

Plantation Living

Newsletter for Residents of Hilton Head Plantation

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The Seabrook Wye

Many residents have been asking why the azaleas were removed from the eastern corner of the intersection of Seabrook and Dolphin Head Drive, which is often referred to as the Seabrook Wye.

The old azaleas were well past their prime and were diseased. Attempts to rejuvenate them with fertilizers and insecticides met with marginal results, so the decision was made to remove the old plant material and redesign the area with a mixture of ornamental shrubs including azaleas and turf grass.



Palmetto Coastal Landscaping is at work on this project.

We waited until late fall to initiate this project for two reasons: we wanted to introduce the new plantings when they would not be stressed by summer's heat thus reducing our irrigation needs, and secondly, we wanted to make sure we had adequate funds to complete the project to a standard that would be viewed as an improvement and welcomed addition to this highly visible area. Lower growing plants were selected so the view of the fountain in the background would serve as an additional feature to the overall installation. As we ended December 2011, staff analyzed where the POA's financials stood relative to budget and it was evident that this project could move forward. The plant material you see is the first installment and more plantings are scheduled to be phased in over time. Thank you for your patience!



Pine Island Beach

If you have not already done so, please plan a trip down to the Pine Island Beach and take in the renourishment project due to be completed the end of January. The renourishment of the Pine Island Beach will likely double in cost from approximately \$12 per household per year to approximately \$24 per household per year. The POA's Resident Opinion Survey will be coming out in April 2012 and will ask residents to weigh in on this future expenditure.



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President's Report

Another year has come and gone. I know it sounds trite and is an overworked cliché, but it's true. As I think back about all that has taken place this past year, nothing stands out as remarkable. The one item that is really high on the list of accomplishments is the funding and building of the new Spring Lake Pavilion. It didn't just happen. Many people were involved in making it possible. The Finance Committee and our Administration played a huge role in finding a way to finance the building without outside help. It never would have happened at all if it weren't for previous POA Boards who thought about funding in the future when they created the Capital Improvement Assessment, which has provided the cash flow and capital to make this project a reality.

The Hilton Head Property Owners' Association is a frugal organization. We operate within the bounds of our budget and carry no debt. There are not many gated communities that match our POA. I know I am repeating myself, but it is because for many years our Boards and management have seen fit to stay within our means. I offer my compliments to our Administration and previous Boards of Directors for their strategic planning and management.

We are still faced with a continuing strategy on what to do with the beach to Pine Island. We have authorized the placing of approximately 9,000 cubic yards of upland sand on the beach, which will commence before you read this letter. Upland sand, trucked in from a local source in South Carolina, matches the size and characteristics of the existing sand. It sounds ridiculous, but that is what DHEC requires. We are also waiting for a recommendation from our engineer about placing groins or breakwaters to help retain the sand. After we get their recommendation, the Board will then have to decide on the cost/benefit. The next questionnaire to residents in April will ask for your opinion on continuing the nourishment of the beach.

There were some skeptics when the old plantings at the junction of Seabrook and Dolphin Head Drive (the wye) were removed. Now that the new plantings are in progress with a new landscape design, I have heard a few "ooh's and ah's". I personally think it looks great. There is a selection of shrubs to give contrast and flowering at different times. The planting and design are the result of the cooperation between the Avid Gardeners and Palmetto Costal. Additional plantings are to be phased in this year. Please see the story on page one for additional information on this project.

Our budget and assessments are set for 2012. Our assessment increase this year was minimal as we still contend with a reluctant and sluggish economy. The Board continues to review all expenditures to be sure we operate within the budget.

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year.

--Galen Smith



General Manager's Report

Welcome to 2012!

Coffee with Peter

Our next Coffee is scheduled for Thursday, **February 16**, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House. Besides our usual updates and a question and answer period, we will use part of the meeting to introduce the Candidates that are running for the three open seats on the Board. 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.

Spring Lake Pavilion Project

When you drive down Seabrook Drive and pass the Spring Lake Recreation area, you can see the new Spring Lake Pavilion is quickly taking form. The project continues to be on schedule for a late spring completion. The building should be under roof shortly so the interior work can begin in earnest. Since we have all the permits for the new dock, the POA Board made the decision to remove the old dock in its entirety. It would have cost over \$40,000 in additional funds to repair the old dock structure. The main reason the old dock was kept in the plan was to preserve it as a placeholder if the new dock was not approved by the regulatory agencies. Since the new dock has been approved, the Board prudently decided to just remove the old structure.

Contribution to the Conservancy Foundation

The Whooping Crane and Cypress Conservancies comprise well over 100 acres of unspoiled wetlands and forest. These two features are among the many elements that set HHP apart from other planned communities. Funding for the maintenance and improvements to these two valued natural treasures are, for the most part, derived from the generosity of Hilton Head Plantation residents. Once again, this year's assessment mailing contains a letter from the Conservancy Foundation's Fundraising Chairwoman, Miriam Waterhouse, who is asking you to consider making a voluntary donation to the Hilton Head Plantation Conservancy Foundation. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the HHPCF. You can place your donation in the return envelope for your assessment payment. Checks to the Conservancy Foundation should be made out to the Hilton Head Plantation Conservancy Foundation or HHPCF.

Lock your doors

The crime rate in HHP is very low; please do not let that sense of security lure you into becoming careless. The number one thing you can do to prevent your home or car from being burglarized is to lock your doors even if you are home. Please help make HHP a tough place for those who may have a criminal intent to make a living.

Security Services

Just a reminder: With the colder weather upon us, our Security Department provides the following services that are not always well publicized: a jump start for your car, a gallon of gas in case you run out somewhere on the Plantation, turn off your water in an emergency, and check your home when you leave for an extended period.

Household Maintenance

One of the most often items I read about in Security reports are water issues that are most often preventable. Here are a few tips to help you prevent thousands of dollars of damage and a lot of heartache. Once a year it is 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 while you are away or sleeping 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. Also, if your water heater is located in your attic make sure you have an overflow pan under your hot water heater. The pan is connected to a drainpipe that usually leads to the outside of your home. In the event that your water heater leaks, the water is captured in the overflow pan and directed to the outside of your home. It is a good idea to inspect the pan and the outlet pipe for damage or a clog. 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 on to 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.

During the few days that we receive below freezing temperatures in our area, it may be prudent to install freeze protection for your outside water spigots. A simple and inexpensive Styrofoam device can be purchased for this purpose at any of our local home improvement centers.

Old Glory

Many patriotic residents continue to display our flag as a sign of their reverence, resolve, and unity. As with all objects exposed to the weather for long periods, flags begin to fade and become tattered. If your flag has been on display for an extended period, please take some time to examine it for wear and, if appropriate, replace it with a new one. You can drop off your old, worn flag at the POA office where it will be disposed of in a dignified manner.

Projects

The following projects and items are budgeted for completion or purchase in 2012: the installation of armor stone on the Bluff, complete the Spring Lake Pavilion

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General Manager's Report

(cont'd. from page 3)

project, landscaping at the Seabrook/Dolphin Head Wye; replace: the air handler at the Main Gate, the air handler at Spring Lake Tennis pro shop, the air handler at the Maintenance Shop, the floor covering at the Dispatch Center, the hardwood floor outside the kitchen in the Plantation House, one Security Patrol Vehicle, the video cameras in the Security Patrol Vehicles, the slope mower. Repair: designated sections of roadways throughout the Plantation, designated sections of leisure paths throughout the Plantation. Install: a new sound system and projector in the new Spring Lake Pavilion. Renovate: the exterior of Spring Lake Tennis Pro Shop, the Security Department's side arms. Resurface: six (6) tennis courts at Spring Lake Tennis. Renourish: the Pine Island beach. Purchase: a top clamp for the Front End Loader/Backhoe. Inclusion on this list does not indicate that the project/purchase will absolutely be completed in 2012. It merely indicates that these projects/purchases will be evaluated by the Board and Staff based on present status and budget considerations.

Pine Island Beach Renourishment

This project is in progress and should be completed shortly.

Holiday Decorations

A hearty well done to all of you who took the time to adorn your homes for the holidays! Your decorations were a gift to your neighborhood and helped spread the holiday spirit so prevalent in our fine community. As with all things, there is a season. If you have not done so already, please take down your holiday decorations by **January 17**, and pack them carefully away for next year so they can once again brighten our neighborhoods.

Sustainability

There are many practices HHP uses to be a more sustainable community and sensitive to the environment.

