that kind of feel good camaraderie!

The Farmer's Market is open Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Field at Four Corners.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT MONDAY!



Garden Group's Free Community Thank You Presentation

Features Flower Magazine's Editor-in-Chief Margot Shaw on **Monday, March 10** at 11 a.m. in the Ocean Reef Cultural Center.

All ORC Members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Chef Betania's Kitchen

Veal Piccata (Serves 2)



by Betania Salles,
Carysfort Kitchen Chef de Cuisine

A tradition and popular dish in Italy and super requested at our Italian restaurant, Gianni, the Veal Piccata is a must have dish. This simple but delicious dish is everyone's favorite, the lemony sauce combined with capers makes the meat so flavorful.

You can serve over angel hair pasta or with sautéed spinach.

Ingredients:

- 12 oz veal loin, portion into 4 pieces (3 oz each), pounded
- 1/2 tbsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black peppercorn, freshly ground
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp white wine
- 1 1/2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chicken or beef broth
- 2 tbsp capers
- 1oz butter
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley

Directions:

- Season the veal with salt and pepper, lightly coat with flour.
- Heat up olive oil in a large sauté pan at medium heat. Sear meat on both sides for about 40 seconds each side. Don't let the drips in the pan burn, we need that to make our sauce.
- Transfer the meat to a plate and reserve.
- Pour the white wine into the pan, let it reduce for 20 seconds. Add lemon juice, broth and capers, reduce the heat. Simmer for 30 seconds.
- Bring the meat back into the pan and keep simmering for a minute or until liquid is reduced to half. Turn off heat.
- Add butter and parsley, stir well until butter is melted and sauce is slightly thick. Adjust seasoning if necessary.



Veal Piccata, a highly requested dish at Gianni Ristorante.

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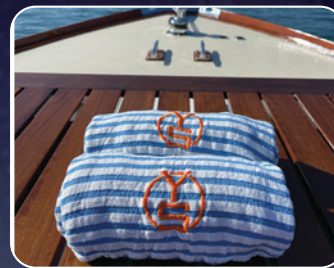
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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

07 FRIDAY

Master Swim

8am • Member Fitness Pool

Moda Baronessa Spa Trunk Show

9am-3pm • The Spa

Alice Walk Trunk Show

9am-5pm • Burgee Shop

Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show

9am-3pm • The Spa

105 Tennis Tournament

11am • Tennis & Games Center

Medical Center 5K Pre-Registration

12-4pm • Pool Desk

Duplicate Bridge Game

1pm • Card & Games Room

Bag Room Open Begins

1pm TT • Dolphin Course

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3-4pm • Driving Range

Everton's Rum Tasting

4-7pm • Spirits Bar

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Member Reception: Night at the Museum

5:30-6:30pm • Cultural Center
Museum

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

08 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Medical Center 5K "Fun Raiser"

8am • Medical Center

Men's Golf Club Championship

8-9:30am TT • Hammock Course

Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge & Backgammon Open Play

9am-5pm • Card & Games Room

Dancing Through the Decades Class

11am • Member Fitness Center

Bag Room Open

1pm TT • Dolphin Course

Catholic Mass

4pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Cocktails

6-9pm • The Point (Members Only)

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

09 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members
Only)

Men's Golf Club Championship

8-9:30am TT • Dolphin Course

Traditional Worship Service

9am • Chapel Sanctuary

Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge & Backgammon Open Play

9am-5pm • Card & Games Room

Mat Pilates Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Guided Eco Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Builders of Eternity: Life Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah

10:30am • Chapel Sanctuary

Aqua Cardio Class

11am • Member Fitness Pool

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour

1pm • Meet at Pool Desk

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

10 MONDAY

Discovery Day - Snorkeling

9am • Reef Rec Room

Cooking School Class: Italian Connection

9:30am • Carysfort Cooking School

Spring Break Junior Golf Clinics

10am • Driving Range

Margot Shaw "Flower" Presentation

11am • Cultural Center

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Reef Experience: Ultimate Spring Break- Pamper Party

1pm • Carysfort Hall

LifeBreath, Intro to MFC & Reformer Pilates Class

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Evening of Bridge

4pm • Ocean Room

Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

5pm • Cultural Center

11 TUESDAY

Discovery Day - Urban Air Trampoline Park

9am • Reef Rec Room

Spring Break Junior Golf Clinics

10am • Driving Range

Reef Experience: Ultimate Spring Break- Beach Olympics

10am • Buccaneer Island

Medical Center "Fun Raiser" Tennis, Pickleball & Croquet

10am-1pm • Tennis & Games Center

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

9-Hole Medical Center "Fun Raiser"

2pm SG • Dolphin Course

Vine to Table Dinner: A Taste of Italy

6:30pm • Carysfort Cooking School

12 WEDNESDAY

Master Swim Class

8am • Member Fitness Pool

Medical Center "Fun Raiser" Golf

8:30 & 8:45am SG • Hammock &
Dolphin Course

Episcopal-Anglican Service

9am • Chapel Sanctuary

Discovery Day - Escape Room

9am • Reef Rec Room

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10-11am • Driving Range

Duplicate Bridge Game

1pm • Card & Games Room

Family Game Night

5pm • Card & Games Room

Reef Experience: Ultimate Spring Break- Dueling Pianos

5-7pm • Carysfort Ballroom

13 THURSDAY

Beaufort Bonnet Company Trunk Show

8:30am-5pm • Burgee Shop
Breezeway

Discovery Day - Aqua Park

9am • Reef Rec Room

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Health & Wellness Jeopardy

1pm • Member Fitness Center

USCG Auxiliary Course- Boating Emergencies

3pm • Key Largo Building

Family Game Night

5-7pm • Card & Games Room

Floating Sound Bath

5:30pm • Member Fitness Center

Reef Experience: Ultimate Spring Break- Ultimate Bingo

6-8pm • Carysfort Ballroom

Specialty Dinner: Colgin Cellars

6:30pm • Carysfort Cooking School

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

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9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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"Will & Harper" (R)

**Friday, March 7
• 4:30 & 7:30pm**

**Sunday, March 9
• 4:30 & 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, March 12
• 7:30pm**

Runtime: 1 hr. 54 min.

Director: Josh Greenbaum

Stars: Will Ferrell, Harper Steele,
Tina Fey

Premise: In this intimate portrayal of friendship, transition and America, Will Ferrell and his close friend of thirty years decide to go on a cross-country road trip to explore a new chapter in their relationship.



