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2022 OPERATING BUDGET



FROM TOWN HALL

Joe Cronin
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The month of January is all about new beginnings, and the same rings true at Seabrook Island Town Hall as we enter our new fiscal year. Town Council adopted the annual operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 during its final meeting of 2021 on December 14th. Below is a brief overview of the FY 2022 budget ordinance.

Budget Summary

The town's budget is separated into three types of funds: General Fund, Restricted Funds, and Designated Funds. The General Fund covers the town's general government activities, such as personnel, licensing, permitting and code enforcement. Restricted Funds are subject to external limitations, such as statutory requirements imposed by the state or federal government. In FY 2022, the town will have four Restricted Funds: State Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Fund, County ATAX Fund, Alcohol Tax Fund, and a new fund called the ARPA Fund. Under state law, revenues from the State and County ATAX Funds must be used for tourism-related expenditures, while revenues from the Alcohol Tax must generally be used for capital improvements. The ARPA fund was created to account for the expenditure of federal

funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The final of the three categories is the town's Designated Funds. While not subject to external limitations, Designated Funds are a way for Town Council to "designate" funds for a specific use or purpose. The town has four Designated Funds: An Emergency Fund to cover expenses related to unplanned disasters and events; a Road and Drainage Fund to cover capital improvements to the town's road and drainage infrastructure; a Town Facilities Fund to pay for major capital projects such as new buildings and upgrades to existing facilities; and a Vehicle Replacement Fund to cover the purchase of new and replacement vehicles.

FY 2022 Revenues

Across all funds, the total estimated revenue in FY 2022 will be \$2,339,054. This is an increase of \$820,934 (54%) compared to FY 2021. The primary driver of this increase will be the receipt of \$464,239 in federal funds from the ARPA program. The budget also anticipates \$180,000 in additional revenue from State ATAX; a projected increase of \$100,000 in business license revenue; the resumption of payments from the County ATAX program (budgeted at \$45,000); an increase of \$40,000 in local option sales tax revenue from Charleston County; and the receipt of a \$25,000 economic development grant from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC). To balance the budget, the FY 2022 budget anticipates using up to \$152,518 in reserve funds to offset various capital expenditures.

FY 2022 Expenditures

Total combined expenditures in FY 2022 are budgeted at \$2,491,572. This is an increase of \$778,692 (45%) compared to FY 2021. Like the revenue side, this increase will be driven primarily by the expenditure of \$464,239 in federal ARPA funds. At \$1,508,295, General Fund expenditures will increase by a modest 4% compared to last year, while State and County ATAX expenditures will increase by \$80,250 (34%) and \$45,000 (800%) respectively. The FY 2022 budget includes \$150,000 for Road and Drainage Fund projects, as well as \$60,000 for projects in the Town Facilities Fund.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2022 budget includes several significant items, including:

- Increasing funding for part-time code enforcement officers to enhance enforcement of the town's licensing, permitting, beach management and short-term rental regulations;
- Bringing landscape and facility management services-in-house by hiring a full-time Buildings & Grounds Manager and part-time seasonal support;
- \$150,000 for final design, engineering, and permitting of road and drainage improvements on Seabrook Island Road;
- \$84,000 for expenses related to the establishment of the Buildings & Grounds function, including the construction of a new storage shed and the purchase of a commercial lawnmower, sprayer/spreader, utility trailer, utility vehicle, and various pieces of handheld equipment;

- \$60,000 for new gateway, roadway and wayfinder signage along Seabrook Island Road, a portion of which will be offset by a grant from MASC;
- \$50,000 for final design, engineering and permitting of site and drainage improvements at Town Hall;
- \$45,000 for additional upgrades to Town Council Chambers;
- \$35,000 to install new carpet and tile at Seabrook Island Town Hall;
- \$20,000 for development of a "Linear Park Amenity Plan" for the ten-foot bike path between Town Hall and Freshfields Village;
- \$15,000 for setup and maintenance of GIS mapping services;
- \$10,000 to design a permanent garage and storage building at Town Hall;
- \$10,000 to upgrade and replace signage and markers on the beach;
- Increasing funding for the Community Promotions Grant Program to \$7,500; and
- Maintaining funding levels for Beach Patrol, the Dolphin Education Program and Fourth of July Celebration.

To view a full copy of the FY 2022 budget, as well as monthly financial reports and annual audits from prior years, please visit our website at www.townofseabrookisland.org/financial-records.html.

From all of us at Town Hall, we wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy new year! ▲

Seabrook Island Club Announces New General Manager



O'Shanter Country Club, and was a Senior VP for Toll Brothers.

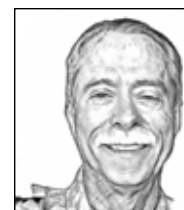
After decades of managing many country club divisions, resorts, and individual clubs, Laskowitz was drawn to Seabrook for its master plan, excellent amenities, and the island's continued growth and potential. "There are wonderful opportunities here to launch innovative concepts which will elevate the member experience," he said. "Seabrook has the ability to become a Platinum Club, and I look forward to playing a role in making that happen."

