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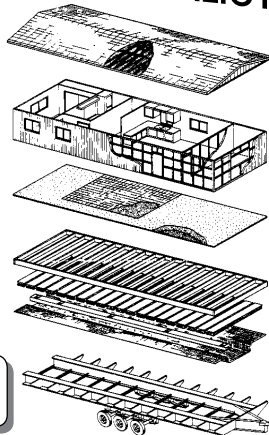
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Trips & Cruises, Harry Webber Coach 105 267-752-9892

Harry and his staff (Becky) have set up a Caribbean Cruise for January. Watch Facebook for updates.

Ambulance Fund, Doris Lanthier Coach 1358 230-1991

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Ambulance Fund Payments Due in December 2017

		Due Date
1342	HAMMOND, Sharon (due 2018)	13
322	BROCK, Florence	10
130	CHASE, Patricia	22
129	HAVLICEK, Clara	24
218	ROSE, Ray & Jean	29



OFFICIAL NOTICES

HOA

HOA Annual Meeting is scheduled Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, 6 pm, in the Clubhouse. All Bay Ranch Homeowners are members of the HOA and encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in acting as Secretary of the HOA, please contact President Malcolm L. Deane (Deano), Coach 345, 637-3160. According to Deano, the Secretary's duties won't take a great deal of time.

The Homeowners' Association meets as needed in the southwest corner of the clubhouse. The HOA addresses issues with management and owners of Bay Ranch. If you have an issue you wish to address, put a note about it in the suggestion box near the piano in the clubhouse. Your name, coach number and phone number are helpful if you want a response.



FMO

If you like to stay in the know about policies and events that affect your mobile home ownership, membership in the FMO is the way to go. If you like the idea of sharing what you learn, become the Bay Ranch representative to the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida (FMO).

Residents' Club Minutes

Bay Ranch Monthly Business Meeting

Nov. 6, 2017

President Jean Hunter called meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Betty Ann Quish led us in National Anthem and Canadian Anthem. Prayer offered by Boyd Stonerock.

Sec. Sharon Allen Hammond read Board meeting minutes for information only.

Treasurer report by acting Treasurer Bob Lupton.

No Old Business

After discussion about Bay Ranch election, a motion was made and seconded to accept the current posting of candidates since only one for each officer and 5 running for Board.

Janice and Adam will look for bands to come and play in afternoon or evening just to listen to or dance if you want.

No New Business

If interested, an exercise instructor is needed a few days a week to help ladies stay fit. Call a board member or officer if interested.

New Residents or visitors: Larry Reed #316 and Beverly Parker's daughter Connie visiting.

Birthdays and anniversary: Beverly Parker

LHF report by Vickie Pittman. Dec. 1 Sergio's Pizza; colors red or green or favorite Christmas sweater.

Sunshine report, Patti Harwood: Robert Moore going in for tests.

Trips and Cruises: Harry Webber just got in and watch for info on upcoming cruise. Also checking on day trips.

Review: Carol Raabe next Review is the Christmas issue. Due 10th of month and working on directory.

Kitchen this month: Jim Hale & Evelyn Bair. Thanks to Elda & Charlie for the free coffee and doughnuts in celebration of their anniversary.

Golf: Bill Kovacs already started; if want to play give him a call

Horseshoes Boyd Stonerock says unable to get concert but games start in Jan.

Shuffleboard: meeting Friendly: practice after meeting

Sunshine: Tues. 19 a.m.

In park: Mon. 1 p.m.

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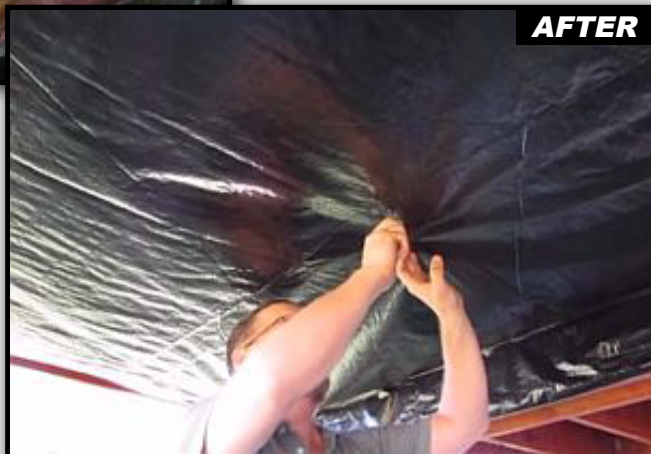
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Shuffleboard Christmas Dance Dec. 6th with Steve Walker. Tickets available thru shuffler's.

Dances: Gin Lupton Halloween Dance was good with lots of great costumes. 1st place went to Cathy Griffin. 2nd place to Larry & Sharon Hammond and 3rd place to Charlotte Augustine. Next dance Nov. 18th with the T-Birds. The New Years Eve dance will not have a meal. Starts at 8 pm with snacks provided. Tickets \$10

Bingo: Rick Fox report 60 present ;1 hot balls won and one still available "special" \$250.00. He would like to thank everyone for support and the license fee if paid. Bingo is pulling out of residents club and will now take care of themselves.

Sunset Club: Adam Pirhofer Wed 15th at Craft Street Kitchen

Ladies Golf Call Jan Kovacs if can play

Chorus Betty Ann Quish reported started last week. If can sing please join us for practice each Wed. at 9 am. Christmas program is Dec. 13th. Admission is free just asking for can goods for the needy.