You can find the entire article under the "About HHPPOA" tab on the left of our homepage: www.hiltonheadplantation.com. Click on the Environment/Sustainability tab. We feel our efforts in this area are noteworthy and we are publishing the article in four parts. Parts 1-3 of the series have appeared in past months. The conclusion is below.

Sustainability - Part 4 of 4

The following is the conclusion of our 4-part series on what HHPPOA is presently doing to be good stewards of our natural environment.

Fluorescent and LED lighting program

The POA has switched all of its incandescent lamps to appropriate fluorescent bulbs and we are currently exploring the use of LED lamps in specific applications. We encourage every resident to explore retrofitting their homes in the same way.

Patrol Cars

Several years ago, we made the decision to switch our patrol vehicle platform from the eight (8) cylinder Ford Crown Victoria to the six (6) cylinder Dodge Charger. The Dodge is lighter and more fuel efficient and has demonstrated many advantages over the Crown Victoria.

Catch and Release

Hilton Head Plantation has a very active Fishing Club that periodically stocks our lagoons and lakes. In an effort to maintain a healthy population of fish for generations to come, Hilton Head Plantation practices and recommends "Catch and Release" in all of our freshwater lagoons. On a separate note, our Fishing Club members mentor many groups on the sport of fishing including our Kids Kampers, the Girl Scouts in pursuit of their fishing merit badge, and the campers from Camp Leo, which is sponsored by the Lions Club for the sight-impaired. All of these practices are designed to sustain the sport and population of our fisheries for generations to come.

Your Part

Each resident is asked to monitor their home irrigation system and make sure it is operating efficiently and not dumping water onto hard surfaces. Consider landscaping with more native vegetation or plants that require less irrigation and fertilizer, and the use of a rain barrel to capture roof runoff which can be used for irrigation. (See the ARB Guidelines for such installations.) If you live on a street with a reverse crown (the storm drains are in the center of the street), make sure you maintain a strip of grass where the asphalt meets your lawn. This practice helps capture pine straw, silt, and nutrients that would otherwise end up in one of our lakes or lagoons. We all know the challenges of our reverse crown roads during a heavy rain event; even with all of our Best Practices in place, we are tested at times when pine straw covers drain grates and some of our streets flood. Every little bit helps and we applaud residents who have adopted storm drains by keeping the pine straw and other debris from clogging these drains.

More to Come

We are always looking at additional cost-effective implementation strategies to keep Hilton Head Plantation the natural mecca you bought into and continue to enjoy.

Stay Safe

Peter Kristian

Security – *Safety Tips for Runners and Walkers*

Running and walking continue to be extremely popular sports on the Plantation. It is a quick, inexpensive way to stay fit. Our plantation boasts over 10 miles of leisure paths. Here are some pointers to help you stay safe as you hit the road.

Before You Leave

- Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you'll return.
- Know where telephones are located.
- Wear an identification tag or carry a Driver's License. Write your name, phone number, and blood type on the inside of your athletic shoe. Include any medical information.
- Don't wear jewelry or carry cash.
- Wear reflective material.

On the Road

- Stay alert. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are.
- Run or walk with a partner and/or your dog.
- Don't wear headsets. If you wear them, you won't hear an approaching car or attacker.
- Carry a cellular phone.
- Exercise in familiar areas. If off the Plantation, know which businesses or stores are open.
- Vary your route.
- Avoid unpopulated, poorly lighted areas.
- Run clear of parked cars.
- Ignore verbal harassment. Use discretion in acknowledging strangers.
- If a leisure path is not available, use the grass right-of-way alongside the roadway and run against traffic so you can observe approaching automobiles.
- Trust your intuition about a person or an area. Avoid areas you feel unsure about.
- Be careful if anyone in a car asks you for directions. Keep at least a full arm's length from the car.
- If you think you're being followed, change direction and head for open stores, a lighted house, or one of the gatehouses.
- Have your door key ready before you reach your home.
- Call Security immediately if something happens to you or someone else, or you notice anyone out of the ordinary.

Stay Alert

Sometimes runners and walkers get lulled into a "zone" where they are so focused on their exercise they lose track of what's going on around them. This can make you more vulnerable to attacks. Walk and run with confidence and purpose. If you get bored running without music, practice identifying

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



characteristics of strangers and memorizing license tags to keep you from "zoning out."

Running/Walking in the Evening or Early Morning

The best advice when exercising while it's still dark is to get off the streets and head to the security of a well-lighted outdoor track or consider running on an indoor track or treadmill. If you are a walker, consider laps around an indoor shopping mall. If these options are not available, consider these tips before heading out:

- Make sure people can see you: Think about where you are going and how well lighted it may or may not be. Going out at dusk or at night is dangerous without some type of reflective device on your clothing. Many athletic shoes have reflective qualities built in, but also consider a vest complete with reflective tape.
- Watch the road: Wet or even patchy spots of ice may not be seen until it's too late. The slick spots are considerably harder to see in the dark.
- Keep alert. Dawn and dusk offer convenient shadows for muggers and other crooks.

Away From Home

Many people have taken up running and walking so that they will be able to exercise when traveling. Remember, just because you are away from home doesn't mean you can let your guard down when you exercise.

Before you venture out

- Check with the hotel staff or concierge to find safe routes for exercise. If there is not an acceptable place to exercise outdoors, see if the hotel can arrange for you to go to a health club or gym.
- Become familiar with your exercise course before you start. Get a map and study it.
- Remember the street address of the hotel. Carry a card with your hotel address along with your personal ID.
- Leave your room key with the front desk.
- Follow your usual safety rules.

Be safe out there.

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

Notice

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



"Harry Heron," the Covenants Bird

This month's focus: Highlights of 2011 and Images of 2012

Years tend to fly by...and then there are those years that seem to hover around with some memorable images. Such was the case in 2011.

It was in June of last year that the POA received reports of an alligator trapped in a storm drain along Seabrook Drive. Who ya gonna call? No, not Ghost Busters, but my good friends at the POA who had a predicament on their hands. As the word spread of the poor gator's situation, both residents and non-residents were curious about the hungry, trapped (*and huge!*) reptile. This incident created quite a scene — vehicles slowed down as they drove by the area, and news outlets perched outside our gates hoping for an opportunity to zero in on the recovery of the poor beast.



The POA staff went so far as to name her "Essie". All this commotion was something to see from my vantage point 200 feet above the Plantation.

(photo by Judy Berg)

Admittedly, she captured the hearts of many who wished her a safe recovery and relocation to a nearby lagoon. This story made local headlines and then went "viral" across the Internet. There are many other situations involving my wildlife friends who are rescued or assisted by residents and staff who seek ways to intervene with nature only because they care. When it comes to me, on the other hand, I have mixed emotions about "poor" Essie. As a fellow member of the animal kingdom, I sympathize with any species that is suffering, but I can't forgive the loss of some of my closest fellow herons at the jaws of "*mississippiensis*" or the American gator!

As I fly around my old homestead...I now have to "zig" and "zag" for fear of flying into a huge metal contraption that has become a hazard (*to me, that is*). I understand from "hearsay" (*from other animals*) that it's the new Spring Lake Pavilion. This is exciting for all my human friends. Once completed, this building will offer residents a state-of-the-art facility to enjoy. What I do know from firsthand experience is that the view from the second tier is amazing! I can't wait to perch myself atop the peak of the finished building and take in the panoramic view of the surrounding beauty. The building has changed the skyline of the Spring Lake Recreation Center and looks like it will be the new focal point of the area.

As for challenges in 2012, one comes to mind and, due to its nature, many residents don't realize how non-compliance has impacted their neighbors and/or their neighborhood. I previously mentioned "The Leash Law" in the July 2011 issue of *Plantation Living*. My column featured a picture of a **CAT** wearing a harness/leash combination (here it is again). In my squawkings, I revealed how residents were annoyed that dog owners are always being reminded to leash their pet when off their property. What residents may not be aware of is that **ALL PETS are required to be leashed. This includes CATS.**



Cat owners are likewise accountable for collars with required tags: rabies, I.D. Pets will acclimate to the collar/leash. This requires that pet owners teach and work with their pet (dog and/or cat) in order for the pet to adjust and adapt to being leashed. Yes, I have seen some progress with cats being leashed and walked throughout the Plantation. Knowing how fearful many of my wildlife friends are of roaming cats (*especially my avian cousins*), we applaud the enforcement of leashed cats! To reiterate, **CATS are REQUIRED to be LEASHED** when off their property.

