



Plantation Living

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Board Election 2010

Later this month you will be receiving your election materials, which will include your Ballot/Proxy. The Ballot/Proxy serve two functions this year. As a Proxy, it establishes a quorum for our Annual Meeting. As a Ballot, it will determine which three candidates are elected to serve on the POA Board. It is important that you read this information carefully, sign the Proxy, and mark your Ballot for no more than three candidates. If you vote for more than three candidates, your Ballot will be declared invalid. Cumulative voting is prohibited. (You can only vote for a candidate once).

Quorum Requirement

We must have 51% participation in order for the Election and the Annual Meeting to be valid. **If we do not reach a quorum, another mailing will need to be sent at a cost of several thousand dollars.** If you were here for the 2000 election, you may remember during that election process we made quorum for the election but failed to make quorum for the Annual Meeting, which prompted us to send out a second mailing. Back in 2000, this mailing cost the Association over \$4000 in hard costs such as postage, stationery, and printing, plus numerous hours of staff time to facilitate. The cost of such an endeavor would be significantly higher in 2010. It is far more efficient and cost-effective to do this once.

In previous years, the Board and Staff needed to call in volunteers to make follow up phone calls to property owners who had not voted, in order to make quorum. We not only made phone calls but also resorted to handing out flyers at the Security Gates urging property owners who had not yet voted to go to the POA Service Center and fill out a Ballot/Proxy. All of these efforts, though successful, diverted valuable Board and Staff resources. We realize property owners are busy people and filling out another form may not be on the top of their list. However, the alternative in these financially troubled times is costly and diverts resources from other important tasks.

The deadline for your Ballot/Proxy to be received at the POA Service Center is **Thursday, March 18**, in order to be counted for the **Annual Meeting** on **Saturday, March 20, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House.**

As an inducement to make our quorum requirement, the POA has an incentive program. Provided we make our quorum requirement by **March 15, 2010**, every Ballot/Proxy from a member in good standing that is received by that date will be placed in a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate that can be redeemed at the POA Service Center for merchandise, classes, ARB fees, or used as a credit against next year's assessments. Five ballots will be drawn at random and each will be issued a \$200 gift certificate.



Hilton Head Plantation

Property Owners' Association

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Board of Directors

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| Vice President | Werner Sicvol |
| Secretary | Galen Smith |
| Treasurer | Paul Kopelcheck |

Members:

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| Susan Baldwin | Dennis Snyder |
| Jim Collett | Mary Ann Strayer |
| Tom Hoppin | |

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| Tennis Pro – Keith Ferda | 681-3626 |

Important Phone Numbers

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| POA Service Center | (843) 681-8800 |
| Accounting | Ext. 236 |
| Covenant Enforcement | Ext. 242 |
| Maintenance Shop | Ext. 241 |
| Tennis Hotline | Ext. 300 |
| Vehicle Decals | Ext. 223 |
| Dolphin Head Building | 681-8019 |
| Plantation House | 681-8090 |
| Spring Lake Pavilion | 681-3707 |
| Spring Lake Pool Information | 689-6473 |
| Spring Lake Tennis | 681-3626 |

Security

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| Dispatch (24 Hrs.) | 681-2459 |
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| Security Office | 681-3053 |

Emergencies

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| Fire & Ambulance | Dial 911 |
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President's Report

I was pleased when I learned last month that Sgt. Joe Farmer had been recognized by the Security Directors of South Carolina and the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office as the "2009 Security Officer of the Year." Joe was recognized for his outstanding dedication and professionalism in his service to Hilton Head Plantation residents and we are proud that he is a member of our HHP Security Department. This prestigious award has been given four out of the last seven years to an HHP Officer. Sgt. Joe Farmer is just one of the 26 Security Officers led by HHP Security Director Art Benoit. The Security Staff has high standards and undergoes continuous training to ensure they are ready for any contingencies.

We most often see the Security Officers performing access control at the Main and Cypress Gates and responding to emergencies, but they perform many other services to for residents as well, such as:

- Traffic enforcement and control
- 24 hour patrol of the Plantation
- Home inspection for residents who are away
- Animal control, not just dogs and cats but snakes, etc.
- Jumpstart vehicles
- Provide gas for stranded vehicles
- Provide security checks for commercial businesses
- Provide health and comfort checks for the elderly

Next time you enter the Plantation, you might want to give the Officer a smile and a wave or maybe a quick hello and thanks for the good work they do to make our Plantation a more comfortable and safe place to live.

Three Hilton Head Plantation Board members' terms will expire this year in March: Paul Kopelcheck, Tom Hoppin, and Werner Sicvol. Paul and Tom have served two terms and are therefore ineligible to run, but Werner is standing for election again. The Nominating Committee has picked a slate of five candidates to run for the HHP Board of Directors' three vacancies. James Ogden, Maury Tepper, Ben Letizia, Werner Sicvol, and Jane Joseph will be on the ballot (order of names are drawn at random). All five candidates will present themselves at the next Coffee with Peter on February 18, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House. This is a good chance to get to know the candidates and for you to ask them some questions.

Shortly after the candidate forum, you will be receiving the ballots by mail. This is your opportunity to vote for the candidates that you think will best represent the interests of the residents. Please return your ballots promptly! Also, plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 20, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House to hear the results of the election and review the 2009 Annual Report.

--Richard Sell

General Manager's Report

Coffee with Peter

Our next Coffee is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House. The first part of our meeting will have the usual updates and a question and answer period. During the second part of the meeting you will have the opportunity to Meet the Candidates who are running for the three open seats on the POA Board. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet and mingle with the candidates. Please take some time to review the information on pages 5-8 about each of the candidates. Remember, our community works best when everyone participates. Please educate yourself on the background of each of the candidates, jot down any questions you may have, and bring them to the meeting. Please read the front page story regarding the incentive program the POA has set up to encourage voter participation.

If you are new to our lovely community, these Coffees are a great way to get up-to-speed on the operations of the Plantation. As usual, the coffee will be hot and fresh and the donuts and other goodies plentiful.

What if I don't know who to vote for?

Copies of each candidate's bio and picture are included in this edition of *Plantation Living*. You will also find a short biographical sketch included with your Ballot materials. If, after reviewing these materials, attending meetings, and consulting with friends and neighbors, you are still unsure of whom to vote for please don't throw your Ballot/Proxy away. Although we strongly advise all property owners to become informed voters and vote for the candidate(s) of your choice, if you are still unsure simply check the box on the Ballot next to, **"I am returning this Ballot/Proxy for the purpose of achieving a quorum only and do not wish to vote for any candidate."** Sign the Ballot/Proxy and send it in to the POA. Your Ballot can then be counted toward the POA quorum requirement.

Main Gate Paving Project

The Town of Hilton Head's new fire station at our Main Gate is almost complete. **Weather permitting**, in early March, the POA will begin work on several projects associated with the resurfacing of Whooping Crane Way between the Traffic Circle and our Main Gate houses. These projects include installing new decorative concrete pads at both the Residents and Visitors gates, installing a new sign package, restriping the entire length of Whooping Crane Way, and installing additional landscaping in the area of the Main Gate.

During the installation of the decorative concrete pads, **each gate will need to be closed for a minimum of two weeks** to allow the concrete to sufficiently cure to withstand heavy traffic without failing. Once the

concrete is cured in both lanes, the resurfacing will be scheduled as night work. Milling (shaving the asphalt next to the curb to assure a uniform thickness to the curb) and some prep work will take place during the day.

One entrance lane will be closed March 1-18 and one entrance lane will be closed March 18-April 1. Road milling and resurfacing will occur April 4-9, during the night. Striping will tentatively occur April 19. All of this work is weather permitting.

This process will be disruptive to the flow of traffic and will produce delays. However, once these projects are completed it should enhance this entire area. We will keep you posted via email alerts and postings on our Website (www.hiltonheadplantation.com). **We urge all residents and guests to use the Cypress Gate during the installation of the decorative concrete pads, which will cause delays at the Main Gate complex.**

Committees

The HHPPOA Board is advised by several standing committees. These committees include: Finance, Covenants, Communications, Maintenance, Recreation, Security, and the Architectural Review Board. Each committee has a specific area of expertise. Members of these committees are chosen from among the members in good standing with the POA and serve for a period of one year in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Board. The committee system provides an invaluable service to the community by tapping members' expertise for the benefit of the POA. If you have an interest in sharing your time and talent, please consider filling out the interest form inserted in this issue and returning it to Sharon White at the POA Service Center by March 17. (The form is also available online at www.hiltonheadplantation.com) The Board generally makes committee appointments at its April Board meeting.

