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2025 Annual Meeting

By-Laws Pass and New . Chairman Takes Reins

As Carysfort Hall filled with Equity Members on Wednesday, Joe Urbinati welcomed everyone to the 33rd Annual Meeting at Ocean Reef Club, before handing the mic over to Charlie **Johnston**, who was presiding over his final Annual Meeting as Chairman of the Board.

True to tradition, the Annual Meeting is a formal event in which Board nominees are confirmed, outgoing Board members are recognized and every two years a new Chairman takes the helm and a new Vice Chairman is announced. This year also included three proposed By-law Amendments, the last By-Law amendment occurring in 2017.

Formal Business

In official business, Chairman Johnston announced the election of new director Tom **Schievelbein**, and the re-election of Wally Hayward, Michael Heaney and Joe Urbinati, each to three-year terms. He also announced that the three By-law amendments had passed which were the appointment of an external independent control auditor in lieu of an internal audit executive, a modification to the equity charter membership structure from 80/20 to 50/50, and a modification that grandfathers in current members to the existing 80/20 refund structure. Johnston reported that the vote came in at an overwhelming 83% majority. All will go into effect August 1, 2025.

In what Chairman Johnston referred to as "melancholy", he

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A Party Fit for a Princess



Ocean Reef princesses take to the dance floor at Mommy & Me Tea.





Blake and Helen Burish.



Stephanie, Eleanor and Katelyn Murtagh.



Lee and Carter Hilliard.



Katie and Evelyn Furshman.

AROUND THE REEF

Pumpkin Key Island Potential Development Community Meeting

Thursday, April 24

Cultural Center • 1 p.m.

Members are encouraged to attend the meeting in person or on Zoom to voice their questions. Read more on page 2.



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OR "See"



For Braun Jones Jr's 80th birthday surprise, he got to see The Reef from the sky! Richard Wilson, helicopter pilot extraordinaire, provided this special trip. The crew enjoyed fabulous views of Carysfort Lighthouse at low tide (shown here) and coming in for a landing at the ORC Airport. Quite the birthday!

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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Pumpkin Key Island Potential Development

As many are aware, Pumpkin Key Island has been on the market for several years. Recently, a developer group has expressed interest in purchasing the island and developing it into a community of 12 residential homes, the number permitted by Monroe County. This potential purchase also includes the mainland properties at 1 and 2 Cannon Point.

Recognizing the significance of this potential development, the developers

would like to engage with the Ocean Reef community to discuss the proposed plans, hear any concerns and address any questions.

To facilitate this, a Community Meeting has been scheduled for:

Date: April 24, 2025

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Cultural Center

Members are encouraged to attend the meeting in person and ask any questions or share their concerns. A Zoom option will also be available for those who cannot attend so they can voice their questions. The meeting will also be recorded and made available to anyone who cannot be present.

HAPPENING Today

Safe Boating Day

10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Tarpon Room, Carysfort Hall

Learn to prepare for an emergency on the water with the Boating Emergencies Course. RSVP to pljr51@gmail.com.

NEWS & HAPPENINGS



STARLIGHT DINNER BUFFET

NEW LOCATION: Cooking School

You can still sign up for the Starlight Dinner Buffet that will take place **tomorrow**, **April 19**, from 6-7:30 p.m., now in the Cooking School. To make reservations, call Dining Reservations at 305-367-5931. For more information, visit oceanreef.com/easterhappenings.



THANK YOU BEACH PARTY

Commemorate the memorable 2024-25 with tribute bands and a show-stopping drone show at the Thank You Beach Party on **Wednesday, April 23**, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Buccaneer Island. For details, contact Member Guest Services at 305-367-6516.



COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF VIRGINIA WILLIS

NEW DATE: Wednesday, April 23

Chef Virginia Willis is a Member-favorite guest chef and will be sharing her secrets to southern cooking in her cooking class, now on **Wednesday, April 23**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Carysfort Kitchen. To register, call Dining Reservations at 305-367-5931.

How We Got Here – The Prequel

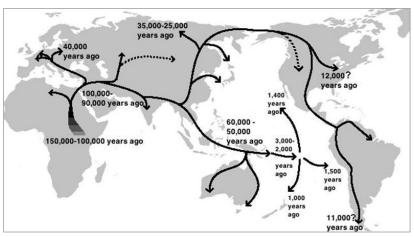
Louise Leakey to Speak at Cultural Center

By Keith Hill, Member since 2011

Like most of you, I enjoy reading the fascinating articles by **Michael Smith** on the history of Ocean Reef and the winding path we took to get where we are today. While Mike is focused on the last century or so, I have been involved for the past 15 years with a group that is going much further back in time (a few million years), that is searching for the same answers. Where did we come from and how did we get here?

Scientists have now confirmed that our ancestor's journey to Ocean Reef started in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa around 200,000 years ago. From there they spread to Europe, Asia and Australia before crossing the land bridge between Siberia and Alaska around 20,000 years ago to arrive in North America.

The Leakey Family is the most famous family of the study of human origins, or Paleoanthropology, for the



Map of human migration.

past 70 years. Starting with the groundbreaking discoveries of footprints and pre-human skulls in the 1950s by Louis and Mary Leakey in the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, who passed the family baton to Richard and Meave Leakey who spent their lives in the Kenyan and Ethiopian portion of the rift basin for the past 50 years, to Louise Leakey who has worked by their side from a young age and continues the research today. These efforts have resulted in the most important discoveries to date in the region including the famous Lucy and Turkana Boy (pictured right) that have significantly changed our understanding of human origins.

My wife **Diane** and I were fortunate to meet and become involved with Richard Leakey and his family while we were

living in Kenya and searching for oil in the very spot where these fossils were found. Over the years we developed a friendship and professional relationship that led to us joining the Advisory Board of the Leakey family-led Turkana Basin Institute (TBI) that continues to be at the forefront of paleoanthropology research.

Ocean Reef is fortunate to have Louise Leakey, the granddaughter of Louis and Mary and the daughter of Richard and Meave, to speak at **the Cultural Center on Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m.** She will be giving us a history of her family's efforts and updating us on the ongoing research in the field. She will be joined by Royal Africa Safari principal Peter Silvester, who is instituting a fascinating trip through Kenya



Replicas of the pre-human skulls the Leakeys discovered in the 1950s will be on display at the Cultural Center following the event.



Famous Turkana Boy skeleton.

that will trace our journey through time including a visit to the actual fossil sites in northern Kenya. There will be a complimentary wine and cheese reception after the event where Louise has promised to bring along actual replicas of the skulls to for us to examine.

Gotta Question?

I stayed in a rental in NYC where there was a "no confetti rule." With Easter celebrations this weekend, I was wondering if Ocean Reef has a similar rule?

After a fun celebration with family and friends, the last thing we want to do is spend hours cleaning. Cleaning up confetti is especially difficult, as it does not stay contained to an area, is difficult to sweep, and easily gets stuck in grass and foliage. Picking up these extra small

confetti pieces poses a significant challenge not only for you and your homes, but for the Club's Common Area Team. While Ocean Reef does not have a rule against the use of confetti, the Club highly encourages Members, their families, and guests to be conscientious if they will be using confetti for any of their celebrations. The following are some of the reasons to be mindful when and if using confetti to celebrate at The Reef:

Environmental Impacts

As small as confetti is, according to California State University and National Geographic the threat it poses to the environment is much larger. The microplastic

material poses a risk to all living organisms, even corals and marine ecosystems, and is likely to be ingested by animals both on land and in the ocean. Once these toxic microplastics have made their way into the environment, it is extremely difficult to remove them and can take thousands of years to break down. With the Florida Keys environment being such an important part of life at The Reef, we want to continue seeing it thrive.

Confetti Alternatives

Easter and the end of season are for celebrating, which is why confetti can make for such a wonderful way of doing so. Some sustainable alternatives



to confetti include bubbles, flower petals, baby's breath and leaves. If you choose to use confetti, try selecting one that is biodegradable. Enjoy your celebrations at The Reef!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Annual Meeting

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also recognized retiring director and former Chairman of the Board **Ray Larkin**. Johnston called Larkin "one of the finest human beings and one of the greatest leaders I have ever worked with," adding that it is not just Members that come up to him with great regard and respect but also associates for whom he has mentored and championed for, "he's just that kind of person."

Membership Update

Next up, Joe Urbinati reiterated the continued strong usage by Equity and Legacy Members, as well as strong Equity Member satisfaction, a clear result of the policy changes stating, "We made changes a few years ago to our reservation systems - dining reservations, golf tee times and spa appointments, we're hoping that you continue to find it easier to get all of these reservations, the congestion seems to have softened." He also highlighted the continued demand for Social membership citing that while the waiting list remains frozen, now just under 500,



Russ Post was the recipient of the 2025 Spirit of Ocean Reef award for his longtime dedication to Ocean Reef Club and The Academy at Ocean Reef. A full profile will appear in an upcoming edition.

the activation of new members each year supports one leg of the Club's very important three-legged stool business model.

Mr. Urbinati also highlighted the recent Team Ocean Reef 30-year celebration which recognizes Members that sponsor Members to the Club, a critical component to maintaining a strong and engaged Membership.

Finance Update

Board Director and Chair of the Finance Committee, Michael Heaney, opened by stating, "over



Chef Philippe Reynaud, who retired this season after 25 years of service to Ocean Reef Club, was recognized at Wednesday's Annual Meeting.

the past several years, it's been my privilege to share the strong financial results with you all twice a year and this meeting is no different." He highlighted the prudent and effective management of expenses by the management team in 2024 and through the midway point of 2025 stating, "we are right on budget so all in all a really great start to 2025. As we head off into the summer, I think we can feel very comfortable that we are in great financial position."

Mr. Heaney also reviewed the Club's cash position, citing the one-time windfalls of covid vs. the remaining 2025 projected expenses which include the completion of Associate Housing, the proposed Spa renovation and expansion, and the one year of operating expenses that the Board is committed to keeping on hand. The result being nearly equal to the cash on hand.

Season Overview

Club President Alex Tonarelli began with appreciation for the Membership by saying, "It's been a really smooth season and it certainly would not have been so without your continued support. Thank

you for that." Next Mr. Tonarelli took time to highlight the successes of the season which included the Plaza Building reaching full occupancy along with the new amenities offered to Members in the Hammock Hut, Spirits Bar, Spa Boutique and Seven Sports Boat Rental partner, all of which are performing well from both a satisfaction and revenue standpoint. He also thanked Members for their feedback through the member satisfaction survey. The Club finished the season at an all time high 94%, with many areas, ranging from the Raw Bar, led by long timers Barry and Billy, to Golf and Tennis, with new leaders taking the reins, scoring above 9.4. Tonarelli said, "It's a priority for us. Our management teams work hard to achieve these scores and ensure our associates are always focused on training, and are engaged and motivated."

Updates were also provided on the season's major projects, the Airport Terminal and Associate Housing with both slated to open on time and on budget in June and August respectively.

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Why should I take the Census?

UNDERSTAND the role the Club plays in your life

Participate in DECISION MAKING



LEARN about the Club and your FELLOW MEMBERS

CONTRIBUTE to the future of

SHARE YOUR VISION, SHAPE YOUR CLUB



A Look Ahead

As promised at January's Town Hall, the majority of Mr. Tonarelli's presentation focused on the proposed renovation and expansion to The Spa. With Board approval slated for next week, he detailed the rigorous process that has been ongoing since the 2022 Master Planning Session where it was determined based on data from the 2020 Census and Membership satisfaction surveys that the Spa needed both a renovation and an expansion. Tonarelli described the motivations saying, "most importantly, we want to meet the membership demand and provide an overall first-class experience. That was the anchor by which we wanted to work through." He went on to describe that spaces would be enhanced and expanded like the arrival area, the changing areas, the locker rooms, relaxation space and retail along with adding more private spaces for ladies and men. In summary he said, "And after a good year and a half of working with expert architects and spa consultants and the Board, I think this design you'll find meets these



New Chairman Joe Urbinati is congratulated by outgoing Chairman Charlie Johnston. Ray Larkin (left), who retires from the Board this month, was also honored for his service.

goals." Look for more information on operational plans and details on The Spa project in upcoming editions of the Ocean Reef Press.

Closing Words

Before handing the gavel over to the new Chairman, Joe Urbinati, Mr. Johnston shared his final thoughts on serving as the Club's Chairman, saying "it's been an honor and a privilege serving as your Chairman for the past two years." He highlighted the three primary reasons beginning with the membership who are always willing to help no matter the challenge or opportunity. Second, he cited the all-star Board, saying "there's a breadth of talent and skill here and backgrounds that have really served the club well." Lastly, he acknowledged the "secret sauce" which is Alex Tonarelli, his leadership group and the team of Associates who in Johnston's words, "are always thinking about how they can make this a better experience for all of us."

With that it was time for Chairman Johnston to hand the gavel over to his Vice Chairman, Joe Urbinati, to assume the Chairmanship and announce the incoming Vice Chairman, Michael Heaney.

Mr. Urbinati began with praise for Johnston as well as sharing highlights from Mr. Heaney's impressive financial career and contributions to the Board thus far, including his involvement with investing in treasury bonds on behalf of the Club. Urbinati went on to describe the surprising kindness shown by his new Ocean Reef neighbors and how that shaped his personal view of the Club. He also told of how he became involved with the Board committing to **Bob** Manzo, "I'll help but I only want to help with construction. I'm still working. Please don't ask me to do anything else." Seven years and eleven committees later, he now finds himself assuming the Chairman's title. "It's not work if you love what you do, and I love what I do here and thank you everybody for that," Urbinati said.

To watch the full recording of the meeting, visit <u>oceanreef.com/</u> <u>AnnualMeeting</u>.



ORCA NEWS



Retiring ORCA Board Member Anne Lovett receives departing gifts in appreciation for her six years of service, including as Board Chair. Next to Lovett are Board Chair John Welch and ORCA President Juan Perez.

Ocean Reef **Gathers** for **Annual ORCA** Meeting

The Ocean Reef community gathered at the Cultural Center on Friday, April 11, for the

Annual Meetings of the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA), North Key Largo Utility Corp (NKLUC), and the Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department (ORVFD).