Ron Griffin in charge of Thanksgiving dinner needed everyone to sign up so they know how many turkeys are needed.

Bob Lupton talked about Neighbors [a dedicated Facebook page for Bay Ranch residents]. There are rules and he needs to ok people that want to be added.

MANAGER CLIFF asked that trash not be brought down on Mon. It is always full so wait till Mon. afternoon.

NO parking on the street overnight. There are rules to live here .RE READ these rules. Evictions have been taking place recently because rules were broken.

Make sure smoke alarms are working and if possible invest in fire extinguishers. Makes sure you know how to use them.

New stop signs are 7ft. because that's the law.

Cliff petitioning the county to change entrance of park going out to right turn only.

50/50 for \$45.00 was won by Larry Hammond.

Line dancing TBA.

Library report from Jan Raabe. Lots to do and some VCR tapes will be sold at the flea market.

Card Bingo: Roger and Debbie Heil setting up 7th of Dec. . (Usually the 1st Wed of each month).starts at 7 p.m.

Debbie also reminds us the bike and cart parade is Dec. 23rd.

Respectfully submitted ,
Sharon Allen Hammond, Secretary



CLIFF'S NOTES

Editor's note: Lots of new announcements from Cliff.

Rules: The Park has rules that everyone received and reviewed when they bought or rented their coach. Please read and follow them. Failure to follow rules is grounds for eviction, and management has shown that it is willing to evict.

No cars may be parked on the street at night. Failure to follow this rule may lead to the offending car being towed, resulting in fines. [Ed. Note: I can verify this. EVEN IF you run out to the street before they hook up your car to tow, you will get the fine.]

Cars parked on the street during the day should be staggered so emergency vehicles can pass by.

Garbage: Do not bring garbage to the bins on Monday morning. By that time, the bins are overflowing. Wait until Monday afternoon or later, when the bins are empty.

Do not put tvs in the trash.

Fires: Test your smoke detectors to make sure they work. Recommended action: purchase a fire extinguisher if you don't have one and know how to work it. If a fire starts, spray it with the fire extinguisher immediately and GET OUT OF THE HOUSE. Fire destroys mobile homes very quickly.

Visitors: Reminder: that rent is based on one or two per household. Each person above the two must pay an additional \$30 a month, including visitors who stay over 30 days. Please be proactive about this and pay the money without first being reminded.

Other announcements:

The purified water dispenser at the clubhouse operates on its own schedule. After someone has filled containers, it may take the dispenser some time to regenerate enough water for more containers. There is a light on the dispenser that tells whether it is ready.

The pool has been shocked and heated and is ready for use. Remember not to be in the pool alone.

Some have questioned why the application fee is "so high." One reason is to help cover garbage fees, since new owners usually throw away most of the furniture and electronics. Cliff is considering a fee of \$10 for each tv in newly purchased homes.

Mr. Larson (the owner) calls the lawn service for lawn care on an as-needed basis. The park pays for lawn mowing, etc., once a month but the need sometimes goes unnoticed. If you notice the lawn needs trimming, please let Cliff know so he can call Mr. Larson.

Sometimes an automobile will leak oil onto our new, nice looking pavement, creating an eyesore. If you notice a leak by your house, call Cliff to have it cleaned up. Let's keep these streets looking nice!

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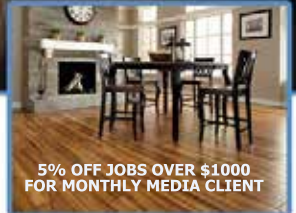
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PLEASE BE a responsible owner and have your animal fixed. This service is very low cost through animal services.

All Residents: Rules commonly broken:

1. Parking overnight on street and/or every day.
2. If you have someone living with you, make sure you have registered in the office.
3. Do not pile garbage in front of garbage bins. When you throw garbage, throw it to the back so when you open the door, it doesn't fall out and there is space.
4. Check mobile for cleaning, trim, awnings, driveway and/or painting. We will have someone out soon checking your mobile.

Still relevant announcements Cliff made this year at Koffee Klatch:

1. Keep the dumpster area neat, especially on the weekends. If the dumpster is full, please put extras neatly beside it.
2. Parking on the grass or sidewalk is against the rules. If necessary, park on the road.
3. Cars parked on the street after midnight will be towed. [Eds. Note: you have to pay the fine even if you run out before the tow truck takes your car away. We have nice neighbors who remind us when we are parked on the street at night.]
4. The Office must authorize overnight parking at the Clubhouse.

These messages are posted in the Clubhouse and pertain to every month:

Every Friday from 9 to noon: please turn off your hot water tanks. We use this time to fix leaks in the park.

Every Sunday at 5 p.m.: please flush your toilet(s). Our sewers were designed for more pressure than they get with low flow toilets. Flushing simultaneously will increase pressure and help keep the lines clean.



Just Sayin'

By Jeanne Hunter, President

Merry Christmas! I know it's that time of year because we've gone through another migration and the snowbirds have descended upon us, bringing parties and activities and adventures we only dream about in the lonely, sweltering summer months. Welcome home, ya'll.

Went to my doctor last week. She said I need to lose weight. She said I'd even look better naked if I lost weight. I said I get the same result from Vodka. Well, which would you pick?

Been busy since last I wrote. Been in a car accident and totaled my car. Did you know if your airbags deploy, most of the time they just total your car? They say airbags are very expensive and difficult to replace and dealers won't even sell cars with re-installed airbags. Two weeks after the accident, I had an ER/hospital stay which resulted in me donating my gall bladder. On top of that, I'm aging. Damn! I tried hiding all my calendars and mirrors – didn't work.

