Our New Board Members

Ann Schwab
3,520 votes

Toney Mathews
2,400 votes

Robert "Bob" Clemens
2,344 votes

This year’s quorum (54.1%) was reached before the deadline. The Board is very pleased with the response and the POA staff is grateful for not having to make numerous last-minute telephone calls. The POA continued its incentive program for residents returning the 2017 Ballot and Proxy before the quorum deadline. And, the $200 incentive worked again!

At the Annual Meeting, Gary Van Dam, Chairman of the Election Committee, announced the happy winners of this incentive program who now have $200 to apply towards ARB fees, POA programs, or their 2018 assessment. They are: Mr. Thomas Brymer, Ms. Elaine McElhinny, Ms. Margaret Melick (photo right), Mr. & Mrs. Clay Matthews, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schneider. Congratulations to the winners! (If you did not attend the Annual Meeting, your gift certificate will be mailed to you or you may pick it up at the POA Service Center.)

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President’s Report

The governing body for the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners’ Association is the Board of Directors elected by you, the Plantation residents. The nine members of the Board serve three-year terms with one-third of the Board coming up for election each year and new members being seated in March. The Board provides policy guidance to the General Manager and staff, sets the annual assessment, approves the annual operating budget, and deals with such other matters as come before it each month.

At the March 28th organizational meeting of the new Board, I was honored to be elected to serve as your POA President for the 2017/2018 corporate year, having previously served as Covenants Committee Chairman, Treasurer, and Vice President. Also at the meeting, the following officers were elected: Jonathan Doe, Vice President; Jim Lucas, Treasurer; and Audrey King, Secretary. The Association will face numerous challenges during the coming year, but I am confident that through the efforts of our very able and competent staff and the collective wisdom and life experience of the Board, your POA is well-positioned to deal with whatever the new year brings.

I want to congratulate Ann Schwab, Toney Mathews, and Bob Clemens upon their election to the Board of Directors and thank Dean Morrison and Sylvia Clasen for committing to run for a seat. They will both continue to serve the Plantation through their committee work.

Each member of the Board also serves as a committee chairperson:

- **Executive Committee**
  - Jerry Cutrer
- **Nominating Committee**
  - Jonathan Doe
- **Architectural Review Board**
  - Bob Clemens
- **Communications Committee**
  - Ann Schwab
- **Covenants Committee**
  - John Gilbert
- **Finance Committee**
  - Jim Lucas
- **Maintenance Committee**
  - Mary Ann B. Strayer
- **Recreation Committee**
  - Audrey King
- **Security Committee**
  - Toney Mathews

Finally, I cannot let the opportunity pass without recognizing the significant contributions made to your POA by the three outgoing Board members whose terms have expired. Michael Keskin has completed two consecutive terms and served ably as Chairman of the Architectural Review Board for six years, providing critical leadership to that important body. Lois Wilkinson has also completed two consecutive terms and during her tenure served as Communications Committee Chair, Recreation Committee Chair, Board Secretary, Vice President, and President in 2013/2014. During his three-year term, Doug Skelly served as Board Secretary, Vice President, and President in 2016/2017.

All of your Board members take seriously our responsibility to represent the best interests of Hilton Head Plantation residents and value your opinions and thoughts. If you wish to communicate with the Board, please call 843-681-8800 ext. 9, or email board@hhppoa.org, or send a letter to the POA Service Center. You may also email me at president@hhppoa.org. Board meeting Minutes are available on the Plantation Website.

--Jerry Cutrer
General Manager’s Report

Welcome Board Members
Congratulations to Ann Schwab, Toney Mathews, and Bob Clemens for their election to the POA Board.

Recognition
I would like to thank retiring Board members Michael Keskin, Lois Wilkinson, and President Doug Skelly for their service to the HHP community.

We would also like to congratulate the following individuals for **three years of continuous service** as a member of one or more of the POA’s committees: Mary Lou Carroll, Recreation Committee; and Vicky McMillan, HHP Conservancy Foundation.

For **six years of service** as a member of one or more of the POA's committees: Jesse Iverson, Security Committee and Maury Tepper, Security Committee.

For **twelve year of service** as a member of one or more of the POA’s committees: Martha Bolton, Election Committee and Bob Oppenheimer, Finance and Maintenance Committees.

For **eighteen years of service** as a member of one or more of the POA's committees: Ernest “Bud” Cowell, Recreation Committee.

Hurricane Matthew inflicted significant damage to our entire area and devastated much of Hilton Head Plantation. Although Matthew’s scars remain quite evident, the piles of seemingly endless debris have all but vanished. These circumstances tested our preparations and our resolve, but also brought out the best in our community.

The POA Board also recognized the following members for making a special contribution over the past year:
- Cleland Construction (Chris Cleland), DeSimone Construction (Steve DeSimone), and Palmetto Coastal and Island Tree Care (Ricky Smith) for their concentrated efforts to get our roads cleared so that utilities and other services could get back online.
- Town of Hilton Head Manager Steve Riley and the Town’s Director of Community Development Charles Cousins for their leadership in preparation for, during, and recovery from Hurricane Matthew.
- Sandra Griffin-Bukoskey, the Executive Director of The Cypress for providing meals and restroom and shower facilities for all of the workers during the initial push to clear the streets in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.
- The Hilton Head Island football team (and Coach Russell “BJ” Payne) for volunteering to assist residents with the removal of storm-related debris from their property.
- Dan Moscar and Oyster Reef Golf Club for providing a free spaghetti dinner for all residents upon their return home after the hurricane and for hosting a special Trunk or Treat event that allowed our youngsters to trick or treat in a safe environment while our road right-of-ways were covered with debris, which made it unsafe for young people to walk.
- Steven White, representing the Island Lutheran Church for cleaning the Talbird Cemetery and Elliot Cemetery of storm debris, which facilitated the interment of the Revered Benjamin Williams, the long-time Pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church.
- Howard Davis Jr. for his contribution to the publication “Hilton Head Plantation: the Early Years”, which includes the writings of Major General Howard A. Davis.
- Joseph and Tammie Nix for their donation of a trellis swing and other in-kind items as part of the Spring Lake Pool renovation project.
- Senior Chief Reulito Gonzales for his years of service to the NJROTC program at Hilton Head High School. These cadets, under Senior Chief Gonzales’ leadership, have provided staff support to our Veteran’s Day observances.

A process we started in 2001 recognizes POA staff members for certain milestones of service to the Hilton Head Plantation community. This year’s recipients include: For **five years of service**, Lt. Terrence Boyd, Security Department; Sgt. Williette Lee, Security Department; and Cpl. Grant Marcurella, Security Department. For **twenty years of service**, Angela Graves, Accounting Department; and Assistant General Manager Todd Lindstrom, Accounting Department.

Hurricane Recovery
For some, all that debris that lined our roadway for months on end may seem like a distant memory; however, for many residents, including the POA, work on hurricane recovery continues to be fresh in our minds. The “to do” list has dwindled down to debris in drainage ways, lagoon debris, marine debris, some stump removal, and grading areas that have been trod for debris removal and storage. Work on the Bluff continues and we will hopefully finish that project by June 1, 2017.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and assistance during our recovery operations. As you can see from the list of individuals who we recognized at our Annual Meeting for their efforts in the recovery, this endeavor took many trained personnel and volunteers to bring us to this juncture.

The POA staff and I cannot express our gratitude enough for your support over these past six months. Your kind words, positive suggestions, and willingness to do your part have allowed all of us to maintain our focus and served as an excellent motivational tool. At each of our staff meetings, I took the time to read a few emails and letters I had received from members of...
General Manager’s Report  
(cont’d. from page 3)

the community expressing their acknowledgement and gratitude of our work. Many of you have stopped me at a meeting, in the POA Service Center, in a store or working out in the gym, and verbally made such kind comments regarding staff's work. It was a pleasure to read every comment, meet with you, and take every call expressing such sentiments. I separately thank you for giving me such a powerful tool to keep the entire staff well motivated to meet the challenges imposed by Matthew. I took great pride in sharing such comments with the Board of Directors and the entire POA staff.