John Welch, Chair of the ORCA and NKLUC Boards, opened the meeting by reviewing the year's accomplishments. He also announced the reappointment



New ORCA Board Chair Harry Totonis, departing Board Chair John Welch, and ORCA President Juan Perez.

of Patty Davidson, Harry Totonis, and himself to new three-year terms on both boards, approved via proxy

A special recognition was presented to retiring board member Anne Lovett for her six years of dedicated service, including her time as Chairperson. Welch expressed his gratitude, saving, "Anne has left an indelible imprint on ORCA and the community. Personally, I am extremely grateful for her mentoring and tremendous support during my tenure on the board."

Committee updates followed, with reports from:

- Finance and Audit, by Harry **Totonis**
- Ad Hoc Construction Management, by Nip Smith
- Ad Hoc Bridge, by **Ray** Herman

ORCA President Juan Perez emphasized continued focus on the organization's three

core pillars: security and safety, infrastructure excellence, and exceptional community service. He noted progress in communications and community relations, as well as continued enhancements to infrastructure and technology, as well as environmental initiatives.

The meeting wrapped up with the 2024 List Award for Service and Innovation Excellence. presented to ORCA Director of Finance Pablo Tirado. After a Q&A session, new Board Chair Totonis acknowledged departing Chair Welch's service, stating, "Thank you for your leadership, hard work, and mentorship."

Members can view the full video of ORCA's Annual Meeting in the Members-Only section of **ORCAreef**. com. Members who need their credentials to access the page can email communications@ orcareef.com.





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Behind the Eggs:

The Easter Bunny's Secrets Exposed



by Felicia M. Koretsky

We bribed the Easter Bunny with a bunch of chocolatecovered carrots (remember, this guy lives on Cadbury Crème protein shakes and marshmallow Peeps) for the inside scoop on how he manages to pull off a basketpacked weekend of activities every year. He easily cracked under pressure—like one of his plastic eggs-and dished on some of the most-anticipated Easter hoppenings. Spoiler: this fluffball has an eggstremely supportive posse, whom he keeps jacked up on sugar and caffeinated colas.

Bunny Basket Secret Assembly Operation:

The first thing the ORC Bunny spills the jellybeans on is how his basket-building operations work. Turns out, he's got a pied-à-terre at The Reef (yes, he's a real estate mogul and a candy courier) and a couple of glue-gun goddesses doing all the work. Inside this cushy bunny bunker (address withheld for security reasons) are basket-making mavens Melissa Mirocha and Jeanette Rivera, crafting 200 custom baskets for kids from baby bunnies to teens.

This isn't some slapdash operation, either. We're talking months of intense prep: hunting through a vast digital wilderness of online catalogs for the perfect basket stuffers—toddler toys, tween treats, and teen trinkets. These two even set up a vision board to ensure every creation would wow its lucky recipient. (Last call on ordering baskets is at 5 p.m. today. Call the Pool Desk at

305-367-2611 Ext. 7797.)

Starting in early March, a tidal wave of goodies (about 45 boxes' worth) begins arriving. Each box is hauled from the Mailroom like precious cargo, stashed away, and then transported to our Bunny's secret luxe rabbit hole. From there, Melissa and Jeanette go full Easter elf mode, stuffing the bounty into colorful sand buckets and playful containers (because wicker is so last spring), wrapping them in cellophane, and topping it all off with an Easter bow.

And now for the sneaky part: Basket deliveries take place under the cover of darkness. On Saturday night, the Easter Bunny and his stealth squad of four Recreation teams go full Mission: Impossible, creeping around The Reef to drop off the goods at unsuspecting doorsteps. The Bunny did confess, though—not every pair of floppy ears you spot out there is his. A few of his lookalike cousins are in town.

The Pre-Bunny Hop T-shirt Debate:

Months before the 5K Bunny Hop, Director of Recreation Chris Nelson organized a highly classified summit of department supervisors and managers to convene for one of the most heated debates of the season: the 5K T-shirt design. They spar over color, logo, and sizes to order. If a nominated hue even whispers "college basketball rivalry," it's immediately banished. To ensure only the finest fabrics make the cut, Rec Manager Kyle Lynch and Rec Supervisor Doug LaFond heroically sprint around Buccaneer in prototype tees, sweat-testing for maximum breathability. The Easter Bunny loves watching his friends run while he lies on a patch of shaded grass. When you see this year's heather blue masterpiece all over the 600 runners and walkers, just know that the cotton-rayonpolyester tri-blend didn't happen by accident—it was born from real passion and perspiration. (T-shirts are given out to those walkers/runners who've registered from noon to 4 p.m. today at the Pool Desk and at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Business Center, when registration begins for the 8 a.m. 5K walk/run.)

Secrets of the Sunrise Service:

While the Sunrise Service may feel like a peaceful, effortless start to Easter morning, there's a whirlwind of activity and planning that makes it all possible. At the center of it all: John Riley, Assistant Director of Banquet Operations—aka the brains behind the Bunny.

It all begins the Thursday before Easter, when John and his team transport The Chapel's 100-pound iconic 12-foot by 4-foot solid steel cross to RF Orchids. From there, the floral artisans take it to their Homestead workshop, where it's adorned with watersoaked floral foam covered by dozens of pristine white lilies—adding on at least 40 more pounds of weight. By Saturday, the beautifully dressed cross returns to The Reef, where John stores it overnight in a cool room to preserve its blooms.

At around 5:30 p.m. Saturday, the transformation begins. Buccaneer Island is cleared and an overnight operation kicks off. A team of at least 30 work tirelessly into the early hours—setting up 1,200 chairs (a 200-seat increase over last year), staging, lighting, railing, tents, audio, and the base for the cross. By around 1 a.m., everything is set.

Just a few hours later, the flowered cross is carefully transported and placed in its base with precision so the rising sun hits just right—creating a breathtaking view for all who attend the service, which lasts about an hour. But the hustle doesn't stop there. As the final amen is spoken, the site quickly shifts. At about 8:30 a.m., more trucks and trailers arrive, another 20 support staff join in, and the serene beachfront chapel is

transformed into an energetic Easter Egg hunting ground.

Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt:

At around 10 a.m., a half-hour quick and clever egg placement begins. The Easter Bunny and eighteen (he likes to do things in egg carton counts) of his associate friends scramble (pun intended) around hiding more than 20,000 plastic eggs in obvious and obscure spots around Buccaneer Island. Half of these are pre-stuffed with toys and half with candy. One hundred are designated the holy golden grail eggs—tucked with Reef Treats ice cream coupons.

Meanwhile, the knee wall starts to look like the front row of a Taylor Swift concert except instead of sequins, it's tiny (and some not-so-tiny) young Reefers with wild eyes zoning in on the oval pastel treasures. For everyone's safety (mostly Bunny's), groups are separated by age: 0-3 (often confused, but so damn cute), 4–6 (terrifyingly fast), 7–9 (battle-hardened veterans), and 10+ (we see you, tweens—stop acting too cool for this; we know you still love it). We're told that if you're 30 and still egg hunting, you won't be removed, but you will be judged.

At 10:30 a.m., there's an exciting countdown; then it's every kid for themselves. Two minutes later (yes, that's a lot of build-up for 120 seconds of fun), the field is picked clean like chicken wings at the Burgee after a football game. The only thing left over are the brightly colored eggshells seemingly drifting through the air. But here's the genius part—Bunny hates cleaning, so he turns cleanup into a game. Kids are roped into picking up the plastic shell shards and tossing them into baskets (garbage pails) held by the Bunny's friends. By 11 a.m., the madness subsides, the island returns to peace, and the ORabbit disappears behind Everton's Rum Bar for a muchdeserved carrot daiquiri.

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104 Andros Road

4 BD, 4/F, 2/H BA | \$26,000,000 | 2831 Marcy Aultman | 305.522.0582



Marina Village 13B

3 BD, 3 BA | \$10,995,000 | 2777 Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105 Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



15 Harbor Island Drive

5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,800,000 | 2594 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



5 Diana Road

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$9,950,000 | 2780 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143 Rick Romeo | 304.667.7896



PC Garden Home 68

4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$8,695,000 | 2821 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



600 Coral Lane

6 BD, 6.5 BA | \$8,500,000 | 2833 Mary Brady | Agent/Owner 201.303.2052



Residence Club Penthouse 8

4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$7,475,000 | 2784 Russell Post | 305.451.8199

Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



29 Baker Road

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$6,995,000 | 2332 Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461

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Pumpkin Cay 38B 4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$6,250,000 | 2841 Marcy Aultman | 305.522.0582



19 Harbor Island Drive 3 BD, 2 BA | \$5,495,000 | 2854 Rick Haney | 305.394.4645 Denise Haney | 305.394.6838



36 Thatch Palm Way 4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$5,395,000 | 2808 Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105 Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



Residence Club 207 2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$5,300,000 | 2814 Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



FC Moorings 43A 3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,295,000 | 2822 Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185



Residence Club PH 5 2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$4,750,000 | 2765 Mary Brady | 201.303.2052



Angelfish Cay 8A 3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$4,600,000 | 2721 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Pumpkin Cay 47B 4 BD, 3 BA | \$4,595,000 | 2628 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



6 South Harbor Drive 3 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,800,000 | 2672 Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



Residence Club 209 1 BD, 2 BA | \$3,150,000 | 2823 Rupert Rodriguez | 786.857.4523



Creek House PH 3
2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,995,000 | 2810
Bill Dickinson | 305.304.8311



Residence Club 105 1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,465,000 | 2793 James Morrison | 305.393.3407





Just One More Week to be Heard

We are nearing the finish line for the Membership Census. A big thank you to all that have participated.

The Census will close on Thursday, April 24! There is still time to share your vision and be entered for our Grand Prize drawing!

Here are this week's winners:

- Mr. Ignacio Borbolla-Dinner for 4
- Mr. Kenneth Potter- 3 Day
 / 2 Night Stay
- Mr. Harold Wells- Drink
 Coupons for the Spirits Bar
 Mr. William Engel- Coffee
 Coupons & (2) Census Mugs

Visit <u>oceanreef.com/census</u> to be directed to the Census now!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Rule Reminders



by Raquel Moraga, Senior Membership Manager

At the core of the Club's Unique Way of Life are the Club's By-laws, Rules & Regulations, set in place to ensure that the cultured family environment is observed and carried forward. In addition to the Dress Code, here are a few quick rule reminders as we look to a busy spring season with visiting family and friends.

• Members and their guests may not abuse any of the employees, verbally or otherwise. All service employees are under the supervision of the President and no Member or guest should

reprimand or discipline any employee or send any employee off the Club's facilities for any reason. Any employee not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to the President immediately.

All complaints, criticisms or suggestions of any kind relating to any of the operations of the Club should be in writing, signed and sent to the President.

- Alcoholic beverages shall not be served or sold, nor permitted to be consumed, on the premises during hours prohibited by law. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or served for off-premises consumption to any person not permitted to purchase the same under the laws of the State of Florida.
- Cellular telephones shall not be used for voice calls or facetime audio or video calls in any of the Club's enclosed

facilities. Cellular telephones may be used for voice calls or facetime audio or video calls at the Club's outdoor facilities provided that such calls are conducted quietly and courteously so as to avoid disturbing others.

• Dogs and other pets, with exceptions for service animals as required by law, are not permitted on the Club's facilities without the approval of the Club. Boat owners are permitted to have pets provided they are kept on the vessel or on a leash in specially designated areas. Members are responsible for any damage caused by a pet owned by the member or under the member's control, and also for cleaning up pet droppings.





Proposed for Membership

Through April 24, 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

Lise Hain is a Social Member applying for Equity Membership. Ms. Hain is acquiring Dock D-14, from J. Ronald Terwilliger and the equity from the resale list. Ms. Hain is a resident of Charlotte, North Carolina. She belongs to Charlotte Country Club and Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club. Her sponsors are Sally Dowd, Elizabeth Pitts, Rob Edwards, and Wally Hayward on behalf

of the Board of Directors.

Patsy & John Shields are Social Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are acquiring 54 Lakeside Lane Unit A. from Eric Harper and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are residents of Ponte Verda Beach, Florida. They belong to Sawgrass Country Club and Ponte Verda Inn & Club. Their sponsors are Michel Williams, James McGarvey, Emily & Gary Coleman, and Henry Salas on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Dorothy & Robert Phelan are new Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Phelan are acquiring 33 Anchor Drive Unit A and the equity from the Estate of Charles Phelan. Mr. and Mrs. Phelan are residents of Covington, Louisiana. Their sponsors are Jane Battles, John Floyd, Barbara Noyes, and Cynthia Egan on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Affiliate Club of the Week:

Annapolis Yacht Club

Ocean Reef's carefully-selected Affiliate Club Program boasts 30 partnering clubs, giving ORC Members the opportunity to enjoy select clubs throughout the US, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean without having to purchase a membership.

Clubs that are a part of the Affiliate Program offer ORC Members different levels of access, from recreational amenities and club activities, to five-star dining and guest accommodations. This summer, when you are away from Ocean Reef traveling throughout the U.S. and beyond, is an excellent time to take advantage of the affiliates. Beginning this week with Annapolis Yacht Club, the

Ocean Reef Press will highlight each participating club and the experiences they offer:

Annapolis Yacht Club, located in Annapolis, MD, was founded in 1886 as an informal canoe club. Today, it's a full service, year-round premier private yacht club supporting a wide range of boating activities. Ocean Reef Members who visit Annapolis Yacht Club through the Affiliate Club Program may use the marina by booking reservations in advance, and enjoy dining at their Main Clubhouse. For more information on Annapolis Yacht Club, visit oceanreef. com/annapolis-yacht-club.

Read more about Ocean Reef's Affiliate Club program on page 8 of the April 11 edition of the Ocean Reef Press, or by visiting oceanreef. com/AffiliateClubs. To arrange a visit to one of these clubs or to find out additional information on the services and amenities offered, please contact the Ocean Reef Membership Office at 305-367-5921.



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2024-2025 CLUB CHAMPIONS

Congratulations!

At the conclusion of each season, the Club recognizes its Club Champions, acknowledging those Members who delight in the competitive events that make up a big part of Ocean Reef's lifestyle. From golf and racquet sports, to fishing and bridge and more, these champions continue to bring a passion to their activities.

