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NEWS FROM THE COURTS

submitted by Joyce Haas

The Second Annual Community Tennis Party was held on April 2nd.

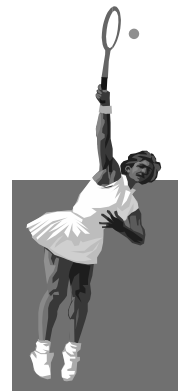
If that were possible, it even surpassed the First Party. I heard the food was delicious, everyone had a great time and the attendance was gratifying. Thanks to the organizers for a night to remember.

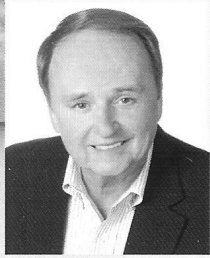
I am happy to report that the Men’s 2.5 team was in the final playoffs. It was a very close match, the winner decided by just a couple of points. Unfortunately Cascades finished in second place. Congratulations to the Captain and all members of the team for such a winning season.

Four current members on the Tennis Committee have reached the end of their term. They are Karen Fazio, Jim Burgess, Dee Kaliner and myself, Joyce Haas. A hearty welcome to the incoming committee members, Florence Nava, Steve Susko, Sue Begly and Hugh Ivany.

There will still be a lot of activity around the courts, but each day, many of the Snow Birds are departing. We wish them a healthy and happy summer.

This will be my last “News From The Courts”, as I mentioned my term has on the Tennis Committee has expired. Don’t worry, another Committee Member will be taking my place.





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20008 Feb '08 B- VanHooren

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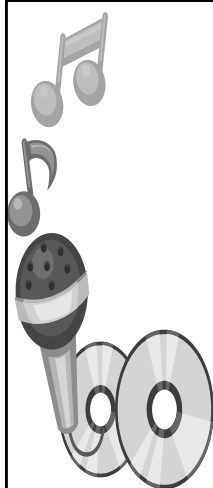
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- ◆ 3 Closed Re-Sales
- ◆ Another sale-closes in May
- ◆ 2 New Listings

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Bob grew up in Bethesda, Maryland and graduated from the University of Maryland with a Degree in Economics. He then served a 4 year tour of duty in the USAF, as a Captain managing Air Force Base Air Traffic Control Facilities, and Air Traffic Controllers, next a 2 year management position with Marriot Corporation, Washington D.C. In 1972, it was off to his new "permanent" home in Lee County, Florida. In the local area, Bob held Sr. Management, Vice President positions with First Federal Savings and Loan of Ft. Myers for 15 years, and a financial management position with Mariner Properties, developers of South Seas, etc., and multiple resorts on Sanibel. During the mid 1980's, Bob also was a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch in Ft. Myers, and obtained all Securities and Insurance Licenses. Bob received his Florida Real Estate License in 1979, and his Florida Real Estate Brokers License in 1989. During this time, Bob was also a Florida Licensed Real Estate Instructor and taught the R.E. Licensing course in Ft. Myers and Naples. He also obtained a Florida Licensed Mortgage Broker. Also, he earned a Florida Teaching Certificate and was qualified to teach "part time" at the Community College level for Banking, Mortgage Lending, and Economics Courses.

Prior to joining RE/MAX Realty Group, Bob was an award winning Top Agent in two other RE/MAX offices in the Estero-Bonita area. For the last three years in 2009, 2010, and 2011, Bob received the Naples-Bonita based, prestigious Gulf Shore Life, "5 Star Top Agent" Award. (Top 7% of all agents in Southwest Florida.)



KARAOKE WITH CINDY
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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!



*Happy Mothers Day
 to all the Moms
 in Cascades...*



(Carl is the one in the navy shirt)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CARL!

An avid Bocce team player is Carl Bomhard. Carl celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday, April 19th. Carl came to watch the Bocce Tournament. All at the Bocce Courts sang a warm Happy Birthday to Carl. Carl is an inspiration to us all, he continues to play Bocce and with vim, vigor and enthusiasm.

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Mother's Day Trivia

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

August is the most popular month in which to have a baby.

Tuesday is the most popular day.

Mother's Day accounts for more than 1/5th of floral purchases made for holidays.

Of fresh flowers purchased: 42% are mixed, 33% roses, 10% carnations and 2% orchids.

Of bedding and garden plants: 15% are geraniums, 15% impatiens, 12% petunias and 58% mixed.

Of flowering house plants: 12% are azaleas, 5% African violets, 5% lilies, 3% mums and 75% mixed.

A baby harp seal doubles its weight in only 5 days after birth.

A female oyster can produce 100 million young over her lifetime.

A mother giraffe gives birth while standing, which equates to about a 6ft. drop.

AT&T estimates that 122.5 million phone calls are made on Mother's Day.

In the vast majority of languages, the word "mother" begins with the letter M.

Missy is the name of Snoopy's mother from the Peanuts cartoon strip.

The average women in 17th century America gave birth to 13 children.