"I'm Still Here" (PG-13)

**Friday, March 14
• 7:30pm**

**Sunday, March 16
• 4:30 & 7:30pm**

**Wednesday, March 19
• 7:30pm**

Runtime: 2 hrs. 17 min.

Director: Walter Salles

Stars: Fernanda Torres, Fernanda
Montenegro, Selton Mello

Premise: A mother is forced to reinvent herself when her family's life is shattered by an act of arbitrary violence during a military dictatorship in Brazil, 1971.

Live Performance: "ZZ Top" (Outside Concert)

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Speaker Series: "The State of Sports" with Mike Tirico & Bill Martin

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SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

Lilly Pulitzer – New & Vintage



NEW: Jennifer Forelli models a maxi from the *Lilly Pulitzer* Spring line. Jennifer was co-host of a Racquet Club party with a *Lilly Pulitzer* theme.



VINTAGE: (l to r): Jennifer Forelli, Cynthia Comenos; Sally Weisleder, Cathy Ryon wear their favorite vintage Lilly dress at a Racquet Club Cocktail Party.

Lilly Pulitzer was the theme at a recent party at The Racquet Club.... Ocean Reef's *Lilly Pulitzer* store in The Fishing Village is a favorite with the tennis-playing "Racqueteers." As for something appropriate to wear for this special occasion, many of the RC members had no problem finding a vintage Lilly in their closet. Some arrived at the party in dresses that were crisp and colorful, though they were often decades old.... It is a tribute to Lilly that, though the designs are constantly changing, there is something about the iconic Lilly look that is always identifiable and always in style.... The *Shealyn Stretch Maxi Caftan* (\$298) worn by party hostess **Jennifer Forelli**, features the new green and pink designs prominent in this season's Lilly Pulitzer collection. Jennifer bought a skort for tennis, in the same design as her caftan...

And if you are looking for something for St. Patrick's Day, there's a nifty-looking leafy

green knit *Elsey Shift Dress* (\$178) that would be perfect.... **LAST WORD:** The co-hostess of The Racquet Club cocktail party was **Yalin Murdock**, who was unable to attend the party. Yalin missed the congratulations for her contribution of about 15 perfect models of Lilly Pulitzer fashions, draped on mannequins a little bigger than a Barbie. Yalin worked as a designer for several prominent fashion companies. It's obvious that she's a pro.

by Joan Birsh



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Equity Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

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Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm

Spirits Bar

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

Reef Treats

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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 • Sat. 6-9pm

Burgee Bar

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)

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Toski's

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Lunch Mon. - Fri. 11am-3:30pm
Bar Snacks Daily 3:30-5pm
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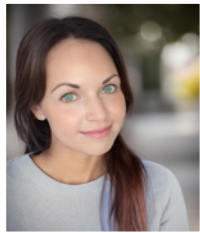
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Kerasilk: The Ultimate Solution for Luxurious Hair Care



"Spa Notes"
by Jillian
Barron, The
Spa Director

In the world of hair care, finding products that deliver both quality and luxury can be a daunting task. At the Spa & Salon, we are fortunate to be able to try several innovative brands of hair care, and Kerasilk, a newer line to us, does not disappoint. This premium hair care line from the renowned brand Goldwell,

(our hair color line), emerges as a frontrunner, combining high-performance ingredients with sophisticated formulas designed to cater to various hair types and concerns. With a focus on providing salon-quality results at home, Kerasilk has earned its place as a favorite among beauty enthusiasts and professionals.

The Kerasilk Difference

What sets Kerasilk apart from other hair care lines is its unique approach to hair treatment. The brand focuses on delivering transformative results through innovative technologies and high-quality ingredients. Each product in the Kerasilk range is crafted to address specific hair issues, such as frizz control, moisture retention, and color protection, making it versatile for different hair types.

One of the standout features of Kerasilk is their incorporation of silk proteins, which are known

for their ability to nourish and strengthen hair. These proteins not only provide deep hydration but also enhance the hair's natural shine and softness. The result is hair that feels revitalized, manageable, and incredibly luxurious.

One of the most appealing aspects of Kerasilk is its ability to provide salon-quality results in the comfort of your own home. The brand emphasizes a luxury experience, encouraging users to indulge in self-care routines that elevate their hair care rituals. Each product is designed to deliver noticeable and instant results.

The luxurious textures and soothing scents of Kerasilk products further enhance the overall experience, turning everyday hair care into a pampering ritual. The products glide smoothly onto the hair, making application a breeze and ensuring that the benefits are easily absorbed.

Kerasilk is committed to

maintaining high standards in quality and efficacy. The brand utilizes advanced technologies to ensure that each formula is both effective and safe for all hair types. This commitment extends to their ingredient selection, prioritizing high-quality components that deliver results without compromising hair health.

Kerasilk has redefined hair care by combining luxury with performance. With its comprehensive range of products designed to address various hair concerns, Kerasilk stands out as a trusted choice for those of you looking to elevate your hair care routine. By incorporating silk proteins and innovative formulas, Kerasilk not only nourishes and protects hair but also transforms the way individuals experience hair care. For anyone looking to achieve beautiful, healthy hair, Kerasilk is an investment worth making!

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Seven teams competed in the 2025 Mixed Doubles Senior Pickleball Club Championship.

2025 Mixed Doubles Senior Pickleball Club Championship



by Hannah Fleckenstein, Head Tennis Professional

Monday, March 3 was an electric day at the Tennis & Games Center as the 2025 Mixed Doubles Senior Pickleball Club Championship hit full swing. Seven teams. A packed crowd. And the kind of competition that had everyone on the edge of their seats.

After a heated round robin, the semi-finals were set. **Bart and Sue Shuldman**, making a serious statement, faced off against the 2024 champions, **Dan and Rachel Cohen**. It was a match for the ages, and in an impressive upset, the Shuldmans took down the defending champs. On the other side of the bracket, **Elizabeth Weiler and Charlie Simms** battled **Lina Bey and Chuck Hartz**, and it was Weiler and Simms who emerged victorious.



Champions Bart and Sue Shuldman.

The stage was set. Bart and Sue Shuldman, taking on Elizabeth Weiler and Charlie Simms in a final that promised to be entertaining—and boy, did it deliver. The first set went to Weiler and Simms, 11-7. But the Shuldmans weren't done yet. They bounced back to take the next two sets, 11-4 and 11-8, capturing the title in a thrilling comeback.

This year's event set the bar high for future championships, and the question on everyone's mind is—who's going to take it in 2026?