Golf Champions

MGA Gross Senior Club Championship
Phil French

MGA Super Senior Club Championship
Frank Demmerly

MGA Net Senior Club Championship
Jerry Henn

Men's Club Championship Colin Warren

LGA Club Championship Tracy Pester

LGA Senior Club Gross ChampionshipJoAnn Titley

LGA Senior Club Net ChampionshipChristine Langley

LGA Super Senior ChampionSusan Reichardt

Mixed Couples Gross ChampionshipDavid & Kerri Topping

Mixed Couples Net Championship Joan & Mike Conley

Bag Room OpenClayton Gregory

Carysfort Cup Joan Flippin

Burgee CupTony Rodriguez

LGA Keys Cup ChampionMary Ellen Smith

MGA Old Buddy Michael Acheson & Brad Williams

MGA Chairman's Cup Champion Roger Rodriguez

Triple Golf ClassicLadies: Cynthia Egan & Donna Archibald
Men: Andy Timmerman & Shannon Bass

Turkey ShootArt Berry

fitness Champions

Fitness Champion

Men: Bob Schwartz Ladies: Wendy Brainard

Trainer Choice

Men: Ray Herman Ladies: Sherri Boston

Yoga Member of the Season Lucille Coleman

Dance Member of the Season Cheryl Owsley

Pilates Member of the Season
Maureen Howell

Swimmer Member of the Season Steve Levin

Water Exercise Member of the Season Nancy Grote

Hardcore Member of the Season Mark Burish

Cycle Member of the SeasonSarah Couper

Endurance Member of the SeasonJoannie Rich

Silver Fit Member of the SeasonPete Shields

Pickleball Champions

Ladies' Senior Club Championship Kam Krouskos & Lina Bey

Men's Senior Club Championship Charlie Simms & Chuck Hartz

Mixed Senior Club Championship
Bart & Sue Shuldman

Ladies' Doubles Club ChampionshipLaney Hinkebein & Anne Leake

Men's Doubles Club Championship Andrew Watkins & Ari Chu

Mixed Doubles Club Championship Caki Watkins & Andrew Watkins Molly Lanzon & Mark Murphy

Christmas Pickleball TournamentThomas & Henry Shields

Tennis Champions

Ladies' Doubles

Tricia Holbrook & Thayer McKenzie

Men's Doubles

Wally Hayward & Keith King

Mixed Doubles

Wally Hayward & Tricia Holbrook

Croquet Champions

ORC vs. ORACOcean Reef Club

Golf Croquet Doubles Club ChampionsBill Hinkebein & Craig Jones

Golf Croquet Singles Club Champion Mike Love

fishing Champions

Grand Masters Golf & Fishing Tournament
Team Hope (John Grunow III)

Reef Cup

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

Sailfish Classic

Team Mollie K: Ken Karl, Harlan Kent, Mike Hutchins, Captain Jeff Amorello, Mate Dylan Hernandez

Card & Games Champions

Bridge

Cynthia Comenos & Pam Harding

Canasta

Diana Tweedy & Libby MacAulay

Mah Jongg

Mary Beth Stefanowicz



AT THE CULTURAL CENTER



The Met: Live in HD

Le Nozze di Figaro

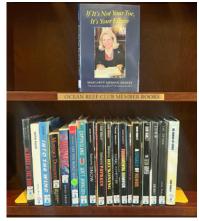
By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. **Cultural Center** Tickets \$25 at the door

Conductor Joana Mallwitz makes her Met debut leading an extraordinary cast in Mozart's comic masterpiece. Bass-baritone Michael Sumuel stars as the clever valet Figaro, opposite soprano Olga Kulchynska as his betrothed, the wily maid Susanna. Baritone Joshua Hopkins is the skirtchasing Count, with soprano Federica Lombardi as his anguished wife and mezzosoprano Sun-Ly Pierce as the adolescent page Cherubino. Live. Runtime 3hrs. 55min.

Exciting Addition to the Cultural **Center Library:** Member-**Authored Books**

The Cultural Center Library is proud to introduce a new feature — the "Ocean Reef Club Member Books" section! This dedicated space celebrates the literary talents of our very own Members, showcasing both fiction and non-fiction works written by Ocean Reef Club Members.

Located in the heart of the newest fiction and non-fiction area. books in this collection are marked with a distinctive blue sticker on the spine, making them easy to find and explore. Whether you're curious to see what fellow Members have written or want to share your



The new ORC Member Book Section.

own book, this section is a fun way to connect through stories.

Interested in contributing your book? Here are the simple guidelines:

- 1. You must be an Ocean Reef Club Member.
- 2. The book must be a donation.
- 3. The book must be new/good condition.

If you have any questions, please stop by or email the Librarian, Carol Seale at carol. seale@comcast.net. The library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during season.

We look forward to featuring your work!



SAFE BOATING COURSE

10am-12pm · Tarpon Room, Carysfort

This USCG Auxiliary Boating Emergencies Course is intended for captains and passengers. RSVP to pljr51@gmail.com.

105 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

11am-12pm · Tennis & Games Center

Registration: 305-367-6583

BUNNY HOP PRE-REGISTRATION

12-4pm · Pool Desk

PETTING ZOO 2-4pm · Nature Center

GOOD FRIDAY

3-4pm · Ocean Reef Chapel

SEAFOOD & BINGO

6-6:30pm Seatings • Marlin BeachBingo starts at 7pm SHARP! Adults: \$70++pp; Ages 5 – II: \$35++pp; Ages 4 and under: complimentary. Reservations: 305-367-5931

JUNIOR TENNIS ROUND ROBIN & PIZZA PARTY

6-8pm • Tennis & Games Center Registration: 305-367-6583

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

BUNNY HOP 5K FUN RUN

Registration: 7:30am · Race Start: 8am

Business Center Parking Lot

Prizes for division winners. \$25 per person includes a t-shirt.

EASTER CART PARADE

Line-Up Begins: 12:30pm • Departs: 1pm

Business Center Parking Lot

Dress your golf cart in its Easter best for this annual parade! Awards given out prior to departure. Details: 305-367-6516

MILY FUN NIGHT

5-9pm • Town Hall Waterside

Enjoy inflatables, complimentary face painters, and balloon artists!

CLASSIC SEAFOOD BUFFET

5:30 to 9:45pm · Ocean Room

Adults: \$85++pp; Ages 5 – 11: \$40++pp; Children 4 and under: complimentary. Reservations: 305-367-5931

STARLIGHT DINNER BUFFET

6-7:30pm Seatings · Cooking School

Adults: \$60++pp; Ages 5 – 11: 30++pp; Children ages 4 and under: complimentary. Reservations: 305-367-5931

SUNDAY. APRIL 20

EASTER BASKET DELIVERIES

6-9:30am • The Reef

The Bunny will make his rounds, delivering baskets to Members' homes! \$85++ per basket. Reservations Required: 305-367-6516

SUNRISE SERVICE

6:45-8am · Buccaneer Island

Celebrate at our traditional Easter Service on the beach.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

7am-12pm · Ocean Room

7:45am-9:15am · Palm Court

Adults: \$55++pp; Ages 5 – 11: \$28++pp; Children ages 4 and under: complimentary

9am & 11:30am · Carysfort Hall

Adults: \$80++pp; Ages 5 – II: \$40++pp; Children ages 4 and under: complimentary. Reservations: 305-367-5931

CATHOLIC EASTER MASS

8:30am · Town Hall

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

10-11am · Ocean Reef Chapel

EASTER EGG HUNT

10:30am Sharp! • Buccaneer Island

CATHOLIC EASTER MASS

12pm · Town Hall



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4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$12,900,000 | 2811 Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



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3 BD, 3 BA | \$10,750,000 | 2855 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



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The Sanctuary Azalea 202

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Harbour House 4

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The Sanctuary Gardenia 201

3 BD, 3.5 BA | \$5,750,000 | 2744 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



Fisherman's Cove Landings 2B

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,495,000 | 2747 Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461



Fisherman's Cove Landings 6A

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,000,000 | 2848 Mary Brady | 201.303.2052



Fisherman's Cove Landings 9A

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

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105 Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265

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Pumpkin Cay 8B

3 BD, 3 BA | \$3,995,000 | 2829 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



Fisherman's Cove 26B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,650,000 | 2674 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Villa Court 43 Anglers Club

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,650,000 | 2732 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Fisherman's Cove 28B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,575,000 | 2709 Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105 Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



Cay Harbor 5C

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,550,000 | 2852 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Fairway Lakes 47

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,500,000 | 2719 Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



Angelfish Cay 14B

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,800,000 | 2534 Rick Romeo | 304.667.7896



Fairway Lakes 3B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,650,000 | 2827 Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332 Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Fairway Lakes 24B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,499,000 | 2847 Mary Brady | 201.303.2052



Residence Club 119

1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,350,000 | 2792 Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



Angelfish Cay 76B

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,375,000 | 2797 Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185

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FEATURED BOTTLES OF THE WEEK

Springtime means time for spring wine! Join us at Port O' Call **TONIGHT** (**Friday, April 18**) from 4-7 p.m. for a complimentary wine tasting featuring still Rosés and Rosé Champagne. Rose-colored wines are made in several different methods and can offer a wide variety of flavors and profiles. Come sample these delicious wines and kick off Easter Weekend the right way!

Andremily Rosé, California Domaine Chevreau Rosé, Sancerre Rumor Rosé, Cotes de Provence

Champagne Jeeper Brut Rosé Henri Giraud Brut Dame-Jane Rosé Leclerc-Briant Extra Brut Rosé

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

AA Meeting

Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

Reconciliation with Fr. Hilley Chapel Board Room, 2 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy Chapel Sanctuary 3 p.m.

Rosary Prayer Group

Chapel Sanctuary, 4:30 p.m.

Shabbat ServiceCornerstone Room, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Rosary Prayer Group Chapel Sanctuary, 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunrise Service Buccaneer Island, 6:45 a.m.

Catholic Easter Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Easter Worship Service Chapel Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Catholic Easter Mass with Fr. Hilley

Town Hall, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Catholic Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

Chapel Sanctuary, 8 a.m.

Al-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, APRIL 22

Catholic Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

Chapel Sanctuary, 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Intercessory Prayer

Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

Catholic Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

Chapel Sanctuary, 8 a.m.

Episcopal-Anglican Service with Bernard Griffith Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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



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- 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

These benefits only apply to vacation rentals booked through Ocean Reef Club Vacation Rentals.



This is Good!



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

The King's Friend

The story is told of an African king whose best friend had a habit of looking at every life situationwhether pleasurable or painful and remarking, "This is good!"

One day, the king and his friend went out on a hunting expedition. It was the friend's role to prepare the guns used on the trip but, on this occasion, when the king pulled the trigger, the gun misfired, blowing off his thumb. When the friend remarked, as usual, "This is good!" the king bellowed, "No, this is NOT good!" and threw his friend in prison.

A year later, while out on another hunting trip, the king was captured by a tribe of cannibals. Tying him to a stake, they piled wood around his feet and prepared to set the fire when one of the cannibals noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious, they never ate anyone that was less than whole. So, untying the king, they sent him on his way.

As the king walked home, he remembered the event that had taken his thumb and felt remorse. Going to the prison, he found his friend's cell and said, "You were right! It WAS good that my thumb was blown off." And he told the friend all that had just happened. "Please forgive me for sending you to prison. It was BAD that I did this."

"No," his friend replied, "This is GOOD!" "What do you mean?" said the king. "How could it be good that I sent my friend to prison for a year?" The friend smiled and held up two thumbs. "Don't you see," he said, "If I had NOT been in jail, the cannibals would have found me with vou!"

Life's Strange Twists

One of life's great truths is that the full meaning of an event cannot be grasped except over time. Sometimes, all we can see is the brokenness of human choice, the wreckage of poor decisions, the agonizing tragedy of what clearly appear to be senseless losses. In the moment of devastation, it seems betwixt insanity and insult to assert, as some people do, that GOD will somehow weave even these circumstances into the tapestry of His good purposes. And yet, strangely, we sometimes come to see that God has.

The Bible is full of stories like this. A band of brothers sell their sibling, Joseph, into slavery where he endures terrible privation and injustice. Strangely, however, this terrible treatment puts Joseph in situations that result in his rise to the role of Secretary of Agriculture in the greatest superpower of that era. When Joseph's brothers eventually come to Egypt begging for food in a time of famine, they realize that the government leader hearing their plea is the sibling they'd savagely sold so long ago. The brothers cower at the certain retribution to come but Joseph responds amazingly like the King's friend in the story I told earlier. "No," says Joseph, "this is good!" "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done..." (Genesis

Moses commits murder and flees into exile, where he meets God and learns to shepherd sheep through the wilderness, not yet knowing that he is being prepared to lead a much greater flock on

a historic Exodus. The rooster's crow over Peter's cowardice morph's in time from a taunt at human failure into a testimony of God's power to work with imperfect vessels.

Sunday's Coming

It is admittedly hard to look at things this way amidst life's heartaches. My own family has been savaged by a massive amount of tragedy and loss through the years. I've hated it when people offered me pat assurances that everything will work out for the good. Strangely though, some of it has. I've seen enough surprising outcomes from horrendous beginnings, that I've started to trust that maybe there is a greater purpose at work in those places that are such a mess.

I do not believe that God is responsible for sin or the vagaries of a fallen world. He is not in the calamity-causing business. But I do believe that in the mystery of His grace, God "works all things together for good, for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

As we encounter loss, confusion and fear in so many places these days, perhaps we can try looking more often at life through the lenses of the King's friend. Dare to believe more in God's sovereign goodness. When your plans explode, when the wood seems laid around your stake, when you are imprisoned or wandering the wilderness, persevere in faith. Keep looking for what God will yet do. Even the horror of Dark Friday comes to be seen in the light of Easter Sunday.

This is good.

CATHOLIC EASTER MASSES WITH FR. GARY KASTL & FR. STEPHEN HILLEY **SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

Fr. Gary Kastl

Fr. Stephen Hilley





Fr. Gary Kastl

Father Gary Kastl, Vicar General for the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma, will lead this Sunday's Easter Mass in Town Hall. Please join us in welcoming him to our community.

EPISCOPAL-ANGLICAN SERVICE

With Bernard Griffith from Miami, Florida Worship with us on **Wednesday**, **April 23** at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary.

All are welcome! Communion weekly.