So I got home from the hospital covered with sticky stuff from all the bandages and leads they like to cover you with. I read online that alcohol will get this stuff off. Well, don't believe everything you read. I got drunk for a week. It didn't make any difference – I'm still picking off sticky stuff (but I sure looked good in the mirror – see Vodka above).

Alexa Joke of the Month: What's a pirate's favorite letter? You might think it's R, but his first love be the C.

Here's another home remedy: A man went to visit his grandparents one evening. He noticed his grandfather sitting on the porch, in the rocking chair, wearing only a shirt, with nothing on from the waist down. "Grandpa, what are you doing? Everything is out in the wind for everyone to see!" he exclaimed. The old man looked off into the distance without answering.

"Grandpa, what are you doing sitting out her with nothing on below the waist?" he asked again. The old man slowly looked at him and said, "Well...last week I sat out here with no shirt on, and I got a stiff neck. This is your Grandma's idea."

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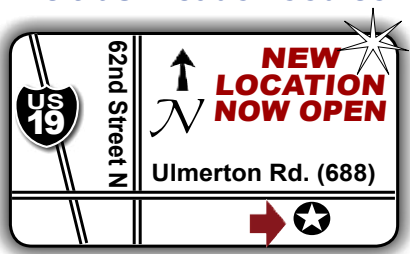
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FROM THE EDITOR

By Carol Raabe, Editor

Welcome back, Snowbirds.

The Flea and Craft Market was a splendid success. Many thanks to Dot Lawrence for heading up this big project and for all of the people who supported her. Including those who came with their wallets open!

I seem to have it in for Doris Lanier. 2 months in a row, I have made some kind of mistake on her Review information. Last month, she wanted a Letter thanking all the mermaids for the wonderful summer of water aerobics and for the delightful lunch they held for her at the end of the season. Sorry, Doris. I am trying.

BOB'S CORNER

By Bob Lupton

Hi everyone. Well just about everyone has returned and we are looking to a fun 2017/2018 season here at the Ranch. As I write this we are getting ready for a fun Monday at Finley's fish fry followed by a Sunset Club outing at Craft Street Kitchen in Oldsmar, and finally The Welcome Back dance on Saturday. That is just one week not to mention all the other activities in the park.

For those that don't know it already, we have free WIFI in the clubhouse, a growing library, a fitness room and a card/pool room. If you venture out of the park you will find some of the finest reasonable breakfast restaurants, beach bars and fine dining. We have access to beaches rated number one in the States. We have several state of the art malls for shopping, massive flea markets for bargaining and fresh vegetables almost every month of the year. We have the most beautiful parks in the state all within a short drive away.

But the best part of living here is the friends and neighbors that are like family. We share happy times as well as sad times but together we make it through them all.

The pool was just shocked after being closed for several days. Swimmers are smiling.

Also as the same people ran unopposed for officers, we decided to vote by show of hands and all the candidates were restored to their position except Jack Farrell who is retiring. Our new treasure will be Sharon Van Horn. She has experience in this field and will be a great asset to our residence club.

I also would like to take this time to thank Jack Farrell for his many years of exceptional service as our treasurer.

As head of the dance committee, Gin and I have been booking talent for the future dances, and we seemed to be covered until June.

This New Year's we are trying something different. Rather than serve a meal, we are starting the dance later. You can have dinner at home and snacks available at the dance. The dance will

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start at 8 pm and end at midnight. I really think Gin came up with that idea for my benefit as she knows I do not need 5 hours of drinking. I guess I will end this with a little routine written by the late George Carlin.

"Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than ten years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half." You're four and a half going on 5.

You get into your teens; and you simply jump to the next number. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16. Eventually.

Then the great day arrives and you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21!!

Then you turn 30. What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. What's wrong? What changed?

You BECOME 21. You TURN 30; You're PUSHING 40. You REACH 50. Then you MAKE IT to 60. By then you've built up so much speed, you HIT 70. After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday....

You get into your 80's; you HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30. And it doesn't end there....

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Until next time ...Love you all Bob

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The Arts Director, Charlotte Augustine, Coach 1413, 831-3567

Auxiliary Service Director, Ron Griffin, Coach 244, 315-783-4642

Kitchen Director, Peggy Thompson, Coach 1379, 614-736-0184

Ed. Note: Watch the Bulletin Board outside the Clubhouse for new and changed events.

HMO Annual Meeting

The Homeowners' Association (HOA) Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, 6 pm, in the Clubhouse. All Bay Ranch Homeowners are members of the HOA and encouraged to attend. The HOA is the legal representative of homeowners in the park and, among other things, negotiates with Mr. Larson on rent increases.

Breakfast

December 3rd and the 17th there will be an All You Can Eat Breakfast starting at 11AM. We will be serving: eggs, home fries, sausage, ham & pancakes with juice and coffee.

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Christmas Holiday Dance

The Christmas Holiday Dance is a great way to party with friends and enjoy music by Steve Walker on December 6 from 7 to 9 pm. Sponsored by Shuffleboard, the cost is \$5.

Christmas Show and Pageant

Celebrate the Christmas Spirit with your neighbors at the annual Christmas Show and Pageant on Wednesday evening, December 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. Bring finger food for all to enjoy after the program, if you wish, and non-perishable food items for donation to the needy.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Every year, Wayne Jones emcees the Christmas tree lighting outside the Bay Ranch clubhouse. This event is where we come together to remember those who are no longer with us. Bring a tree ornament in honor of departed friends or loved ones and name them as you hang the ornament on the tree. Festivities include carols and, God willing, snow.

