



President’s Comments

By Craig Holcomb, Sec 22 HOA

It has been a good year so far in 2022. The marina, golf course, pickleball, tennis, aerobic classes, the pools, the walkers, bikers, golf carts, entertainment, and the restaurants have all been busier than ever. We finally made it past the pandemic and into the new normal, whatever that may be.

For the first time in several years, we know that participation is way up. In many of these activities, not only have we been full, but we started to hear the complaints that some cannot get into the activities because they are full or overcrowded. That is nice to have after the past 3 years!

The weather has been good for some activities, but not so good for the lawns and vegetation. We have had high winds, dryness, and lots of pollen floating around. We have been in a severe drought since the beginning of September 2021. We have had only 2 measurable rain falls since then. We have had to limit the amount of irrigation being used. On top of that, we have had supply issues in getting the necessary equipment and parts in to fix the irrigation system, the pool and spa. The grasses have been turning brown, and the plants and trees are looking weathered. But the temperatures have been cooler, less dew point and humidity, and we have enjoyed a spring-type weather pattern that we haven’t seen in years. Just goes to show that you can’t have everything, but you can enjoy most everything!

In our planning for this year’s capital projects, we have been dealing with our normal service providers whose

schedules are full, and whose labor force is low. This will cause us to rearrange our projects for this year. We will have to plan to get on our contractor’s schedules for next year earlier than in the past. The major projects for this year, providing we can get contractors and decent pricing with all the oil costs, are to repave Islamorada and some of the side streets off Islamorada; continue the water surface management and erosion project; replace one retaining wall and contract for another one in 2023; golf cart path repair and replacement; and the Vincent Road entrance to the Matecumbe Road gate.

We will be reviewing and deciding two possible funding methods for strengthening our capital reserves for future projects and reserve balances. One is the Resale Capital Contribution Plan that entails a fee to buyers of property in our development at the time of closing a sale, where the funds would go into our Capital Reserves for future use. The other plan is to re-finance our current mortgage that we took out in 2017 to fund the purchase of our amenities. This would entail paying off the current balance and borrowing additional funds to use in our Capital Reserve projects. Both of these funding methods would have to be approved by a vote of our members.

So, it will be another busy year to continue to bring our assets back up to a normal level, where we can maintain them in the future, but be able to effectively use them now for the betterment of our community.



Mote Marine fish – by Cathie Randall

Section 22 HOA Committee Reports

Architectural Review Committee

By Barry Groesch, Chair

Are you thinking about updating your home? Any changes to the exterior of residences in Burnt Store Marina are required to have Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval. This applies to all homes, including homes in a condo association. If this approval is not granted through ARC, you may be asked to modify or remove the changes made. All requests are made by completing an ARC form, and adhering to Section 22 Home Owners Association (HOA) Restrictions. Remember to legibly and clearly complete the entire form, including having your HOA representative sign off (if required). Delays will occur if it cannot be deciphered, or the form is not completed in its entirety. Thanks.

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

- Edward Philip, 4060 Key Largo Lane, roof replacement.
- Peter & Sharon Feindel, 1400 Islamorada Boulevard, garage light replacement.
- Marie Sullivan, 409 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Kelly Beaty, 3257 Sunset Key Circle, exterior awning install.
- Vikki Miller & Chuck Kocsis, 3041 King Tarpon Drive, roof replacement.
- Linda Rousseau, 4090 Key Largo Lane, roof replacement.
- Krista Melly, 1601 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Robert Arsenault, 3297 Sunset Key Circle, pool renovation.
- Cyndi & Gene Gottschalk, 3461 Sunset Key Circle #102, window replacement.

- David & Cathie Randall, 4111 Cape Cole Boulevard, front & back lanai replacement.
- Darrell & Beth Berge, 910 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Edward A. Stidham, Capstan Club, replacement of exterior door & pole lights.
- Steven & Julie Solem, 4042 Big Pass Lane, exterior paint.
- Linda Wessic, 501 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Paul & Debra Freiman, 24019 Redfish Cove Drive, roof replacement
- John Moretz, 2090 Matecumbe Key Road #1301, hurricane shutter install.
- Thomas Stilling, 1408 Islamorada Boulevard, roof replacement.
- Robert Honcharski, 3085 Matecumbe Key Road, 10’x12’ exterior building.

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, Email: apmsupport@alliantproperty.com.

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 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.

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Reminder:

Next Section 22 HOA Board Meeting –
Tuesday, May 24, 9 a.m.,
Linkside Café Patio

An ARC did you know, moment...

By Barry Groesch,
Architectural Review Committee Chair

Did you know...If you want to update your exterior light fixtures, an ARC application is required. For all projects go to the **BSM22.org** website to get your application.

We have notified you in the past that when you have a medical emergency, you need to call 911 and identify that you live in Lee County. It is important that the RESIDENT call in the emergency since the front gate cannot answer the questions asked by the 911 dispatcher. In order for the medic not to be delayed in getting to the scene of the emergency the resident must be the one to call 911.

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Tired of looking for a custom home, on a large lot and water frontage? Look no farther than the Deed Restricted Burnt Store Lakes! This custom-built tile roof home sits right on the water, providing an amazing view. Gorgeous well cared for mature tropical landscaping, including an orange and mango tree, adorn a sizeable lot at just over 1/2 acre. A long list of interior upgrades and custom features make this Florida dream home complete. A well-positioned kitchen includes custom solid wood cabinets, granite countertops with mosaic accents, high-end appliances with a built-in oven/microwave combo, pantry cabinet closet, slide out spice cabinets, garbage disposal, and a drinking water purification system. Upgraded bathrooms include glass shower enclosures and new solid surface granite vanity tops. Rest comfortably in the master bedroom highlighted by an in-suite bathroom with a jetted whirlpool tub, double vanity sinks, and a large walk-in closet. Host family and friends in a large living room with a barely used wood burning fireplace, six sets of double sliders to the lanai area, and vaulted ceilings. Picture yourself enjoying dazzling sunsets on the lake while enjoying time on this large, enclosed west-facing lanai which is ready for a pool if you are! The oversized third bedroom would make a great office or den. Exterior updates feature



fresh paint, a brand-new two-tone paver driveway, hurricane shutters, and a landscape irrigation system fed from the lake. New high efficiency washer and dryer are included with the home and the 3.5 ton A/C and heating system is new as of 2019. Home also has a newly installed security system and an intercom/speaker system throughout. The two car attached garage offers a workbench, epoxy floor, pull-down attic stairs for storage, utility sink and refrigerator. Only minutes to Burnt Store Marina offering extensive boating, restaurants, and golf facilities. Burnt Store Lakes offers public water and sewer and convenient access to Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte with Fort Myers only forty-five minutes south. Access to one airport just 20 minutes north (PGD) and another airport forty-five minutes to the south (RSW)! Come enjoy the world class fishing/boating, beautiful state parks and beaches, shopping, restaurants and the endless summer in Southwest Florida. Don't miss the opportunity to see this home, your peaceful paradise awaits!

