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2010 ANNUAL MEETING

## THE ANNUAL MEETINGS ARE COMING DON'T MISS THEM!

### Seabrook Island Club Meeting

Saturday, February 18 • 8:30 am  
Seabrook Island Club Atlantic Room

*(Please note that the Club meeting has an earlier start than last year)*

At the Club's Annual Meeting you will hear the announcement of an innovative offering that the Club has just initiated. As of February 1, our Club has joined Club Corporation of America as an affiliated member.

The Senior Vice President of Club Corporation of America Larry Hickman will explain the advantages of this affiliation. He will tell us of the opportunities afforded our members to golf at other clubs and that this will bring more golfers to use our beautiful courses bringing revenue to the Club. It is anticipated that this will promote 800 to 1,000 rounds of golf by Club of America members at our Club. Our golfers can now play at member clubs throughout the country and even some abroad. What a clever way to enhance the Club while giving golfers a unique opportunity.

### Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Meeting

Saturday, February 18 • 10:30 am  
The Seabrook Island Atlantic Room

In the State of the Island address, Dave Bauhs will provide an up-date on the status of the cut for the Captain Sams Inlet. This cut has long been anticipated and is now is hopefully close to happening.

There will be a special address describing two exciting initiatives: Sense of Place and Audubon Sustainable Communities Program. Sense of Place is charged with helping the SIPOA determine the Island's infrastructure needs over the next ten years and developing a plan to meet these needs. Audubon International has been contracted to help Seabrook provide good stewardship of the natural environment through education, training and certification programs.

SIPOA is accomplishing great things and it will be exciting to hear of some of their initiatives.

So mark your calendars now so you won't miss the annual meetings and learn what is happening on your Island. See you there.  
*Sally Schenck*

## BREAKING NEWS

### Cap'n Sams Inlet Relocation

At press time, the Seabrooker has learned that the relocation cut of the Cap'n Sams Inlet has been tentatively approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission. There is a short waiting period to go through before any contractual agreements can be made. That waiting period will end on February 10th.

A complete report will therefore be available at the POA Annual Meeting.

## WHAT SIPOA COMMITTEES DO

By now, you have all received your packets for the Annual Meeting. Included is a sign-up sheet for SIPOA committees and descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of each. While official, these descriptions don't always convey what actually is handled on the month to month basis by the groups. The following is a summary of what several of them actually DO. Unless it specifically indicates to the contrary, there is at least limited room for new members on each of the committees. Hopefully, you will find one that you'd like to work on.

The **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** oversees the Lake House and Oyster Catcher facilities. In conjunction with the Board of Directors, we determine the policy and

the staff carries it out. The sub committees are: Events which handles the Christmas Tree, the 4th of July parade, the Dog Parade; the Newcomers which holds parties in conjunction with the Club for people who have bought in Seabrook during the year; and the Good Neighbor which provides equipment to people who need it on a temporary basis, (items such as wheel chairs, cribs, strollers, crutches, etc.) and can arrange for volunteer drivers for people who need to get to the doctor, etc.

Recently, one of the **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE'S** most important functions has been to obtain the permissions required to complete Cap'n Sams cut. But the committee is responsible for much more with a good deal of the work

being done in its six subcommittees: Lakes and Wildlife, Recycling and Trash, Landscaping, Beaches, Adopt a Highway, Audubon International Sustainable Community. Most are self explanatory. Two of the more active subcommittees are Lakes & Wildlife and Recycling & Trash. The first monitors landscaping around and water in the lakes and recommends any changes needed to protect the fish and other wildlife. They also manage the deer population and members occasionally publish educational articles in their areas of expertise. The latter oversees the trash pick-up, including that at the ends of the boardwalks leading to the beaches.

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## CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam

As an hourly employee of SIPOA, I would like to thank the good people of Seabrook for their generosity this past Christmas. SIPOA's holiday fund depends on

owners who go out of their way to voluntarily contribute. It was a nice surprise to receive this gift just before Christmas. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.▲

*A Grateful Employee*

## SEABROOKER JUDY BENNETT GETS HER 1 MINUTE OF FAME



At 10:45PM this past January 12, I was informed that I had been selected as a questioner for the Huckabee Forum for Undecided Voters. The TV program was scheduled to be taped the following Saturday morning at The Sottile Theater in downtown Charleston and air at 8PM later that same day on Fox News.

So early on Saturday, accompanied by my politically astute friend & fellow Seabrooker Rose Principe, we drove to Charleston. Arriving at 9:15, I and fellow questioners, were taken aside and briefed on the taping guidelines for the show.

We learned that while 600 questions had been submitted, only 60 were selected for possible use on the Huckabee Show. With TV

time constraints, there was no guarantee that my question would air. None of the candidates nor did Gov. Huckabee have prior knowledge of the questions' contents.

Prior to the show's 12-2PM taping, Gov. Huckabee & musical guests entertained the audience with Rep. Tim Scott joining in on a rendition of "Hit the Road Jack". Wonderer who that was aimed at?

We were informed that the show would be unedited - what was asked and answered would air uncut.

I had submitted two questions, one for Ron Paul who opted not to attend and a general question which I was assigned to ask Rick Santorum. Succinctly, my question addressed those 50+, unemployed,

not yet eligible for Social Security—too old but not old enough. Personally, my sister, 58, unemployed, had exhausted her unemployment benefits and then taken her IRA savings to buy a small business. I asked what he would say to those who don't have these resources. Did Mr. Santorum answer my query? Partially, but he did not address those who were unable to do as my sister has.

The experience was entertaining, informative and I got to do a check off on My Bucket List. Since my family lives elsewhere, one of my brothers remarked "it was nice to see you on TV Sis since we haven't been together in a while—but he didn't completely answer your question".▲

## SEABROOK ISLAND ELECTION RESULTS REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR PRESIDENT

707 Ballots Cast

Romney .....	420
Gingrich .....	181
Santorum .....	50
Paul .....	42
Cain .....	7
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# CITIZEN SEABROOKER

Have any of your friends asked you "What does the town do?" If so, you are not alone. Doesn't the POA do everything we need: provide for safety and security, oversee trash pickup, maintain our roads, bicycle paths and boardwalks to the beach? Doesn't the POA also monitor storm drainage, install necessary signs, control the Architectural Review Board, maintain common area landscaping, etc.?" The answer to these questions is "Yes they do. But generally only behind the gate or where they have contractually agreed to do so outside the gate."

**So, why the Town?**

In 1987 the residents of Seabrook Island decided it was important to incorporate as a town. Some of the reasons given were:

- 1) Prevent annexation by another City or Town (Charleston being the main concern)
- 2) Establish our own Zoning Code and accompanying procedures.
- 3) Become an official adjunct to state and county governments as a municipality recognized by the State of South Carolina.
- 4) Have the right to have registered Seabrook voters elect Town officials (i.e. a Mayor and 4 Council members).
- 5) Establish rules and regulations that would enable Seabrook to receive fees and enforce business licenses as well as the licensure of workers coming onto Seabrook Island;
- 6) Receive tax dollars.

Seabrook residents and a committee formed for this purpose worked together and took the necessary steps to form an officially recognized South Carolina town. The corporate limits of the Town encompass everything behind the Seabrook security gate, as well as some areas outside the gate including the Town Hall, the Bohicket Marina and adjacent villas and the entrance road to Seabrook from the round-about extending up to just north of the entrance to the Marina.

It is interesting to know just where the Town limits (boundary) were set especially where Cap'n Sams Inlet intersects the Kiawah River. It was described as being the center line of Cap'n Sams Creek and the Kiawah River as they emptied into the Atlantic Ocean at the time of the Town's incorporation. The location of the inlet has moved from time to time, but the boundary between the Town of Seabrook Island and the Town of Kiawah Island has not. So, the Town boundary line may currently cut through the south tip of Cap'n Sams Spit, and some of the Spit (and what is now a part of Kiawah Island) may technically be inside the corporate limits of the Town of Seabrook Island.

The Town owns the Seabrook Island Utility Commission although this water and sewage facility is independently controlled by 3 elected Commissioners. These 3 Commissioners have engaged the services of a private, independent management company, Hawthorne Services, Inc., to manage the day-to-day operations of the facility.

The beaches along our coast line below the high water mark are under the jurisdiction of the federal

and state governments, but our Town, as their designee, is held responsible for this area. This is the reason it required a town ordinance to be able to issue guidelines about walking dogs on North Beach. The POA (or individual property owners) are responsible above the high water mark. The Town is also responsible for the Beach Patrol which operates below the high water mark.

Charleston County provides fire protection within the Town (there is a fire station on the island) as well as the County Sheriff providing law enforcement, as needed.

**So - what does the POA do?**

The POA is responsible for nearly everything (other than recreation and social) that occurs behind the gate. This includes the security and safety of the gate which restricts entrance onto the primary residential areas of the island. The Association has contracted with an outside safety and security firm (Norred) to handle these duties.

The POA is governed by a 12 person Board of Directors elected annually by the property owners of Seabrook. Owners automatically become members of the Association when they purchase property. The Board has several committees: Architectural Review, Finance, Legal, Long Range Planning, Environmental, General Operating and Maintenance, Activities, Safety and Security and Nominating. These committees customarily consist of one or two Board members and volunteer property owners. Increased governance responsibilities have been delegated to the paid staff by the POA Board over the past three years. John Thompson is the Executive Director of that group.

Salt Marsh Villas and Bay Pointe Villas are within the original development, and thus belong to the POA, even though they are outside the main security gate. The Bohicket Marina Villas have access to the POA facilities pursuant to a contract with the POA.

The POA owns and operates the Lake House as well as the wild-flower garden next door. All island property owners have access to these facilities. This differs from Club amenities, which are limited to Club members.

**Now - let's look at the Seabrook Island Club.**

The Seabrook Island Club is a members-only organization that provides recreational and social activities including golf, tennis, the Equestrian Center and the Beach Club. It also operates the dining facilities inside the gate.

The club is governed by a 14 member Board of Governors who are elected by its members. The Club also owns the Seabrook Island Realty Company.