Fisher Island Club Tennis & Pickleball Mix & Mingle

It was a picture-perfect day at Ocean Reef Club, where 40 players—18 from Fisher Island Club and 22 from Ocean Reef—took part in a high-



Runners Up Elizabeth Weiler and Charlie Simms.

energy round robin tennis and pickleball tournament.

The rivalry between the clubs was palpable, but it was the kind of rivalry you can get behind. Each side bringing their A-game, showing off their skills, their teamwork, and a healthy dose of sportsmanship. The crowd was all in—cheering on every volley, every pickleball smash, and every well-executed play.

And when the final points were played, it wasn't just about the results. The action moved from the courts to Buccaneer Island, where the athletes could finally catch their breath over a well-deserved lunch. The perfect place to kick back, reflect on a morning full of intense competition, and celebrate the bonds formed between Fisher Island and

Ocean Reef.

And so, the tournament concluded not just as a competition but as an event that highlighted the strong relationship between the two clubs. They came together to compete, to enjoy, and to keep the good times rolling. Here's hoping this is the first of many more to come.

Upcoming Events

- 105 Tournament- **Friday, March 7** at 11 a.m.
- ORAC Invitational- **Friday March 14 – Saturday, March 15**
- Croquet Women, Wickets and Wine- **Monday, March 17** at 3:30 p.m.
- Croquet Women, Wickets and Wine- **Monday, March 31** at 3:30 p.m.

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PICKLEBALL TIP

All About the Serve



by Alex Mabred, Head Pickleball Professional

Dear Pickleball players, this week's tip focuses on the serve. One common issue I observe is that many players tend to keep their heads elevated as they prepare to serve. Similar to the principles in golf, it is important to pay close attention to your action. Since the ball leaves the paddle very quickly, I advise keeping your head aligned with the paddle until the moment of impact is nearly complete, then briefly looking up to observe where the ball lands. Avoid lifting

your head too early, as this may disrupt your focus. Our natural inclination toward achieving results suggests

that the longer we remain focused on our action, the more accurate our shot will be. This principle holds true not

only in pickleball but also in sports such as tennis, golf, and croquet!



Proper way to start your serve, aligning your head with the paddle.



Incorrect way to start your serve, lifting your head too early can be disruptive.

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Love at First Strike



by Carol Blackburn,
Croquet
Committee
Chair



Whether you're filling the courts with doubles play, or a solo working on a skill set, croquet can always be fun!

Seven Incredible Health Benefits of Croquet

1. Promotes physical activity
2. Boosts heart health
3. Revitalizes mental health
4. Up-lifts mood and self-esteem
5. Foster's social connections
6. Cultivates a positive attitude
7. Promotes intellectual stimulation

Proper Etiquette

Good sportsmanship is the foremost value, and how players should conduct themselves when playing croquet.

- Members should strive to know the rules of the game.
- Play with dispatch and avoid spending an excessive amount of time thinking about your next shot or discussing it with your partner.

- Courtesy should be extended to all players, whether opponents or partners during play.
- Don't forget to recognize a game well played.
- Stand silently, and out of the way while the opposing team takes their shot.
- Don't forget a smile, it's always welcoming and goes a long way!

Coming Up

Stay tuned! In the next issue there will be the Ocean Reef lineup and schedule of play for the 2025 ORAC Invitational taking place on **Friday, March 14** and **Saturday, March 15** at 8:30 a.m. at both the Anglers and Ocean Reef Croquet Courts.



Stop by the Tennis & Games Center Pro Shop to see the wonderful selection of croquet gear available for purchase.



Tennis *Players of the Week*

Woody & Margo Decker



What is your favorite tennis game?

Woody: Fireball.

Margo: Fruit Salad.

What is your favorite thing about tennis?

Woody: Driving the ball mower.

Margo: Playing Fruit Salad.

What is your favorite thing to do when you're not playing tennis?

Woody & Margo: Staying at home and having snacks.

What is your favorite ice cream from Reef Treats?

Woody & Margo: Superman!

PICKLEBALL & TENNIS RESULTS

MEN'S TENNIS NIGHT LEAGUE

Monday, March 3

1st Place (tie): Antony Sikolas

1st Place (tie): Brendan Healey

2nd Place (tie): Lou Polisano

2nd Place (tie): Chris Garlich

3rd Place: Don Steinbrugge

MIXED DOUBLES SENIOR PICKLEBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, March 3

1st Place: Bart & Sue Shuldman

2nd Place: Elizabeth Weiler & Charlie Simms



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

Bag Room Open

The Bag Room Open Play-In Match has completed. Congratulations to Matt Foley for defeating Jean "JJ" Julot, to secure his spot in the final 32 player bracket. He will go up against our defending champion, Clayton Gregory!

All matches are held on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning at 1 p.m. off the first tee of the Dolphin Course, all March long. See the complete bracket on page 45.

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Coming Up

We look forward to our Play for the Cure Tournament with the LGA and 9-Hole LGA, held on **Tuesday, March 18**. For those who are members of the LGA, or 9-Hole LGA, feel free to register via ForeTees, or by calling the Golf Shop at 305-367-5912 at your earliest convenience!

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event

Unfortunately, no ace was made on the Hammock Course for our Par Three Contest with the 9-Hole LGA. However, the sun was shining and it was a beautiful day for another meeting within our Association, thank you all so much for coming out to enjoy it! Plenty of groups had some success from the shortened yardage today, although, some groups set themselves apart from the rest!

The Front Nine scored much easier for our participants, contrary to all the water surrounding the hammocks on each corner. Our Champions of the Front were the only group to break the twenties, with a team score of **19 (-8)**! Congratulations to **Denise Ecuyer, Kathleen White, Bebe Hofmann, and Kathleen Metzman** for taking the first place prize! Coming one shot behind them was the foursome of **Sherry Forsee, Alison Ward, Christina Rudd, and Lisa Schultz**, with a team score of 20 (-7).

Skipping over to the Back Nine, our groups had to deal with the crocodiles, undulant greens, and large bunkers in route to victory. Congratulations to the threesome of **Carol Cameron, Nancy Fazio, and Louise Owens** for taking first place with a score of 23 (-4)! With the same score, however, falling short on the scorecard playoff, was the foursome of **Ann Liashek, Darlene Moore, Kelly St. Clair, and Joan McConville**, great playing to all!

MGA Weekly Event

MGA Monday had some great weather as 56 players took to the Hammock Course. The competition was two Best Balls of the Foursome (Gross & NET).

Before we get to the results from the competition, a special congratulations to **Ralf Sellig** who made a Hole in One on the 12th hole of the Hammock. Way to go!