Pine Island
A contingent composed of POA staff, our coastal engineers, contractors, Board Vice President Jerry Cutrer, and an attorney who specializes in the area of DHEC regulations, met with DHEC staff in Charleston in mid-March to discuss the items that are holding up our permit to apply revetment to a portion of the Pine Island isthmus and renourish the beach with upland sand. Progress was made at the meeting; however, additional hurdles need to be addressed. It is the POA's position that the revetment is needed to protect access to the Pine Island isthmus; this access has become a safety issue as some residents have become stranded due to the tides; the present conditions also pose challenges for any needed law enforcement or fire and rescue response. Our objective is to stabilize the beach so the sand applied has a reasonable chance of staying in place for an acceptable period of time. We also raised concerns that the loss of the Pine Island isthmus will adversely affect all of the homes that border the marsh and the impact on several stormwater outfalls that discharge into this estuary.

To meet all of the requirements necessary to have a reasonable chance of securing a permit for the requested project perimeters will take many months. During this process, the Board will need to decide whether to address the immediate need to apply sand to provide reasonable access to this valued recreational area.

May Coffee with Peter
Our next Coffee is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 4:00 PM, at the Plantation House. Maria Walls, Beaufort County Treasurer, will be our special guest.

Photo ID and Houseguest Card Validation Stickers
Your Photo ID and Houseguest Cards will need to be validated for the 2017 season. You can get your cards validated by visiting the POA Service Center at 7 Surrey Lane. To be eligible to receive your validation sticker you must be a member in good standing, i.e. assessments paid, no outstanding fines, or covenant violations.

Outgoing Mail
Many residents place outgoing mail in their mailbox and raise the “red flag” to indicate that outgoing mail is present. Although perfectly legal and convenient, I would discourage this practice. Raising the “red flag” on your mailbox does just that – it raises a “red flag” to would-be mail thieves that you have outgoing mail in your box. Please consider using the mailbox located at the Spring Lake Recreation Area for your outgoing mail or take your mail directly to the Post Office. Let's not give thieves and mail scammers an easy target.

Hargray Fiber Optic Installation
Hargray Communications continues to make good progress with their fiber optic cable installation.

Speeding
Due to the logistics imposed by the debris piles on our roadside, speeding enforcement was difficult as there were, in many cases, very few places to pull an offending vehicle off to the road shoulder. The debris is cleared and please be aware that speeding enforcement is being stepped up significantly.

Projects
Bids for roadway and leisure path repairs are in progress, bids for the replacement of the backstop at the ball field is underway, the basketball ball goal at Dolphin Head Recreation is scheduled for replacement, the fence that borders the Cypress Gate is scheduled for repair and painting, the sliding glass doors at all of the gate houses are on order, a new SUV Dodge Durango patrol vehicle has been purchased, equipped, and is now on patrol. This addition was a direct result of our experience with Matthew. Lagoon aerators are being repaired. The POA Service Center’s software is scheduled for an upgrade. The Security Department’s radio system has been upgraded and a new camera and audio system has been installed to monitor the gates, POA Service Center, and the entrance to the RV/boat storage area. We are making progress on a new gate pass system; stay tuned for more as we get closer to launching this new software application.

Online Voting
About half of you voted for the POA Board candidates using our new online voting system. This application reduced the amount of time the Election Committee needed to enter ballots by hand. Also, the postage saved by half of you not using the return envelopes (which cost almost $1.25 to use) has gone a long way to paying for the online voting service. A thank you to all who used the new voting option.

Stay Safe  
Peter Kristian
Security — **Crime Safety Tips**

As the warm weather fast approaches, Hilton Head Plantation residents are reminded to properly secure their homes when they are out or in another area of the home.

The following Crime Prevention Tips are offered for the safety of your family and neighbors:

- **Make sure all downstairs doors and windows are closed and locked when you are not at home and when you retire for the evening.**

- **Draw window shades and curtains if possible.**

- **Do not leave any valuables such as purses, wallets, jewelry, or electronics on tables, counters, or open areas that can be easily seen through windows or doors. Leaving items out in the open offers intruders an opportunity for a quick, easy theft.**

- **If you observe or hear what you believe to be suspicious activity, immediately contact the Security Department and report your concerns.**

- **Meet and get to know your neighbors and keep a check on each other’s homes.**

- **Prearrange to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped or picked up to reduce the signs that you are away.**

- **Advise the Security Department when you are away or on vacation so we may conduct vacation checks of your home.**

- **Utilize alarm systems and timers for your lights.**

We offer these safety tips as part of our commitment to ensure your quality of life with the best wishes for a safe and secure spring season on the plantation.

**Art Benoit**, Director of Security  
email: abenoit@hhppoa.org

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**Call Dispatch**  
843-681-2459  
for Immediate Assistance

**Notice**  
Your interactions with members of the Security Department and the POA Staff may be recorded.

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**Memorial Day**  
**Monday, May 29**

POA and Scheduling offices will be closed. No classes.

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**30th Anniversary Celebration of the Hilton Head Island Land Trust**

Please join us on Tuesday, May 2, 3:00 P.M., at the Spring Lake Pavilion, for a celebration of the founding of the Hilton Head Island Land Trust.

**Special Guest Speaker: David Lauderdale**

In 1987, the Land Trust was founded to protect in perpetuity the Whooping Crane and Cypress Conservancies through conservation easements. In partnership with the Hilton Head Plantation Conservancy Foundation, the Land Trust continues to help protect the conservancies, with a mission to preserve them and to educate our community about their lasting value.

Please come celebrate with us and hear stories of our 30 years of history on Hilton Head Island. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Frank Wilcher at: fewhhi@aol.com with any questions.

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As I flew around the Plantation observing the cleanup efforts of my human friends, it appears that many residents are already well on their way to bringing their properties back to pre-Matthew conditions. I have flown into several of these works-in-progress or completed masterpieces to get their advice on approach and resource deployment that have brought their properties back to life! Here’s what I have learned from my touch and go landing interviews. They did not put restoration on hold for another time. They worked with their neighbors and planned projects together. It did not matter if they were a new property owner, a first-time leaseholder, or an experienced homeowner – the most frequently shared advice was to be a considerate and helping neighbor...especially to that elderly neighbor who doesn’t have any family members or friends nearby.

These folks started early so they would not get parched from the hot days. They applied plenty of sunscreen, and ended each day around Noon. They celebrated with neighbors by bringing out the grills in the neighborhood to supply meals and fellowship! They took on old tattered mailboxes and focused on bringing back the neat appearance of their yards. I was amazed at how these few focused projects improved the look of the entire street. (The POA landscape debris dumpsite is located on Surrey Lane for your use.)

Some of the chores these folks tackled included raking leaves, removing debris, mowing the lawn, trimming trees and shrubs, and taking turns grinding down those tree stumps left in their yards. They put in flowerbeds and trees that are bird friendly. It’s chicken feed (oops, an avian pun) if you do it. In addition to the benefits of a clean neighborhood appearance, these go-getters provided neighbors a chance to get to know each other by working towards a common goal, and they learned about each other’s property and landscape maintenance. They even got their children involved in the projects. Younger kids raked the leaves, gathered pine straw, and painted the mailboxes on the street. The older kids powerwashed the pollen off of driveways and garage doors, piled the debris into a BIG truck as it rode from neighbor to neighbor, and helped clean the windows. These folks did an awesome job and I appreciated their willingness to share their secrets of success!

This is a great time to enjoy being outside again (well, I’m always outside...), although we are beginning to see remnants of that awful “yellow stuff.” It’s currently present on your windowsills, outdoor furniture, and fixtures. The presence of pine pollen is most obvious on your mailboxes that help create our streetscape. From my vantage point at 200 feet above the Plantation, I can see all too well the yellow residue on many mailboxes.

That junk reduces my visibility and gets in my eyes. I am something to behold this time of year with my goggles affixed and a towel hanging from my left talon to occasionally clear my goggles of that awful yellow stuff. In the few freezing days we have, planes have to be de-iced before take-off...me, on the other hand, I have to be de-pollinized with frequent soap and water baths to remove the pollen buildup on the wings! My thanks to all residents who have taken the time to mix a batch of sudsy water to wash off their mailboxes!