The time and date for the Christmas Tree Lighting is not set. Watch the bulletin board for more information.

Christmas Parade

Decorate your bikes, trikes, and golf carts, even yourself and your dogs to parade through Bay Ranch streets. We'll form a Christmas Parade! The Parade will start at the north end (contact Debbie Heil for exact location – or follow the crowd) at 6:30 on December 23. Bring bells or other Christmas noisemakers to add to the fun.

New Year's Eve Dance

Ann Marie will play for the New Year's Eve Dance from 8:00 to midnight. Bring snacks for yourself or to share at the snack table. There will be no dinner this year. Most people dress up for this dance. The cost is \$10 each.

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Mardi Gras Dance

Bob Lupton headlines the Mardi Gras Dance on January 13. All proceeds go to the Help Fund.

January Cruise

Rooms may still be available to the January Caribbean Cruise. For more information on room availability and price, contact Advantage Travel. Be sure to mention you are with Bay Ranch.

February Dance

Our favorite duo from Finley's, "Blinky and Fritz," will play for the February Dance on the Saturday after Valentine's Day, February 22. <http://blinky-n-fritz.com/>

April Dance Dance to "Double Density" on April 7. They have been playing the area since 1994, and we have seen them at the American Legion, always with a full dance floor. <https://www.facebook.com/Double-Density-Band-401613573243723/>

Sunset Club Schedule

January 17	Cruise, Lanlubbers choice
February 21	The Post Pizza
March 21	The Hurricane Restaurant

2016-17 RESIDENT CLUB SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Sports and Games, Director, Paul Puerling, Coach 170, 533-9324
Entertainment Director

Continue to watch the bulletin boards at the Clubhouse for changes and additions to activities' schedules.

Horseshoes

Boyd Stonerock, Coach 1364, 269-501-0146

Horseshoe competition will begin in January. Some individuals may practice Mondays after the Residents' Club meeting. Horseshoe aluminum cans collecting for fundraising will continue through the summer. Please drop off soda and beer cans at Boyd's coach across the street at John Trygsted's, Coach 1377. Horseshoe competition will begin again in January.

Line Dance

Elda Hastings, Coach 210, 223-4512, and Carol Olson, Coach 230

The Variety Show on March 25 was the last Line Dance activity for this year. Watch for Line Dance to start up again in January.

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Christmas Eve 8 pm to midnight New Year's Eve Dance	Christmas Dinner	
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Bay Ranch

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Men's Golf

William (Bill) Kovacs, Coach 1351, 286-6752

The men are golfing Fridays at 7:00 a.m. They carpool to the golf course, leaving around 6:30 am. Contact Bill to be added to the roster.

Shuffleboard

Sharon Allen, President, Coach 1342, 532-4071

Season: November to March

All Shuffleboard practices and games, including Hoss Collar, are taking place according to this schedule:

Friendly: Mon. after Residents' Club Meeting

Sunshine: Tues. 9 a.m.

In park: Mon. 1 p.m.

Hoss Collar: Sat. 1 p.m.

Anyone who want to shuffle and pays their \$4 per season is encouraged to play in the In Park Shuffleboard league. This league is for fun and for those who want to move into the competitive Friendly and Sunshine leagues. Membership in Friendly and Sunshine are by invitation only. Hoss Collar is a fun competition and event to work on your shuffleboard technique. It is open to all. Cost is \$1 and money prizes are awarded.

Women's Golf

Jan Kovacs, Coach 1351, 286-6752

Organized Women's Golf has started. Call Jan or attend the Residents' Club meeting on Monday to get information.

GAMES AND GAME ROOM

Sports and Games Director, Paul Puerling, Coach 170. 533-9324

Many of these activities like to have you sign up in advance so they know what to prepare. Please check for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

Bingo

Bingo continues throughout the summer.

Richard Fox, Coach 1328, 812-6901

Open to all. 6:45 p.m. Friday; purchase cards, etc., from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The Clubhouse opens to Bay Ranch residents at 1 pm and to others at 3 pm to reserve seats.

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Card Bingo

Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach

Open to all. Usually the first Wednesday of the month, but this month it will be on December 7 at 7:00 pm. Please sign up in the clubhouse and bring 12 quarters.

Canasta

Charlotte Augustine, Coach 1413, 831-3567

Open to all. FREE 12:45 p.m. Tuesday Canasta will continue through the summer.

Bid Euchre

Wayne Jones, Coach 224, 559-1408

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Euchre

Emil Wan, Coach 1358, 230-1991

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The Arts Director, Charlotte Augustine, Coach 1413, 831-3567

Ladies Havin' Fun

Vickie Pittman, Coach 1326

Membership is \$3.00, due in December. Activities all year long.

Check the White Board for up-coming events.

November and December LHF events will be combined with Lunch at Sardo's Pizza on Ulmerton on December 1. Find a ride on your own or meet at the Clubhouse before [time] and Vicki will pick you up. Wear red and green or your favorite holiday sweater.

Sunset Club

Adam Pirhofer, Coach 1402,

Open to all. FREE. Sunset Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month all year long. Buy your own refreshments.

The Sunset Club is a social group that meets at various places in the area to socialize and watch the sun set. Koffee Klatches include discussions about Sunset Club activities. Notices are also posted in Facebook and on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

Adam has prepared a long-term schedule for Sunset Club. It is in this issue twice, once here

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and once in Special Events, since I'm not sure everyone reads this section every month. It tends to be very repetitive.