Pedestrians and Crosswalks

With warmer weather (hopefully) just around the corner, it may be a good idea to review the rules for the safety of you and your guests using our leisure paths and roadways. South Carolina law Title 56 states the following:

SECTION 56-5-3110. Pedestrian obedience to traffic control devices and traffic regulations. (a) A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically applicable to him unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

SECTION 56-5-3130. Pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalks. (a) When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall

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General Manager's Report

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yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(b) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Within HHP, when a leisure path or cart path intersects with a roadway, there is either a stop sign erected or a yield sign painted on the surface of the path. These markings are traffic control devices and are to be obeyed by pedestrians, golfers, and cyclists. However, once a pedestrian reasonably enters a marked crosswalk, they have the right-of-way and motor vehicles "...shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger."

As stated in Section (b) of the SC State Statute, *"No pedestrian shall suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard."*

So what does this all mean? When someone using a leisure path or cart path comes to an intersection, they must stop or yield the right-of-way to a motor vehicle. However, after reasonably ascertaining that the roadway is safe to cross and the pedestrian enters a marked crosswalk, an approaching motorist must slow down or stop to allow the pedestrian to cross safely. Please exercise caution and common sense when crossing and be mutually courteous of those using our extensive leisure path system as well as our roadways.

New Patrol Vehicle

After a lengthy investigation, the POA made the decision to purchase a six-cylinder Dodge Charger for a patrol vehicle in 2009. The Dodge Charger replaced one of the Ford Crown Victoria's which have been a staple on the Plantation and throughout Beaufort County. This change has allowed the POA's Security Department to utilize a more fuel-efficient vehicle without sacrificing the quality and number of services delivered. Over the past year, the Dodge Charger has exceeded our expectation for performance and fuel efficiency. As a result, the Board has authorized the purchase of a second Dodge Charger that will be added to our patrol vehicle fleet. These vehicles are not standard off the lot automobiles, but

come with a special heavy-duty "police package" that is designed to stand up to the constant use and added demand of additional communication, lighting, video, and radar units.

Household Maintenance

One of the most preventable items I often read about in Security reports are water issues. Here are a few tips to help you prevent thousands of dollars of damage and a lot of heartache. Once a year it's a good idea to check your washing machine hoses for wear. If you see any signs of deterioration it would be wise to replace the hoses. A burst washing machine hose can cause untold dollars in water damage in a very short period. Consider replacing your present rubber hoses with braided stainless steel. They are a little more expensive but usually provide better protection against rupture over time. If your water heater is located in your attic, make sure you have an overflow pan. In the event your water heater leaks, the water is captured in the overflow pan and directed to the outside of your home. It's a good idea to inspect the pan and the outlet pipe for damage or clogs. Over time, dust and the occasional piece of stray insulation could clog the overflow pipe. If a pan is not present or if the pipe outlet is clogged, your hot water heater could dump water onto your ceiling and into the living areas below. If you don't have an overflow pan under your hot water heater, please consider contacting a local plumber about the wisdom of installing such a device.

Projects

- Work on the Bluff Revetment project has been completed for this two-year (2009-10) cycle. Over 14,000 tons of revetment were added to the Bluff during this intensive process. The area disturbed by the construction equipment will be graded and overseeded. The next cycle for adding revetment to the Bluff is the fall of 2011-winter 2012.
- Six of the tennis courts at the Spring Lake Racquet Club have been resurfaced.
- Contracts have been awarded to paint the Plantation House, Spring Lake Pavilion, Dolphin Head Pavilion, the POA Service Center, and the Security Building.
- A waterproof deck box has been purchased and installed at the bocce courts. This addition will keep the equipment dry and critter-free.
- Work on the repairs to the drainage pipe at the intersection of High Bluff Road and Oyster Reef Cove have almost been completed. Thank you for your patience.

Stay Safe

Peter Kristian

Nomination of Candidates for the Board of Directors

There are three vacancies on the Board of Directors for 2010. The following five individuals have been nominated as Candidates for those vacancies:

Coffee with Peter
Date: Thursday, Feb. 18
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Plantation House
Meet the Candidates

| <i>Candidate</i> | <i>Education</i> | <i>Work Experience</i> | <i>HHP Activities</i> | <i>Goals</i> |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Jim Ogden 71 Honey Locust Circle Resident since 1999 | Bachelor of Architecture professional degree; Bachelor of Environmental Design | Registered Architect since 1981, presently in private practice | member of Architectural Review Board | Promote integration of new energy technologies into existing/new home designs; maintain/enhance HHP's natural beauty; continue building HHP's prudent financial management |
| Maury Tepper 15 Hickory Knoll Place Resident since 2002 | University of Cincinnati, BBA (accounting), 1960 and law degree (JD), 1963 | Attorney, 39 years; manager of apartment buildings | 2009 Yacht Club Commodore | Continue good management of HHP, provide safe, secure environment for residents |
| Ben Letizia 14 Coopers Hawk Road Resident since 1998 | BS (chemistry) Fordham University | Union Carbide, marketing/sales. Borden, Inc., Group VP International | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcomers Club • Dolphin Head Golf Club • POA Board • Chair, Maintenance Committee | Ensure investments meet homeowners' expectations; encourage potential home buyers to make HHP their home |
| Werner Sicvol 12 Clearwater Lane Resident since 2003 | BS and MS (engineering), Case Western Reserve University | Environmental Engineer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POA Board 2007 • Chair, Communications Committee • Chair, Finance Committee • VP POA Board • 2008 Chair, Committee to negotiate Stormwater Agreement with the Town of HHI | Provide adequate resources to maintain the Plantation's property values. Ensure that this Plantation remains a first-class place to live and play |
| Jane Montag Joseph 22 Herring Gull Lane Resident since 1996 | Cornell University, BA (mathematics) | IBM Systems Engineer, 27 years | Bear Creek Golf Club member | Maintain the quality and value of HHP by ensuring we have a strong vision and dynamic plan for the future |

Ballots for the election will be mailed by **February 19**. Take the time to cast your vote.

--Jim Collett, Chair, Nominating Committee

Candidates for the Board of Directors

Jim Ogden



My architectural career led to our family's move to Hilton Head Island from Montreal, Canada 11 years ago. This opportunity has allowed us to enjoy a better way of life due in large part to Hilton Head Plantation's residents, amenities, and natural beauty.

I have been a member for the past four years of the HHP

Architectural Review Board. This has given me a strong appreciation for the challenges and complexities of managing and guiding the progress of Hilton Head Plantation.

Other volunteer service (past & present) includes Habitat for Humanity, The United Way of the Lowcountry, The Concours d'Elegance, and in my professional life, the American Institute of Architects, Hilton Head Section.

My goals as a Board member of the HHP POA are threefold:

- To promote and encourage the integration of new energy technologies into both existing and new home designs. It is imperative that we are proactive to ensure that residents can benefit from these money-saving "green" technologies while maintaining the esthetic quality of our built community.
- To maintain and enhance the natural beauty of HHP, a resource to treasure and protect.
- To continue building upon the prudent financial management of HHP. As the economy moves out of recession, the POA Board will need to continue to maintain and improve our infrastructure, wonderful amenities, and community services keeping HHP a top choice for home buyers, whether full or part-time. Together, sound financial management and quality infrastructure, amenities, and community services will provide a base in restoring property values.

I am in private practice, having architectural registrations in South Carolina and Georgia with professional degrees in Architecture and Environmental Design.

Maury Tepper



My formal education was at the University of Cincinnati where I earned my BBA (accounting major) in 1960 and my law degree (JD) in 1963.

That same year, I married my wife, Emmie, and began the practice of law in Cincinnati where I maintained a law office for 39 years. We have two sons and five grandchildren, all living in North Carolina.

Ever since our first visit to Hilton Head Island in 1975, we loved it and planned to live here someday. In October of 2002, we moved into our home in Hilton Head Plantation.

While in Cincinnati, I served as treasurer of my Masonic Lodge for 34 years. I was also president of the Administrative Board of my church. I was a member of the Grievance Committee of the Cincinnati Bar Association for several years. Besides my law practice, I managed apartment buildings for my partners and myself.

I have been involved in several POAs as both a member of the board as well as president. These include the Harbor Town Yacht Club (a boating condominium in Cincinnati.) I was president of the Board of the POA for Southampton Square, where I maintained my office.

From 1992 until 2002 I served on the Board of the POA for the Carolina Club in Shipyard. I was president of the association for the last three years up until the time when I sold my unit. Since moving to Hilton Head, I have become an Elder in my church. I have also held several offices in the Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club, including Commodore in 2009.

I believe our Plantation is well-managed and I would like to do my part to keep it that way by providing a safe and secure environment for our residents.