In 2004 the Club worked with the POA to ask the island property owners to amend the Island Protective Covenants to require new island property owners to join the Club. The owners voted to do so. Existing non-Club property members were exempt from this new requirement but all subsequent owners must join. This property owner initiative came to be known as "Island One".

There are various Club membership categories designed to appeal to a wide range of member interest and potential use of the facilities. The Club owns and operates 2 golf courses and an 15 court tennis facility. The Equestrian Center provides trail rides as well as beach rides. The Club's new Island House and Pelican's nest provide ocean-front dining. They house dining and party facilities and a modern golf pro shop. The Club also has a very active wedding business.

**Potential Consolidation?**

A joint study group was formed in 2009 to study the feasibility of consolidating or merging the Club and the POA. After many months of discussion, the group decided that it was premature to consider such a consolidation or merger, citing numerous hurdles and pitfalls.

In 2006 both the Club and the POA had referendums about whether to proceed with new common-area buildings which would be built on the island. This was the so called Horizon Plan. Both the Club's and the POA's referenda passed, and Seabrook now has two relatively new, state-of-the-art facilities - The Island House and Pelican's Nest (the Club) and the Lake House (the POA). The financing of these facilities is being retired from member dues, fees, and assessments (the Club) and from real estate transfer fees and assessments (the POA).

All residential properties in the Seabrook Island Development (PUD) are subject to Protective Covenants recorded in Charleston County in 1972, and as amended from time to time (1974, 1976, 1985, 1987, and 2004). The POA operates under Bylaws and Rules and Regulations setting out property owner responsibilities. The Club also operates under Bylaws and Rules and Regulations for membership conduct.▲

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## WHAT SIPOA COMMITTEES DO *(continued from pg. 1)*

The **GENERAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (GOMC)** focuses on Island facilities and infrastructure. They work to build long-range plans to ensure that our island is well maintained and that critical facilities and systems remain functional during times of stress. They coordinate this effort with the Reserve Study, conducted under the leadership of the Finance Committee, to be certain that a stream of funding is available for future years. They participate in field surveys to augment the staff in inspecting roads, boardwalks, the storm drainage system and other facilities and systems. These surveys are then used to develop annual and long range project lists. The committee also provides review and oversight of various contracts and annual operational and capital budgets in conjunction with the staff.

The **LEGAL COMMITTEE** presently consists of eight members plus the chair, seven lawyers and two non-lawyers. Its job is to accept referrals from the Directors and committees of SIPOA on questions of law, rules, and regulations. As well, the Committee through its

chair interfaces with SIPOA's outside counsel and keeps the Board apprised of legal developments. At the request of the Board or on its own initiative the Committee develops policies for recommendation to the Board. There are no anticipated vacancies at this time.

The main function of the **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** is to assist the Board of Directors in formulating the Strategic Plan annually which will act as a guide for the SIPOA staff of the projects and activities for the next year. The process begins with the formulation of the Annual Survey which is done jointly with the Club. Once prepared and distributed, the committee analyzes all of the responses, including the comments, and summarizes the results. This becomes the basis for the Strategic Plan which the Board then develops further and the committee later fleshes out to form a detailed plan. Finally, the Executive Director presents a progress report quarterly to the committee.

The **SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE'S** primary concern is road safety for pedestrians, bik-

ers and vehicles. The Committee meets monthly to discuss improvements to road markings, signage, and crosswalks to promote a safer environment on Seabrook. At each meeting, the Committee reviews a Safety Report prepared by Norred (the security provider for the POA). This report covers criminal activity, speeding, stop sign, parking, contractor and all violations and citations for the month; including any citation appeals. The reports are the basis for further discussion and opportunities for improvement.

The **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ("ARC")** reviews all plans for construction, landscaping and external improvements to property on the Island, as well as any changes to same, to assure that everything is done according to the standards as published in the ARC manual. The committee also listens to and rules upon appeals from the property owners. As needed, the committee may review and update its manual with changes subject to Board approval.▲

*By Marcia Hider*



## What's Hot?

### Escape Plan & Smoke Alarms

Submitted by Captain James T. Ghi, Fire Prevention Specialist, St. Johns Fire & Rescue. j.ghi@stjfd.org 843-296-8392

Many U. S. families have a home fire escape plan, but the majority of these families never practice it. So says a recent survey by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). They recommend practicing a home fire drill twice annually adding that it wouldn't be a bad idea to practice it even more often than that so as improve reaction time in case of a fire emergency.

Many adults believe their children will wake up when smoke alarms sound, but this is not always the case. Children tend to tune out white noise when they go to bed. They sleep through television shows, radios, talking and the hum of vacuum cleaners, washing machines and dishwashers. If your children don't wake up, then make sure a responsible adult is assigned to wake them up as part of the drill.

Once awake, plan to get out of the house and go to a family meeting place, where a head count is taken.... Once there, you can call 911. Never re-enter a burning building, and meet first-arriving firefighters to let them know if everyone is accounted for.

This is why it is important to practice the occasional fire drill at night. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill, as they don't know when it will happen that night.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a fire escape plan, and properly working smoke alarms can cut in half the risk of death in a home fire. Unfortunately,

according to the NFPA, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms. About 20 percent of smoke alarm failures were the result of dead or missing batteries.

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, including the basement, outside of each sleeping area in the home and inside each bedroom. It is recommended that smoke alarms be interconnected, so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound. If you hear your smoke alarm "chirping," it usually means the battery is almost dead and needs to be changed. A standard 9-volt battery should last you the full year. Most batteries will chirp for two weeks in a smoke alarm before totally dying. The exception is the smoke alarms equipped with 10-year batteries that do not need replacing.

All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired, should be replaced when they reach a decade in use.

Seconds and minutes can mean the difference between life and death in a fire situation. Preparation is an important part of being able to deal with this fast-moving type of an emergency. Prepare your family by having an escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.

**Make sure you check your smoke alarms!** If you have questions about your residential smoke alarm, contact the St. Johns Fire Department at 559-9194 for a free smoke alarm check.▲



Many thanks to all of you who've said you like TWO AGAIN. Now, I want YOUR recipes - that's what this column will be about - food served on Seabrook and the people who cook it. Send recipes to [theseabrook@bellsouth.net](mailto:theseabrook@bellsouth.net).

There is no better time to have a cocktail party than in the midst of winter.... like right now.

The holidays have passed - all is quiet - it's a great time to begin gathering again. Cool weather and a warm fire tend to spark our hunger for both food and society.

Long ago the cocktail party popularized the beauty of small bites. Nowadays they are all the rage in trendy restaurants: there are tapas, there's nouveau, there's dim sum, etc.

That's nothing new for Islanders like Maryann Banwart. She has a host of easy, delicious cocktail recipes to share with us today. (The small bites are also delicious on their own alongside a steamy bowl of soup.) An elegant end to a party is ensured by Maryann's delicious chocolate trifle dessert or the one she makes with ice cream sandwiches. These recipes are so good, you'll want to make them just for yourself.

The easy and quick fits right in with Maryann's busy lifestyle. She and husband Jim are busy Island volunteers. But they don't let that stop them from entertaining friends and family. Since Jim and Maryann moved to Seabrook Island in 2006, they done a little of everything as Island volunteers.

Maryann has been an active member of the Seabrook Island Garden Club, initially co-chairing the Activities and Holiday Open House Committees. Then she served two years as co-president of the Club. She was a member of the SIPOA Event Task Force and currently is a member of the Safety and Security Committee. She also lends a hand to the Administrative Support Team.

She's a member of the Club's Recreation Committee and was recently appointed to the Green Space Board. She is a co-chair for the Live and Silent Auction for the upcoming Green Space gala slated for March 25th.

Jim began as a member of the SIPOA General Operating and Maintenance Committee (GOMC). He completes a three-year term on the SIPOA Board of Directors this month. On that Board, Jim chaired the GOMC and was Vice Chair of the Environmental Committee. He also served as SIPOA liaison on the Town of Seabrook Roads Committee.

Currently, he serves on both the Sense of Place and the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program committees. Recently, he was elected to the Seabrook Island Utility Commission. He somehow finds time to golf and is a member of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. The couple belongs to the Natural History Group.

#### Now to the recipes:

##### Hot Roast Beef Party Sandwiches

1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts  
2 (9.25-oz.) packages dinner rolls  
2/3 cup peach preserves  
1/2 cup mustard-mayonnaise blend (suggest Hellmann's Dijonnaise Creamy Dijon Mustard)  
3/4 lb. thinly sliced deli roast beef, chopped  
1/2 lb. thinly sliced Havarti cheese  
Salt and pepper (optional)

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees
- Heat walnuts in a small nonstick skillet over medium-low heat, stirring often, five to six minutes or until lightly toasted and fragrant.
- Remove rolls from packages. (Do not separate rolls.) Cut rolls in half horizontally, creating one top and 1 bottom per package. Spread preserves on cut side of top of rolls, sprinkle with walnuts. Spread mustard-mayonnaise blend on cut side of bottom of rolls; top with roast beef and cheese. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, if desired. Cover

with top halves of roll, preserves sides down, and wrap in aluminum foil.  
4. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes or until cheese is melted. Slice into individual sandwiches. Serve immediately. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

*Note: To make ahead, prepare recipe as directed through Step 3 and freeze up to one month. Thaw overnight in refrigerator and bake as directed in Step 4.*

##### Bacon and Tomato Cups

8 slices bacon  
1 tomato, seeded and chopped  
1/2 onion, chopped  
3 ounces shredded Swiss cheese  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 1/6-ounce can of refrigerated buttermilk biscuit dough (regular size, not Grand)

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a mini muffin pan.
- In a skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon into a medium bowl and mix with tomato, onion, cheese, mayonnaise and basil.
- Separate biscuits into halves horizontally. Press each half into prepared muffin tin. Fill with bacon mixture.
- Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven or until golden. Repeat with remaining biscuits and filling.

*Note: Can be baked and re-warmed. Serves 15.*

##### Cheese Rye Appetizers

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 can (4-1/4 ounce) chopped ripe olives  
4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh parsley or 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley flakes  
30 slices snack rye bread

- In a small bowl, combine the first six ingredients.
- Spread a rounded tablespoon of mixture over each slice of bread. Place on an ungreased baking sheet.
- Bake at 450 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes or until cheese is melted.

