



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec. 22 HOA

Ok, so I haven’t been able to come up with a topic for the *Beacon* for the month of May. But I was saved last week, not from an accident, but from my mental functions not performing at all, which is normal for me, when it came to writing an article. Not only did I receive a report that a very large alligator was blocking the Matecumbe Gate entrance early one morning, but a large crowd had also formed to watch what was going on. Major Andy Scott arrived at the scene, and had to call our friendly gator catcher to come and haul this big 9-foot 8-inch baby away!

No, I won’t make you wait to ask the question, was he going to be killed? Nope. In fact, as every guy’s wish in life, he was going to a gator farm to use his excellent skills in reproduction!

Then, while golfing with good friends Betty and Rich Hallowell, Rich pulled out a picture of probably our biggest gator in the area. I had named him Sherman, after the Sherman Tanks. We had encountered Sherman two years ago while we were doing work on the dam portion of the Soundings Lake as part of our water surface management project. He is a big one, but when he would see us coming, he would jump into the water and swim out at a very safe distance, for him and for us. He is just a beautiful animal!

I have always loved watching the gators, whether they are babies or full-grown adults. They have been with us for millions of years. Not bad for a species to make it through all that the world has had to offer, good and bad. Sort of makes our complaining about things very insignificant as compared to the life span of the alligator species, doesn’t it?

So here are some facts about the Florida Gator. No, not those two-legged humans in Gainesville, but the real ones in the wild, right outside of our back doors...

Alligator’s diets include prey species that are abundant and easily accessible. Juvenile alligators primarily eat insects, amphibians, small fish and other invertebrates. Adult alligators eat rough fish, snakes, turtles, small mammals and birds. Humans are not on their normal palate!

Nearly all alligators become sexually mature by the time they reach about 7 feet, but it can take anywhere from 8 to 15 years to reach that 7-foot mark. The courtship begins in early April, and mating occurs in May or June. Females deposit an average of 32 to 46 eggs in late

June or early July. The incubation period is about 65 days, with hatching occurring in August to September.

Alligator jaws can exert up to 1,000 pounds of pressure. They typically live between 30 to 35 years in the wild. They enjoy warm water and warm weather. They are often found lying in the sun and will cool themselves off by opening their mouths to release stored heat.

They mostly avoid humans, unless they have been fed by some ignorant human that doesn’t understand the relationship of animals in the wild.

They are just another part of what we have to offer in our great Burnt Store community. Observe, enjoy, but don’t feed and stay somewhat far enough away so they feel comfortable with you and you with them!

Finally, for those of you who love to run zigzag, an alligator can run about 15 to 25 mph on land and can swim about 20 mph in the water. They won’t run far on land because they run out of gas! So, if you just run like the wind, away from one on land, you’ll be ok. This is especially true if you outrun the person you are with!



Section 22 HOA Committee Reports

Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

House need painting? All changes to the exterior of homes in BSM must have ARC approval. This applies to independent homes as well as homes in a condo association. If you do not get ARC approval, and your changes do not meet Section 22 HOA Restrictions, you may be asked to change or remove them. You can get this approval if your changes meet Section 22 HOA Restrictions by filling out and submitting an application to ARC.

The following applications were approved last month by the Section 22 HOA ARC:

- Bill Roessler, Lots 1 thru 4 Sugarloaf Key Rd., setback variance.
- Randy & Leanne Clarkson, 3953 Cape Cole Blvd., exterior paint.
- Franklin & Renee Bryant, 1406 Islamorada Blvd., garage screen.
- Mark Gabel, 1231 Romano Key, Cir., generator and propane tank installation.
- Harold & Cathleen Radke, 1 Pirates Ln. 11B, lanai modification.
- Stan & Katherine Claussen, 3980 Cape Cole Blvd., exterior paint.
- Michael & Myra Jones, 202 Islamorada Blvd., gutter installation.
- Kathy Barnhart, 24417 Baltic Ave. 203, hurricane shutter installation.
- Mike & Kris Proudfoot, 55 Big Pine Ln., exterior modification.
- Alan Wetsert, 4041 Cobia Estates Dr., exterior lights.
- Doug Gratton, 5010 Sable Key Cir., lanai addition & modification.
- Chris & Shelly Rody, 2030 Big Pass Lane, roof replacement.
- Chris & Shelly Rody, 2030 Big Pass Lane, exterior paint.

Section 22 restrictions and applications are available for download at **BSM22.org**. Submit your ARC applications to your condo association, if applicable, then to Alliant Association Management, 13831 Vector Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Community Access Committee

By Pat O’Neill, Chair

The Wild Animals of Burnt Store Marina

Residents need to be mindful of the various types of wild animals that also consider the community their home. Some of the animals include:

Alligators: It is not uncommon to see them roaming between the ponds located behind residences and at the golf course. If you see one in a residential area, do not approach it, and

warn others of its location. State certified trappers can be called out to remove it. Contact Alliant Property Management at 239-454-1101, or email to PGI22CAM@Alliantproperty.com, so that the local trapper can be contacted. Please note that the trapper will arrive on their schedule.

Coyotes: Coyotes have been spotted in both our community and Burnt Store Lakes. They typically roam in packs and are a danger to small pets. If you spot them on the property, please notify Alliant Property Management and warn others in the area. If you are walking your pet, leave the area as soon as possible.

Wild Pigs: Usually at least once a year, wild pigs from the area find their way into our community. Generally, they do not bother anyone, but may be found in your yard. If you see one, remain calm, and stay inside until the animal leaves the area. Do not attempt to approach it. Please do not attempt to feed them, as they will come back when they are hungry again.

Snakes: Our community is home to several varieties of snakes. When the weather is warm, the snakes will come out. If you see a snake near your residence, remain calm, and warn others of its location. Check with your association for who they recommend for removal of the animal. Do not attempt to catch it, especially if you are unsure of what type it is.

Residents are encouraged to get out and enjoy activities within the community, but remember that we live in a wildlife surrounding and should expect to see some of these from time to time.

Reminder:
Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting
– Tuesday, May 25, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio

An ARC did you know, moment...
By Barry Groesch, Architectural Review Committee Chair
Did you know...if you would like to update your exterior lighting fixtures, an ARC application is needed. Go to **BSM22.org** to get your application.

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Moon Phases

Third Quarter – May 3

New Moon – May 11

First Quarter – May 19

Full Moon – May 26


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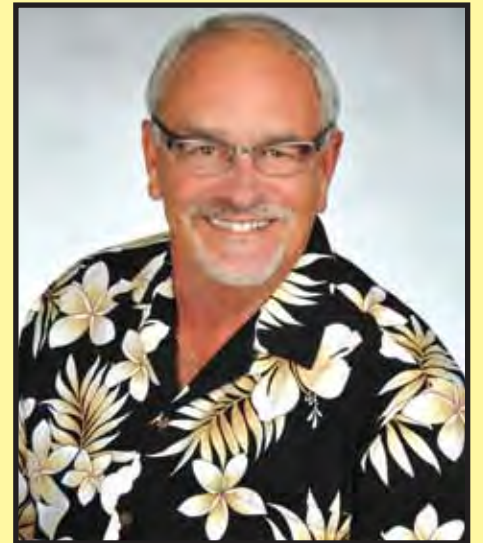
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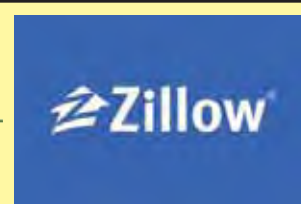
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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Saturday, May 1:** Deadline for the June *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, May 25:** Section 22 HOA Board Meeting, Linkside patio, 9 a.m.
- **Every Tuesday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Every Thursday:** Bar code installation, front gate, 9 to 11 a.m.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Saturday, May 1:** Punta Gorda City-Wide Garage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Bal Harbor Shopping Plaza, Bal Harbor & Aqui Esta. Call 941-639-3720 to reserve a space to exhibit.
- **Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8:** Mother’s Day Cruise Special. Take a 60-minute private cruise with Mother and up to 5 others on a luxury yacht from Fishermen’s Village. Call King Fisher Fleets for reservations, 941-639-0960. Slots are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$129.
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- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 1 to 6 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
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Plant of the Month...Bromeliads

By Maggie Hart

Bromeliads are easy-to-grow, low-maintenance plants that can be enjoyed indoors as houseplants, outside in containers, or, in our part of Florida, as landscape plants. The bromeliads commonly sold at garden centers have colorful, long-lasting flower displays and/or brilliantly-colored foliage. Other familiar bromeliads are Spanish moss, ball moss, and the pineapple. They come in many sizes and textures and colors. Some form round rosettes, others stand upright.