As we look towards resolutions for the coming year, please consider these: get rid of clutter (*keep your nest neat*), simplify your lifestyle (*enjoy the Plantation's amenities; take time to smell the roses*), volunteer, conserve energy, recycle, and just be nice to others. I hope this New Year has more of us reaching out to better understand that we are all part of a community and are responsible for supporting the Plantation's Covenants and Rules and Regulations.

Please keep your pet(s) on a leash and pick up after them (*or I'll have to show the photo of the cat above in the harness/leash again!*).

Please stay in touch. My assistant can be reached at 681-8800 ext. 242 or: bweppner@hhppoa.org. She types better than I do (*my feathers make it pretty difficult to maneuver a computer keyboard, but they're great for flying!*).

Here is to a High Flying New Year!

--Harry Heron

Lowcountry Nature: *Bobcat*

Very similar to our domesticated cat, the bobcat is a predator related to a mid-sized Lynx. It inhabits wooded areas as well as urban edges and swampland environments. These animals are found from Canada to Mexico and throughout most of the continental United States. It is a mammal about twice the size of the domestic cat, and though not a threat to man has often been hunted for its pelt.



The coat of the bobcat is gray to brown with black tufts on the ears. The forelegs have black bars and its name is derived from its stubby tail. The hind legs of the animal are longer than the front giving it an awkward bobbing gait. This is a very solitary

animal, not often to be found traveling in pairs.

The bobcat is able to go long periods without food. He is a nocturnal hunter, especially in the warmer months of the year, active from just before sunset to about midnight, and then again just before dawn for a few hours of daylight. This schedule changes as colder weather approaches and its prey are more active in the daytime.

A crafty hunter, the bobcat will stalk its prey, hide, and wait to chase and pounce. It is most fond of eating rabbits and hares, but will take anything up to a deer. It is thought that the choice of the larger animal in times of depleted prey choices is so that the Bobcat can return to the food for future meals. The animal is considered the major predatory threat to the endangered Whooping Crane in its territory.

Female bobcats are able to reproduce in their first year. Mating takes place in February or March, and kittens are born in April or May. The female will usually choose a small cave or hollow log for her birthing place and will raise the kittens alone. They may number as many as six but more commonly are two to four. When born the kittens are already furry and spotted. Within three to five weeks they will travel with their mother and be hunting by themselves in the fall of their first year. Man is the bobcat's main predator, but kittens are often taken by owls, foxes or even an adult male bobcat when food is scarce.

This animal is found frequently in the humid swamp areas of Florida and it would be interesting to know if any have been seen on Hilton Head Island. A bobcat was seen several years ago in the Savannah Spoils area when it crossed the trail that a group of our local Audubon members were birding.

--Miriam Waterhouse

Annual Audubon Bird Count

Over 40 birders helped with the Christmas Bird Count on our plantation.

On what was an unusually warm day for the annual count (December 14), 77 species of birds were reported, with a total of 1,729 birds counted. Thank you to all those who helped make this a successful day.

Photos below: Birders on HHP's beaches of Pine Island and Hickory Forest, and a Hooded Merganser.

**--Carol Clemens
--Mary Jane Major**



The Great Backyard Bird Count

The 2012 Great Backyard Bird Count will take place Friday, February 17, through Monday, February 20.

Counters of any age can participate for as few as 15 minutes or as long as they want on each of the four days. They count the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time.

Students, as well as adults, are encouraged to take part. You can enjoy watching and counting at home or out in a special place you select.

Please contact **Miriam Waterhouse at 689-2989** for details if interested in helping in this citizen science project.



Speed Limit

Please be reminded that the Speed Limit on Hilton Head Plantation is 25 m.p.h., unless otherwise posted.

Please drive carefully.



ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE WITHOUT PENALTY BY JANUARY 31, 2012



If you did not receive a bill, please contact Angela Graves at 681-8800 ext. 235.



Do You Have a New License Plate?

Please call the POA Service Center (681-8800 ext. 0) with the new tag number.

2011 Holiday Lighting Tour

Thank you to the many HHP residents who decorated their homes and mailboxes so beautifully! This really helped to transform HHP into a lovely holiday wonderland.



Below are our winners:



BEST of the SEASON

- 7 Fallen Arrow Drive
(Santa Claus)
- 13 Margarita Court
- 30 Knollwood Drive



Most Decorated Streets

- Manor Court *(back gate)*
- Palm View Drive
- Deerfield Road
- Salt Wind Way
- Field Sparrow Road
- Crooked Pond Drive



People's Choice Voted Homes

- 2 & 4 Saddlewood Court
- 1 Bent Hook Court
- 30 Knollwood Drive
- 4 Misty Morning Drive
- 7 Hickory Knoll Place *(Hickory Forest)*
- 2 & 4 Salt Wind Way
- 13 Margarita Court
- 7 Windflower Way Court



Decorated Mailboxes

- 2 Golden Hind Drive
- 4 Santa Maria Drive

Please remember:

All exterior holiday decorations need to be taken down and stored for next year by **Tuesday, January 17, 2012.**

Plantation Golfing

by Jerry Cutrer

Bear Creek Golf Club

The Bear Creek 18-Hole Women's Golf Association played its annual two-day Solheim Cup with Team USA claiming a 17-11 victory over Team Europe. The BCGC 9-Hole and 18-Hole WGA's combined for a "Pumpkin Patch" mixer. The event ended in a tie between the team of Louise Stoops, Kim Fisher, Peg Breslin, and Linda Buckner and the team of Punky Roger, Carol DeKany, Barbara Miller, and Gladys Prol.



(L-R) Solheim Cup Captains Weezie Stoops (USA) and Pam Ogilvy (Europe)



BCGC Pumpkin Patch Mixer Participants

Country Club of Hilton Head

The Country Club of Hilton Head held its two-day Club Championship. Dave Politi was crowned 2011 Men's Club Champion and Janet White took the Women's Club Championship with gross scores of 149 and 178. Low net flight winners were Bill Junga (1st Flight), Bob Saelens (2nd Flight), and Susan Foster (Women's Flight).

Janet White won the annual CCHH Women's Golf Association Championship, Kay Hayes took low net honors in the 1st Flight, and the 2nd Flight winners were Shelia Johnson (low gross) and Barbour Childress (low net).



(L-R) Head Golf Pro Chip Pellerin and 2011 Men's Champion Dave Politi

(L-R) 2011 Head Golf Pro Chip Pellerin and 2011 Women's Champion Janet White



(L-R) WGA winners Barbour Childress, Sheila Johnson, Janet White, and Kay Hayes



Dolphin Head Golf Club

Dolphin Head Golf played its annual Club Championships. Anne Reed won the Women's Championship and Jim Dharte captured the Men's championship. Dieter and Rita Meuderscheid took low gross honors in the DHGC Married Couples' Championship and Eric and Lynn Lenning were the low net champions.



2011 DHGC Women's Club Champion Anne Reed



2011 DHGC Men's Club Champion Jim Dharte

(L-R) Married Couples Champions Dieter and Rita Meuderscheid, Lynn and Eric Lenning



Oyster Reef Golf Club

The Oyster Reef Men's Golf Association's one-day Member/Guest Tournament was won by *(photo: L-R)* Don Lawrence and guest Charlie McKee with a net score of 62.



Bridge Winners



◆ **PH Ladies Bridge
December 9 -
Winners**

1. Liz Scott
2. Ellen Yanofsky
3. Audrey McClain

December 23 - No play

PH – 2nd & 4th Friday – 10:30 AM
Call Sue Creighton 682-2886

♥ **PH Informal Bridge**

PH – 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM
No play in December
Call Bette Zell 681-7402

♠ **PH Team Bridge**

No play in December
PH – 1st Tuesday – 7:00 PM
Call Barb/Don Edwards 689-3311

♣ **SL Ladies Bridge
(meets at Dolphin Head Rec.)
December 6 - Winners**

1. Kathie Lowenstein
2. Gloria Campeau
3. Emily Eastman

December 20 - Winners

1. Audrey McClain
 2. Mary Lou Meinholz
 3. Jeanne Napier
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday – 10:00 AM
Call Jeanne Napier 681-1866
or Sigrid Peters 689-9350

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Dog Club

Happy New Year from the HHP Dog Club! Now that the holidays are over, we can get back to our normal routines. For dog owners, one of those routines is the regular bathing of our furry companions.

Whether you plan to wash your dog at home or at a facility designed for this purpose, select the proper shampoo. Human shampoo is not appropriate because your pet's skin is very different from your own.