818 ISLAMORADA BLVD. \$549,000



Looking for the perfect starter or moving up from a condo. This lovely, remodeled, & customized Spinnaker Home has it all and offers optional study or artist retreat! This beautiful home is situated on an oversized corner lot with lush landscaping and a lovely paver driveway entry. The open floorplan is inviting with the bright Living and Dining combination open to the enclosed lanai which enlarges the living area. The kitchen has been remodeled with beautiful wood cabinetry, granite countertops, backsplash, desk and breakfast bar, open to the breakfast room. The spacious Master suite opens to the enclosed lanai and features a bath with dual sinks, walk in closets, garden tub and walk in shower. The Guest bedroom features a built in Murphy Bed system and also has a separate craft/den area and is split for privacy. The interior laundry room has been utilized as a separate den or can also be bonus area for storage. The extensive ceramic tile flooring extends throughout the living areas/kitchen, halls & breakfast rooms. Beautiful laminate wood flooring is featured in the bedrooms. Further updates in this condo include Painting, Window Treatments, Lighting, Fans, AC Unit, Open Air patio and appliances. Burnt Store Marina is a gated community with the largest deep water, full service Marina on



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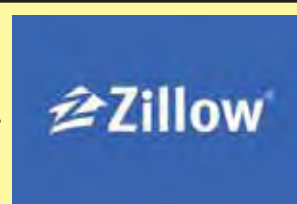


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Mark Your Calendar – Out And About

Inside the Gates Dates

- **Sunday, May 1:** Deadline for the June *Beacon*. Article and picture submissions are welcomed. Become part of the *Beacon* family.
- **Tuesday, May 24:** 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.
- **Every Friday:** Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cass Cay Parking Lot.

Outside the Gates Dates

- **Sunday, May 1 to Thursday, June 30:** Military Heritage Museum Hosts “*The Art of War*,” an art exhibit by Sgt. Phillip Scot Moore. See 18 pastel paintings in the Museum’s Hall of Heroes gallery. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 900 West Marion, Punta Gorda. Exhibit included in general admission price, \$12 adults, \$10 veterans, \$9 youths under 15.
- **Friday, May 6:** Fort Myers River District Art Walk, 1 to 5 p.m. Visit many galleries, exhibitions and performances.
- **Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8:** Mother’s Day Cruise Special. Take your Mom and up to 5 others on a 60-minute private luxury cruise on Charlotte Harbor. \$129. Slots available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. King Fisher Fleet, Fishermen’s Village, 1200 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Call King Fisher Fleet at 941-639-0960.
- **Wednesdays, May 11 and May 25:** Kickback Music at History Park. 4 to 6 p.m. 501 Shreve St. Music and food trucks. Bring your own chair and beverage. Donations to Punta Gorda Historical Society.
- **Friday, May 20:** Fort Myers River District Music Walk, 5 to 9 p.m. Local and regional musicians line the street with music from jazz to blues to rock and roll.
- **Thursday, May 19:** Downtown Punta Gorda Experience, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Several venues to explore. Info area is Hector Park across from the old Taylor St. Court House.
- **Every Tuesday and Friday:** Dance Fusion Class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. Call Cara Peralta for information, 941-276-1887. \$10 per class.
- **Every Tuesday:** Cape Coral Surfside Sunset Market, from 1 to 6 p.m., Veterans Parkway and Surfside Boulevard, opposite end of Belks Dept. Store.
- **Every Thursday:** Fort Myers River District Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** Punta Gorda Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown. Lots of vendors with fresh fruits and vegetables, live music, crafts and other great buys. Visit nearby murals and enjoy some of the great downtown restaurants.
- **Every Saturday:** Cape Coral Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., SE 14th Ter. and SE 10th Pl., Cape Coral.
- **Every Sunday:** Punta Gorda Historical Society’s Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at History Park, 501 Shreve Street. Shop for veggies, meats, plants and gifts. Most Sundays you will be treated to live music by Dave Heveron. When the market closes at 1 p.m., take a guided tour of the gardens at the park. Walk the grounds with Florida native gardener, Starr Zachritz, and learn about Florida’s flora. A \$5 suggested donation gets you a plant to take home. Call 941-380-6814.

The Cuban Treefrog (Family *Hylidae*)

By Graham Segger,
independent
homeowner

I was quite surprised one evening in early April to see the fellow displayed below staring intently at me from outside the screen of my den window. I’m at my desk reflected in the window.

Was he curious about my current writing project, or was his interest more personal? Those who read my article earlier this year about our experience returning to Florida after a 19



month absence may recall a reference to frogs. There were dozens of them hiding out under the fabric screens we use for hurricane protection. Removing the screens without getting slimed by them was a challenge. Sensing that it was April, was this fellow tapping his pads and wondering just when we were leaving, and when the protective coverings would again be installed on this window, one of their favorites?

As is so often the case, curiosity got the best of me the next day, and I had to identify and learn more about this frog. To my dismay, I discovered that he was yet another invasive species imported from Cuba. In recent years I have written in this publication about the Cuban brown anole (often erroneously referred to as a gecko) and large flower pusley, known more formally as *Richardia grandiflora*, and colloquially as Florida snow, both also imported from Cuba. This fellow was a Cuban treefrog.

The University of Florida website (hufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/frogs/cubantreefrog.shtml) provides a wealth of information about these amphibians. They are superbly adapted for climbing buildings, bushes or trees and can often out-compete native species of frogs. Their pads are

usually larger than those of indigenous treefrogs. They are generally 1.5 to 3 inches long and take on multiple hues based upon their surroundings. They are believed to be contributing to a decline in native species of treefrogs. Cuban treefrog skin secretes a mucus that can irritate eyes and nose, cause allergy-like symptoms, and even trigger asthma attacks. The website goes on to describe safe and humane methods for eliminating these invasive pests from your property. They suggest euthanizing them by capturing them in a bag with protective gloves, applying a benzocaine-containing ointment to the frog’s back, *then freezing them for 24 hours. I may well try this*, or a more expedited method, next fall.



Cuban treefrog, Photo courtesy of Dr. Steve A. Johnson, University of Florida



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May Off-Beat Holidays and Adventures

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Hooray, hooray, the first of May! May is full of interesting and fun days. There are really too many to mention on these pages...however, here is a sampling:

May 1: Observed as May Day, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times, also observed in socialist countries as the workers' holiday.

May 1, 1931: The Empire State Building in New York Officially opens.

May 4, 1932: Al Capone begins life as convict 40886 in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary serving 11 years for Income Tax Evasion.

May 5, 1891: Carnegie Hall, originally called Music Hall, had its' official opening in New York City.

May 4-5: Key West Singers and Songwriters Festival, Key West, Florida.

Musical performances and conversations with major artists. Most shows are free and occur at beaches, boats, bars, resorts and theaters. Shows start early afternoon and play into the late night. For details, go to www.keywestsongwritersfestival.com.

May 6 – 8: Up-Up and Away Florida Hot Air Balloon Festival, Lakeland, Florida. The festival is held at the Lakeland Linder International Airport on the SUN N' FUN Expo Campus, 4075 James C Ray Drive, Lakeland, FL. 33811. For details, go to www.upupandawayflorida.com.

May 7, 1992: The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

May 8: Mother's Day is celebrated in the United States, honoring our mothers. It is always celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

May 9, 1960: The Food and Drug Administration approved the first pill for contraceptive use in birth control.

May 11, 1997: IBM's "The Deep Blue" computer defeated Garry Kasparov to win a six-game chess match between man and computer in New York.

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 14, 1948: The independent state of Israel is proclaimed, as British rule in Palestine came to an end.

May 15, 1940: Nylon stockings from DuPont (Nylon invented in 1935 by Wallace Carothers) went on general sale for the first time in the United States.