Welcome Visiting Priest Fr. Tom Fanta

The Rev. Tom Fanta grew up as the fourth of eight children in North Olmsted, Ohio. He graduated from John Carroll University with a Business Degree. He has a Master's Degree from St. Mary Seminary and a Doctorate in Preaching from The Aguinas Institute in St. Louis, MO. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1988 and has been pastor at St. Dominic since 2001. Rev. Fanta is a former board member at Thea Bowman Center, West Side Catholic Center, St. Ignatius High School Board of Regents. St. Dominic has more than 500 volunteers in their "Project Serve" initiative, which offers opportunities to serve the poor and forgotten in our local community as well as at our partner parish, Santo Domingo, in El Salvador. The church partners with the Thea Bowman Center



in the Mt. Pleasant Community, Ronald McDonald House, West Side Catholic Center, St. Herman's House, and the Warrensville Developmental center to provide both volunteers and financial support for their efforts. More than 200 parishioners have gone on mission trips to its partner parish in El Salvador, where they sponsor a medical clinic, a teaching farm, and make it possible for 36 Salvadorans to attend college.

Catholic Mass
Saturday, April 26
4 p.m. • Chapel Sanctuary

We Mourn the Loss

Bernice Kleysen



Bernice Klevsen, wife of Hubert Kleysen and a member of ORC for over 50 years, passed away peacefully at her home on South Harbour Drive on March 19, surrounded by her beloved husband of 68 years and her three children. She was an active participant in many ORC activities and enjoyed dining out and shopping with friends. Bernice was also a longtime member of the Art League, the Niners, the Happy Hoofers, and the Bonefish Bonnies. Her vibrant energy, kindness, and warm smile will be deeply missed.

Member since 1975

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Celebrating Kathleen Morrison-Mathews Saturday, April 26

A memorial service will be held at the Ocean Reef Chapel on Saturday, April 26, at 1 p.m. to remember and celebrate Kathleen Morrison-Mathews.

We Mourn the Loss

Reuben Trane



Reuben James Trane Jr., captain, United States Marine, master craftsman, visionary navigator, decorated filmmaker, and cherished patriarch, cast off his lines and set sail on his final voyage on April 7th, 2025, surrounded by the love of his devoted family. A true Renaissance man, Reuben charted an extraordinary course through life, building vessels of purpose and beauty, nurturing a family crew of depth and devotion, and steering through every season with grace, creativity, and grit. Born in La Crosse, Wisconsin in 1944, Reuben attended Choate, and later pursued higher education at Yale University, the University of Miami, and Columbia University.

Before embarking on his many civilian adventures, Reuben proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, where he honed the discipline, resilience, and leadership that would later define his life's work.

The Trane family cruised into Ocean Reef in the late 50's and fell

in love with this island paradise. They purchased their first home on Knoll Lane, while watching this gorgeous piece of land being filled at number 1 & 3 Card Sound Road. Jim and Rosemary Trane. along with Jim's twin sister Betty Hood and her husband Wayne, purchased both lots making a Trane compound. Reuben's father was the moving force behind building the first chapel and Betty developing the Art League, while Wayne Hood brokered and put together the land swap for what is the Card Sound Golf Club. "It's Hard To Stop a Trane", as the Trane Company logo reads, is so true! During these formative years, Reuben was with his father in their leisure time cruising the Florida Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. His love for the sea and boats began!

As the visionary behind Florida Bay Boat Company, Florida Bay Coaster, Great Harbour Trawlers, Krogen Express, and Island Pilot, Reuben merged classic craftsmanship with modern innovation, designing vessels that were as elegant as they were seaworthy. Each boat he built bore his signature blend of form and function. His work was not just about building boats, it was about building legacies.

His talents, however, extended beyond the dock. A gifted storyteller with a love for the cinematic arts, Reuben found his other creative wind in film production. He was a producer of the cult classic Shock Waves (1977), blending his knowledge of the sea with a flair for the atmospheric and the avant-garde. His contributions to the film world were recognized when Manhattan Melody, a film on which he served as producer, was honored with an Academy Award, a testament to his vision, perseverance, and artistry.

Later in life, Reuben shared his love for the water with his children, building Camp Kangaroo on the Connecticut River, a sanctuary of joy and cherished memories for the entire family. This stood as a testament to his passion for the outdoors and his desire to create spaces of peace.

To those privileged to know him, Reuben was a philosopher at sea, an artist with a bandsaw, a mentor in life's shipyard. He charted a life rich in travel, literature, and good conversation, always anchored by boundless curiosity. Throughout his life, Reuben was a passionate world traveler. Whether aboard his own vessel navigating the waters of Key Largo or the banks of the Connecticut river he lived by the rhythm of the tides with a grandchild by his side.

Reuben was predeceased

by his first wife, Rosanne, his brother Gerald, and is survived by his cherished wife, Cheryl, his brother, Nicholas, his sister, Elizabeth, his four children, Heidi, Fleming, Jeff, and Reuben James III, and their spouses, and a fleet of 11 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren who will carry his stories, his laughter, and his love for the sea. His legacy also endures in every hull he shaped, every keel he laid, every scene he brought to life, and every soul he inspired to sail farther. Reuben had been a proud member over the years of the New York Yacht Club, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Essex Yacht Club, and Ocean Reef Club and the Ocean Reef Yacht Club communities that shared his love for the sea.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Catholic Hospice www.catholichealthservices.org/donate/ or Breakthrough Miami breakthroughmiami.org/ways-to-give/.



For those planning a fun day out, a quick meal, or simply stocking up on groceries, Wynn's at Ocean Reef has you covered.

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6 Sunrise Cay Drive
Ocean Front | \$29,500,000 | 2743
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19 East Snapper Point Drive Bay Front | \$29,475,000 | 2843 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



35 Cardinal Lane 4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$28,000,000 | 2675 Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



1 Osprey Lane 4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$25,900,000 | 2256 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



16 Sunrise Cay Drive 5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$18,000,000 | 2776 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



21 South Bridge Lane 4BD, 4F/2HBA | \$17,925,000 | 2787 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



204 Andros Road 4BD, 4.5 BA | \$13,585,000 | 2680 Russell Post | 305.451.8199 Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Spotlight on Chiropractic Services

The Medical Center's Visiting Specialist program has a well-rounded list of specialty physicians. Along with the 20+traditional M.D. specialists there are chiropractic services including practitioners: David F. Coppola, DC, Howard Furshman, DC, and Jesse Suess, DC, CCSP.

In a recent interview Dr. Suess discusses how to optimize longevity and performance in the recreational athlete and shares the following valuable information:

For many high-level recreational athletes, sports are more than just a pastime—they're a way of life. Whether you're on the golf course,

dominating a pickleball match, or engaged in an intense game of tennis, maintaining peak performance and longevity is essential. The key to longevity and success is building your own multidisciplinary healthcare team to prevent injuries, enhance performance and sustain an active lifestyle for years to come.

A well-rounded medical team should include both conservative and interventional healthcare providers, ensuring a proactive and reactive approach to performance optimization.

Conservative Care Providers focus on maintenance, recovery and injury prevention and include- Chiropractors, physical therapists, massage therapists, acupuncturists, nutritionists and dieticians.

Interventional Specialists, for more serious injuries or conditions requiring advanced care, these providers play a crucial role and include – Orthopedists, podiatrists, pain management specialists and regenerative medicine specialists.

Collaboration is Key: Avoiding the Healthcare Silo Effect

One of the biggest obstacles in sports medicine is the lack of collaboration between specialists. Too often, healthcare providers work in silos, each focusing solely on their own discipline without considering the bigger picture. This fragmented approach can lead to inconsistent care, miscommunication, and prolonged recovery times.

For the best results, your medical team should operate with a patient-first mentality, prioritizing communication and teamwork, and each provider should be aligned with your



overall wellness strategy.

For an appointment with Dr. Suess visit us on the web at www.mcor.org.

He will be seeing patients at the Medical Center on **Wednesday, April 30**. *Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician



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Sophia Masri April 25, May 9,

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Sarah Couper

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Recycling at Ocean Reef



by Jim Leenhouts

Ocean Reef Club operates a Solid Waste Department under the direction of Juan Cortez, Director, and Jorge Espinoza, Manager, that exceptionally well serves Ocean Reef residents and other Club sources in the removal of solid waste. This service is provided three times per week for trash (garbage) and recycle pick-up of once per week for subsequent transportation to the Monroe County recycling station, located eight miles south of Ocean Reef, for further classification, processing and transportation. These are the second steps in the noble process of converting waste into raw materials. Ocean

Reef waste and recycle pick-up service does not require the common inconvenience practiced in other communities of placing and replacing containers at the curb with unintended spillage or scattering from animals or fast golf carts in the walking lanes. Pick-up is usually at your garage area.

The first step that sends Ocean Reef recyclable waste to the appropriate final user occurs within each private Ocean Reef household, restaurant and business – the readers of this article who make the decision, "Is this waste in my hands recyclable, garbage or something different?" The classification can change as wastes finds new uses.

At the present time, the Solid Waste Department collects the following waste categories:

The following are recyclable:

- Cardboard (please break down boxes and fold flat to save space)
- Newspaper
- Letters and envelopes

- Cans (rinsed of food label left on is OK)
- Plastic containers (rinsed of food)
- Glass (rinsed of food)
- Aluminum waste and cans

The following may be recyclable, first call 305-367-5992 for pick-up:

- All paints
- All liquids
- All oils
- E-waste (electronic equipment) – Also watch for special days for communitywide pick-up locations

The following are NOT recyclable:

- Garbage (food waste, diapers, diaper waste). Must be bagged for pick-up
- Shoes
- Clothing
- Chemicals
- Scrap metal
- Pieces of wood
- Wastes generated by contractors and landscapers should be removed as

generated by each.

The time lost returning to households by the Associates of the Solid Waste Department who must recollect the weekly recycle donations that were not set out in time for the initial collection attempt. Consider determining when your Associate will likely be in your area to timely set out your trash or recycling.

Read pages 26 & 27 of your 2024-2025 ORCA Directory for basic information.

As your sensitivity to recycle is increased and should your existing bins become full and messy, consider purchasing for your weekly trash and recycle contributions, the well-made 64-gallon bins that are available through the Solid Waste Department for only \$140. These will make your garage tidier. Call 305-367-5992 to purchase.

The combination of such an active, informed public and an excellent pick-up service would be the delight of many communities.

IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY...

E-Waste Collection & Document Shredding Tuesday, April 22

Members are invited to stop by the Field at Four Corners from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and drop off e-waste.

What can you bring?

For E-Waste recycling, you can bring monitors, computers, televisions, telephones/cell and land, FAX machines, printers, copiers, DVD/VCR players, radios, speakers, discs, cassettes and, other electronics. Paper shredding services will also be available at the same time and used clothing, furniture and household items are welcome as well.



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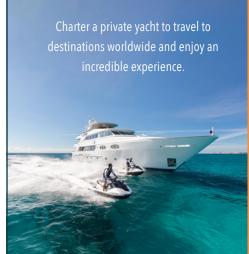




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The Amazing Khanya



by Jody Steele

Many Members are fans of Nokukhanya Khanyile, who heralds from South Africa and luckily for us came to Ocean Reef Club in 2017. Arriving soon after Hurricane Irma, Khanya was impressed with the warm welcome she received in the midst of the storm aftermath. She quickly decided she was in the right place.

Khanya began her career at Ocean Reef Club in the Reef Lounge and then moved on to Banquets and also Waterside. For years, she had been developing an acute interest in wine and was steadily learning more by

studying classic wine books, taking wine classes online, and developing her knowledge base with connecting to other wine experts. As you can imagine, Khanya is the ultimate "lifelong learner". Sean Carroll, Director of Beverage and Wine Operations, recognized Khanya's dedication to excellence and as a result, gave her an opportunity to lead a wine tasting for a group back in 2021. She joined the staff at Port O' Call Wine & Spirits three years ago.

Since then, Khanya has been part of the team for Vine to Table dinners, Port O' Call, and an array of other major events at Ocean Reef. She has become an integral part of The Film Society at the Cultural Center as she chooses two wines to accompany each film theme and dinner. She introduces the characteristics of each wine with a complete description of history, appearance, aroma, and taste. Her presentations are totally captivating and educational for all wine lovers.

Khanya has a degree in



Khanya Khanyile, Port O' Call.

Hospitality & Management from the Durban University of Technology, has attained Level Three Certification through the Wine Spirits Educational Trust (WSET), is a Level One- Intro by Court of Master Sommelier-CMS (both education institutions are globally recognized), and has certification from the Wine Scholar Guild with a focus on Spanish wines. She continues to develop her wine mastery base.

On another happy note, Khanya met Donald Prudence, the love of her life, at Ocean Reef Club, she greatly appreciates



Portrait of Khanya created by Member, Larry Johnston.

working with the skillful wine team, and truly enjoys sharing her knowledge with Members. I would like to think that coming in on the heels of a hurricane, Khanya, with her engaging personality and brilliant talent was just meant to land in Key Largo.



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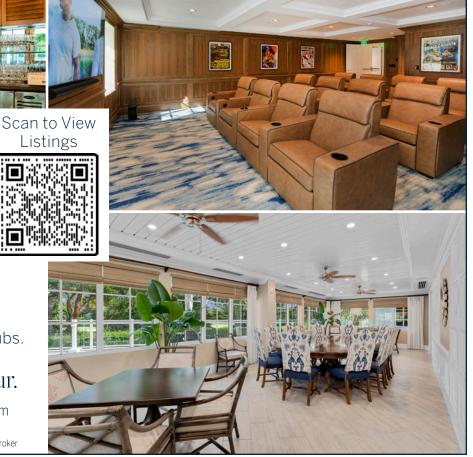
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3 BED / 3 BATH - \$12,250,000

Location, location! This canal front corner lot property in the heart of Ocean Reef, on a quiet street is a rare opportunity for the next owner.

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All Levels of Interest Are Welcome



'Art League" by Deborah Goodwin Geller

I stopped by the Art League this past week to see what kinds of classes were going on and who was taking them. I love hearing the stories and seeing first timers enjoying a new experience. The Sea Glass Mosaic workshop with Susi Trottnow was wrapping up for the day so I had a chance to speak to three of the participants. I found that they fit into three levels. Mary Gatz has attended these workshops multiple times and is finding new ways and confidence to use the materials provided. Fred Paulus was there for a second time and brought

23 Tamarind Lane

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Left to right: Mary Gatz, Fred Paulus, Sea Glass Mosaic teacher Susi Trottnow, and Patti Pope.

try." But more importantly the feedback I get from attendees is that they love that it is a creative safe space with no judgement and tons of encouragement and help, not only from the instructors but also from their fellow class or workshop participants.

Later in the week the Alcohol Ink Jewelry Workshop was going on. This workshop also included first timers, newbies and veterans.

Cheri Siedle, Kim Elliott, Kari



Timeless jewelry created at the Art League's Alcohol Ink Jewelry Workshop.