Sunset Club Schedule

December 20	TBD
January 17	Cruise, Lanlubbers choice
February 21	The Post Pizza
March 21	The Hurricane Restaurant

OUR NEIGHBORS

Service Director, Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1065, 827-8806

Please call Cindy with any changes

Ed. Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries continue to be very difficult to get correct, but in response to many requests, **The Bay Ranch Review** will continue to publish the list we have. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed in the Review, please give Cindy your information in writing (to ensure spelling and dates are correct)

December Birthdays

2 Linda Colburn	18 James Howe
3 Shirley Hanright	William Moore
4 Debora Shirley	20 Bruce Sharp
Robert Spence	21 Ronald Hanright
6 Jean Stonerock	23 Mario Santangelo
7 Kris Fick	25 Dorothy Murphy-Smith
8 Marlene Scutti	27 William Kinney
10 Thomas Dewey	Casey Berning
11 Richard Daily	28 Barbara Russell
12 Cindy Leeper	29 Carol Alvey
Paul Wellington	30 Richard Haley
13 Eileen DeFrancisco	Richard Powell
Carmen McClintoch	Paul Wellington
Patricia Warnett	31 Carol Braga
Linda Pariano	Patricia Adair
14 Kimberly Gilkey	

December Anniversaries

3 Kip & Sharon Van Horn
4 Albert & Millicent Morrell
6 John & Millie Trygstad
18 George & Susan Hill
William & Barb Russell
James & Lauretta Howe
26 Brian Kinney & Ann Bacelli
James & Ione Jones
27 William & Barbara Presutti
31 Benjamin & Patricia Adair



Editor's Note: please feel free to submit a eulogy for any resident or former resident of Bay Ranch

Congratulations to Charlie and Elda Hastings

Charlie and Elda Hastings celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 26, 1957. Their children hosted a party for 200 in Ontario in their honor. Five members of the wedding party are still living and most were able to attend the party. Congratulations, Charlie and Elda!



Bay Ranch Profile: Wayne Jones

By Wayne Redshaw



Wayne Jones wears many hats when he comes to Bay Ranch every winter from his residence in Ontario, as he is really involved in number of activities. However, he is best known for running and being captain of the In Park Shuffleboard League.

For the past six years he has been at the helm of the In Park League and watched a number of players advance to play for one of the park's travelling teams. He took it over when it appeared to be in jeopardy and not exist. No one was interested so Wayne stepped up.

Wayne says the In Park is an amenity for Bay Ranch. "It can be totally recreational or a stepping stone for advanced shuffleboarders," he noted. "Most of the players that we have on the travelling teams (Friendly and Sunshine) have come up through the In Park. However, let me make it clear that In Park is open to all people as a recreational activity. So by no means should anyone come out and think they can't play. It is open to everyone. Whether they want to pursue it, that is up to them and their talent."

Wayne said unfortunately right now the shuffleboard roster numbers are diminishing because of age, illness, death, etc., etc. He has also noticed that a majority of the new people who moved into Bay Ranch do not get involved because they are busy doing other activities such as continuing their vocations and their work.

Bay Ranch is actually a residential community where people live and work," he added. "When I came here in 2008, it was an eye opener for me because I thought everyone was a Snowbird. It took me a while, probably a year, to adjust to the fact that a lot of the people did not want to participate in the extra activities because they were full time workers and this is their home."

As captain of the In Park League, Wayne's duties are to instruct and coach the players. Usually the team meets at one o'clock on Monday afternoons, and Wayne explains the basics plus one or two strategic moves, then they play. From January to mid-March, the In Park officially runs. However, for those who are already in the park in October, November and December, they are on the courts now under Wayne's watchful eye.

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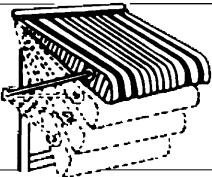
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He also has an assistant, Jimmy Jones. And at times people from the other teams come out and help out too.

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Besides being captain of the In Park League Wayne plays in the Sunshine League and serves each year as Master of Ceremonies of the Christmas Tree Lightning ceremony and the annual Talent Show. In addition, he has been a member of the Park's choir since he arrived in 2008.

He has a full schedule on his calendar. In fact, there's only one day open --- Thursdays --- and that's also taken up as he actually does his laundry.

Of course, when he goes back home to Haliburton, Wayne keeps active. The York University graduate who was a high school teacher in the Toronto area for 34 years (1962 to 1996) and taught special need students coaches and instructs a Special Olympics team comprising of young ladies and men ages 25 to 30. And naturally the sport is shuffleboard. "I enjoy it. Just seeing the smiles on their faces when they make a shot is rewarding."

Wayne said he has enjoyed the past eight years at Bay Ranch and is hoping there will be many more. "I am overwhelmed by the support and help of the people at Bay Ranch. I enjoy very much being a leader and trying to use some of my talents to help other people. What makes me happy is when I see some of the people I have helped have advanced up to another level. In fact, some of them at the end of the season have wound up winning at tournaments."

Recipe: Peppermint Oreo Cookie Bars

Submitted by Pat Puerling

- 6 candy canes, finely chopped (about 1/3 cup), divided
- 1 pkg. (8 oz) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 36 Oreo Cookies, finely crushed
- 16 oz. Ghiradelli Bittersweet Chocolate Chips, melted

Directions:

- Reserve 1 Tbsp. chopped candy.
- Mix remaining candy with cream cheese and cookie crumbs until blended.
- Shape into 48 1-inch balls.
- Freeze 10 minutes.
- Dip balls in melted chocolate, then place on a waxed paper covered rimmed baking sheet
- Sprinkle with reserved candy.
- Refrigerate 1 hour until firm.