May 19, 1962: Marilyn Monroe performed a rendition of "Happy Birthday" for President John F. Kennedy for his forty-fifth birthday during a fund-raiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

May 25, 1968: The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, standing 630 feet tall and 630 feet wide at its base, is dedicated.

May 25, 1977: First of the *Star Wars* movies opens.

May 27, 1923: First 24-hour at Le Mans race.

May 30, 1911: The first ever running of the Indianapolis 500.

May 30, 1783: The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first daily newspaper published in America.

May 30: Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

Tight Lines...Cobia invade the Flats, Bars and Marine Structure

By Jay Lev,
Burnt Store Anglers

Reports from anglers in Charlotte Harbor have signaled the beginning of the cobia migration.

All along the bars from the north end of the Harbor to the south end, cobia have been seen and caught. Traveling in small schools, this great sport fish has marched up and down our beaches as if in a grand parade. Fish ranging from 5 lbs. to over 50 lbs. have been caught.

The International Game Fish Association has reported that the cobia world record caught on rod and reel is 135 lbs. While that monster is rare, fish in Charlotte Harbor have been reported to be over 50 lbs. The cobia is a worldwide species known to inhabit shallow water, navigation markers, wrecks, sand bars and back bay areas.

Their coloration is very distinctive. In the water, they look like a shark with a very powerful tail and streamlined body. The top of their body is a distinctive dark brown with borders of silver and white. They have a long head with a very large mouth. Many anglers have misidentified the cobia as a remora fish with the characteristic suction pad on their head. The remora is often seen attached to larger



fish in the shark family. The main difference between the remora and the cobia is that large suction pad.

The cobia, once hooked, is known for making long runs, joined by the entire school following. This often presents special conditions for the anglers to hook a second fish in that school. The favorite food of the cobia is crabs, shrimp and cut bait. They will often pick off a bait suspended under a float or a free lined bait cast just in front of the fish. One very amazing observation often made about a cobia is that they will swim alongside sharks, rays and manatees. Following alongside or even right on top, they take advantage of the crabs and small baitfish that are stirred up by the host fish swimming along the bottom. They will break off that swimming pattern to grab your bait.

Recently, scientists from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission invited the Burnt Store Anglers to participate in a study that will investigate the cobia movements and reproductive status as they pass the coastlines along the cobia's migratory route, which includes Southeast Florida, around the Keys and along the Florida Gulf Coast. The study will occur for the next 3 years. Eligible fish can be reported from March through September 2022-2024.

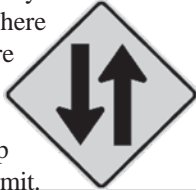
To participate, the commission scientists need to obtain the carcasses of a cobia after the recreational anglers have filleted their legal catch (be careful that your fish meets all legal sizes). The marine scientists would like to obtain

the carcasses within 24 hours after the catch. The fish will provide specimens to study in detail reproductive and genetic data. The grant will pay an award of \$50 for each carcass they collect. The filets are kept by the angler. Staff of the Port Charlotte FWC field lab will come and get your fish within 24 hours. They can be contacted at: 727-220-7108. This information was provided to me directly in a letter from Dr. Robert Ellis, Associate Research Scientist of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida. Have fun, and try to contribute to this important study.

Tight Lines!

Rules of the Road

Motor Vehicles: Always drive your vehicle on the right side of the road. There are no "turn lanes" within Burnt Store Marina. Never drive your vehicle in lanes indicated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians. Always stop at stop signs. Never exceed the posted speed limit.



Bicycles: Always ride your bicycle on the right side of the road, even if there is no "bike lane" available. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Never exceed the posted speed limit.

Golf Carts: Always drive your golf cart on the right side of the road. Use hand signals to indicate intention to turn. Always stop at stop signs. Use lanes indicated for the use of bicycles and pedestrians only when neither is present.

Pedestrians: Always use lanes provided for bicycles and pedestrians. If there is no lane available, use the left side of the street, facing wheeled traffic. Use caution when crossing streets. Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking or running after sunset.

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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 as to its location. Check with your association as to who they recommend for removal of the animal. Do not attempt to catch it, especially if you are unsure as to 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.

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Gardener’s Wheelbarrow

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

This is probably the hottest, driest month of the year, making it the most stressful time for all plants, including your lawn. During May, about 3 to 4 inches of rainfall is hoped for, however, last year, we received no measurable rain until the last week of the month. As for temperature predictions - historically, the highs will be in the 90s, give or take 5 degrees.

Because May is such a dry month, fire-resistant plants to consider for your landscape are agave, aloe, ligustrum, pittosporum, bird of paradise, African iris, lantana, liriope, cape honeysuckle, star jasmine, society garlic, Indian hawthorne, viburnum, and the for the lawn...St. Augustine grass.

If you have been given, or purchased poinsettias during



the holidays, now is the time to put them outdoors. Put them in sunny locations and prune to 12 inches above the soil. Poinsettias have a better chance of blooming again if kept outside, away from artificial night light.

Watch for the May blooming of the African tulip, jacaranda and royal poinciana trees – they can be spectacular!

May’s Checklist:

- Help out your plants with organic mulch, keeping it away from the stems or trunks of plants.
- The pruning you did earlier this year produces tender young foliage...and just right for aphids, mealy bugs, scale etc. Spray with *Organocide* or a similar horticultural control, following the directions.
- Black sooty mold on a plant’s leaves indicates that plant or 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*), Dipel or Thuricide every 10 days.

Burnt Store Marina CC News

By John Abbott,

General Manager, BSMCC

May is here, and a lot of the snowbirds have migrated north. For those of you that continue to roost here at Burnt Store Marina, we are going to keep the party going. “Cinco de Mayo” happens to fall on a Thursday this year, which at Linkside means food, music and fun! Come and join us for some great Mexican fare and live music.

Mother’s Day is not only a good day to celebrate mom, but also a great day to take her out to eat. Our Mother’s Day brunch will be the perfect opportunity for that, with a robust buffet and carving stations. We are expecting a good crowd, so although reservations aren’t mandatory, they are recommended.

Happy Hour Bingo is beginning this month, which will be a more casual version of our regular bingo nights. As



The caterpillars can quickly defoliate the shrubs. React ASAP in order to hit the youngest instar (phase) of the caterpillar.

- Remember that herbicides can burn turf when the air temperature is above 85 degrees, so use them sparingly.
- In order to take advantage of the summer rains, hold off planting trees and palms until the rainy season, June – October. Even then, some supplemental hand watering will most likely 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 last 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, but NOT healthy growth.

opposed to a pre-ordered meal, you can order off the menu and play won’t stop for food.

Along with our Tuesday and Friday night dinners, we will continue to have specialty dinner nights, so keep an eye on the weekly blast and the calendar for updates. If you are not receiving the blast, and would like to, contact the administration office and we can add you to our email list.

The Under Armour Junior Tour will be hosting an event here on Saturday May 7. If you missed it last time they were here, you’ll want to come and check it out. About 80 kids from the Port Charlotte/Sarasota region, ages 6 -18, will be playing a nine-hole match flighted by age groups. Season-long region winners’ advance to the national finals held at Disney World in July.

At the end of the month we will hold our annual Memorial Day Scramble that benefits “Folds of Honor.”

There is lots of great stuff going on here at BSMCC that is open to everyone, so come on out...we look forward to seeing you at the club!