In their native habitat, many bromeliads grow on trees as epiphytes, which are plants that live on other plants, but are not parasitic. All bromeliads take needed moisture and nutrients from the atmosphere and the debris that decays in their “cups.” The very small ones are often called “air plants,” which can be grown in very small containers, including seashells.

Bromeliads make excellent houseplants that will survive under very low light conditions. They’ll thrive on a porch, near a window, or anywhere where they receive bright, diffused light, but no direct sun. A yellowish or pale green plant may indicate that the light level is too high. And a dark green, soft, drooping leaves may be signs that light is too low. Water once every week or two. The simplest way is to put the plant in the sink or shower and allow lukewarm water to run over the leaves and into the soil; then drain. It is rarely necessary to fertilize bromeliads when grown as houseplants.

Most bromeliads are tropical or subtropical, and thrive outdoors in Florida’s warm, humid environment. Most are shade or partial shade lovers, but some tolerate full sun. Even though they prefer moisture and humidity, they are extremely tolerant of low-moisture conditions and will survive in drought conditions. Most problems with bromeliads are associated with root rot caused by too much moisture. The sandy, well-drained soils found throughout most of Florida are suitable for growing bromeliads, but you should avoid salty conditions. Since they do not form extensive root systems, former resident gardener and *Beacon* editor Jan McLaughlin used the trick of leaving her bromeliads in their pots, and burying them in the ground.

Most bromeliads form a cup in their centers that holds and absorbs water. Occasionally flush the cup with water to prevent stagnation and to remove the salts left when water in the cup evaporates.

You can grow some bromeliads on a piece of bark, or on trees. Attach them by using glue, staples,

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Bromeliad variety in landscape



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stockings or burlap to hold them in place until their roots attach securely to the tree trunk. Douse them with water when humidity or rainfall is low. A spray bottle of water comes in handy here.

Bromeliads slowly die a year or two after flowering.

However, pups (young plants) usually develop at the base of the mother plant. Separate the pups from the plant when they are half the size of the parent plant. To start new plants, simply cut the pup off where it attaches and place it in potting soil.

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A Letter to FWC Regarding Fisheries in Southwest Florida

By Captain Rich Damianos, Reel Rich Fishing Charters

After listening to the public comments at the FWC meeting on February 26, it became pretty clear that there is a divide between the anglers in the Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor estuary systems.

The main points of disagreement came from mostly recreational anglers in the Tampa area who feel that the fishery is doing well, and ready to resume normal regulation on harvest, and a community of recreational anglers and concerned fishing guides in the Charlotte Harbor estuary who feel just the opposite.

It was good to hear how well the Tampa system is doing, but it was not good to hear such a passionate division between stakeholders. In order for all of us to move forward together, we also need to take a look back in time to each estuary, and agree that there’s distinct difference between each fishery. Maybe it’s time for us to consider seeing them managed independently of each other.

2005 & 2012 where interesting years in southwest Florida. But what the history tells may have more to do with the future of our fisheries than you might think.

Let’s start in 2012

1st - this was the first year of a major three-year-long redfish study by the FWC that included aerial surveys of spawning redfish aggregations in the Gulf off of Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor. See myfwc.com/research/saltwater/fish/red-drum/red-drum-spawning

2nd – Florida, overall, recorded its most rainfall ever - except for southwest Florida, which was about 10” below average. See weather.gov/media/mfl/news/WeatherSummary_2012.pdf

3rd - October 2012 was the peak of worst red tide outbreak the area had seen since 2007 and, at the time, arguably maybe of all time. See heraldtribune.com/article/20121009/News/605220338%3ftemplate=ampart

Putting it all together:

- The summer of 2012 was a dryer than normal time for Charlotte Harbor and our salinity was running pretty high, while most of the rest of Florida saw historic rainfalls. Of course, this raised water levels in Lake Okeechobee and forced water releases to our shores. Due to the record rainfall and flooding on the east coast, no releases were possible in that drainage. Charlotte Harbor took on all the burden and, what happened next? You got it - as you would expect - major red tide event. This bloom was massive, with its highest concentrations stretching from off Charlotte Harbor up to the Sarasota area. This just happened to coincide with the aerial surveys of spawning aggregates of redfish off Tampa and Charlotte Harbor as the FWC began its major redfish study.

So, what did they observe - read this from their report: “The research showed red drum aggregations occur in near-shore waters in August, and can continue through mid-November. The number of aggregations varied annually: in 2012, six aggregations were observed; in 2013 there were 17 sighted; and in 2014, six aggregations. No aggregations were sighted off Charlotte Harbor during the 2012 sampling season, possibly due to a red tide occurrence.”

But wait! Was this just coincidence, or have redfish not shown up for a spawn before?

Let’s take a look at this from a study done in 2005 by FWC in the Tampa Bay system:

“Similarly, Winner et al. (2014) reported no red drum aggregations were spotted in 31 flights over the TB FSA site in 2005, when a major red tide (*Karenia brevis*) occurred (Flaherty and Landsberg, 2011; Walters et al., 2013). Due to the local source dynamics, these episodic events can affect recruitment and year class strength, as

seen for red drum in Tampa Bay after the 2005 red tide (Flaherty and Landsberg, 2011).”

This 2005 study in Tampa Bay again coincided with a major red tide bloom in that system. The fishery was devastated, taking years to rebound and again no spawning aggressions where spotted that year. I’m not aware of any data availability for spawning aggressions during the last red tide events, but given its historic level and timing, I would say we could reasonably assume a similar response from the spawning aggressions. Additionally, I would add that the State’s 2015 stock assessment for red drum stated that in 2012 & 2013, the southwest region had the highest spawning biomass numbers that had been seen in 27 years, while the 0-year recruits where the lowest in 12 years and the combined number was the lowest, going back as far as 1950. Can we further calculate the red tide events of recent years in these numbers, and assume that the system has been severely stressed since 2012.

When I read a lot about redfish management in our estuaries, the word “escapement” was used a lot. Escapement, I have learned, is a term used in fishery management to mean, quite simply, how many fish are able to “escape” premature death, and make it out of the slot to join the spawning aggregation in the Gulf. These escapees have run the gauntlet of natural mortality, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, and other life-threatening episodes, for the opportunity to join the spawning aggregation. As I understand it, the target number used in our area for redfish is 40% of each spawning class.

We tend to put a lot of the focus on dead fish when red tide events happen. But are we seeing the whole picture? Losing a whole or year class to no spawn, is just as serious as having 25% of our redfish population wash up on a beach. Is it possible that red tide events do not even have to be severe with massive fish kills and constant media coverage to hold off or limit redfish spawning? One thing is for certain if it does - without the FWC’s ability to make swift and corrective *targeted* management adjustments, the decline will carry on for years no matter what estuary system is affected.

Could *targeted* management be more effective by establishing estuary zones?

Based on what FWC’s own research says from 2005 and 2012, I think we can see more clearly than ever, a need to break up the fishery regulations to be independent of each other by estuary system. These studies clearly show how deeply one system can be affected while the other is left unscathed.

Is it possible that Charlotte Harbor missed, or at least had a severely reduced, spawning class year in 2012 or 2017 or 2018? Is it not likely that the Charlotte Harbor area will see another red tide event in the future? And if it did, wouldn’t this cause an imbalance to escapement numbers - that would only be compensated for by the only controllable management practice we have - reduced harvest? Looking back the 2005 Tampa Bay study would certainly support the need to act.

There is clearly a dynamic at work between red-tide and redfish, as well as many other species that call our waters home. The history of data from research is giving us a direction to the future. Ultimately, it will take the *united* voice of the area anglers, to rise up and tell you that we want a system of management that address the distinct challenges of each estuary system. As a Charlotte Harbor resident-angler and fishing charter operator, I feel we are at ground zero for the next big setback in this fishery. Every day, I stand on its heart beat, I see its resilience and feel its desires to prosper and grow. There are a lot of wonderful people working hard to solve our water quality issues and other related problems. Eventually,

I believe they will succeed, but for now I ask you to consider looking at the fishery management of our area in a way that protects our assets and positions the stocks for rapid recovery and growth.

