



OCEAN RESORTS ISLAND TIMES FEBRUARY 2022



“I LOVE OR” LUNCHEON by Barb Harding

This year the Activities Committee hosted the **“I Love Ocean Resorts” Lunch** at the Italian American Club in Vero Beach. Marion Stark did a great job as the MC, and she jumped in and acted as bartender when there was a slight hiccup with the timing of the lunch. Sue Ertel provided a fun game where we had to match up famous couples. The winners at Joan Foley's table each won a Valentine's cupcake. It was an enjoyable afternoon with good food and great company.



Photos by Kathy Jankovic



OCEAN RESORTS 2022 ELECTION REPORT by Bill Howe

It was a cool, overcast, Saturday afternoon at the OR Pavilion for Board Election 2022. With the ending of the terms for three Board members, Jim Rocco, Bob Tobias and Gary Gardiner, four candidates had campaigned for this election. With the electronic ballots and the mail-in ballots, a quorum was achieved.

As the board took care of immediate business, the election committee tabulated the 168 electronic votes and 100 mail-in ballots while the nearly 50 people in attendance waited. The existing board presented a treasurer's report, welcomed 25 new shareholders to Ocean Resorts and recognized the names of 17 shareholders passing away in the previous 12 months. Also the attendees heard a report from John Provance about a pending St. Lucie County Commission meeting where a proposed land-use bill was to be decided upon allowing a restaurant and high-rise Condo to be built directly across from the OR Office on A1A. Provance urged any shareholder in opposition to such land use changes to voice their opposition via e-mail immediately.

Following the discussion, the election results were presented to the Board. The three new OR Board members elected for 2022 were Gary Reyer, Sheila Delson and Dan Luce (Treasurer). They will join existing Board members Jim Buysse (President), James Connors (Vice President), Marion Stark (Secretary) and Luxy LeClair (Director) for the upcoming year. Our congratulations to the newly elected members of the Board of Directors and a big "thank you" to outgoing directors.

THANKS to our OR staff for helping with the set up and tear down for the Annual Board Meeting....YES - it was a COLD day!

Photos by Bill Howe



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Jim Buysse



Things are booming in the park!! Many of our Ocean Resort's family are here and the park is very crowded. The activities are back in order this year with everyone getting involved and having fun.

Not much Board activity happening as everything seems to be running pretty smoothly. The only problem we have been having is with water getting into our lift station and we are working on that to see if we can get it figured out.

We now have three new board members and they will be getting up to speed shortly.

I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the season at Ocean Resorts. Even the president has had time to enjoy the fishing tournament!!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sandy Jenkins

The Activities Committee has had a very busy season so far. One of our favorite activities was our Poker Run - everyone had a lot fun and there were lots of laughs. The big winners were Al and Joan Foley along with 15 other people winning smaller prizes.

Our "I Love OR Week" activities for February were the Ice Cream Social and the Valentine Luncheon at The Italian American Club in Vero Beach. Also in February was our famous Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast.

March will be another busy month with another Hot Dog / Hamburger Roast. Then on March 15th our first Corn Hole competition and Chili Bowl will be held at the pavilion. A wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres event will be coming on March 22.

Remember, there is Bingo every Tuesday night at 7pm at the club house. Check the bulletin boards at the post office and comfort stations for more information about these events .

NEW LOGO ITEM FOR SALE



Polyester Performance Long Sleeve Shirts

Women's V-neck or Men's Crew neck

Sizes S-XL \$19, 2X \$20, 3X \$21

Sold at Game Room/Office & next Hot Dog Roast

Sponsored by Activities Committee



**2022 Ocean Resorts
TALENT SHOW**

**Thursday, March 3
2:00 pm
At the Rec Hall/Pavilion**

Laugh / Sing / Dance / Joke

CANADIAN POT LUCK by Barb Harding

About 24 Ocean Resorts' Canadian residents and their American friends had a really fun dinner party on February 9. It was MC'd by Lynne Dagg, and it was great to meet some new Canadians who have found out about our community at OR.