Rominski, Sherry Martin, and Gina Baley. Pictured above is an example of their beautiful work. It's also heartwarming to see some of the same names at different kinds of workshops. That's the key. If you are unsure of what you might like, just do a workshop and if it fits, great, if not, try something else. It's never time wasted when you learn something new.

take home and display with pride in my opinion. It made me wonder how many of our fellow members are shy or

along her friend Patti Pope who

was doing this for the first time.

All three had beautiful work to

feel intimidated to try something new for fear that they won't enjoy it or as some tell me, "What if I'm not good at it?'

Well as the old adage goes, "You won't know until you

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OUT & ABOUT





Above: Cyndi and Jack Heutel thoroughly enjoyed the Everglades Foundation presentation and the photography at the Cultural Center!

Top Right: The Card Sound Sailing Club's Windsor and Erin Coffin, Neil Sullivan and Gary Sayia take a ride on the Buccaneer Island catamarans.

Bottom Right: Pam Cook and Shari Vinje say the Club's Equity Member flower bouquet event brightened up their day!







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Silver Karaoke Heats Up at Ocean Reef!

By Tricia Woodman & the Silver Café Team

WOW—what a night! Our second Silver Karaoke this past Monday was an absolute blast, with over 35 spirited attendees showing up ready

to sing, dance, and celebrate life together. The energy was so electric, we literally set off the fire alarm and had to wrap up 15 minutes early! But that didn't stop the fun—it only left everyone buzzing with excitement for what's to come.

Starting next season, Silver Karaoke will be held monthly at the perfect time—4 to 6 p.m., just right for some early evening fun before dinner. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates—you won't want to miss them!

Come enjoy singing, dancing, laughter, and connection. Bring your friends or come make new ones... because aging gracefully at Ocean Reef is a total party!

From a guest: "Just wanted to say thank you for another fabulously fun afternoon of karaoke. The fire alarm sure was a crazy thing! But the party ended while it was in full swing so everyone will have memories of how much fun that was — as they said in vaudeville, always leave 'em wanting more!" -Denise B.



Esther Lerner-Carrico joins in on Silver Karaoke.

SPRING FLING IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

Saturday, April 26 Fishing Village 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enjoy some spring shopping with the whole family! From over 15 booths to see and shop from, to bounce houses, live music, and arts and crafts, there is bound to be something for everyone.

Make sure to stop by and see what exclusive deals and promotions will be offered!





Last week's Silver Karaoke, hosted by the Silver Café, was an absolute hit!



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Public Art at Ocean Reef

The Ocean Reef Conch.



by Mary Bloom

Other than menus with conch fritters and conch salad, where would you find a conch at Ocean Reef? Would you believe the courtyard at the Cultural Center? The steel sculpture in the courtyard pool is titled "Conch." Sculpted by artist Bret Price in 1996, it was donated to the Cultural Center by the **Dicke** Family in 2001, the year the Cultural Center opened.

We often think of only conch shells when we hear the word forgetting about the large sea snail that lives within the spirals of the shell. Price had the idea to apply intense heat to steel to soften and manipulate the material in a similar fashion to clay. After the heat is removed what we see is an unexpected sense of movement and balance. While "Conch" is only six and a half feet tall on its pedestal, Price has works reaching 35 feet and weighing up to seven and a half tons.

His work is in public and private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, notably the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Pepsico Collection in New York.

Wondering what to do with the children and grandchildren over the Easter weekend? How about grabbing pencils and paper and going on an art walk to sketch some of the sculptures we've talked about in this column like the "reading bird" at Buccaneer Island, "The Keeper" outside of Carysfort, "Chomper" at the Water Garden, the "children

playing" at the Plaza building and the ones we haven't talked about yet like "Lady Angler" on the way to the Fishing Village, "Peering Panther" on Anchor Drive near the Water Garden

and the "Sandhill Cranes" at the Art League?

We will be talking about these three iconic sculptures in the next Public Art Column. Happy Easter!



"Conch" sculpted by Bret Price in 1996 is located in the courtyard at the Cultural Center.





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Last Chance for the Farmer's Market



by Susan Bohan

Next week is the last Farmer's Market until next November, and many shoppers were making the most of the beautiful weather and food!

Barbara Besse was tasting a sample from Yessi's Ceviche Bar, one of the newest vendors. She commented that it reminded her of the years she spent living in Mexico and was pleased to find it was delicious as she added some to her shopping bag. Her next stop would be **Lomelo's** for fresh salmon. Sounds like the perfect dinner!

Jerry's Here Farm Fresh is always busy and very kidfriendly. John Patrick and Georgia Blaha were picking out their favorite fruit, mango, before moving to the adjacent table to choose a few containers of guacamole. According to grandmother Lora, these are



Barbara Besse trying out Yessi's Ceviche Bar.



Lora Blaha with grandchildren John Patrick and Georgia.

the two must-haves every visit.

Whether you are a frequent shopper at the Farmer's Market or just curious, be sure to stop by the Field at Four Corners on Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the fresh products we will miss until they return in November.

OFF THE REEF



Ron and Arleigh Tysoe and Kathy Bahl enjoy the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden in Kanazawa, Japan at peak Cherry blossom time!



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9am-3pm • The Spa

Safe Boating Day

10am-12pm • Tarpon Room

Easter 105 Tournament

11am • Tennis & Games Center

Bunny Hop 5K Pre-Registration

12-4pm • Pool Desk

Petting Zoo

2-4pm • Nature Center

Good Friday Liturgy

3pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3-4pm • Driving Range

Rosé Wine Tasting

4-7pm • Port O' Call

Seafood & Bingo

6-6:30pm • Marlin Beach

19 SATURDAY

Bunny Hop 5k Fun Run

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Zoe's Empire Trunk Show

9am-3pm • The Spa

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5:30-10pm • Ocean Room

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20 SUNDAY

Easter Basket Deliveries

6-9:30am • Ocean Reef Club

Easter Sunrise Service

6:45am • Buccaneer Island

Easter Bunny Brunch

7am-12pm • Ocean Room

Easter Bunny Breakfast

7:45-9:15am • Palm Court

Easter Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

8:30am • Town Hall

Easter Bunny Brunch

9am & 11:30am • Carysfort Hall

Easter Worship Service

10am • Chapel Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am Sharp! • Buccaneer Island

Easter Mass with Fr. Hilley

12pm • Town Hall

21 MONDAY

Sweat Fitness Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Catholic Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

8am • Chapel Sanctuary

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Learn & Play Croquet Beginner Clinic

2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Lecture: Exploring our Past-Digging for Humanity's Origins in East Africa by Louis Leakey

4pm • Cultural Center

Men's Night Tennis League

5:30-7:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

22 TUESDAY

Cardio Pickleball Clinic

8am • Tennis & Games Center

E-Waste Collection & Document Shredding

10am-2pm • Field at Four Corners

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Mobility for Beginners

2pm • Member Fitness Center

Croquet Mixer Open Play

2-5pm • Croquet Lawn

Men's Pickleball Night League

5:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Vine-To-Table Dinner:

Basic Instinct

6:30pm • Cooking School

23 WEDNESDAY

Master Swim Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Catholic Mass with Fr. Gary Kastl

8am • Chapel Sanctuary

Episcopal-Anglican Service with Bernard Griffith

9am • Chapel Sanctuary

Cooking School Class: Bon Appetit Y'all

9:30am-12:30pm • Cooking School

Beginners Bridge

10am • Card & Games Room

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10-11am • Driving Range

Toast to Tradition

5-6pm • Palm Court

Thank You Beach Party

7-10pm • Buccaneer Island

24 THURSDAY

Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

Ladies South Florida Interclub

12pm SG • Dolphin Course

"A" Flight Cardio Tennis Clinic &

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

Family Game Night

5-7pm • Card & Games Room

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

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

EASTER SUNDAY SHOPPING

Sunday, April 20

If you are looking to do some shopping on Easter Sunday, the following retail outlets will be open!

Burgee Shop ● 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Dannels Jewelry • By appointment only

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Dockside Living ● 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Gift Shop • 7 a.m. − 7 p.m. Golf Shop • 7:30 a.m. − 5:30 p.m.

Island Garden ● 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

J McLaughlin ● 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

L'Atelier • By appointment only

Lilly Pulitzer • 12 − 3 p.m.

MarineMax • 7 a.m. − 5 p.m. Member Fitness • 6:30 a.m. − 5 p.m.

Reef Gallery • 12 – 5 p.m. Salon & Spa • 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sandpiper • 10 a.m. − 5:30 p.m. Tennis Pro Shop • 8 a.m. − 5:30 p.m.

Vineyard Vines • 12 - 4 p.m.

Wynn's • 7 a.m. − 7 p.m.

ON SCREEN & STAGE

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"Dog Man"(PG)

Friday, April 18
• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, April 20

• 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 27
• 7:30pm

Runtime: 1 hr. 29 min. **Director:** Peter Hastings

Stars: Pete Davidson, Poppy Liu, Lil

Rel Howery

Premise: Dog Man, half dog and half man, he is sworn to protect and serve as he doggedly pursues the feline supervillain Petey the Cat.



"Penguin Lessons" (PG-13)

Friday, April 25 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, April 27

4:30 & 7:30pmWednesday, April 307:30pm

Runtime: 1 hr. 51 min.
Director: Peter Cattaneo
Stars: Steve Coogan, Jonathan

Pryce, Bruno Blas

Premise: Starring Oscar nominee Steve Coogan, this poignant dramedy from director Peter Cattaneo follows an Englishman's personal and political awakening after he adopts a penguin during a cataclysmic period in Argentine history.

Le Nozze Di Figaro By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Saturday, April 26 • 1pm • \$25 at the Door

Runtime: 3hrs. 55mins – One Intermission Conductor Joana Mallwitz makes her Met debut leading an extraordinary cast in Mozart's comic masterpiece. Bassbaritone Michael Samuel stars as the clever valet Figaro, Opposite soprano Olga Kulchynska as his wily maid. Baritone Joshua Hopkins is the skirt-chasing Count, with soprano Federica Lombardi as his anguished wife and mezzo-soprano Marianne Crebassa as the adolescent page Cherubino.

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

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SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

Easter at r.f. Orchids













r.f. Orchids At Easter r.f. is to Ocean Reef what SAKs Fifth Ave. is to New York City at Christmas – a holiday scene that is not to be missed. Take your children and/or grandchildren to this small store in the Fishing Village and play "spot the Easter Bunny". You will find him (or her) embedded in many of the glorious floral displays that r.f. has designed to enhance your home and table on Easter Sunday.... Unique is a word frequently used to describe Ocean Reef and r.f. Orchids is one example that proves that description is "blooming"

correct. This charming little Fishing Village store (managed by Michael Coronado) is the only outlet for the renowned r.f. nursery in Homestead, which for over a half a century has been owned and operated by Robert Fuchs (Pres.). Robert is the orchid expert with over 1000 prize winners to his credit. Some have been named for prominent OR Members like **Adelaide** Skoglund, Marlene Boll and Martha Kavanaugh.... Note: r.f. also has a stall at the Farmer's Market, tended by the helpful Elizabeth....HAPPY EASTER! by Joan Birsh

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

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Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

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

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Reef Treats

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

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The Point (Members Only)

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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

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

CH Lounge (Members Only)

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

Toski's

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

Hammock Hut

Daily 9:30am-4pm

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Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

In today's world, stress and tension seem to settle most often in one place—our shoulders. I know I have shared my feedback many times on pain relief for the muscles, especially for the neck and shoulders, and I have had so many Members tell me they are dealing with the same and to keep sharing tips that help, so here I am again with a new one!

A tool to assist with all of this, is the Vital Body Therapeutics Rest & Relax Shoulder Wrap, which is a simple but great way to offer a mini soothing, spa-like experience from the comfort of your own home. It also makes a



Stop by The Spa to purchase your own Vital Body Therapeutics Rest & Relax Shoulder Wrap.

great gift! Add it to a loved one's Easter basket, birthday gift, or as a "just because" gift to someone who needs a little muscle relief. This therapeutic wrap is designed to blend functionality with comfort in a way that promotes relaxation and recovery. What sets this wrap apart is its combination of premium ingredients, aromatherapy, ergonomic design, and holistic wellness approach.

The wrap is contoured specifically for the neck and shoulders, providing a comfortable fit that stays in place. I apply the Vital Body Muscle and Joint cream, and place the shoulder wrap on top after heating in the

microwave and it helps give my shoulder relief through daily tasks that can sometimes give me pain, like using the computer. The design ensures that heat and aromatherapy are delivered exactly where they're needed.

The wrap is infused with natural herbs like lavender, chamomile, and peppermint. When heated, these botanicals release a soothing aroma that enhances the calming experience. Aromatherapy has long been used to support relaxation, reduce anxiety, and even improve sleep quality. The wrap can be heated in the microwave or cooled in the freezer, depending on your needs. Use it warm to loosen stiff muscles and promote circulation, or chilled to reduce inflammation and soothe after a tough workout or long day.

The shoulder wrap is crafted with high-quality, durable fabrics that feel soft against the skin, ensuring a luxurious feel with every use. It's also filled with a blend of flaxseed and herbs, providing a natural, eco-friendly alternative to synthetic heat packs. It is also great for travel!

With so many of us constantly on the go, this shoulder wrap offers a simple yet powerful reminder to slow down and take care of yourself. With its thoughtful design and therapeutic benefits, the Vital Body Therapeutics Rest & Relax Shoulder Wrap is more than just a wellness accessory—it's a little piece of peace in your day.

Stop by the Spa to check out the Vital Body Wrap!

Upcoming Spa Events

- Caryna Nina Spa Trunk Show Friday, April 18, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Mother's Day Event Friday, May 9, 3 p.m. You are invited to a Shell Art Workshop at The Spa! Create your own shell chic woven clutch with guidance from a local shell artist. Grab the gals for a fun class and add your own "Shellegance" to a natural raffia clutch. All you need to bring is your creativity, we provide everything else! This event is \$95 per person and RSVP is required and can be done by calling The Spa 305-367-6506.



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Chef Betania's Kitchen

Caribbean Shrimp Salad Serves Six



by Betania Salles, Carysfort Kitchen Chef de Cuisine

Summer will be here soon and so are the delicious Florida mangos. Here is another way to take advantage of our mango

This salad is perfect as a light meal for the hot days ahead. The balance of flavors are amazing.