I also wanted to pass along a phenomena I noticed that has been repeated several times – residents performing random acts of community mindedness by not only washing off their own mailbox, but their neighbor’s mailbox as well! What a kind gesture that is! It took longer for these homeowners to mix the water and detergent than it actually took to wipe down three mailboxes. I would like to suggest others take up their example and clean your neighboring mailboxes. (Removing dirt, stains, and bugs is a good thing. I always try to keep my nest tidy.) The residual effects of pine pollen are just nasty. But on the streets where folks have taken the time to clean their mailboxes, the difference is beyond noticeable! It’s sparkling! Don’t forget about the clean sparkling windows you like. My feathered friends and I are not such great fans (as you humans are) because we can’t see the glass and sometimes even misjudge a large window as we’re flying around! Some of my friends were actually injured and needed to drop out of the aerial circuit for several days to recover. Nevertheless, on the streets where folks have taken the time to clean their windows, the difference is amazing! It’s crystal clear.

Remember to stop by the ARB office to see Betsy if your landscaping changes or additions are more than 25% of the existing landscape on your property.

Happy, safe spring!

--Harry Heron
843-681-8800 ext. 242  mchisolm@hhppoa.org
Plantation Golfing
by Jerry Cutrer

Bear Creek Golf Club
Bear Creek members celebrated the February post-Hurricane Matthew reopening of their golf course with a "Nine and Dine" twilight golf event and dinner organized by Mike and Mary Monaghan, Frank and Marge Dunne, along with Chef Munjid. Mike and Cathy Nairne partnered with Bob and Charlotte Moss to win this first of Bear Creek’s 2017 schedule of social and golfing events.

(right, L-R) Mike and Mary Monaghan and Frank and Marge Dunne, Nine and Dine organizers

(right, L-R) Nine and Dine winners Mike and Cathy Nairne and Charlotte and Bob Moss

Country Club of Hilton Head
Country Club golfers participated in the appropriately named “Chili Open”, the first event of the 2017 tournament season. The winners in the Men's Division were Bill Junga, Bill McCourt, Pat Cauller, and Dave Lunka. The winners in the Mixed Couples Division were Andy and Christine Kohlhepp, Mary Shannahan, and Mike Hall. Linda Henderson, Caroline McVitty, Jane White, and Margie Lechowicz captured the Ladies Division.

(left, L-R) Linda Henderson, Caroline McVitty, Jane White, and Margie Lechowicz, Ladies Division winners


Dolphin Head Golf Club
The Dolphin Head Women’s Golf Association played a Foursome Team Tournament on March 1-2. Roz VonDerLinden, Karen Hochgesang, Susan Silver, and Susan Zeller captured top honors in the event.

(right, L-R) Roz VonDerLinden, Karen Hochgesang, Susan Silver, and Susan Zeller.
Lowcountry Nature:  
**Southern Leopard Frog**

*by Vicky McMillan*

When we lived in the Northeast, it was the high-pitched call of tiny tree frogs called spring peepers (*Hyla crucifer*) that marked the coming of spring.

In the Lowcountry, the croaky sounds of southern leopard frogs (*Rana utricularia*) fill our early spring nights – and mild winter evenings, too. These medium-sized, brown or greenish frogs are common at ponds, lagoons, and marshes throughout the Southeast. Since they’re fairly salt-tolerant, they may occur in brackish habitats, as well. Both sexes have two prominent, raised ridges running down the length of the body, plus numerous dark, rounded spots.

Southern leopard frogs are mostly nocturnal, and they’re especially active during rainy weather, when they seem to appear out of nowhere, hopping across roads by the hundreds. Males attract females at the water by inflating their throat sacs and making species-specific guttural calls, accompanied by low trills. Some of these sounds have been compared to the noise made by rubbing one’s thumb across an inflated balloon.

They reproduce mainly in the winter and spring, sometimes also in the fall. Mature adults often congregate in large numbers to pair up and mate. Females attach their gelatinous egg masses to underwater plants or other objects, and the tadpoles take several months to develop, feeding on algae and other organic matter.

Adult frogs capture insects, spiders, and other moving small prey with their long, sticky tongues. When not breeding, they may forage far away from water. The frogs themselves have many predators, including snakes, skunks, raccoons, various waterbirds, and humans.

To hear the call of the southern leopard frog, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B_yrYDLb9Y.

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Fishing Club

The April meeting of the Fishing Club will take place on Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 PM, at the Plantation House. The dinner theme is “Sea Food”. This will be the last business meeting of our year, which runs from September through August. Our next get-together will be our annual Lowcountry Boil in May. Details on that event next month.

Our speaker at the April meeting will be Bob Bender, Curator at the Lowcountry Estuarium in Port Royal. The definition of an estuary is a water passage where the tide meets a river current. We live around one of the truly great estuaries: the Port Royal Sound. The mission of the Estuarium is to “Instill a public sense of stewardship for the marshes, creeks, rivers, and sound that make up the unique Port Royal Sound estuarine system.”

We are rapidly approaching the start of Kids Kamp 2017. The first day of Kamp is June 12 and that means the first day of Kids Kamp fishing! Surveys of past Kamp attendees have shown that fishing is overwhelmingly the most popular Kamp activity in which the children participate. Volunteers from our club are responsible for this, and we will be asking for your help in making 2017 another successful year. The club has purchased and stocked 3,400 catching-sized bream in Seabrook Lagoon (that’s where the children fish). We hit this pond hard because we really aren’t sure what happened to the original resident fish as a result of the hurricane in October. The thinking is that smaller species were carried away into Spring Lake while the larger catfish and largemouth bass were able to hug the bottom and remain in the lagoon. The stocked fish should spawn once they become accustomed to their new home.

Fishing season is upon us. Unfortunately, so are those anglers who don’t bother to take their junk-worm tubs, snarled lines, and soda cans with them when they leave. Let’s hope the stuff we’ve found so far hasn’t come from club members. Remember, Mondays are “club fishing days!”

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**Bunco**

We meet on the 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, at Dolphin Head Rec building.

---Joan Heller  843-681-4720
Farmers Club

It’s finally awesome April again, my favorite month of the year on Hilton Head. There is much to be done with planting and picking, both calling you to hurry in for at least a few minutes every day. Be sure to check our Website at [www.hhpfarmers.com](http://www.hhpfarmers.com) for helpful information including dates to plant what. Planting too late last year caused my pole beans to flower but not bear any beans...strangest thing to happen to me in some time.

Keep after the weeds or your plot will be a jungle by June. Use mulch, pine straw, or black plastic on any areas not used for planting and use a good weed spray around the outside of your plot on a day that is not windy. The raised beds that more of you are using look very tidy and should be easier to maintain. Good new soil means fewer disease problems, which can be especially bad on tomatoes. Some diseases are spread by insects, and you may want to spray or dust with Sevin® or an organic product such as neem. Use these only in late afternoon to avoid harming our bees! Speaking of insects, if you are bitten by fire ants, apply Witch Hazel as soon as possible to cut the burn and avoid scarring. We keep some in our plot for this purpose, and people are surprised at how well it works.

Our farm market is open from 8:30 AM until about 11:00 AM every Saturday in May and June. If you have extra produce or flowers to share, please bring them to us on Friday afternoon and store in the refrigerator. This market is open to all HHP residents and their guests, and usually sells out early. If you will be out of town during these months, PLEASE ASK A FARM NEIGHBOR TO PICK FOR YOU. It is so sad to see tomatoes rotting on the vine with none available to sell.

Want to join us? A 25 by 25 foot plot costs only $30 a year with a membership fee of $20. Call Kevin Rapp for availability at 717-314-9704.

--Diane Middleton  843-342-5884  mastergardener4@hhpfarmers.com

Euchre Club

We meet at Spring Lake Pavilion, 6:15 PM, the 3rd Friday. The game is easy and lessons are taught. If it sounds like something you’d be interested in, email: chuck.stewart@e3partners.org or call 843-715-2529 or 330-283-2827.

--Chuck Stewart

Train Club

The HHP Train Club has something for everyone. Whether you like small model trains or are an aficionado of big trains, we have something for you.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May, 2:00 PM, at the Plantation House. Invited guests and newcomers are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

For additional information, contact Bob Gluszik, 843-415-5825 or email: hhptrainclub@gmail.com.

Pickleball Club

The club has flourished with the support of the Island Recreation Center and new players from all over HHI. This game is easy to learn and great fun to play while you’re getting your cardio workout in for the day. Come by and use our demo equipment to try it live!

