



SPRING/SUMMER 2008 EDITION

April, 2008

Hello Everybody:

We are reaching that time of year again when most of our members depart to spend the Summer months in what, hopefully, will be more clement weather conditions than the hot, humid Florida summer. We are often asked, "What do you do in the Summer?" "You must find it to be very quiet and very hot".

Yes, it is hot. But, no more than some of the northern cities we have lived in. Although, we agree the humidity does not seem to last as long in the North as it does in Florida. As to quiet, yes it is quiet from a "number of people around" point of view. However, we remain very busy with weddings, repairs, projects and staff vacations, so the summer days seem to fly by us. This is the time of the year when our Florida members begin to spend more time with us. They visit with us, on weekends, spending family time at the beach with its welcoming gulf breezes. Others will visit for a few days, during the week to take in some fishing and on weekends our Clubhouse hosts some lovely wedding celebrations.

Of course, Independence Day at the Club is just like "Season". We host a great party on the Saturday closest to the fourth of July. This year that Saturday falls on the fifth of July. So, we will celebrate the 4th on the 5th. We usually have a full house for this event; in the past, we had as many as 240 guests at this party. Our party includes fireworks, a great spread of all the best food summer offers, live music and dancing. Perhaps it is time you gave some thought to discovering what Florida is like in the middle of the Summer and plan to spend Independence Day weekend with us. If you are one of those planning on being in Boca at this time, please don't forget to make a reservation in time. This is popular and sells out fast.

Throughout the Summer, our Clubhouse stays open for lunch every day except Wednesdays and we offer dinner decreasing the number of service nights until August when we are down to Friday and Saturday dinner service. Finally, after Labor Day weekend we close the Clubhouse for about four weeks reopening in October.

If you do plan on visiting us over the summer, Turtle Season begins on May 1st and continues till October 31st. Please remember if you are enjoying the beach it is very important that you do not leave anything behind you, that includes the beach chair you were using. Apart from the fines that can be levied to us, leaving items on the beach can kill baby turtles trying to make their way to safety. Therefore, we are not permitted to have any furniture on the beach overnight, this includes in the Dunes area.

In closing, we wish you a lovely summer and enjoyable vacations. Please read through our Newsletter as we have some interesting reports.

Yvonne Anderson
President/CEO Boca Grande Club



OTHER NEWS

DUPLICATE BRIDGE REPORT

The Duplicate Bridge sessions continue to be a great success. The number of participants grew so much that we needed to move the venue to the Dunes Clubroom. Social Member, Peg Barrett works hard to ensure this is an enjoyable Friday afternoon for all involved.

This year a "Boca Grande Club Duplicate Bridge Cup Trophy" was instituted and the first names to appear on it are first place winners: North/South Kathy Horner & Lee Wightman, East/West Bonnie Trowbridge and Pauline Mendez.

We look forward to seeing you all back at the tables in the Fall.

Staff X Training & Working

We think everyone would agree that having "Front Desk" Phil in the Pro-Shop this past season was a good thing. Phil is familiar with our members and, we have discovered, has a passion for retail sales. This summer, Phil will take on a bit more of the responsibility for the Pro-Shop, learning our inventory system and helping to source Merchandise. Any ideas, give Phil a call.

Another Front Desk person to help out in the Pro-Shop was Randy Bonner. Randy filled in on Phil's day off and did a great job also.

And yet another Front Desk person you may have noticed in another area is Kathy Dilday. On certain nights Kathy helps Becki in the Clubhouse by answering the phone and acting as hostess at the front door. A well done to all of them.

Thanks to the efforts of many people, this year's **Pro Tennis Exhibition** raised over \$18,000.



The money raised was split between the Barrier Island Parks Society and the Boca Grande Child Care Center. At the same time, everyone had fun and enjoyed great tennis.

As we wrapped up the season, Jim Labinski, who heads up the Pro Tennis Exhibition, met with the "Committee of Volunteers", who every year give so generously of their time to help organize the Pro Tennis Exhibition event, to discuss and plan for next year. A report on the meeting is detailed on page 7 of this newsletter.