Feel free to add some nuts or pumpkin seeds for crunchiness or any other favorite vegetables.

Ingredients for Salad:

- 1lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined, size 16/20
- 2 tbsps. extra virgin olive oil + 2 tbsps.
- 1 1/2 tsp. jerk seasoning (wet)
- 1 cup jicama, peeled and medium diced
- 1 cup avocado, peeled and large diced
- 1 cup mango, medium diced
- 1/4 cup cilantro, roughly chopped
- 1 cup red onion, cut into medium wedges then grilled
- 6 cups artisan lettuce, rinsed, dried and roughly cut

• 1/4 cup coconut shredded,

untweeted and toasted

Directions:

- Place shrimp in a mixing bowl, toss with 2 tbsps. of olive oil and jerk seasoning, toss well and let it marinate for 10 minutes. Place a medium sauté pan at medium-high heat, add remained olive oil and the marinated shrimp. Cook for about two to three minutes until shrimp is pink. Reserve.
- In a large bowl, place all
 of the salad ingredients
 except the lettuce. Toss with
 dressing (use plenty).
- On serving platter or large bowl, arrange salad greens, top with dressed salad fixings, shrimp and toasted coconut.

Ingredients for Dressing:

- 1/2 tsp. lime zest
- 2 tbsps. key lime juice
- 2 tbsps. orange juice
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper, freshly ground
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsps. fresh cilantro, finely chopped

Directions:

- In a mixing bowl, whisk together lime zest, key lime juice, orange juice, honey, salt and pepper. Add olive oil little by little until dressing is glossy and thick. Add cilantro and stir well.
- Taste for seasoning and thickness. For a thicker dressing add more oil.

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KEYS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

KCF Awards Grants

The Keys Children's Foundation Board of Directors recently distributed KCF Grants to over 30 non-profit organizations in the Upper Florida Keys. These funds help fulfill the Mission of KCF to provide services that offer education, healthcare, and recreation to disadvantaged children and their families. KCF greatly appreciates the continued support of the Ocean Reef Club Community for attending the Annual "Be An Angel Luncheon" and donating to the KCF Grant Program. (Pictured are some of the KCF Board Members presenting checks to Grant Recipients.)



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SPORTS

NSIDE THIS ISSUE



First Place in the Inaugural Flamingo Flats Tournament was taken by Heather Post and Carol Andrews.



Lisa Guyton and Lynne Jackson finished in Third Place



In Second Place were Sarah Jbara and Wendy Brainard

Butterflies, Fun & Friendship

by Mary Bloom, Bonefish Bonnies

April 9th found the Bonefish Bonnies in the Key Largo Anglers Club Butterfly Garden for their Annual Meeting and Luncheon saying farewell to the 2024-2025 season. Surrounded by butterflies, wearing hats and their spring best rather than their fishing clothes, Bonnie **Terry Ferrarone** was heard to remark, "It looks like a scene straight out of central casting." (No pun intended.)

Many thanks to Key Largo Anglers Club for providing the setting. The Bonnies started the tradition of Lunch in the Garden in April 2021 as everyone was beginning to feel safe in open air venues after a year of isolation because of Covid-19.

Kristina Ersek, editor of "Tight Lines," the Bonnies

e-newsletter, and newly elected president, recapped the meeting in these words:

"It was a beautiful afternoon of friendship, reflection, and celebration. We proudly honored Mary Bloom with Emeritus Board Member status – recognizing her incredible dedication to the Bonnies over the years. We also celebrated our outgoing president, Laura Wilson, whose generous spirit and strong leadership have guided us through an incredible three

A big thank you as well to **Jodi Zifferer**, who has served faithfully as vice president during this time.
Thanks to their efforts — and the energy of so many — we now stand 200 members strong."

Also recognized with applause and gifts for their efforts over the years were retiring board members **Carol Andrews**, **Diana Frazier** and Jodi Zifferer. Elections were also held. Newly elected are: President Kristina Ersek, Vice President **Angela**

Basciano, Secretary Esther
Vazquez and Board Members
Lisa Guyton and Lynne
Jackson. Re-elected to the board
are Jennifer Leonard, Kristine
Voulgaris, Carolyn Allen, Tina
Jones and Johanna Carrier.
Remaining in their positions
for the 2025-2026 season are
Treasurer Liz Zug and Board
Member Michelle Musto while
Laura Wilson will serve one year
on the board as past president.

Following the Annual Meeting announcements the winners of

the Inaugural Flamingo Flats
Tournament were announced
and awards given out. First place:
Carol Andrews and **Heather Post;** 2nd place: **Wendy Brainard** and **Sarah Jbara**; and
3rd place: Lisa Guyton and Lynne
Jackson.

Morgan Smith and Allison Freeland won Best Dressed; Lisa Guyton for Best Photo; Most Unusual Catch by Heather Post and the Salty Spirit Award went to Laura Wilson and Tina Jones.



Kristina Ersek, president-elect, receives the Bonefish Bonnies President's Pin from retiring president, Laura Wilson.



President Kristina Ersek, Vice President Angela Basciano and retired Board Member Jodi Zifferer.



The Bonnies were as colorful as the butterflies.

Mentor Final Event

Fuimara-Simms
Capture MentorMentee Crown



by Annie Miles

After a great showing in the Bag Room Open, Louis Fuimara and Member Mentor Charlie **Simms** led the field to capture the season-long Golf Mentor-Mentee Cup Title. Members of the Ocean Reef Mentoring Program play 9-Hole rounds on each of the three Ocean Reef Courses- Dolphin, Hammock and Card Sound- with their golf associate Mentees to determine the winner. Fuimara and Simms will join previous champions on a plaque displayed in the ORC Clubhouse. Each place in the 9-hole rounds is awarded a point value, and the team with the highest point total wins the Cup. Fuimara-Simms tallied 80 points, 25 more than the closest competitor, shooting 14 under par for the three rounds.

The ORC Mentoring Program closed out its 2024-2025 season with a sunset dinner and awards presentation at the Key Largo Anglers Club. Mentor Chairman Mike Miles and ORC First Assistant Justin Seybuck crowned the Mentor Cup Champions but also honored the top five place finishers on each course. The team of Fuimara-Simms won first place for the Hammock Course, Card Sound Head Professional David Sandberg and Mentor Dom DiNapoli finished first on Dolphin, and Jay Frolick and Mentor T.J. Letarte captured the top spot on Card Sound. Fantastic play this season saw Sandberg and DiNapoli card the lowest score in Mentor-Mentee Cup history on the Dolphin at 7 under, and Jay Frolick crushed it on Card Sound with five birdies



Golf associates from ORC and Card Sound enjoy a stunning sunset at the Anglers Club. Front Row from left: Louis Fuimara, Caroline Setter, Stef Shaw, Brette Bryant, David Vihlen, Noah Rivera, Justin Seybuck, Colin McCabe, Evan Cartwright, Ryan Vineyard, and David Sandberg. Back row: Shawn Camisa, Joey Barrett, Michael Rivera, Tommy Jost, Bradley Zuidema, Matt Foley, Clayton Gregory, Tim Watson, Cade Crossgrove, Jay Frolick, Drew Simpson, Joe Calocino, Ben Claus, Brendan Kenny, and Matt Costigan.



First Golf Professional Justin Seybuck assists Mike Miles with the Mentor-Mentee Cup throughout the golf season and announced the winners for each course and the overall championship.



Mentor Charlie Simms proudly accepts the Mentor-Mentee Cup trophy plaque with Mentee ORC Associate Louis Fuimara. They finished first on the Hammock Course and accrued the most points from their other matches to claim the overall win.

in his 9-hole round.

Miles thanked all the Mentors for donating their valuable time and effort to make all the golf associates' experience at ORC an exceptional one. He thanked both ORC Director of Golf Ben Claus and Head Professional Sandberg for assembling such outstanding staff who serve the Members of both courses with an unparalleled level of service. Miles also announced that **Billy Miller** is joining the Mentoring program as vice-chairman for 2025-2026, and that Miller will become his successor as Chairman of ORC Mentoring, Inc., beginning in the 2026-2027 season.



Card Sound Head Pro David Sandberg and Mentor Dom DiNapoli shot the lowest score ever in Mentor Cup competition on the Dolphin Course and finished in first place.



Card Sound Associate Jay Frolick made 5 birdies en route to winning top honors for the Card Sound matches with Mentor T.J. Letarte.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Lucy Fernandez Foundation:

Legislation & Boating Education



by Peter Liashek, USCG Aux Flotilla Staff Public Education Officer

Many of us are aware of the tragic boating accident that took place during Labor Day weekend in 2022 that took the life of Luciana (Lucy) Fernandez. As a result of this event, her parents, **Melissa** and **Andy Fernandez**, established the Lucy Fernandez Foundation.

The goals of the Foundation are to inspire awareness, education, safety and fun for the next generation of responsible boaters. The Fernandez family has a long relationship with Ocean Reef, and asked our local Coast Guard Flotilla to help them by providing instructors to teach the Florida State Boating Safety Course to young men and women in the various high schools that Lucy and her friends attended.

Florida law requires that anyone born on, or after, January 1, 1988 operating a motorized boat powered by 10 horsepower or more must pass an approved boating safety course and carry a boating safety identification card issued by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

During the past two years our Flotilla has taught this course to 200 high school students and participated in the Foundation's Boating Safety Summit held at Ocean Reef last July.

Importantly, the Foundation has been actively seeking legislative change to enhance boating safety in Florida by working with local Florida Representatives to introduce House Bill 289 known as "Lucy's



On March 22nd Ocean Reef Flotilla Public Education Instructor Peter Liashek taught the Florida State Boating Safety Course to 25 Miami students and several parents at Epiphany Catholic School in Miami.

Law". The legislation was brought to the house floor a few weeks ago, and on March 26th passed unanimously. This week the senate version, SB628, passed its final committee stop, and will now head to the Senate floor for a final vote.

The Bill increases penalties for reckless boating, leaving the scene of an accident, boating under the influence (BUI), and requires non-resident operators and those who have been Florida residents less than five years to take the Boating Safety Course and acquire a boater safety card.

"Owning a boat does not mean that you know how to operate it safely. Every time someone untrained or unaware takes the helm, lives are at stake," said Melissa Fernandez, Lucy's mother. "We can no longer avoid the warning signs. We've seen too much, we know too much, and now we have the opportunity and the obligation to act."

According to FWC statistics, Florida leads the nation in most boating fatalities per state, averaging 65 per year. In 2023 there were 659 reported accidents, which led to 408 injuries and 59 deaths.

I am honored to support the Fernandez Foundation boating safety goals by teaching the Florida State Boating Safety Course to Miami students from Epiphany Catholic School, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Belen Jesuit School, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Westminster Christian School, Palmer Trinity School, and Christopher Columbus High School.

We live in an area where boating is a way of life. Promoting boating safety to young Florida students at a time when they are forming lasting friendships and learning lifelong behaviors is tremendously rewarding. Introducing US Coast Guard best practices into the wider community enhances the mission of our Ocean Reef Flotilla.



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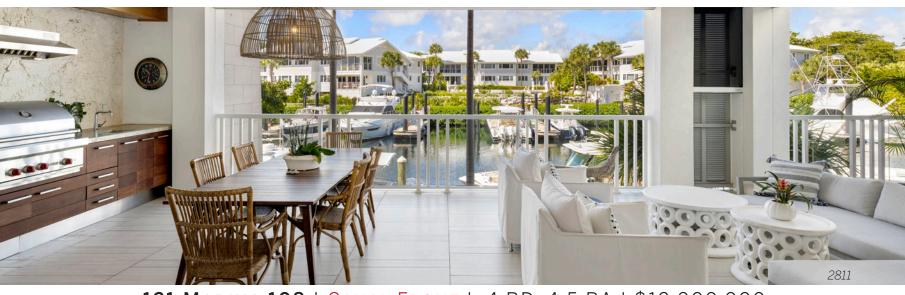
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CARD SOUND SAILING CLUB

CSSC Celebrates Their Season at Awards Night



'Live slow, sail fast!" by Neil Sullivan, CSSC Commodore

On April 9, 60 Card Sound Sailing members gathered at the Racquet Club to celebrate their friendship fostered by their common interests in sailing. It was a "Party"! A special thanks to **Rick Chanin** for organizing the catering and beverage details with Ocean Reef. The choice of yellowtail or filet mignon was enjoyed by all and our port captain Chanin's attention to detail is unmatched.

Immediate Past Commodore Currie Wooten, my mentor, behind the scenes Co-Commodore and trusted friend, assembled an army of volunteers to take care of the numerous party details resulting in a super festive atmosphere. Special thanks to Suzanne Sayia, Patty Lucas, Sally Reynolds, Nancy Lampman, Lesley Chanin, Didi Streit, Erin Coffin, Jan Sullivan (and others that I may have missed) for orchestrating the decorations and staging the numerous awards and recognitions that filled the night.

As per tradition at this event, a new incoming slate of bridge officers and Board of Governors were nominated and approved. **Jim Lampman** will be the new Commodore and is already recognized as a top sailor to steer the future of our club. **Jennifer Forelli** will step up to Vice Commodore and Ned **Brooks** will be entering the bridge responsibilities as Rear Commodore. We have a new Secretary with James McCann joining us and Rick Glorvigen will remain Treasurer and website



Chuck Cook being congratulated by Commodore Neil Sullivan and incoming Commodore Jim Lampman.

facilitator with his new assistant, **Mary Heffner**.

Our Race Committee, thankfully, will be mostly unchanged for the 2025-2026 season, led by PRO Chair Jay Beatty and assisted by Lorne Price, Tom Snyder and Al Mast. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Capt. Henry **Stout** for once again offering his wonderful Offshore 55 Truant as the main committee boat for this season and to continue his expertise next season as well. We have lots of dedicated boat owners added to the fleet led by "attendant" boat chair Morgan Whiteley. Again, thank you to Chuck Cook, Pete Liashek, Al Mast, **Chuck Post** and **J. D. Dwight** for offering to keep us safe, position the marks for race course set up and sometimes acting as a tow boat when things don't go as expected! Also, thank you and back for next season, RC officials and scorers **Shirley** Shumway, Jane Schaefer, and Mary Heffner as well as our most consistent attendant boat crew Gordana Schneider. Our Harbor Masters will remain **Jim** Foster and Steve Schoedinger.