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Candidates for the Board of Directors

Ben Letizia



A native New Yorker, I am a graduate of Fordham University with a degree in chemistry. I began my business career with Union Carbide in marketing and sales associated with the chemicals and plastics industries. I later joined Borden, Inc., and rose to the position of Group Vice President, International.

Since arriving on the Island in 1998, I have served on a number of boards, including HHP's Newcomers Club, HHP's POA, Dolphin Head Golf Club, and currently, the Parish Council of St. Francis Church.

If elected to the Board, I would work to ensure that as HHP refurbishes/replaces amenities, they not only meet the expectations of homeowners, but also serve to encourage potential homebuyers to make their investment in HHP. Focus would be on enhancing the appeal of the asset as opposed to just replacing in kind.

One of HHP's many assets is our lagoon system, which is a source of natural beauty and contributes to the attractiveness of the Plantation as a place to retire/invest. With the Town of Hilton Head assuming responsibility for maintaining our lagoon system, we should seize the opportunity to consider beautification enhancements to be implemented concurrent with the work planned by the Town.

As the largest residential community on the Island, HHP represents an attractive market for many goods and services. If elected, I would like to take advantage of HHP's marketing clout to seek opportunities for negotiating favorable service and/or product purchase agreements.

During my tenure on the HHPPOA Board (2000-2003), I chaired the Maintenance Committee, which initiated a benchmarking program involving the visitation and exchanges with comparable gated communities. Information/experience gained led to a number of initiatives, such as the creation of the Whooping Crane Conservancy Foundation.

My wife, Elaine, and I are the proud parents of six children and four grandchildren.

Werner Sicvol



I'm an engineer. That's the way I analyze situations and that's the way I approach getting things done.

After graduating with a BS and MS in engineering from Case Western Reserve University, I began a long and rewarding career as an environmental engineer. My wife and I moved to HHP in 2003 and with a misdirected hubris, I volunteered for the POA Covenants Committee. After three rewarding years, I was elected to the POA Board in 2007. Since then, I have been chair of the Communications Committee, chair of the Finance Committee, and vice-president of the POA Board. I was nominated in 2008 to chair the committee that successfully negotiated the Stormwater Management Agreement with the Town of Hilton Head. This agreement has the potential to significantly reduce the Plantation's maintenance costs for our aging stormwater infrastructure.

Our Plantation is entering a mature phase. We need to make certain that adequate resources are provided to maintain the Plantation because all of our property values are dependent on first class facilities for both our common and private properties. For the common areas, the POA needs to provide adequate resources for manpower and financing to ensure that these facilities remain safe and an asset. For the private properties, the POA must provide our ARB with the regulations and enforcement clout in order that our residents' properties are properly maintained to approved standards. We must ensure that this Plantation remains a first-class place to live and play.

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Candidates for the Board of Directors

Jane Montag Joseph



My goal is to maintain the quality and value of HHP by ensuring that we have a strong vision and dynamic plan for the future. We should continue the things we are already doing well while improving areas that need more focus, such as technology implementation.

We should know who our future residents will be, understand our competition in the Lowcountry and other geographies, and determine what is needed to attract new residents and keep our current ones. These are essential to maintaining our quality of life and enhancing the value of our property. Our challenge will be to determine the core elements to retain while being bold enough and smart enough to recognize what should change.

I moved to Hilton Head in 1996 from Bethesda, MD, choosing our Plantation for its location, beauty, and sense of community. I grew up in Roslyn, NY and graduated from Cornell University with a BA in Mathematics.

My plan to teach secondary school changed when a systems engineering position was offered by IBM, where I enjoyed 27 years in professional and management positions in sales, marketing, software development, and finance. I moved on to a software company as Director of Quality and Information Technology, and then to Hilton Head, where I began a consulting business specializing in quality management, organizational effectiveness, and business planning.

I've been a board member of the Art League of Hilton Head for three years and a member of Bear Creek Golf Club. I served on the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Yam for nine years as First Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President, also chairing many committees. My husband, Hart, and I have two sons, three daughters, and eight grandchildren and I am fortunate to have my dad living at the Cypress.

POA Committees

HHP property owners interested in serving on a POA Committee are invited to complete the POA Committee Interest Form inserted in this issue.

The POA Standing Committees include:

- Architectural Review Board
- Maintenance -Finance
- Communications -Recreation
- Covenants -Security

Please return the completed form to the POA Service Center by **Wednesday, March 17.**

Notice

Your interactions with members of the Security Department may be recorded.

Emergency Information Card

Please print and return to POA Service Center, Main Gate, or Cypress Gate.

Please provide family information for the POA use in case of emergency.

Name: _____
 Account #: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell: _____

Person(s) to contact in case of emergency. Please list name and phone number.

1. Contact name _____
Phone _____

2. Contact name _____
Phone _____

Homeowners' signature _____

Date: _____

Lowcountry Nature: *Saw Palmetto*

Saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*), a familiar landscape plant on Hilton Head lawns and golf courses, is one of only 14 palms native to the United States.

The species is common along the Atlantic and Gulf coastal plains, from South Carolina to the Florida Keys and west to Louisiana. Preferring dry, sandy, well-drained locations, saw palmetto is a common understory shrub in oak and pine forests, where it forms dense, tangled thickets up to 7 feet high via spreading underground stems. Sometimes (for reasons still unclear), saw palmetto assumes a tree-like form, in which case it may grow 10 feet or taller. The plant is highly resistant to fire; even when its above-ground foliage is burned to the ground, new leaves sprout again quickly from the crowns. For this reason, saw palmetto is one of the first plants to colonize (re-vegetate) burned areas.

Probably the most striking features of saw palmettos are their huge, compound, evergreen leaves—some as big as 1-2 feet across. Each leaf is composed of 20-30 small, stiff leaflets arranged like a fan. At the fan's base is a long leaf stalk with tiny, saw like teeth along the edges; these teeth give rise to the plant's common name. Like other members of the palm family (*Arecaceae*), saw palmettos are flowering plants. In summer, clusters of fragrant yellowish-white flowers appear amid the dense clusters of leaves. After pollination by insects, the flowers give rise to oval, reddish-black fruits—food for deer, raccoons, foxes, and other animals.

Saw palmetto has a long history of use by Native Americans and early European settlers. The Seminole Indians, for example, used the fruits both for food and as medicine for a variety of conditions, including inflammation, infertility, impotence, and respiratory infections. Colonial pioneers made the fruits into a beverage. Even today, extracts of the plant are still used, particularly in Europe, as herbal medicine for alleviating problems of the urogenital tract. Saw palmetto extract has even been suggested as a possible treatment for male pattern

baldness. More scientific research is needed, however, on the effectiveness of saw palmetto as a remedy for these and other ailments.

Aside from possible therapeutic uses, saw palmetto continues to be an attractive landscape feature throughout our Plantation, providing lush clumps of green throughout the winter months. For the homeowner, the plant is a relatively carefree, indestructible shrub—and a good horticultural investment. Though slow-growing, some specimens can attain remarkable ages—reputedly 500 years or more—especially in warmer parts of the species' range.

--Vicky McMillan



photo by Vicky McMillan

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Plantation Golfing

by Jerry Cutrer

Bear Creek Golf Club

The BCGC 9-Hole and 18-Hole Women's Golf Associations wrapped up their 2009 seasons with a combined Closing Day Scramble and Luncheon. A highlight of the day was the annual "Putt Off" with top finishers from each association squaring off for bragging rights.



(right) Bear Creek Annual Putt Off

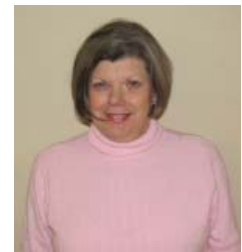
Country Club of Hilton Head

The last major event of the 2009 CCHH season was the annual Member/Member Tournament, a two-day flighted competition featuring nine holes of Captain's Choice and nine holes of Modified Alternate Shot on the first day followed by eighteen holes of four ball play on the second. The team of Susan Foster/Joyce Weidenkopf took top honors in the Ladies' flight followed by Nancy Dix/Mary Jane Major in second place. The Men's First Flight was won by Chuck Kolkebeck/Ed Sessler with Dave Politi/Bob Rusche finishing second. The Men's Second Flight champions were Jerry Cutrer/Hugh Krieger; Tom Cuomo/Kent Mittelberg captured second place.

The Country Club of Hilton Head golf association elected new officers for the 2010 Club year. Tammy Carter assumed the helm of the Women's Nine Hole Association from Patti Beck and Joanne Paterno. Joanne Paterno relieved Jane Rojahn as Women's Golf Association President and Mike Gilroy took over the reins of the Men's Golf Association from outgoing President Kent Mittelberg.