**Friday, May 13th,
Friday, June 17th
Friday, July 22nd
7:30 - 9pm**

Are you a Know-It-All? Are your friends Know-it-Alls? Gather with like minded Jeopardy fans, knowledge collectors, and trivia buffs for an evening of Team Trivial Pursuit. **Win some fun prizes.** Bring your friends or make up a team on the spot. It's a team event so any individual knowledge of arcane subjects will be useful. Sign-up with Suzi for tables of 8 or less!

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...and just a few more





Still living the hoop dream..

Highlights of Jerry Steiner's Basketball Career

- *Madison Square Garden All-American, Butler, 1940
- *Pro player, Indianapolis Kautskys (1940-1941), Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons (1946-1947)
- *Second-team National Basketball League Selection 1947
- *High School Coach, Indianapolis Shortridge (1947-1952)
- *Big Ten Official 1953-1961)
- *Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, 1982
- *Butler Hall of Fame, 1993

When Jerry Steiner played professional basketball, the league wasn't called the NBA but the NBL.

Jerry Steiner is believed to be the oldest player collection an NBA pension, but NBA officials wouldn't confirm that, citing privacy issues.

Jerry Steiner started his pro career with the Indianapolis Kautskys in 1940-1941. They played in the National Basketball League, which featured teams mainly in mid-sized Midwest towns.

Jerry's career was interrupted by military service from 1941-1946, when he helped rehabilitate soldiers who suffered amputations and mental stress from the war.

After leaving the service, Jerry took a job coaching high school basketball in 1946, but soon after he received a call asking if he wanted to play with the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons of the NBL.

They needed a player to fill out their commitment, and he agreed.

A 5-foot-8 point guard, Jerry ran the offense, which often was a half-court set. Scores usually were in the 30s and 40s, so he took pride in games in which he had 20 or more points.

"I was happy with what I was doing," Jerry said. I enjoyed high school coaching for a while, but I wanted to win every game and you can't do that."

In 1949 the NBL merged with the Basketball Association of America to create the National Basketball Assoc., and Jerry's Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons became the Detroit Pistons.

People would say you aren't big enough as nowadays, you gotta be 6-foot-6 and above to play with a team. They didn't realize the little guy had to be a shooter back the.

I was a little guy who played against bigger and better ballplayers. "That made me feel good."

Our basketball star now resides in Cascades with his lovely wife Ruth.

Excerpts taken from the News Press.....



SHEDDING TIME!

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Water Aerobics Group

Once again, the water aerobics group got together to thank our volunteer water aerobics leaders for all of their work and dedication. We met at the Saigon Paris Bistro for a delicious lunch and a fabulous raspberry crepe. Margo Teper and Marty McGrath share the responsibility all year. Our group meets at the club house pool, at 8:30 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, weather permitting. Inez Robinson subs on occasion along with being there most Saturday mornings. This is a fun and low impact way to exercise and everyone is welcome to join in. See you at the pool!

Thank You!

I would like to thank all of the people that attend water aerobics with our group, for the wonderful luncheon and generous gifts. It is truly great to have such a nice group of people with which to do our favorite exercises. I would also like to thank Inez Robinson for making the luncheon happen.

Margo Teper

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*go out to
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Thank You, Jerry Greene

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The History of Mother's Day

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

Mother's Day in the U.S. was first proclaimed in 1870 in Boston by Julia Ward Howe, and observed each year nationally in 1872. Early Mother's Day was marked by women's peace groups. Mother's gathered from both sides of the American Civil War to honor son's that had fought and died.

In 1907, Mother's Day was first celebrated by Anna Jarvis of West Virginia, who commemorated the anniversary of her mother's death. As the custom of Mother's Day spread, the emphasis shifted from reform movements to a general appreciation of mothers. A proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day was signed by U. S. President Woodrow Wilson on May 14th, 1914. A tradition calls for the wearing of carnations. A red one if one's mother is alive and a white carnation if she is deceased. Happy Mother's Day!



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**The Cascades Players
“Remember When”....**

As the title suggests, the Cascades Players, in a show written and directed by Susan Amara reminded us of what now seems like a simpler and more innocent era: our youth in the days of early television. Maybe life was as complicated then as now and TV shows merely presented the rosy side of things to entertain us, instead of today’s shows that claim to portray “real” life.

As we waited for the performance to start we were exposed to a series of flashbacks on the screen that included Bonanza, The Virginian, Leave it to Beaver, Rin Tin Tin and the Grand Lady of cuteness, Lassie, that raised a few Aahs from the audience, and many sentimental memories. The flashbacks set-us up for what was to follow, a fast ride through memory lane with short skits that after the two hours were over and left us wanting for more.

We may forget who’s on first and I don’t know on third but it is not likely that we will forget the comedy duo of Richard Passera and Ray Amara making us laugh with their rendition of the well-known Abbott and Costello skit. We later saw Richard again in the Laugh-in routine that Ruth Buzzi made famous; Cindy Passera really seemed to enjoy swinging that pocketbook at the dirty old man while Mary Lorenz looked-on approvingly.