Gary Smolarek organized the playing of the national anthems. First played was the US anthem and then Lynne introduced the Canadian anthem. As per the plan, Gary played The Hockey Song by "Stomping Tom Connors". I am not sure if you are familiar with that song but the Canadians are!! It was good for a laugh. Then we heard the actual Canadian anthem.

Phillip Stowe won 2 bottles of wine and a Canada apron playing Canadian Bingo. And a great time was had by all!!



Kathy and Brian Smith, Cindy and Dan Cross, Al Parna, Lynne Dagg, David Cross, Yvonne Heaman and Barb Harding



BOCCE by Mary Dombro and Marie LeClair

Our league is going into its seventh week of play. Players are finding it hard to beat the Monday team of Marie/Luxy LeClair and Beth/Ken Reeves; as well as the Wednesday team of Marie/Luxy with Christi/Jeff Chambers. Both of these teams have not lost a game as of this writing.



Photos by Barb Goodman



There is tough competition out on the bocce courts! We will just have to see how those bocce balls roll in the next couple of weeks.



Photo by Sue Ertel

Some bocce players even play in the rain!!



Nolan Adams, son of John and Terry Adams (Terry is the daughter of Roger McCormick on Jib Way) found a real, live seahorse at the edge of the ocean on the OR beach. After a few pictures, Nolan released the live seahorse back into the ocean.



Photos and story from Pat Harding



THE RED and BLUE TEAM RIVALRY TOURNAMENT OF 2022

RED TEAM— 8

VS

BLUE TEAM—3

ARTICLE BY JIM THORPE

“THE RED and BLUE TEAM RIVALRY 2022” tennis tournament was held on February 18th thru February 20th. Usually this is a two day event but because of rain during Saturdays games, the ladies rescheduled their playing until Sunday. The red team won the tournament with 8 wins over the blue teams 3 wins. This was a single game elimination tournament.

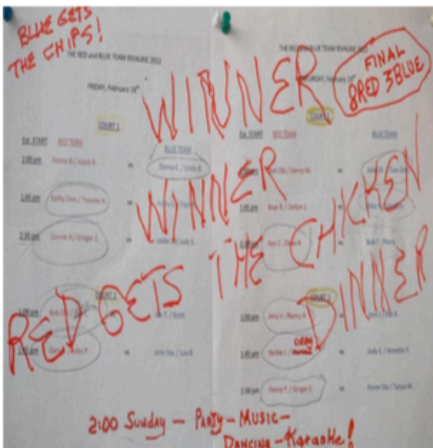
The way I see it, red had 8 - (1st Places) and 3 - (2nd Places) while the blue had 3 - (1st Places) and 8 - (2nd Places). Just in case you’re wondering why I see it that way, I was playing on the blue team. It sounds better to say 2nd place than “we lost”. Overall, everyone had a great time playing and then enjoyed the festivities on Sunday of food and karaoke. Special thanks to Joni and Delton for karaoke entertainment, everyone that brought their special appetizers, team captains, Tom Smith (president), and behind-the-scenes workers that made the tournament a fun and successful event.



Red team Captain Robert Obidzinski holding the winners trophy



Yvonne Hartl, receives a bouquet of flowers



Red team, Uber is looking for you to make the delivery of your KFC dinner



Lou Barbaria performing his karaoke song





TENNIS COMMITTEE by Tom Smith

The tennis Feb. schedule is coming to an end with the morning men's, ladies, afternoon ladies and the 5:00 group all having a great time playing. We had our Red and Blue tournament Feb. 18 and 19 with a party on Sunday. Our Black and White party at the clubhouse is scheduled for March 19. The cost will be \$20.00 each. It is BYOB, and there will be entertainment and a 50/50 drawing.

We had our committee meeting in as many months on February 18 with the pickle ball community and we all agreed that the situation of sharing the courts was working out fine.

I will be posting the minutes of the meeting and I would like everyone in the tennis community to read them as there was a little surprise at the end of the meeting.