(left) Country Club Member/Member Tournament (L-R) Ladies Flight Champions Susan Foster and Joyce Weidenkopf, Head Golf Professional Chip Pellerin, Tournament Host Nathan Mitchell, Men's first Flight Champions Chuck Kolkebeck and Ed Sessler, and Men's Second Flight Champions Jerry Cutrer and Hugh Krieger



(right) Women's Nine Hole Association President Tammy Carter



(left) Women's Nine Hole President Joanne Paterno



(right) Men's Golf Association Officers (L-R) Member-at-large Bob Shea, 2010 President Mike Gilroy, 2009 President Kent Mittelberg and Treasurer Larry Hazzard

Bridge Winners



**PH Ladies Bridge
January 8 – Winners**

1. Gloria Campeau
2. Dolores Kanski
3. Sigrid Peters
4. Ann Katz

January 22 – Winners

1. Sigrid Peters
 2. Ellen Yanofsky
 3. Rita Philippon
 4. Jeanne Napier
- PH – 2nd & 4th Friday – 10:30 AM
Call Sue Creighton 682-2886

**PH Informal Bridge
January 26 – Winners**

1. Evie Kowtko
 2. Jack Cavagnaro
 3. Don Kowtko
 4. Joan Austin
- PH – 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM
Call Evelyn/Don Kowtko 681-6338

**PH Team Bridge
January 5 – No play**

PH – 1st Tuesday – 7:00 PM
Call Barb/Don Edwards 689-3311

**SL Ladies Bridge
January 5 – Winners**

1. Sigrid Peters
2. Pat Cavagnaro
3. Ellen Yanofsky

January 19 – Winners

1. Emily Eastman
2. Sigrid Peters
3. Flo Thompson

SL – 1st & 3rd Tuesday – 10:00 AM
Call Jeanne Napier 681-1866
or Sigrid Peters 689-9350

**PH Slammers
January 13 – Winners**

1. Jo Natale
2. Peggy Alexander
3. Rick Perrini
4. Rusty Malacarne
5. Rita Philippon

PH – 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Call Mary Priestman 342-6244

Fishing Club

The February meeting of the Fishing Club will take place at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, at the Plantation House. The dinner theme is Italian and our speaker will be Tina Toomer, owner of the Bluffton Oyster Company. She will speak on the local oyster industry as well as other aspects of the seafood business and the history of the Oyster Company.



If you haven't paid your 2010 dues, now is the time to do so. If you haven't paid by the end of the February meeting, we'll have to drop you from the Club membership roster.

Don Kowtko says he has already reached the minimum number of fly fishing anglers for the annual trip to Elizabethton, Tennessee, so that the early May trip with Appalachian Anglers is a go. There is still room for more attendees. This is a great trip, as the large number of Club members who participate annually will attest. It's designed for all levels of fly fishing expertise (or lack thereof). Theo Copeland and his guides are well equipped to teach beginners. They supply everything from rods to waders, as well as a daily shore lunch. See Don for more details or call him at 681-6338. Wives are welcome, either for fishing or for touring the local points of interest with Evie Kowtko.

The cold weather we experienced in early January has pretty much shut down fishing, both in the lagoons and in the local estuaries. Up until the cold snap, we experienced one of the best fishing years in the recent past. The redfish were back with a vengeance with many fish being well over the maximum size limit. The last time we had such an extended period of cold weather, however, we lost several years' worth of spotted sea trout.

Apparently, this species is much more sensitive to the cold than are other more hardy types. It took several years for even a partial recovery. The other problem is that the shrimp population may also be hit hard and if there are no shrimp to feed them, the other fish species disappear as well.

Fishing in the lagoons should pick up again since those ponds will warm more quickly. If it stays cold, the spring spawn will be delayed. That usually takes place in March, only one month away!

New members are always welcome. If you join now, you'll get almost a full year's membership for \$10 a person. That's less than a dollar a month and there are enough Club-paid events to insure you'll get more than your money's worth!

Call Dave Morse at 682-2356 for information about the Club or Gary Turner at 342-3254 for information about fishing in the Plantation.
--Earle Nirmaier



Cheers by the Sound

Come and greet dear friends and make new ones at

Dolphin Head Recreation Area. Bring an hors d'oeuvre for eight, a serving utensil, your favorite beverage, paper plates, cups, and napkins.

**** NEW DAY ****

Day: **2nd Monday of month**
Time: **5:00 – 7:00 PM**
Place: **Dolphin Head Rec Area**

No reservations are necessary – just show up. For information, call **Margita Rockstroh** at 682-3171.

Farmers Club



We've been able to do little at the farm in January due to the terrible two weeks of weather in the 20's. So we're really hoping that the rest of the

month and the first part of February were much kinder to our poor struggling onions and lettuce. They lacked water while being subjected to the unusually low temperatures. Fertilize gently as needed depending on the condition of your vegetables, and always make sure the ground is wet before doing so. Mulching the lettuce with pine straw brought it through, but it's not too late to plant more. Seeds should reappear in the stores any day, and you should try radishes, carrots, spinach, and peas if you didn't plant them earlier.

Look for transplants of spinach and broccoli to set out, and buy or sprout your own seed potatoes. Seed catalogs are piling up now, and it is fun to read about all the new veggies including dwarf ones that can be grown in pots on your patio. The Cook's Garden at www.cooksgarden.com offers gourmet seeds and plants, and John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds has many herbs as well. His website is www.kitchengardenseeds.com. Last month I gave you a website for www.tomatogrowers.com that left out the 's' on 'growers.' Please try again as it is worth your time.

Some of us have planted blueberries in our plots. Dick Bloom, our blueberry expert, says that some varieties are self-pollinating, but not all of them are, so if yours are not producing well, add a new bush or two of a different type. Mulch the bushes well, feed with azalea/camellia fertilizer now and again in April, and never apply lime. They have shallow roots, and need to stay slightly moist all spring. The berries freeze well for baking.

Roses should be pruned now. Plant new ones as soon as possible. If they are bare root, soak them in a solution of water with just a touch of fertilizer in it for several hours before planting.

Yacht Club

The Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club has another exciting year planned. Highlights include:

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| Feb. 18 | Dinner by One Hot Mamas, Plantation House, 6:30 PM |
| March 7 | Party for Newcomers, Dolphin Head, 4:00-6:00 PM |
| March 18 | Jazz Ensemble |
| March 24 | Harbour Town Cruise & Luncheon |
| April 9 | Day Sail, Port Royal Sound |
| April 15 | General Meeting, Speaker, Port Royal Sound, at the Plantation House, 6:30 PM |
| April 22-23 | Southern Cruise to St. Simons |
| May 6 | Commodore's Ball |
| May 11 | Luncheon Cruise to Daufuskie |
| May 18 | Fishing Contest |
| May 20-21 | Sail Overnight Battery Creek |
| May 28 | Sail Around HHI |
| June 5 | Blessing of Fleet/Pig Roast |
| June 17-18 | Northern Cruise to Mt. Pleasant |
| July 1 | Day Sail - Palmetto Bay |
| July 14 | Luncheon Cruise - Port Royal Marina |
| July 27 | Invitation to Swim & Raft Up Party |
| July 31 | Day Sail & Raft Up on Port Royal Sound |
| Aug. 13 | Dockside Luncheon Cruise |
| Sept. 8-9 | Sail Overnight Cruise May River |
| Sept. 16 | Lowcountry Boil, 6:30 PM, Plantation House |
| Sept. 19 | Invitation to Sail |
| Oct. 1-2 | Beaufort Shrimp Festival Cruise (Landlubber Package available) |
| Oct. 15-16 | Sail Cruise Overnight Mackay Creek |
| Oct. 21 | Octoberfest Dinner, 6:30 PM, Plantation House |
| Oct. 23 | Sail Port Royal Sound & Raft Up |
| Nov. 18 | Annual Year in Review, 7:00 PM, Plantation House |
| Dec. 8 | Change of Watch Ball |

For membership applications, please give me a call.

--"Nancy D" Correll, Membership Officer
Hm: 843-342-3755 Cell: 384-8448
www.hhpyc.org email: hhinancyd@aol.com
(must place "hhpyc" in subject line)

Get rid of the old mulch and apply new. I like to use pine straw from home, but any mulch will do.

Want to join us? Call John at 689-5053 to see if there are plots available. These would be \$30 for a 25 x 25 foot area with all the water and free advice you can use. A membership fee is \$20 and includes nine great dinners. Questions gladly answered by email at dcmgard@aol.com or by phoning me at 342-5884. A few cookbooks are still available.

--Diane Middleton
Master Gardener

The Singles' Network
(New Name! Formerly 55 & Alive)



"Our mission is to provide a social network for adult residents of HHP who are not married, offering them the opportunity to participate, as a member of a group, in varied activities, both on and off the Island, which may not be as enjoyable or cost-effective if experienced alone."