Is this the party to whom I’m speaking? Speaking through an old fashioned switchboard that later doubled as a piano, (great props thanks to Bruce Rollner) Carole Fried who played an excellent ditz as the fortune teller in a prior production, did an impersonation of Lily Tomlin that Rich Little would have been proud of. Is the Tonight Show with Jay Leno next for her?

AND YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE THEN!! Dawn Mclean hit Edith Bunker’s pitch perfectly in the All in the Family theme song. My hearing is now returning.

Mark Shell, sporting a Tommy Bahamas version of the guayabera and Diane Gendron swirled across the stage to the rumba beat replicating the Cuban Pete act from I Love Lucy. There was an awful lot of shaking going on.

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To My Mom

You fill my days with rainbow
lights,
Fairytales and sweet dream nights.

A kiss to wipe away my tears,
Gingerbread to ease my fears.

You gave the gift of life to me,
And then in love, you set me free.

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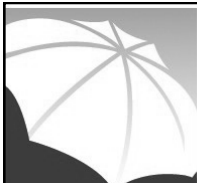
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Stuff Worth Knowing

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

Take your bananas apart when getting home, they will last longer.

Store cheese in aluminum foil, it will stay fresh longer.

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.

Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and good for cooking.

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will pull the grease from the meat.

For a different brownie, melt Andes mints in a double boiler and pour over warm brownies. Let it set for a wonderful minty taste.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end if you want a stronger taste.

Leftover snickers bars make a delicious dessert. Chop the bars with a food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples and place them in a greased baking dish. Sprinkle the candy pieces on top of the apples and bake 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Serve with ice cream.

Before you fill a sticky substance into a measuring cup, fill the cup with hot water, wait a minute then empty the cup but don't dry it.

Foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box, it works better than cloth. To get rid of ants try cornmeal. They eat it and take it home but it is very difficult for them to digest and should rid yourself of the pests. It isn't harmful to small pets or kids.



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THE TOP TEN LIST

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST MILLIONAIRES

United States.....	269
Japan.....	29
Germany.....	28
Italy.....	17
Canada.....	16
Switzerland.....	15
France.....	15
Hong Kong.....	14
Mexico.....	13
United Kingdom.....	12

THE MOST INTRIGUING SPORT CHARACTERS

Charles Barkley
John McEnroe
Earvin "Magic" Johnson
Dennis Rodman
George Forman
John Daly
Lance Armstrong
Bo Jackson
Pete Rose
Andre Agassi



THE MOST INTELLIGENT BREED OF DOGS

Border Collie
Poodle
German Shepherd
Golden Retriever
Doberman Pinscher
Shetland Sheepdog
Labrador Retriever
Papillon
Rottweiler
Australian Cattle Dog

COUNTRIES WITH GREATEST POPULATION

China.....	1,300.0
India.....	1,080.0
USA.....	295.7
Indonesia.....	241.9
Brazil.....	186.1
Pakistan.....	156.6
Bangladesh.....	144.3
Russia.....	143.7
Nigeria.....	140.6
Japan.....	127.4

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*On Wednesday, May 18th at noon
We will be going to
Mimi's Café at Bell Tower
Shopping Center
Order from this diverse menu
from omelets to sandwiches.
Sign up in the Media Room
Deadline is May 16th
Questions, contact Carol Hagan or
Marilyn Mintz.*

*On April 14th at Heritage Bay
at the 26th hole on "Oak"
Larry Donohue had a
"Hole In One"*



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Let the tail feathers fly. Fresh out of prison, the Blues Brothers, although on the run again, took timeout on their way to hide-out in Everglades City to entertain us. Susan and Cindy with their black suits, great dancing and mannerisms reminded us of the great Belushi/Akroyd act; they indeed made tail feathers fly but whose tails were those behind the feathers?

Country and Western thrives on Foxworth Circle and Jim Gibson brought it to the stage in great renditions of Rhinestone Cowboy and Ghost Riders. Accompanied by his faithful horse (isn't it against the rules to keep a horse in Cascades?), Jim walked along the sidewalks in his drab raincoat to then light up the stage with his glittering outfit. Then he was somber again when he became the man-in-black. Not to show bias, Jim then showed-up as a sharply-dressed, disco-dancing Native American with the Village People.

"I said, young man pick yourself off the ground" and so they did as Ralph Napolitano led the Cascades Village People off the ground and off the stage to join an enthusiastic crowd through the Y-M-C-A routine.

We were privileged to enjoy some amazing singing performances with Judy Devine doing medleys from Barbra Streisand and the Sound of Music, Tony Ascì as the secret agent man, going undercover as the pink panther and in the end getting the girl and sipping gin and Camille Dassaro glittered as she performed Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend.

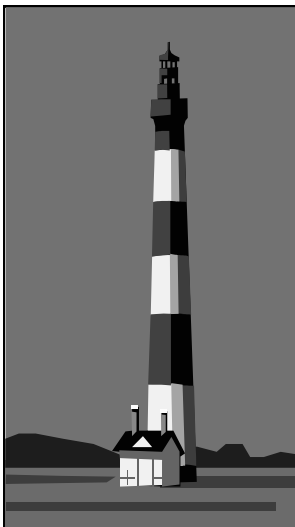
From crayons to perfume; Marylynn Stannard went from school girl (Lulu) to golden girl as she performed To Sir with Love and Goldfinger.