**HOT DOG AND HAMBURGER ROAST
And
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Sponsored by the Activities Committee



Photos by Elizabeth Flaherty



ART IN THE PARK by Kathy Jankovic

We are already seeking ideas for the 2023 season. If there is any activity you would like to try, please let us know. The only criteria is that the craft takes under 2 hours to complete and the cost is under \$5.00. We always welcome new hostesses and fresh ideas.

FEBRUARY

21st - Shelia Delson - Part 2 Sharing of organizational project from 1/17 class

28th - Sharon English- Giving Back Day (no sew blankets) - bring 1.5 yard anti-pill fabric or kit. Some fleece will be available for a small fee.



MARCH

7th : Allison Alvandian - Easy beginner's sewing Ocean Resorts sunglass case.

14th: Nancy Clement - Chicken Cordon Bleu - see ingredient list in the post office.

21st: Susan Ertel - Leis for the Luau

28th: Carol McCarthy & Kathy Jankovic - Crocheted face scrubbies and homemade scrub recipe.



ART IN THE PARK SHOW - Sunday, March 6 at the Pavilion 12-3 pm.

Contact Donna Comolli (401-744-6912) to reserve a table to sell your crafts. There is a sign up sheet in the post office.

If you have questions or are able to lead a session, contact Alison Alvandian 1-203-887-0290 or Kathy Jankovic 1-312-350-5298



OCEAN RESORTS SHAREHOLDER SHARON STANISH INSTRUMENTAL IN BLOCKING A NEW ZONING



ARTICLE BY JIM THORPE



A proposal brought to the North and South Beach Association Commissioners sought to add a “ZONE C” Land Use Code for North Hutchinson and South Hutchinson Islands. The new zoning proposal was to allow 5 story buildings with a total height of 80 feet. This proposal was brought to the commissioners by the owner of the old PV Martin’s land directly across from **OCEAN RESORTS** frontage and adjacent to **OCEAN RESORTS** beach property line.

North Beach Association member Sharon Stanish organized a letter and email campaign to block the proposal for shareholders of **OCEAN RESORTS**.

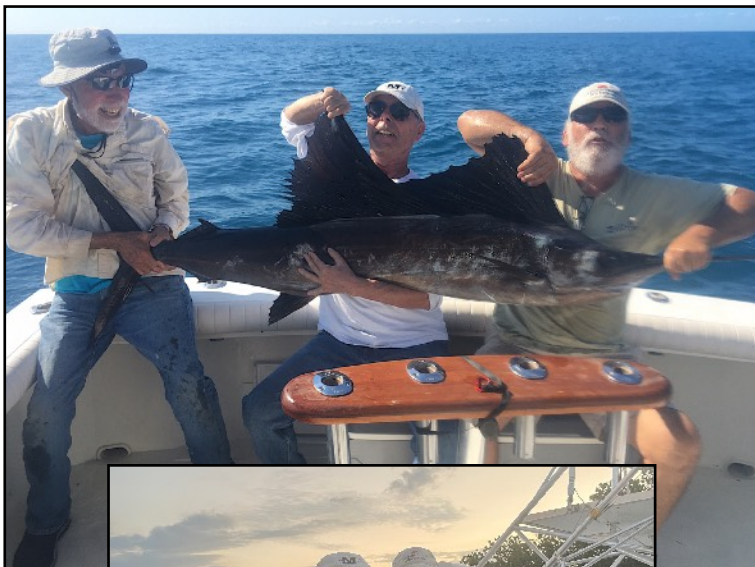
Sharon Stanish is a full time resident of **OCEAN RESORTS CO-OP, INC.** Sharon and her family first became a shareholder of **OCEAN RESORTS** in 2005 and then moved from Hollywood, Florida in 2019 to **OCEAN RESORTS** as full time residents.

Sharon had gone to a North Beach Association meeting in January 2020 at the Navy Seal Museum and during that meeting it was pointed out to Sharon that **OCEAN RESORTS** had no representation. So she took it upon herself to be our representative.