Our Fleet Captain is the ever present and dedicated **Windsor Coffin**. Windsor is the backbone of our membership and wears more hats than I could count, he is a master of all things Bullseye! Also, special recognition to **Liz Foster** for being "Nooner" Chair with the help of **Anne Lampman** and **Pam Cook**. The hotdogs served on April 5th by this



Commodore Sullivan presenting Special Recognition Award to fleet Captain Windsor Coffin.

committee were "over the top".

A particularly meaningful part of the Awards gathering was to offer Honorary Member status to three long-term members who no longer sailor, however remain active and continue to contribute to the volunteer needs of the club. Congratulations to Al and Lynne Mast and Lorne Price!

The following are the Seasonal Awards:

- Dingley Series: No racing due to poor weather (boo!!)
- Connor Series: Tom Austin and Peter Askew - 1st Place, Jim Lampman, 2nd Place, Joe and Betka Robillard, 3rd Place
- Magic Series, Jim Lampman and Jim Foster, 1st Place, Gary Sayia and Nancy Lampman, 2nd Place, Joe and Betka Robillard, 3rd Place
- Mills-Metcalf Series Bulls: Neil Sullivan and James Maida, 1st Place, Gary Sayia and Nancy Lampman, 2nd Place, Jim Lampman and Jim Foster, 3rd Place
- Eyes: Dan Harding and Clarke Moody, 1st Place, Ned Brooks



Skip Shumway presenting Top Sailor Award to incoming Commodore Jim Lampman.

- and David Singer, 2nd Place, Meg and Ralf Sellig, 3rd Place
- Pumpkin Key Award: Chris Streit with son, Steve Streit
- Shumway Award: Given to the top overall sailors of the 2025 season, Jim Lampman and Jim Foster, presented by Frank Shumway's son, Skip, on behalf of their family present as Shirley and Dawn Shumway.
- Our final award is considered to be the most prestigious award of the season, the Herreshoff Award is given to the individual who has contributed their time both on the and off the water. We all congratulated, Chuck Cook for his many contributions over the years to improve our community as sailors of the CSSC.

For me, my year as Commodore has been a privilege to build many new friendships that mean so much to me and I want to express my gratitude to all the members of the club. I look forward to seeing everyone next November 11 for our welcome gathering.

In the meantime, LIVE SLOW SAIL FAST!!



CSSC awards night.

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ROD & GUN CLUB

Wyss Looks Back Wistfully



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Captain Dave Wyss, lifetime Ocean Reef fishing guide, is retiring after more than 40 years. He will take with him a font of knowledge and memories, but in classic midwest modesty, he doesn't want any fuss — he even tried to delay this article until he had left. He has seen Ocean Reef develop over the decades and while he misses some things — the old Burgee Bar where Jimmy Buffet jammed, the tikki hut across from the Raw Bar where the charter booking had its "office", even the easy diversity of life, when folks could golf in the morning and fish in the afternoon -- his favorite place is still the Raw Bar, and he sees guiding as much an entertainment business as a competitive sport.

He came here as a baby, in 1958 when his father William Wyss was a flats fishing guide at Ocean Reef Club, going back to the earliest days of the Club as a winter fishing camp for some families from the midwest. William died when Dave was only 12, and his mother took him back to Michigan where he finished school and started to work as a manager of a ski lodge. Dave says that the stress level was high — the risks of running a ski lift haunted him — and he remembered his youth in sunny Florida well, so he sent out resumes and one came back with the message — "Are you the son of William Wyss? Come on down!" signed Uncle Pete. And so in the early 1980s Dave worked, first at the tackle desk at Perdue-Dean tackle shop, then moved to the dock as a bonefish/flats guide alongside legendary guides like Don Bowers and Captain Dick Friday, also from Michigan, who came with the Rayburn family (who bought the Anglers Club later selling it to the Ford family), and who had worked with his father William before him.

Forty-three years at Ocean Reef — lots of memories, lots



After more than 40 years at The Reef, Captain Dave Wyss says his goodbyes.

of stories — like, for instance, the founding, with co-hosts Ken Reda (now MarineMax) and George Williams (guide and author of "Tight Lines" for the Reef Review, the preceder of the Reef Press in the 80s) of the Grady Patrick Invitational Backcountry Tournament, dedicated to the larger (literally, large) than life Grady Patrick, who was an outstanding smoker and drinker but only a mediocre fisherman. It was a tournament almost as popular as the Bonefish Bonnies' No Rules, involving overnights at Everglades City.

Dave's guiding prowess was appreciated by clients like Don Asher, Meg Blair and Duncan Miller. It was with Don Asher that Dave caught the biggest fish of his career. It was a hammerhead shark, hooked on a bonefish rod, and it measured the length of the boat — 14-15 feet! Luckily, the big fish leapt up into the air, spit out the hook and was gone, not before getting a photo for evidence. Meg Blair was unique — an avid fisherwoman, she was also an early pollster, she knew how to get information. On a fishing outing to Key West, Dave found her the first night at the bar at Snookies, buying a round for the house. When everyone was served, she introduced herself and Capt Dave — and asked for help in finding good fishing spots that week. Dave was flooded with suggestions.

Dave has fished with Vice Presidents (Dan Quail and Dick Cheney), and movies stars (Salma Hayek). In the early years, as a new guy on the dock, his first clients were often visitors or charters but the clients he enjoys the most are parent/child teams, and Dave has a special touch with children and new fishermen. With his soft voice and gentle manner — not one to bark at his clients — he is always the best choice for a young enthusiast. He starts by giving them a job — like fishing the bait out of the bait well, and doesn't mind if the time is spent watching dolphins cavort or seeing what's on the bottom of a flat. He points out that kids grow up, and some of his best clients have been fishing with him for decades.

It was a family affair, with Dave's wife, Coleen working here in the 80s, at the Dockside Mart scooping ice cream and working at Word of Mouth with Ann Hickey. When the boys were old enough to be in school, she stayed up in Michigan, while Dave worked winters at The Reef. Summers the family has a house on the Holy Water, a few yards downriver from where Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959, and they manage rental cabins and canoe services. Today, Dave has four grandkids, living in California and Ohio as well as Michigan. Dave embodies all that we admire most at Ocean Reef — he is a naturelover, a tradition-respecter, and a most considerate colleague. As he leaves, we thank him for his decades of service to our club.

What will he do when he's retired? Fish.

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS



Finn Banigan (left) – March Fish of the Month winner with his 40 lb. Cobia.



Michael Rich is also a March Fish of the Month winner with a 15.1 lb. Mutton Snapper. Pictured is his caption, Chuck Bloomer.

Bring-A-Pro Tournament Serves Up Sunshine & Showdowns



by Hannah Fleckenstein, Head Tennis Professional

The Tennis & Games Center was the place to be on Sunday, April 13, as players and pros came together for a full day of top-notch tennis at the annual Bring-A-Pro Tournament. With clear skies, perfect spring weather, and 10 energized teams ready to compete, the stage was set for a memorable day on the courts.

The tournament began with a round robin format, giving all teams a chance to find their rhythm and face off against multiple opponents. It wasn't long before things started to heat up — not just from the Florida sun, but from the level of play across the board.

In the Main Draw semifinals, Nick Klos and Mario Becerra took down Bill Rockwood and Alex Henderson, while Enrique Montoya and Hillel Rousseau came out strong against Faye Evans and Sam Serrano. The final matchup? Klos and Becerra vs. Montoya and Rousseau — a showdown that kept you on your toes from start to finish. Klos and Becerra held their ground and walked away with the Main Draw title after a hard-fought win.

Meanwhile, the Consolation Draw had its own share of standout performances. Mike Rich and Juan Manuel Benitez defeated Cindy Banigan and Paulo Barros in one semifinal, while Tricia Griffin and Jan Koupil edged out John Breaux and Richey Reneberg in the other. Griffin and Koupil kept



Bring-A-Pro Champions Nick Klos and Pro Mario Becerra.

their momentum going in the final, playing a clean, focused match to claim the win.

From first serve to final point, the Bring-A-Pro Tournament showcased not only great tennis, but also the fun, supportive community that makes Ocean Reef such a special place to play. Whether on the court or cheering from the sidelines, everyone brought their best — and the day delivered in every way.

Ocean Reef Celebrates the End of Season with Round Robin Event

As the season winds down, Ocean Reef Club is set to go out in style with a lively Endof-Season Round Robin event on **Tuesday, April 29**. From 4 to 5:30 p.m., Members will take to the courts and lawns for an afternoon of tennis, pickleball, and croquet, all played in a friendly round robin format.

The event is designed to bring together players of all levels for some light-hearted competition, laughter, and camaraderie across three of Ocean Reef's most beloved sports. Whether volleying on the tennis courts, dinking on the pickleball courts, or aiming for the hoop on the croquet lawn, Members can expect a fun afternoon as they rotate through matches and enjoy the final moments of the spring season.

Following play, the celebration continues with a cocktail party— the perfect way



Finalists Enrique Montoya and Pro Hillel Rousseau (left).

to toast to another successful season of sport and community spirit at Ocean Reef.

The End-of-Season Round Robin isn't just a send-off — it's a thank-you to all those who



Consolation Champions Tricia Griffin and ORC Pro Jan Koupil.

made this season special. With great company, good food, and a bit of friendly competition, it's sure to be a highlight of the season.

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

MEN'S TENNIS LEAGUE

Monday, April 14

1st Place: Bob Zoba & Don Steinbrugge 2nd Place: Randy Furshman & David Rountree 3rd Place: Antony Sikolas & Lou Polisano

70+ DOUBLE PICKLEBALL TOURNEY

Wednesday, April 9
1st Place: Dan Attridge
2nd Place: Jerry Henn

PICKLEBALL MIX LEAGUE

Tuesday, April 8

1st Place: Laney Hinkebein 2nd Place: Buck Schottland



George Blaha and Andy Hofmann beat Lou Polisano and Don Steinbrugge at the Men's Tennis Night League on Wednesday, April 9.

TENNIS TIP

To the Net or Not Yet?

A Doubles Dilemma!



might not last!

"Tennis Tip"
by Alex
Henderson,
Assistant
Tennis
Professional

In doubles, my friend, don't just run like the breeze—
You must wait for the shot that brings foes to their knees!
If you're stuck at the back and the ball's flying fast,
Don't charge to the net—you

But hit a deep shot, oh, low and so neat,

That lands by their shoelace or even their feet—

Then *that* is your cue! It's your time to advance!

Take three big steps and give net play a chance.

Approach with a slice that stays low to the ground, Or roll it with topspin, so it zips, not just bound. Don't float it or pop it or give them a gift—

Make sure your approach gives you time for the lift!

At the net you can volley, you can poke, you can slam— But only if you got there with purpose and plan.

If *they* hit it low or you're off your front toe,

Then stay back, reset, let the rally still flow.

So remember, young player, don't go just because—
Go when you've hurt them and drawn their applause.
To the net or not yet? That's the

question you see— And the answer is found in your shot's quality!

Tennis Player of the Week

Nick Klos



Nick Klos (left) brings Pro Mario Becerra and leaves as Bring-A-Pro Champions.

Congratulations to Nick Klos, who this week, earned our Tennis Player of the Week award for winning the 2025 Bring-A-Pro Tournament, along with partner Mario Becerra!





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Benefits of Running 5k Events



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

Running offers great benefits at all distances. The 5k runs are popular events due to their beginner-friendly milestone. The event is short, but it can be intense, allowing experienced runners to push their limits. Here are some benefits of running 5ks:

- Running benefits our cardiovascular and musculoskeletal systems by improving lung and heart health, boosting our metabolism, and building muscle tone and strength, particularly in the lower body.
- Running increases blood flow to the brain, releases endorphins and neurotransmitters, and builds mental resilience. The mental resilience gained through physical efforts translates to all aspects of life. As the Roman poet Juvenal quoted: "Mens sana in corpore sano".
- The 5k distance is convenient and time-efficient, as it usually takes 20 to 50 minutes to complete.
- Running regularly can improve sleep quality and weight management.
- 5k runs are social events that build community.
- Signing up for a 5k increases motivation to train.
- Shorter events can serve as gateways for longer events and regular training. Having specific goals that challenge us is an effective motivator.

The Bunny Hop, hosted annually by our Recreation team, is an event for beginners, serious runners, walkers, ruckers (walking with a weighted vest or backpack), and every generation. Don't miss this fantastic club experience!

The 12-Hour Workout

On Tuesday, April 8, **Debbie Tirico**, **Joannie Rich**, **Lesley Cooper**, and **Laney Hinkebein**underwent 12 hours of training,
mixing fitness classes, pushing
sleds, rucking and stair climbing,
and more. The group is getting
ready for a hiking event in June
called the 29029 Everesting,
which involves hiking 29029 feet
of elevation in 36 hours. Below is
the schedule of all activities this
group of very fit and tough ladies
completed:

- 6:30-7:40 a.m. Sleds at Beach with Sunrise
- 8:00-8:50 a.m. **Sweat Class**
- 9:05-9:50 a.m. Walk/Ruck
- 10:00-10:50 a.m. Private TRX class with Jake
- 11:05-11:50 a.m. Walk/Ruck
- 12:00-12:50 p.m. Fit Camp
- 12:50-1:20 p.m. 30-minute lunch break
- 1:20-2:50p.m. 90 minutes of: Walk/Ruck/Stair climber/ Treadmill
- 3:00-3:50 p.m. Mat Pilates Class
- 4:10-5:30 p.m. Cart to Parking Garage for Stairs and Incline (75 min) - bring water from fitness ctr
- 5:50-6:30 p.m. Cart back to MFC - stretch and cold plunge bring: cooler with lunch, snacks, bathing suit

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Mobility for Beginners with Hannah Whistler

Tuesday, April 22 at 2 p.m. Yoga Room

This introductory mobility workshop is designed to improve mobility, joint health, and overall movement quality. You will learn essential mobility drills, stretching techniques, and functional movements to help reduce stiffness, prevent injuries, and enhance performance in daily activities or workouts. Perfect for all fitness levels, this workshop will provide practical tools to move and feel better every day!

Vinyasa Earth Day Flow with Moorey- Margaret Myers

Wednesday, April 23 at 10 a.m. Celebrate Earth Day with a mindful and rejuvenating yoga



Barrelattes Class led by Moorey-Margaret Myers with Martha Johnston, Bill Henneberry, Cheryl Owsley, Madeleine Williams and Julie Walsh.

practice. This Special class will guide you through a Vinyasa flow inspired by the natural world. Cultivate a deeper connection with the earth and within yourself.