Contact BC Huselton at 843-342-9212 or email: bchuselton@gmail.com if you’d like to be on the distribution list for scheduled play times at the Recreation Center. The typical schedule starting time is 9:00 AM on Monday through Friday for all levels.

--BC Huselton
The Happy Times Party
One Sunday a month, amiable HHP folks gather to share food, drink, conversation, at one of the Plantation’s loveliest spots, Dolphin Head. No reservations, no RSVP, no meeting, no agenda, no dues – just a good time. Bring your own beverage and a contribution to the finger food table. Ice provided.

Date: 4th Sunday (except December)
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Place: Dolphin Head Recreation Area

For more information, call Dottie Distelheim at 843-342-6828. To get a monthly reminder, email: distel2380@yahoo.com.

You and your friends are invited to...

“SPRING FLING” ART OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 7
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Plantation House

Meet the artists and cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award.

Refreshments will be served!

Beautiful paintings and artworks for sale!

--Jean-Marie Côté
VP, HHP Artists Association

For Juniors
Now taking sign-ups.
Ages 7-17

Where: Spring Lake Tennis Center
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 PM

*For details, call: Lou Marino 843-301-4453
or Spring Lake Tennis Center 843-681-3626.

Bottle Winners
◆ PH Team Bridge
Winners - March 7
1. Don & Barbara Edwards
2. Norm & Christel Kronenberg
3. Barbara Appel & Linda Schneider
4. Al Bikson & Don Peterson
PH - 1st Tuesday - 7:00 PM
Call Barbara/Don Edwards 843-689-3311

♥ PH Ladies Bridge
Winners - March 7
1. Gloria Campeau
2. Jane Grob
3. Mary Lou Meinholz
Winners - March 21
1. Dorothy Fiend
2. Rosie Miller
3. Liz Scott
PH - 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 10:00 AM
Call Mary Lou Meinholz 843-342-9652

♣ Friday Men’s Bridge
PH - Fridays - 12:30 PM
Call Donald Edwards 843-689-3311

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Come and have a good time with us!

--Jean-Marie Côté
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Plantation House

Meet the artists and cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award.

Refreshments will be served!

Beautiful paintings and artworks for sale!

--Jean-Marie Côté
VP, HHP Artists Association

For Juniors
Now taking sign-ups.
Ages 7-17

Where: Spring Lake Tennis Center
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 PM

*For details, call: Lou Marino 843-301-4453
or Spring Lake Tennis Center 843-681-3626.

Come and have a good time with us!

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The Avid Gardeners (TAG)

As we look back over the past month, March was both a lion and a lamb, with many warm days offset with some pretty chilly days. I think we’re all ready to welcome April to our Lowcountry and HHI!

Are you ready to start prepping your beds and making plant material selections for the upcoming spring and summer seasons? It’s always exciting to go to our local nurseries to see what new specimens they have to offer, and what we would like to try since some of our gardens have changed complexes with the visitation of Sir Matthew in October! I’ve visited the local nurseries and can report that they are stocking up on their plant selections, other products and accessories, and are just waiting for your visit. If you don’t see what you want, talk to someone at the nursery and if the plant is available through their suppliers, they can order it for you.

Our March TAG meeting was a field trip to Palmetto Bluff for a great presentation by archaeologist Dr. Mary Socci regarding the history of Palmetto Bluff and its surprising connection to the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Friday, April 21 meeting and presentation entitled, “What is Happening to our Bees?” presented by David Amal, Master Beekeeper for over 28 years. TAG meets on the 3rd Friday of each month, and all HHP residents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings in Spring Lake Pavilion. Meetings begin with a coffee/social at 9:30 AM, a brief meeting at 10:00 AM, and then the program. For more information, contact Corliss Zampino, 2nd VP, Membership, at 843-681-6062.

--Mary Ellen Phillips

Newcomers Club

Congratulations to Nancy Pendleton, the champion chili cook of the Newcomers Club. She claims it was a 5-generation old recipe, but wouldn’t say which family Google used as its source. Anyway, another action-packed event with Shag dancing, too. It might not have been pretty, but it was fun. Our final two events are sure to be sell-outs. Please respond quickly to emailed announcements to club members being sent by Suzi Huisman, Club Treasurer. You can also RSVP on our Website: www.hhpnc.com.

Wine Tasting – Tuesday April 18, 6:00-8:30 PM, SC Yacht Club, Windmill Harbour. SCYC is the sponsor of this event, providing the facilities, wine tasting, and buffet dinner. Lee Lucier, General Manager of SCYC, will address the Newcomers Club on the operations of this beautiful location. This event in particular is designed for socializing. There is no general meeting where we gather in one room. The wine tasting will have several stations set up outside on the patio or promenade, depending on weather. Inside, a buffet dinner will be served in the dining hall with open seating. Sadly, we have to limit attendance to 100 people.

Grand Finale – Sunset Cruise – departing Shelter Cove Marina, May 16. This one always sells out fast. By any measure, this has been a great year for the club. Membership has swelled, events more lively to say the least, and many new friendships formed. We want to express our gratitude to the sponsors and caterers that worked with us to make our events a great ice-breaker for new arrivals to our island. In many cases, our sponsor presentations have been as entertaining and fun for our members as has our featured activity. And the meals speak for themselves. Our audience of new arrivals is more interested than most, in learning where to go for the best treatment, and your participation speaks loudly to them. Thank you.

--Dick Harte, Publicity

Mah Jongg

We meet every Tuesday in the Dolphin Head Recreation facility, 1:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to play, but please commit to play each week so that we have an idea of how many game sets and tables are needed. A current year’s game card (available online from the National Mah Jongg League) is necessary to play.

Interested parties, please email:

--Judy Finney judylfinney@gmail.com
--Ellie Linscott linscott9070@roadrunner.com

Spring Lake Tennis Drill Clinics

Tuesdays 11:00 AM
Forehand and Backhand Groundstrokes

Fridays 11:00 AM
Volleys and Overheads

Call Spring Lake Tennis Center 843-681-3626 or Lou Marino 843-301-4453
Caregivers Support Group

Our support group for family caregivers in HHP is surely needed and continues to expand! What a wonderful group of caring loved ones who are always helping each other. That’s what a mutual self-help group is all about. You get some time out (respite) from your caregiving and you connect with others who have similar challenges. The benefits are many: a sharing of laughter and some tears, you attend to your personal needs (feelings, spirit, and challenges), and you can reach out and help another. This group is always a value to your personal wellness, as well as your loved one’s care.

You will benefit from a professional support person, Ann Martel, M.S.W., LISW (HHP Resident). Ann has over 35 years’ experience in healthcare, mental healthcare, senior and hospice care, and private counseling related to illness, major transitions in life, stress, grief, and caregiving. Ms. Martel consults with families and patients privately, making home visits to HHP residents on a referral and private fee basis.

If you are a family caregiver or significant other caring for a loved one, this group is for you!

The group meets once a month, 3rd Friday of the month, 11:00 AM, at The Cypress Clubhouse - TV Room, just past the concierge. This group is free of any cost. Email Ann Martel for more information and to request inclusion in her email notification list: amartel@hargray.com or call 843-785-5995.

See Ann’s helpful blog by going to www.annscaregiver tips.blogspot.com.

Softball Club

The HHP Softball Club continues to excel on the field against all of our opponents. We’re having a lot of fun out there and would like to invite potential new players to come out and join us and see if you’re interested.

We hold our weekly practices on Mondays at 1:00 PM, at the softball field near the POA Service Center.

[Please note: Starting May 8, practice time will change from 1:00 PM to 10:00 AM.]

We get together, throw the ball around, and work on basic fundamentals of the game including hitting, fielding, and base running. Our practices are fairly low key, and generally a great way for the players to work on their game and socialize at the same time.

In terms of games, we do not play in a league, but are able to play a game almost every week against teams from Sun City and The Landings (Savannah). We play usually every Wednesday versus Sun City and our games at The Landings are usually on Saturdays. The games are great fun, we have solid competition, and have met a bunch of great people along the way. We also play in 2-3 tournaments per year, usually in Sun City.

We always want to attract new players (male or female) to the team. You can practice or play as much or as little as you’re comfortable with.