Before shampooing, brush out your dog's coat and remove hair mats. Use lukewarm water to wet down your pet thoroughly. Apply a generous amount of shampoo to the top of the neck and along the back. Work on this section and then down the legs, creating a rich lather. Use caution when washing the face and ears. Put cotton balls into the ears. Wash with a soapy washcloth to avoid getting soap into the eyes or ears. When you have finished shampooing, rinse off thoroughly with plenty of lukewarm water.



If you have a short-haired dog, towel-drying should be sufficient. You should use a portable hair dryer on a dog with longer hair.

As you dry, comb or brush your dog's coat to remove hair that has been loosened by the bath. Remember: a clean pet is a happy pet!

The next business meeting of the Dog Club will be on **Thursday, January 26** at 2:00 PM inside the Dolphin Head Rec facility — **no dogs please**. We will be registering new members and finalizing our plans for spring activities — an agility demonstration, an obedience lesson,

Keyboard Club



The Electronic Keyboard Club is 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.

Happy Times Society

The Happy Times Society is a social group for all HHP residents.

Happy Times Society meets each month (except 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.

and the **Dog Photo Op** scheduled for **May 5-6**. Don't miss this important meeting!

Happy Dog Walking.

--**Helen Collins** tel. 689-9303
 Dog Club Secretary
 email: hmcollins@hargray.com

Out to Lunch Bunch

The February Out-to-Lunch Bunch will be held at Truffles in the Belfair Towne Village, off Hwy. 278, Bluffton, on **Thursday, February 9**. There will be a cash bar at 11:30 AM and luncheon at 12 Noon. **Deadline: February 5.**



Choose one sandwich **OR** one salad choice.

SANDWICH CHOICES

1. Ham and Brie Sandwich, sliced premium ham, creamy brie, honey mustard, mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato on a fresh croissant
2. Homemade Black Bean Burger with Jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, and Southwestern sauce
3. Mango Chicken Sandwich, grilled double-breast of chicken with mango barbeque glaze, melted Jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, mayonnaise

*All of the above served with your choice of coleslaw or fresh fruit cup. Please specify your selection.

SALAD CHOICES

1. Club Salad, crispy chicken tenders, romaine lettuce, avocado bacon, jack and cheddar cheese, grape tomatoes, honey mustard dressing
2. BLT Bibb Salad, hydroponic Bibb lettuce, Kahlua pecans, crumbled blue cheese, bacon, grape tomatoes, blue cheese vinaigrette dressing

DESSERT CHOICES

1. Oreo Ice Cream Pie
2. Key Lime Pie

Please send a check for \$24 payable to HHP Out-to-Lunch Bunch to Mary Ruberti, 6 Sea Trout Ct., HHI, SC 29926. You must be both a member of HHPWC and OTLB to attend.

--Mary Ruberti 342-3956
--Bonnie Sudduth 384-5231

Artists' Association



The Hilton Head Plantation Artists Association generally meets monthly (except

December) between October and April each year.

On January 11, Donna Varner and Jean-Marie Côté presented a program on "Artistic Photography" and we all learned some valuable tips. Next month on February 1 Ted Jordan is scheduled to present his ever-popular critique session, discussing works of our member artists, and we can all benefit from his vast field of knowledge in the world of art. Don't miss this one!

REMINDER: Our meetings this year will be held at the Plantation House (3:00 PM, Wednesdays) due to the reconstruction of the Spring Lake Pavilion.

Our members are displaying their works of art at the Plantation House, so stop by anytime to see the work of our talented artists. A new group of paintings was hung on December 13, and most artwork is for sale.

Our next big show is our annual "Spring Fling", scheduled to begin in mid April. We have some surprises planned for the show this year, so start working on those masterpieces now!

A number of our artists continue painting together on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Dolphin Head Pavilion. Please call Evelyn Kowtko at 681-6338 if you are interested in attending. Just pack up your paints and a lunch (refrigerator is available, as well as chairs and tables), and prepare to be inspired.

IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST (or have always wanted to be one), please feel free to come by and attend one of our meetings. It would be

a good chance to meet some of our members and to get more information about the group. For more information, you may call me at 689-3661. We have a diverse group of members at all levels from beginners to professional artists, and we love to welcome new members at any time of the year!!

--Camille Avore

Intermediate Mah Jongg

Fridays, 11:00 AM, at the Plantation House.



Information:
Call Audrey Callahan 342-2507 or Peggy Tower 681-2126.

Beginner's Mah Jongg

Our next series of lessons will be starting in **February**, 1:00 PM, at the Plantation House (upstairs).

The dates are as follows: February 16 and 23, March 1 and 15. **Note:** There will be no class on March 8. We are keeping the class size at 10 people. Although, the classes are free, you must be a current member of HHPWC to attend.

You may sign up now by emailing **Jean Koch** at: JAK10@roadrunner.com or **Jeanne Andreano** at: tjandrea2@roadrunner.com.



Fishing Club



Welcome to a new year full of great Fishing Club meetings! We start the year on Wednesday, **January 25**, 6:00 PM, at the Plantation House with our annual Super Bowl Tailgate Party. Marvin Bouknight will speak on venomous plants and animals of the Lowcountry.

As of this writing, fishing in the creeks has slowed down and even the nuisance pinfish have headed off-shore for the winter. On the other hand, we continue to receive good reports on fishing in the freshwater lagoons. The largemouths feel the water cooling off and know they have to prepare themselves for a long winter of little activity and little food, so they continue to be aggressive. This, too, will come to an end soon. On the bright side, it won't be too long until the spring spawn! Use the slack season to clean out the tackle box, and replace the line on your reels (especially if they've been used in saltwater) and service them.

We have quite an impressive line-up of speakers for 2012. Al Stokes, of the Waddell Mariculture Center will talk to us in **February** about their fish-raising programs. Amy Tressler, of the Coastal Discovery Museum will speak about Horseshoe Crabs in **March**. Prior to the end-of-month meeting, there will be a field trip to the Pine Island Beach to observe the crabs doing what crabs do during the full moon. That will take place on **March 8** at 7:30 PM.

In **April**, we'll have Peach Hubbard, president of the Dolphin Project, speaking on the Bottlenose Dolphin. We'll switch gears in **May** and have historian John Witherspoon speak about Hilton Head's part in the Civil War. In **September**, Lawrence McElynn, a retired Magistrate, will speak on the Mexican drug cartel and how it impacts Hilton Head Island.

The final speaker of the year, in **October**, will be Carlos Chacon, Manager of Natural History at the Coastal Discovery Museum, who will speak on manatees in the waters of Hilton Head. All in all, a great lineup arranged by Dave Morse.

We thank everyone who volunteered to help out at Fishing Club activities, particularly Kids Kamp, Camp Leo, and the Kid's Fishing Tournament. More of you volunteered than ever before. Keep it up!

If you are reading this and aren't a Club member, give Dave Morse a call at 682-2356 and he'll give you lots of reasons why this is the best club in the Plantation. Gary Turner, at 342-3254, is the Club's expert at fishing in the freshwater lagoons and will be happy to share his know-how.

--Earle Nirmaier

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The Singles' Network

Our next event will include a group dinner at The Chart House on **Valentine's Day**. Dinner reservations have been made for **6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 14**. We'd love for all of you singles to come out and join us!



For March, we would like to meet at **Kelly's Tavern** (in Bluffton at the Moss Creek light) for lunch on **St. Patrick's Day**. We will be



getting together at **12 Noon on Saturday, March 17**. If you would like to join us for either event, please contact Bonnie Neuman at 689-5683.

We are still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping organize future events. If you would be willing to plan a trip or fun outing for April or May, please contact Chrissy at 681-8800, ext. 226.

Anyone interested in joining the Club can call or email Chrissy at cfly@hhppoa.org, and we'll add your name to our email list so you can receive future notifications of upcoming events!

Bunco See you the 3rd Monday (January 16)

7:00 PM at Dolphin Head Rec. Bring \$5.00 in singles and be prepared for a lot of fun!



--Jane Marino 342-4826

HHP Pickleball Club



Pickleball is being played three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 AM, at the tennis courts on Adrianna Lane. Exit the HHP back gate and go to Squire Pope Road and 278 and turn left. Travel to

the second marked street, Adrianna Lane, and turn right (behind Mi Tierra restaurant). See the tennis courts off to the right. We enjoy playing with 15-24 players each day and more are signing up all the time. If you've never heard of pickleball, see the United States of America Pickleball Association's Website at www.usapa.org for extensive information regarding the game.

If you'd like to get on our pickleball email roster, please contact Don Wheeler at: iidon@juno.com or Eileen DeLany (843-341-2298) or Chris Cherrington (cell 570-772-5697). We will lend you the equipment to get started and teach you how to play the game. We even have clinics to help you refine your skills and strategies to improve your overall performance. But beware, it is addictive!