An assistant director of the Department of Planning and Zoning presented the Proposal to the Commissioners. The Commissioners questioned the presenter and discussed the proposal among themselves for about 45 Minutes. The large number of residents in attendance and the fact that over 600 emails and letters were received by the commissioners were acknowledged as having an impact on their decision to reject the proposal to add a “ZONE C” land use code for the North and South Hutchinson Islands.

So a huge “**THANK YOU**” goes out to Sharon for stepping up to represent **OCEAN RESORTS** shareholders at the North Beach Association and organizing the letter and email campaign so that we the shareholders of **OCEAN RESORTS CO-OP INC.** maintain the quality of life we all enjoy.

Jay McSweeney is a North Beach Association Director for **OCEAN RESORTS** also.



THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET WEIGHED!!

by David Cross

This sailfish peeled off over 400 yards of line before we could get this photo shoot and live-release. Brother Dan was at the helm from the tower and Laura (Al's sister) was our photographer. It took the whole all-Canadian crew to make this happen.



A great day
on the
water!!



YOGA by Nancy Wilder



Ocean Resort residents are packing the area around the pavilion and/or the club house every Tuesday and Thursday for yoga. **Jean Fiorini** is guiding us through stretching and muscle building twice each week. Jean has been coming to OR for a few years from Minnesota and practicing yoga since 1976. She and husband Perry escape the minus 0 degrees at home for a couple of months of ocean, pool and warm weather.

Jean has taught yoga back home since 2013 and has an exercise certification for seniors. It's evident that she loves teaching and really works hard to help people in class to do their best. Jean got into yoga after an injury and had to start with chair yoga. It took awhile for her body to strengthen but she eventually took over teaching the class.

Our bi-weekly classes spend time on how to stay safe. You will learn how to get up from the floor, gain balance, and breathe into those areas of discomfort in your body. But don't think this is an easy class. I've noticed each week there are new poses and we are holding them longer. But again, yoga is no competition, so you do what you can.

So come join us and bring a mat or two. And gentlemen, this is a coed class with several guys there regularly. During our interview, Jean stressed that she teaches yoga to help people. She saw how it changed her life and she wants to help others to feel strong and confident in their bodies. We look forward to seeing you at class!

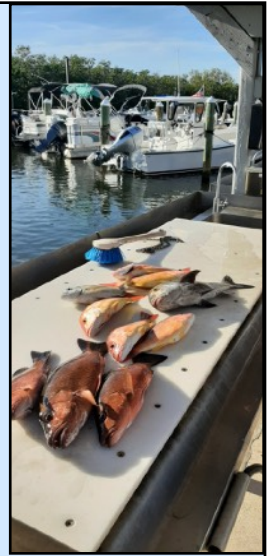
Hello from the OR Marina,

With High Season upon us, everyone is having a great time on the water (when the weather allows it). The OR Fishing Tournament is still going until the end of February. The old adage of 10% of the fisherman catch 90% of the fish may be true, as the 90% have yet to weigh in a qualifying fish.



Hopefully the weather allows the fleet some good fishing days before the end of the tournament!!

Here are some pics of the recent activity. Bob Finkel qualified in the Mackerel category with his 2.55 lb Spanish Mackerel. Griz and Joe G. had a nice Snapper day in the ocean. Ron Stanish netted a leading 3.65 lb Sheepshead. And if there was a category for the biggest Pufferfish, Luxy LeClair's would surely take the trophy.



**See you on the water,
Andy Stanish
Dockmaster**



MAHJONG by Elizabeth Flaherty

As soon as I was complaining the Mahjong was slowing down., the very next week we had 5 full tables!! Such as great game!

Come and join us on Wednesday at 12:00 or Thursday at 6:30.

NATURE AT OCEAN RESORTS by Linda Smolarek

Most of us are residents of Ocean Resort for two reasons, sunshine and water. And while sunshine is in abundance, we need to handle our water with care.