Give it a 10 for the beat; Tony Jandoli did well with the kids on American Bandstand with Blue Velvet. I would also rate his performance of "On the Street where you Live" a 10+.

This was another great production that required a lot of work from the cast, with many also working not only on stage but backstage. We are fortunate at Cascades to have so many talented neighbors that are willing to give-up their time to provide us with a pleasant evening in the clubhouse. And our talent pool continues to augment with new comers like Annette Parascando.

As Bob Hope would say, thanks for the memories Susan. I did not think you could improve on the 2009 tribute to Hollywood but you did, what is next?

Jose Tuya
Critic



MARINERS CLUB JUNE EVENT
Saturday, JUNE 18th

COME JOIN THE GROUP FOR DINNER
AND COCKTAILS

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT
14301 PORT COMFORT RD~THE SANIBEL MARINA

COCKTAILS AT 5PM ~ DINNER AT 6PM
SEPARATE CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN

PLEASE LET CAROL HAGAN KNOW IF YOU WILL BE
JOINING US. 20489 Foxworth Circle, 495-7355

THIS RESTAURANT IS ON THE WATER WITH A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET AND
GOOD FOOD.

I Didn't Know That

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy
"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with the left hand.

"Lollipop" is the longest word typed with the right hand.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends with the letters "mt"

Our eyes are the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the alphabet.

The words, "racecar, kayak and level" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left. This is called a palindrome.

There are only 4 words in the English language which end in "Dous"...tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.

There are only 2 words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: abstemious and face-tious.

The word "Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using only one row of the keyboard.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A snail can sleep for three years.

A "jitty" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Leonardo DaVinci invented the scissors.

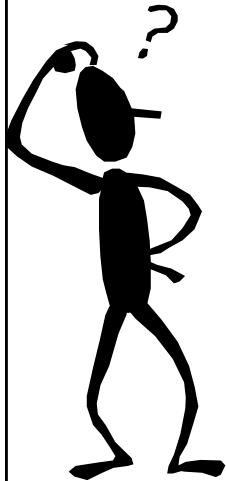
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only 6 inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.

Women blink twice as much as men.



Save Wednesday, May 25th

at noon for
another fun-filled
afternoon for

Bingo, Pizza & Beer!

**\$10.00 per person includes
Bingo Card, 2 slices of Pizza and
beverage.**

**There will also be a 50/50 so bring some
extra cash!**

**For those who just want to play Bingo,
the cost will be \$5.00**

**Deadline is May
20th so sign
up in the Media
Room & give
checks to Suzi!**



HOW TO RECYCLE PROPERLY

submitted by Veronica Murphy

Please DO NOT put any type of plastic bags, styrofoam or horticulture into your bins, this contaminates the recyclables! If you must collect your recyclables in a plastic bag, PLEASE rip it open and dump your recyclables into the container and throw the plastic bag into the garbage.

Publix, as a public service, has containers in the front of their stores to receive plastic bags and styrofoam egg and meat trays. Publix then deliver these plastic bags and styrofoam to a recycle division in Sarasota that recycle these items.

For a free recycling bin or free chart on recycling, call Lee County Solid Waste at 553-8000.



Last Chance!

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

May 15th will be the last Bingo of the season until the fall. As you can see by the pictures we had a lot of smiling faces and a fun night. Please join us in ending the year on a GREAT note!! We appreciate your attendance and good spirit, especially those of you that wore the "Crazy Hat." Have a fantastic summer....



FUN ON THE BOCCE COURTS, REWARDED BY A DELICIOUS BRUNCH!

article submitted by VeronicaMurphy ~ pictures submitted by Naomi Gibbs

Who, what, I don't know ?????? Well it all happened. Here we are speaking of the last Bocce Brunch for this season. AND.....what a brunch it was. Hosted by Pat and Dom Correnti, Carmen and Al Greco, Noel and Don Thompson. French toast was the new specialty, with eggs, turkey sausage, fresh fruit cup, yum, yum (who made that anyway?). Over ninety Bocce members arriving into the Clubhouse after their games of Bocce to the welcoming smells of coffee and great brunch aromas. Tables numbered and beautifully decorated with the host team "at your service". Many mentioned the home made scones, muffins, and Carmen's Strawberry Preserve, all "TO DIE FOR". At the end of the activities the men were singing, 'we're in the kitchen rattling those pots and pans'.

This has been an ongoing fantastic Bocce season. So many wonderful people to thank for all they have done in the past and may continue to do in the future. Safe journeys to the travelers.

The next scheduled Bocce Social event will be the Sunday Brunch on **October 9th, 2011**.