Intro to Meditation with Hannah Whistler

Monday, April 28 at 1 p.m.
Discover the basics of
meditation with yoga specialist
Hannah Whistler in this
beginner-friendly workshop
designed to help you find calm

and clarity. You'll learn simple

techniques to relax your mind, focus your breath, and cultivate mindfulness in everyday life.

Stay connected to your personal trainer, Pilates and yoga instructor by booking virtual sessions throughout summer. This is ideal for members who workout at home and are looking for accountability and professional coaching. To book, speak to your personal trainer or instructor or contact the MFC Front Desk at 305-367-5820





Ending the Season Strong



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

LGA Closing Day & Awards

All 237 active LGA members battled through wind and rain all season long, but we were able to cap off the 2024-2025 season with a perfect weather day. Seventy-three LGA members competed in the Closing Day, 1 Best Ball of the Foursome, Shamble on the Dolphin Course. All teams were given a fair chance at first place with pairings that included an A, B, C, and D player on each team.

In the Gross division, the difficult 15th hole was the deciding factor. Congratulations to Nancy Vamvakas, Denise Prete, Kathy Davis, and Mary



2025 Spring Invitational Overall Champions Andy Fernandez and Garo Friguls.

Ellen Smith for winning first place. In the Net division, two teams finished up the round tied but it was Elizabeth Pitts, Maria Wardwell, Christine Langley, and Brenda Sport who played some incredible golf on the back-nine helping them win the scorecard playoff and 1st place Net, congratulations!

During our Closing Luncheon there were a few seasonlong achievements that were recognized. All scores from the entire season were analyzed in order to determine our GROSS



Founders Award Recipient Hillary

Ringer, NET Ringer, and "Most Birdies Made" winners. Congratulations to Nancy Vamvakas for winning both the **GROSS** Ringer and Most Birdies Made awards for the 2025 season. Our NET Ringer was Cherie Henn with an incredible score of 19 Under Par. The LGA member with the most improved handicap index went to Susan Shuldman who improved to a 19.6. Last, but not least, we recognized our LGA Founders Award recipient. There was an overwhelming response that Hillary Smith was more than deserving of the award.

Men's Spring Invitational

The 2025 Spring Invitational is now in the history books! We were fortunate to enjoy four consecutive days of perfect weather and the stunning conditions only added to the exceptional atmosphere surrounding this year's event. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for being a part of it. Your enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and camaraderie helped make this tournament truly special.



LGA Carysfort Cup Champion Joan Flippin.

Numerous matches went down to the wire and flight standings hung in the balance until the very last putts were holed. One of the most thrilling stories came from the Juniper Flight, where **Andy Fernandez** and Garo Friguls faced off against the co-leaders in a true win-or-go-home match. Rising to the occasion, they played brilliantly under pressure, securing 5½ crucial points and earning their spot in the highly anticipated Flight Winners Shootout.

With scores tallied the Shootout began and it didn't disappoint. The tension was high, the stakes even higher, and every shot mattered. Among the many impressive moments, one shot stood out from the rest. Garo Friguls launched a perfectly struck iron shot that soared over the flagstick and settled just eight feet above the hole on the iconic, par 3 ninth. With the crowd watching in anticipation and a putt to win the belts, Andy Fernandez stepped up and calmly sank the birdie putt, sealing the victory in dramatic fashion.



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2025 LGA Gross Ringer and Most Birdies award goes to Nancy Vamvakas.

The Top-30 in the seasonlong Carysfort Cup standings participated in the Carysfort Cup Championship on the Dolphin Course. During the round each total that reflected their position in the regular season Carysfort Cup standings. Once the round was completed additional points were awarded based on each player's position on the NET leaderboard. Angie Berman and Staci Berry both made big jumps up on the Carysfort Cup Championship leaderboard after turning in under par.

Once all the point totals were were able to earn over 50 points.



2025 LGA Most Improved Handicap Index award is presented to Susan Shuldman.

Finishing in Third Place was Christine Langley and second place went to Marita Sladky who played steady golf all season long. Our 2025 Carysfort Cup Champion was able to turn in an under par round to secure the trophy. Congratulations to Joan Flippin for her strong finish and for winning the Carysfort Cup Championship!

We hope everyone traveling back north to their northern clubs has a wonderful summer, filled with many laughs, lots of birdies, and continuous improvement on their golf game. It's been a wonderful season here at Ocean Reef Club and cannot thank everyone enough for their constant support!

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LGA Carysfort Cup

participant started off with a point

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GOLF SCOREBOARD

LGA CLOSING DAY

Tuesday, April 15

1st Place Gross: Nancy Vamvakas, Denise Prete, Kathy Davis, Mary Ellen Smith **2nd Place Gross:** Blind Draw, Jennifer Forelli,

Diana Frazier, Guida Fernandes

3rd Place Gross: Joli Dwyer, Maggie Parker, Hope Fortis, Victoria Miller

1st Place Net: Elizabeth Pitts, Maria Wardwell, Christine Langley, Brenda Sport

2nd Place Net: Beth Noyes, Jacquie Cardone, Mary Ann Larkin, Janet Dicke

3rd Place Net: Kathie Markel, Liz Zug, Carol Kurz, Anne Gormley

Closest to the Hole: Cynthia Egan (Hole #5), Staci Berry (Hole #11)

2025 MEN'S SPRING INVITATIONAL

Saturday, April 12

Champions: Andy Fernandez & Garo Friguls

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CARD SOUND MODEL YACHT CLUB

January-like **Conditions Hit** the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin, **CSMYC** Commodore

You would be forgiven for thinking we were right in the middle of January as dawn broke last Sunday morning. Cool and dry northerly breezes are quite unusual for the middle of April. In the years I have been racing East Coast 12 Meter model yachts on the Buccaneer Island lagoon, I can only recall a handful of times that I needed to wear a jacket and last weekend I sure needed one for a few hours.

With winter-like conditions like we experienced, sailors can usually expect moments of strong breeze followed by calm. Northerlies tend to be gusty. This is enhanced by the natural and man-made features surrounding the Pond. But, on this day some of the moments experienced by the sailors were downright jaw-dropping. 40-60-degree wind shifts and swirling winds that caused boats to tack from starboard to port and back multiple times without altering heading were the norm, especially around the windward mark. Not that we have not had such conditions before, but for some reason they just seemed more extreme. As such, there were opportunities to pass your opponents and conversely to be passed. Despite this, the leaderboard was more of the same. After eight races completed, it all came down to a tiebreaker for the winner of the day. With a total of thirteen points and four race wins it was Al Mast who took top honors. In second place, also with thirteen points but only three race wins, was Joe Robillard. Rounding out the top three in a distant third place with twenty



Sailors and a spectator focused on the race. Photo by Erin Coffin.

points was yours truly, Windsor Coffin. I only managed to eke third place out by one point over Phil Jenkins who is quickly coming to terms with the nuances of RC yachting and the Pond where we race. Our racing would be much more difficult without our Race Committee who oversees scoring and starting of our races. So, thanks go to **Alzbetka** Robillard, racer Erin Coffin, and Jill Jenkins for managing the

With Easter this Sunday, the model yachts of the CSMYC stay idle in their cradles, but racing will continue. While the club calendar states that April 13 was the end of CSMYC races, I can tell you that we will race at least one last time for the season on Sunday, April 27. After several vears, when the last Sunday in April was a scheduled day for us but we did not sail due to a lack of sailors, this year we have enough confirmed sailors to race on the final weekend of the month. So, come out to Buccaneer Island next weekend to see the racing action on the Pond one last time this

If you have an interest in sailing with the Card Sound Model Yacht Club and would like more information about our East Coast 12 Meter model yachts and our club, please come by the Pond to see us for our final racing day of the season on Sunday, April 27. Alternatively, you can contact me, Windsor Coffin, at csmyc12@ gmail.com. Racing begins at 9 a.m. and is dependent on favorable weather conditions.

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Table Reservations in ForeTees

By Molly Lechelt, Sports & Amenities Supervisor

Fore Tees is a reservation system that has been used by our Golf and Tennis Teams for years. This season, it is also being used in the Card & Game Room. The system allows players to reserve tables, find other Members to play with, and sign up for upcoming events.

A recent update to ForeTees for the Card & Game Room is the ability to designate tables for specific games, such as Mah Jongg, Canasta, and others. To use this feature, log in to ForeTees through the Member Portal. On the left-hand side of the screen, you'll see options for Golf, Tennis, Pickleball, Croquet, and Card Tables. Click on "Card Tables" to view the homepage for the Card & Game Room. Here, you'll find announcements about upcoming events, the Member directory, and other important information.

To make or view reservations, hover over "Reservations" in the blue bar at the top of the homepage and select "Make, Change, or View Reservations." This page will show you today's reservations and available tables. You can change the date by selecting a different one from the calendar at the top of the page.

Tables 1-5 and 11-15 in the large room are reservable for Mah

Jongg. Tables 6-10 and 15-20 in the large room are dedicated to Canasta. The remaining tables can be reserved for any game. Tables 1-4 in the small room are also dedicated to Mah Jongg, with the remaining tables available for any game.

Please note that the table numbers listed are just to indicate the game type. Feel free to sit at any available table.

Once you've selected a table that coincides with the game you'll be playing, choose your preferred start time. The system will then ask you to select how long you'd like the reservation to last, with options ranging from 30 to 120 minutes. Don't worry, this doesn't mean you need to end your game at exactly the chosen time

If you'd like to add other Members to your reservation, you can search for their names in the search bar on the right-hand side of the screen. If you're looking for players to join your reservation, simply check the box under the "Are you looking for other players to join your reservation?" prompt. This will leave spots open for other Members to join.

While the use of Fore Tees is not mandatory, we are excited to offer this as an option. Everyone is welcome to play whether they make reservations or not. We are looking forward to integrating the system more next season for table reservations and event sign-ups. If you need help or have any questions, please reach out to Molly Lechelt at mlechelt@oceanreef.com.



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Coming Up in Card & Games



by Gregg Van Dyke, Bridge Director

Hi Card & Gamers,

Beginner Bridge Course On Wednesday, April 23 at

10 a.m. sharp, a Beginner Bridge course will be held in the Card & Games Room. This is an opportunity to refresh and tuneup 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

If you have missed out on the past couple of Family Game

Nights not to worry, there will be another to enjoy before the season ends. Be ready for an evening of fun on Thursday, **April 24** from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Card & Games Room. Don't miss out and bring your family!

Mah Jongg Pick-Up Games

Available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-4 p.m. Mah Jongg cards are in, please see Gregg at the Card & Games Room.

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.

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.

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BRIDGE RESULTS

MONDAY, APRIL 7

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East-West

1st Place: Pat Richwagon - Martha Kavanaugh 2nd Place: Carolyn Fovel - Paula Davidson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

North-South

1st Place: Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast 2nd Place: Rosemary Jones - Joanne Wills

East-West

1st Place: Jay Beatty - Pam Harding 2nd Place: Nancy Grote - Sam Wardwell

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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BRIDGE TIP

When the Bidding Goes: 1 Club – Pass – Pass –?

By Gregg Van Dyke, Bridge Director

When a 1 club opening bid is passed to you, keep in mind partner was not strong enough to overcall 1 Club.

When a 1 club opening bid is passed to you, look at your club length. If you are short, partner may yet have a good hand. If you have club length, a good

chance partner is weak.

- S- Q4 H- 876 D- KJ76 C-AJ95
- 2. S- Q98 H-A954 D-KJ87 C- 84

With (1) pass because partner is probably short in clubs and probably weak not to be able to bid at the one level. Opener

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AAA Plastering & Drywall IncApoint Construction	305-242-0777	INSURANCE	704 454 1400	Heights Roofing IncStructural Roof Systems	
Apoint Construction	305-692-0010	BIA & CompanyKeen, Battle, Mead & Company Insurance	1400-450-14UU 705-7377	Structural Koot Systems	
Aluminum Specialist	305-245-3789	Marsh McLennan Agency Private Client Services	305-367-9353	The Go 2 Guy	
Elite Metal Works & Fence, Inc	305-207-2757 205-20 <i>1</i> -2150	• ,		SOLAR ENERGY	
Ensign Construction	739-745-5497	INTERIOR DESIGN & FURNIS		Florida Solar Partners	786-556-1001
Florida Inspection Services	305-395-0486	Abode_Home_Luxury Home_Furnishings	305-440-2135		
Impressive Renovations (CBC05864) Juneau Construction Company, LLC Keys Green Builders Inc	772-925-5292	Mary Tobias Miller Interior Design EPDesignGroup, Inc	205 2/7 2005	VETERINARY & PET CARE	
Juneau Construction Company, LLC	305-438-7666	Island Interiors at Ocean Reef	205-307-3905 021/2-767-205	Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder	305-453-4321
Keys Green Builders Inc	305-280-2604	John Rudolph Design	305-414-8568	ORĊAT	305-367-4701
Noly Builders, Inc The Cetta Group	305-307-0034 305-904-5111	John Rudolph Design Royal Furniture	305-451-5700	WATER, FIRE, MOLD RESTO	RATION
The Go 2 Guy	305-964-7244	Robert Wade & Associates	305-371-2832	Safeway Restoration	302-324-0222
The Go 2 Guy ' Titan Construction & Development Inc	305-367-0002	LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANG	^E	ServPro	305-269-8900
Tri-Tech Construction Inc	305-374-4955	Beach House Gardens	305_453_0377		
Turk Builders	305-367-3044	Bright View	305-258-8011	WATER TREATMENT SYST	EMS
Upper Keys Marine Construction	505-853-2644 213.510.1000	Bright View	305-242-4444	The Water Wizard Co	305-235-3508
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CREATIVE SERVICES. MARKE	TING &	Heavenly Touch Lawn & Ornamental Care	305-242-4472	WINDOWS/DOORS & FLO	
CREATIVE SERVICES, MARKE ADVERTISING		Island Tree ServiceReef Landscaping	2456-202 205-735-24688	Berry's Paint, Wallpaper & Flooring Inc	
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Angelfish Cay 33A 2BD/2BA | \$3,700,000 Ocean Reef Homes

Angelfish Cay 73B | 2750 1BD/1BA | \$1,835,000 Swenson & Ecuyer Realty

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Pumpkin Cay 38B | 2841 4BD/3.5BA | \$6,250,000

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Pumpkin Cay 47B | 2628 4BD/3BA | \$4,595,000

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