*Note: The first six ingredients can be mixed ahead of time, refrigerated, and then spread on bread and baked at the last minute. Makes 21/2 dozen.*

##### Maryann's Corn Dip

2 (8-ounce) Cream Cheese bricks, softened  
1 stick butter, softened  
1 small can diced green chilies  
1 small can diced jalapenos  
1 package (10 ounce) frozen shoepeg or sweet white corn  
A sprinkle of garlic powder.

- Mix softened cream cheese and butter until smooth.
- Add chilies, jalapenos and mix. Stir in corn.
- Pour into a 9" by 13" casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes until bubbly throughout. Serve with tortilla chips.

##### Gorgonzola Phyllo Cups

2 packages (1.9 ounces each) frozen miniature phyllo tart shells  
1-1/3 cups crumbled Gorgonzola cheese  
1/2 cup chopped tart apple  
1/3 cup dried cranberries  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts

- Place tart shells on a baking pan. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients; spoon into tart shells.
- Bake at 350 degrees for six to eight minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm or at room temperature. Refrigerate leftovers. Yields 21/2 dozen.

# 2 AGAIN

(WITH COMPANY COMING)

Adelaide Wallinger, a resident of Seabrook for eight years, is a graduate of the Journalism School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She worked at the Richmond News Leader and the Charlotte Observer many years ago and wrote a monthly cooking column, LOWCOUNTRY COOKING, for the Summerville Journal-Scene for 12 years.

##### Maryann's Vegetable Dip

Empty 2 (5 ounces each) Old English Sharp Cheddar Cheese (in glass jars) into mixing bowl.  
Refill the two glass jars with Hellmann's mayonnaise and add to mixing bowl. Add 1/2 cup sour cream to mixing bowl. Add garlic powder to taste.  
Use electric mixer to blend until light and fluffy.  
Serve with mix of vegetables and/or pita chips.

##### Open Face Vegetable Mix Tid-Bits

1 package Pillsbury Crescent Rolls (package of 8)  
8 ounce package of cream cheese  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 package (envelope) Ranch salad dressing  
Chopped vegetables (green onions, green pepper, broccoli, cauliflower, tomato, mushrooms, etc.)  
1. Spread Crescent Roll dough in 9" by 13" glass pan; seal perforations.  
2. Cook as indicated on package.  
3. Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise and salad dressing. Spread on cooled crust.  
4. Shortly before serving, put chopped vegetables on top. Slice and serve.  
*Note: It is better not to put the vegetables on more than a couple hours before serving.*

You're going to love the name of Maryann's first dessert: Bowl of Sin. It is definitely sinful, a lovely sort of trifle served in a 9X13-inch dish or a large bowl. You begin it one day and finish it the next.

##### Bowl of Sin

1 package chocolate cake mix  
2 3-1/2-ounce packages instant chocolate pudding (plus ingredients called for in package directions)  
1 12-ounce container Cool Whip  
8-ounce package of Heath Bar English Toffee Bits  
1 cup Kahlua or Amaretto liqueur

Prepare cake and bake according to package directions in a 9X13-inch baking dish. Cool thoroughly. Crumble cake into bite-sized pieces and put into a large bowl. Sprinkle liqueur over cake. Cover bowl tightly and refrigerate overnight.

Prepare pudding according to package directions. Gently fold whipped topping into pudding. Refrigerate overnight.

Next day, place half of the crumbled cake into a large rectangular dish or deep glass bowl. Cover with half of the pudding mixture. Sprinkle with candy bits. Repeat layers, ending with candy bits. Chill before serving. Serves a crowd.

##### ICE CREAM SANDWICH DESSERT

8 ice cream sandwiches  
Cool Whip for layering  
1 jar hot fudge sauce  
Chopped nuts

Fill 9X13-inch baking dish with ice cream sandwiches. Add a layer of Cool Whip. Put in freezer to set Cool Whip. Heat fudge sauce in microwave. Spread over frozen Cool Whip and return to freezer to set fudge. Add another layer of Cool Whip and top with chopped nuts. Freeze until ready to serve.

**VARIATION**  
Layer in baking dish in this order: the ice cream sandwiches, Cool Whip and crushed butterfinger candy bars. Drizzle chocolate syrup over everything. Freeze until ready to serve.

Your party with Maryann's recipes will definitely be a big hit!▲

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# St. Johns Fire Department's Newest Recruit



Chief Karl Ristow, Assistant Chief Jackie Stanley, and the crew from Engine 701 welcome Sparky on his first day.

The St. Johns Fire Department is pleased to announce its newest recruit. The new addition to the St. Johns Fire Department fire-fighting force has 20 years of experience and is an icon of fire prevention efforts across the country. The new recruit does not require food, water, or a salary, and is kept in a large bag until needed to perform assigned duties. The new recruit is not a person, it is Sparky the Fire Dog®. Sparky the Fire Dog® is an icon of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

that has been a mainstay of their fire prevention efforts across the country. Sparky was purchased through a grant awarded by FM Global. The costume will allow the St. Johns Fire District to incorporate marketing into our fire prevention efforts. Sparky's "first due" will not be limited to the St. Johns Fire District. He will also be available to assist other area fire departments with their efforts to reduce fires and injury.▲

## Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club Continues Support of OLM's Dental Clinic

Thank you from Sr. Mary Joseph and Griff Hogan. The Outreach Wellness Center's dental clinic has once again received a grant in support of its services from the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club. The gift, in the amount of \$10,000, continues the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club's longstanding practice of supporting the dental services

provided to those in need in the Sea Islands area. Mike Morris, an officer of the Club, personally dropped off the gift during a recent visit to the Johns Island campus. "Over 1,000 Johns Islanders have received dental care at OLM in 2011. This wouldn't be possible without the generous contributions of the Exchange Club", says Griff Hogan.

The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is "a service organization committed to community enrichment through the support and development of programs which focus upon the Prevention of Child Abuse, Youth Development and Education, Americanism, and Community Outreach." The Club currently has over 90 members.▲



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# PGA UPDATE

## Tournament at Kiawah's Ocean Course

The *Seabrooker*, in conjunction with the PGA of America and the Tournament's marketing arm, Obviouslee will update Seabrook residents of developing news affecting us as it becomes available.

The 94th PGA Championship begins this August 6 at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort. As South Carolina's first major, anticipation for the Championship has been growing since 2005, when the PGA of America announced its plan for the 2012 PGA Championship to be held in the Palmetto State.

Seven years later, the 94th PGA Championship is making history with its ticket and corporate hospitality sales. To date, the tournament has broken five single-day ticket records, with the largest grossing day nearly tripling the sales record on file.

"In 200 days, the PGA Championship will finally arrive in South Carolina, and the state is going to experience a \$193 million positive impact," said Roger Warren, President of Kiawah Island Golf Resort and General Chairman of the Championship. "We'll welcome an additional 50,000 visitors

coming from 44 different states and 10 countries for this event in August, which previously has been a slower season for tourism in Charleston."

As this significant milestone is crossed, final plans are being put into place for transportation, parking and public safety. Thirty-five state, county and local officials are working together to make sure the Championship is a great experience for all tournament attendees. We already know that all PGA traffic will be directed towards Seabrook on the turn just to the right of the traffic circle as one drives south, along Seabrook Island Road where cars will turn left onto a temporary road that will be built opposite the Marina entrance. This temporary road will lead to a 10,000 car parking area behind Freshfields Village. The official PGA Traffic Plan will be released once all traffic studies are finalized.

"In the next 200 days, you're going to see the continued effort to keep people informed about the Championship logistical details and what this event means to South Carolina, the region and the Charleston community," said Warren. "We are going to produce an event that will be memorable for its quality and experience, which will leave people talking about it for a long time to come."▲



### SINHG Evening Program Series

The Lake House  
Refreshments-7:00PM • Program-7:30PM  
All Seabrook residents and guests are welcome  
(\$5 donation for non-SINHG members)

Thursday, February 9

**CAPT Michael F. White, Jr.**  
*"The Role of the U.S. Coast Guard in Our Area"*

In his role as Sector Commander, Captain White leads approximately 700 active duty, reserve and civilian men and women to conduct all Coast Guard missions in the states of South Carolina and Georgia. Those missions include search and rescue of mariners in distress; ensuring maritime safety; securing our ports, waterways and coasts; interdicting illegal drugs and migrants; enforcing fishery laws; responding to pollution threats in the marine environment; and protecting the flow of military cargo through our critical ports. Enlisting in 1984, he served as a Boatswain's Mate at Coast Guard Stations Swansboro, North Carolina, and Block Island, Rhode Island, before being commissioned in 1988. Captain White has served in a variety of operational and staff assignments throughout the United States during his 26 years of Coast Guard service, most recently as Special Assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Thursday, March 8

**Dr. Norman Levine**  
*"The Potential Impacts of Earthquakes, Hurricanes, and Tsunamis on Seabrook Island"*

Earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes have been in the news a lot in recent years and it is the unusual Seabrooker who hasn't wondered what would happen to our Island if we were ever faced with one of these events. And it is probably not a matter of if one of these events occurs but when. So come hear Dr. Norman Levine speak on "The Potential Impacts of Earthquakes, Hurricanes, and Tsunamis on Seabrook Island." Dr. Levine received his PhD from Purdue and is an Associate Professor at the College of Charleston. He is the Director of the Low Country Hazards Center and Co-Director of the South Carolina Earthquake Education and Preparedness Program.▲

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### LIMITED NUMBER OF GALA TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

The 300 tickets for the Green Space Conservancy Gala scheduled for March 25th are selling quickly. If you have not yet purchased your tickets and wish to attend the Gala, please contact Sue Coomer, [seabrksue@comcast.net](mailto:seabrksue@comcast.net), 768-4613 or Jeff Bostock, [bostockd@aol.com](mailto:bostockd@aol.com), 243-9364 as soon as possible.