Recycling Electronics

By Carol Raabe

Black Friday brings hot deals on tvs and electronics. So does the Christmas gift season. In with the new, but what to do with the old?

How about recycling? John Trygstad announced at a recent Koffee Klatch that the recycling center where he takes aluminum cans to make money for horseshoes also takes and PAYS for electronics. Where IS this place?

If we're talking about electronics in general, there is more than one place nearby. If we're talking tvs, recycling is hard to come by.

John takes his aluminum cans to TMR, Trademark Metals Recycling, <http://www.tmrrecycling.com/>. Their website encourages us to sell our "scrap" to them. They call electronics "E-scrap," including cell phones, cell phone batteries, DVD/CD drives, floppy disks, hard drives, laptops and laptop batteries, memory cards, modems and routers, pc towers and power supplies. Their website didn't mention tvs.

They have 23 locations in Florida. The closest one to Bay Ranch is located at 9380 67th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Call them at (727) 544-5810 for their current prices.

Recycling Rescue at 13355 S Belcher Rd #201, Largo, FL does recycle televisions (not CRT tube TVs, though). They accept goods by appointment. Recycling is free, but there is no indication that they pay.

Staples offers a Staples eCash card for eligible electronics. TVs are not eligible, nor are very old electronics. Their web page at <https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/staples-technology-trade-in/?icid=RecyclingServices:middlecontent:1:techtradein:20170901> will probably tell you everything you need to know.

Best Buy recycles about everything they sell. This doesn't surprise me because their headquarters is in Minnesota, an active recycling state. They also offer trade-ins for some products including TVs. The types of products they recycle include TV and Video, Computers and tablets, cell phones and radios, appliances, ink and toner, rechargeable batteries and audio, home, music and movies, video games and gadgets, cameras and camcorders, and car audio, video and GPS. Their website has a drop-down explanation of what they take and what they don't, what is free and what is charged a fee, etc. TV's cost \$25 each and Best Buy will take only 2 a day from one household. Their website at <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/clp/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025> has more information.

One more thing: Pinellas County has regular drive-by recycling days on 10 Saturdays a year. Their 2018 schedule isn't on the website yet, but they DO take tvs. Last year, their first recycling day was in mid- January. https://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/PDF/mobile_collection_schedule.pdf

If anyone who reads this has a good idea for tv recycling, please contact the editor.

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Rewire that Lamp!

By Carol Raabe

We have a daily reminder near the shuffleboard courts that Cecilia DePaso recently lost her home at 255 Exxx, apparently due to a faulty lamp. Cecilia, our hearts go out to you. We are so grateful you escaped safely.

The idea that our thrift store lamps might burn down our houses, though, is unsettling. Some Bay Ranch residents are considering tossing their lamps and buying new. If you must, you must. But there are ways even for us amateurs to inspect lamps for safety. If a lamp we love looks unsafe, rewiring is pretty easy, too.

Homeowner Bob posted an excellent article on inspecting lamps and lights. He gave the Review permission to reprint it, along with the references to both his web pages: Homeownerbob.com and Dallaslampandlight.com. Thanks, Bob.

Lamp and Light Fixture Inspections: Is it Safe?

By Homeowner Bob

With all the Restoration, Repurpose and Reclamation programs on TV, it's easy to get inspired to pick up an old fixture and bring it home. However, buying used fixtures/lamps that appear to be working correctly might still have hidden problems. I thought it might be a good idea to devote an article to inspecting a lamp/light fixture. As with any of my projects, safety is number 1, and with any electrical appliance, lamp or light fixture, insuring it remains compliant with the electric code and the original UL listing is very important.

We recently picked up a working swag lamp So why would I want to take it apart? Just to check it out! So, I disassembled it to clean, inspect, repaint the metal surfaces and total rewire if required.

As with most any hanging type fixture with the bulb below the socket, there is a natural tendency for the rising heat to make an impact on the above wiring. As expected, I found brittle and decayed wiring above the socket. After seeing the condition of the wiring I wondered why the fixture was working at all!

Overheated wiring is the sleeping giant of lamp and light problems. Most wiring is rated at 105C (or 221F), and in most correct applications will be fine, however when a bulb wattage is greater than the lamp rating is used, the wiring will be the first component to suffer. You may never know it until the wiring is disturbed. Once disturbed, the insulation can disintegrate and potentially cause the wires to touch each other. You know where the story goes from here. Always follow the bulb ratings requirements as listed on the fixture.

Without knowing the history on a light fixture, it never hurts to confirm that it is in good working order before you use it. Here is my basic check list:

1. **Physical Review of the Lamp:** Is it relatively clean, does it appear to have been stored

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inside or outside? Fixtures left outside can rust [and] rodents can get to places unseen to chew on the plastic wire insulation.

2. **Manufactured or Custom:** In general, lamps that were manufactured in mass generally were designed and built to a specification. Typically they use standard lamp parts and overall meet the design criteria necessary for long term use. Custom lamps can be made from most anything (bowling balls, table legs, vases, etc.). Good custom manufacturers follow the same criteria. On the other hand, I regularly run across lamps that were hand built but failed to ensure proper safety for long term usage. Many of them I can fix, but for various reasons a bad design can cause premature failure. It may not be a good lamp. The two most important items with custom lamps is 1) quality of workmanship and 2) proper heat dissipation.