If you’re interested, please feel free to contact Bob Huisman at modybloo@Hotmail.com or come out, join us, or watch a future practice or game!

Softball is fun! 

--Rick Sarcione, President 617-513-0234 mobile RCSarcione@aol.com

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: 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Place: Dolphin Head Rec Area  
Contact: Cam Higgins  
Tel. 843-681-2443  
email: CamHatHHI@aol.com

Dance Club

The Dance Club will be on hiatus, awaiting new volunteers and leadership.

Thank you to all for past events.

--Veronica Schaffner 570-362-0201 vern.schaffner@gmail.com

Plantation Living, a Newsletter for Residents of Hilton Head Head Plantation
Once again, we had a wonderful Spring Sale thanks to all of you. We so appreciate our loyal returning customers, and we’re also always happy to see new faces. We crafters have busy months before each sale, and it’s rewarding to see folks pleased with what we’ve created. And we are always grateful to be able to give a large check to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry!

The Craft Workshop group will continue to meet throughout the summer with our latest projects beginning to take shape. Although our meetings tend to revolve around what our latest endeavors are, we also get quite a bit of inspiration from each other. As well, several of us make time each week to work on projects together, which is both fun and collaborative.

We mention this frequently, but we are always happy to welcome new members to our group. In our midst, we have some 20-year members and some brand new crafters. Over the years, we’ve had a rich history going back almost to the beginning of Hilton Head Plantation! The HHP Craft Workshop was formed more than 30 years ago. Each year we have been lucky enough to continue to build our membership. If you have a special interest that you’d like to share, please join us on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, 9:30 AM, at Spring Lake Pavilion.

Happy Spring!  

--Barbara Bitner  
843-341-3304

Men’s Cooking Club

Men’s 2nd Wednesday Cooking Club  
This group meets from Noon until 2:00 PM, at the Spring Lake Pavilion. We each demonstrate our favorite meals on a rotating basis. Can’t cook? Come anyway! For more information, call Joe Sanker at 843-682-2615.

On February 8, we met at LagerHead Tavern for a cooking demo by Chef Michael Toscano. The chef and his sous-chef (right), Rick Dean of the Cooking Group, demonstrated salmon tartare, dill and roasted pepper aioli, French dip sandwich, followed by a cheese cake dessert. Thank you to LagerHead Tavern for a delicious learning experience.

Men’s 3rd Wednesday Cooking Club  
This Men’s Cooking Club meets the 3rd Wednesday at Spring Lake Pavilion, Noon until 2:00 PM. For more information, call Craig Cleveland at 843-540-5240 or craigcleveland@live.com.

Men’s 4th Tuesday Cooking Club  
While the meeting place will generally be at Spring Lake Pavilion, some members elect to host their cooking presentation at their respective homes. For information, call Steve Strom at 843-342-2838.

Big Band

The HHP Big Band is entering the second half of its season. Last month we made a portion of our yearly donation to the Junior Jazz Foundation for three scholarships (two for the Clinic and one for the Camp). Members of the band made the presentation at the Jazz Corner during the monthly Sunday Dixieland Jazz Jam. Details are being finalized for a donation to the Hilton Head High School music program also.

While all of the players in the Big Band volunteer their time because of their love of music, these donations are an important part of why the band does as many performances throughout the season that it can. While the band receives remuneration for its work, the majority of the funds received goes toward youth music programs in the area so that the upcoming generation of students will continue to be able to grow as musicians. Any remaining funds are put towards new music and equipment if required. As the band’s popularity grows, we have been able each year to increase our donations to youth programs.

With four gigs already on the schedule and two or three more in the planning stages, we expect to be continuing our donations at the end of this season to youth music development.

--Mike Nicastre  
860-638-7351  
HHPBIGBAND2016@gmail.com
**Women’s Club**

The Hilton Head Plantation Women’s Club invites you to their Spring Luncheon at the Palmetto Hall Clubhouse on **Tuesday, May 9**. Social hour will start at 11:30 AM with lunch following at Noon.

Our speaker for the Spring Luncheon is Patti Callahan Henry, a NY Times bestselling author of ten novels. Hailed as a fresh new voice in Southern fiction, she has been shortlisted for the Townsend Prize for Fiction and nominated four different times for the Southeastern Independent Booksellers’ Novel of the Year. She is a frequent speaker at fundraisers, library events, and book festivals. Patti lives in Alabama with her family. Invitations with additional information were sent out during the month of March. If you have not received yours, please contact Sally McAllister at HHPWC01@gmail.com.

The luncheon marks the end of our 2016/2017 club year. Please consider assisting in club activities and events to ensure that the current level of programming is continued. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. You may indicate your interest by completing a HHPWC volunteer form. There will be a table at the luncheon with membership and volunteer forms. The 2017/2018 membership fee remains at $15 per person. You will also receive these forms by email or mail.

Additionally, watch for information in July’s *Plantation Living* regarding the Ice Cream Social, our first event of the new club season scheduled for **August 8** between 2:00-4:00 PM. The August event provides an opportunity to learn about and join various activities that are sponsored by the Women’s Club. Hope to see you at our upcoming events!

---Marcia Hopper

**Knit Wits**

This friendly group of women welcomes all skill levels of knitting. The group meets **every Wednesday, 2:30 PM, at the Dolphin Head building**. No fee is required, although you must be a current member of the HHP Women’s Club. Come, have fun, laugh, knit, purl, and relax. For more information, contact:

---Ceil Meyers 843-342-2185
---Barbara Bitner 843-341-3304

**Vino Formaggio Group**

The last tasting for this membership year will be on **Sunday, May 7, 5:00 PM**, at the **Dolphin Head Golf Club**. Attendees must be members of the Hilton Head Plantation Women’s Club. The price to join the Vino group is $5 per year, which covers door prizes and decorations. The cost of each event is $21 (usually four a year), and should be paid well in advance to guarantee a reservation. The $21 covers the wine tastings and food pairings. Once paid, there are no refunds unless the reservation is canceled at least one week prior to the event.

Monies may be paid in cash or by check to Mary Marquis, 26 Crooked Pond Drive, HHI, SC 29926. The purpose of the group is to offer wine tasting opportunities for the novice, and to provide a fun social event. All members will be notified through an email regarding future events and reservations received. Questions may be directed to Susie (Mary) Marquis at 843-341-5777 or via email: doug6307@aol.com.

---Linda Watts, Publicity

**Green Thumbers**

It’s hard to believe that our year is coming to an end. April’s flowers are blooming and our plantation is alive with color.

Please remember that our May meeting will begin at 10:00 AM with our guest speaker first. Dr. Mary Socci will explain why we will never look at a pine tree the same way again during her presentation, “Pine Trees, Turpentine, and Palmetto Bluff.” We’ll learn what the terms “cat face”, “Herty Cup”, and “rosin potato” mean and how they’re connected to an industry that dominated the economy in the South. After Dr. Socci’s presentation, we’ll enjoy a catered luncheon. Ladies, remember, this luncheon is part of your dues and there is no cost. **Please join us on May 8, 10:00 AM, at the Spring Lake Pavilion.**

Please note: We need two Board members: Chairman or co-chairs, and Hospitality or co-chairs. If you have any questions, please contact Edna Coombs at 843-342-7184.

---Cynthia Smith

---Frank Edgerton displaying his green thumb.
Out to Lunch Bunch

The Out to Lunch group will meet at Jane Bistro on April 19. Please contact us if you’d like to join, and for menu and pricing. You must be a current member of the HHP Women’s Club to attend.

--Claudia Woods 843-681-7639
--Mae Graziano 706-860-8402

Women’s Euchre Club

The Women’s Euchre Club meets year-round every other Monday from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Plantation House. You must be a current member of the HHP Women’s Club. Please email Jean Conroy at jac37@icloud.com if interested.

Tee Timers

The Tee Timers have been filling four (4) tee times (14-16 golfers) each Wednesday at Oyster Reef, Bear Creek, or Dolphin Head Golf Clubs. We play 9-holes in the afternoon, with some going on to play 18-holes. The clubs have been very welcoming have graciously given us a group rate. We welcome new members. Please email Carole Ide: carolehhi@me.com if you’re interested in joining and playing actively. You must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club to join the Tee Timers.