- Given that:
- Current conditions and high likelihood of red tide relapse in and near Charlotte Harbor
 - Increases in resident population, license sales and fishing popularity
 - Projections for increased post pandemic travel to Florida
 - Significant advances in fish locating technology
 - Lack of significant published study on Charlotte Harbors specific biomass post red tide

I would specifically like to see the snook and redfish closure continue, *at a minimum*, another two years. I would also like to see a change to these species slot limits when it is opened, to a much tighter and higher size. I believe we can build a more robust fishery if we keep a larger reserve of year classes in the system to supplement the ever-strained environment.

I know there will be concerns about release mortality, which I believe is much lower than projected, when release happens boat side. And, of course, there will be opposition from the right to harvest crowd. But I believe this is a cultural behavior that has been overcome in other fisheries, like bass fishing and tarpon fishing, among others. I’m not saying never harvest, just that we should relook at how we apply it, given the modern conditions and changing environment.

There will likely never be another opportunity in a generation to affect such a sweeping change to the fishery management direction in southwest Florida than the current situation provides. I hope you will consider this as you move forward.

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Marina Beat

By Jaret Rogers,
General Manager
Safe Harbor Burnt Store

The season is in full swing here at the marina. The fuel tanks are stocked full and the dock staff is ready to assist with all of your boating needs. There is a lot of construction going on in and around the marina, so please be aware of your surroundings and be careful around the areas under construction. Please be advised there is no through traffic in the dry storage yard. Please walk around for your safety.

Progress on the dry storage area is on schedule. All of the concrete drive lines are poured. All four racks are erected and full of boats. The final landscaping touches were completed in March. The asphalt will be completed in the first week of May.



There have been many questions about the zoning letter that went out. This is for the dry storage parcel. We are planning to build 3 buildings. These buildings will include an amenities building, maintenance building and a security locker building.

The improvements to the marina are going smoothly. As we move forward with the south basin seawall there will be times of limited access to Docks B through E. Our progress should have us nearing the fuel dock seawall when we get closer to summer. The fuel dock access this summer will be hindered by seawall replacement. We should be able to dispense fuel, but dock access will be reduced. Around the same time, we will be demolishing and replacing Docks C and D with new aluminum floating docks. If you have a boat on either of these docks, we will be contacting those Members to relocate your vessel during construction. Thank you for your cooperation during all of our construction projects. We hope for fair winds and calm seas throughout the 2021 season.

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1 – Failure to stop at stop sign - bicycles
1 – Golf cart driving down Vincent Rd. into BS Lakes - resident
- 24 - Written warnings**
10 - Speeding - 2 visitors, 4 residents, 2 renters, 1 boater, 1 employee
12 - Failure to stop at stop sign – 8 residents, 2 visitors, 1 renter, 1 contractor
1 - Expired driver’s license - resident
1 - Failure to carry driver’s license
- 1 - Ticket**
1 – Failure to stop at stop sign - resident



Grammar Tips... Homonyms

By the editors of *The Beacon*

Sometimes, while editing the articles submitted to *The Beacon*, we come across errors made simply because certain words sound the same, but are incorrect in their context. Have you ever tried to work a crossword puzzle and gotten stuck because the clue word could mean more than one thing? So, these words are...

Homonyms: two or more words having the same spelling or pronunciation but different meanings. Here are some examples of the same spelling but different meanings – how many meanings can you find?

Mean	Try	Date
Tie	Arm	Band
Book	Can	Duck
Fall	Nail	Watch
Well	Fair	Stir
Bear	Spell	More
Sound	Fire	Leave

Here are some words with different spellings and meanings, but sound the same – these are the ones that can cause so much trouble:

There, they’re, their	Pear, pair, pare	Made, maid
Piece, peace	Bear, bare	More, moor
Air, heir	Lone, loan	Ate, eight
Bait, bate	Bail, bale	Male, mail
Sail, sale	Real, reel	Horse, hoarse
Course, coarse	Hear, here	Sore, soar
Some, sum	Two, too, to	You, ewe
Very, vary	Seed, cede	Ore, oar, or

The list goes on and on and on. I’m sure you can come up with plenty more. English is a very difficult language to learn to speak, let alone spell, and we keep learning new words and spellings all the time!



Fit Happens...Just Keep Moving!

By Cheri Frank,
Certified Fitness Trainer

Our bodies are designed to move, and by moving you are strengthening your muscles, improving stability, balance and coordination. Movement helps build more durable, denser bones, boosts cardiovascular health, and gives you more endurance, making it easier to do tasks that your daily life requires.



When choosing a form of exercise, the most important consideration is doing something you actually enjoy and will do consistently. In Burnt Store Marina, we have many opportunities to stay active and moving, with golf, tennis and pickleball right in our own back yard, combined with our beautiful weather, which inspires us to get out and walk, run and bike.

But don’t forget, as you age it is important to incorporate strength training into your exercise routine as well. By adolescence, we are equipped with all the muscle cells we will have. After that time the muscle can either get bigger or smaller. By the time most people are 70 years old, they have lost 25 percent of their muscle mass due to disuse. The rate of decline in strength is slightly less in the upper extremities (small muscle groups) than in the back and legs (large muscle groups.) Leg and muscle strength declines by 40 percent.

Leg strength is an important indicator of our ability to live independently as we age. The good news is strength

training or lifting weights can help prevent the loss of muscle mass, and help in regaining muscle mass you may have already lost. Strength training improves balance, coordination and mobility. It also increases strength of bones, and reduces symptoms of many chronic diseases. Another benefit is that muscle burns more calories at rest than fat, so the more muscles you have the more calories you burn even when at rest. By making a habit of strength training, even just two times per week, you can maintain much of your muscle mass as you age. Some things to remember with strength training are to first warm up the muscles to prepare them for exercise. As your body temperature increases, muscles and connective tissue become more pliable and less susceptible to injury. This can be done with 5 -10 minutes on an exercise bike or treadmill. When lifting weights, be careful not to use momentum, and swing your back into the movement. For example, when doing a bicep curl you are isolating that muscle and should only be using the bicep to lift the weight. If your back is arching and helping to thrust the weight up, you are using too much weight. This applies to the exercise machines as well. The machines are designed to support you in the proper position for safely lifting the weight. You should remain seated and not be popping up off the seat just to try to lift more weight. Smooth controlled movements will produce safe results.

The bottom line is to incorporate both cardiovascular exercise and strength training into your life. The more your move, the healthier you will be, so KEEP MOVING!

Platinum Point Yacht Club News

By Sue Smith, Director

April saw the winding down of an unusual social season at Burnt Store Marina and at Platinum Point Yacht Club. Although there were challenges to overcome, in response to the restrictions imposed because of Covid, sailing races, cruises, parties and happy hours were adapted to the “new normal” environment. The 2020-2021 fall, winter and spring PPYC members found ways to enjoy socializing safely. Snowbirds and permanent Floridians alike, are optimistic that fall will allow us to return to more of the options we enjoyed in previous years.

PPYC members were able to participate in several significant events in the month of April. This year’s Commodore’s Wife’s Celebration Luncheon honored Pam Stewart. As part of the entertainment, attendees enjoyed campfire songs and treats like s’mores. The theme developed around the idea of a trip to our national parks, something the Stewarts are planning for the near future.

In April of each year, PPYC members have a “send-off” party for those who are leaving Burnt Store Marina for the summer. With a trivia contest, music by Mark Glean, and dinner on the lawn, the theme of our final party of the season, the Sail Away party, was a picnic in the park.

In addition to these special events, many other activities kept PPYC groups busy in April. Cruisers enjoyed a four-night stay in Marlin Bay in the Keys. PPYC sailors continued their race schedule. Happy hours took place every Tuesday and Friday. Bridge players, book club attendees, golfers, quilters and exercisers all stayed busy.

If you are interested in joining PPYC, new member information can be obtained at the club house. Dorothy Saviste, Club Administrator, is on-site Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and can be reached at 941-639-0733. All of us would enjoy explaining to you why membership in Platinum Point Yacht Club is a good choice for you.

