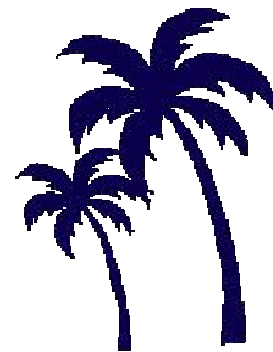




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NEWS LETTER

Editors Notes

Articles for the newsletter may be submitted by placing them in the manila folder located in the rack outside of the office door, or by sending an e-mail (preferred) to:

icnews@msn.com Please have your articles in by the 22nd of the month so that I have the time necessary to have the newsletter out by the 1st of the month. Whenever possible, I would prefer it if you would use e-mail. Thank You.

Paul Carr-272-6163

FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT - Larry LaBair, President

The tennis courts are smooth again, at last. They have been ground, resurfaced, painted and re-lined. They look great! The pool was closed for two days last week to repair the pavers on the deck. The broken tiles will be replaced soon. Work to repair the low spots in the road will be completed the week of February 24th. Clunking manholes in Bahia Terrado will be fixed the same week. The lake has been sprayed twice and the lily pads are dying out. The company spraying states that lake should be clear by June.

Vicki Ackerman has volunteered to work on our website. Vicki will be trained by the site creator and will be able to do updates as required.

Residents should be aware we have free Wi-Fi in the clubhouse. The site name is TRENDnet651. Sign in anytime, but remember it is NOT a secured site.

There is a signup sheet in the Library for residents that wish to have a ping pong table in the clubhouse.

The Blue Bimini-sponsored Bluegrass extravaganza was a sellout, great job Biminities!

Does your house, driveway or sidewalk need cleaning or painting? Take a look, we need to keep our community in top shape.

The next Residents meeting will be Monday March 10th at 7:00 PM. The March board meeting has been moved to Tuesday March 11 at 1:00PM.



Treasurer's Report - Dave Wisor

Hopefully, you heard the good news by now, but if not, please allow me to repeat it. The **Quarterly Maintenance Fee for 2014/2015 will remain the same at \$550.00 per quarter**. This will be the **fifth consecutive year** that maintenance fees have remained unchanged. Your Budget Committee is very pleased to present this budget and the results.

Overall the Budget is down by **1%** this year. Prudent spending decisions by your Board, diligent work by your Budget Committee and home sales in our community have again combined to defray expenses. Additionally, we have squeezed some idle cash out of our checking accounts to also help offset the new budget, **thus no fee increase this year**.

In all fairness, we do not know if we can continue to deliver these kind of results year after year, and some concern has been expressed that the owners may want these kind of results again next year. We simply cannot look that far out with any degree of certainty and promise. Therefore, a fee increase could occur next year. We simply won't know that answer until next year's budget review work begins. However please know, we will **always** look at our budget needs year after year with the same magnifying glass. And continue to examine all requests for any "unnecessary expenses" to benefit **you** the homeowner.

The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday March 11th 2014 at 1:00 PM to formally vote on this budget. For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Budget Committee: Ted Figurelle; Vicki Ackerman; Dave Wisor.

Yes, Island Club, we have a website. For more information go to: www.islandclubofestero.com
Get the password for residents in the office or from your circle rep.

Circle 1 Bahia Terrado - Deby Pod

Another busy month. Now that the weather is warming up we are all getting out again. Our circle hosted the volunteer luncheon for our hard working men. They really enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone who helped with the lunch. It's not too late to get items together for the trash and treasure on March 8. Let Deby or Crys know if you need something picked up

Circle 2 Blue Bimini - Lynne Rickenbach

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!! Our own Wayne and Marlene Peterson were honored with Island Club's "Volunteer of the Year" award. Congratulations!

FINALLY-the Florida sun granted twenty plus Blue Biminians the opportunity for a lovely afternoon circle gathering where appetizers and friendly conversation were shared. We especially thank Tara and Buddy for their walk-on appearances! **NOTE:** We will meet at the gazebo the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 4:00pm.

BLUE GRASS: Shirley Farthing channeled her energetic personality into a organizer for the Blue Grass Extravaganza held on the 22nd. She both worked and delegated assignments to circle members who were eager and proud to be part of this first-time Island Club event.

THERESA VANHORSSSEN is organizer for Blue Bimini's participation in the annual Trash and Treasurer. Please let Theresa or your circle reps (Lynne/Becki) know if you have items to donate or need assistance getting them to the Community Center. **MARCH 20:** It is our pleasure to serve lunch to the hard working "Thursday Crew." Lunch will be served at Noon at our Gazebo.