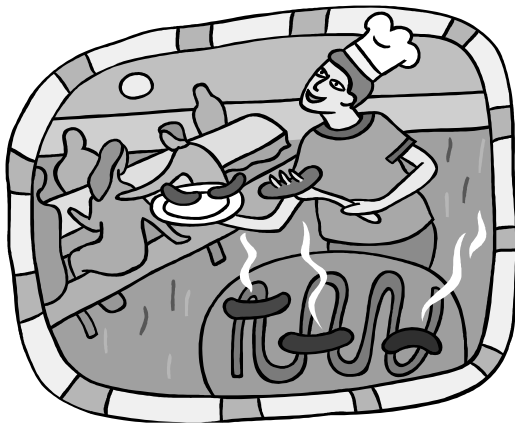
*Women's Club
"Indoor Picnic"*

*Join the Women's Club on Wednesday, June 29th at noon, for a good old fashioned "Indoor Picnic," in the Ballroom There will be hot dogs with all the trimmings, picnic fair and a few surprises. After eating, we will retire to pool side to chat and swim.
\$5.00 members - \$7.00 guests*

Don't forget, bring extra money for the 50/50

*Sign up with Suzi no later than
June 24th*

Please join in as this will be the last Women's Club event until September



**RECIPE EXCHANGE
GROUP**

Thursday, May 5th at 1pm
In the Craft Room
Looking for
COLD PASTA SALADS

**WOMEN'S CLUB
UP COMING
INFORMATION**

The Women's Club is planning for some great events for next year. Starting in September, in addition to the usual cost for any event, the Women's Club will be charging \$2.00 extra for guests of members of the Women's Club, and \$5.00 extra for non members who live in Cascades but have not signed up as yet.

Thank You.

To All My Friends in Cascades

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart, who said a prayer, sent a card or two or three, or cooked a meal or just saw Bob and sent your love.

It all meant so much to Bob and I. You are very special people.

Your prayers are working, so please don't stop!

*Thank you again,
Phyllis and Bob Housman*



*Flag Day
June 14th*

THE APRIL CHORUS DANCE

submitted by John Piccolo

Another wonderful performance for the residents. We hear the expression, "Give back to the community" often. The Cascades Chorus is a perfect example of "Giving Back." They pay out of their pockets for the music sheets, chorus director, pianist, and even paid for their microphones! Then they practice several hours a week to prepare and tune their performance for us.

We had about 150 people at the chorus-dance. Notice the complete attention to the performers in one of the attached photos! The Cascades Virtual Band added a new feature, a mirrored ball, to its repertoire. The concert was timed to allow for everyone to eat before or after the Chorus' performance.

There was a 50/50 held and four winners won \$50 each.



Information Center Committee

submitted by John Piccolo

The Information Center Committee ICC, aka WebMasters, provides three vehicles for information exchange to Cascades homeowners. That is the public **www.CascadesInEsterro.com** website, the resident eyes only Forum and the Cascades resident Courier.

The website has a welt of information and links. Everything from Cascades documentation to home floor plans. A recent addition is the world newspaper front pages. Covering the USA, North America, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Middle East, Oceania, South America, and Africa. Great for following events in the respective country or planning a trip. Simply click on the city of interest in a specific country and then click on more information from the following respective newspaper's front page.

The forum has topics like quality of life suggestions, specifically relative to Cascades, and the free Notary Public Service provided by a resident. There is the For Sale/Wanted section and the Lost and Found section. In the for sale section is an excellent **free** digital camera and case. This is an excellent camera that was used recently to take entertainment photos in the ballroom. Just email the resident seller that you want it!

The Courier has become the main vehicle for disseminating information to Cascades residents. The ICC has resolved all known problems with the multitude of operating system/email software combinations. The HotMail problem was resolved with pictures and posters imbedded in the text of the email **and** attached to the same email. Sorry for the duplicity. However, recipients may save the attachment rather than saving the email and having to use the email software to re-view the poster or picture.

The Courier does however have an ongoing problem. There still are many incorrect email addresses. The most common cause was the conversion from the old Road Runner internet provider to Comcast. The old RR addresses are not valid. Please update your email addresses with Paula. The best way to determine if your email address is invalid, or not on file, is to answer the following question. Have I gotten any emails with Courier in the subject field and the text wrapped in a yellow opt out envelope.

The ICC will report any new developments in the August issue of the Gazette. Please send constructive suggestions and critique to **WebMaster@CascadesInEsterro.com**

Cascades Bookworms “Open Book Night”

Thursday Night, May 26th ~ 7:00 P.M. in the Media Room

Are you reading a great book? Or do you remember one you read in the past and just loved? Join us in the Media Room at 7:00 P.M. on May 26 to share your book with other residents and hear from them about books you might enjoy.



Everyone is invited to participate by giving a brief overview of a favorite book or by just listening to the suggestions offered by others.

This event is being held in lieu of the Cascades Bookworms regular monthly book discussion for May. The Cascades Bookworms is a small book sharing and discussion group that seeks new members. However, participation in the Open Book Night involves no commitment or expectation of attendance at future meetings.

The book for the month of June meeting is The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham. The next meeting after that will be held in September.

Call Pat Beausoleil at 495-1807 for further information.