Join us for the Marsh Tacky races on Mitchellville Beach, **February 28!** Marsh Tackies are small horses that at one time were an integral part of agricultural life in the Lowcountry. With the advent of the automobile and plow, they became very rare and, until recently were thought to be extinct. There are currently fewer than 100 Marsh Tackies. Marsh Tacky beach derbies were held regularly until the 1960's, as a popular local event. Now, as part of the Gullah Cultural Festival, the horses race again, a living part of Lowcountry history. There is no admission fee for the event, although a \$5 donation is requested. Food will be available for purchase, including Lowcountry and Gullah favorites like shrimp and grits, fish, and turnip greens.

We'll meet at the Plantation House and carpool/ caravan, leaving at 11:30 AM. "Meet and greet" the horses and riders will be first; the races will run from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Restrooms will be available. Bring a lawn chair if you want to sit. Call Babs Burke at 715-0245 or email BabsBurke@roadrunner.com. Kids, friends, and family members are welcome! For more information about the horses and the event, visit www.CarolinaMarshTacky.com or www.CoastalDiscovery.org.

If you're an unmarried Hilton Head Plantation resident or property owner, age 21 to 101, be sure to join our mailing list for news on upcoming events such as Happy Hour at Wise Guys; a boat trip to Daufuskie Island and the famed Marshside Mama's; a pot luck picnic on the beach; and a "Men's Night Out" poker tournament, as well as impromptu events such as movie nights, happy hours, progressive dinners, etc. Send your contact information to babsburke@roadrunner.com or call **Babs Burke** at 715-0245.

Happy Times Society_____



The Happy Times Society is a social group for all HHP residents. Happy Times Society meets each month (except July, August, November, and December) at Dolphin Head for light refreshments.

Date: **4th Sunday of the month**
 Time: **5:00 - 7:00 PM**
 Place: **Dolphin Head Rec Area**

Each person/couple attending is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre for eight and their own liquid refreshment. Ice will be supplied. For information, call **Dottie Distelheim** at 342-6828.

Bocce Club_____



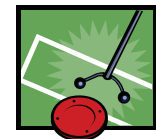
We are sounding the trumpets to get your attention for the time is drawing near for Plantation residents to consider joining the Bocce Ball League.

Bocce Ball is an Italian bowling game full of surprises. Each ball that is thrown can alter the possible score. In American bowling, the pins are always set in the same place, whereas in Bocce the target ball (called the polina) is always in a different place. Throwing skills need to be sharpened so the players can get their ball closest to the polina to score.

The Spring League organizational meeting will be at Spring Lake Pavilion on Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 AM. This meeting is important for there are needs to be met so the league can continue and discuss rules that need to be explained or modified. Play is scheduled to begin March 2. Players who have signed in will be notified of play by email.

Teams are organized by past performances with consideration given to new teams and singles. Come and join the fun!! Call **Nadine Korosi** at 689-5156 for more information.

Shuffleboard Anyone?_____



Would you be interested in participating in a weekly league or tournament? The Activities Department is searching for residents who would like to play shuffleboard and possibly join a new HHP Shuffleboard Club.

If you would like more information, please contact Chrissy Fly at 681-8800, ext. 226.

Out to Lunch Bunch

We enjoyed fine food and the time we spent at Charlie's L'etoile Verte. Sixteen people turned out to enjoy the afternoon. We hope more of you can join us at our next events – Flora's Italian Cafe on April 7 and a special dinner at The Gallery on May 26.

Flora's serves fine Italian cuisine and is located near Longhorn Steakhouse (on Route 278). It's small and intimate so you may not have heard of it. The Italian American Club holds its monthly meetings here so the food must be good!

Our final event of the year is going to be a dinner at the Gallery using CQ's and Old Fort Pub's caterer. The Gallery is located on Skull Creek next to The Old Fort Pub and has a beautiful view of Skull Creek.

We hope you can join the group for the final meetings. More details and how to RSVP to these events can be found in the next *Plantation Living*.

If you have any questions or want to join, please call one of us below.
 --Carol Rivers 689-3144
 --Marie McClune 689-2400

NEW Keyboard Club

Electronic Keyboard Club looking for NEW members. If you can play a little piano, then you can play the keyboard. If needed, we can loan you a keyboard. We play for parties and sing-a-longs.



For more information, call Sally Davis at 689-2674.

HHP Jazz Band



Our tremendous thanks to David Lauderdale and the article he featured about our band in the *Island Packet*. The column stimulated lots of interest in the Jazz Band all over the Hilton Head area. As a consequence, we have added some very talented new members to our ensemble.

Approximately 150 people were in attendance at our successful debut concert a few weeks ago. The audience particularly enjoyed the old big band standards and even did some dancing on the sidelines.

Our band's take on Dave Brubeck's "Take Five" was another winner, but the haunting "Harlem Nocturne", performed by soloist Guy Bettarelli on alto sax and accompanied by the band, was the tops.

We're now open to different venues in the area and are looking forward to performing at the HHP Yacht Club some time in March.

Band rehearsals continue at Spring Lake Pavilion every Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please come join us, meet us, and play along with us. Of course, you're always invited to just listen.

--Nancy Canning, Director
 843-681-7148
 nancanning@hargray.com



Great turnout for HHP's Jazz Band debut concert!

Playskool Pals

Calling all preschoolers and their parents!! Please join our new playgroup designed just for toddlers – 2, 3, and 4-year olds! We meet on Wednesday mornings at Spring Lake Pavilion from 10:00-11:30 AM.



Enjoy fun, friendship, games, music, and movement. Kids will learn finger songs, action songs, dancing, singing, and will get the chance to play with a parachute. This is a great opportunity for social interaction – for both kids and parents alike!

If interested, call **Connie Clifford** at 342-7465.

Evening Crafts Group

Calling all fellow crafters! We meet at the Plantation House (contact me for meeting dates). Bring whatever a project, eat dinner beforehand, dessert is provided. No membership fees/no commitments—simply come if you can! For more info. or to be notified of meetings, please contact **Holly Rein** at 682-2008 or by email: holly.rein@gmail.com

Big Wheels Club

The Big Wheels Bicycle Club is a wonderful way to get out in the fresh air, get some exercise, and socialize with friends. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. The 1st Thursday we bike to Dolphin Head, bring a brown bag lunch, and meet at 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. At that time, we decide what restaurant we will meet at for the 3rd Thursday. After lunch we have a planned bike ride for those who want to ride.



--Joan Henry 689-5649
 --Kathleen Krizner 681-2929
 --Gerrie McDonell 682-3815
 --Ann Hakala 342-5711

Avid Gardeners

Amazing!! Despite the prolonged, below freezing temperatures in mid-January, the pansies, snapdragons, and alyssum in the Plantations' entrances were still in flower.

As a result of this season's experience, garden books pertaining to this area could use a new chapter. Suggested new topics: "Gardening in prolonged below freezing temperatures" "Which plants can survive? Spinach, cabbage? Is this the time to become vegetable farmers?" "Important maintenance procedures." We will be more appreciative this year when spring's first blossoms appear.

A thank you to Diane Middleton, AG member and Master Gardener, for her seasonal tips; especially about the need plants have for water. I had always thought when wet soil froze it would injure the root system.

Vicky McMillan, AG member and biologist introduced us to the world of the dragonflies of Hilton Head Island at our January meeting. Their lifestyles are unique and very interesting.

The final stage of the Azalea Beautification Project was completed in January. As the plants bloom, driving along Whooping Crane Way will be spectacular from the Main Gate to its end at Seabrook Drive. MaryAnn Snyder and her committee are to be commended for tackling the project and following it to its successful end. An annual display of various colored azaleas will be a tribute and a reward for their efforts.

"How green is your footprint?" Dr. Al Seagars, SCDNR Veterinarian and Stewardship Coordinator for the A.C.E. basin estuary will be the guest speaker at our February 19 meeting at the Plantation House. His humorous presentation will make us more aware of the impact we have on the wildlife in this area and what we can do to protect it.

All HHP residents are welcome at our meetings held on the third Friday of the month. A coffee/social starts at 9:30 AM. Following a short business discussion will be our speaker for the month. Meetings are held in the Spring Lake Pavilion except for when a projector is needed, as in this month, when we will be in the Plantation House.

Visit our Website at www.theavidgardeners.org. For membership, phone Sally Price at 681-4577.

--Midge Kennedy

Recycling Bins
For Club/Event Use Only

Please be advised that the new recycling bins at the Plantation House, Spring Lake Pavilion, and Dolphin Head Recreation Area are not for "public use."