Wildlife Caution Notice

Owners are asked to use caution and be aware of local wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, and alligators.

Coyotes sightings have increased as it is their mating season, and they are more aggressive and vocal right now. Recently a Burnt Store Lakes resident witnessed a coyote chase a rabbit into their rain gutter downspout and then pull the downspout into the yard trying to get the rabbit out.

Please watch your pets carefully and keep them on a leash when outside, particularly at dusk, nighttime, and dawn.

Smaller pets are especially at risk. Letting them out in a fenced area may not deter a coyote. Make sure pet food, fruit, or other items are stored inside or in tightly shut garbage cans. Ensure your home is not luring small rodents or animals that coyotes like to prey on.

One of the best attributes of living in Burnt Store Marina & The Lakes is the abundant wildlife. However, residents need to be aware of our wildlife and be cautious to ensure their own safety and the safety of their pets.

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Hero Golf Tournament Results & News of November Events

By Joyce Brown, Chair

What a great event we had on Saturday, March 27. Thank you to the 150 golfers who came dressed to honor all of our Heroes. We raised a total of \$9,116 at this event. What a great start to our fundraising for this year. *Wish for Our Heroes* is in its 12th year, and we have been with them every step of the way. Jeff Wells, Founder & President, was blown away by our success Saturday and passed on his gratitude to everyone involved. We are: “Granting Wishes – One Hero at a Time.” I couldn’t be prouder of our fundraising and the lives of Veterans & Active-Duty Military that we have helped over the last 11 years.

We want to thank Burnt Store Marina CC, Linkside Café and their entire staff, the golf committee, John & Dianne Ardolino, and Bill Connelly and his team for such a great golf day. Most of all, thank you to all the participants and the hardworking committee listed below. You made this happen for us.

We thank the donors of the items for the auction – “Friends of Veterans,” Fred Ayers, Jeff Wells and Sandy Howard. The Auction raised \$4,975.

Sandy Howard and her volunteers ran the 50/50 that sold \$1200 worth of tickets. The winner was Karen Bingler (\$600); she donated it back, saying that her son served and



she knew many others that served, so she wanted it to go in their honor. Thanks to the donation of the Burnt Store Marina sign from Janice Michaud, for which we had a great 2nd chance drawing from the 50/50 tickets.

Congratulations to all the winners – Now it’s time to practice up for the BIG event in November. Mark your calendars now for these November events:

- Cass Cay event – Saturday, November 6
- Golf Tournament – Sunday, November 7
- Veterans Breakfast – Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11

Watch for the August *Beacon* article for more details, and ticket information for the Cass Cay event.

We are still looking for a couple of dedicated, hardworking individuals who are interested in joining our committee this year. Specifically, we need someone to take responsibility for auctions/raffle items (procuring and storing them), and running the auction in November. You would be able to pick your own team to assist you. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers who would just like to volunteer at the events. If you are interested, please contact any of the committee members listed below, or call Joyce Brown at 614-329-9996, or email her at djbrown697@gmail.com.

The 2021 Committee for events at Burnt Store Marina are: Debbie Burns, Gordon & Cheryl Fogg, Jerry Jerome, Dick & Joyce Brown, Cassandra Kelly, Sandy Howard (and YOU if you choose to take on the very rewarding responsibility and honor to help all this happen).



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Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer,
Admiral's Point

Thank you, thank you, for supporting the March 15 blood drive! Burnt Store residents and friends answered the call during this time of need. We had 36 volunteers donate 24 units of blood. We had 36 reservations for the 39 available time slots. This shows the importance of making an appointment and showing up. You might ask why we did not yield 36 units of blood. There



The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run

This is a cake that my recipe box indicates was published by Bacardi. I use a different brand that is a dark, not a light rum. And, of course, I serve with rum-raisin ice cream! I also use two 8X4 inch loaf pans because I bake one/freeze one for later. If you do this, reduce the baking time to 33 - 35 minutes.

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Rum Cake (serves 6-8)

- Ingredients:
- 1 c. coarsely chopped pecans (I mix half in the batter)
 - 1 box yellow cake mix
 - 1 (3.4-ounce) package vanilla instant pudding mix
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/2 c. vegetable oil
 - 1/2 c. water
 - 1/2 c. rum
- For the glaze:
- 1/2 c. butter
 - 1 c. sugar
 - 1/4 c. water
 - 1/2 c. rum



Preheat the oven to 325°F. Grease and flour a Bundt pan, with at least a 10-cup capacity. Sprinkle the pecans in the bottom of the pan.

With a mixer, mix together the cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, vegetable oil, water, and rum. Continue mixing until well combined. Pour the batter over the pecans. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the middle part of the cake comes out clean and the cake starts to pull away from the edges of the pan.

Make the glaze by combining the butter, sugar, and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil then remove from the heat. Stir in the rum. Pour over the warm cake while it is still in the pan. Allow the cake to cool before removing from the pan.

are many reasons. It might be the donor's blood count is too low to qualify. A finger stick is done when you arrive on the bus. Women's hemoglobin needs to be at least 12.5 gm/dl or 13.0 gm/dl for men. There are a few medications that prevent donation, or a recent exposure to COVID-19. Each donation can save up to 3 lives, which means 72 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of YOU, our Burnt Store Marina donors!



I am writing this article March 30 and you are reading on May 1. Our future regarding the coronavirus looks brighter than it has in a very long time. However, there continues to be a blood shortage, closed donation centers, and canceled drives, all due to the virus. It is safe to say that to prevent a critical blood supply shortage from occurring, people need to make blood donation a habit, and choose to donate every time they are eligible. If you are here in Florida, or up north, and donated in BSM on March 15, you are eligible to donate again on/after May 10, 56 days wait time, anywhere in the country. This past year we all must have a relative or close friend affected by COVID-19. Why not volunteer and donate blood?

The next blood drive in Burnt Store will not be until fall. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

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Thank you from Jo Bucci and Ann Singer, Burnt Store Marina volunteers!

Thanks to all participants for your dedication and commitment to our lifesaving mission!

Bocce Ball – That's The Way We Roll

By Kathy Darrell,
Tarpon Pass II

BOCCE – Our goal is to introduce the joy and competition of bocce to more people.



Play continues, and the leaders are Bill Wagner and Bob O'Clare for the men, and Maria Wagner and Mary Ann Sarno for the women. We are so happy to be back with friends, and enjoying beautiful afternoons together. The fun continues at Linkside, as we break bread together.

A big thank you to Lou Paolillo and Bill Wagner for building new ball holders. They are perfect and greatly appreciated.

Bocce is still very popular in the United States. Courts are popping up everywhere, and some bars are building indoor courts for their patrons. This has resulted in younger people becoming interested in the game, and ensuring its continued popularity.

Bocce courts in Brooklyn Bridge Park at Pier 2 are so busy that the park department warns folks to come very early, as the courts fill quickly. If you can't secure a court, you can try to visit the wine cellars, which are located below the ramps that lead up to the anchorages on both sides of the bridge. While they no longer hold booze, they continue to serve as storage space, and are sometimes available for tours.



We play bocce every Tuesday at 3 p.m. If you have a conflict on Tuesday's, bocce is available on Thursdays during Party on the Patio.

If you are interested in playing, please call Tom or Kathy Darrell at 330-806-9182. We will gladly add your name to our email list and send you bocce updates.

Please feel free to play bocce at your leisure. Balls for general use are in the cart barn in an unlocked plastic container that is clearly marked. Be sure to return everything.

Remember, you must be a member of BSMCC to play. Just one more great reason to join.

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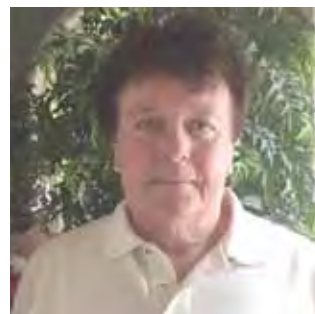
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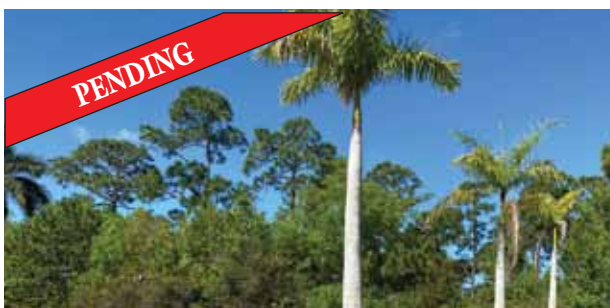
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Burnt Store Marina CC News

By Ryan Henderson,
General Manager BSMCC

What an amazing end to a GREAT 1st Quarter! May will have plenty of opportunities to share in a glass of wine with family and friends on the patio, or be on the lookout for one of our daily lunch specials. For those that are going back up north, please be safe and have a wonderful summer!