3. **Wiring terminations:** Most failed wiring is at the terminations [where the wire connects to something]. Frayed/broken wires, premature insulation failure, loose connection can all impact the safety and performance of the light. In this picture the bottom wire has decayed insulation and has turned black in color due to excessive heat. The one on top is in good condition.



4. **Polarity:** In a simple lighting circuit there is a “line or hot” side and a “neu-tral”. Those terminations should be consistent from the plug to the socket to ensure the hot termination is in the base of the socket not the shell. This is tested with a VOM meter.

5. **Polarized Plug:** Similar to #4. The larger prong on the plug goes in the larger hole in the wall socket, which is the neutral side, maintaining the polarity through the entire circuit. If it is a lamp and has a plug on the cord and it is not polarized, it is a good idea to change it out.

6. **Wiring Size:** Not usually a problem with US manufactured lights, but most lamps/lights originally designed to work in a different country could have undersized wiring for use in the US. After determining the wire gauge, this can be addressed in multiple ways including, 1) rewiring the lamp or 2) simply lowering the wattage of the light bulb to be used.

7. **Bulb Sockets:** Sockets show wear for various reasons, including the cardboard insulator and the metal contact surfaces. Regardless of the reason; noticeable wear in the socket should be resolved by replacing it.

8. **Grounding circuit:** Lamps have polarized plugs, but light fixtures require a grounding circuit. This could be a green wire, or a small bare wire, or even a black wire with green tape that is attached to the body of the light fixture. With a VOM meter, continuity between the conductor and the bare metal surface of the fixture can be confirmed.

9. **Switches:** Most switches tell you when they are bad and there is little indication they are going bad; not a lot of in-between. They can be good today, and bad to-morrow. If you have taken the lamp apart, changing the switch/socket is cheap insurance.

10. **Dimmers:** Many times dimmers start to act up before total failure. Inspect for 1) free movement between clicks, 2) ambient temperature to touch, 3) full range of light from the

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bottom to the top of the dimmer movement. If it is just dead, some large dimmers have internal fuses that can go open.

11. **Physical Integrity:** Most all manufactured lamps include metal parts. Many of them are soft metals such as brass or pot metal which can be fairly easy to bend or break. With that said it is not uncommon to have to occasionally tighten up some of the parts to keep everything in alignment. Do not over tighten the parts, the soft metal can break and be difficult to repair. FYI: Pot metal can be difficult to fix, so if you are thinking of buying a lamp that is physically broken, you might think twice.

12. **Ventilation:** As you can see in this picture of the top cap of the same swag lamp; there is virtually no ventilation for the heat to escape. Just for safety sake, I added some ventilation holes in the top cover.



13. **Light it up:** The final test is to power it up and let it run. Depending on the type of lamp, I may let them run for 30 minutes or so with the highest rated bulb. Mainly looking for heat problems with components and if it smells.

I added small ventilation holes to the top section of my swag for heat dissipation. Since heat is a major issue in this style fixture, I used an LED bulb and it drastically cut down the amount of heat. LED bulbs have become a game changer for multiple reasons; look for a later post on LED bulbs.

If you do decide to rewire your lamp, the internet has many articles on how to do it, including this one by Martha Stewart: <https://www.marthastewart.com/271931/rewiring-a-lamp>

On The Lighter Side: A Letter to Santa

By Wayne Redshaw

When I worked as a columnist at a daily newspaper back home, I remember I always wrote a Christmas column related to the sports teams and individuals I covered. I also touched on present suggestions for the sports guy who already had everything. And then I followed with my annual letter to Santa. So I thought I would give it a whirl at Bay Ranch for both as Christmas is just around the corner.

For the golfer who has everything or is just plain tough to buy for, a lot of courses in this area offer 10 packs, membership packages and cart plans. If he likes to fish there are all kinds fishing charter packages at John's Pass and in Clearwater.

And if he loves baseball then this area is a haven with the Toronto Blue Jays, the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies, all holding their spring training camps and pre-season games in the Tampa Bay surroundings. There are a variety of packages offered by each club.

Hockey fanatics are in business, too, with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Different packages, even single game tickets, are available.

Now what some sports groups and individuals at Bay Ranch want from Santa this Christmas:

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Dear Santa:

Just about everyone at Bay Ranch has been pretty good, so when you make your annual visit we hope you can fulfill our wish list that is outlined below. We all will leave milk and cookies out. Hopefully you are not a diabetic. Would substitute the milk for beer or hard stuff but you have a lot stops to make. Furthermore, no wants to see you charged with DUI.

Now here's what some of the sports organizations and individuals would like you to leave this Christmas:

To start off with, the Shuffleboarders (In Park, Friendly and SunShine) have two items on their wish list. They would like a bubble dome, air conditioned of course, placed over their two courts. If you can't furnish two, one will do for now. With a dome they can still play if it rains or whatever. And for the two travelling teams, could you please make certain the weather is good when they visit other parks on their schedule? Last year they had a few make up games.

Those who use the swimming pool would like a bubble dome too, but maybe two requests are a little too much. After all, they don't want to be greedy, so they will settle for a brand new heater, one that works.

For the Horseshoe League, their wish list is simple. Three dozen magnetic horseshoes that are guaranteed to work every shot.

Both the men and ladies golf leagues have the same request ---perfect weather conditions when they make their weekly outing.

Now, here are a few individual requests. Hopefully, Santa, you can deliver.