On the Gross side of the competition, **Scott Heffner, Dan Attridge, Rob Thorne and Tony Rodriguez** were able to secure first place Gross shooting an impressive 145! Coming in second place with a score of 148 was **Phil Heilpern, Bob Attorri, Doug Totura and William Enk**. Meanwhile, on the NET side, Ralf Sellig, **Charlie Zahringer, Don Watson and Hank Hanneken** came in first place with a score of 128! Coming in close behind, with a score of 129, **Tom Austin, Buck Schottland, Dean Teglia and Frank Schneider**. Rounding out the

top three, was the team of, **Ricky Fortis, Darrell Guyton, Greg Stemler and Buzz Hilberg** with a score of 131!

Our Closest to the Hole contests were on Holes #6 and #17. **Gary Boynton** claimed #6 by knocking it to 0'11"! Then **Jack Salisbury** hit it to 1'9" on #17.



Tricia Holbrook made a hole-in-one on Tuesday, March 4 on hole #6 of the Hammock Course.

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Bill Miller made a hole-in-one on Saturday, March 1 on hole #11 of the Dolphin Course.



Ralf Sellig (center left) celebrates the hole-in-one he made on Monday, March 3 on hole #12 of the Hammock Course.



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Bag Room Open Begins Today at 1 p.m.



by Annie Miles

Defending Champion Clayton Gregory will be first off the tee as the 49th Annual Bag Room Open kicks off with four matches today and four more at 1 p.m. on Saturday, all on the Dolphin Course. Chairman **J Guarch** will join announcer **Scott Heffner** at the first tee for team photos and introductions at 12:45 p.m., prior to the first tee time at 1 p.m.

Members of the ORC and

Card Sound professional staffs and their Mentor caddies will compete in 18-hole match play to determine those who advance to quarterfinal round. Eight more matches will be played the following weekend, **March 14-15**, to fill out the quarterfinals. Play will continue each weekend in March, culminating with the Final on **Saturday, April 5**.

The Bag Room Open is the premier spectator event for

ORC Members, and the support of the enthusiastic gallery is not only a fun and entertaining experience, but also is a tremendous encouragement to all the golfers. The golf staff is honored and gratified each season that avid golfers and non-golfers alike join the crowd for an afternoon of competition unlike anything else at The Reef.

Matches today feature Gregory facing Matt Foley,

followed by Tom Jost vs Kyle Johnston. Noah Rivera will then tee it up against Caroline Setter, followed by Brad Pinho vs Matt Costigan. On Saturday the pairings include Michael Rivera vs Ryan Vineyard, Matt Beck vs Ben Claus, Colin McCabe vs Stef Shaw and Cade Cosgrove vs Bradley Zuidema. The complete bracket for 2025 tournament play is also in today's Ocean Reef Press on page 45.



Support The Reef's Golf Professionals in the Bag Room Open every Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. on the Dolphin Course through April 5.



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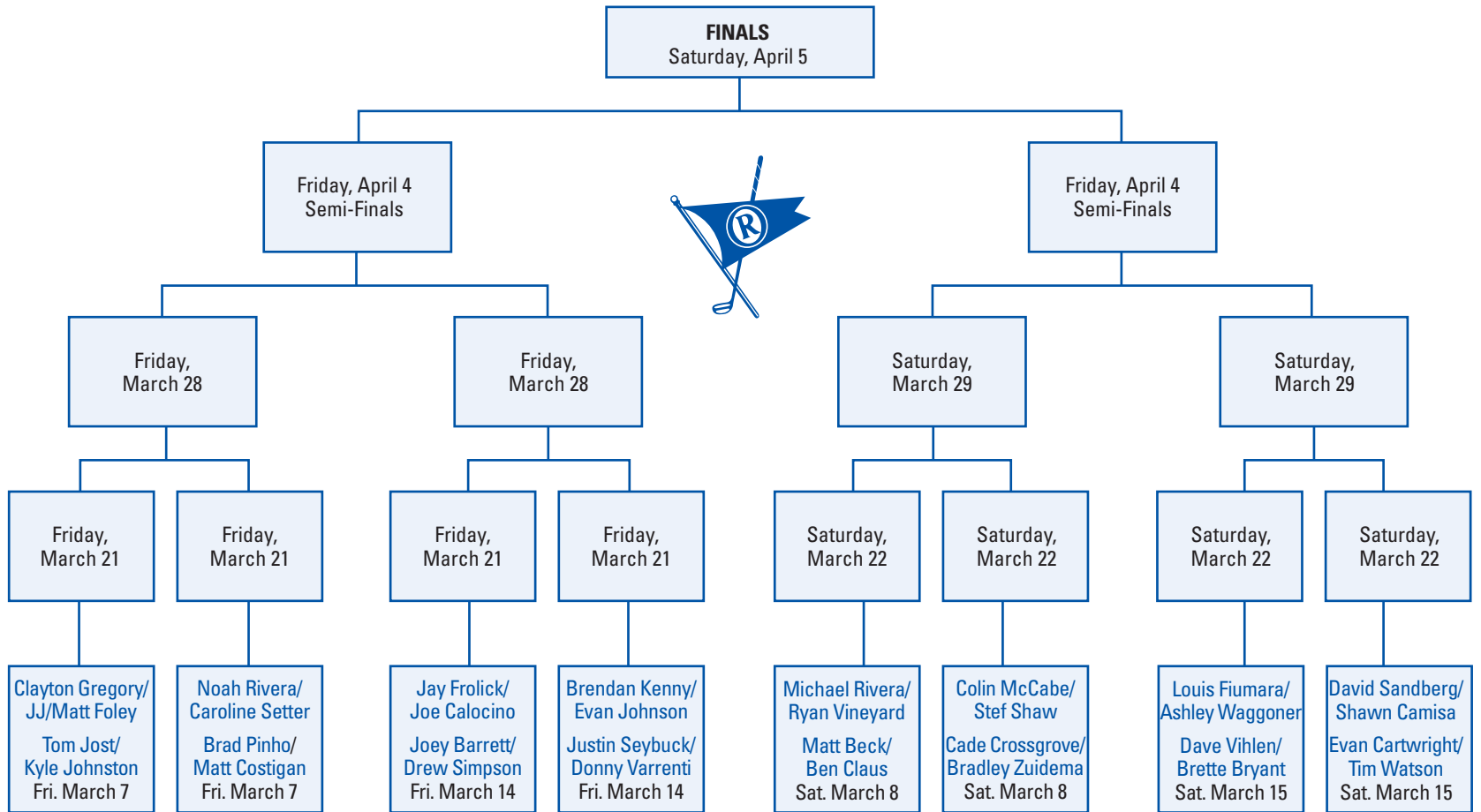
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GOLF SCOREBOARD