The golf course continues to shine, as the conditions are very favorable for sharing a tee time with friends and family. If you haven’t done so already, we strongly recommend booking a tee time with us and see it for yourself. Remember that members enjoy the 9-Hole Scramble on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. and the 18-Hole Scramble on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Also, scheduled in May for members are two additional fun scrambles:

- Saturday, May 16, the Cross-Country Scramble at 8:30 a.m. (replaces regular Saturday scramble).
- Monday, May 31, the Memorial Day Scramble at 8:30 a.m.

Be sure to sign up for these events on the board in the Club Lobby.

Congratulations to the March Holes-In-One:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Pat Cataldo | Osprey 7 on March 13 |
| Mort Fleishman | Pelican 2 on March 19 |
| Ted Bailey | Pelican 3 on March 20 |
| Marlene Harbart | Osprey 4 on March 22 |

The club is continuing to move forward with daily lunch and selected dinner evenings, while observing all CDC and BOD guidelines. I would like to remind everyone of our hours of operations at the Linkside Café. Please use the information below as a point of reference:

- Lunch is served daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dinner is served **Tuesday** 4 to 7 p.m.
- A variety of dinner specials will be featured on dining evenings.
- Lunch and dinner are both available to dine-in or take out.
- Food and bar service will be available on the Patio and Lanai consistent with social distancing guidelines.

Linkside Café is reserved for members only on Tuesday evenings but everyone is welcome for lunch!

Take-out orders and reservations can be made by



calling 941-637-6405 after 11 a.m. Reservations are strongly recommended for Tuesday dinner.

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BSMCC May Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Scramble 9 a.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*
2 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	3 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	4 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m. Dinner 4-7 p.m.*	5 Mah Jongg 9:30-11:30 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Poker 1-4 p.m. Republican Dinner *****5 p.m.	6 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Party on the Patio Poker 1-4 p.m.	7 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Poker 1-4 p.m.	8 Scramble 9 a.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*
9 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	10 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	11 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m. Dinner 4-7 p.m.*	12 Mah Jongg 9:30-11:30 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Poker 1-4 p.m.	13 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Party on the Patio 3 p.m.***	14 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Poker 1-4 p.m.	15 Cross Country Scramble 8:30 a.m. *** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*
16 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	17 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	18 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Mah Jongg 1-3 p.m. Dinner 4-7 p.m.*	19 Mah Jongg 9:30-11:30 a.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Poker 1-4 p.m. Bingo 5 p.m.****	20 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Party on the Patio 3 p.m. ***	21 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Poker 1-4 p.m.	22 Scramble 9 a.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*
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30 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	31 Memorial Day Scramble 8:30 a.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.* Trivia 5-7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	* Call for your reservation or takeout order 941-637-6405 ** Call Pro Shop at 941-637-1577 *** Sign up in Lobby on Board **** Sign up at Admin Office. ***** Reservations for Republican Dinner must be made Due to circumstances beyond our control, everything is subject to change.				

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Enjoying Your Walk

By Jan McLaughlin, Former Beacon Editor

One morning a fellow walker stopped me and asked what the distance was around Prosperity Point, and how far was it from there to the front entry gate. With lots of residents returning and enjoying our pedestrian paths, I offer the following. All distances were measured with a GPS while riding in a golf cart.

- Islamorada Entrance Gate to Cape Cole Blvd. – 0.82 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf clubhouse gate arm to Islamorada Blvd. – 0.60 mile
- Cape Cole Blvd., golf club gate arm to Matecumbe Key entry – 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., construction entrance to Cape Cole Blvd., 0.72 mile
- Matecumbe Key Blvd., Cape Cole Blvd., to South Shore – 0.55 mile

- Courtside Landings’ Loop, start/stop at entrance – 0.48 mile
- Prosperity Point sidewalk loop, start/stop at Matcumbe Key Blvd, 1.26 mile
- Admiral’s Point loop (includes Key Largo Lane Circle, Sable Key Circle and Key Largo Circle) start/stop at Marathon & Cape Cole Blvd., 1.06 mile
- Tarpon Pass loop, start/stop at Islamorada Blvd., 0.76 mile

Wonderful resources for walkers abound on the Internet. These sites offer a wide selection of audio music apps for beginners to advanced walkers, exercise videos, gear (including shoes), accessories and resource information.



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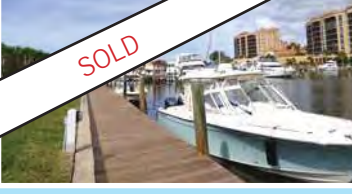
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Tight Lines... FWC Meets with BSM Anglers on New Fishing Regulations

By Jay Lev, Burnt Store Anglers

Thanks to the efforts of Jere Dhein, a long-time member of the Burnt Store Anglers and concerned conservationist, a small group of anglers had the opportunity to meet with the leadership of the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Representing the FWC was Michael Sole, Vice Chairperson; Eric Sutton, Executive Director; Jim Estes, Director of Research for the FWC and several Marine biologists. By invitation, representing The Burnt Store Anglers, was co-founder Jay Lev; President Tom Zalac; Past President, Marv Bergman and eight outstanding community anglers. Jere Dhein, through his advocacy work, has been communicating with the research staff of FWC regarding the upcoming decision to extend the current No Catch and Keep Regulations for sea trout, snook and redfish, which have been in effect for the last two and a half years.

The No Catch and Keep order was signed by Eric Sutton the Executive Director of FWC, two and a half years ago. During the second week of May 2021, the Commission will meet to determine whether that order will be extended. During the last several weeks, members of the Commission have been meeting with target groups representing anglers and guides. The purpose of those meetings was to assess the opinions of the various consumers, especially as it relates to



several critical fishing catchment areas including Charlotte Harbor and the Tampa Bay Estuary.

Charlotte Harbor has had many years of very poor water quality that has killed off a great deal of the Harbor's seagrasses. These grasses provide the habitat for the types of fish affected by the current and proposed regulations. The poor water quality has reduced the oxygen levels in parts of the Charlotte Harbor estuary. Each year more grasses are supplanted by algae. This fact has greatly affected the fishing in the harbor. At this meeting, FWC representatives reported that the fish stocks in the harbor have met reasonable levels. Reactions from the anglers in attendance were quite the contrary. In fact, almost every angler who spoke indicated a remarkable drop in the catch of redfish, snook and trout. The data and the actual catch by recreational anglers seemed not to bear out those statistics, thus presenting the dilemma. The FWC commission has to deal with this question of regulations. Do they continue the No Catch ban or do they open up the fishery to a limited catch. A major issue seems to be the fact that each of the Gulf coast catchment areas represented by the FWC have different conditions, and thus the Anglers and guides from the Tampa area are demanding open season on the three major game fish. Tampa Bay, for example, has almost the opposite conditions of Charlotte Harbor. After many years of good conservation practices, that fishery is healthy. Both recreational anglers and guides from the Tampa area are demanding the opening of the catch regulations for trout, redfish and snook. If that

action by the FWC became a state-wide regulation, Charlotte Harbor would be a dead zone for Trout, Snook and Redfish. That is a great cost to pay. The voices of the recreational anglers and guides will be heard both from Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay, and the FWC hopes to be able to remove the Executive Order that closed the fishery and replace the directive with some sort of compromise regulations, perhaps by region rather than Statewide. The results of their two-day meeting will meet a great deal to the anglers and guides of our area.

The Commission has agreed to an invitation from President Tom Zalac of the Anglers to visit with the Burnt Store Anglers in the early fall at one or more of our regular meetings to discuss the research and the future direction of our fishery. Your voice can be heard now! You can provide input on upcoming FWC Marine Fisheries Management items by emailing your opinion to Marine@MyFWC.com or call 850-487-0554.