BSMCC May 2022 Schedule of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Republican Dinner 5 p.m.****	5 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m. *** Cinco de Mayo Party 5 p.m.	6 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Fish Fry 5 - 8 p.m.*	7 Under Armour Jr. Tournament 12 p.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Kentucky Derby 4:30 p.m. ****
8 Mothers Day Brunch 8 a.m. - 2 p.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.* No Trivia	10 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.*	11 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Bingo 5 - 7 p.m. ***	12 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*	13 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Fish Fry 5 - 8 p.m.*	14 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Karaoke 5 - 8 p.m.
15 Breakfast 8 a.m. - 2 p.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.* No Trivia	17 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.*	18 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*	19 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*	20 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Fish Fry 5 - 8 p.m.*	21 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*
22 Breakfast 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*	23 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Trivia 5 - 7 p.m.*** Bar Food Menu Available	24 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.*	25 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Happy Hour Bingo 5 - 7 p.m. ***	26 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Alcohol Ink Class 5 - 7 p.m.****	27 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Fish Fry 5 - 8 p.m.*	28 Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Karaoke 5 - 8 p.m.
29 Breakfast 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*	30 Memorial Day Scramble 7:45 a.m.*** Folds of Honor 11:30 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* No Trivia	31 9 Hole Scramble 3 p.m.*** Dine in or Take out Lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.*				
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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.



Platinum Point Yacht Club: Becky Isley Honored

By Barbie Newmin

Behind many successful male leaders is a wife who takes his duties seriously and supports and helps him. So it is with the current Platinum Point Yacht Club Commodore, David Isley. To thank his wife, Becky, a committee of members put on a Commodore’s Wife luncheon. This lunch was enjoyed by over 75 beautifully dressed ladies. A floral archway by the check-in table led toward a head table for Becky Isley and her special guests.

In front of a bellissimo backdrop of an Italian street scene was a decorated pink bike. Here ladies had their photos taken by Barbie Newmin, while Jim Dorrance and



George Staples served wine and champagne cocktails for the social hour.

The program began with introductions and a toast to Becky by Charlene Dorrance. Anna Marie Kotsen read a newly composed poem, and Barbie Newmin presented Becky with a specially framed commemorative copy of the poem. A catered lunch buffet of salads and sandwiches was served at noon, followed by cannoli for dessert. An Italian singalong was led by Charlene Dorrance. Mary Lumppp presented Becky with gifts on behalf of a grateful club. Finally, floral centerpieces were given as door prizes.

Grazie mille!

Marina Walk Safety

By Bill Boykin, President,

Prosperity Point Management Association (PPMA)

Joggers, walkers, dog walkers, boaters, seawall fishermen, service contractors, sunset lovers and more, all enjoy the amazing 1.1-mile walkway that surrounds Prosperity Point. The sights, sounds and views, along with the occasional pod of dolphins searching for their next meal, manatees, birds and boats provide a unique and relaxing visual resource to our community.

For all of us to enjoy the Marina Walk, safety is the key, and that can be achieved if we all exercise common sense and simple courtesy.

Pedestrians, as in all of the Burnt Store roadway systems, have the right of way. Other than handicap related conveyances, the only authorized motorized transportation devices on the Marina Walk are golf carts and bicycles.

Golf carts and bikers must slow down to near walking speed (3 to 4 mph) and announce their presence when passing pedestrians. Maximum recommended speed on the Walk is 5 mph. Golf cart drivers and bikers need to be mindful of all pedestrians, including those entering from single family homes along the walk. These simple actions would eliminate many dangerous encounters. Also, two parallel stopped golf carts blocking the Walk is inconsiderate of others and a potential safety hazard.



Our kids and grandchildren love being at the wheel of golf carts, but these are legal vehicles with liability. Drivers of golf carts must be 16 years of age or older. Please remember that we as owners are responsible for their behavior.

Pedestrians may have the right of way, but they too have a responsibility to ensure that their activities do not hinder passage of others, for example walking four abreast and not yielding. Along with that responsibility goes sensible use of earbuds or other devices that limit their ability to hear rear approaching bikes, golf carts and other pedestrians.

If you are out for an early morning walk or ride, remember that sounds carry in the quietude of the

morning, and could disturb the sleep of those who reside in the homes that hug the walkway. Inside voice please. After dark and before light, please have a visible light on you, your pets, bikes and golf carts. Pets must be leashed at all times, and remember to pick up after them.

Please share these safety guidelines with your children, grandchildren, guests, renters, and boat service contractors going to your boat dock. When all of us use courtesy and common sense, our Marina Walk will continue to provide safe enjoyment for all.



Sunset on the canal – by Ron Prickett

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Bocce - That's The Way We Roll!

By Kathy Darrell, Tarpon Pass
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– Our goal is to introduce the
joy and competition of bocce to
more people.

We have had an interesting
season with new players joining
and challenging us all. Our leaders
continue to volley for first place and currently Bill & Maria
Wagner are in the top spot.

It is hard to believe that we are planning our end of year
banquet! Snowbirds are heading north and many of our regular
players will depart. We hate to see them leave BSM, however



The Recipe Box

By Candace VanDenBerghe, Marlin Run
These are a hit at any gathering, no matter the season.
I've served as an appetizer, snack and even breakfast!

Cheddar Pigs in a Blanket (makes 40 pieces)

Ingredients:
2 8oz. cans crescent rolls
1 14 oz. pkg. little beef franks or smokies
5 slices cheddar (or your other favorite cheese flavor)
Preheat oven to 375°F
and line a baking sheet
with parchment paper
or nonstick foil. Unroll
crescent dough and slice
along perforated lines.
Then slice each triangle
into 3 skinny triangles.
Pat sausages dry with a
paper towel. Cut each
cheese slice into 1"x 2"
pieces. Place one piece
of cheese on larger end
of each triangle of dough;
place a sausage on top
of each piece of cheese.
Roll up and place on baking sheet 1 inch apart. If desired,
sprinkle with flaked salt, parmesan shreds, poppy seeds,
sesame seeds, or anything else you want. Bake 12 - 15
minutes or until golden brown. Serve with ketchup and
mustard for dipping.



it does give us something to look forward to –
next year!

It's been noted before that bocce is enjoyed
by all ages. This month we want to celebrate
Ann Marcelle, who is 90 years young, and
gives every player a run for their money.
Ann has lived in Florida for 30 years, and
is a transplant from upstate New York. Ann
has four wonderful children, seven beautiful
grandchildren and one brilliant great grandson,
Eddie. Ann enjoys getting together with friends,
going out to lunch, dancing, playing bocce and
an "occasional" glass of a good Malbec!

Stop by any Tuesday afternoon and cheer
Ann on. The smile on Ann's face will cheer
you up, and you will probably want to try the
game of bocce!

Anyone can join BSMCC Bocce on
Tuesday afternoons at 3 p.m. No training or
special equipment needed.

Bring yourself, a lawn chair and eagerness
to play. Great friends, good conversation and
lots of smiles.

If you wish to practice before joining our
lively group, check out a bocce set from the
cart barn and have a go.

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Secrets of Ann's Success
See Page 3

Ann's Trophy Room at
Grand Isles
See Page 7-9

In Honor of Ann, The City of Punta Gorda will stay opened after 9:00PM on April 30, 2022

Blood Donation News

By Ann Singer, Admiral's Point
Once again our enthusiastic and dependable blood donors
exceeded the goal on Monday, March 14. The Big Red Bus
was steadily busy throughout the day, resulting in **29** units
of blood. Each donation can save up to three lives, meaning
87 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of our
Burnt Store area donors. OneBlood expresses gratitude to
all for your generosity and dedication to this program.
The next blood drive in Burnt Store will not be until fall.
Please mark these dates on your calendar.
Monday, November 14, 2022
Monday, January 16, 2023
Monday, March 13, 2023
[All times are from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.]