Both of the Gala's Silent and Live Auction chairs Maryanne Banwart and Jeri Finke have added new and fun ideas to this year's event. Chef Randy and his staff are planning a gourmet meal while Tom Crawford and Doug Warner have agreed to be the auctioneers for the Live Auction part of this year's program.

Sponsorships for the Green Space Gala may also be purchased by contacting Sue or Jeff. The cost of a Sponsorship is \$250 and includes two tickets to the Gala and recognition in all Gala Publicity.

To date the following Companies and Seabrookers have become 2012 Sponsors: Coastal Get Aways (Nancy and Randy Buck), S. Bogan Designs (Shannon Bogan), Nearly New Furniture (Ray Heffer), Seabrook Island Real Estate (Joe Salvo), Frank & Dorothy Farlone, Sally Schenck, Mark Zizzamia, Joe & Sue Crispin, Norman & Sharon Balderson, Jerry & Hutchie Cummin, Bev & Jack Hoover, Marika Michaels, Gary & Sheila Quigley, Loren & Marion Chamberlain, Susan & Richard Coomer, Kevin & Jody Garvey, Susan & David Whitehouse, Bill & Nancy Bryant, Jim & Miriam Leib., Jean & David Mitchell, Mac & Jan Stanton, Don & Eileen Smith and Ray & Janet Gorski. The opportunity to become a sponsor closes on **February 15th**.

If you wish to sit together with a pre-arranged group, please advise any SIGSC director or Bill Bryant [bill&nancy1@comcast.net](mailto:bill&nancy1@comcast.net) of your seating preference. We will do all we can to accommodate those requests.

We look forward to an exciting evening and to seeing a full house.▲

Sue Coomer

# ISLAND HAPPENINGS

## ART GUILD

Every Tuesday, 12:30-4:00PM  
Eagles Nest at the Lake House  
Art Guild Open Paint



## OPERA LITE XI Winter 2012 Session

Join us Thursday afternoons for enjoyment mixed with enlightenment as we bring back our Opera Lite Series. The works are supplemented by historical and literary background presented by John Benzel. All performances are abbreviated to fit the 90 minute showing and will be subtitled in English. All are welcome and no previous knowledge of Opera is necessary. For more information, please contact John Benzel at 843.768.1174.

Thursdays, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Live Oak Hall at the Lake House



### Schedule

Feb. 2	Offenbach.....	The Tales of Hoffmann
Feb. 9	Puccini.....	Turandot
Feb. 16	.....	No Opera scheduled
Feb. 23	Verdi.....	A Masked Ball
Mar. 1	Rossini.....	Armida
Mar. 8	Puccini.....	La Boheme
Mar. 15	Donizetti.....	La Fille du Regimen

## OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP

2012 - The Year of Grace and Ease  
February 8, 3PM  
The Lake House

Come to free monthly interactive gatherings facilitated by Kathy Maher. Discussions will include learning to lessen struggles presented by life, believing in our own beauty and worth, communicating our needs to ourselves and others with more clarity, plus whatever other issues are brought up by the participants. Come to the first session to see if you may have an interest. Participants can then sign up if they wish to continue. The follow up group is limited to a maximum of 22. Kathy Maher lives on Seabrook Island and is a Brennan Healing Practitioner who uses small group seminars as a way for people to connect more deeply to the true self.

## SEABROOK ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

February 10, 10AM, The Lake House

The Seabrook Island Garden Club will host a representative from the new Seabrook Island Yard Service, Valley Crest, Friday, February 10 at 10 a.m. at the Lake House. Coffee and conversation will begin at 9 am, followed by the business meeting at 9:30 led by presidents Rita Tyler and Karen Sewell. During the meeting, the winner of the Challenge to design a table arrangement for the Club's Holiday Open House will be announced.

The Garden Club meets the second Friday of every month and focuses on supporting the natural beauty of our community while helping members to create and enjoy lasting friendships.



## NOTED AUTHOR AND LECTURER TO VISIT SEABROOK Friday, February 10th, 3:00pm Oyster Catcher Community Center

Anthony S. Abbott, novelist, poet, professor and lecturer will be coming to Seabrook Island in February. He will be giving a reading, leading a discussion and answering questions on his two recent books *If Words Could Save Us*, a book of poetry and *What Writers Do*, a compilation of works that provide insight into how well known

writers such as Bret Lott, Reynolds Price, Anna Quindlan, Josephine Humphreys, Lee Smith, and Frank McCourt ply their trade. There are selections from 35 different authors which include both poetry and prose. These authors took part in many of the Visiting Writers Series held at Lenoir-Rhyne University during the past 20 years, a Series that championed both established and emerging writers. This new publication is a tribute to that program. Educated at Princeton and receiving a Ph.D. at Harvard, Professor Abbott taught at Bates College and until his recent retirement, was the Chairman of the English Dept. at Davidson College in North Carolina. He currently lectures and teaches at Queens College in Charlotte, promoting creative writing and poetry. Abbott has written 2 novels and 5 books of poetry. He was nominated for a Pulitzer prize for *The Girl in the Yellow Raincoat*. Going to Dr. Abbott's website: [www.thegirlintheyellowraincoat.com](http://www.thegirlintheyellowraincoat.com) provides additional information about his works. His books are available at Amazon and on his website.

All Seabrookers and guests are invited to join the book club members hosting this event. Refreshments will be served. This will be a delightful and informative afternoon. Learn how authors write, where they write and what process they use to achieve their success. For additional information, please call Margo Heyd 768-4485.

## SCHRED360

Feb 15, 11A-1PM, Town Hall Parking Area

Randy Pierce wants all Seabrook residents to know that Shred360 will be here on February 15. Shred360's business is the shredding of large volumes of paper, cardboard and the like. The town utilizes their service but all Seabrookers are welcome to do likewise. There is no charge.



## SEABROOK ISLAND ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Friday, Feb 17, 2-5PM and 7-9PM (Meet the Artists)

Saturday, Feb 18, 10:30AM-5PM

Sunday, Feb 19, 11AM-3PM

The Lake House

General Admission: The artwork of local artists will be on display at the Lake House as the schedule above indicates. Seabrook is blessed with a growing number of artists and this is a chance to see their work. Refreshments will be served on Friday evening and on Sunday.

Artists: All entries must be submitted by February 10. For further information, contact Bob Hider @ 768-3166, bobhider@gmail.com or Colleen Wiesmann @ 768-9837, colleenwiesmann@yahoo.com



## NEWCOMERS HOSPITALITY GET TOGETHER

February 17, 5-7PM

Seabrook Island Club, Carolina Room

The Newcomers Hospitality Committee of the SIPOA and the Seabrook Island Club will host its first social of 2012 as part of the Seabrook Island Annual Meeting weekend. The party is scheduled for Friday, February 17 from 5:00 to 7:30 in the Carolina Room of the Seabrook Island Club's Island House. Seabrook Island property owners who purchased property in 2011 or 2012 and property owners who were unable to attend a prior Newcomer's social are all invited and encouraged to attend. The party will provide an opportunity to build new friendships, learn about our community's volunteer opportunities and meet officials of the Town, Club and SIPOA. Please return your RSVP included in the SIPOA Annual Meeting mailing or contact the Newcomer's co-chairs: Sue Ciancio (768-4214) or Patty DeGregorio (768-4461).



## SEABROOK ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Thursday, Feb 23, 6:45pm, Lake House

PROGRAM - "Behind the Shot" - Natural History filmmaker

Scott Snider shares some of the successes and challenges in making films for National Geographic and Discovery.

Scott Snider is a Natural History filmmaker who formed Half Moon Productions in 2001, focusing on wildlife and science based documentaries. His work as Director of Photography takes him around the world as an accomplished underwater, long lens, and macro cinematographer. Scott has over 20 credits for National Geographic, and many others for Discovery Channel, PBS Nature, History Channel, Discovery Health, The National Park Service, and numerous NGOs.

As Director of Photography, Scott has been privileged to work with many of the world's leading biologists and peered into the intricate lives of creatures large and small. Whether it's the courtship behavior of Side-Blotched Lizards in the Mojave Desert, stalking Jaguars in the jungles of Belize, or Whale Sharks feasting on fish eggs at a snapper spawning aggregation, Scott's critically acclaimed films center around detailed and intimate portrayals of the scientists, animals, and environments where he works. He is currently involved with the biggest productions at National Geographic and Discovery and recent projects include frogs and Bushmaster Vipers in Costa Rica, Brown Bears in Alaska, Mongoose in Uganda, Tigers in Ranthambore India, and strand feeding dolphin in the marshes of South Carolina.



## RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 19, 2012, Seabrook Island Golf Club

The 8th Annual Golf Tournament for Respire Care Charleston will be held March 19, 2012 on Seabrook Island. Money raised during the tournament will be used to offset the costs of providing care and support to families affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

Tournament sponsorships are available from \$100 to \$5,000 but any size donation is welcome and appreciated. Golfers may register as a team or as individuals either by mail or phone by contacting Laura Stefanelli at 843-478-8756. Participants may also register on-line at <http://www.respircarecharleston.org>.

Respire Care Charleston is a non-profit organization that offers programs to enhance the quality of life for people suffering from memory-related diseases. The daily programs benefit participants by working to improve their lives through activities, music participation, and social interaction. These vital programs give caregivers a much-needed break and provide a support network for families. Respire Care Charleston is supported through donations, memorials, grants, volunteers, and fund raising events. Proceeds from the golf tournament represent approximately 25% of the necessary funds to be raised each year. For more information, contact Laura Stefanelli 843-478-8756.



# Bohicket Marina Oyster Roast a Big Hit

PHOTOS: SCOTT RAND & JOY MILLAR



A good time for young and old alike

On a beautiful lowcountry evening, a large gathering of folks made their way to the town's Bohicket Marina, to enjoy an Oyster Roast. Sponsored by the Marina's Merchants Association, the bash attracted visitors from far and wide: Seabrook, Kiawah, Johns Island, James Island, Mt Pleasant and of course, Ohio and New Jersey.

The cold beer and warm oysters were accompanied by the nostalgic sounds of the Paul Jameson Beach & Blues Band filling the air with the music of Sam Cook, Jimmy Buffet, Jerry Lee Lewis and the Rolling Stones. Stagger Lee brought out some good shaggers.