Tight Lines!



Jere Dhein and Jim Estes FWC Liaison

Fitness, Friends & Fun...Sum Sum...Summertime... Fitness for You

By Barbara Berman, BOD Member

Whether you are a snowbird or year-round resident of BSM, when summer arrives, hot and humid days are the norm. That does not mean you should sit, put your feet up, and sip a cold drink instead of exercising. You can continue with your fitness program and make progress toward your health goals with a few adjustments that will allow you to spend those hot days with activities that can provide fun and safe exercise.

The first item of importance is to set a specific summer goal. You may be working toward a special event like a trip that will require some vigorous walking, or a tennis or pickleball tournament. Perhaps an exotic snorkeling adventure is in your future, or you may be looking to lose weight, or want to continue your journey toward strength and



Fitness, Friends, & Fun

balance development. Research indicates that when you set a goal, and maintain a consistent schedule, your workouts take on more meaning, and it is easier to stay motivated and stick to your routine.

You've set the clocks forward to Daylight Saving time, which means it gets darker later in the evening when things start cooling down. Take advantage of this, and plan on exercising when the temperature is less extreme.

Swimming, aqua aerobics, walking, tennis, pickleball, rowing, golf, boating, gardening and cycling are all activities that can be enjoyed during the hotter weather. BSM Fitness Center has facilities for several of these activities, and provides state of the art equipment, and certified instructors to lead you in classes, or give you lessons to prepare yourself for participation. The classes in the beautiful swimming pool are a great way to start the day. Share these activities with friends or family members, to double the benefits by strengthening both your body and your relationships.

Take advantage of air-conditioned facilities on the unbearable days. BSM Fitness Center is a cool place to work out, and members can sign up on the Court Reserve website for a specific time to allow safe and limited use of the great facilities. Zoom classes for members will continue throughout the summer, so you can also exercise in your air-conditioned home. It is also a great way to keep in contact and to keep motivated with your exercise buddies.

Guest passes for non-members are available for \$10 a day for full access to all amenities including the pool/spa, tennis and pickleball courts, instructor led classes or gym use. For information on membership, guest passes, or the Court Reserve system please call the Fitness Center at 941-575-3260.

Safety in summer fitness requires that we remain hydrated. Water is the magic word. Keep in mind that older adults do not perceive thirst as well as younger people. Also, some medicines might make it more important to have plenty

of fluids. Hyperthermia is a heat-related condition that can lead to heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Signs of heat-related illness include fainting, headache, dizziness or nausea, body temperature over 105 degrees, muscle cramps, or a change in behavior such as confusion, agitation, being grouchy, acting strangely, or being unresponsive. Also watch for dry flushed skin, and a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, or not sweating, even if it is hot. Wearing light-colored natural fabrics that are loose-fitting can also help protect you from the sun and heat.

Some good tips to staying hydrated include the following:

- Take pills with a full glass of water.
- Try to add liquids throughout the day and take sips of water during meals between bites.
- Have a cup of low-fat soup for an afternoon snack.
- Have a glass of water before and during exercising.
- Drink two glasses of water for every caffeinated beverage and drink alcoholic beverages sensibly....one drink per day for women, two for men.

We all hope that this year we will be able to gather with friends and family to celebrate seasonal holidays, outdoor barbecues, and potluck meals. Having a few healthy food options at these events is always appreciated and can be a fun challenge for us. See if you can come up with some new ways to prepare family favorites. Enjoy the fresh produce, so abundant this time of year, by shopping our BSM farmer's market (every Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) or others close to where you live. Remember to pick darker fruits and vegetables that are full of vitamins and minerals that help keep our bodies healthy.

Finally, enjoy the summer and choose to do extra walking whenever you can. Make this the time of year you keep moving.

In closing, remember it is okay to put your feet up and have that cool beverage AFTER you exercise.

Cheers!!

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May 27 - June 26

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May Off-Beat Holidays & Adventures

By Maggie Hart, *Mariners Pass*
Last May, when trying to find fun activities for all of us, there were so many COVID-19 dictates that we were pretty much stuck at home to create our own entertainment. This year, there is more to choose from, and here are two not too far away:

May 1: *John Mueller’s Winter Dance Party®*, Clermont, Florida

The official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper’s final tour and the only show endorsed by the Holly, Valens and Richardson estates. This live concert performance includes over two hours of unbridled, high voltage entertainment, featuring all the hit songs of the 50s era: *That’ll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, Oh, Boy, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace*, and more. John Mueller, the former star of the U.S. touring version of the London/Broadway hit musical “Buddy, The Buddy Holly Story,” performs as Buddy Holly, with Linwood Sasser as the Big Bopper and Ray Anthony as Ritchie Valens. 7:30 p.m. Mainstage Theater, 3700 S. Highway 27 Clermont, FL 34711. Call 352-394-4800. Tickets from \$20.39 – \$31.41.

May 8–9: *2021 Fort Lauderdale Air Show*, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

The Air Show returns to Fort Lauderdale, flown from FXE, featuring the Navy’s Blue Angels, F-16 Viper Demo Team, SOCOM Para-Commandos, and more. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets from \$29.50 to VIP Penthouse at \$399. 3101 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. Go to fortlauderdaleairshow.com.

And here are some dates to remember, honor, and maybe celebrate in your own way:

May 1: *Free Comic Book Day*. Since 2002, the first

Saturday of May, participating independent comic book stores across the country hand out comics for free. Over 3 million comic books are given away each year.

May 4: *Star Wars Day*. . .May the fourth be with you!
May 4, 1494: During his second journey of exploration in the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

May 5: Celebrated in Mexico as *Cinco de Mayo*, the national holiday is in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

May 7, 1915: The British passenger ship *Lusitania* was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans. The attack hastened America’s entry into World War I.

May 9: *Mother’s Day*. The United States celebrates this day annually, on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal at a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

May 11, 1862: To prevent its capture by Union forces advancing in Virginia, the Confederate Ironclad Merrimac was destroyed by the Confederate Navy. In March, the Merrimac had fought the Union Ironclad Monitor to a draw. Naval warfare was changed forever, making wooden ships obsolete.

May 14, 1804: Meriwether Lewis and William Clark departed St. Louis on their expedition to explore the Northwest. They arrived at the Pacific coast of Oregon in November of 1805 and

returned to St. Louis in September of 1806, completing a journey of about 6,000 miles.

May 15: *Armed Forces Day*. Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States’ armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

May 17, 1875: The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

May 20, 1927: Charles Lindbergh, at 25 years old, took off from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in the *Spirit of St. Louis*, attempting to win a \$25,000 prize for the first solo nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. Thirty-three hours later, after a 3,600-mile journey, he landed at Le Bourget, Paris.

May 22: *National Maritime Day*. A Presidential Proclamation issued in 1933 made this an officially dedicated day to recognize the maritime industry. It is set to coincide with the date in 1819 that the American steamship *Savannah* set sail on the first-ever transoceanic voyage under steam power.

May 30: *Loomis Day*. This is a day to honor Mahlon Loomis, often-forgotten Washington D.C. dentist, who received the first U.S. patent on a wireless telegraphy system July 30, 1872, two years before the birth of Guglimo Marconi, who is credited with inventing the first radio.

May 31: *Memorial Day*. Always observed on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. This is the day to visit cemeteries and memorials. This day is also traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

Nautical Writing – The Master & Commander and Honor Series

By Graham Segger, *Independent Homeowner*
Most of us who live in Burnt Store Marina share an affinity with the water and the sea. Yes, we have a rapidly improving golf course and excellent fitness facilities, but the water access to Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf provides a unique appeal to those who enjoy boating in all its forms. I’ve been drawn to books about rivers and the sea, both fiction and non-fiction, for most of my life. One of the first early reader books I can remember was titled *Paddle to the Sea*. It was a story of the voyage of a young indigenous boy in his carved canoe from their village in the Canadian Shield, through the Great Lakes, to the Atlantic. With a grandfather who served over 30 years in the Royal Navy, it is perhaps not surprising that, as a boy, I also read C.S. Forester’s entire series of Horatio Hornblower books.