--Don Wheeler

NEW Softball Club



Due to the enthusiastic interest, the HHP Softball Club has been formed! At our December organizational meeting, members elected to begin practice and play on the field next to the POA Service Center.

The schedule for player gatherings in January and February will be dictated by the weather. A regular schedule of play will be decided upon by members beginning in March.

The Club is open to all HHP residents. Competition will be under the guidelines of Senior Slow Pitch Softball which emphasizes fun and player safety.

The Club provides bats and balls; bring your own glove, if available. A nominal member fee will be requested to provide needed equipment and field maintenance.

Contact **Tom Berger**: TSBerger@earthlink.net (342-2524) or **Jack Lopez**: HHPSoftball@aol.com for further information or to be added to the Club's email list.

Anyone care to fly?

Fly remote control craft that is....

Are you new to the field of remote control (R/C) craft? R/C flying has evolved to a clean, eco-friendly, and exhilarating sport. Gone are the days of needing gas to produce the power you needed to provide the most exhilarating flight imaginable.



I would like to start a Club of like-minded people who are interested in flying. I currently fly at the ball field near the POA. The field is a good central location for most of Hilton Head Plantation residents and provides plenty of parking for all.

If this sounds like something you, your children, or grandchildren would be interested in, call or email me so that I can gauge the interest level of the Plantation members. I can be reached at: 843-277-1465 by phone or tklinect@gmail.com via email.

--Tom Klinect

Dance Club

The New Year is a great time to join the Hilton Head Plantation Dance Club and learn how to dance or improve on the dancing skills you already have. It is an opportunity to dance and attend other social functions during the year as well.



We have a certified dance instructor who will teach ballroom dances the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:15 to 7:30 PM at the Plantation House.

There is a nominal fee of \$6.00 per person for each class you attend. You are not committed to any number of classes and you pay only for the classes you wish to attend. Reservations are not necessary. All you need to do is show up on Dance Club night.

For additional information, call Charlie/Joan Forton (681-4761) or Dick/Marion Gosson (343-7482).

--Joan Forton

International Club

If you're interested in the history, culture, social norms, and scenic sites of various countries, and you'd like an opportunity to share your pictures, or would like a broad-based discussion of your travels, readings, and insights, then please join us in creating an HHP International Club.

Please contact **Carlton B. Dallas** for further information at 843-290-8668.

Farmers Club



Happy New Year, y'all. We had a lovely December for the most part, but no telling what the real winter will bring. The farm tends to freeze sooner than our yards at home because of the openness, so do remember to take off your timers and drain sprinklers and hoses if you even suspect the temperature will fall below 32. Most of your plants will be fine unless we get severe cold down in the teens, but this is not expected, so keep your fingers crossed and your gloves on. There is always a little work to be done on a sunny day.

The seed catalogs started coming to my house before Christmas, and there are lots of new veggies to tempt us. Park Seed has an especially enticing cantaloupe named 'Inspire' that is very aromatic and weighs one to two pounds, so it is small and ripens a little earlier than the old ones. Their new tomato, 'Nugget Hybrid' looks appealing; but at \$4.90 for 15 seeds, they might as well be gold nuggets. But looking at what we pay for them at the grocery store you might be tempted. The new cucumber, 'Spacemaster' is only \$1.95 for 100 seeds. (Why would we want 100 seeds?) If you do plan to grow your own from seeds, you need to start them indoors around the first week of February in order to have them ready to plant by our last frost date of March 15. Some of us always put transplants out earlier, but you are gambling with Mother Nature when you do. Look also for the new type of semi-determinate tomatoes which have restrained growth with a long season of fruiting such as 'Sweet 'n Neat Hybrid', 'Mega Bite Hybrid', and 'Lizzano Hybrid'.



Don't forget to fertilize your onions at the end of the month. They need to be watered on a regular basis for optimal sweetness. Keep them weeded, too. Peas may be planted anytime that the soil is not too cold — below 40 degrees. Use a little lime and compost, if you have it, along with a low nitrogen fertilizer because legumes such

as peas 'fix' their own nitrogen from the air. If this is the first time you have planted them, you may want to use an inoculant in the soil to help with this process.

Several other vegetables can be planted now. Check the planting chart on our Website: www.hhpfarmers.com for this and other helpful information. The citrus sales were very successful this year. I hope you all enjoyed them.

Green Thumbers



The Green Thumbers made ornaments and decorated our "Christmas Tree for the Birds" in December. We hope that all the residents in the Plantation enjoyed it during the holiday season.

We are looking forward to our January meeting where we will have a demonstration on how to make a terrarium. Terrariums can be made in various glass shapes, either with or without lids. They typically contain small environmental plants and usually require a high level of humidity. After the demonstration, we will all have the opportunity to purchase plants and make a beautiful terrarium for our home. Because of the availability of the plants, we will be meeting on **January 16**, the third Monday of the month.



We always welcome new members to our group. If you would like to become a member of the Green Thumbers, we usually meet the **2nd Monday** of the month from September to May from 10:00 AM to about 12 Noon. Meetings are held in the **Dolphin Head Recreation Building** overlooking the Sound. Weather permitting, we may have our meeting outside on the deck located there.

Annual dues are \$12. You can either pay your dues at a meeting or mail a check payable to Green Thumbers to Jane Marino, 39 Cypress Marsh Drive, HHI, SC 29926. Remember, you must be a current member of the HHP Women's Club in order to join the Green Thumbers.

Feel free to call either one of us with any questions you may have.

Co-chairs: **--Mary Lou Carroll 341-2366**
--Ellie Linscott 682-2209

Interested in joining us? Call Paul Halter at 689-5763. A 25 x 25 foot plot costs \$30 per year with a \$20 membership fee in addition.

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

HHP Engineers Model Railroad Club



Earle Nirmaier Presentation

Earle had a great presentation of how he built the model of the Plantation House and in only about 10 hours. We all agreed it was an outstanding feature on the Plantation House layout. It was built using low cost materials and very simple hand tools. The scale is 1/87 or HO as we would know it. Earle used this scale so that the building would fit in the available space on the Plantation House layout.



Earle also brought a ship model he had built and explained in detail what it takes to assemble such an item. He said it took him a year to build the model. The actual vessel's keel was laid in 1776, had a crew of 125, did not engage American war ships in the Revolutionary War, and sank in 1802 (not due to military action).

Don Nagel Presentation

Don had a wonderful presentation of his past HO and G gauge railroads. Don, being a professional artist, did a fabulous job on detail and construction work that went into the scenery, rolling stock, and buildings. He said his G gauge railroad was called the "Dig and Grunt"; tree roots in the right-of-way caused problems! His Garden railroad was featured in the *Garden Railway* magazine, October 2000.



Plantation House Layout

This was unveiled at the recent Volunteers recognition event and demonstrations are planned for several other activities at the Plantation House. We hope these demos bring back warm memories of past holiday seasons.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Dolphin Head Rec Center, 7:00 PM. For more information, contact David Argent at 314-409-4304 or djvargent@gmail.com.

--David Argent

Yacht Club

2011 was a great year for the Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club, but the new officers already are making plans for an even better 2012. After the Board approves them at their January meeting, the events and their dates will be published on our Website. Check www.hhpyc.org for this and other interesting information about the Club.

The first event for 2012 will be a General Meeting of the membership on Thursday, **January 19** at the Plantation House. Refreshments will be served at the end of the formal meeting.

Pictured below, Past-Commodore Marty Slagowitz presents to the **new Commodore Steve Schwab** the traditional Commodore's Hat — the official symbol of his new position.



This annual ritual occurred at the Change of Watch Ball in December.

The Yacht Club has membership openings for boaters living in Hilton Head Plantation. If you are interested in learning more about membership, contact our Membership Officer Steve Schlader at 689-9937.

--Bob Gackenbach



The new Commodore, Steve Schwab, and his wife, Ann.



2012 Yacht Club Board



FREE SESSION of "Cardio Tennis" through the month of January!

Participants don't have to be tennis players to benefit from Cardio Tennis. It is done at the pace of each individual, taking pulse readings at regular intervals.

Two-fold concept: Focuses on aerobic (elevate heart rate, increase blood circulation, increase breathing capacity), and fitness (muscle stretching, toning, coordination).

- Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 AM, at Spring Lake Tennis, Court 2
- Saturday 11:00 AM and Sunday 2:00 PM

If you work during the week, we're taking sign-ups for the following sessions:

- Monday and Wednesday 5:30 PM (On hiatus until we go back to Daylight Saving time in March, 2012)
- If you're interested in an afternoon session on Monday and/or Thursday @ 2:00 PM, please contact us.

To sign up, either call the Club at 681-3626, or email or call Lou Marino.

--Lou Marino
 USPTA Cardio Tennis Coach
 Cell 843-301-4453 (until 9:00 PM)
 email: lwmarino@hotmail.com

Men's Cooking Group

Enjoy cooking and want to learn more? The Men's Cooking Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12 Noon until 2:00 PM, at the Dolphin Head Recreation building.



We each demonstrate our favorite meals on a rotating basis. Initial membership is limited to 12 members. Can't cook? Come anyway!

For more information, or if you are interested in attending, call **Charles "Chuck" Machata** at 681-9623.

Tennis Social News

The Spring Lake tennis teams had a successful fall season with several of the Spring Lake teams qualifying for the South Carolina State championships at Wild Dunes in Charleston. In an attempt to broadcast our tennis teams' successes, the following is a listing of the Spring Lake teams that played in Charleston this fall (apologies to any teams that were at the Championships but are not listed — this attempt at gathering the proper information is a work in progress).



Super Senior 60's - Men's 3.5

Spring Lake Remnants - Captain Tom Larkin,
 Co-captain Larry LeGrand
 Spring Lake Spin Masters - Captain Keith Phoenix,
 Co-captain Werner Sicvol

Super Senior 70's - Men's 3.5

Spring Lake Spare Parts - Captain Jim Norton

Super Senior 70's - Women's 3.5

Spring Lake Stingers - Captain Mary Ellen Arboe

Super Seniors 75's - Women's 3.5

Spring Lake Diamonds - Captain Mary Ellen Arboe (State Champs)

Congratulation to all of the participants! The Spring Lake teams are looking forward to another successful season in the Spring Seniors USTA season.

See you at the Club! **--Peg Wojcikiewicz**
--Werner Sicvol

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.



Day: **2nd Monday of the 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.

HHP Big Band

After a much appreciated holiday hiatus, the HHP Big Band is back at work preparing for our February 25 gig with the Shore Notes and the Hilton Head Vocal Jazz Project.



We're still rehearsing on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Plantation House. If you would like to have us play for your event, please contact Joe Adams at 843-247-6101.

--Marianne Currie



The HHP Big Band is ready to perform in the New Year!

Knit Wits

This friendly group of women welcomes all skill levels of knitting. The group meets the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 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:

--Linda Piekut 342-8843
--Colleen Wainwright 342-7902

Newcomers Club

Happy New Year to everyone as we begin the 2012 season!! All of us on the Newcomers Club Board wish each of you a healthy, happy, and blessed new year. We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday shared with family and friends. And we are looking forward to the exciting slate of events for the next five months of the Newcomers Club calendar. We are really happy that so many of you have decided to join us!

Please don't forget our next meeting on **January 17**. This will be our annual "Meet and Mingle" with the Mayor, Drew Laughlin. It will be held at the Dolphin Head Golf Club and is sponsored by Coastal States Bank. I hope you have made your reservation for this event as it is very popular and well-attended. Next up for our **February 21** meeting is "Heart Healthy Month" sponsored by Hilton Head Regional Hospital. This meeting will actually take place at the Hospital with a tour, appetizers, and speakers. It will be a very informative meeting that could have a meaningful impact on your future health! Please watch your email for the upcoming notice with all the details.

Lastly, we would like to remind you that if you are a newcomer to Hilton Head Plantation, please contact **Linda Cooper** at 815-985-3637, email: membership2@hhpnc.com, or go to **www.hhpnc.com** and fill out the new member form to join the Club.

Please join us! And remember, you must be a paid up member in order to receive the Club's email updates. The annual membership fee is only \$5 per person or \$10/couple. **--Sue Blake**

Computers Anyone?



Join us **Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 PM**, at the Plantation House to learn about e-readers (Nooks). Speakers Fabio Navarro and Lauri

Allenbach will introduce the Club to e-readers. Their talk considers features and specifications and will have a hands-on session using Nooks.

The HHPCC is open to any Plantation resident who wishes to learn more about the world of computers. Meetings will be held at the Plantation House, 7:00 PM, on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. For further information you may contact: exdelta@aol.com.

--Ed Schnatterly

Craft Workshop

We hope you all had a great holiday and are well on your way to a wonderful New Year. By the time you read this, we will have had our first meeting for this year. Many of us have stayed in contact, discussing plans and ideas for our next Sale which will be **Saturday, April 14** at the Plantation House from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is Heritage weekend and you may have friends or family visiting who would be interested in doing something other than watch the Heritage — dare I say such a thing?



And, while you are noting this date on your calendar, you might also want to save **Saturday, October 20**, for our Annual Sale which will again be at St. Francis by-the-Sea Roman Catholic Church from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We had such a wonderful, successful Sale there last year. The church personnel were most hospitable and cooperative. It couldn't have been better.

If there are any items that you would particularly like us to repeat, why not contact us. We are tentatively planning to repeat some items that were popular a few years back — things you might have missed the first time around. Then, excitedly, we will have many totally new creations thanks to the knowledge and skill of so many of our members.

Wayne Gilbert, retired architect and a gifted artist, will be with us again to offer his knowledge and skills to paint a "portrait of you house." He can do this either on site, or from a photograph. Why not stop by and talk to him about what he can do for you?

As I mentioned in our last article, the owners of **Marco Polo** have donated lots of current fabric to us due to their move to the Bridge Center. So, if you've done any redecorating lately we might just have coordinating pillows for you. Also, they donated lots and lots of beautiful silk flowers that are now under the skillful hands of **Paula Gummere** and some of our other members.

Again, our thanks for your support which in turn, over the past 17 years, has resulted in our being able to donate more than **\$171,000** to **Hospice Care of the Lowcountry**. I frequently repeat this information in our articles, because, fortunately, we have many new people moving into our plantation during the year. Those people, reading our articles, might wonder where the money goes and it is important for them to know.

--Charlotte G. Ward 681-8407
email: cgwardhhi@roadrunner.com

Caregivers Support Group

Attention all family caregivers and those caring for a loved one! The Caregivers Join Hands support group continues to meet at **The Cypress – TV Room in the Clubhouse**. Just enter the clubhouse and bear right to the concierge desk. Let the concierge know that you are going to the **TV Room** next to the Residents Services Office for a caregiver group meeting.



This monthly support group meets the **3rd Friday of the month from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**. This is a free of charge support group for anyone responsible for the ongoing personal care and medical care of a loved one.

Come to the group to address your caregiver challenges, learn from each other, prevent caregiver burnout, manage your personal stressors, and connect with others for mutual help and support. This group is focused on your wellness and self-care and is facilitated by a professional clinician and Hilton Head Plantation resident: **Ann Martel, LISW-CP**.

Ms. Martel is a SC licensed independent social worker and an elder care advocate. She is a 30 year-plus, seasoned clinician with medical, home care, and hospice experience. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ann Martel preferably via email: **amartel@hargray.com** or leave a message at **(843) 785-5995**.

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: **Jim Gorddard**
689-3273

Island Hoppers

We're off to an exciting start for the New Year — as we travel to Milledgeville, GA , "The First Lady of Georgia", on Wednesday, **February 8** for our overnight...returning Thursday, February 9. It's not that far away so the drive will only be about 3-1/2 hours. Milledgeville was the first capital of Georgia. It is filled with impressive architecture, historic homes, and natural wonders. We'll try to see as much of this lovely town as we can.



Lunch will be upon arrival and then we'll start our touring. We've been working with the Visitors Center and will have a step-on guide both days. Our guide will come on our bus and take us to many places. This will eliminate walking for the ladies. The historical downtown will share its history and legends of "Georgia's Antebellum Capital" with us...as we stroll and enjoy browsing the antiques, clothes, jewelry, and many other items at the boutiques and shops.

Dinner will be at a restaurant that was first used in 1884 by the Milledgeville Banking Company. It is on the National Registry List.

Some of the places that we'll see on day two with our guide will be: the Old Governors' Mansion (below), St. Stephens Episcopal Church (once quartered General Sherman's horses during the Civil War), the Brown-Stetson-Sanford House built in 1825, an example of Federal style architecture, and then to the Lockerly Arboretum, a Greek Revival home. This mansion is a significant example of the finest plantation architecture in the entire Cotton Belt of the Old South and then to Andalusia, a picturesque farm where American author, Flannery O'Connor lived. We'll have lunch during the day and dinner on the way home.