"The event has been a tremendous success", Joy Millar of Dunes Properties remarked as the evening wound down. "We've gone through 43 bushels of oysters!" ▲



Seabrookers on the way to shucking 43 bushels



The Jameson Beach & Blues Band



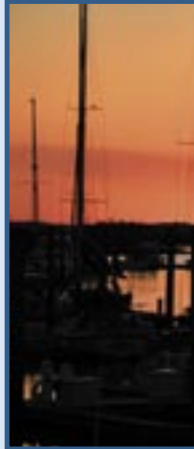
Chef Robin Dee and Friends at Doin' the Charleston



A great way to spend a Saturday night



Family Outing



Enjoying the oysters



Julie & Fred Vesel with friend Ian Millar



Girls just having fun!



## Marina Loves the Locals

Throughout the entire month of February, the town of Seabrook's Bohicket Marina is offering "Special Deals for Seabrookers". Courtesy of the Marina's Merchants Association, shops will display the above sweethearts logo at their entrances. Simply walk in, identify yourself as a Seabrook resident and you will receive your Special Deal. Included are such exciting prizes as a raffle for a beachfront house at Folly Beach for 4 days.

Find out more by visiting the Marina this month.



A smoke-filled marina



Don & Vienna Campbell (Ohio) with Pat Hanna



Another spectacular sunset on Seabrook Island



(L to R) Deena Ralph & Carroll Dunn



Susie Stroupe, Synergy Day Spa; Josh Kennedy, Fischer's Pub & Grill; Julie Zanetti, Doin' the Charleston



(L to R) Joy Millar, Becca Manna & Pandora



It "don't" get any better than this! Bob, Glenn and Sunshine



(L to R) Hadley Claire & Noah Beck with Paula Billian



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## Splinters

The standard Blackwood conveThe splinter bid is a useful tool to find slams at what would appear to be insufficient point levels, i.e. below the 33-34 points typically needed. Suppose your partner opens one of a major and you have:

1. Good trump support – 4 or more.
2. 13-15 points – including distribution.
3. A void or singleton.

You show the above hand by making a double-jump bid in the short suit. For an opening bid of 1 Spade, bids of 4 Clubs, 4 Diamonds and 4 Hearts show shortness in the respective suits, with game going values. For a 1 Heart opener, a bid of 3 Spades shows Spade shortness.

The responder is sending the message – “Partner, we have game. If my shortness has value, let’s try for slam.”

Consider the following hands:

<b>Opener</b>	<b>Responder</b>
♠ A	♠ K Q 3
♥ K Q 10 8 2	♥ A 9 7 6 3
♦ 9 7 3	♦ 4
♣ A K 5 4	♣ Q 9 8 2

The opening bid of 1 Heart receives a splinter bid response of 4 Diamonds. With three losing Diamonds, opener sees obvious value and drives to Six Hearts, which is “cold” (unbeatable) with only 27 HCP between the two hands.

However, change the location of the shortness:

<b>Opener</b>	<b>Responder</b>
♠ A	♠ K Q 3
♥ K Q 10 8 2	♥ A 9 7 6 3
♦ 9 7 3	♦ Q 8 6 2
♣ A K 5 4	♣ 6

A splinter bid of 4 Clubs is no where near as attractive to the opener, who signs off at 4 Hearts. The defense can immediately take two or three Diamond tricks.

The successful splinter bid has the effect of taking the short suit “out of play”. Splinters can be used by the opener in raising responder’s suit, but require 18-19 points, since responder can have as few as 6. Another advantage of splinters is that they are easily recognizable, even if they don’t occur as often as many other conventions.▲

THE *Seabrooker*



## Appetites and Anecdotes

by Saffron and Curry  
 Information for Seabrookers by Seabrookers  
 Email: saffronandcurry@yahoo.com • Photos by Paprika

### Tasty Surprises for Valentine’s Day!!

What a “sweet” assignment we set for ourselves when we set out to check on places to get that special treat for your loved one for Valentine’s Day, which will be here sooner than you think!

We spent a glorious, and somewhat fattening, day checking out **Cupcake, Macaroon Boutique, Christophe**, and even the fun **Robot Candy** all in downtown Charleston.



Our first stop of the day was at **Cupcake** at 433 Upper King St., just across from John St. Saffron remarked that there was no way she could eat a cupcake at 1030 in the morning! Well, as Curry pointed out, we had, indeed, waited ‘til one minute past eleven to actually indulge! We agreed that without a doubt we consumed THE best chocolate almond cupcake we have ever had! Plenty of rich, chocolaty and almond flavor in a mouth watering delicacy. **Cupcake** opened here in 2006 as the idea of Charlestonian Kristin Kuhlke Cobb who had left Charleston for New York and then returned for her venture into the world of gastronomy.



This wonderful little shop with several tables and chairs offers at least 9 tempting flavors of cupcakes each day. These change daily and all sound delectable.. salted caramel chocolate, lemon blueberry, chocolate peanut butter as well as red velvet, hocolate and vanilla! One cupcake is \$2.75 unless it is a giant one that is \$18!. For Valentine’s Day there will be a giant heart shaped cupcake for the perfect ending to your valentines dinner! A good variety of coffees as well, for your dine in or take out enjoyment.

**Cupcake** is open M-W 10a-7pm, Th-Sa 10am-10pm for after theatre treats, and noon-5p on Sunday. (843) 853-8181 for special orders.. call ahead for February 14!



Chelsea and Honor, both sweeties themselves, could not have been friendlier and more helpful to us!

Next, we just walked across and down to #45 John Street, before 39 Rue du Jean restaurant, to **Macaroon Boutique**..whether you prefer it spelled macaroon or the true French way, macaron..you can’t go wrong at this strictly Parisian pastry shop. Owner and chef, Paris native, Fabrice Rizzo and his attractive French wife, Fabienne Docco, have opened the closest thing to our favorite French patisserie, Paul. The macarons at **Macaroon Boutique** are very reminiscent of those at the great Paris shop, Laduree, but without their little green boxes!! Pastries include delectable almond and chocolate croissants (the almond is our favorite), and the most popular is the flaky buttery croissant that you can take home and freeze with minimal side effects! As to the macarons themselves..choose flavors from hazelnut to raspberry to pistachio and in all the lovely pastels these flavours conjure up. A little clear bag of 6 is under \$10. What a treat for Valentine’s Day for a friend or loved one!



Croissants are \$2.30 up each. **Macaroon Boutique** is open Tu-F 11a-6p, Sat 9a-6p, and Sun.10a-4p, closed Mondays. Call 577-5441 to place your order. Take out only.

Crossing Calhoun and turning onto Society Street, we found another Frenchman who has established himself in Charleston. **Christophe**, a third generation French chocolatier, opened his first shop on King Street three years ago with his wife, Carly. The retail store, however, moved recently to 90 Society Street and provides a relaxed venue for chocolate ogling and tasting. The actual creative kitchen is not at this site, but

finished products are displayed in profusion at this location as well as at the Mt. Pleasant store. A favorite work of art would be difficult to choose: from truffles with milk chocolate ganache infused with lemon, to a hand-painted treat of infused French lavender, homemade caramel topped with a dark chocolate shell. However, we settled on the coeur de noisette (\$4.75). Our choice was totally gratifying—a hazelnut meringue stashed inside an exquisitely thin purse of chocolate. The crunch meringue could not have been a more exciting surprise. Whether it is heart-shaped boxes to fill with truffles, chocolate with sea salt desserts, macarons (\$9.95 for a box of 4), or the Eiffle tower in chocolate (\$38.95), **Christophe’s** is a delightfully delicious place to go. French pressed coffee is also available as a wonderful complement to the sweets (\$2 a cup).



For your creative side, chocolate making classes will be available in February. Call 843-297-8674 for more specific information and to place orders for Valentines. Hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-7:30pm, Sun. 12n-5:30pm. www.christophechocolatier.com features more special selections.

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# 2011 National Jewish Book Award Winners

## Seabrooker Mary Glickman a finalist



The National Jewish Book Awards are presented at a celebratory gathering in the spring of the year following the publication of the books under consideration. The event, held at the Center for Jewish History in NYC, honors the authors of the winning books. The evening begins with a private dinner for the winning authors and is attended by the authors and leading names in the Jewish literary world.

The National Jewish Book Awards program began in 1950 when the Jewish Book Council presented awards to authors of Jewish books at its annual meeting. Past notable literary winners include Chaim Grade, Deborah Lipstadt, Bernard Malamud, Michael Oren, Chaim Potok, Philip Roth, and Elie Wiesel.

Awards are presented in over 18 categories. In addition, since 2003, one non-fiction book has been selected as the winner of the Everett

Family Foundation Jewish Book of the Year Award. Winners include Dr. Jonathan Sarna and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

**FICTION**

*JJ Greenberg Memorial Award*  
**WINNER:**

**Until the Dawn's Light**  
Aharon Appelfeld;  
Jeffrey M. Green, trans.  
Schocken Books/  
Random House

**FINALISTS:**

**One More River**  
Mary Glickman  
Open Road Integrated Media  
**Life on Sandpaper**  
Yoram Kaniuk;  
Anthony Berris, trans.  
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**The Vices**

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Congratulations Mary!▲



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# THE FLU IS AFTER YOU: WHAT TO DO



We all know the statistics, flu is a rapidly spreading and particularly virulent virus that seeks out those of us over 65. It affects between 5 and 20% of Americans each year. About 200,000 people will require hospitalization. We have written already this year about the most important strategy to keep the flu away and that is to take the vaccine. It is not too late if you haven't had your flu shot but time is running out. However, some who have had the shot can still contract the flu if the virus strain is different enough from the vaccine. In other words, the vaccine is not 100% effective every year in everyone. Those who failed to get the vaccine are at a higher risk!

Flu strikes from mid October to as late as May. It peaks in January and February or about the time you are reading this. Influenza kills about 30,000 people a year and those of us over 65 are in one of the high risk groups because as we age, our immunity is not as effective at fighting the virus as it is in younger people. Since we are at the time of the peak flu season, this report will focus on making the diagnosis and what treatments can minimize the effects.