This month, I am initiating a new occasional offering of articles about my favorite examples of the somewhat specialized sub-genre of nautical literature. Perhaps, I will inspire some new ideas for the proliferation of book clubs in the community, or for those individuals who share my love of the water. This may also help those of us who are beginning to come to terms with the sad reality that an armchair, rather than actual nautical adventures, may feature more prominently in our futures. Having mentioned the Hornblower series earlier, I thought a good place to start would be with two other series about Navy swashbucklers, both likely inspired, in part, by that earlier series. The two I will discuss this month are, the Master and Commander books about Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, written by Patrick O’Brian and the Honor series about Peter Wake, written by local SW Florida author Robert N. Macomber.

Patrick O’Brian’s 20 Master & Commander novels span much the same time period as those by Forester. They have a similar premise of tracking the career of a successful Royal Navy commander through the Napoleonic Wars, and global cruises on warships in the age of sail. I was impressed with the level of scholarship applied by O’Brien to his books, and

was intrigued by the psychological profiles of his protagonists. Central to O’Brian’s series is the relationship of swashbuckling commander Jack Aubrey with naval surgeon, intelligence officer and naturalist Stephen Maturin. The details in O’Brian’s stories are so well researched that to truly appreciate the books it would not hurt to obtain a copy of Dean King’s book, *A Sea of Words: A Lexicon and Companion for Patrick O’Brian’s Seafaring Tales*. I did not have that luxury when I first read the series, but have subsequently gone back and enjoyed dipping into the many insights in King’s book that include details of ship rigging, obscure naval terms, historical characters and even the diet of sailors. Jack Aubrey is a bit of a rake, a fierce fighter and an inspirational leader to his men. Maturin, is a much more complex character. A son of Catalan and Irish parents, and an intellectual, his loyalties are not always as easy to discern. The series also follows the roller-coaster love lives of both men. O’Brian is an excellent writer whose novels are sure to provide many hours of escapist enjoyment and historical insight.

Much closer to home, are the Peter Wake novels of Pine Island author, Robert N. Macomber. These books may be more accessible to many in the local community as they follow the career of a US Navy commander beginning his career during the Civil War, and continuing through the many international intrigues of the following 40 years, culminating with the Spanish-American War. In between, he travels the world as the new US Navy flexes its muscles throughout the Caribbean, South America, the South Pacific, Southeast Asia and elsewhere. Key West and Havana are key locales and Peter is present at the destruction of the Maine! In the first book of the series titled, *At the Edge of Honor*, Macomber has positioned Peter Wake as a key participant in two historical skirmishes with irregular Confederate forces operating in Charlotte Harbor during the Civil War. Like O’Brian, Macomber performs meticulous research into the geographic and historic settings of the novels, and confronts his characters with multiple ethical challenges. His books are a much easier read than the often less familiar terminology in the books of O’Brian. I found

Macomber’s books to be wonderful supplements to my rather sketchy knowledge of late nineteenth century US international relations, and enjoyed following Peter Wake’s career. There are currently 15 novels published of a planned 17 in the series.

O’Brian, (1914-2000), also wrote other novels and biographies of the lives of Pablo Picasso and Joseph Banks. He lived a secluded life near the Mediterranean border of France and Spain, and for a biographer, showed an interesting habit of spreading false narratives about his own life. Many of these have now been exposed by a biography of O’Brian himself. Macomber has no such reservations about revealing details of his life, and in fact, has a very well developed marketing approach. He gives frequent presentations on his research and books, including at least two in Burnt Store Marina over the last ten years, and maintains an excellent website about his work. He has also won numerous honors for his writing, including 2020 Writer of the Year, awarded by the Florida Writers Association.

Golf Tips

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations
The bunker shot might be one of the most feared shots in golf, whether it be a fairway or a greenside bunker.

When trying to escape a fairway bunker, you are going to want to stand a little taller, and take one more club than you would normally use, depending on how far you are trying to hit the ball. Once you have set up over the ball, make sure that you follow through the swing.

Now, green side bunker shots are a little different. You want to assess the lie and determine what club



would be best to use to get out of the bunker. When you set up for this shot, you are going to want to align yourself slightly left of your target, open the club face first and then grip it. You need to aim about an inch behind the ball and make an aggressive swing. This technique should help you escape the “dreadful bunker.”

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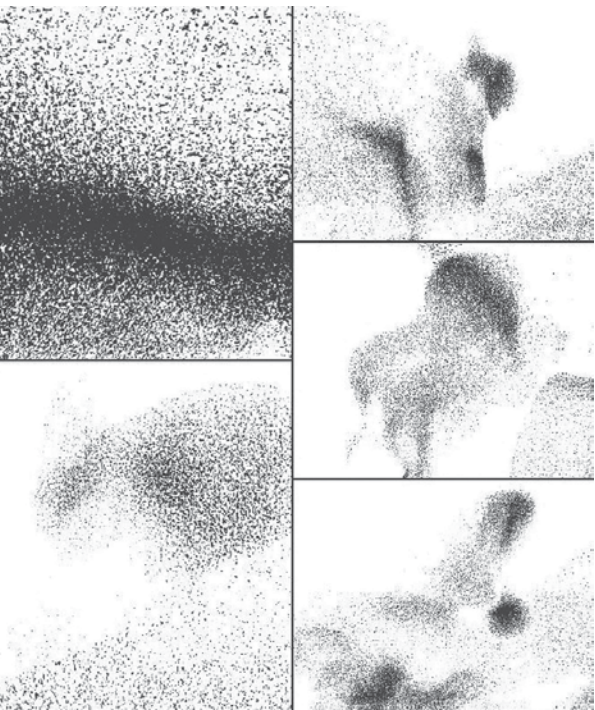


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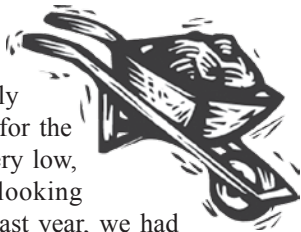


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Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart,
Mariners Pass

As of March 25, we have only had about 1 ½ inches of rain for the year. Our ponds are getting very low, and many of our lawns are looking sad. As of the end of March last year, we had a total of a little under 3 inches of rain. Historically, May high temperatures will be in the 90s, with humidity peaking last year at 93%. May is probably the hottest, driest month of the year, making it the most stressful time for all plants, particularly grasses. Follow water restriction rules, but apply as much as 1 inch each time you water, waiting patiently for rainy season to begin.



- May Checklist:**
- Help out your plants with organic mulch, keeping it away from the stems or trunks of plants.
 - The pruning you did in March and April produces tender young foliage...just right for aphids, mealy bugs, scale, etc. Spray with *Organocide* or a similar horticultural control, following the directions. A non-organic product that provides systemic control for up to 12 months with a single application is *Bayer’s Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control*. It is mixed with water and poured into the ground around the plant. The roots soak up the insecticide into the leaves. Any insect that sucks or chews on the leaves will die. But note, this treatment will also kill bees.
 - Black sooty mold on a plant’s leaves indicates that the plant or the one above or next to it has a sucking insect feasting away. The insect secretes honeydew which then attracts ants and the mold is the result from the honeydew.

- Oleander caterpillars will be active. They are orange with black tufts of hair all over. Do not touch them! They are poisonous. Spray/dust the plant very thoroughly with BT (*Bacillus thuringensis*) or *Thuricide* every 10 days. The caterpillars can quickly defoliate the shrubs, eating everything in sight. They can appear on plants other than oleander, including mandevilla!
 - Take advantage of the summer rains - hold off planting trees and palms until the rainy season, June through October. Even then, some supplemental hand watering may be required.
 - Fertilize everything with a slow release, complete fertilizer. If a plant is in dire need of fertilizer, broadcast the dry fertilizer and then spray on liquid *Miracle-Gro*. The liquid will take almost immediate effect but lasts only a couple of weeks. Meanwhile the dry fertilizer will begin to break down and provide its long-term benefits.
 - Flowering plants should be pruned up to one third when flowering has ceased. This includes bougainvillea. Water and scatter the surrounding area with a slow-release fertilizer after pruning.
 - Hurricane season begins in June. Look for any tree, palm or large shrub limbs that are damaged, dead or weak from disease. Remove them. This does NOT mean removing healthy growth.
- Because May is as dry as it is, it is very important to consider fire resistant plants for around your home, including agave, aloe, guava, ligustrum, pittosporum, bird of paradise, African iris, lantana, liriopoe, cape honeysuckle, star jasmine, society garlic, vinca major and minor, Indian Hawthorne and viburnum. And, choose St. Augustine grass.