--Carole Ide

HHPWC’s Book Clubs

The Relaxed Readers recommend “Doc” by Mary Doria Russell. “Doc” is historical fiction based on John Henry Holliday, a dentist better known as Doc Holliday. The novel centers on not only Doc Holliday, but the Earp family, and the interactions of these families with the townspeople. We follow the life of Doc who was described as a well-trained dentist, an intellectual, a gifted pianist, a drinker, a gambler, a “Georgia gentleman”, and also someone who struggled with tuberculosis. The book generated great discussion on topics such as the role of women, family interactions, the “Wild West”, and even bullying. It is well-written with good in-depth character development and interplay of characters. While the beginning might seem a bit slow, stick with it! Happy reading! You must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club to join this group.

--Carol Clemens

Spring Lake Tennis Club

Spring Lake Tennis would like to congratulate our Ladies 55 & Over 7.5 combo team “SL Double Trouble” (captain Rachelle Jeffery) for competing at the Sectional Championships in Auburn, Alabama and eventually losing to the finalist in a hard fought 3-setter.

Also, at press time, Spring Lake has six (6) teams in 1st Place in the USTA Spring Local League. They are: 55 & Over: Ladies 3.5 “SL Cosmos” (captain Linda Benning), Men’s 3.5 “SL Lakers” (captain Tom Larkin). In the 70s: Ladies 3.0 “SL---But Goodies” (captain Rosanne Ball), Men’s 3.5 “SL ASPS” (captain Greg Smorol), Men’s 3.0 “SL Avengers” (captain John Blake). In the 18 & Over: Ladies 4.0 “Spring Lake” (captain Vilma Beitia). Spring Lake is proud of their hard work!

The Luck of the Irish Tennis Social was as exciting as finding the Irish pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Dinner was the “American Irish” traditional corned beef and cabbage. We say American Irish traditional because the Irish do not eat corned beef in Ireland; they have “bacon joint”, various cuts of salted or smoked and salted pork. When the Irish immigrated to America, pork was too expensive so they discovered corned beef and that’s where the American Irish tradition began.

Dessert was the best part of our meal! Our social committee members did the baking – Sue Lievense made the Irish Crème brownies and grasshopper pie, Cindy Wilson made Guinness cake (two pieces made you happy happy), Irish coffee pie, and mint candy. The first for this social was the bagpipe performance by Spring Lake Tennis members Megan Sisson and Tom Duff (left). Talk about a great time had by all – live music!

Our next events include the Plantation Court Challenge in late April, and the Wimbledon Challenge in late May. Watch for the sign up sheets in the Pro Shop.

--Brian Doyle
Dog Club
Hello Dog Folks! Dog Club members and regular readers of this space may recall that we had to postpone our highly anticipated “Goodies for Doggies” activity. Now that the hurricane and other interruptions are behind us, we are ready to hold the event on **Wednesday, May 10 at Spring Lake Pavilion, 6:00 PM**. We are inviting all of you dog lovers to participate in this hands-on activity, preparing healthful treats to take home to your canine companions. **However, you must pre-register.** Space is limited, so mark your calendar for May 10 and pre-register today by contacting Micheline Levie at: mchlevie@gmail.com or 843-715-0157.

Club members Ellie Perry and Micheline Levie will lead participants in making two treats to take home. Each person who pre-registers, whether as a spectator or a participant, will receive a recipe book and a bag of goodies. If you want to be a participant, you will need to bring the following ingredients and equipment:

**“Pup-sicles”** 18 oz. plain, non-fat yogurt, 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter, 4 oz. banana baby food, 1 tablespoon honey, 20 medium Milk Bones, mixing bowl with a cover, spoon for stirring, 20 small, clear, plastic cups.

**“Banana-Oatmeal Hypoallergenic Treats”**
One (1) ripe banana, 2 tablespoons coconut oil will be provided by the chefs, 1 cup plain instant oatmeal, mixing bowl, fork for mixing, cookie sheet will be lightly greased by the chefs, covered container for storage.

A Dog’s Tale: Suzi and Bob Huisman (below) are the proud parents of two furry rescues from Hilton Head Humane: Cash, a 10-year-old male Shetland-Beagle mix, and Bailey, a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois. Cash, a Mama’s boy, is the family watchdog, but he is very friendly and affectionate, whereas Bailey is a bit more cautious around strangers. Together with their humans, they comprise a happy family that is loving life on HHI!

Interested in joining the Dog Club? Contact me.

Happy Dog Walking,

---Helen Collins  Secretary/Membership Chair
tel. 843-689-9303  hmcollins@hargray.com

Yacht Club
The Yacht Club has welcomed 6 new boating members and 13 social members to the club during the past year. Current officers and new members enjoyed an afternoon social on March 12 at the Spring Lake Pavilion. Pictured below are new members (L-R): Colleen O'Keefe, Brian Stirrat, Dennis Ceru, Roxanne Lyman, Gary Freeland, Ginny Freeland, Carol Fellner, Donald Fellner, Calogera Becker, Mark Becker, Gail Haller, and Harold Haller.

The March meeting of the Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club featured an update on the beach renourishment project given by Town Project Engineer Scott Liggett. After the presentation, members enjoyed a traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner catered by Kelly’s Tavern. Members (right) Juergen Thiessen, Angelina Lagrasso, Darlene Miller, Rae Scott, and Kitty Ferrari celebrated with festive attire.

The spring boating season officially kicked off with a cruise to the Savannah Yacht Club on March 29. Land cruisers joined boaters for a luncheon at the club, which is located on Wilmington Island in Savannah. Upcoming Yacht Club events include the annual cruise to St. Simons for boating and social members in late April and the Commodore’s Ball in early May.

All HHP property owners with boats registered in South Carolina are encouraged to join our fun-loving association of boaters. Social Membership is also available, with a waiting list. Please contact Membership Officer Shirlene Post at 843-715-9219 or visit the Website for details: www.hhpyc.org.

---Mary Frances Peery
Kayak Club

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM, at the Plantation House**. The program will feature club member and Lead Trip Planner, Holly Feltner, along with Kent Grimes, who will share information about various paddle trips they’ve done in Beaufort County. You’ll have a chance to participate in a confidence-building, interactive, trip planning exercise. You’ll learn about safety and what to expect and how to deal with weather conditions, and local tide and current characteristics. Holly and Kent are paddling partners, and have circumnavigated over a dozen islands in our area. Holly is a certified SUP instructor, and Kent is a certified instructor for kayak skills. Come pick their brains about where they’ve been, and how to best approach those paddle routes.

Our Kayaking 101 Beginner’s Series saw over a dozen beginners learning about how to choose the right equipment, things to consider, equipment available for storage and transportation, and they even got a lesson with practice time! Also part of this series is an on-water equipment demo. We hope to make this a regular offering, at least annually.

If you are interested in club membership, contact **Barb Wiebe** for a membership form. Your questions are most welcome. **Phone 843-802-4318 or kayakclubofhhp@gmail.com.**

Bocce Club

The first annual Bocce Club’s ‘Bocce & Brew Grande Festa’ (an Italian celebration) was held on April 8. All who attended had fun. Games were played, hot dogs devoured, brews consumed, friendships formed, and prizes awarded to tournament winners.

Reminder: The Spring Bocce Potluck Banquet will be held after tournament week on **Saturday, May 13, 6:00 PM, at Spring Lake Pavilion.**

Enjoy the rest of the season. If you wish to be a bocce substitute, please call Carol at 843-681-4961.

Happy rolling!  ---Sandy Stern

Social Security Planning Seminar

The Activities Department will be working with E.H. “Chip” Stanley, Jr., Senior Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor with Janney Montgomery Scott LLC to offer a free seminar on Thursday, April 27, 7:00 PM, on Social Security Planning. A new generation is getting ready to collect Social Security so find out what you need to know to maximize your retirement benefits.

The following topics will be addressed:
- How your benefit will be affected by the age at which you apply
- How cost-of-living-adjustments, or COLAS, affect benefits
- How spousal benefits work
- How survivor benefits work
- How divorced-spouse benefits work
- When it makes sense to delay benefits – and when it does not
- How to estimate your benefits
- Innovative strategies for coordinating benefits with your spouse

Seating is limited so sign up early. Light refreshments will be available.