**Do I have the Flu?**

The flu is actually relatively easy to diagnose. You know you have the flu if you have the symptoms below:

**Flu Symptoms**

- Aches and Pains in muscles (myalgias)
- Fever (over 100 degrees F)
- Headache
- Nasal congestion
- Cough (usually dry – not productive, but persistent)
- Fatigue and weakness
- Chills and sweats
- Sore throat

Although these symptoms are often present with other illnesses, when they are present in one constellation – you probably have the flu. It is more sudden in onset and more severe than the common cold, although many of the symptoms are similar. The fever and myalgia differentiate the flu from the cold. Since the flu is potentially deadly in the elderly, it is important to recognize it early.

**Treating the Flu**

When one has the flu, one really does feel sick. This is a good thing. It is important to stay home and thereby eliminate exposure to others and spreading the virus. Your body will mobilize its immune defenses best while you rest and sleep as much as possible. (Remember that you are a virus vector for about a week from the onset of symptoms, meaning you can spread the virus to others during the first week after contracting the flu). Treatments after the flu are listed below.

**Flu Treatments**

- Call your doctor immediately (don't delay – a visit may be required)
- Follow the physicians recommendations – fill any prescriptions
- Rest/sleep as much as possible
- Take plenty of fluids (be sure urine stays light yellow or clear)

- Use over the counter meds in consultation with a physician.
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol others) for fever and myalgia
- Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, others) for fever and myalgia
- Antihistamines (Benadryl, Nyquil, others)
- Decongestants (pseudophedrine, others) as in Nyquil, others
- Decongestant nasal spray (Afrin, others)
- Cough Suppressant (Nyquil, others)
- Monitor temperature and treat fever (with acetaminophen or ibuprofen)
- Avoid alcohol
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing
- Wash hands regularly

Most people can treat the flu at home and do not need to visit a doctor but a physician should be notified immediately when you believe you have the flu. He may prescribe antiviral medicines if you have reported your condition within 48 hours of contracting it. Older people with known immunosuppression (diseases or drugs known to reduce your body's ability to fight viruses and bacteria) should probably receive the anti-viral medications from their doctors. People with chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease are at a greater risk for complications and your physician can advise you regarding this.

There are a variety of over the counter medicines that can be used to treat the symptoms of the flu. These over the counter medicine should be used as directed by your doctor, the pharmacist or by the directions on the medicines. Antihistamines will make you drowsy and can lead to urinary retention in older men with large prostates, but taken in moderation, these medicines are safe and effective. A popular elixir is Vick's Nyquil, which has a combination of four of the ingredients listed in the table. In addition, whole aisles of pharmacies are dedicated to cold and flu over-the-counter medications.

The last two treatments as shown above are aimed at keeping you from spreading the virus to others. Most people's recovery from the flu comes after 1 or 2 weeks of care. However, a dry cough may persist for 3 to 4 weeks.

Complications of the flu include sinus, ear and lung bacterial infections that require treatment by a physician. Pneumonia (lung infection) is the most deadly of these complications and manifests itself with a productive cough (thick yellow to yellow green sputum) and fever. These infections all require a visit to the doctor for prompt and appropriate treatment.

The bottom line is that now is the time for peak influenza outbreaks. If you believe you have the virus, you need to alert your physician and aggressively deal with the flu. This will prevent it from worsening and possibly leading to a more serious infection.▲

**Those Were The Days**

Who looks sweet upon the seat of a bicycle built for two?

Answer on page 16

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MANAGING HOMES, VILLAS & REGIMES

# 2011 A GOOD YEAR FOR RECYCLING ON SEABROOK

260 tons of paper, glass, plastics, metal and cardboard were collected on Seabrook Island during the past year. That weight represents an increase of almost 12% compared to the previous year. Charleston County's recycling center saw an increase of approximately 4% so our collection trend outpaced the county's.

Precise measurement of our rate of participation is not possible due to the variations in population we experience from year to year so we must do the best we can with the available data. One source of information is "bin counts" - the number of blue recycling bins emptied by Priority One on selected Mondays. In 2011 we averaged around 700 bins. This compares favorably to an average 600 bins in counted in 2010 and points to a trend of increased participation in recycling.

It is encouraging to see increasing participation by the SI Club and SIPOA. Note the photo of a



new recycling container at the Lake House. This type container is clearly marked and designed exclusively for recyclable materials. It is also very portable making it ideal for outdoor events.

Another SIPOA improvement for 2011 was the construction of enclosures for the garbage and recycling cans at out boardwalks. (see photo) These painted wooden enclosures provide an attractive solution for hiding the mess until it can be taken away.

Charleston County is gradually phasing in a new program which provides residents with a single "roll-out" recycling can allowing the mixing of paper with commingled materials. This type of recycling will be similar to our roll-out garbage cans. Such a program would have benefits for Seabrook's facilities and residents, especially for villa owners and renters. We hope to soon have news of a date for us to begin this program.

Keep recycling! It conserves energy and extends the life of our landfill. ▲

Carl Voelker  
SIPOA Environmental Committee



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## FROM TOWN HALL

The following is a summary of the Town Council meeting of December 13, 2011:

**Mayor Holtz** reported that revenue collected through November was \$807,400 as opposed to \$770,200 for the previous year; expenses for the year to date were \$542,400 compared to \$ 486,500 for the previous year. The excess of revenue over expenditures for the year to date was \$264,900 compared to \$290,700 for the previous year.

**Presentations:** Dave Bauhs, President of the SIPOA stated that the POA has been trying for four years to obtain a permit to relocate Cap'n Sams Inlet. To date all issues have been worked out\* except for a requirement dealing with the critical habit for the Piping Plovers at the far end of the beach and their relationship with dogs. Mr. Bauhs introduced Mary Hope Green, of the Corps of Engineers, who explained that since a federal permit was required by the POA, the Endangered Species Act that is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department comes into play. As a result of the critical habitat designation, dogs cannot be allowed in that area of Cap'n Sams Inlet and signs would have to be posted to alert residents and visitors to that fact. Ms Green indicated that OCRM would require the same terms and conditions on the State permit. Dave Bauhs, on behalf of the SIPOA requested that the Council modify their ordinance so that dogs are not allowed on the beach past the area now referred to as the "Designated Area" on the Cap'n Sams Inlet side. Mrs. Green stated that if the Town Ordinance dealing with dogs on the beach was amended as suggested, she felt strongly that the permit for relocating the inlet would be granted.

**Government Relations:** Councilman Reed reported that the SC Department of Transportation and County Council are still in negotiation regarding I-526.\* He also reported that a study committee has established new criteria to prioritize roads that need work. Currently, there is a Project Candidate as well as an Existing Committed list. Both the Greenway and I-526 are on the Candidate list. The Committed list is composed of projects that have been funded for the next 20 -25 years. Widening Maybank Highway from the Stono Bridge down to Bohicket is on the committed list. Members of the Greenway Committee are continuing to meet with Town Council members to keep the idea of the Greenway in front of them and its connection with I-526.

Councilman Ahearn reported that he and Diane Holtz, chairman of the Accommodation Tax Committee met with representatives from Bohicket Marina to discuss sponsorship of two kiosks that would be located at the Marina. The kiosks would be receptacles for publications that would be available to visitors. If the Town helped sponsor the project, the Town would be able to use the kiosks to display their information. Ahearn stated that the cost for both kiosks would be

between \$6,000 and \$7,000 and that the Accommodation Tax Committee will be meeting to make a recommendation to Town Council. He further stated that Bohicket Marina would take over maintenance of the kiosks once they were installed.

**Communications:** Councilman Cummin reported that the second of three videos, which places emphasis on the family, is now running on the Town website. A section has been added on the website for Bohicket Marina events. Going to that link connects one to the Marina's website.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Ciancio reported that updates for the Emergency Operations Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Plan have been given to the Town Administrator and in the future updates will be given by position rather than by name changes.

**Report of Town Officers:** Mayor Holtz reported that Mike Morris, editor of the Seabrooker, would like to place news stands around Seabrook Island and outside of the Town which would add visibility and amplify on what the Town is doing\*. Councilman Reed moved to spend up to \$650 for 15 news stands. Councilman Ahearn seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Cummin moved to appoint Stephen L. Brown as Town Attorney, Randy Pierce as Zoning Administrator, and Faye Allbritton as Town Clerk for 2012. Councilman Ahearn seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. It was moved and seconded to appoint John Scofield and Fran Quagliato to two-year terms on the Planning Commission to expire on December 31, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously. Town Administrator Pierce reported that there has been no changes to the Town Zoning Map in 2011. Councilman Ciancio moved to print the 2012 Town Zoning Map with no changes. Councilman Cummin seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Ordinances for First Reading:** Ordinance 2011-07 authorizing the Seabrook Island Utility Commission to borrow \$1,700,000 for improvements was approved unanimously. Ordinance 2011-08 to amend the Town Code relating to the restrictions on domestic animals and pets in order to facilitate the permit for the SIPOA relocation of Cap'n Sams Inlet was approved unanimously.

Ordinances for Second Reading: Ordinance 2011-06 authorizing the Seabrook Island Utility Commission General Bond Ordinance was approved unanimously.

The Town meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.▲

Bob Giuffreda

**JANUARY MEETING UPDATE:** The Council unanimously passed a Resolution encouraging the S.C. DOT to complete I-526. This represents the will of the residents of Seabrook Island. A survey done some months ago indicated that 83.6% of our residents were in favor.



Three young visitors with a different perspective of Seabrook Island.  
Photo taken at the corner of Baywood and Captain Sams in October or November.  
PHOTO BY LARRY L. DILL



## C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

LYNN RICHBART

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information

The COVAR Board met with town officials to discuss several issues concerning Town Business Licenses, Town and County Permits, and FEMA/County regulations about what can be put below first floor elevations. Representing the Town was Town Administrator Randy Pierce and one of the two Code Enforcers, Maurise (Mo) Glunt. (Frank Rivers is the other Code Enforcer).