These bins are provided as a courtesy for HHP Clubs and private, reserved events.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Island Hoppers



It's getting close to our big trip to Charlotte to see "Jersey Boys." This Broadway show has been quoted as,

"The most exciting musical package Broadway has seen in years" and "The crowd goes wild." Please mark your calendars - April 14-15. We purchased the tickets last summer, as we were afraid they'd sell out. We'll be taking only one bus. Anyone who is really interested in joining us, get your reservations in as quickly as possible.

We'll be staying at our favorite hotel in Charlotte – The Marriott South Park – adjacent to the fabulous South Park Mall (there will be time for shopping!). Dinner will be at Maggiano's Little Italy, which gave us a lovely meal in Atlanta last year. The restaurant is at the Mall entrance so we'll be close by and then go straight to the theater uptown.

The next morning will be on your own to do whatever you wish. In the afternoon, we'll head to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens – labeled as one of the jewels in Queen City's crown, and named one the nation's 20 great gardens in HGTV's book. It sits on 450 acres along the banks of Lake Wyle. There is a 13,500 sq. ft. visitor pavilion topped with a magnificent stained glass dome. The gardens should be spectacular at this time of year. Dinner will be in Columbia on our way home from this wonderful trip.

If you haven't gotten your flyer yet, you should receive it any day now. Please remember to send in your reservations as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please contact one of the ladies below. Remember, you must be a member of Island Hoppers to join our trips.

Check our Website for photos of our trips: <http://islandhoppers.shutterfly.com/>

- Nancy Graham 689-2631
- Barbara Clark 681-2421
- Shirley Mitchum 681-6746

Craft Workshop



Saturday, April 17
 –our Spring Sale. Please support our fund raising for Hospice Care of the Lowcountry.

What a beautiful story – A friend of member Betty Vosler made two baby quilts and gave them to Betty as a birthday present so she could donate them to our Sale.

Some of the other items include: large fabric travel bags with hand painted scenes; a kitchen wall hanging (lighthouse scene); and, Jane Alvarez’s featherweight necklaces will be available in six new colors. And, many other new, interesting items are “works in progress”.

Look for us at the POA's Trash & Treasure Sale on Saturday, March 27. Not sure what our “treasures” will be, but there will certainly be lots of pillows, sweaters, and a variety of other beautiful, handcrafted items.

We'd be happy to welcome you as a new member. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, January through mid-June, at Spring Lake Pavilion. We resume mid-August and meet until the week after the Annual Meeting, in mid-October.

Beginning at 9:30 AM, we work on joint or individual craft projects. At about 11:30 AM, we have a short business meeting, during which we enjoy coffee and cake. We're a friendly group and our meetings are casual. We enjoy using our time to create and make salable items that will benefit Hospice Care of the Lowcountry.

Any questions, please call Elaine Maher, 342-6015 or me...

--Charlotte Ward 681-8407

Dog Club



The Dog Club is sponsoring a "Get Your Dog Micro-Chipped" day at a reduced rate one Saturday in the spring - if we have enough interest in the endeavor. Micro-chipping is a safe, reliable way of identifying the owner of a pet. The veterinarian injects a micro-chip into the shoulder of the dog. A scanner can be used by shelters, or by our own HHP Security, to read the number on the chip. A toll-free call is made to the company associated with the chip. The company then provides the dog owner's contact information.

If you're interested in having your dog micro-chipped, we need to hear from you! Contact Helen Collins by email: hmcollins@hargray.com or phone (689-9303). We will not go forward with our plans unless a sufficient number of dog owners express interest. We estimate the cost to be \$20 or less because the veterinarians who will provide the chipping are donating their services. The Dog Club will purchase a scanner to be used by HHP Security personnel. If you're interested, contact me.

In other news, the Dog Club is meeting on its new schedule - the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 2:00 PM at Dolphin Head Park. If the weather is nice, bring your dog for a brief meeting outside and a chance to socialize your pet as you take a walk along the Sound. If the weather is wet or cold, do NOT bring your dog, but plan to meet and greet other dog owners at a brief get-together inside.

Happy Dog Walking!
 --Helen Collins 689-9303
 hmcollins@hargray.com

Artists' Association



The Hilton Head Plantation Artists Association generally meets monthly (except December) between October and April each year. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, 3:00 PM, in the Spring Lake Pavilion. Our guest presenter will be Ted Jordan, who will again provide his informative and entertaining critiques of our members’ work. This is our last Wednesday afternoon meeting for the year so don't miss it!

Also, remember that “Spring Fling” is just around the corner (Sunday, April 18), so get those masterpieces ready!

We have a wonderful group of paintings showing at the Plantation House. Our current show began January 5. Please stop by the Plantation House to see the work of our talented members.

We continue to have a group of artists painting together on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the classroom at The Cypress community center. Consider joining them for inspiration and informal critiques. Bring your lunch and prepare to have fun!

IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST (OR have always wanted to be one), please feel free to attend any of our scheduled meetings to meet some of our members and to find out more about our group. We have a diverse group of members of all levels from beginners to professional artists.

Please call Annette Martin at 681-6936 for more information.
 --Camille Avore



Newcomers Club

Newcomers who attended our January meeting had a chance to meet and mingle with Mayor Tom Peeples. It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

Our next event - "A Gullah Experience" - will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 PM, at the Plantation House. Dye's Gullah Fixin's will be catering the event; remember to BYOB. Lavon Stevens will be providing entertainment. Cost per person in advance is \$18. Please make checks payable to: Newcomers Club and mail to: Robin Jordan, 2 Fox Den Court, HHI, SC 29926. Hope to see you there.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 PM, for our upcoming March Magic event at the Plantation House. This is our Club's traditional "Wearing of the Green" Pot Luck Dinner. Members are asked to wear something green and bring a dish that will serve six (and a serving utensil). You'll have a chance to play the "Green Trivia Game" and win great prizes. Also, a Magic Show will be provided by the Hilton Head Chapter of The Ring. Again, remember to BYOB. Cost is \$5.00 per person at the door.

See www.hhpnc.com for more info. and photos. There are two important forms: a new member form and an evaluation form that helps us improve communication and programs.

The Newcomers Club is open to all HHP residents who have lived here for less than four years. The success of our programs depends on you - the membership.

If you want to be added to our list, please contact David/Bonnie Sudduth at 384-5231 or email: membership@hhpnc.com.

--Sandy Stern

Tennis Social Club

After two weeks of frozen courts in January, the Spring Lake "Ice Rink" (as it was referred to on our Hot Line), is finally back in full swing.

The top dressing and taping of courts 3-5 and 9-12 is complete. Our courts are in great shape for the USTA Spring League season which began this month. There are 11 senior teams and 2 adult teams competing in all levels playing out of Spring Lake Monday through Thursday. Call the Pro Shop and come on over any afternoon to see some great tennis.

For the third year in a row, our tennis was washed out for the SOUP social held on January 16. We met at the Pavilion and all enjoyed the wonderful soups, breads,



and desserts prepared by The Cosmopolitan 3.5 ladies team: Bev Holmes, captain, Linda Benning, Nancy Dix, Janet Dobbs, Lynn Gerlach, Heidi Fearon, Catherine Haight, Cathey Kieffer, Linda Obuchowski, Lee Springer, and Jackie Tenkin.

"It's All About Love, Tennis is a Love Game"

You can still sign up for our February 20 social. Tennis will be from 2:30-4:30 PM and players are urged to wear red and white. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM, at the Plantation House; cost is \$16. Call the Pro Shop for reservations.

Play Hard – Have Fun!

--Mary Ellen Arboe

Culinary Cut-Ups

A small cafe setting and a wonderful Northern Italian demonstration by Stefano Testa certainly made our January program outstanding. We all enjoyed the presentation and the door prize of a fabulous tiramisu. We enjoyed great tastings, recipes, and a taste of wine as we enjoyed the fellowship of other members at our cafe tables!

Reservation forms for the March program were handed to members at the January program. Our speaker for the March 1 program will be Marilyn Peters, Food Safety and Nutrition Educator for Clemson Extension in Colleton, Beaufort, and Jasper counties. Ms. Peters conducts food safety training for professional and volunteer foodservice workers, and addresses "Eating Smart" for adults and children with various programs in the counties.

The topic for the program will be "Using Herbs & Spices for Healthier, Tastier Meals" – tips and techniques for using fresh and dried herbs and spices to flavor foods with less sodium and fat. Also, learn how to make and use an herb blend and sample a unique herbed bread.

Please call or return your reservation form no later than **February 24**.

If you wish to join Culinary Cut Ups, please make your check for \$10 payable to HHPWC-Culinary Cut Ups. Please list your address, telephone number, and e-mail address and mail to Beverly Gackenbach, 18 Country Club Ct. Please note that you must be a current paid member of the HHPWC in order to join Culinary Cut Ups.