Big Congratulations

To the Boca Grande Women's Tennis Team. They placed first in the 3.5 division of the Charlotte County Woman's Tennis League, improving, over last year, on their third place finish in the division. More than 25 Boca Grande Club members played on the team.



Photo of the ladies accepting the Trophy on behalf of Boca Grande Club Women's Tennis Team 2007/8

The Team also won a cash prize, which was donated to the Island School. The Trophy is on display in the Pro Shop. Anyone interested in playing Team Tennis may contact the Co-Captains, Karen Grace and Cathy Parks to obtain more information.



Don't Forget!

The Community Center runs some great movies, free of charge, on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. Stop in at the Front Desk for a movie schedule. We also offer recently released movies on DVD & Video, as well as a collection of oldies but goodies.

What are we building this year?

Well, we hope nothing as major as last year!



Yet, we know, as always, we will have our work to do over the summer months. Peter has plans to refurbish the Tiki Bar, and our ceiling in the kitchen could stand a redo. As we write, the roof on the Pagoda is being replaced. Some of the walkouts to the beach still need to be addressed, while just about all our beach chairs and tables will have to be refurbished. The pool at Beach Manor will get a new trellis erected around the equipment.

A major item in our planning sights is the Fitness Center as it was next in line to be tackled, right behind the Clubhouse Elevator project. This project will not take place until 2009 and we are still exploring the best way to proceed.

At the annual Homeowner Meeting, there was an interesting and lively discussion on the topic of the Fitness Center. The Master Board is considering several ideas all the way from building a new free-standing building to expanding the current one; the latter idea is currently the most popular one.

We are waiting to receive plans and some cost estimates on the expansion. When we have those the Board will have the information needed to make a decision on which direction is most suited to our needs.

As always, we will keep you posted.

Thanks to homeowner Joe Krauter for suggesting we purchase a piece of equipment that can suck up leaves and turn them into leaf mulch. We did exactly that and, even if the mulch is not the greatest in the world, we are very pleased with the result as we can use it in certain areas and the leaves are gone.



Mandy Horan, Accounting Manager, is retiring after 25 years at the Boca Grande Club.

As many of you may have heard, our very dear, long time employee, Mandy Horan has decided to hang up her work hat, at least for the foreseeable future.

Mandy will be missed by everyone, especially by Yvonne. Mandy is one of our most trusted employees and Yvonne's right hand when it came to our finances.

We are holding a going away "Soirée" for Mandy on Thursday, May 29th at 4:00 pm in the Dunes Clubroom. All the staff are invited and, if you are on property, you are welcome to drop in and join us in Mandy's send-off party.

Just let us know if you can come.

BALL MACHINE RENTAL COST
\$20 PER HOUR
OR BOOK 10 HOURS FOR \$150 AND
USE ALL YEAR

THESE RATES APPLY ALL YEAR AS
THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE
MACHINE IS THE SAME ALL YEAR
ROUND.

Don't Forget.

All our buildings, except Village Homes, have new building numbers. The numbers are located either on or in front of the building. Marina Village/Manor have new Street numbers. If you are unsure how the numbers are used in addressing, call us.



Tennis, Fitness, Yoga, Mat Pilates, Water Aerobics, Bike Rental, Massage, Golf Cart Rental, Basketballs... Some of our programs are on hold during the slow summer months; they will return at the beginning of November 2008.

Programs not available:

Personal Training with Wendy

Water Aerobics with Stacie

Mat Pilates Plus with Stacie

Yoga with Virginia

The following programs are available:

Massage with Elaine: Call the Front Desk for an appointment.

Bike and Golf Cart Rentals can be arranged at the Front Desk. If you rent a golf cart through another source other than the Boca Grande Club, please make sure the rental company knows that they must pick up an identification tag at the time of delivery.

All Rental Golf Carts should have a tag indicating the renters name and unit number. This is to avoid people taking the wrong carts.