Although these issues were brought to our attention by villa owners, they apply to all homes on Seabrook Island. The first issue discussed was who can do business on the island, what do they need to do, and how much does it cost. Our Town requires all contractors to obtain a Town Business License. This process allows the Town to check to see that the contractor has the appropriate credentials, insurance, and if need be carries workman compensation for their employees. The annual fee is \$60 for the first \$2000 of work done and \$1.50 for every \$1000 done after that. Since the fee is annual, any job that occurs over years end would require fees for both years.

In addition to the Town License, the contractor must obtain a Town and perhaps a Charleston County permit for each job. The Town charges \$25 for small jobs such as simple repairs and \$100 for major construction. Since our Town contracts with the County to do major building inspections, they abide by County codes and lists of jobs that require such permits. The March 2009 Charleston County Memorandum still currently in use today, requires permits for companies or individuals who install or repair such things as paint/wallpaper, floor covering/carpet, carpentry, insulation, drywall and masonry/concrete work to name just a few. As you can imagine, there is a county fee for each permit. Most County permits are based on the construction valuations as shown in box above.



(L-R) Randy Pierce and Mo Glunt

\$1,000 and less	No fee, unless an inspection is required, in which case a permit is required and a \$50.00 fee shall be charged.
\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$50
\$2,001 to \$15,000	\$50.00 for the first \$2,000 + \$3.00 per \$1,000
\$15,001 to \$50,000	\$100.00 for the first \$15,000 + \$4.00 per \$1,000
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$240.00 for the first \$50,000 + \$3.50 per \$1,000
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$415 for the first \$100,000 + \$3.35 per \$1,000
\$500,001 and up	\$1,755 for the first \$500,000 + \$2.50 per \$1,000

Plumbing, electrical and gas permits have slightly different rates such as \$50 plus \$3.00 for each plumbing fixture or \$70.00 for up to 200 amps plus \$0.10 per each additional amp. Of course the contractor must be licensed and registered with the county. That requires an application fee (\$50) and yearly registration fee as well (\$25 for renewals).

What if you, the homeowner, do the work yourself? In the vast majority of cases no Town License is needed but are permits required? The answer is not a simple yes or no. If the work involves code issues, a permit is required.

The final topic discussed with the Town was what is permitted below the first living level or flood stage elevation. COVAR ran an article in 2010 discussing air conditioners (HVAC). One of the items contributing towards the Town's flood insurance premium discounts is an ordinance requirement that new or substantially improved buildings be elevated to a minimum of one foot above the elevation indicated on the NFIP

flood insurance rate maps ("free-board elevation") or the elevation of the existing first finished floor, whichever is lower. Similarly no hard wired appliances are permitted below this level such as air conditioners or water heaters. One switch and one electric outlet are permitted.

If you have questions or need clarification on any of this information contact the Charleston County Building Inspection Services office at (843) 202-6940, e-mail them at [buildingservices@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:buildingservices@charlestoncounty.org) or contact Randy Pierce at our Town Hall. The topic will be discussed further at our next COVAR meeting on March 10, 2012 at the Lake House from 10:00- Noon. We hope to have one of our Code Enforcers there to answer questions that you may have. All are welcome.▲

Gary Quigley, Secretary  
Lynn Richbart, President  
If you have suggestions for topics to be covered at our meeting or for articles for this COVAR CORNER send them to [SICOVAR@comcast.net](mailto:SICOVAR@comcast.net).

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Administrative News from the Seabrook



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

— FEBRUARY 2012 —

We hope to see many of you at the February 18th Annual Meetings!

The SIPOA and Seabrook Island Club Annual Meetings will be held at the Island House on the morning of the 18th. If you have not

received your voting materials, please contact SIPOA or the Club to have them re-sent. If you have already voted, thank you! If you have not yet voted, please do so today. In years like 2012, with no controversial issues on the ballot, it can be a challenge to reach the quorum necessary to approve the budget and elect the Board of Directors, so PLEASE, vote today!

The spring will be a busy time for infrastructure maintenance on Seabrook Island; we like to get the heavy lifting done prior to the busy season.

- We are still hopeful that the permit for the relocation of Capn Sams Inlet will be issued very soon. As you have probably noticed, during the permitting process over the past several years, the erosion of the beach has accelerated. Relocation of the inlet provides for the preservation of habitat and the wide recreational, buffering beach. Equity accumulated over the years allows us to pay for this project without the need for a special assessment.
- Approximately two dozen storm water pipes will be lined in-place with heavy duty cast in Place fiberglass liners. This is the method we use to re-vital-

ize the pipes that are under our roadways, without having to dig up the roads. We are also proactively refurbishing the storm water pumps in the lift stations this year. The storm water system maintenance and repair program is perpetual, with preventive maintenance and scheduled replacements occurring at an annual cost of approximately \$400K. Approaching this program in this manner keeps surprises to a minimum, while ensuring the passive and mechanical portions of the system remain functional.

- Approximately six miles of roads will receive an application of a penetrating rejuvenator. This is the same product tested on Seabrook Island Road, between the Club and Oyster Catcher Ct. in the fall. When installed, it replaces the organic compounds that have evaporated from the asphalt, extending the useful life of the pavement by many years. This process reduces overall costs of maintaining our roads, and consequently allows us to level out cash-flow needs to ensure the Horizon Plan buildings are paid for prior to any large-scale paving projects being necessary. It's a win/win!

- The Crab Dock is in the process of being replaced and when complete will have an additional float with a kayak launching slip to make entry and exit from the water a bit more convenient. (Please be careful out there!)

### Back to the Annual Meeting:

The "Time and Talent" sheets in your SIPOA Annual Meeting Package provide the opportunity for you to volunteer in your areas of interest. Please consider volunteer opportunities on Seabrook Island and throughout the Charleston Area.

Again this year, the first quarter Brown and White pickup will coincide with the Annual Meeting. On Friday, February 17, you may place your Brown and White goods at the curb for pickup. Please have them at the curb by 7:00 am. Brown and Whites include furniture and appliances, but not construction debris. If you have any questions about this, please call the SIPOA office at 768-0061.

Good luck with your resolutions, and I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!▲

John Thompson  
SIPOA Executive Director  
jthompson@siipoa.org



## Adopt-a-Highway 2012

Pick Up Date  
(Rain Date)

**Saturday, Feb 4, 2012**  
(Saturday, Feb 11, 2012)

**Saturday, May 5, 2012**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
See the shaded area below for the February fitness schedule. Classes are subject to change.			1 8:00am Stink Smashers 1:30pm Social Chicago Bridge	2 12:30pm Art Open Paint 1:00pm Mahjongg 3:30pm Opera Lite X Series	3 9:30am Dup Bridge 6:00pm Stink Smashers	4 8:00am Stink Smashers
5 8:00pm Super Bowl XLVI Party	6 9:00am Social Bridge 11:00am Stink Smashers 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study 1:30pm Dup Bridge 4:00pm Stink Smashers	7 12:30pm Art Open Paint	8 9:00am Stink Smashers 1:30pm Social Chicago Bridge	9 12:30pm Art Open Paint 1:00pm Mahjongg 3:30pm Opera Lite X Series 7:00pm SRMG Spring Program	10 9:00am Garden Club 9:30am Dup Bridge 1:00pm Author's Reading—Terry Abbott (Oyster Catcher) 6:00pm Stink Smashers	11 9:00am Stink Smashers
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26	27 9:00am Social Bridge 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study 1:30pm Dup Bridge 4:00pm Stink Smashers	28 9:00am AARP Driver Safety Course 12:30pm Art Open Paint 2:00pm Stink Smashers	29 9:00am Stink Smashers 1:30pm Social Chicago Bridge	<b>SIPOA Annual Meeting Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 am</b>		
<b>Sundays</b> NO CLASSES	<b>Mondays</b> 8:30am Splashers 8:30am Yoga 9:30am Cardio Mix 11:00am Total Body Toning 12:00pm Tap	<b>Tuesdays</b> 9:30am Water Aerobics 9:45am Cardio Interval 10:00am Core Fusion 4:00pm Deep Water Aerobics	<b>Wednesdays</b> 8:30am Splashers 9:15am Get Pumped 11:00am Total Body Toning 4:00pm Gentle & Restorative Yoga	<b>Thursdays</b> 8:30am Water Aerobics 8:45am Cardio Core 9:00am Flow Yoga 10:45am Boot Camp 4:00pm Deep Water Aerobics	<b>Fridays</b> 8:30am Water Aerobics 10:30am Get Pumped 11:30am Meditation	<b>Saturdays</b> 8:30am Pilates

# O A P A G E S

Island Property Owners Association

## LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

### 2012 Cooper River Bridge Run

Join The Lake House staff (and many others) for the 2012 Cooper River Bridge Run!

This 10K race will start at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 31st in Mt. Pleasant. The race will take you over the bridge and through the streets of downtown Charleston, to finish with a post race festival in Marion Square.

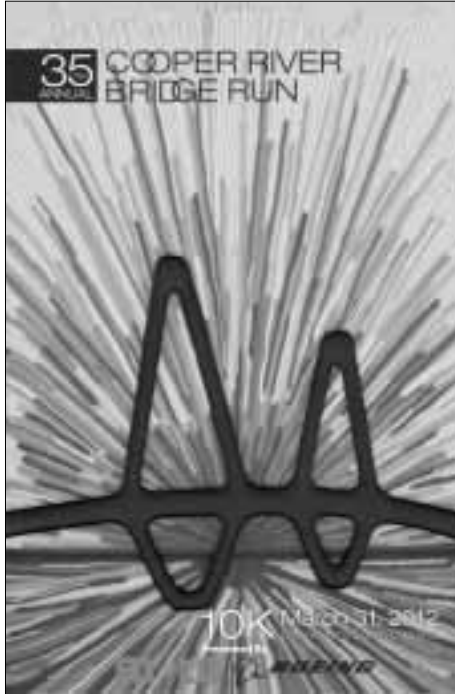
SIPOA will again be chartering a motor coach for Seabrookers and their guests to take to and from the race. Last year, over 85 individuals utilized the bus to travel to the race without aggravation. The motor coach will pick up Seabrookers at the Real Estate building parking lot promptly at 6:00 am and drop off just before the start line. Return time will depend on when our last participant finishes. For more information, please visit the front desk of the Lake House or call (843) 725-1580.