9 HOLE LGA WEEKLY EVENT

Thursday, February 27

Front Nine

1st Place:

Denise Ecuyer, Kathleen White,
Bebe Hofmann, Kathleen Metzman

2nd Place:

Sherry Forsee, Alison Ward, Christy Rudd, Lisa Schultz

Back Nine

1st Place:

Carol Cameron, Nancy Fazio, Louise Owens

2nd Place:

Ann Liashek, Darlene Moore,
Kelly St. Clair, Joan McConville

Closest to the Hole

Hole #3: Connie Riley

Hole #18: Cathy Jansen



MGA WEEKLY EVENT

Monday, March 3

1st Place Gross:

Scott Heffner, Daniel Attridge,
Rob Thorne, Tony Rodriguez

2nd Place Gross:

Phil Heilpern, Bob Attorri,
Douglas Totura, William Enk

1st Place Net:

Ralf Sellig, Charlie Zahringer,
Don Watson, Hank Hanneken

2nd Place Net:

Tom Austin, Buck Schottland,
Dean Teglia, Frank Schneider

3rd Place Net:

Ricky Fortis, Darrell Guyton,
Gregory Stemler, Buzz Hilberg

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SWING TIP

Lowering the Trajectory with Your Wedge



by Brad Pinho,
Golf Teaching
Professional
& Club Fitter

For those advanced players looking to hit lower, more controlled wedge shots, this week's tip focuses on lowering the trajectory without sacrificing distance or speed. Typically, when trying to hit a lower ball flight, golfers opt to club up, allowing the lower loft of the next club to handle the distance. But this often requires slowing down your swing, which can affect feel and consistency. Here, we'll show you how to maintain a full-speed swing with your wedge while achieving a lower trajectory.

Warning: This tip may create a deep divot, so be sure to have sand on hand for repairs. Practice this on a turf mat before moving to grass to avoid damaging your practice area.

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Ball Position: Start by positioning the ball slightly behind your back foot or in line with your back foot. This setup helps you to



Focus on positioning the ball properly.

compress the ball properly and make solid contact.

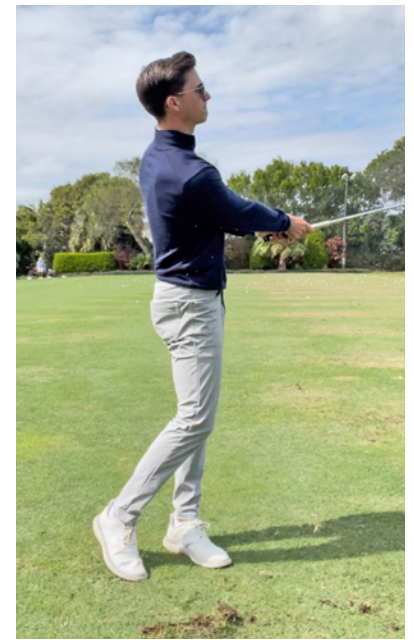
2. Shift Your Weight: Move your head and body weight toward your lead side during set up (left for right-handed players). This will place more pressure on your front leg, which minimizes pressure on the back leg and helps prevent flipping the clubface at impact. The goal is to feel more stable and anchored on the lead side.

3. Swing with Speed & Control: As you swing, focus on accelerating through the ball with speed. The goal is to "stick the club in the dirt" — meaning you want to take a clean divot after impact. Make sure to use the speed of your swing to drive the clubhead into



Shift your weight towards your lead side.

the ball, creating a lower, penetrating trajectory. By properly pinching the ball, you'll not only achieve a lower launch angle but also give yourself the opportunity for great spin control, allowing the ball to stop quickly or even spin



Make sure to swing with speed and control.

back once it hits the green. **Pro Tip:** The more speed you generate through the shot, the more spin you can potentially add. Just remember that the key to keeping the trajectory low is in your setup and your ability to stay aggressive through impact.



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Skill Run Sled Challenge Results



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

The sixth challenge of the Club Championship series consisted of pushing 50 lbs. (men) and 40 lbs. (ladies) for 100 yards on the Technogym Skill Run on sled mode. Here are our top three:

*Results include age group handicaps. Club records do not include handicaps.

Men:

1. Mark Burish
2. Ray Herman *Club Record 29 seconds
3. Bob Schwartz

Ladies:

1. Sherri Boston
2. Wendy Brainard *Club Record 36 seconds and Deborah Nutt
3. Denise Prete



“Adventure Wednesday” Pilates with Masha. Small private groups are the most popular offering at the MFC Pilates Studio. Just like private training, small groups allow for customized instruction. In “Adventure Wednesday”, instruction is more contemporary and can use a greater variety of props and equipment than in the classical form. At the MFC Pilates Studio, instructors are trained in both classical and contemporary Pilates. Pictured are Anne Hinkebein, Laney Hinkebein, Carol Allen and Lina Bey.

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS AFTER FIVE CHALLENGES:

Men:

1. Ray Herman 90 points
2. Mark Burish 82 points
3. Bob Schwartz 80 points
4. Brian Rich 40 points
5. David Rountree 30 points

Ladies:

1. Wendy Brainard 130 points
2. Kathleen Metzman 62 points
3. Ellie Delligatti 34 points
4. Sherri Boston 32 points
5. Riley Hayward and Jamie Benario 30 points

CLUB RECORDS:

*Revised and official version

Airdyne: Max calories in 1 minute

- Men: Mark Foreman 66 calories
- Ladies: Savannah Gossweiler 36 calories

Swim: 50 yards for time (in water start)

- Men: Pat Shields 27.8 seconds
- Ladies: Riley Hayward 27.6 seconds

Push Ups: max push-ups without breaking plank position

- Men: Ray Herman 114
- Ladies: Joannie Rich 111

Concept 2 Row:

- Men: Mark Burish 1 minute 44 seconds
- Ladies: Wendy Brainard 2 minutes 11 seconds

Rope Pull: 6 loops for time

- Men: Cuyler Brown 28 seconds
- Ladies: Wendy Brainard 46 seconds

Skill Run: 100 yards for time on sled mode. 50 lbs. for men and 40 lbs. for ladies.