Basketball, if you are in the mood to shoot a few hoops you can borrow a basketball at the Front Desk.

Internet Connections, you can sit on the Café Deck or in the Dunes Clubroom and use our free Wireless Internet.

Herbs from the Garden, if you are visiting during the summer months you can use our Pagoda Herb Garden to add to your culinary creations. We have quite the variety to offer and, we noticed recently that the eggplant is in full bloom.

SUN & SAND TIME



We have few rules and we like it that way, but the few we do have we would like everyone to observe.

Our Front Desk will be happy to supply you with a copy of our rules.

While all our rules are important to us we would draw your attention to two in particular:

- **Non-toilet trained children are not permitted in our pools. Swim diapers do not change this rule. We provide a kiddy pool for these little guests.**
- **You must have a drivers license to drive a golf cart on Club property. Please don't let your underage child drive. It is against our rules and we are charged with enforcing these rules and all Golf Carts must be registered at our Front Desk.**

Voting Information for Florida

You can request absentee ballots NOW for both the Primary and General Elections.

Ballots will be sent about three weeks before the elections.

The number to call is the Supervisor of Elections at 941-637-2232.

Memorial Day Weekend can be a busy one at the Club. Be sure to make dinner reservations in advance on this weekend.



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JOIN US FOR A GREAT BUFFET DINNER, LIVE MUSIC & FIREWORKS DISPLAY WHEN WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008 AT OUR CLUBHOUSE. FIREWORKS COMMENCE AFTER SUNSET.

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY MC²
ADULTS COST: \$ 34.00 pp
CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$16 pp
UNDER 2 YEARS: NO CHARGE
TAX AND GRATUITY TO BE ADDED.**

Please Remember!

Your annual Food & Beverage minimum of \$500 is solely for your use. You cannot transfer it to family members or to friends. You can use it to entertain and treat but you must accompany your guest.

Clubhouse Summer Dining Hours

Lunch: Daily 11:30am to 3:00pm

Except Wednesdays

Tiki Bar Service: Daily 11:30am to

Sunset, except Wednesdays

Dinner: 6:00 to 9:00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of June. July & August Dinner service is Friday and Saturday.

We close after Labor Day for approximately 4 weeks.



MEET OUR NEW HOMEOWNERS

BC301-M/M Aderton Samuels - Okatie, SC

BC204-M/M Hugh Halsell - New Caanan, CT

1A-Mr. Sidney Jansma Jr. - Grand Rapids, MI

VH 36- M/M Philip Templeton - Hinsdale, IL

And not so new homeowners, as they already own another unit, M/M John Hedden - Washington, DC, they recently purchased GM204.

A special welcome to each of you, we hope you enjoy many years of ownership at the Club.

New Social Members

A warm welcome to the following who recently joined Social Membership at the Boca Grande Club.

Dwight Arundale & Lisa Umberger -Edgartown, MA & Boca Grande

David & Margaret Conver - Flourtown, PA

Charles & Ilene Corbett - Greenwood Village, CO

Richard & Linda McCree - Orlando, FL

Robert & Arlene McKinney - Indianapolis, IN

Alen & Linda Westall - Placida - FL

Ross & Patricia Witschonke - Canton, MI

New Rental Members

Richard & Patricia DeCamp - Lexington, KY

Lance & Patti Johnson - River Hill, WI

Robert & Candy Scanlon - Shaker Hts., OH

Howard & Maryann Schelde - Traverse City, MI

It is with sadness that we note the following homeowners who have passed away since our last Newsletter. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

Mr. Charles Broome, 13B, husband of Cettie.

Mr. Budd Olson, DC202. Budd was predeceased by his wife Faye.

Mr. Charles (Chuck) Caple, 15A, husband of Jane.

Mrs. Lenore Mardis, MV29. Lenore was predeceased by her husband John.

We know some of our members, both homeowners and social, suffered sad family bereavements in the recent past. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of them.