A Free Tool From The Social Security Administration You Need

Whether you are receiving Social Security benefits or retirement is years away, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has a **free and secure online tool** you want to check out today. According to SSA, more than 55 million people have already created their own online “my Social Security” account at **www.ssa.gov/myaccount**.



- You can create your account in about 15 minutes. Why should you create an account? Your personal “my Social Security” account puts you in control of your Social Security information and benefits and provides you immediate access to get or request assistance from SSA without calling Social Security or scheduling an appointment. Check out below what you can do whether you do or don’t receive benefits.
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 - View your Social Security statement to verify your earnings history and see benefits estimates

- Print proof that you do not receive benefits
 - Apply for benefits
 - Check the status of your application or appeal
- Your personal earnings history and estimates of future benefits are great resources to help you plan for retirement. Working and paying Social Security taxes on those earnings is how you build Social Security credits to become eligible for Social Security retirement and disability benefits. If you have a financial planner, don’t forget to discuss how you can use the information in your Social Security statement to help you plan and know what to expect when you are ready to retire.
- When You Do Receive Benefits:**
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 - Request a replacement Social Security card (in most states) or Medicare card
 - Print your benefit verification letter
 - Change your address
 - Set up or change your direct deposit
 - Print your Social Security 1099 (SSA-1099) for tax purposes
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Consumer Alerts

Ignore Bogus COVID-19 Vaccine Survey

By Colleen Tressler,
Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC

Scammers are using a new trick to steal your money and personal information: a bogus COVID-19 vaccine survey. People across the country are reporting getting emails and texts out of the blue, asking them to complete a limited-time survey about the Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca vaccine. (And no doubt, there may be one for Johnson & Johnson, too.) In exchange, people are offered a free reward, but asked to pay shipping fees. If you get an email or text like this, **stop**. It's a scam! No legitimate surveys ask for your credit card or bank account number to pay for a "free" reward.

If you get an email or text, you're not sure about:

- Don't click on any links or open attachments. Doing so could install harmful malware that steals your personal information without you realizing it.
- Don't call or use the number in the email or text. If you want to call the company that supposedly sent the message, look up its phone number online.

Remember:

- Don't give your bank account, credit card, or personal information to someone who contacts you out of the blue.
- You can filter unwanted text messages on your phone, through your wireless provider, or with a call-blocking app.

If you get an email or text that asks for your personal information and you think it could be a scam, tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

To learn more about COVID-related frauds and scams, visit ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams.

Read *The Beacon* Online!

This edition of *The Beacon* is also available online at the Section 22 HOA web site...**www.bsm22.org**. This option is available in addition to the hard copy delivered to your door.

As a reminder; if you have not registered on our website, we strongly encourage you to do so! In addition to reading this and past issues of *The Beacon*, it is a wonderful resource for much more information about the Burnt Store Marina community.



Meet the Burnt Store Marina Land Improvement Renovators

By Mike Lemon, Infrastructure

These contractors and crews have been making their way through Burnt Store Marina making our amenities safer while adding pleasing aesthetics to our Community.



Ron Seals partial landscape team



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A Note to Our Many Associations

The Beacon editors would like to hear from the many different associations in Burnt Store Marina. How many homes do you represent? What’s special about your group? Do you have or sponsor special activities for your members? Tell us about your association.

We would like to highlight one association each month, not only about your great personalities, but also your treasured furry or feathered friends.

We love your photos too!

Email your articles and photos to all of us, listed in the Directory on page 2 of this issue.



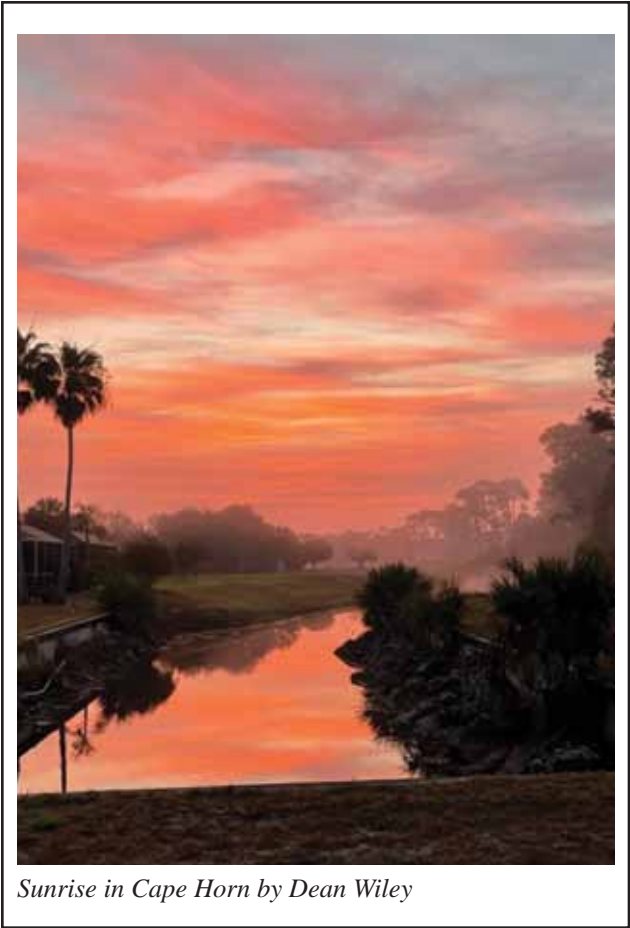
Kids on the Golf Course

Many of you may have grandchildren visiting – and they think it’s fun to drive around in Grandpa & Grandma’s golf cart. Please be aware that there are rules for golf cart use.

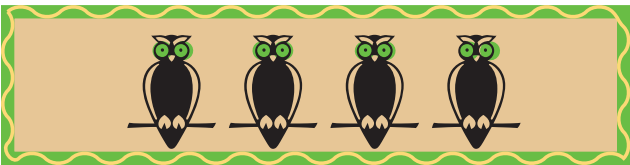
No one under 14 is allowed to drive on streets within Burnt Store Marina.

No one *not* playing golf is allowed to drive on the golf course.

It’s as easy as that. Please do not allow under-age visitors to use your golf carts, or any other vehicles in Burnt Store Marina, especially on the golf course.



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Gifts For Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 9

Mother’s Day is a celebration of mothers and motherhood. It is celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday of May (Reference: Library of Congress). Here are some ideas if you’re wondering what to get that special someone.

Suggested Gifts

- Order flowers to come to her home the day before. Carnations have historically been used to commemorate the day.
- Purchase a gift certificate to a favorite online store.
- Make an appointment to have her computer cleaned and software upgraded.
- Make a special brunch, lunch or dinner or order from a special restaurant that has delivery or curbside pickup.

- Tackle a job around the house that your mom would appreciate.
- Take her car to the car wash and have it detailed. Fill up the tank with gas.
- Splurge and buy her a laser color printer or a small printer that makes prints from her iPhone.
- Make arrangements for her to take a course on a favorite topic through FGCU Academy (<https://www.fgcu.edu/>)



- academy/). Pick an online or a face-to-face socially distanced class.
- Purchase an aromatherapy diffuser with several special essential oils.
 - Purchase a sampler of multiple types of teas; purchase a new teapot with matching cups.
 - Purchase several pounds of a favored coffee.
 - Contact a local jewelry store and purchase earrings or a necklace that is reflective of where you live (sea shell earrings if you live near the beach).
 - Purchase special soaps or lotions in a favorite scent.
- If none of these ideas suit, you can always load/unload the dishwasher. That is always a guaranteed winner!

May Is National Bike Month

In 1880 what is now known as the League of American Bicyclists was established, as a way to promote better roads to accommodate the (then) new sport of cycling. In 1956, National Bike Month was created to promote bicycling nationwide.



- People will bike more when they have social support. To begin biking this month, google the words **bike dealers** (plus your ZIP code), to find a local bike shop you can go to for a bike tune-up. Then check out the following websites, which will provide you with resources and information about where to bike:
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