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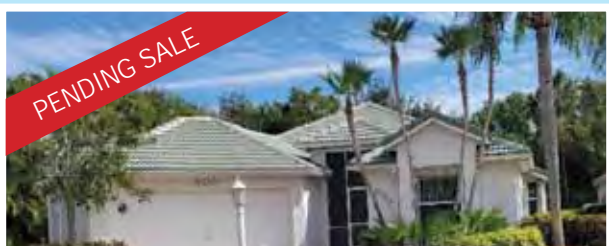
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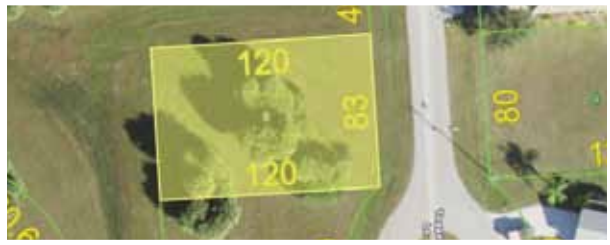
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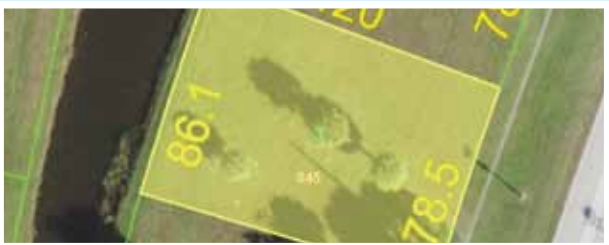
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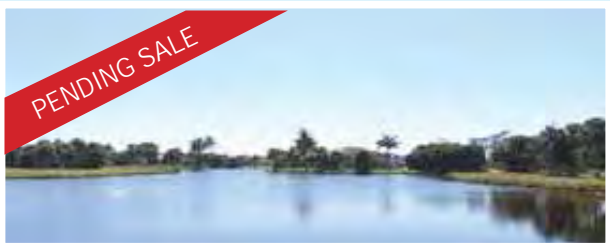
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And the Survey Says...

By Jen Tait

The Burnt Store Marina Fitness, Racquet & Pool Club distributed a survey to all members to inquire about what is working, what needs improvement, social events, staff, and any general suggestions or shout outs for instructors and staff. We received over 50 responses, and participants were entered in a raffle to win a free personal training session. The winner of the personal training session was Tammy Walker! She had a great session with our own Dylan Blackwell.

The general tone of the responses was very positive. There were many complimentary statements about instructors, front desk staff and pool staff. The Aqua Aerobics classes are extremely popular with 11 classes per week and a maximum of 18 participants per class. The common recommendations on the survey were to allow more participants, and to offer additional classes daily. We are currently looking to increasing the number of classes to 3 per day for next Fall/Winter season to include a deep-water class as the 3rd class of the day.

Yoga has become increasingly popular and in high demand. There have been numerous requests to offer yoga more times per week. We currently offer yoga 2 times per week and we are seeking opportunities to increase this to 3 or 4 days per week.

This year we have added some new equipment, but the comments reflected the need to update many of our workout machines. The requests included multifunction machines to incorporate more ab exercises and pull ups. Another common request was to purchase stair steppers for additional cardio options. As we currently have limitations of space, we are looking for options to reduce the number of machines by replacing them with multi-functional workout machines. We are hoping to get some fund-raising activities in place to begin to purchase newer items.

Many of our classes continue to grow in popularity, which is impacted by the current space limitations of the aerobics room. The class sizes need to be limited to 10 - 15 people per class, depending on the type of class



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being offered, and the amount of personal space needed to participate with safety in mind. The limited space was an issue brought up repeatedly in the survey. As there are plans, in the near future, to expand the size of the fitness center, we have tried to come up with some creative ways to accommodate a larger number of participants. Weather permitting, we do offer a number of outdoor classes and multiple classes offered at the same time of day. Once the Fitness Center has expanded, there will be room for more participants in the classes and more options for weight and cardio machines.

The tennis and pickleball groups have had many

successful and well-attended events. The aqua classes have come together to socialize pool-side, and opened their events to all Fitness Members and their families. The goal for the next season is to have more frequent events to include all fitness members and families. We are also investigating options of “off campus” activities such as, kayaking trips, sports events, and other excursions.

The input from the survey was very informative, and will be used in moving forward to make improvements to the Fitness Center. We look forward to offering more classes, social events, and making equipment updates to try to accommodate all requests.

Save The Date: Letter Carrier’s Food Drive To Return On May 14

Seasonal Residents Urged To Leave Food For Drive At Post Offices

After a two-year hiatus, the Letter Carrier Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 14. Letter carriers in Lee County are gearing up for the 30th annual food drive, the largest single-day food drive in the nation. The “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive is the one day when letter carriers collect nonperishable food that has been left by mailboxes.

Summer is coming, school will be out, and the need for food assistance will be greater than ever. Northerners and seasonal residents who are returning home prior to May 14 are encouraged to check their pantries for unopened food items; they may drop off their contributions at any post office.

Food collected will be distributed by local food banks such as Harry Chapin Food Bank and Midwest Food Bank in addition to food pantries managed by local community



agencies. All food collected is distributed to participating agencies at no cost. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non breakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups.

Volunteers are needed to both help letter carriers collect the food and to help sort the food once it has been collected. Information about volunteering will be provided in the near future.

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Fit Happens...How Fast Does Fitness Fade?

By Cheri Frank,
Certified Fitness Trainer

As summer approaches, many people are traveling north to their summer homes, or to visit family and friends to get out of the summer heat. This usually means a big change in our routines, and I was wondering just how a hiatus from our usual workout routine affects our overall fitness.

The American Council on Exercise did a study to determine how long a break has to last to begin to have a detrimental effect on a person's health and fitness. They recruited a group of participants ages 22 – 77 who all agreed to not perform additional exercise beyond that required for the study. They completed a 13-week exercise program that included both cardio, respiratory and resistance training. After the 13-week program, they were randomly divided into a "train" group and "detrain" group. The "train" group continued the exercise program for an additional 4 weeks. The "detrain" group discontinued regular exercise for 4 weeks.

During the 13-week program all the participants saw significant improvements in their VO2 max, which measures the highest rate of oxygen consumption during exercise. Higher VO2 max usually means better physical fitness. They also showed improvements in their body-




fat percentage, systolic blood pressure, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, and improvements in their overall strength. This highlights the fact that a regular workout routine can bring about significant improvements in all areas of physical fitness and health. The "train" group continued to show improvements in all areas of fitness and health during the additional 4-week training period.