KEVIN JOHNSON/STAFF (2)
The bocce team from Cascades in Estero won the Southwest Florida Bocce League championship on March 25 at Breckenridge in Estero. From left, front row: Jack O'Sullivan, Mario Tortosa, Tom Oliveri, Phil Roccaro and Carl Fligge (green hat); back row (standing): Chuck Cochrane, Dave Kingston and Dom Ruisi. Also on the team, but not in the photo: Doug Donati, Paul Sullivan. The league features teams from 16 residential communities in Collier and Lee counties.



The Board of Directors of the Southwest Florida Bocce League gather for a photo at the league's championship match on March 25, 2011 at Breckenridge in Estero. From left, Jan Lehner, 2nd Vice-President; Richard Curreri Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Spring, 1st Vice-President; and Sam Ciroalo, President.

Cascades Southwest Florida Bocce League

This year was a wonderful year for the Cascades Southwest Florida Bocce League Team (SWFBL). Our season started rather slow, after week five we had a record of six wins and nine loses. Consequently, the luck of the old M.O. (momentum) took over. We continued on a winning streak which took us into the play-offs and allowed us to enter the Championship round. Our SWFBL won the Championship in 4-games. During that stretch, we won 9-games straight and ended up the season with 27 wins and 13 loses. Our 2-teams' members are Chuck Cochrane, Dave Kingston, Mario Tortosa, Jack O'Sullivan, Paul Sullivan, Tom Oliveri, Phil Roccaro, Doug Donati, Carl Fligge and Dominic Ruisi.

Greetings from Paula:

As most of you are aware, we began testing the Security Gate system allowing only current Cascade owner's access thru the Owner Gates. We will continue to test the system this week. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. As with any change, there are a few bumps but I'm sure it will be worth it when the system is working properly. To date, 441 forms have been returned which is a great response from owners. Thanks so much! Also, a special Thank you to the Men's club and other volunteer's for helping man the gates assisting those having difficulty with their Bar Code stickers.

Wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day (May 8th) and Father's Day (June 19th).

Reminder: the Office will be closed Monday May 30th for Memorial Day.

Happy Hour

Friday, June 24th, 2011

Friday, July 22nd, 2011

5-7 pm in the Foyer

\$12 pp

Enjoy a light appetizers, wine, beer and a refreshing surprise cocktail. Take this opportunity to meet your neighbors that live here all year or enjoy meeting the ones that vacation here in the summer.

Sign-up with Suzi



Mariners Club of Estero Sanibel Thriller Outing – April 23, 2011

article submitted by Carmel Vaillancourt – photos submitted by Bunny Lennox

Ever wish you could ride around the Gulf of Mexico in a cigarette boat? Sanibel has its own version of Miami Vice. Twenty seven members of the Mariners Club took an exciting ride on the Sanibel Thriller out of the Sanibel Marina. The day was sunny and hot so it was great to be out on the water. We cruised the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Pine Island Sound circumnavigating the shores of both Sanibel and Captiva islands. The sky line of the islands is quite different from Ft. Myers, only two and three story buildings are permitted. There are many miles of beautiful beaches on which shelling is a huge attraction. The most spectacular event was the many dolphins that played in the wake of the boat. At one time we were fortunate to have a mama, papa, and baby jumping for their joy and our pleasure.

Of course, no outing is complete without eating. After the ride we went to Doc Fords on Sanibel, where we were joined by other Mariners that could not make the cruise, to enjoy a delicious lunch and much needed drink of water or whatever else you preferred.





Salute to Veterans

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of press.

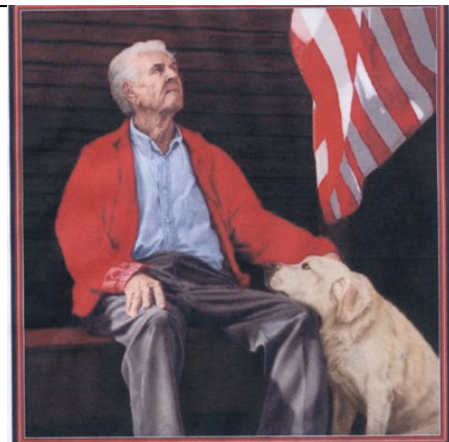
It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN, who salutes the flag and serves under its beauty.



ST. AUGUSTINE (FLORATAM) LAWN ‘HOT SPOTS’

Dakota Landscaping & Irrigation

It is not easy to control all the variables that cause ‘hot spots’ and weak areas to appear in the middle of a lawn. Variables like mowing and soil are factors. Irrigation is restricted by law and maintaining and operating the irrigation system is solely the responsibility of the property owner; in our case the Homeowners’ Association.

So, why are there ‘hot spots’?

One reason is that your lawn grows in soil that is not uniform. The soil can vary in physical, biological and chemical composition. Each variation can be of any size and depth, causing just about every variation in St. Augustine lawn. For example, soils can vary because of old tree stumps, construction debris, tree roots, organic matter, insects (small & large), soil temperature, compaction, slopes, depressions, shade, no shade, edges drying out due to hot concrete surfaces, overflows, runoffs and irrigation coverage.

