



SPRING/SUMMER 2010 EDITION

May, 2010

Hello Everybody:

The hot weather arrived on May Day. After enduring weeks of unseasonably cold weather this winter it appears it is our fate to have, a least for the short-term, unseasonably warm weather. The unusually long cold winter caused a lot of damage to plants and trees. Off-island, many, many palm trees were destroyed while on-island we lost some but not as many. Witt, our tree guy, will visit with us this week to determine which trees look like they will not make it, and ascertain just how many trees we may need to replace. We were more fortunate with the plants. All winter, the Ixoras that line the pathway to the Clubhouse looked like they were dead but they were just in shock and are now making a nice recovery. The roses, on the other hand, loved the cold and are just blooming beyond belief. May is also the month for weddings at the Club. We are hosting a wedding every Saturday in May except Memorial Day Weekend. This means the Clubhouse will be closed for dinner on those Saturdays however, check with Becki Kemmer, as she has made reciprocal arrangements with the Pass Club for Saturday, May 15 and may be able to arrange for May 22.

This is also the time of year when the staff begin to plan vacations. In June, Peter's parents, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, will visit from Germany. Peter and his parents will then fly off to San Francisco. Later in the year, Peter will visit Europe. Joe and I will also be on the go; first we stop in Boston for a day to visit our daughter and her family, then fly to Ireland to visit with old friends and lots more family, then we ferry to Wales and drive across England to visit some places we worked at in summers when we were students. Then finally, Joe is getting his wish to cross the Atlantic the old fashioned way, we are taking the Queen Mary II back to New York. Donna Fogo, our Accounting Manager is awaiting the birth of her first grandchild in June. In July, Becki Kemmer and her husband Larry will drive to Ohio to visit their son. Kathy Dilday, from our Front Desk will say goodbye to us all on June 1st when she retires from the Club. Kathy has worked the Front Desk for 19 years. We all got together in the Dunes Clubroom on May 6th for drinks and nibbles to officially say adieu to Kathy. She was presented with a lovely gold bracelet, several small gifts and \$1,900, (\$100 for each year of service). When we hit busy season we hope to be able to convince Kathy to step in occasionally, if needed.

Installation of our wireless internet test will begin on May 10th . The areas it will cover are Phase I, (just south of the Clubhouse) Dunes Chalet, Beach Chalet and Phase IV (just north of the office). The test will run for 60-days and we will personally test all the areas. If all goes well and we expect it will, we will then proceed with installation of Club-wide wireless internet. One should be able to obtain internet service anywhere on Club property; it will be password protected. This should be up and running by the time everyone returns.

See inside the Newsletter as we have highlighted some events yet to come and for our homeowners we have enclosed a questionnaire, which we would like you to respond to.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Anderson
President/CEO Boca Grande Club



OTHER NEWS

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of the following homeowners:

Mrs. Sue Cain, Richmond VA & Phase IV 59B, Boca Grande Club. Sue's passing was very sudden. She was predeceased by her husband Ron.

Mrs. Sara Swift, Bolder WY & Marina Manor 37, Boca Grande Club.

Mrs. Penny Ogle Weldon, Indianapolis, IN & Phase III 29A, Boca Grande Club. Penny was one of our long time homeowners.

They will all be greatly missed by us. Our sympathies are with their families.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE REPORT

Duplicate Bridge has ended for the season, and it was a very successful and enjoyable event. A special thank you to Social Member, Peg Barrett for organizing and running the games. Bridge will resume in November.

In the Charlotte County Women's Tennis League our ladies did very well. In the 3.5 division we placed second and in the 3.00 division we placed 3rd. The prize money was \$600 which we understand they will donate to a charity of their choice. Well done ladies.

Turtle Season arrived May 1st, which means outside lights out and inside lights shaded. Nothing can remain on the beach overnight. All chairs, umbrellas, loungers must be pulled back up and stored on our walkovers. If you turn a light on in your unit make sure the shades are drawn. The new hatchlings confuse the artificial light with the moon and they will head in the wrong directions into danger.

Tennis Pro, Jim Labinski has headed to Richmond, VA for the summer. Thanks to him and to his assistant Tucker Lang for a great season despite the cold. Now that many of our members are gone for the summer the need to keep all eight courts open is decreasing. Pretty soon we will close off four of our courts and leave only four in play which has proven to be more than adequate for our summer numbers. This will save our precious water. In the fall we will recondition all the courts and welcome back Jim and Tucker.



A special note of thanks to the ladies who worked so hard this past season to bring you our Fitness programs. Stacie, Water Aerobics, Virginia, Yoga and Wendy, Fitness. We have heard only positive comments on all our programs. Thanks to all three ladies. See you next Fall.

PLEASE DO NOT GO INTO OUR FITNESS ROOM WEARING SHOES THAT WERE USED ON THE TENNIS COURTS. EVEN IF THEY WERE WORN ON THE COURTS SEVERAL DAYS PREVIOUSLY, THEY STILL HOLD ON TO SOME CLAY AND THAT COURT CLAY IS VERY BAD FOR OUR EQUIPMENT.

If you are wondering what all that silver party foil is doing hanging in front of the Fitness Room windows, we put it there to prevent the birds from crashing into the windows. They were scratching the windows, making a mess, and perhaps hurting themselves.

A warm welcome to new homeowners Patience & Charles Rockey from Bryn Mawr, PA. The Rockeys recently purchased Village Home 54. We hope you enjoy many happy days at the Club.