**Date:** Thursday, April 27  **Time:** 7:00 PM  **Place:** Plantation House  **Cost:** FREE!  **Presenter:** E.H. “Chip” Stanley, Jr., CRPC®, RIS, AIF®, Senior Vice President Wealth Management Financial Advisor with Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  **RSVP:** Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090

Cooking Live Program

Just a reminder for those signed up for our Cooking Live classes. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

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All classes will be held at the Spring Lake Pavilion on **Wednesday** at **11:00 AM**. All of the sessions are currently **SOLD OUT**. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list for a particular date, please contact Sherrie or Margie at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090.

Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090.
Qigong Class
New 6-Week Session

Qigong (chee gong) is an ancient Chinese healthcare system that was developed before the written word in Chinese monasteries, hospitals, and imperial courts. It integrates movements, breathing techniques, focus attention, and self-applied massage. Qigong means cultivating or working with energy and is practiced for health maintenance, increased vitality, and inner peace.

Our instructor, Bénédicte Gadron, will be teaching another six-week session beginning Monday, April 17. Classes will be held on Mondays at the Spring Lake Pavilion from 4:20-5:20 PM. The new class session runs April 17 through May 22, and the cost is only $40/person for the entire session. If interested, please sign up at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090.

Qigong’s great appeal is that anyone can benefit from practicing it, from the very young to the very old. The movements are easy to learn. They can be performed standing, sitting or lying down, and can be adapted for physical limitations. No special equipment or clothing is required. A minimum is needed in order to have this class so sign up today!

Kids Kamp Cookie Social

The Activities Department and the Kids Kamp staff are hosting a Cookie Social for the new and returning Kids Kapers and their families. This is a great opportunity to meet the new and returning staff for Kids Kamp 2017! Refreshments will be available, so stop by and spend a few minutes with us. We’ll be there to answer any questions you might have about the Kamp Program. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

Date: Sunday, June 11
Fee: FREE!
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Place: Spring Lake Pavilion

Summer Job Opportunities

Kids Kamp Counselors and Spring Lake Lifeguards needed for this summer!

If interested, contact Chrissy Kristian, Director of Activities, (843) 681-8800, ext. 226, or email: ckristian@hhppoa.org.
**KIDS KAMP 2017**

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 Kamp grounds 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 weekly themes include “Superhero Week,” “Out of this World Week,” “Patriotic Week,” “Swashbucklers & Scallywags Week,” and “Carnival 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 themed activity. Regularly scheduled activities include swimming, arts & crafts, field games, and fishing. Cooking, music & puppets, and nature are also incorporated into group schedules. Counselor to Kamper ratio = 1:10. You may register your child at the POA Service Center for the entire Kamp (8 weeks) or for one or more weeks.

* Don't forget: **Balance for Pre-Registration due by Monday, May 1!** *

**Time/Days:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Monday – Friday  
**Registration:** Going on now at the POA Service Center  
**Non-Refundable Deposit:** Full Session - $100 per child; Weekly - $50 per child  
**Applications:** Available at the POA Service Center or Plantation House.  
**Age/Grade Req.:** Children who will enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2017 or who are five years old by November 1, 2017, to children who will enter 8th grade in the fall 2017.  
**Eligibility:** Must be a child or grandchild of an HHP property owner or resident.

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**Lean Ensemble Theater Discount Tickets**

The Activities Department and the HHP Caregivers Support Group will be teaming up with the Lean Ensemble Theater (LET), Hilton Head's newest professional theater, for HHP Night during the Opening Weekend of their production of "**The Clean House**" by Sarah Ruhl, which will be directed by HHP resident Blake White. HHP residents will be able to purchase tickets for the Friday, April 28th production at a discount (savings of $5 per ticket).

The play, “a whimsical and poignant portrayal of class, death, companionship, soulmates, laughter, and cleanliness in all varieties” was a Pulitzer Prize Finalist in 2005. The performance will be held at 7:30 PM at the Hilton Head Preparatory School Main Street Theatre. Audience members will also be treated to “talkbacks” following the performance – an interactive discussion with the actors and the director. Lean Ensemble Theater is a professional company founded in the spirit that theater is alive and well in the Lowcountry and that with innovation it can be interactive and relevant to an audience ready to “lean in and engage.”

**Date:** Friday, April 28  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**RSVP:** Sherrie or Margie, 843-681-8090  
**Cost:** $35/person  
**Deadline:** Friday, April 21  
**Place:** Hilton Head Preparatory School  
Main Street Theatre

There will be a limited number of tickets available. If interested, please stop by the Scheduling Office with your payment (checks payable to “Lean Ensemble”) before the deadline. For questions, call Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090. Tickets will be available for pick-up at WILL CALL.

*Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090.*
2017 Spring Lake Pool Rules

Swimmers assume responsibility for their own safety and that of their families. Lifeguards will not be on duty during all hours that the pool is open. The pool is equipped with a self-locking gate, an emergency telephone, and a first aid kit at the Guard Office. Report problems to Security – (843) 681-2459. Also, DHEC will inspect for fecal contamination and other violations. If DHEC finds any contamination, they will close the pool immediately. Please be courteous and if you have a child that is NOT potty-trained, he/she MUST wear a secure-fitting, waterproof swim diaper at all times. For questions, please contact the Director of Activities at (843) 681-8800, ext. 226. Thank you for your cooperation.

Spring Lake Pool Regulations

1. HHP Property Owners, their family members, guests, and tenants with leases of at least nine months may use SL Pool.
2. Spring Lake Pool users must present their validated HHP Photo ID Card to the pool staff when using the facility.
3. Property Owners, residents, and children 17 years and older, with validated HHP Photo ID Cards, may bring four (4) guests to the pool. Children 16 years old, with a validated HHP Photo ID Card, may enter the Spring Lake Pool; however, they are prohibited from bringing guests.
4. Guests, 17 years or older, with a validated House Guest Card may bring two (2) guests.
5. Spring Lake Pool users and their guests must adhere to a proper code of conduct and follow instructions from the lifeguards. Appropriate conduct and rules include, but are not limited to, the following:
   • Lifeguard approval of all floatation devices. (Floatation devices must be Coast Guard approved.)
   • Using earphones with audio equipment.
   • Placing trash in receptacles.
   • Smoking is not permitted within the Spring Lake Pool compound at any time. (This includes e-cigarettes.)
   • Wearing swimwear at all times.
   • Showering prior to entering the pool.
   • Children age 15 years or younger MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian (17 or older).
   • It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that children not potty-trained must wear secure-fitting, waterproof swim diapers at all times. NOTE: Anyone found responsible for a fecal contamination at the Spring Lake Pool will be held accountable for the cost of treatment and be subject to additional sanctions. If the person responsible is not a property owner, the cost of treatment and other sanctions will be levied against the host Property Owner/resident.
   • The following is prohibited in the Spring Lake Pool enclosure:
     • No solo swimming
     • No animals or pets of any kind
     • No glass containers
     • No spitting, blowing nose, or individuals with skin, eye, ear, or respiratory infections, diarrhea illness, or nausea
     • No diaper changing on deck
     • No bicycles, skateboards, skates, or rollerblades
     • No diving
     • No one with communicable diseases

9. In the zero-depth area of the pool, infants must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.
10. Adult swims will be called at the discretion of the lifeguards.
11. Pool noodles are permitted but they are to be used for flotation only.
12. Coolers are permitted but they are subject to inspection. All food/drinks must be kept at least ten (10) feet from the edge of the pool. Alcohol is NOT permitted.
13. No climbing is allowed on the island in the middle of the lazy river.
14. Children wearing Coast Guard approved floatation devices in the lazy river or the deep-end area of the pool MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.
15. Spring Lake Pool may not be used for personal profit or commercial purposes.
16. Lounge chairs, cabanas, tables and other pool equipment may not be reserved. They may be used on a first come, first served basis. Property Owners and guests should not leave personal items unattended. The HHPPOA accepts no responsibility for any item left unattended.
17. Lifeguards have the authority to expel violators. They may also create and enforce other safety rules, as necessary.