- Men: Ray Herman 29 seconds
- Ladies: Wendy Brainard 36 seconds

Plank:

- Men: Bob Schwartz 46 minutes 2 seconds
- Ladies: Cynthia Doolan 40 minutes 54 seconds



Brenda Harter is getting ready for the Shamrock n’ Roll Half Marathon & 10K on Saturday, March 15 at 7 a.m. Register at the MFC Front Desk.



Dr. Jack Marquardt celebrates his 85th birthday with trainer Moorey-Margaret Myers at the Member Fitness Center.



Abby Hubbard, senior at Bates College, joins her grandmother Musette Winton in Vinyasa Yoga with Moorey-Margaret Myers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shamrock n’ Roll Half Marathon & 10K

Saturday, March 15 at 7 a.m. MFC Parking Lot Register at the MFC Front Desk Bibs and T-shirts will be handed over at the MFC Front Desk on **Friday, March 14**, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Ocean Reef Club loves to run. Our 5Ks attract over 400 people per event and are memorable family events. Last year, we experimented with a longer race and organized the first-ever club half marathon. This year, we are including a 10k distance and making the event bigger and better. We welcome runners and walkers of all levels to sign up and challenge themselves to earn our custom-made finisher medal.

The finisher medal proves that we can do hard things. Enduring physical discomfort helps us endure emotional discomfort and clears the mind. At the end of every endurance event, we are stronger physically, mentally, and emotionally. Do not fear temporary pain; fear weakness.

The race starts and ends in the MFC Parking lot—one

loop around the Hammock neighborhood for the 10k and two loops for the half marathon. We invite the whole community to come and cheer fellow Members as they push themselves to endure and achieve. To register or learn more about the event, contact the MFC Front Desk at 305-367-5820.

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Monday, March 10 at 3 p.m. Yoga Room

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Intro to MFC

Monday, March 10 at 3 p.m. Complimentary

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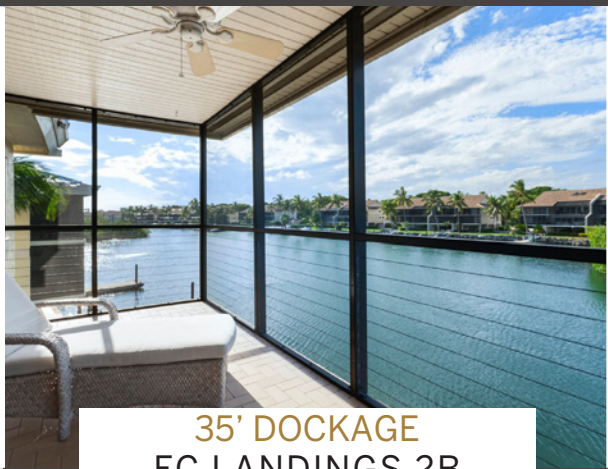
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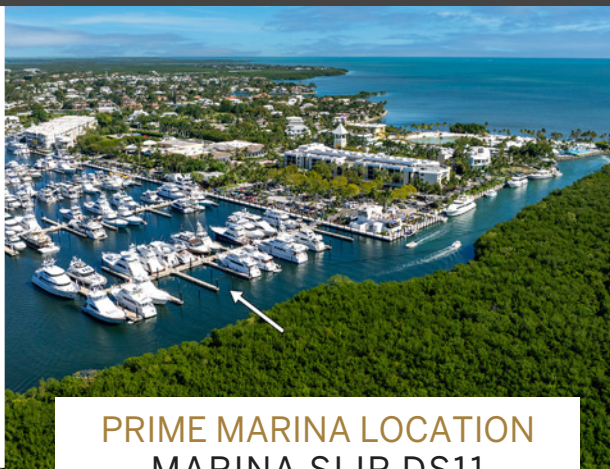
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Terrific Trout Fishing



by Christine Patton,
Rod & Gun Club

While last week in Key Largo the Reef Cup was getting all the attention of deep sea fishermen, a hardy band of Ocean Reef's trout-fishing devotees traveled to Argentina to fish the rivers coming out of the Andes. Thirteen anglers, including three father-son pairs, spent a week at the Patagonia River Ranch, an authentic and elegant lodge situated on the confluence of several key tributaries of the Collon Cura River.

The weather was good, the fish were plentiful, and this part of Argentina, on the eastern side of the Andes, is wide-open, untouched terrain, relatively accessible — the airport is a mere 30 minutes away — but teeming with wildlife. **Rod Patton** reports that there were condors in the air, a fishing eagle in a tree, mink on the banks and wild boars and red stag in the plains — and no competing anglers to be seen.

The ranch is on the Chimehuin River, a 600-acre estancia located within the much larger Tipiliuke estancia, and the lodge itself is a beautiful example of the stone and redwood style of architecture reminiscent of the Californian



Brad and Gail Guyton, Mike Jones, Keith Hill, Dave Knipe, Bill Tweardy, Bill Nutt, Ed Kramer, Rod Patton, Reid and Rudy Schupp, and Joe and Joe Murphy at Argentina's Patagonia River Ranch.

who built it 50 years ago. **Bill Tweardy** admired the extensive gardens which produce all the herbs, fruit and vegetables for meals, but also 3,000 roses and other plantings, with a staff of five gardeners and two massive greenhouses to assist. One evening is an asado dinner, an Argentinian barbecue feast of grilled meats, sausage and offal, grilled over an open fire, here accompanied by musicians and dancers in native dress. The Argentinian wines, Malbec and Torontes, were well-represented.

Unlike the Reef Cup, this trout fishing is the opposite of competitive. The fishing is all catch and release, no comparisons of daily fish tally or size awards. Instead, the long days of sunlight are spent float fishing with nymphs or dry flies, mimicking the daily hatch. **Mike Jones** described the fish as relatively small, browns and rainbows in the

16 to 18 inch size, a few up to 20 inches, but strong fighters. When he goes back (and he will return!) he wants to bring his grandson, already a fishing fanatic, to have the experience here of unpressured fishing in the natural setting. Imagine

those days in the boat talking fishing and life in general, in this incomparable setting...