Nature doesn't make new water; it just recycles the old. Remember the water cycle from 4th grade? Water evaporates from the surface of the earth, rises into the atmosphere, cools and condenses into rain or snow in the clouds, and falls again to the earth as precipitation.

Clean water is essential to survival. Water conservation and paying attention to what we put into our water supply is key to our quality of life. Flushing outdated medications, hazardous chemicals, baby wipes, cotton products, condoms, diapers, dental floss, paper towels, tissues, cigarette butts, cat litter, hair, gum, cooking grease, food and agricultural byproducts down our drains can come back to "haunt" us in our water supply.

Try to avoid laundry detergents with phosphates, chlorine bleach, brighteners, sodium laureate and artificial fragrances which can end up in lakes, rivers and groundwater because they are (mostly) not filtered out in water treatment plants.

Wash less frequently, use cool wash functions and consider plant-based detergents. Most traditional laundry detergents contain petrochemicals. Petrochemicals are formed from petroleum known as natural gas and contribute to green house gas emissions connected to a host of health issues. Consider using plant-based laundry detergents which can be as effective as ones containing petrochemicals. Plant-based laundry detergents have different concentrations of plants derived surfactants and stain-removing enzymes.



Ultimately, everything we put down the drain flows into local water sources, so products that use bio-based renewable ingredients are better for the environment and help reduce the amount of carbon emissions that come from non-renewable petroleum-based ingredients.

Consider the packaging form. While full-circle recycling is struggling to find a market, the best option is to cut down on packaging. The amount of large laundry detergent containers ending up in landfills is staggering. Degradable laundry pods and concentrated laundry sheets (see picture insert) are popular choices. Remember to keep all laundry pods away from young children.

Plant-based detergents are good for your health and the environment. And these green-detergents are not tested on animals, free from phosphates and petrochemicals, recyclable, and biodegradable.

So keep our water clean! Do your part and think before you send it down the drain. Let's protect our critical water supply and the aquatic life around us.

A note from the editor: Consider joining "Captains for Clean Water", whose mission is "to restore and protect Florida's aquatic ecosystems for the use and enjoyment of all".
captainsforcleanwater.org

LET'S EAT OUT

By Sharon English

March is right around the corner and so is St. Patrick's Day. With that in mind, I'd like to recommend **SEAN RYAN PUB** in downtown Vero Beach. This "little bit o' Ireland" is the most authentic Irish Pub around and has a lively, pub-like atmosphere. If you are looking for a perfectly poured pint of Guinness or a delicious Irish coffee, go to SEAN RYAN'S. The restaurant offers a full menu of traditional Irish fare and American favorites. This friendly pub is a great spot to bring friends, family and to watch your favorite teams play.

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REUBEN SLIDERS RECIPE

If you are looking for a recipe for your St. Patrick's Day Party,

try these easy little Reuben Slider sandwiches.

Ingredients:

12 sliders rolls (Savory or Sweet Hawaiian)

3/4 sliced deli corned beef (10-12 slices)

8 slices of Swiss cheese

1 cup well drained sauerkraut

1/3 cup of Thousand Island Dressing

Topping:

4 Tbsp. melted butter

3 tsp. Dijon mustard

1Tbsp. Poppy Seed

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

*Cut the rolls in half horizontally while keeping them connected.

Lay the bottoms in a 9x13 pan.

Top with the slices of corned beef, followed by the Swiss cheese.

Place the drained sauerkraut on top of the cheese.

Spread the Thousand Island dressing evenly over the sauerkraut.

Place the top portions of the buns on top.

Mix the topping ingredients and brush evenly over the tops and crevices of the buns.

Bake in preheated oven 12-15 minutes until tops are golden brown.

*HINT: I find it difficult to cut the rolls horizontally. I split them into strips of 4 and then cut them. It's easier to cut and serve this way.

Garrett and Cody



Dixie and Daisy



FUN At THE PARK!



MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

Recently the connection between my articles on yoga, meditation and reading became apparent to me. It all clicked when I read (again) that meditation is part self care and part work out for the brain. If that wasn't enough, I then heard that reading, to the mind, is what exercise is to the body. Reading an interesting book stops the brain from multi-tasking and allows it to stretch into focusing. That makes so much sense to me.