All information regarding this historic and interesting wonderful trip will be mailed to all members of Island Hoppers. If there are any questions, please call one of us listed below. Remember that all reservations must be mailed to Barbara Clark, 6 Oyster Shell Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 and you must be a member of the HHPWC.

--Nancy Graham 689-2631

--Barbara Clark 681-2421

Bocce Club



Despite the cooler weather, a few die-hard bocce league players have been spotted practicing their plays on the courts. I guess, it's never too early to prepare for the upcoming spring season and the next round of play-offs and championship games.



For those of you interested in joining our league, we encourage you to attend our Spring Organizational Meeting on Saturday, February 11, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House. At this time, our new league president, Bob Bredin, will address the group. During the meeting, 2-member teams are registered; the rules of the game are reviewed; and, any changes are discussed and voted upon.

The annual cost to join is \$45 per person and/or family payable to HHPPOA. The fees to the Bocce League are \$5.00 per person. Each team will have the option of playing in either the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday Divisions. The final schedule of play will be determined after the meeting and folks will be notified via email. If you wish to continue playing in the league and are unable to attend the meeting, please call Bob Bredin at 342-3115 or email him at: rjbredin@roadrunner.com to indicate your intentions.

Again, we wish to congratulate the Fall Championship winners, Janet and Dave Hodges and the runner-ups: Corliss and Jim Zampino. We expect them to do us proud as they represent us in the upcoming Italian American Bocce League Tournament held in April.

Bocce ball is a fun and easy game to play. New players are always welcome. Who knows? You just might be the winning team this upcoming season!

Looking forward to seeing y'all at our meeting and on the courts.

--Sandy Stern



The Avid Gardeners



After the hustle and bustle of preparing for and then celebrating the festivities of the holiday season comes January and the New Year, a time for reflection, recuperation, and planning for the future seasons.

The Avid Gardeners' Christmas Dinner/Dance held at the Bear Creek Golf Club was a huge success. Members and

guests mingled, sharing experiences and ideas. Two Tomatoes catered a delicious dinner. The music of D.J. Mike Feinman, including seasonal and old favorites, brought many to the dance floor. Kerry Mangan is to be commended for preparing the event.

Behind the scenes, TAG will be busy working on projects pertaining to our Flower Show to be held the weekend of **March 31-April 1**. The theme, "The Mystical Garden" should entice everyone to attend and view the various floral arrangements, exhibits, and boutique.

At our January meeting, Annemarie Kinsky, TAG member and master gardener, will show us how to "grow" our gardens by propagating treasured plants. There will also be a Q&A session, so bring your troubled plants and gardening questions. We will meet at the Dolphin Head Golf Club on **Friday, January 22** at 9:30 AM for a social to be followed by a short business meeting and then the program.

All residents of HHP are welcome, men and women. Learn about us on our Website: **www.theavidgardeners.org**. Related garden Websites are listed, along with TAG's info and activities. For further information, phone Suzy Baldwin at 681-5346.

--Midge Kennedy

What Goes Up Must Come Down...

Many volunteers helped decorate the Plantation House for the holidays. It looked beautiful!

Then, many of them returned on January 4 to take the decorations down and store them away until next year.



The POA thanks these dedicated volunteers very much!
You're the best!

Women's Club

Please join us for the next meeting of the Women's Club on Tuesday, February 14, 2:00 PM, at the Plantation House. There will be 30 minutes for refreshments and socializing, a brief business meeting, and then our program.



February is heart month. Valentine's Day seems an appropriate day to learn about heart issues. In keeping with this theme, our guest presenter is Cinda Seaman, Public Education Officer for Hilton Head Island Fire and Rescue. She will present information about defibrillators. Included in her presentation will be information regarding who should use them, when should they be used, and a demonstration on how to use them.



There will also be an update on the changes in CPR techniques. Keeping up-to-date and reviewing CPR techniques is very important information for all of us.


Mark your calendar for this important, information-filled presentation.

Please email your reservation for the February meeting to HHPWC1@yahoo.com or call Johanna Galasso (689-2077) or Cecelia Meyers (342-2185). BE SURE to speak clearly and give both your first and last name when leaving your message.

Mark your calendar for the **second Tuesday** of each month through May to attend all of the Women's Club meetings. You can become a member of the Women's Club by sending a check for \$15 to HHPWC to Nancy Keese, 5 King Oak Court, HHI, SC 29926. If you have questions, contact Nancy at HHPWC1@yahoo.com or call her at 715-0840.

Joining is now even easier. Refer to our Club section at www.hiltonheadplantation.com where you will find the membership form.

--Bonnie Sudduth

Program	Instructor	Date/Days	Time	Place	2012 Fees
Gentle Yoga	Gayle Caporale	Mondays	5:30 - 6:30 PM	PH	
Pilates	Suzette Springer	Tues. & Thurs.	8:30 - 9:30 AM	PH	
Beginner Pilates	Suzette Springer	Tuesdays	9:40 - 10:40 AM	PH	
Total Fitness	Gretchen Spiridopoulos	Mon. & Wed.	5:30 - 6:30 PM	DHGC	
Zumba	Suzette Springer	Thursdays	9:40 - 10:40 AM	PH	
Low-Impact Aerobics	Louise Lund	Mon. Wed. Fri.	8:00 - 9:00 AM	PH	\$5.50 = 1 ticket \$50.00 = 10 tickets \$90.00 = 20 tickets \$127.50 = 30 tickets \$160.00 = 40 tickets
Total Body Conditioning	Louise Lund	Mon. Wed. Fri.	9:15 - 10:15 AM	PH	

*** You must use a 2012 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the above classes. ***
Tickets are available for purchase at the POA Service Center and the Plantation House.

New Qigong Class to Start in 2012

Qigong (chee gong) is an ancient Chinese health care system that was developed before the written word in Chinese monasteries, hospitals, and imperial courts. It integrates **movements, breathing techniques, focuses attention, and self-applied massage.** Qigong means cultivating or working with energy and is practiced for health maintenance, increased vitality, and inner peace. The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong reduce stress, strengthen the immune system, increase energy, and improve flexibility and balance. It has also been shown to improve respiratory, cardiovascular, lymphatic, and digestive functions. Because Qigong activates the acupuncture points and meridians, it is often referred to as "acupuncture without needles."



Please join instructor, Benedicte Braden, for a six-week session on Wednesdays beginning January 18. The class will be held at the Dolphin Head Recreation building at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$40/person for the entire session. **Please sign up in advance with Keriann at the Plantation House (681-8090).** We need a minimum of 8 people in order to have this class.

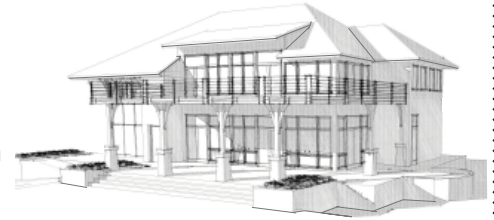
Dates: **Wednesdays — January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22**
 Time: **5:30 PM**
 Cost: **\$40 per person**
 Place: **Dolphin Head Recreation building**
 Instructor: **Benedicte Braden**

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.

Instructor Bio: Benedicte Braden is originally from France. She came to Hilton Head Island in August 2008 with her family. She has a background in foreign languages (German and English) and drama. She also has a passion for Tai Chi, Qigong, and Yoga. She is a Tai Chi instructor and has been practicing Tai Chi for 17 years now. She received her level 1 accreditation to instruct Qigong last year and has been leading Qigong practices for three years now on a regular basis on the Island.

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

Memorial & Honorarium Program



For residents who wish to support the **Spring Lake Pavilion project** in a more meaningful way, the Recreation Committee would like to provide the opportunity to make personal contributions towards this project through our Memorial & Honorarium Program. Gifts of any amount are welcome and can be targeted in many ways according to your desire. For donations made towards specific outdoor elements, a plaque will be placed on or near the item listing the name of the donor(s) and/or recognizing the individual or family of a memorial/honorarium donation. For all donations made towards specific indoor elements, a single plaque will be hung inside the **NEW Spring Lake Pavilion** listing all of the names of the donor(s) and/or recognizing the individual or family of a memorial/honorarium donation. For residents wishing to make a general contribution towards the project, the Recreation Committee has developed five levels of giving which are:

Magnolia Level	\$5,000 or more	Southern Pine Level	\$100 - \$499
Live Oak Level	\$1,000 - \$4,999	Sycamore Level	\$99 or less
Red Maple Level	\$500 - \$999		

Any resident who chooses to make a general contribution donation will be listed on a plaque which will hang inside the **NEW Spring Lake Pavilion**. Each resident or family will be listed according to the appropriate donor level. The name of the person honored or memorialized will also be listed. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding specific indoor/outdoor elements and the cost associated with each, please contact Chrissy Fly, Director of Activities, at (843) 681-8800, ext. 226, or email: cfly@hhppoa.org.