Is it possible to have a uniform St. Augustine lawn?

St. Augustine growing in average yard soil will grow uniformly despite these variations in the soil most of the time. The exception is during high water stress i.e. lack of rain and high temperatures for several weeks. Good soil will look good in stress times and poor soil will look poor in stress times. It is the nature of the beast. Poor soil requires more water. Therefore, as water stress increases the poor soil areas decline from water stress – ‘hot spots’.

Irrigation is not rain

Irrigation is a poor substitute for regular rainfall. After weeks of no rain and the daily drying and bi-weekly irrigating, the soil goes through a lot of physical, chemical and biological changes. The result is the St. Augustine will display every poor soil area in the yard as weak area or ‘hot spot’.

Irrigation is a poor substitute but better than nothing

Back in the good old days, the solution was to just add more water; after all the solution to water stress is to add water. However, our twice-weekly water restrictions will barely keep St. Augustine alive in good soil, whereas in poor soil it will be stressed and will decline.

Some suggestions and solutions

Turning on the irrigation is not enough, it must cover the lawn. First of all, a good irrigation system is needed to provide quantity and uniform coverage during a drought. Just turning on the system is not enough as you must be covering the entire lawn evenly and putting out enough to wet the soil. An irrigation sprinkler that is clogged, blocked or damaged is not covering the lawn. It may be running but not covering. Water runs downhill (as in down in the soil) regardless of the quantity. It does not run uphill and does not run sideways. ‘Hot spots’ have been seen that were 12’ wide and 15’ long, caused by a palm tree trunk blocking an irrigation sprinkler. When it doesn’t rain for weeks, the minutest lack of water will cause a ‘hot spot’. Some areas need more water than others – slopes, areas next to driveways & roads and sunny areas need more water than shady areas. Watering to the highest need is required; one setting for the back yard may not be enough for the front. Also, edges along drives and other concrete surfaces dry out faster than the middle of the lawn. Overspray onto masonry surfaces cools down the concrete and ensures good coverage on the edges. There are many lawns where trees were removed and the stumps were ground and the debris left in place. What you may have is a very porous, poor soil made of “sawdust and little sand.” These areas always need more water. Be careful what you dump on the grass, it may make a fool of you.

Last but not least, the stringent laws and regulations of governing bodies for irrigation need to be obeyed.

ESTERO COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY LEADERS


SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM F. WILLIAMS, CASCADES REPRESENTATIVE

One of the roles I have been able to undertake has been to take the lead role in representing the Cascades interests before the ECCL and the Lee County Board of Commissioners. This was helpful in meeting with staff over Lake 13 permitting. Recently Rick Fried and I discussed development issues surrounding the county's interest in land planned for the Sandy Lane Extension. We found out that there are not many options to use land set aside by the developer to be used for a future road. The important learned lesson is to establish and maintain constructive and positive working relationships with local government officials and communicate before you alter existing conditions or delay dealing with problems.

There is an opening for an alternate representative to the ECCL. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact me or Tony Dumas for details.

The ECCL Board of Directors is seeking to raise \$100,000 as a fifty percent share to complete revisions to our Master Plan. The requested amount from the Cascades is \$5.00 per unit which totals \$3,000. The item will be discussed at a future meeting of the Cascades Board of Directors.

There is no further news on the proposed Wal-Mart at US 41 and Estero Parkway. I wish everyone a pleasant summer, safe travel and much good health and happiness.



Casino Run

&
Troyer's Amish Restaurant
Friday, May 13th and/or
Monday, June 20th
\$69 pp
7:30 am - 7:30 pm (approximately)

Includes roundtrip transportation, a \$25 slot voucher and a \$5 food voucher at the Seminole Hard Rock, and a delicious sit down dinner served family style at Troyer's Amish Restaurant in Sarasota.

Sign-up with Suzi by
Wednesday, May 11th, 2011
Thursday, June 16th, 2011

Drivers license & birth date needed.
Departure location depends on participation.

Greetings from Pete Schofield, President of the Board of Directors...

It's that time of year again.... The Snowbirds are heading North and we will follow shortly after Memorial Day. For those of you who will be staying here, please consider coming to our Memorial Day service. It will be short and sweet with refreshments following. The Cascades Chorus will be there to entertain us. There is no cost, just please let Suzi know you are coming.

A few things to do if you are leaving or staying for the summer- Please clean up your yard for unguided missiles, lawn ornaments, flower pots, or anything that is loose and will fly around in a heavy wind. In the event of a hurricane we will try to get the landscapers to go around and pick up loose items that could be dangerous to others in the wind. If this happens, they will be gone for good. Please do this yourself so that you can retain the items for later use. If you see your neighbors' drive ways are starting to have a collection of newspapers, PLEASE pick them up and dispose of them in the trash or recycle them. A little common sense will go a long way.