Registration forms for the race and the bus ride are available at the front desk of the Lake House. Sign up by January 31st and the race fee is only \$30; after that the price increases to \$40. The cost for the bus ride is \$15. Turn in your registration forms to the Lake House by Thursday, February 16th, and we will pick up your packet for you!

Avoid the hassle of going downtown to pick up your packet.

Let us do it for you!

For more information, please contact the Lake House at (843) 725-1580 or email [jmogus@sipoa.org](mailto:jmogus@sipoa.org). ▲



## SIPOA Business Highlights

At the January 16, 2012 Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to approve the following.

1. Improvements will soon be initiated on beach access #7, including elevating the path and installing bike racks near the beach.
2. Contracts for road maintenance and pipe relining will proceed this spring. (See John Thompson's adjacent "Executive Director's Corner" for more detail about the maintenance projects.)
3. We will move forward with biological monitoring and construction drawing preparation to facilitate being ready to relocate Capn Sams Inlet this Spring, should the State and Federal permits be issued in time.
4. We will conduct LIDAR mapping for the island, (a detailed elevation survey), to support the Capn Sams Inlet and Storm Water management planning.
5. Clarifications/changes to ARC Appendices have been approved, including reducing the multi-family construction project deposit requirements. ▲

## Annual Meeting Weekend Schedule

### Saturday, February 19

- 8:00-10:15 AM.....SIPOA Annual Meeting Registration & Refreshments
- 8:30 AM ..... Club Annual Meeting begins
- 10:15 AM..... Club Annual Meeting ends

### Break

- 10:30 AM.....SIPOA Annual Meeting begins
- 12:00 Noon .....SIPOA Annual Meeting ends

### Other Scheduled Events:

### Friday, February 17

- 5:00 PM- 7:30 PM ...First 2012 Newcomers Mixer  
Carolina Room (Island House)

### Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19 Twenty Fifth Annual Arts & Crafts Show (Lake House)

- Friday ..... 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Meet the Artists  
(Refreshments Served)
- Saturday ..... 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM  
(Refreshments Served)
- Sunday ..... 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
(Refreshments Served)

### Friday, February 17 .....Brown and White Pickup

## NEW CLASSES FOR 2012

### Intro to Tap Dance

Join Tiffany DiPrima, of Trudy's School of Dance, on MONDAYS at 12:00 pm for her Intro to Tap Dance class. In this class, you will learn the basics and will start dancing it up in no time! This is a fun way to get some exercise while learning one of the greatest dance disciplines of our time.

### Flow Yoga

Awaken your body with full sun salutations and then experience release and new flexibility through a broader range of seated poses, twists, forward and back bends and inversions. Suitable for those looking to expand, refine and develop their yoga practice. Join Natasha Stevens at 9:00 am on THURSDAY mornings for this wonderful wake up.

### Meditation

Meditation has been widely used in many cultures since ancient times as an effective means of reducing stress and improving health and a sense of well-being on a durable basis. The class will provide detailed instructions and guided practice of meditation led by Sarshar A. Khan on FRIDAYS at 11:30 am.

## FREE Orientation for Fitness Center



Our trainers would love to explain and demonstrate proper usage and techniques to those who are unfamiliar with our machines. Please leave your name and number with our receptionist, so that one of our personal trainers can contact you to schedule a FREE orientation appointment (about 12 hour). Please note that our trainers have rigorous schedules. They will contact you as soon as possible, but same day opportunities might not be available.

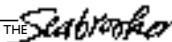
### Massage Menu of Services

Aromatherapy Massage  
60 minutes, \$50

Swedish Massage  
60 minutes, \$65

Deep Tissue Massage  
60 minutes, \$75

To book a massage with Meghan, please contact The Lake House at (843) 725-1580 or just stop by and leave your name and phone number with the receptionist. ▲



# HISTORY OF SEABROOK ISLAND

## Camp St. Christopher – Part 1 of a 2 part Series

The school buses headed toward St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center bringing over ten thousand campers, conference attendees and students to the camp on an annual basis have become a familiar site on Seabrook Island. Yet St. Christopher remains among the "unknowns" on the Island. This article will provide a brief history of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center and its association with Seabrook Island. A second article will explain the features and programs of the facility.

The idea for a summer camp in this part of South Carolina started with three Episcopal priests in Eutawville, South Carolina in 1935. The priests served a number of churches in the area and wanted to start a camp for the children of the parish. They established the first camp in Bluffton, with twenty-five boys. For the following two years the priests held the camp at Edisto Island. It wasn't until 1938, when Victor Morawetz, a New York lawyer, offered the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina a ten year lease of six acres along Seabrook Island's beach for a dollar per year that the camp began in its present location.

Morawetz, who at the time owned most of what is now Seabrook Island, had been a personal lawyer to Andrew Carnegie and the general counsel of the Santa Fe Railroad. Morawetz also had strong ties to the city of Charleston. He and his wife Marjorie had purchased and restored Fenwick Hall, as well as a number of classic Charleston homes. His contributions to Charleston include the land on which the municipal golf course is currently located, a \$1 million grant to the South Carolina Medical Society and a wing of Roper Hospital.

In 1938, a summer camp was opened at Seabrook Island for the first time. It served under privileged children as well as church members. The facilities at that time included two small cottages, two dormitory-type buildings, and an administration building which was used as a dining hall, kitchen, chapel and recreation hall. There were no electric lights, bath-houses were built in the first two dorms, and drinking water was hauled from the facility the Morawetz's used as their club house.

Having no children of their own, Morawetz and his wife decided to bequeath their Seabrook Island property to the Episcopal Diocese. When Mr. Morawetz died in 1939 at the age of 79, a codicil in his will stated his desire that his property on Seabrook Island should be "a park and recreation ground for such public as may be in need thereof...So much of the beach as can be advantageously used for healthful recreation of boys of the State of South Carolina shall always be set apart for that purpose." Unfor-

tunately, the polio epidemic of 1939, hurricane threats in 1940 and safety concerns during World War II delayed the camp's progress.

During World War II the U.S. Coast Guard occupied the property on which St. Christopher's is now located and for security reasons beach access was restricted. Because the beaches were considered unsafe, during the war years the summer camp program was hosted at Burnt Gin, a state park near Cheraw and also in Bluffton.

In 1949, summer camp returned to Seabrook Island and has continued at its present location ever since. Beginning in 1949, regular conferences

have also been held each summer at the Conference Center. That same year Mrs. Morawetz gave assurances to the Diocese that the land on which the buildings were located were to be given to them with further assurances that she would deed additional property to the Diocese at a later date. Rights-of-way for roads were obtained and sand-dunes blocking vehicle entry were leveled. Drinking wells were drilled and electricity installed shortly thereafter.

In the 1950's a caretaker's cottage was built, and additional road, water and general repairs made to the property. That same year the Diocese en-

tered into contracts for the building of a new dining hall and other improvements.

Consistent with the intent of her deceased husband as expressed in the codicil to his will, Mrs. Morawetz donated 1408 undeveloped acres of Seabrook Island to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina in 1951 in memory of both her husband, and her deceased nephew Benedict Nott. It was at this time that the facilities first became known as St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. At the time, the value of the Mrs. Morawetz's donation was estimated to be between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Mrs. Morawetz re-

served for herself during her lifetime approximately 17 acres of property as well as use of a large club house on the property which had been included in the deed to the Diocese. By that time the Diocese had constructed eight buildings on the site and had plans to build more. That year two additional cottages were built and on June 24, 1951, the first Camp St. Christopher Day was observed. Three years later, telephones were installed.

The daily regimen during the early St. Christopher days was not unlike that of today with morning swimming, worship services on the beach and religious instruction. In those days, however, neighboring farmers sent in food, and summer counselors caught

Victor Morawetz was one of the most distinguished attorneys in the United States. Although a comparatively young man yet, apparently not over forty years old, he retired from general practice, and is said to have an annual income of \$100,000. (in 1897). Victor Morawetz, general counsel of the Santa Fe Railway Company is one of the most distinguished attorneys in the United States. He is the author of the largest, most exhaustive and most comprehensive treatise on corporations extant. This, it is said, was written by him when he was only about twenty-two years old. He and his wife were responsible for getting Camp St. Christopher started by donating land on Seabrook to the Camp.



Chapel of the Palms



See Bio in box



Original Chapel



Exterior of Conference Center

fish and shrimp to feed the campers, many of whom could not afford to pay.

At its annual convention in 1969, the trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina were authorized to sell the majority of its property on Seabrook Island. Given the language of the codicil to Mr. Morawetz's will, the decision to sell the property was a difficult one for the trustees, and obviously somewhat controversial. The decision to sell the property was driven by the fact that the County of Charleston had zoned most of the property residential, and unless the Diocese could show the property was being used for religious purposes, it would be taxed as such. In October of 1970, pursuant to the authorization previously given, the Diocese decided to sell 1071 acres (all but 336 acres owned by the Diocese at that time) for \$1,884, 925 to the Seabrook Island Limited Partnership headed by William C. Whitner, the initial residential developer of Seabrook Island. The proceeds from the sale were applied by the Diocese towards the construction of new buildings for a Conference Center and for infrastructure development. The deed from the Diocese to the Seabrook Island Limited Partnership reserved a right of access to St. Christopher property through Seabrook Island.▲

Ron Ciancio

### ON THE STREET

## "IF YOU WERE A VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY HEART, WHAT WOULD YOUR MESSAGE BE?"

**Kimberly VanEgmond**  
My Heart Will Always  
Belong to Daddy



**Laura Todd**  
Love for Everone



**Alex Dean**  
Hi Snuggles!



**Sam Reed**  
Hoosier Love - It's Contagious!



**Joan Reed**  
I'm available...  
1-800-HOT-MAMA



**Dixie Joyce-Bawol**  
Licikn for Love  
in all the Wrong Places.



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Answer to "Those Were the Days" from page 11: Nancy Carretta