2012 Universal Tickets on Sale NOW!!

As of January 2012, you **MUST** submit 2012 Universal Tickets if you want to attend any of the exercise classes. The Universal Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable. **No exchanges will be made!**

The following Exercise Classes are the classes that accept Universal Tickets:

- Low-Impact Aerobics
- Gentle Yoga
- Beginner Pilates
- Total Body Conditioning
- Shallow Water Aerobics (summer months only)
- Deep-end Water Aerobics (summer months only)
- Pilates
- Total Fitness
- Zumba



2012 Universal Tickets may be purchased at the POA Service Center or the Plantation House.

Remember: You must also complete a waiver at the time of purchase to be allowed to participate in our exercise classes. Thank you!!

Total Fitness Class — Location MOVED to DHGC

During the construction of the Spring Lake Pavilion, the Total Fitness Class with Gretchen Spiridopoulos on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM** will be held at Dolphin Head Golf Club.

Current members of Dolphin Head Golf Club will be allowed to attend this class on a complimentary basis; however, as is our policy, ALL participants must sign a waiver with the instructor before participating in the class AND they must sign-in for each class. All HHP residents who are **NOT** current members of DHGC, must bring a **2012** Universal Fitness Ticket to attend.



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

New Yoga Class — Chair Yoga

The Activities Department is excited to offer a NEW YOGA CLASS called Chair Yoga for an 8-week session beginning Monday, March 5. **Chair Yoga is for everyone.** No matter what age you are or what condition you are in – you can experience the health benefits of yoga.



Did you know you can perform most yoga postures, breathing techniques, meditation, and relaxation techniques from a chair? This form of yoga is very easy to do no matter what physical condition you are in. It will give you peace of mind and self-esteem to know you are doing something good for your body, mind, and spirit.

Those of you who are recovering from an illness or injury, with disabilities, weight challenges, inflexibility, or who just cannot get on the floor for whatever reason (such as age or being in a crowded work environment) can benefit from a daily practice of yoga on a chair. Recovering from an injury may limit your mobility, but doing Chair Yoga will maintain, stretch, and strengthen your body as you recover. If you have a disability, it will help you manage the disability and keep your body in the best condition possible. It also helps to relieve muscle stiffness and fatigue in the office or during travel.

The chair is not only used for the seated postures but as a support for many of the standing postures as well. It replaces the yoga mat and becomes an extension of your body allowing you to take full advantage of yoga’s amazing fitness and health potential. Even if you are in a wheelchair, you can receive the many benefits of Chair Yoga – the integration of body, mind, and spirit that keeps the yoga practitioner at the top of his/her game.

Classes will be held for an 8-week session at the Plantation House from 4:15 - 5:15 PM on Mondays beginning March 5. The cost is \$40 per person, and **we will need a minimum of 8 participants in order to offer this class.**

Dates:	Mondays, March 5 – April 23
Time:	4:15 – 5:15 PM
Cost:	\$40 per person
Place:	Plantation House
Instructor:	Gayle Caporale

If interested, please stop by the Plantation House to sign up with Keriann. **Please note:** Participants will **NOT** be allowed to use Universal Fitness Tickets to attend. **Participants will be required to pay for the entire 8-week session in advance.** For questions, call Keriann at 681-8090.

Santa Came to Visit the Children's Christmas Party!



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

Discount HHI Symphony Orchestra Tickets!!

The Activities Department is teaming up with the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra to provide discount tickets for the Monday, January 30, performance: "A Serenade of Strings" conducted by Bohuslav Rattay.



Czech conductor Bohuslav Rattay has gained a reputation as one of the finest talents of his generation, combining impassioned and virtuosic musicianship with a

determination to bring great music into the lives of all people.

Date: **Monday, January 30**
Time: **8:00 PM**
Place: **First Presbyterian Church Hilton Head**
(Located at 540 William Hilton Parkway)
Cost: **\$25/person** if paid by cash or check
\$27/person if paid by Visa or MasterCard

Performances

- Peter Warlock *Capriol Suite*
- Shostakovich *Piano Concerto No. 1 for Trumpet and Strings*
- Barber *Adagio for Strings*
- Joseph Suk *Serenade of Strings*

2001 HHIPC winner, Edisher Savitsky plays Shostakovich's jaunty *First Piano Concerto*. The orchestra strings play Warlock's charmingly 20th Century-tinged suite of *Renaissance dances*, Barber's haunting *Adagio*, and Suk's beautiful and gently *Romantic Serenade*.



Tickets may be purchased at the Plantation House. Questions? Call 681-8090. Checks should be made payable to Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra or HHSO. Tickets will be available for pick-up at Will Call.

***Please note:** These discount tickets are based on a group rate. If we do NOT sell at least 15 tickets, prices will go up to \$30/\$32.

New! — "Stress Less Chess"



Learn chess from the man that played the world chess champion! ChesSmart owner, Michael Kruse – the current state champion – is

teaming up with the Activities Department to offer an 8-week chess course specifically designed for fun and relaxation.

"Stress Less Chess" is an enjoyable, relaxed way to learn the greatest thinking game in the world. Exercise your mind, improve your memory, become more creative, and win more games!

In each 1-1/2 hour class you will learn-by-doing in a very enjoyable and relaxed manner. Learn chess openings, tactics, and end-game play. You will also learn about the important role chess played in American history.

Dates: **Tuesdays March 6 – April 24**
Time: **11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**
Cost: **\$69/person for the entire 8-week session**
Place: **Plantation House (upstairs)**
Instructor: **Michael Kruse**

Mr. Kruse has taught adults in Hilton Head, Savannah, Bluffton, and Beaufort. They have described his courses as "wonderful, enjoyable, fun, and interesting."

If interested in registering for "Stress Less Chess", please contact Keriann at the Plantation House (681-8090).

Advertise in Plantation Living.
A business card size ad is only \$150.
Contact dmcallister@hhppoa.org or call 681-8800 ext. 244.

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

Carolina Stingrays Hockey Game Day Trip

Attention all sports fans! The Activities Department would like to invite you to join us for our first-ever road trip to the North Charleston Coliseum to watch the **Carolina Stingrays** take on the **Gwinnett Gladiators** on Saturday, February 25.

We'll be loading up a 57-passenger bus just like we do for the football trips, and we'll be leaving early so we can tailgate before the game. The promotional event for the evening is "**Pink in the Rink,**" and we'll be able to watch women go head-to-head in their own hockey match BEFORE the 7:00 PM Carolina vs. Gwinnett game.



Our seats will be in the lower level of the Coliseum and for every ticket purchased, you'll get a free Stingrays hat! Oh, and did we mention? **The ice in the rink will be pink!**

Date: **Saturday, February 25**

Time: **Game starts @ 7:00 PM**
Bus leaves the Plantation House **at 1:00 PM Sharp**
Bus returns to the Plantation House approx. **11:30 PM**

Price: **\$65 per person**
(\$75 per person after February 10)

Price Includes: Bus transportation, hockey ticket, tailgating food, driver gratuity, and taxes

Sign up: **Keriann at the Plantation House 681-8090**

Lawn chairs, coolers, and BYOB are welcome! Seats are limited, so SIGN UP NOW!!

And, please note: **No refunds will be given!**

"Hospice Care for Your Loved One" – Free Seminar

Please join the Activities Department and John Beal and Jeanne Kimbrell from Hospice Care of South Carolina for this FREE seminar and learn more on the following:

- What hospice care is all about
- The type of patients on hospice care
- How hospice care can benefit the patient and their loved ones
- Who pays for hospice care
- The admission criteria and process
- When a patient can start the hospice benefit

The seminar will be held at the Plantation House on Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 PM. There will be a question and answer period, and refreshments will be provided, as well as a gift basket give-away. If interested in attending, please sign up by calling Keriann at 681-8090 to reserve your seat today.

Date: **Tuesday, January 31** Time: **7:00 PM**
 Place: **Plantation House** Cost: **FREE**
 RSVP: **Keriann at 681-8090**
 Speakers: **John Beal, Community Relations Liaison**
Jeanne Kimbrell, RN

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