Circle 3 Rio Mar - Linda Pressel

Those January winds & cold temperatures gave way to warm hearts when Rio Mar friends gathered for our Valentine Luncheon to eat Foods We Love. As a special gift of love our long time neighbor, Leonard McCrum, brought the gift of music. After illness took Len to the hospital and then to a rehab center, he returned to recuperate. Aided by family and care-givers he is becoming stronger. His care-giver, Lillian Layton (with Home Care Assistance), discovered they both shared a love of music. An accomplished violinist herself, Lillian has played in concerts in New York City; Leonard plays guitar and the chromatic & Marine Band harmonicas. They joined in duet & solo to entertain us with songs. In duet they played Sweet Hour Of Prayer, Com'n Round the Mountain, Silent Night and Rondeau from the Medieval Renaissance Era, most popular in France in the 13th & 15th Centuries. Len said it was a very tricky number "but we pulled it off." Len soloed with Moon River and Lillian with the La Espanola. Such talent. Such enjoyment. Thank you for the Musical Valentine.

Our gazebo received a Spring facelift. Michele & Joe Bell acknowledged our request for new mini lights and Richard Godesky has hung them and power washed the wooden picnic tables. Many thanks, guys.

Tuesday, March 11 at 5:30 is our St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Linda Pressel will be bringing her roaster filled with corned beef & cabbage that we raved about last year. Bring a side-dish, dessert or hors d'oeuvres that complements this entree. (Richard G. says he's bringing rye bread!)

Get Trash & Treasure stuff to Linda Umansky by March 5th.

Circle 4 - San Tropez - Connie Colter

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Circle 5 Maui - Shirley Thompson

DOGS, DOGS, DOGS, Now this is not for everyone but you know who you are. Please pick up after your dogs, do not let them run, they must be on a leash no more than 8' long. Also it is not right to allow your pets to pee on other peoples' property and plants.

Maui Circle wants to thank all that attended the Bonita Village Band Jan 17th. A great time was had by all.

Thanks, also, to all that attended our picnic at the WP Franklin Locks. Lots of food and games.

Welcome to Hugh and Flo Fish into our circle, they are great friends to be around. Jackie & Jeff had their family in for a visit from Ohio. Randy & Shelly and Nick, AJ and Samantha missed some of the cold and snow but now are back in the middle of it, many storms. Linda's friend Sandy was in for a visit as well.

We met Tues Feb 11th at 4:00PM for a Happy Hour with Hors d' oeuvres.

The first week in Feb. Maude & Larry enjoyed having Janice & Clifford Snow from Ferron, Utah. Larry Tomes & his wife spent a day with Larry & Maude. The two men studied together and both became agronomists. Maude spent a week in Arizona to celebrate her sister & husband's 60th anniversary.

Tuesday March 18th we will have a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner starting at 4:30. **Be sure to sign up or call Shirley,** so we know how many people will attend. Page 2 in the notebook and Page 1 is to **sign up to work the Trash and Treasure.** Please be sure to help out sometime for the Trash and Treasure.

Pete, Karl, Tony and Bob Russell have been working hard on refurbishing our Gazebo, replacing rotted wood & lattice, painting and installing lights. Thanks Guys!

Circle 6a Aqua Surf - Maggie Friel

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Circle 6b Tropical Moon - Diane Komeshak

Tropical Moon opted to really go all out and we celebrated our January birthdays at Bar Louie's Dollar Burger night. \$1 burgers and topped off by free ice cream for birthday "kids" Fern, Rusty and Joan. Happy birthday to February babies: Judy, Jerry, Pat and Touchdown Tony. On March 9th we celebrate Gyselle (GiGi's) birthday. Lots of visitors this year: Pat and Diane had a week's fun with a visit from their 5-year old granddaughter and son. George and Judy had visitors from Michigan, Joan had her two sons Allen and Mark visiting from Indiana and Susie and Tom played host to Tom's brother and wife. Our condolences to Fern Benjamin in the loss of her sister. Fern made a trip to Vermont (B-r-r-r!) to attend her sister's funeral. We continue to keep Jerry Wobrock and his wife, Janet, in our thoughts and prayers.

Circle 7 Parrot Cove - Julia Killinger

Larry and Deanna Hines were back for a month in February. They had their kitchen and bathroom completely renovated. While they were here, Larry and some friends went on a charter fishing trip in the Gulf. Quite a few of our neighbors enjoyed a great fish fry. Everyone brought a side dish and had a good time. We hope to see them back when they can get away from their busy life in St. Louis.