CAN MY FAMILY USE THE BOCA GRANDE CLUB FACILITES?

YES, UNDER OUR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM CERTAIN MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY CAN AVAIL OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. THE COST FOR SOCIAL MEMBERS IS \$400 PER ANNUM, OR \$25 PER WEEK. THIS APPLIES TO DIRECT LINE OF DESCENT OR ASCENT FROM YOU, THAT MEANS CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.

FOR HOMEOWNERS THE COST IS \$200 PER FAMILY, PER ANNUM, OR \$25 PER FAMILY, PER WEEK.

YOUR SIBLINGS, COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLES, OR FRIENDS CANNOT USE THE CLUB UNLESS THEY ARE MEMBERS OR, THEY ARE YOUR GUEST AND YOU ARE PRESENT WITH THEM. SO, PLEASE DO NOT LEND YOUR CARD TO ANYONE AS THEY CANNOT USE IT.



Let us introduce you to:



Donna Fogo; Donna is stepping in to take over from Mandy Horan, our Accounting Manager. Donna comes to us with lots of experience and great recommendations. She is spending the next four weeks with Mandy at her side as she becomes familiar with accounting procedures. Welcome Donna, we hope your time at the Club will be long and enjoyable.

Beachfront Properties Report:

On the last page of our Newsletter we are proud to feature Beachfront Properties's listing of Grande Manor 202 and, we are enclosing a copy of their Listing Sheet showing other fine properties.

As we announced earlier, through a dividend Beachfront was able to contribute \$100,000 to the Boca Grande Club. We are very appreciative of this and Beachfront's support of the Club.

We cannot emphasize enough how important the success of Beachfront is to the Club. When you use Beachfront you are keeping the money in your pocket as any dividend they declare goes directly into your Club coffers.

A special thank you to the many homeowners and social members, and to our guests who choose to use Beachfront when they were buying or selling property, thus helping other members by helping to underwrite many improvements at our Club.

The 2009 Professional Tennis Exhibition Series will see some changes.

A group of fourteen Club members recently met to discuss the 2009 Professional Tennis Exhibition Series. A big thank you went to DeeAnn Philips for her continued hard work for the Exhibition.

Jim Labinski led the discussion as the panel reviewed the 2008 series. They took a hard look at what went well, what worked the best and, what did not. The main question put to the panel was, "Why do we have the tournament?"

It was agreed that the main purpose for holding the event is to bring focus to the Boca Grande Club, its Tennis program and, just as importantly, to promote Beachfront Properties as the Club's real estate company. The second purpose is to offer an enjoyable event to the Boca Grande Club members. Raising money for charity, while an important reason, was not the most important. If it were so, we would go about it in a much different manner.

As a result of this lively discussion there were several decisions made, which should ensure the 2009 series will be an exciting, fun time for all involved and, in the process, raise funds for a charity that serves our community: The Suncoast Humane Society.

There are great plans afoot for the Series and, we will share those plans with you as we get closer to the 2009 season. In the meanwhile, we can tell you there will be no opening night Auction, instead mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 when we will have a fun filled evening in the Clubhouse. Tickets will be available but, as a member you can make your reservation any time, just call Holly at 964-2211.

At the end of that evening we will be able to recall a happy memory spent in enjoyment with family and friends while doing good for pets that need our help.



SPOTLIGHT ON GRANDE MANOR 202 AT THE BOCA GRANDE CLUB



If you owned GRANDE MANOR 202 at the Boca Grande Club, this would be the fantastic view from your windows.

This ready to move in, three-bedroom three full bathroom, condo is one of the largest you will find on Boca Grande. It is well laid out, has spacious living and bedroom suites with a lovely kitchen and dining room, plus a fireplace for cozy nights. You will find you have lots of that "personal space" which we all seem to need.

This is the place where your family will want to visit often. So much so, that you may have to place time limits on those visits.

Here, you can walk directly out to the beach or just step out your front door to a fabulous tennis facility and program. And if you don't feel like playing, well sit back and view the action from your balcony.

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