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ROD & GUN CLUB REMINDER

- Fish of the Month — Snapper, Cobia, Mackerel
- "Pick Any Three Days" fishing contest
- Sporting Clays trip to Markham Park **Wednesday, March 26**
- Twister, 5-Stand and Skeet competition, monthly and for the season

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CSMYC Sailors Race on a "Big" Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore

Last Sunday was a perfect day for racing on The Pond. Not only were the skies clear and a breeze that was workable, albeit very shifty, but high tide occurred during racing which enabled us to sail on the "big" Pond. It was a significant difference from the previous Sunday when we had to not only avoid the other sailors on The Pond but also avoid running aground. It is always a treat to race when The Pond is



Bill Seale's 2329 rounds the leeward mark. Photo by Erin Coffin.

at its maximum surface area. A total of nine sailors showed up for racing, which is fantastic. Unfortunately, three of the East Coast 12s retired due to technical issues that could not be remedied at The Pond. For the remaining sailors, a total of six races were run in

quite shifty conditions, as I mentioned previously. Being in the right place at the right time was key. You never knew how far a favorable gust would take you as what looked for all the world like a serious gain against your closest competitors could suddenly see you becalmed and quickly passed by those behind you. Such is the unpredictable nature of racing on The Pond. When racing had completed, it was the same top three finishers as the week before with **Al Mast** taking first place for the day, **Joe Robillard** took second, and **Erin Coffin** taking the final podium position.

At the time of this writing the forecast for Sunday's racing looks questionable. Strong and gusty south to southwest winds is in the cards, but the question comes on how it will translate to wind on The Pond. The big

variable is the Islander building which could block enough of the wind's velocity to allow racing to take place or it could block so much of the breeze that it renders The Pond mostly unusable. We will not know until Sunday morning.

The Card Sound Model Yacht Club races every Sunday morning (except Easter Sunday) until the end of April at The Pond. Our races now begin at 9 a.m. As always, our sailing is dependent on favorable weather conditions. We hope you will come by The Pond to watch the action! 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.





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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Be Safe Out There



by Peter Liashek, USCG Aux Flotilla Staff Public Education Officer

We are halfway through the season here at Ocean Reef, and near constant 15-knot winds have kept many of our boats at the dock awaiting nicer weather. However, balmy breezes will return in the coming months, and now is a good time to review your emergency gear and what procedures you should follow if the unexpected happens on the water.

On **Thursday, March 13** I am teaching an **Emergency Boating Course**. This short course is a Coast Guard Auxiliary presentation that summarizes what you or your

spouse, crew or shipmate should do if you find yourself involved in an emergency situation at sea. I will show you what items to include in your "ditch bag" such as flares, strobes, knives, portable VHF radios etc.

The goal is to provide you with options. You are required by law to have basic emergency equipment. We'll go over those requirements and consider what extra items you might need based on where and how you boat. Daily trips to Gilberts call for different preparations than offshore fishing trips or crossing to the Bahamas!

I have been teaching this lecture for several years, and the classroom discussion always provides even the most seasoned boater a great review of safety procedures. Encourage your spouse, crew and boating friends to attend so that we can all be safe out on the water! Please join me at 3 p.m. in the Tarpon Room in Carysfort Hall on March 13.

USCG AUXILIARY COURSE BOATING EMERGENCIES

Thursday, March 13, 2025

3-4:30 p.m. • Location: Key Largo Building

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

Topics Include:

- How to use the VHF to call for help
- How to determine your location in any body of water and give that information to rescuers
- Flare usage, life jackets, anchoring, emergency gear, etc.
- A discussion of pertinent cell phone apps
- Following the formal presentation will be a "show and tell" of recommended safety equipment as well as a question and answer period

Please register to Captain **Peter Liashek** at pljr51@gmail.com

Provide your name and contact phone number

MEETING NOTICE

The Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla will meet at 5 p.m., **Monday, March 10** at the Cultural Center conference room.

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Magic Series Delivers Three of Four Regattas



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

The fourth regatta Magic racing series delivered high winds, skillful sailing and a supportive cast of volunteers to post 11 races for 17 entries each Saturday in February. In order to score a cumulative multiple sailboat race, there are built-in equalizers similar to other sports to level the playing field. With sailboat scoring, once a threshold of a predetermined number of races takes place, the final score allows for "throw outs" of the worst races before tallying the final corrected score.

For example, this is not unlike the Reef Cup that gives extra points for catching a Sailfish on an outrigger (200 points) versus a kite-caught Sailfish which awards 100 points. Similarly golf has its equalizers in that it takes into consideration one's handicap or whether applying a format such as Better Ball or partner's, Shamble or Modified Scotch. Regardless of the sport, the most

skilled teams emerge victorious! On Saturday, March 1, the top contenders realized there was much at stake in the fourth and final regatta of the Magic Series. It was still anyone's trophy to win. Pro **Al Mast** and his captain **Henry Stout** with their dedicated team of race committee and attendant boats, again surveyed the breeze and it wasn't pretty. The sailing instructions mandate an average wind speed of 5 knots and they could only find 3.8 knots at best. With anxious sailors holding port at Baker Harbor, 12 teams sat tight, hoping better news would follow. Pro Mast moved the committee boat around Pumpkin Cay testing various locations, but to no avail. The fourth and final race of the Magic Series had to be called off!

With this news, **Windsor Coffin**, the scoring wizard of CSSC, went to work on the final and definitive winners of the top three boats. The calculations included throwing out the three worst scores of the 11 previous races and totaling the remaining eight scores of each boat.

The Results:

- 1st place: Jim Lampman and Jim Foster
- 2nd place: Gary Sayia and Nancy Lampman
- 3rd place: Joe and Alzbetka Robillard

Once again proving no matter the sport the best boats emerge victorious. As you read this article, the CSSC most prized award is up for grabs on

Saturday, March 8. Come out for the twice around Pumpkin Cay race at 9:30 a.m. and watch the winner walk away with a piece of history created by our

beloved member, George Lucas! All of this and more can be found on our website, cardsoundsailingclub.com.



Magic Series winner Jim Lampman with friend Clarke Moody.



Sails at the ready! Photo by Steve Schoedinger.



Why we love sailing at CSSC in ORC vs Annapolis!