For the "detrain" group, discontinuing regular exercise rapidly diminished all training adaptations within one month. Cardio respiratory endurance is usually lost more quickly than muscular strength. This study, and others, prove you will definitely see a decline in both areas within a 3 - 4-week break. To avoid losing all the gains you have made, come up with a plan to help you incorporate both cardio and strength training into your summer routine. Establishing a workout plan in your new environment, and sticking with it is key to helping you maintain your fitness levels. Even if you don't have a gym close by, like you do when you are here, finding ways to stay physically active

during inevitable breaks is important. That might mean buying some resistance tubes that are portable and easy to take along on a trip, or doing body weight exercises, such as push-ups, planks, squats, lunges and abdominal crunches, to help you stay strong. Walking is an excellent option to help keep your cardio endurance strong and you can do that anywhere. There are many cardio exercises such as jumping jacks or half jacks (better for your joints), high knee pull-downs, elbows to the knee, kicks pull downs, marching and jogging in place, which can all be done anywhere, without equipment. Of course, if you are on vacation, many hotels and resorts have gyms that you can use. There is also a variety of workouts available online to help bridge the gap of time when you are gone from your regular exercise classes here. The bottom line is that doing something is better than nothing when it comes to physical activity. So no excuses! Keep that body moving to maintain the benefits of all your hard work, and return in the fall happy and healthy.

Renting Your Home?

Be sure to get your paperwork to the front gate so your renters will be processed quickly and efficiently.





Mike & Daryl's Mahoe trees – by Daryl Ann Lemon

Rules for Driving Golf Carts

There has been some confusion about operating golf carts in Burnt Store Marina. Please be aware that there are rules for golf cart use, and violation will get you a citation from the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

- Drivers of golf carts must observe the same rules as those designated for drivers of motor vehicles. Drivers must keep their carts on the right side of all streets, and obey all traffic signage.
- No one under 14 is allowed to drive a golf cart within the Burnt Store Marina premises.
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Landscaping to Avoid Fire

By Maggie Hart, Mariners Pass

Winter months bring drought conditions, which in turn produce perfect conditions for brush fires. So, when you are putting in new landscaping, be aware of how the plants surrounding your home can facilitate spreading of fire to your home. Walk around outside, and look carefully at the nearby land and vegetation. The type, size, and density of the plants determine wildfire risk. Use the following criteria to assess your risk.

You Are at Low Risk If You See...

- Bare ground or widely spaced grassy clumps or plants.
- Moist forest, mostly leafy trees, or mostly large trees.
- Few plants, growing low to the ground.

Low risk landscapes are open with grass and have trees with trimmed branches.

You Are at Medium Risk If You See...

- Thick, continuous grasses, weeds, or shrubs.
- Continuous thin layer of pine needles and scattered pine trees.



- Scattered palmettos or shrubs up to 3 feet tall, separated by patches of grass or sand.
- A clear view into or across an open area.

Medium risk landscapes separate ground fuels from tree branches.

You Live in a High Risk, Fire-Prone Area If You See...

- A thick bed of pine needles and lots of pine trees.
- Continuous palmettos, shrubs, or sawgrass more than 3 feet tall.
- Vines and small-to-medium trees or palms beneath taller pine trees.
- Impenetrable shrubs or young pines.
- No clear view into an open area because of dense growth.

High risk landscapes connect the ground to the canopy with vegetation.

What can you do?

- Trim lower branches below 10 feet on tall trees, remove vines from trees, and keep shrubbery away from pine trees so that a fire on the ground cannot climb up these fuel ladders to treetops.
- Landscape your space to make it difficult for fire to spread to your house. Use shrub islands or patches of perennials rather than continuous beds of plantings. Thin trees so branches are 10 to 15 feet apart.
- Keep combustible items at least 30 feet away from your house. Clear away dead vegetation, pine needles, and branches.
- Do not use trellises that lead plants to your roof.
- Do use large, leafy, hardwood trees in your yard, particularly on the east and west sides of your house. Their shade is important to cool your house, and the flat leaves trap moisture on the ground. Large pine trees also provide good shade. Trim lower branches and rake up pine needles. Remember that branches should not be closer than 10 feet to your roof.
- **Remove** flammable plants like saw palmetto, wax myrtle, yaupon holly and red cedar within 30 feet of your home. These shrubs are only appropriate farther from your home and in natural areas managed with prescribed burns. They contain resins, oils, and waxes that burn readily.
- Consider using other plants that are not as flammable, such as viburnum, redbud, magnolia, oaks, wild azalea, coontie, wild plum, Florida soapberry, ferns and wild olive.



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A 6,000 million to 1 shot

You have heard of a Hole-in-One in golf but have you ever heard or seen an Albatross?

An Albatross, or Double Eagle, is achieved when a golfer either hits their driver into the hole in 1 on a par 4 or scores a 2 on a par 5. "They're definitely far rarer than aces," Dean Knuth, a Golf Digest contributing editor, says. "Someone has to hit two great shots. You have to have length and ability. Only a small percentage of golfers, less than 10 percent, ever reach a par 5 in two. That means 90 percent of golfers don't have a chance of making one. Imagine that. You have a better chance to be struck by lightning than you do of making an albatross. The chances of a Hole-in-One are 12,500 to 1, and the chances of an Albatross are 6,000 million to 1."

On Friday, March 18, on Heron's #1 par 5, the drive left 141 yards to the green. One of our more accomplished golfers stepped up and hit a straight, high shot right toward the pin. The ball hit in front of the green, bounced a few times onto the green, and then rolled out of sight. No one really saw where it went. Given the conditions of the course, the greens were hard and fast, so most shots were going over the green. In looking for the ball, the player, along with some of his competitors, looked over the green, but there was nothing there. Then one of the competitors looked in the hole and said, "It's in the cup!"

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Golf Tip of the Month

By Bill Connelly,
Manager of Golf Operations

Summer is right around the corner, and a lot of our seasonal residents have started to head back north. Schools will soon be letting out and the kids will be on summer vacation. One of the best ways to keep your kids or grandkids active is taking them to the golf course. Junior golf is a very important part of maintaining and growing this great game.

Even though our season is winding down there are still some fun golfing events coming in May. The Under Armour Junior Tour will be hosting an event here that will take place on May 7. Getting and keeping juniors interested in this wonderful game will ensure a bright future for the game of golf.

The annual Memorial Day Scramble, benefitting “Folds of Honor” will be held on May 30, so be sure to sign up. And remember, there is a 9 Hole Scramble every Tuesday at 3 p.m.

There is a correction to the winner of the Presidents Cup held on February 16 and 23. The winner of the Men 1st Flight is Ralph Smith with Bill Smith coming in 2nd. Our apology to these two fine golfers.

Below are the results of March golfing events.

Elimination Scramble on March 5:

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Ralph Smith, Jay Winston, Greg Beaton, Joel Miles
- 2. Jim Gridley, Mark Rice, Debbie Burns, Cinda Brown

2nd Flight Winners

- 1. Tom Vicek, Mary Welch, Cheetah Currier, Jim Welch
- 2. Stan Rogers, Ted Havens, Doris Havens, Loriann Rogers



3rd Flight Winners

- 1. Michelle Goldman, Deb Jerome, Jim Harding, Jerry Jerome

- 2. Steve and Susan Flagstad, John and Sharon Hudoba

Closest to the Flag

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| Heron #4 | Cheryl Fogg | 7’3” |
| Pelican #5 | Tim Ormsby | 1”6” |

Backwards Scramble on March 26:

1st Flight Winners

- 1. Brent Chorneyko, Ted and Doris Havens and Doug Bingler

- 2. Gary and Karen Crandall, Barry and Marlene Harbart
- 3. Michelle Goldman, Brian Buon, Jim Harding, Bob Paul
- 4. Bill Story, Bill Van Damme, Tom Fitzpatrick

2nd Flight Winners

- 1. Jay and Kathy Barnhart, Bob and Jane Moen
- 2. Gary and Kathy Knudsen, Jeff and Cathy Crandall
- 3. Steve and Susan Flagstad, John and Sharon Hudoba
- 4. Dennis and Diane Douglas, Cherie and Lee Hanmer

Closest to the Flag:

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| Heron #3 | Debbie Burns | 3’4” |
| Osprey #3 | Cinda Brown | 4’1” |

The following players had a Hole in One:

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| Mike Wood | Heron #8 on 3-1 |
| Pam Williams | Pelican #2 on 4-1 |
| Karen Bingler | Heron #2 on 4-3 |

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Please stop in for lunch and some shopping, we would love to say hello.