Carlo and Chris LoVecchio will be leaving us for a while at the end of March. Their daughter, Jennifer, from Durham, NC will be presenting them with another grandchild around the first of April. They are going to stay and help with the newborn.

Tom and Elaine Albrecht have been entertaining friends and relatives from northeastern Ohio but they weren't too busy to take Howard out for his birthday.

We had a great turnout for our "Meet and Greet" at the gazebo last month. To name a few – the Crockers, Carrs, Ottes, Albrechts, Joe White, LoVecchios, Hines, Ed Linderman and Etters.

Millie Shastal's granddaughter, Brittney, is coming to visit this month. She will stay and go home with her grandmother in May.

I had a call from Charlotte Arbogast last month. She was able to read last month's Newsletter on the website. She wanted to clarify something I had written. She said her health is fine, but Eddy is being treated for something

she called "water on the brain". (Hydrocephalus.) I hope to hear more news about his illness.

Last but not least—we should all give Donna Pogliano a big round of applause. She is almost single-handedly trying to beautify our community.

Circle 8 Pearl Bay - Marilyn Wisor

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We had a couple chilly and rainy February days but compared to the bitter cold temperatures and piles of snow up north we are such a lucky bunch of folks.

A big belated birthday wish for Mason Bologone who celebrated his first birthday January 29th. Colin Bologone, Jim Braden, Sandra Harris and Mary Winemiller will celebrate special days in March along with previous owner, Etta Webb. Many happy returns!

Beverly Goslin is happy to have her recent remodeling project completed. Judy Kerns, one of our newest homeowners, has been busy getting settled in. It was nice she and another of our new homeowners Beth Landry could join us at our bi-weekly gazebo gathering. Mary Winemiller's friend is happy to escape Indiana's winter weather. Joe Mazzarella entertained a number of his dominoes playing friends for dinner at our gazebo. A nice e-mail with hello wishes to all was received from Linda and Lige Deaton. They are making progress, even with all the bad weather, building their home in Sweetwater, Tennessee. They hope to spend some time on Pearl Bay Circle in April. Charlie Royal and Paul Fryske will be hard at work for the next month at spring training baseball games. Keep Joyce Endres in your thoughts as she continues to battle her health issues.

March will be a busy month - we have several upcoming activities. The annual Trash and Treasure Sale is Saturday, March 8th. Pearl Bay will have two tables - please donate your treasures. Proceeds will go to our gazebo fund for repairs and our annual picnic expenses. If you could help set up and/or staff the tables, please give Ginny Jenkinson a call. Drop off your items at the Circle 8 tables on Friday, March 7th between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Our annual Circle gazebo picnic will be held on Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 PM. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share and your favorite beverage - meat and rolls will be provided - good laughs are promised.

On Saturday, March 22nd from 4:00 until 7:00 PM, Pearl Bay Circle will host a Wine Tasting Social at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite wine to share (or other beverage) and your glass. Tickets are on sale for \$3.00 and there will be a 50/50 drawing.

Check our Circle sign board and the enclosed calendar for reminders and upcoming activities. Remember to keep your pole light burning, your mail box clean of mold and cars off the grass...it helps to keep our Circle looking nice. **Patience** and **Caution** are the key words to pulling out onto Corkscrew Road from our development!

ADULT TRUTHS... March Madness - That's when all the snowbirds are scrambling to close-up and pack-up for their homeward journey!

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



For all new residents as well as our long-time residents, remember we have a Friday night social which is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors.

Friday night socials start at 5:30pm with pot luck at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share and BYOB. Hope to see you there!

Open Tennis - Wayne Peterson

Wednesdays at 8:00am. Everyone is welcome.

LADIES LUNCHEON

March 12 at 11:30 at Cheddars, Gulf Coast Town Center. Call Vicki Ackerman.

MEN'S LUNCHEON - Bill Savage

March 12 at 11:30 at Millers Ale House. Call Bill Savage for details. 948-7199.

Library - Marlene Peterson

Books are still coming in. Thank you all for the good books you're leaving at our library.

ACTIVITIES

• Pickle Ball Mondays - 9am till 12 noon, Pickle Ball. For additional information, please call Ken Shepherd.

• Pilates and Yoga have been moved from Monday to Wednesday—Pilates Wednesdays-10am to 11 with Bonnie Shepherd

• Yoga Wednesdays - 11am to 12 Yoga. Bring a mat, a ball and weights 2 pounds, 5 pounds, whatever you need. Contact Bonnie Shepard for details.