“Lessons Learned: The Aftermath of Hurricane Matthew” Insurance Seminar

Please join the Activities Department and Mr. Marc Ricciardi, Family Risk Manager with BB&T-Carswell Insurance Services, for a free insurance seminar on Tuesday, May 30, at 10:00 AM. This 30-minute, in-depth presentation into the world of homeowners and flood insurance in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew will help you learn how to prepare for future catastrophic events. Topics covered will include homeowner’s insurance basic coverages, differences in deductibles, and the future of the National Flood Insurance Program. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A session.

When: Tuesday, May 30
Time: 10:00 AM  Cost: FREE
Place: Plantation House
Presenter: Marc Ricciardi
Family Risk Manager, BB&T-Carswell Insurance Services
RSVP: Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090

If interested in signing up, please call Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090 to reserve your spot. Seating is limited so sign up today! Light refreshments will be provided.

Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090.
**Water Aerobics is Back!**

Kick off the summer right with Water Aerobics! Starting Monday, May 15, our morning Water Aerobics class will not only keep you cool, but also benefit your body. Gretchen Spiridopoulos will be conducting a cardiovascular and strengthening Water Aerobics class, which is one way you can burn calories and build muscle without breaking a sweat! So dig out the swimsuits and take advantage of this class!

- **Date:** Monday – Wednesday – Friday
- **Begins:** Monday, May 15
- **Place:** Spring Lake Pool
- **Time:** 8:30 – 9:30 AM
- **Cost:** See Universal Ticket Matrix for prices on page 18
- **Instructor:** Gretchen Spiridopoulos

Universal Fitness Tickets from 2016 are not valid or exchangeable!! You must use a 2017 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the class.

**Deep-End Water Aerobics**

Are you ready to get wet this summer? The Activities Department will be offering an evening Deep-End Water Aerobics class on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, May 16. The class runs from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and will be held in the deep-end of the Spring Lake Pool.

Deep-End Water Aerobics will be a non-impact aquatic class with water resistance for overall conditioning using vertical positioning. Jogging and specific exercises will strengthen the back and abdominal muscles for a total body workout. This class will be a wonderful way to strengthen and tone your body!

- **Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Begins:** Tuesday, May 16
- **Place:** Spring Lake Pool
- **Time:** 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- **Cost:** See Universal Ticket Matrix for prices on page 18
- **Instructor:** Gretchen Spiridopoulos

**NEW Home Sense Series with The Home Depot**

**Topic: "Recovering Your Lawn"**

The Activities Department is teaming up with The Home Depot to offer a series of FREE How-To Clinics which will be held at the Plantation House on Mondays – May 22, June 19, and July 17. This first topic – Recovering Your Lawn – will provide tips on rebuilding your soil after it’s been inundated with sea water. Also learn about getting soil samples, temporary living fences, and what can and cannot be done with stumps.

- **Date:** Monday, May 22
- **Time:** 10:00 AM
- **Place:** Plantation House
- **Cost:** FREE

If interested in attending, please contact Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090 to reserve your spot today. The clinic will last approximately 1 hour with a Q & A period at the end.

**Upcoming dates/topics:** (same time and place)

- Monday, June 19: Garage & Interior Floors
- Monday, July 17: Easy & Quick Updates for Your Kitchen and Bath

**“Stock Market Update” Lunch & Learn**

Please join the Activities Department and Danielle Jeffcoat, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, on Tuesday, May 23, for a “Stock Market Update” Lunch & Learn. Is what you’re hearing about the economy and the stock market significant or static? Danielle will put what you’re hearing in the news in perspective as well as discuss the economy, interest rates, and the outlook on both. She will also examine current market trends, ways to prepare for volatility, and opportunities in today’s market.

- **Date:** Tuesday, May 23
- **Time:** 12:00 Noon
- **Place:** Plantation House
- **Cost:** FREE!
- **RSVP:** Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090
- **Presenter:** Danielle Jeffcoat
  Financial Advisor with Edward Jones

If interested in attending, please call Sherrie or Margie at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090. Lunch will be provided so sign up early! Seating is limited. We hope to see you there!
Music & Sunset Concert Featuring: Robert Ingman

The Activities Department is excited to bring you the first entertaining outdoor concert of the year to be held at Dolphin Head Recreation Area at no cost to property owners and their guests.

ROBERT INGMAN, a well-known Island entertainer, will provide an evening of great listening music featuring your favorite ballads, melodies, etc., and lots of sing-along music! We welcome Robert back and hope you’ll join us, too!

Date: Monday, May 8
Rain Date: Tuesday, May 9
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Place: Dolphin Head Recreation Area
Cost: FREE

The Activities Department will be selling popcorn, candy, and soda/water for $1.00 each. You may also wish to bring your own picnic dinner, too! Just don’t forget to bring a lawn chair and bug spray!!

Spring Lake Caribbean Pool Party

Come and join the Activities Department on Sunday, June 4, for a Caribbean-Style Pool Party! We’re kicking off the summer with a party featuring one of Hilton Head Island’s favorite entertainers...

Positive Vibration

Admission is FREE! The party starts at 12:00 PM, and you won’t go hungry either! You’ll be able to purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, Sno-cones, and soda/water.

Date: Sunday, June 4
(Rain Date: Saturday, June 10)
Place: Spring Lake Pool
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 PM
Cost: FREE

Positive Vibration is a Steel Drum Band that plays a variety of Calypso, Reggae, Beach, and Soca music. Pool games, prizes, and just a tropical fun atmosphere will relax you into paradise! In case of inclement weather, the party will be moved to Saturday, June 10, at 12:00 PM. For questions, contact Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090. We hope to see you there!

Summer Concert Deas-Guyz

The Activities Department is proud to present another exciting outdoor concert for the whole family! We would like to welcome back the fabulous Deas-Guyz! They specialize in a mix of Old Motown, Rhythm & Blues, Pop, Rock, Reggae, and dance beats. Deas-Guyz formed in 2000 with each of the six guys bringing a unique feature to the band. They play all over the Island as well as weddings, charitable events, and other special events. You will be amazed at the wide range of musical talent they bring to the Island. This is truly a night you won’t want to miss!

Date: Tuesday, June 13
Rain date: Wednesday, June 14
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Place: Plantation House Parking Lot
Cost: FREE!!!

Bring your family and friends, food, drinks, chairs, and dancing shoes for a night to remember! The Activities Department will also be selling refreshments – pizza, popcorn, candy, soda and bottled water. Oh, and don’t forget your bug spray!

Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House.
Questions? Call Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090.
British Soccer Camp Returns to HHP

The Activities Department is excited to be teaming up with Challenger Sports to offer another British Soccer Camp this summer from **June 5 – 9**. The soccer camp will take place at the POA ball fields located next to the POA Service Center.

Please note: This is the week **BEFORE** Kids Kamp officially begins. Two camp programs will be offered including:

* **Mini-Soccer Camp** – Ages 3-5 years  
  8:00 AM - 9:00 AM for 5 days - $95/child

  Soccer basics, fun soccer games, stories, and challenges designed to enlighten and develop young players.

* **Half-Day Camp** – Ages 6-16 years  
  9:15 AM - 12:15 PM for 5 days - $150/child

  Emphasis is placed upon individual foot skills, core techniques, juggling, and coached games.

Each camper will receive a **FREE** soccer ball, t-shirt, player evaluation, and soccer poster. All campers registered by **April 21** will also receive a **FREE** British Soccer jersey!

The curriculums include a variety of foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, freestyle soccer, small-sided games, and coached scrimmages. World Cup style games are held each day where campers compete for their adopted country and are encouraged to learn about different customs and cultures as well as our core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, and leadership.

For any camper registering 10 days or fewer before camp, there will be a $10 late fee charged. Any camper wishing to cancel 10 days or more prior to camp will be subject to a $40 non-refundable deposit. Refunds will not be provided within 10 days of camp. For more information about British Soccer Camps, check out www.challengersports.com.

If interested in signing up, please contact Chrissy at 843-681-8800, ext. 226, or stop by the POA Service Center with your check (made payable to HHPPOA).

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Easter Sunrise Service

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

Preston Parrish (former Lead Pastor from The Refuge) will conduct the service along with his Praise Team members. As in the past, several volunteers 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 16  
**Time:** 7:00 AM  
**Place:** Dolphin Head Recreation Area

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

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The Blarney Bash -  
**Everyone Enjoyed A Bit ‘O Irish Fun!**