Cliff Wicks, Park Manager, would like a talking robot that will remind residents not to bring garbage on Mondays until the bins have been emptied. Cliff would also like this robot to be able to clean up the mess around the bins and also be capable of doing odd jobs around the park.

Bill Kovacs, in charge of men's golf, would like a dozen golf balls that don't slice or hook. Better yet, he wants the brand that goes 200 plus yards every time he hits it. Good luck, Bill. The ones Santa left me a few years are no damn good. They still slice and hook.

Jules Vaillancourt wants a dozen balls with a sound device in it, so when he cranks it 300 plus yards he can find it and save some time hunting. And please, not the water type as they don't work. Furthermore, Jules doesn't have a wet suit to dive in the pond to retrieve the ball.

Patty Harwood wants a sheriff's badge. She has done a great job patrolling Balboa and Granada pertaining to speeding cars and dogs. But a sheriff's badge would make her official.

Ed Zygmunt has one request-a snow shovel. He admires the two I tie to a Palm Tree every year as a Christmas decoration, so he could do the same at his residence. If you can spare two Santa, that would be even better.

Rose Kalp wants any leftover decorations. It doesn't matter what season. Rose, who does a great job decorating the clubhouse, would appreciate any season.

Jeanne Hunter, president of the Residents' Club, would like a new joke book. She does a

great now but her door is always open for more.

Harry Webber, in charge of cruises, has one request: A few more couples to jump on board.

Bob Lupton needs a computer that does everything just by turning it on. That may be tough, Santa, but in years to come, who knows?

George MacNeill has one request, for his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs to win the Stanley Cup. I don't know about that Santa. Right now that might be tough. They have definitely improved, but they still have some gaps to fill

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone

Wayne Redshaw

P.S. Santa:

I have been good, as always. My only request, and it may be tough, is hit a jackpot on a lottery. I have been trying for years, but no such luck so far.

Merry Christmas

By Mary Lou Foos or Bingo Mama

It's Christmas Eve in our mobile home park.

Santa will be here way after dark.

He starts out early but so many places to go

& the drinking & goodies make him so slow.

There's elves that help that dirty ole man

Oh! Heard the toilet flush so he's in the can.

He seems to know just what we need

Know some are too old to even smoke weed.

Fill our stockings with good health and love

Happiness will come from God up above.

Remember Christmas and why we are here

Baby Jesus was born in a manger that year.

Give my friends good health and happiness too.

Make the world safe for us the whole year through.

Now Santa, go see my friends down the street,

And leave them good stuff and some kind of treat.

Santa, be happy as you can be

With a kiss on the cheek from little old me.



NEW ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

George and Lynda MacNeill

New Florida phone: 727-223-4860

New Canadian address: 129 Victoria Rd., Summerside, PEI Canada CIN 2G4

Jules Vaillancourt and Josee Bertrand

New phone: 450-505-3529

Jeanne Hunter and Heidi Colon.

Heidi has moved back to New York. Jeanne's still lives at Lot 1314.:

New phone: 727 432-9792

GOOD TIMES AT BAY RANCH

Mid- October to Mid-November were just crammed with social events and pictures posted on Neighbors in Facebook. The Review is limited to only a few pictures and this issue is very full, so the pictures only represent a couple of events.

As usual, these pictures were downloaded from Facebook. If you take pictures of Bay Ranch events and don't put them on Facebook but want me to consider putting them in the Review, you can email them to nelsonraabe@gmail.com or message them to 605-730-0476.



Lots of "stuff" for sale at the Bay Ranch Flea and Craft Market.



Halloween costume winners: (l – r):Cathy Griffin, 1st place. Larry and Sharong Hammond, 2nd place. Charlotte Augustine and her pet rat, 3rd place. Photos by Sharon Van Horn

Book Recommendation:

Here Vultures Fly

by Rudy Rodrigues

This is the narration of the personal experiences of the author, Rudy Rodrigues, during his ten years of service with the United Nations in Afghanistan, where he was engaged in emergency relief and later rehabilitation programs in close collaboration with the Communist government, the mujahideen, the Taliban, and the post-Taliban government.

The author was responsible for opening the first UNICEF office in Kyrgyzstan soon after the collapse of the Soviet Union in a unique environment and culture. During this time, he was working with a government unfamiliar with the United Nations and its goals and objectives. In addition, the Kyrgyz population was traumatized by this sudden period of transition and uncertainty. A major focus of the author's work was gaining the confidence of the government in Uzbekistan and to ensure the building of meaningful partnership programs for women and children.

This book also covers the adventures, romance, and thrill of being born and raised in Kenya; serving as an officer in the army; the challenges of working in Papua New Guinea; and having the glorious opportunity of working in the UN in different parts of the world with a multiethnic/multicultural community.

About the Author

Rudy Rodrigues was born and raised in Kenya. He graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the British Army Staff College. He was commissioned and served as an officer in the Kenya Army in both command and staff appointments. Resigning after sixteen years of active service, he then immigrated to Canada with his wife and three children.

Later, Rodrigues was appointed country director of a Canadian NGO in the Sudan, with a mandate to provide leadership, strategic planning and the delivery of UN (WFP) emergency relief supplies to the more than three million starving people displaced by the famine of 1985. He did so using a fleet of 350 cargo vehicles and a staff of over 3,000 people. This trucking operation was later taken over by the UN, and Rodrigues served as its Director.

In 2006 Rodrigues ended his career, and moved from Afghanistan, where he was last working with the United Nations. He retired to Winter Park, Florida where he lives today, and enjoys traveling, writing and spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.



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