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Grammar Tips... Premise or Premises?

By The Editors of The Beacon

A *premise* is part of an argument or theory - a proposition upon which an argument is based. “Put another way, a premise includes the reasons and evidence behind a conclusion,” says **Study.com**. A premise is what forms the basis of a theory or a plot. Synonyms are: Assumption, hypothesis, thesis, argument and assertion.

The plural of premise is *premises*. This causes confusion because the word premises also means land or property - a house or building, together with its land and outbuildings. Premises usually refer to the property of a business or organization, but also includes your personal property.

When people say or write *on-premise*, the term they’re really looking for is *on-premises*, unless, of course, they’re referring to their argument.



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How To Avoid A Scam

Four Signs That It’s A Scam

1. Scammers **pretend** to be from an organization you know. Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations.

They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So, the name and number you see might not be real.

2. Scammers say there’s a **problem** or a **prize**. They might say you’re in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there’s a virus on your computer.

Some scammers say there’s a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information.

Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you’re on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can’t check out their story.

They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver’s or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

4. Scammers tell you to **pay** in a specific way. They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money

transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back.

Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

What You Can Do To Avoid A Scam

Block unwanted calls and text messages. Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

Don’t give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn’t expect. Legitimate organizations won’t call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it’s real, it’s still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don’t call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone – a friend, a family member, a neighbor – what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it’s a scam.



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Taking care of your eyes can be a priority just like eating healthy and physical activity. Healthy vision can help keep you safe each day. To keep your eyes healthy, get a comprehensive dilated eye exam: An eye care



professional will use drops to widen the pupils to check for common vision problems and eye diseases. It's the best way to find out if you need glasses or contacts or are in the early stages of any eye-related diseases.

If you haven't had an exam in a while, schedule one now.

Nine Ways You Can Help Protect Your Vision

1. Get regular comprehensive dilated eye exams.
2. Know your family's eye health history. It's important to know if anyone has been diagnosed with an eye disease or condition, since some are hereditary.
3. Eat right to protect your sight: In particular, eat plenty of dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens, and fish that is high in omega-3 fatty acids such as salmon, albacore tuna, trout, and halibut.
4. Maintain a healthy weight.
5. Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home, such as painting, yard work, and home repairs.
6. Quit smoking or never start.
7. Wear sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation.
8. Wash your hands before taking out your contacts and cleanse your contact lenses properly to avoid infection.
9. Practice workplace eye safety.

How To Get Free Eye Exams

These providers offer free eye exam programs:

EyeCare America

EyeCare America is a program offered by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, operating through a network of over 5,500 volunteer ophthalmologists. These ophthalmologists allow the program to provide care

completely free to participants.

The Seniors Program is for seniors 65 and older that are U.S. citizens or legal residents. To participate in the program, seniors cannot belong to an HMO or have vision care through the VA. Additionally, this program is for seniors that have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years.

The Glaucoma Program is for those at an increased risk of glaucoma, determined by age (over 60), race (Black, Asian, or Hispanic), and family history. Participants must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, not belong to an HMO or receive vision benefits from the VA and have not had an eye exam in over a year.

If you meet the requirements for either of these programs, fill out the form on the EyeCare America site (<https://secure.aao.org/Forms/ECAReferral>).

Lions Club With OneSight

Lions Club is a network of volunteers, serving their local communities by providing assistance with vision, diabetes, hunger, and more! Lions Club partners with OneSight, a nonprofit organization that provides vouchers for free eye exams and glasses.

Contact your local Lions Club, www.lionsclubs.org, and ask about assistance with vision care today!

Hill-Burton Program

Over 140 health care facilities provide free or reduced-cost care to their local communities through the Hill-Burton Program! If you meet the Federal Poverty Guidelines, find a Hill-Burton facility near you (www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton/facilities.html) and apply for the program.

Call the facility and ask to speak to the business administration office to apply to the Hill-Burton Program. Once you're enrolled, you can receive a free eye exam at that facility!

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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Understanding DNA

Many of you received or gave DNA test kits to yourself or a family member during the holidays. You waited every day for the results to arrive. Finally, the test results are delivered, and you tear open the package! Your face goes blank. How do I understand the results?

You probably used an autosomal test such as Ancestry DNA, 23 and Me, or My Heritage. You can go back about six to eight generations and can expect 150 to 200 years of DNA information from these tests. All these tests are the same, no matter which one you chose since autosomal DNA is 50 percent from your father and 50 percent from your mother. This gives you information on your entire family tree. It also gives you an approximate location where your ancestors came from. Remember that these are just estimates. You can also get relative matches, and with the list of people provided, you then must do your own research.

Next, there is mitochondrial that comes from your mother, and hers comes from her mother, and so on. The mitochondrial DNA never changes, and you can go back hundreds of years.



Next is Y-chromosome DNA. This DNA comes from your father, and his father, and so on. Both mitochondrial and Y-chromosome DNA never change (XX female and XY male). The test results from these companies are always updated. If you are interested in health results, use CircleDNA. However, it is the most expensive test available.

Many people don't realize all the wonderful information that is contained in the ethnicity estimate. This gives you the ethnicity of the region and community of your ancestor, like 25 percent Italian or 20 percent Irish. Most of these tests focus on ethnic regions.

When scientists compare your DNA, piece by piece, they want to see which reference group each part of your DNA most likely resembles. So, for example, if most of your DNA pieces analyzed are French, then the group gets France in their ethnicity estimate.

As more people have the test done and update its reference groups, it will improve the accuracy. Let us say most of your ethnicity is found in Norway, Iceland, and Sweden. Remember that Norwegians, Swedes, and Danes are all common Norse heritage. Therefore, your ethnicity estimates not only tell you where your ancestor might have lived but also allow you to follow the path they took.

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There are two options for this event, benefiting Alliance for the Arts.

In-Person: May 13 at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door.

Virtual: May 13 at 12 p.m. through May 15 at 12 p.m. (48 hours to start viewing, and 48 hours to finish viewing once you begin.) Tickets are \$25 per person.

About The Films

How To Be At Home

By Andrea Dorfman

This is an animated poem about coping with isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Andrea Dorfman is a Halifax-based screenwriter and film director who creates experimental short films and feature films, as well as mini-documentaries. She directed the Emmy Award-winning films *Flawed* (2010) and *Big Mouth* (2012).

Close Ties To Home Country

By Akanksha Cruczynski

This short film is about an immigrant dog walker who finds connection in the hearts of the wealthy pets she cares for. Akanksha Cruczynski, is an Indian writer and filmmaker who studied comedy at the Annoyance Theater in Chicago. In addition to being shown at several other Academy Award-qualifying film festivals, Akanksha is passionate about telling stories from underserved communities and using humor to guide them.