At this point, I would like to thank the various clubs and groups who have provided us with such great entertainment recently. The Cascades Chorus and Drama Club both did an outstanding job recently with the Chorus giving a stellar spring concert and the Drama Club a fabulous two night variety show. I attended both and was very pleased to see so many residents show up for both activities. The Chorus has come a long way in a very short time with many hours of rehearsals to give us a great show at no cost. They are always looking for new folks to join them and have nearly thirty people at the height of season. I would love to see twice that number. Again, my thanks to all who have spent so much time and energy to entertain us. Mary Carvalho and Susan Amara deserve a special thank you for all their efforts on our behalf.

Lake #13 is well underway as I write this with fingers crossed that everything will go well with this project. Rick Fried has been on the job every day and is in constant contact with the contractor. I'm sure the folks who live on the lake are happy to see something finally happening.

We are in the process of up-grading our security system on the front gates. Your cooperation is needed to provide as much information as possible. All bar codes are to be attached to the vehicles. The "WAVERS" are a major stumbling block. We will be eliminating all of these from the system along with many that are no longer being used. If yours are worn out or if you are passing one amongst several vehicles come to the office and we will place a new bar code on each vehicle. There is no cost to you. In closing, please be careful in your travels this summer. We want everyone back safe and sound in the fall. The Chorus and Drama Club are planning great things to entertain you. Best wishes to you all

SURPRISE

Saturday, June 11th, 2011

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Showtime at 7 pm until 9 pm

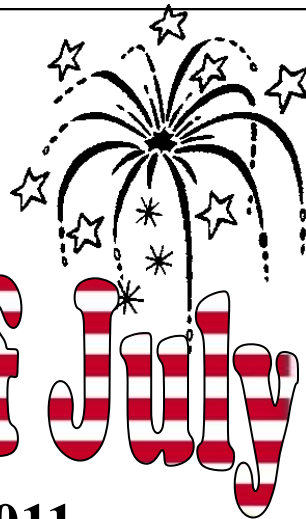
\$2 pp

See the Activities bulletin board, Channel 195 and the Courier updates
for the SURPRISE details.

Then sign-up with Suzi!

Celebrate....

The Fourth of July



Sunday, July 3rd. 2011

11 am - 3 pm

\$18 pp

Please join us for a pre-holiday celebration.

Lunch ~ Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw & potato salad, watermelon, iced tea & lemonade

DJ & Dancing ~ with DJ Randy Ray ~ A veteran DJ, Games Master and Cruise Director with the world's top cruise lines, DJ Randy Ray is one of the most sought after entertainers.

Mixed in that some **Hermit Crab Racing**. Don't knock it till you try it, you're gonna love it! Crabs provided !!! Everyone can play!

Prizes for the winners!

Sign-up with Suzi.



A few words from Suzi, Activities Director...

Now that our busy schedule is a little less hectic for the summer months I would like to invite all of our year round residents to please sign-up for a happy hour in the foyer. I will be having one a month to encourage each of you to get to know who lives here all year. They are fun. The dress is casual, the food is good and the drinks are cold. There are some other surprises for both June and July so PLEASE participate if you're here so nothing has to be cancelled. I will be taking advantage of this down time to plan events and activities for the next coming season. To all of our Cascades Snowbirds... don't forget the 7th Anniversary Gala will be held Saturday, November 12th, so hopefully everyone can make it and be looking forward to a HUGE Welcome Back event on January 21st, 2012. Miss you already!

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <i>Recipe Group Cold Pasta Salads 1pm Craft Room</i>	6	7
8 <i>HAPPY MOTHERS DAY</i>	9	10 <i>BOD Workshop 1 pm Men's Club 6 pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Trivia Night Ballroom 7:30—9 pm Casino Run Hard Rock Tampa</i>	14 <i>Mariners Club on the Big "M" Boarding at 9:45am</i>
15 <i>LAST BINGO UNTIL THE FALL 6:30pm</i>	16	17	18 <i>Lunch Bunch Mimi's Cafe</i>	19	20 <i>Happy Hour in the Foyer 5—7 pm</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>BOD Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	25 <i>Women's Club Bingo, Beer & Pizza 12 noon</i>	26 <i>Open Book Night Bookworms 7pm</i>	27 <i>Karaoke with Cindy 6—10pm</i>	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day Celebration 10 am OFFICES CLOSED</i>	31				

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Surprise 6:30 pm</i>
12	13	14 <i>BOD Workshop 1 pm Men's Club 6pm</i>	15	16	17 <i>Team Trivia 7:30—9pm</i>	18 <i>Mariners Club Lighthouse Restaurant 5pm</i>
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20 <i>Casino Run Hard Rock Tampa</i>	21	22	23 <i>Bookworms 7 pm</i>	24 <i>Happy Hour In the Foyer 5-7pm</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>BOD Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	29 <i>Women's Club Indoor Picnic 1 pm</i>	30		

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>4th of July Celebration 11am - 3pm</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Recipe Club 1 pm</i>	8	9
10	11	12 <i>BOD Workshop 1 pm Men's Club 6 pm</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Team Trivia 7:30—9 pm</i>	23
24	25	26 <i>BOD Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	27 <i>Women's Club</i>	28 <i>BookWorms 7 pm</i>	29 <i>Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm</i>	30
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