--Beverly Gackenbach
342-5858

--Kathy Nowak 342-8945

Women's Club

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 9, at the Plantation House. Carlos Chacon, Naturalist at the Coastal Discovery Museum, will talk to us about butterflies, choosing garden plants to attract local butterflies, and the Karen Wertheimer Butterfly Enclosure at the Museum's Honey Horn campus. Fellowship and refreshments begin at 2:00 PM, followed by a brief business meeting at 2:30 PM, with the program immediately after. Reservations may be made by email to HHPWC1@yahoo.com, or by calling Ronnie Santoli at 342-3283 or Fran Greene at 342-3505. Be sure to give both your first and last names when you respond.

A New Member Coffee will be held Wednesday, March 3, at 10:00 AM, at the home of Mary Ruberti, 6 Sea Trout Court. All new members are most welcome.

The HHP Women's Club continues to welcome new members throughout the year. Membership is open to women residents and property owners of Hilton Head Plantation. The Club sponsors a variety of activities. For an outline of these activities, go to www.hiltonheadplantation.com and read the Club section. To join the Club, send a \$15 check payable to HHPWC to Jeri Fink, 33 Crooked Pond Drive, HHI 29926. **Important** – Include your name, address, telephone number, and email address. For additional membership information, contact Membership Chairperson, Ronnie Santoli – email at HHPWC1@yahoo.com, or call 342-3283.

--Char Long

Bunco

Join us on the 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM at Dolphin Head Rec Area. Bring \$5.00 in singles and be prepared for a lot of fun.



Date: **February 15** Time: **7:00 PM**
Place: **Dolphin Head Rec Area**

--Jane Marino 342-4826



Green Thumbers

Spring will be in full swing by our March meeting and, as we all know, spring is a great time to refresh our gardens. On March 8, Laura Lee Rose, Master Gardener and Clemson Extension Horticulture Agent of Consumer Education for Beaufort and Jasper Counties, will discuss the what, where, and how of native Lowcountry plants - perfect timing as we all will need to replace lost yard plants after our too long, too cold winter. Ms. Rose will give us all the information and tips we need to boldly approach our yards with high hopes – and perhaps reasons to sit in the warm sun for a while.

So put some of the ergonomic gardening tips we learned in January to the test. Join us on Monday, March 8 for our Native Lowcountry Plants meeting, 10:00 AM, at Spring Lake Pavilion.

If you would like to join the Green Thumbers, please come to our meeting and sign up. You need to be a current member of the HHP Women's Club to join the Green Thumbers. We would love to have you.

Call one of us below with any questions.

--Jane Marino 342-4826

--Margaret Melick 682-2299

Dance Club

The Waltz in ballroom dancing can have health benefits. In a study of heart patients, researchers reported that dancing the Waltz three times a week for eight weeks was just as effective in improving cardiopulmonary function as exercising on a treadmill or bicycle for the same period. That is because the Waltz, which looks so smooth and elegant when done well, is deceptively rigorous.



Have you started the New Year right? People are Rhumba-ing, Swinging, Cha-Cha-ing, Tango-ing, Waltz-ing, and Foxtrotting everywhere. Join the dancing population. Dancing is a great way to let loose and have a good time, besides providing some very good health benefits. Medical research has shown that dancing reduces stress, helps to increase energy, gain strength, and improve posture, balance, and coordination. It requires memorizing steps and working with a partner, providing mental challenges that increase blood flow to the brain.

The HHP Dance Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 6:15 - 7:30 PM in the Plantation House. There is a nominal charge of \$ 5.00 per person to cover expenses. For further information, please call Joan/Charlie Forton at 681-4761, or Karen/Francis Anderson at 682-3107.

--Dave Whitfield

Woodcarvers

Woodcarvers have many projects in the works – birds, figures, bas-relief, etc. Come spend some time with us. Experience is not a factor; we learn from one another.



Days: **Mondays**
Time: **12 Noon – 2:00 PM**
Place: **Dolphin Head Rec Area**
Contact: **Jim Gorddard 689-3273**

| Program | Instructor | Date/Days | Time | Place | 2010 Fees |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Hatha Yoga | Suzette Springer | Mondays | 6:00-7:00 & 7:15-8:15 PM | PH | \$5.50 = 1 ticket \$50 = 10 tickets \$90 = 20 tickets \$127.50 = 30 tickets \$160 = 40 tickets |
| Pilates | Suzette Springer | Tues. & Thurs. | 8:30 - 9:30 AM | PH | |
| Beginner Pilates | Suzette Springer | Tuesdays | 9:40 - 10:40 AM | PH | |
| Total Fitness | Beverly Perfect | Mon. & Wed. | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | SLP | |
| Low-Impact Aerobics | Louise Lund | Mon. Wed. Fri. | 8:00 - 9:00 AM | PH | |
| Strength Training | Louise Lund | Mon. Wed. Fri. | 9:15 - 10:15 AM | PH | |
| Zumba | Suzette Springer | Thursdays | 9:40 - 10:40 AM 5:30 - 6:30 PM | PH SLP | |



You may use the Universal Ticket for any of the classes located on the matrix.

All other classes NOT on the matrix must be PREPAID.

* The 2009 Universal Tickets are not valid in 2010. They are non-refundable and non-transferable. *

Weight Loss Class

Beginning Wednesday, March 3, Gretchen Spiridopoulos will be teaching a second session of weight loss classes with an emphasis on core strengthening.



The weight management classes will follow Bev Perfect's format with emphasis on the mechanics of good health while losing weight, taking off inches, and making your metabolism rate increase and "kick in." There will be individual goals calculated and set with client accountability every week. There will also be sharing of recipes and food tastings as well as lots of humor and laughs. Men are also encouraged to attend.

Dates: **Wednesdays, March 3-31 and April 7-21**
(8 weeks)

Place: **Dolphin Head Rec Building**

Time: **5:30 – 6:30 PM**
5:15 PM – weigh-in

Cost: **\$50 per person**

Instructor: **Gretchen Spiridopoulos**

Equipment to Bring: **2-5 lb. Light Weights**

We need a **minimum of 10 participants** is needed to begin the class, so please sign up now!
Contact Keriann at 681-8090 to sign up today!!

Tai Chi Class

As a soft martial art, Tai Chi exercises your body, mind, and spirit. The movements massage your internal organs and create an awareness of correct positioning as well as weight transfer, thus improving posture and balance. Both relaxing and energizing, Tai Chi is recommended for arthritis, high blood pressure, Parkinson's Disease, and overall health and well-being.



Come join the Tai Chi Class on Wednesdays, for six weeks. Beginners welcome!

Dates: **March 10 - April 21**
(skip April 7)

Time: **Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Place: **Spring Lake Pavilion**

Cost: **\$40 per participant**

Instructor: **Molly Carrington**

To register, contact Keriann at 681-8090.
We need a minimum of 12 participants to start this class so sign up TODAY!

**Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House.
Questions? Call Keriann at 681-8090.**

KIDS KAMP 2010

Established in 1987, Kids Kamp has grown to accommodate more than 300 of our Plantation’s children each summer. Based at the Spring Lake Recreation Area, our expansive Kampgrounds provide a safe and comfortable environment where Kampers can play, learn, and grow together. Children are grouped according to age and grade. Each group’s Counselor Team plans the daily activities according to a weekly theme and the group’s ability. Previous Kids Kamp themes include All Star Sports Week, Country Western Week, Wet-N-Wild Week, and Storybook Week. On Wacky Wednesdays, all Kids Kampers and staff show off their creativity by dressing according to the theme. On Fridays, the entire Kids Kamp comes together for a special event to wrap up the week with an exciting theme activity. Regularly scheduled activities include swimming, arts & crafts, performing arts, field games, and fishing. Cooking, music, and nature are also incorporated into group schedules. Counselor to Kamper ratio = 1:10. You may register your child at the discounted **PRE-REGISTRATION** rate, beginning **Monday, March 1**, at the POA Service Center for the entire Kamp (8 weeks) or for one or more weeks.

Time / Days: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Monday – Friday
Pre-Registration: **March 1 – March 31** at the POA Service Center
Registration: **Beginning April 1** at the POA Service Center
Non-Refundable Deposit: Full Session - \$50.00 per child; Weekly - \$25.00 per child

Applications: Will be available on **Monday, March 1** at the POA Service Center or Plantation House.
Age / Grade Req. Children who will enter Kindergarten in the Fall of 2010 or who are five years old by November 1, 2010, to children who will enter 8th grade in the Fall 2010.