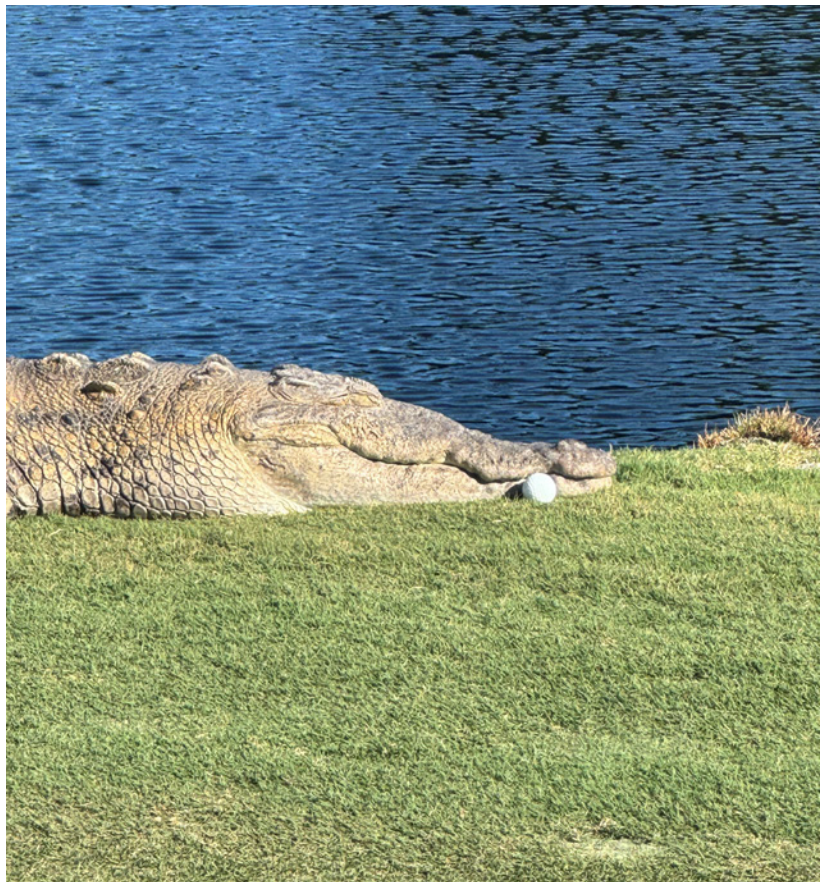
Nancy Lampman and Gary Sayia waiting out the postponement.

OCEAN REEF YACHT CLUB



The "It's All Good" Yacht Club enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at Gilbert's in Key Largo last week. Under the direction of Commodore Chip Hillyer over 70 members gathered for a casual lunch on Blackwater Sound. Pictured (l to r) Jody Steele, Eric Buermann, Barney Steele, Linda Buermann Julie Cronin and Dan Cronin.

OR "SEE"



Surprise Shot

From Dora Rubin: "My husband Steve and I were playing golf on the Hammock Course. On my husband's second shot on hole 9, the golf ball landed right next to the crocodile's mouth. Needless to say, he didn't hit that ball."

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Fun in the Card & Games Room



by Gregg Van Dyke, Bridge Director

Hi Card and Gamers,

There is plenty to look forward to this month at the Card & Games Room. Coming up will be the Men's Poker KO Tournament that will be held on **Monday, March 17**.

Dinner in the Ocean Room

Set for **Monday, March 10** for Bridge and **Monday, March 24** for Canasta. You can sign up by calling 305-367-6609 for the Bridge or Canasta dinner in the Ocean Room if you have not already. Space is limited, and you do not want to miss it!

Beginner Bridge Course

On **Wednesday, March 12** at 10 a.m. sharp, a Beginner Bridge course will be held in the Card & Games Room. This is an opportunity to refresh and tune-up the bridge skills learned during the previously held Learn Bridge in a Day program taught by Patty Tucker. This event will be an hour and a half with mentors and partners being provided.

Family Game Night

Get ready for some fun and join the Family Game Night in the Card & Games Room on **Thursdays, March 13** and **27** from 5-7 p.m., as well as on **Thursdays, April 10** and **24**.

Canasta Club Championship

Get ready for the Canasta Club Championship which will be held on **Saturday, March 15** starting at 10 a.m. Sign-up sheet will be in the Card & Games Room.

Bridge Championships

The first Bridge Championship was on Wednesday, March 5 and there will be two more on **Wednesdays, March 19** and **26**. You may use your two best scores.

Mah Jongg Club Championship

Start preparing for the Mah Jongg Club Championship that will be held on **Saturday, March 22** in the Card & Games Room at 10 a.m. Sign-up sheet will be in the Card & Games Room.

Live Duplicate Bridge Games

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

Beginner Canasta Lessons

If you're looking to learn or just need to brush up on your skills, lessons are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Mah Jongg Pick-Up Games

Pick-up games are available Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a Mah Jongg teacher who does both beginner and intermediate lessons. Please call 305-367-6609 to make arrangements.

Backgammon Lessons

These lessons are available on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. by appointment. You can call 305-367-6609 and let me know you are coming. There are also backgammon games that you may check out and take home to practice.

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BRIDGE TIP

Novice Corner

By Gregg Van Dyke, Bridge Director

Defense

- Defense is the most difficult part of Bridge.
- To win you must know defense.
- Review these rules before each match until you know them cold.

Opening Leads

- To Suit Contracts: You usually want to make a "safe" opening lead that will set up tricks for your side without giving declarer extra tricks. Your general order of preference can be:
 1. A suit partner has bid. Lead low if you have 3+ cards; lead high from 2 cards.
 2. A suit that offers a good attacking combination - two or more touching honors (KQ10x, QJ10, AKxx, J109).
 3. A singleton (hoping partner

- can lead the suit back for you to trump).
- 3. Your longest suit. Lead low if you don't have touching honors.
- 4. A suit the opponents have not bid.
- 5. If there are no unbid suits, choose a suit that dummy has bid.
- 6. Lead trumps if you have no other safe lead OR if declarer has shown a two-suited hand. This may prevent declarer from using dummy's trumps separately.

When leading to a suit contract, Avoid:

1. Leading an unsupported ace if you have another safe lead. (Aces are to catch kings).
2. Underleading an ace (don't lead a small card from a suit headed by the ace).
3. Underleading broken honor combinations (KJxx, 10x) unless it's in partner's suit.
4. Leading a suit declarer has bid (unless you're leading trumps).

BRIDGE RESULTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

North-South

1st Place: Amy Salisbury - Jay Beatty
2nd Place: Patty Kent - Nancy Grote

East-West

1st Place: Barb Besse - Margie Smith
2nd Place: Joanne Wills - Rosemary Jones

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

North-South

1st Place: Nancy Grote - Patty Kent
2nd Place: Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast

East-West

1st Place: Dottie Kemp - Amy Salisbury
2nd Place: Pat Richwagon - Martha Kavanaugh

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

North-South

1st Place: Steve Markel - Philip Comenos
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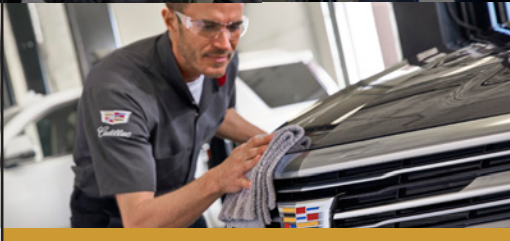
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