Having the ability to fully focus on a task, be it breathing deeply and thoughtfully or concentrating on a crossword puzzle is a triumph. The next time you find yourself lost in your task, take a minute to appreciate what you have been able to do. Multi-tasking is not our friend. You lose too much when you try to do too much. Savor the details of your life.

What's the PICKLE JAR?

By Kathy Jankovic

Several years back, bingo coordinator Barb Connors suggested the pickle jar idea. Barb learned about this idea from one of her friends. A player opts to put a quarter in the pickle jar and receives a special ticket. At the beginning of the evening a number is pulled, for example, B15. If a player wins bingo when the special number is called, that person wins the contents of the jar. If no one wins, the pot rolls over to the following bingo session.

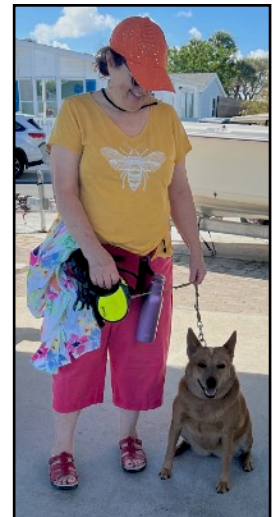
On February 1, 2022, the pickle jar hadn't been won since last season so it had a larger amount of money than usual. Player Craig Karasack told the caller that even though he never wins anything he decided to put in a quarter anyway. The caller told him that even non-believers win. Surprise, surprise!! Not only did Craig win the pot but he had to split the pot with 2 other winners, Jim Thorpe and Peter Kearney. It also happened to be Craig's lucky night since he and other players at his table won many of the games that evening.

Tradition says that players who win too many games in one evening need to be thrown into the pool! Unfortunately, Craig didn't get to keep his money since his wife, Lisa, got to put the winnings in her pocket. That fact was discovered when both Lisa and Craig both won bingo at the same time!



Terry and Taco

Photo by Nancy Wilder



**Casey
and Foxy**

Photo by Barb Goodman



OCEAN RESORTS ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2022

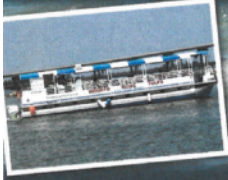
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We have a wonderful opportunity to Learn more about our Lagoon in our very own back yard so to speak. Did you know that we as OR own 65 acres of Islands just behind us? Possibly in the future we could have some excursions by kayak or bike around the peninsula and to the islands as a group.

We have an opportunity to take a WILD LIFE BOAT TOUR TOGETHER ON FRIDAY MARCH 4 AT 10:00AM. Leaving Fort Pierce Marina-1AvenueA The first 40 to call and register with Captain Lege (Chop) at 772-464-4445 at a cost of \$20 each. Captain (Chop) will be our tour guide and when making reservations for March 4 make sure you tell Chop you are from Ocean Resorts. Chop has been featured on NBC Florida Manatees show and gives tours to thousands of people including school children every year. I hope we can enjoy this learning fun time together. Also there are lots of great places to eat nearby after the boat tour should you want to.

We have in the past almost lost possession of our islands behind us and for us to own Environmentally Sensitive Land is almost unheard of in Florida. So the more we are aware of just how valuable and unique this is to our OCEAN RESORTS COMMUNITY the more we can do to protect it for the future Life of Ocean Resorts

I see this as an opportunity to fellowship, relax and have an informative BOAT TOUR TOGETHER. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

ASSET LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Team Leader John Hudspeth (336-280-1171)

The March 4th excursion to our Lagoon has **sold out**. An additional day has been added - March 7. Call Captain Lege at 772-464-4445 to reserve. (If you have already reserved for March 4, you **can not change** to March 7).

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POTATO SALAD
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Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, March 8th

7:30-9:30 a.m.

in the clubhouse

\$5

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Hosted by The Tennis Committee