Eligibility: Must be a child or grandchild of an HHP property owner or resident.

| Fees | Full Session | Weekly | Week #3 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Pre-Registration March 1 - 31 | 1 Child: \$415 | 1 Child: \$80 | \$64 |
| | 2 Children: \$680 | 2 Children: \$150 | \$120 |
| | 3 Children: \$820 | 3 Children: \$220 | \$176 |
| | 4+ Children: \$960 | 4+ Children: \$290 | \$232 |
| | 5+ Children: \$1100 | 5+ Children: \$360 | \$288 |
| Registration Begins April 1 | 1 Child: \$465 | 1 Child: \$90 | \$72 |
| | 2 Children: \$730 | 2 Children: \$170 | \$136 |
| | 3 Children: \$870 | 3 Children: \$250 | \$200 |
| | 4+ Children: \$1010 | 4+ Children: \$330 | \$264 |
| | 5+ Children: \$1150 | 5+ Children: \$410 | \$328 |

DATES:
 Week 1: June 21 - June 25
 Week 2: June 28 - July 2
 Week 3: July 6 - July 9
 (No Kamp July 5)
 Week 4: July 12 - July 16
 Week 5: July 19 - July 23
 Week 6: July 26 - July 30
 Week 7: August 2 - August 6
 Week 8: August 9 - August 13



“Getting Friendly with Facebook”

Have you heard everyone talking about Facebook? Are you interested in learning how to connect with old friends and keep up with current ones? Do you want to learn how to share your pictures and videos with friends and family?

Please join the Activities Department and Diana Bourgeois, Social Media Expert for Examiner.com and President of Magic Marketing USA, for “Getting Friendly with Facebook” to learn all of the ins and outs of Facebook. With an easy approach to learning how to create a profile, find friends and family, and share your life, “Getting Friendly with Facebook” will help all levels of users, from beginners to advanced, to discover the fun and enjoyment of participating in the most popular social media experience!

Date: **Wednesday, February 24** Price: **FREE!**
 Time: **11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** Place: **Plantation House**
 Instructor: **Diana Bourgeois**, Social Media Expert for Examiner.com and President of Magic Marketing USA

Light refreshments will be provided. If you like, bring your laptop to follow as we go. **For more details and to RSVP, call Keriann at 681-8090.**

**Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House.
 Questions? Call Keriann at 681-8090.**

Spring Trash & Treasure Sale!

Saturday, March 27 — 12 Noon to 3 PM

Plantation House Parking Areas

(In case of inclement weather, inside the Plantation House.)

Complete the application and return it to the Plantation House by Monday, March 15. Space is limited. Questions? Call Keriann at 681-8090.



* A designated set-up time will be assigned to each spot when you make your reservation with Keriann. Required Fee: 10' x 10' space = \$25. A 3' x 6' table can be added to your space for an additional \$10

2010 HHPPOA Trash & Treasure Sale Application

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Spaces at \$25 each (Required) = \$ _____

_____ Tables at \$10 each (Optional) = \$ _____

Total amount of check to HHPPOA = \$ _____

Return the completed application & check (payable to HHPPOA) to the Plantation House or mail to: Activities Department, P.O. Box 21940, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.

"Good To Be Alive" seminar

Based in Hilton Head, Good To Be Alive, the nation's first exclusive-for-home provider of defibrillators, is conducting a seminar regarding the effectiveness of home defibrillators against Sudden Cardiac Arrest (nation's leading cause of death). The American Heart Association says that over 80% of Sudden Cardiac Arrest occurs in the home and that immediate access to a defibrillator dramatically increases survival rates.

Date: **Tuesday, April 6** Time: **11:00 AM**
Place: **Plantation House** Cost: **FREE!!**

Presented by: **Allan Fine** from Good To Be Alive
RSVP: Keriann at 681-8090

Topics to be discussed during the seminar include:

- What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?
- Who is at Risk and Ways to Decrease Risk?
- Treatment for Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- AEDs in the Home and Survivor Testimonials

Please join the Activities Department and Allan Fine from Good To Be Alive to learn about the risk of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and what can be done to prevent death in the home due to SCA. For questions, call 681-8090.

"Cooking Live" program



Are your palates ready? We will once again be offering the ever-popular "Cooking Live" program to the first 35 hungry people.

Each person will be allowed to sign up for six of the nine sessions. Each session is \$5.00 per person. You must have a "Cooking Live" ticket to attend each session so sign up early with Keriann at the Plantation House.

Dates: **Wednesdays**
March 17 – May 26
(skip 4/14 & 5/19)

Time/Place: **11:00 AM - Plantation House**
Cost: **\$5.00 per person / per session**

This year we have decided to increase the number of Cooking Live classes; however, the exact restaurants are still yet to be determined. For a list of current restaurants participating in this year's program, please sign up with Keriann at the Plantation House.

Don't miss this entertaining & delicious event!

Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Keriann at 681-8090.

Easter Sunrise Service



The Activities Department would like to invite Plantation residents, their families, and guests to our Annual Easter Sunrise Service. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere, frolicking dolphins, and lovely sunrise (hopefully) at Port Royal Sound – it’s a beautiful way to start Easter morning.

Associate Pastor Tom Simpson from Grace Community Church will conduct the service, along with the Minister of Music Cliff Kosier and the Grace Praise Band. Volunteers from several POA clubs assist in making the event so enjoyable by providing the flowers, refreshments (after service), and ushers. We couldn’t do it without them! Come join us as we celebrate Easter!

Date: **Sunday, April 4** Time: **7:00 AM**
Place: **Dolphin Head Recreation Area**

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Plantation House.

Easter Egg Hunt/Brunch

The Activities Department and the Country Club of Hilton Head would like to invite all Plantation children (ages 12 and under) to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch on Saturday, April 3, at 9:00 AM. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Surrey Lane Ball Fields, but in case of inclement weather, it will be moved indoors to the Plantation House. Parents, don’t forget to bring your cameras because the Easter Bunny will be there to take pictures with the little ones.

Please sign up with Keriann at the Plantation House. Reservations MUST be made in advance for the Brunch – **Deadline: Monday, March 29.** Anyone interested in attending the Brunch, please remember NO DENIM allowed.

Date: **Saturday, April 3**
Time: **9:00 AM**
Costs:
\$15/adult for the Brunch
\$15/child (ages 4-12) for the Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt
\$10/child (ages 4-12) Easter Egg Hunt ONLY
\$5/child (3 and under) for the Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

Places:
Easter Egg Hunt: Surrey Lane Ball Fields
(Bad weather – Plantation House)
Brunch: Country Club of Hilton Head
Deadline: Monday, March 29
Sign up: Keriann, 681-8090, at the Plantation House

Medicare Seminar

Medicare can be very confusing. Many seniors are unaware of how Medicare pays and the options they have for Medigap coverage. Many individuals are also concerned about changes to come with the new Obama administration.



Please join the Activities Department and the American Way Insurance Healthcare Planner Team as we discuss “Understanding Medicare from A to D.” Topics to be discussed include: Medicare Overview - Enrollment Periods; Medicare Parts A & B; Medicare Advantage Part C; Medicare Prescription Coverage Part D and The Donut Hole; What Medicare Doesn't Pay; Options for Medicare Supplements and Long-Term Care; Medicare Disability Options for those Under 65; What’s To Come with Changes in Administration

Date: **Thursday, March 11** Price: **FREE**
Where: **Plantation House** Time: **11 AM – 12 PM**
Sign up: **Keriann at 681-8090**

Guest Speakers include: Adrian Corbbrey, Healthcare Planner; Fred Maiden, Medicare Specialist; Jim Fitzpatrick, Owner of American Way Insurance; State Medicare Representative; and Lou Casolo, HHP resident and American Way Agent, specializing in Property and Casualty insurance. If you would like to attend this FREE seminar, please **contact Keriann at the Plantation House (681-8090) to reserve your spot today.** Drinks and pizza will be provided.

Shamrock Shuck and Shag

Join the Activities Department and the Hilton Head Shag Club for the 2nd Annual Shamrock Shuck and Shag on Monday, March 15.



Worried about having two left feet? Not to worry. The Hilton Head Shag Club will be teaching us the South Carolina state dance, The Shag! It will be the perfect way to get in that St. Patrick’s Day spirit. Celebrate with your friends and family and enjoy an oyster roast, Shag lessons, and even dance the night away! So, come hungry and leave happy! Oh, and don’t forget! Sign up with Keriann before the deadline: **Monday, March 8.** For questions, call 681-8090.

Date: **Monday, March 15** Time: **6:30 – 9:00 PM**
Where: **Plantation House** Cost: **\$10/person**
RSVP: **Keriann 681-8090** *Deadline: Monday, March 8*

Special thanks goes to the Hilton Head Shag Club for providing dance instruction and entertainment as well as Palmetto Coastal Landscaping for preparing the oysters for this event. THANK YOU!!