CIRCLE REPRESENTATIVES - Lola LaBair

I need a letter from the circles that are planning events for your circle to make a profit for improvement and where. This letter is for the B.O.D., approval.

ACHITECTURAL COMMITTEE - Bill Savage

We continue to meet Monday mornings at 10:30 am. Requests for Mondays should be in the office by the previous Friday morning so that the committee has time to evaluate them prior to the Monday meeting.

FREE MEDICARE COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Maggie Friel, an Island Club resident, would be happy to assist anyone who is new to Medicare to choose his/her plans. Also, if you're already a Medicare beneficiary but having some issues or questions, give Maggie a call at 502-604-1069 or email at friel695@gmail.com.

Maggie is a volunteer counselor with SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program). There is no charge for her assistance.

METAL RECYCLING

I have started a new hobby of recycling any kind of metal. Many things can be recycled - nuts, bolts, hinges, old step ladders, odd pieces of metal, Christmas lights, plant stands, grills, etc. No appliances or cans, please. Please note, these types of items **cannot** be put in your recycling bin.

Call me if you have any of these items and I'll come pick them up. Bobbi Nelson 495-6345

PING PONG

There is a sign-up sheet in the library for those interested in getting a ping pong table for the community center. This would be a great activity for people that cannot participate in the existing activities and would be very affordable. Hope we can convince the board that this would be a great summer sport when the heat keeps us indoors. Thanks for signing.

Social Events

I need a letter from the circles that are planning events for your circle to make a profit for improvement and where. This letter is for the B.O.D., approval.

I need a letter for non-profit events/parties for planning the 2014/2015 calendar.

March 20th, 12 noon, luncheon for our grounds volunteers. Host - Blue Bimini Circle by Lynne Rick-enbach at Blue Bimini Gazebo.

The Bluegrass party will be talked about for a long time. I would like to thank Blue Bimini for an outstanding job. It was about a year ago when I went into Blue Bimini Circle for a meeting. I was trying to promote events and that when Shirley Farthing said, she'd like to have a Bluegrass Festival. She asked me a few questions, one of the questions being, do you think we can make a go of this type of a party. I told Shirley with a lot of hard work and lots of volunteers anything is possible. Guess what, it was a great party. Blue Bimini had all of their DUCKS lined up. GREAT JOB SHIRLEY.

We're looking forward to that Wine Tasting Party/Social Event at the clubhouse. Your hosts Pearl Bay by Ginny Jenkinson. Bring a bottle of wine to share or your beverage of choice. All of the circle reps have tickets for a \$3.00 donation. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Please get your ticket early, there will be a cut off date for purchasing tickets. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please mark your calendar for March 22nd, 4-7pm.

This is a very glamorous event you don't want to miss.



Trash and Treasure

Saturday, March 8, 2014

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

- No association sales table this year, individual and circles only
- All items can be brought to the Club House on Friday, March 7, between 10 am and 7:00 pm or early on Saturday, March 8.
- BAKE SALE: We need residents to bake cakes, cookies, pies or whatever your heart desires. If you would rather participate in the "Cake-Less" cake sale, all donations can be given to Joanne Figurelle or Marilyn Wisor. If you bake a large cake it would be a good idea to cut it in half, as many people prefer a smaller cake. Questions? Help? Call Joanne at 947-4220 or Marilyn at 992-4023. All profits go to the association.
- SELF-SERVE BREAKFAST will be available at 8:00 am and will consist of bacon, pancakes, orange juice and coffee. All for only a \$4.00 donation. (Note: Early-bird breakfast for workers and table renters at 7:00 am.)
- If you have crafts or treasures you would like to sell, reserve a table by calling Ted Figurelle at 947-4220, or sign up in the Library for the table space you want.
- Inside tables \$10.00, sidewalk space, (10 feet) \$8.00 payable in advance.
- Set-up Friday, March 7 (inside only) 10 am to 7 pm.
- Donated items can be given to neighbors, friends or to your circle table. (Check with your circle rep for details.)

For information and volunteers to help:

Call Ted Figurelle at 947-4220

or cell at 293-0202

 **Don't waste water!**

 **Remember to shut it off!**

 **It's everybody's responsibility to conserve water.**

 **Persuade your neighbors to join the....**

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Mrs. Sunshine - Joanne Figurelle
Please remember those in your circle who are housebound, ill, hospitalized or in need of some cheer. Also, remember to let me know of any passings in your circle. 947-4220.

TRI STAR BUG SERVICE

March 13th You must sign up in the Library by March 11th for the group service or call 239-267-2599

This is a 6-month guaranteed service for only \$45. If you call on your own it will be \$70.

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