Generation Impact: The Coder

By Samantha Knowles

A 13-year-old girl designs and builds a mobile app to help kids stay connected to their incarcerated parents by sending photos and letters. Samantha Knowles is a Dartmouth College graduate and Brooklyn-based documentary filmmaker. Her work has been showcased at various film festivals like the 2020 Tribeca Film Festival and, among other publications, was featured in the *New York Daily News*, *USA Today*, *Jet Magazine*, the *Huffington Post*, *theGrio*, and *BET.com*.

Proof Of Loss

By Katherine Fisher

When a fire takes their home, a father and daughter must find a way to salvage what remains: each other. *Proof of Loss* is Katherine Fisher's directorial debut. She is an Emmy-nominated producer with 15 years of experience in narrative and documentary filmmaking. Her work has been screened at several festivals including Sundance Film Festival.

When You Clean A Stranger's Home

By Sharon Arteaga

A first-generation high school student describes what she and her mom learn about people when cleaning their homes. Sharon Arteaga is a first-generation Mexican-American filmmaker from Corpus Christi, Texas. Arteaga's work playfully incorporates themes of generational, linguistic, and cultural differences between people. She has won numerous short film competitions for her films *When I Grow Up*, *Plane Pretend*, and *When You Clean a Stranger's Home*.

Between The Lines: Liz At Large

By Abi Cole

Frustrated with the lack of character diversity in *The New Yorker's* cartoons, an artist submits her own illustrations, becoming the first Black woman cartoonist in the magazine's near-century run. Director and producer Abi Cole recently graduated from George Washington University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Her work has been published in the *Guardian*, *Outdoor Life*, and *Popular Science*.

Wearable Tracy

By Emily McAllister

A Bronx woman's accidental social experiment connects her with fellow New Yorkers who might

otherwise forever remain strangers. Emily McAllister is an independent filmmaker and freelancer known for *Maidentrip* (2013), *Mateo* (2014), *The Diplomat* (2015), and most recently, *Wearable Tracy* (2021).

To The Future, With Love

By Shaleece Haas and Hunter "Pixel" Jimenez

An animated self-portrait of a nonbinary trans teen caught between the expectations of his Guatemalan immigrant family and his dreams of living happily ever after with his long-distance boyfriend. Shaleece has been an Impact Partners Documentary Producing Fellow, Film Independent Documentary Lab Fellow, and Working Films Fellow.

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Osprey attacking an eagle eating his roadkill – by Karen Brock

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From The Desk Of Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Aggressive Driving: Road Rage On The Rise

The growth of the population and the increased traffic that accompanies such growth appears to generate a rise in patterns of driver frustration. Sprinkle in the additional stressors of a pandemic, inflation and other tensions that most of us experience and you have a recipe for “road rage.”



Some drivers engage in aggressive, careless and unsafe operation of their vehicle. Behaviors such as speeding, tailgating, weaving through traffic, horn honking and abrupt lane changing prompt “high-anger drivers” to react poorly to this manner of driving.

Many of these incidents can be avoided. Consider:

- Changing lanes when being tailgated. While tailgating is unsafe and a ticketable offense, you need not allow it to escalate into an incident.
- Allowing others to pass.
- If another driver uses inappropriate finger gestures, ignore them.
- Avoid eye contact. Many reports indicate that eye contact escalates these “ragers.”

- Attempt to remain **behind** angry drivers. You are far less likely to be injured if you do so.
- Never exit your vehicle to confront another driver.
- Pull off of the road, if necessary. When doing so, utilize well-lit, populated areas. Create space between your vehicle and theirs by allowing them to leave the scene.
- Contact the Lee County Sheriff’s Office or local law enforcement should you feel threatened or unsafe.

These incidents will continue to occur. A simple driving error may prompt anger and violence. However, calm and nonantagonistic behavior can usually deescalate an incident. Be courteous, nonconfrontational and mature while operating your vehicle.

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What: Second Annual Grampy’s Sporting Clays Charity Tournament Benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities® SWFL
When: Friday, May 13 (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Where: Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays, 3445 Rustic Road, Nokomis, FL 34275
A Day Of Fun To Remember

Clays tournaments have become very popular in Florida! Whether an avid enthusiast or never heard of the sport, our tournament is the one for you. Using clay targets only, participants enjoy a sporting activity on a beautifully designed course. No gun experience needed, as a short training will occur upon arrival and shooters with know-how will be on hand to provide support.

Participation Opportunities

Looking to have a fun morning with friends? A leadership or staff team building activity? Novice to the sport and want to try it out for a good cause? Experienced in the sport?

A first responder interested in practicing your shooting skills? Our tournament is the one for you!

A Beautiful Setting

Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays just north of Fort Myers and south of Sarasota boasts a beautifully designed and maintained course. www.sarasotatrapsskeetandclays.com

Activities

Arrive at 8:30 a.m. for registration, breakfast, socializing, and an important training orientation. Then, let the tournament start! Lunch, bluegrass music, raffle, and auction will follow the tournament’s completion. All attendees will leave with Grampy’s Charities Famous Ditty Bag which includes an event shirt, hat, pocketknife, tumbler, and more!



Supporting A Good Cause

Premature birth, illness. injury. dental care: A child’s hospital stay, or outpatient treatment can last days, months and sometimes years. Many Southwest Florida children do not receive regular dental care. Funded nearly 100 percent through philanthropy, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida provides free-of-charge programs and services through our Ronald McDonald House® in Fort Myers, Ronald McDonald Family Room® at Golisano Children’s Hospital, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® program, consisting of two “dental offices on wheels.”

Agenda

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.: Registration and breakfast
9:30 to 10 a.m.: Mandatory safety meeting for all participants
10 a.m.: Shotgun start
12:30 p.m.: Lunch, raffle, auction and awards

Please visit give.classy.org/grampysclays for more information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities!

Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshops

Learn How To Better Manage Your Chronic Pain

Would you like to learn how to better manage chronic pain conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain, headaches and more?

Lee Health’s “It’s All About You,” Chronic Pain Self-Management Program, a Self-Management Resource Program with the SMRC is offering a research based

Chronic Pain Self-Management Program for the community. The workshop is free and meets weekly for six weeks.

Information presented in the virtual workshop can help you become empowered to improve your quality of life. Learn how to more easily manage your medications; understand the benefits of exercise; manage symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue; and make smarter decisions related to healthy eating. Participants will also receive a copy of the book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain*.

The sessions will be held on:

Wednesday beginning May 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. (virtual session)

Thursday beginning May 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (virtual session)

Please call (239) 424-3121 for more information.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a healthcare leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A nonprofit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.

Sheriff’s Report – March

27 Warnings:
13 – Speeding: 2 residents, 9 visitors, 2 workers
13 – Failure to stop at a stop sign: 7 residents in cars, 1 resident in a golf cart, 4 visitors, 1 worker
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Sadie loves her golf cart rides – by Karen Sanderson



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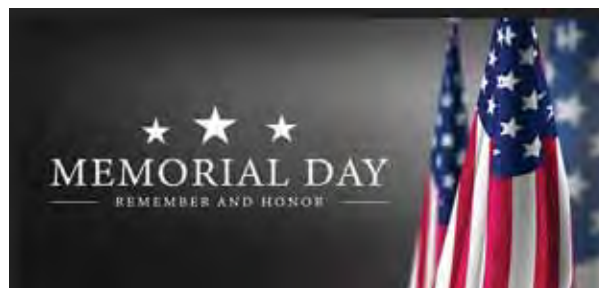
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