Laskowitz is originally from New York, but with ties to the Lowcountry. He and his wife Kelly have two children, Ashley (25) and Aaron (23).

About Seabrook Island: Seabrook Island is Charleston, South Carolina's only truly private oceanfront community. Immersed in natural splendor, close to everything yet secluded, this gated coastal barrier island is home to miles of pristine beaches, rich flora and fauna, and welcoming neighbors. Here you will also find Seabrook Island Club, with its world-class amenities including 36 holes of championship golf, oceanfront pools, on-island dining, tennis and pickleball courts, and a full-service equestrian center. Learn more at SeabrookIsland.com. ▲

Seabrook Island Club is pleased to announce Mitchell Laskowitz has officially joined the Club as General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.

Laskowitz brings with him more than 25 years of diversified experience in hospitality and private club management. He recently held the position of Head of National Golf Operations at American Golf Corp in Dallas, Texas, where he oversaw 60 clubs across the United States. He has also served as the Vice President of Customer Experience at Bluegreen Resorts, held VP/General Manager roles at ClubCorp, Brandywine Senior Living, and Tam



GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives

BOB LEGGETT

Peering into 2022 from the Perspective of 50 Years in the Investment Biz

2022 marks 50 years in the investment business for yours truly. I began as a fundamental research analyst, digging into corporate balance sheets and income statements and then querying company executives about their growth plans and strategies. I moved on to become a research manager recruiting and training teams of research analysts. From there, I became a portfolio manager selecting securities for large institutional accounts, mutual funds and individual investment management clients. During that time, I morphed into an investment strategist role setting portfolio allocations between stocks, bonds, cash and alternative assets for my firms' clients. For those of you who know me, you won't be surprised to read that one of my favorite duties in that role was giving economic/financial market presentations to groups large and small.

And now, here I am - mostly retired and writing a monthly column from the Glass Half Full Perspective! So,

why start the traditional January Markets Outlook column with a boring paragraph about my career? To quote the J.K. Simmons Farmers Insurance commercial: "I know a thing or two because I've seen a thing or two" so my columns this year will include some of the lessons I've learned (many of them the hard way) during my decades as a student of the markets.

Lesson #1: successful investors have a logical decision-making process and follow it in a disciplined manner. Investors who follow "what's hot" or rely on "gut feel" are rarely successful over the long term. They often have spectacular triumphs in the short term followed by equally spectacular plunges - a lesson I learned as I discovered trading short term options was not my route to riches. Getting rich slowly is less exciting, but is more likely if you stick to the disciplined application of a sound investment process.

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Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information.



Heide Hickler

We are sad that our dear Heide Hickler, amazing mother and wife, has left us way too early. A longtime Seabrooker, Heide and Rupe moved to Florida to be closer to family and restarted a new chapter forging friendships there.



Richard Morris taking his Seabrook Turkey Trot shirt to the Swiss Alps



Dear Cap'n Sam,

Thanks to the generosity of our many friends on Seabrook and Kiawah Islands 46 families which included 138 children from Mt Zion Elementary School woke up to gifts on their favorite holiday.

A simple thank you does not seem adequate but we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our island neighbors. You volunteered with us and donated money and toys for the neediest around us.

Sincerely, Mt. Zion Holiday Fund Drive Committee

Dear Cap'n Sam,

Like just about everyone else I know on Seabrook, I had reason recently to feel very uneasy about my choice so many years ago to make the island my home.

I drove slowly - (in my little Mazda telling me "check engine" all the way) - to Harris Teeter a few days ago to restock some staples.

packages into the car. I gladly accepted, and we chatted as he lifted everything for me. "Do you have to go far?" he asked. "No", I said. I live on Seabrook.

Now there's a man with soul. Like many nameless friends I've made in Harris Teeter and Walmart, Folly Road, I know I will see him again. Before bed, I thanked my maker for such a revealing moment in my anxious life.

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water

Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.

Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently

Put your hand in the hand of the Man from Galilee

May this Christmas holiday bring you all peace, health and happiness.

Sincerely, Bunny Chamier

Dear Cap'n Sam,

We're responding to the letter from Barrie and Alan Glenn and the "patriots of Seabrook Island" published in the December issue of the Seabrooker.

Did we forget the entire world has been severely impacted by the pandemic? Does it matter that we've lost nearly 1 million Americans to the virus? The pandemic is the enemy not the vaccines or other protections that our leaders and institutions have put in place to keep us safe.

Seabrook has taken prudent steps

to protect its members, many of whom are older and among those with greater vulnerability to the potential impacts of COVID. The fact that vaccines are not state mandated has nothing to do with the "choice" Seabrook has made as a private club.

Lifesaving protections may be illogical and burdensome to some, but what about those who choose the vaccine to protect vulnerable family and friends? We have rights too, and we support reasonable but needed protections to overcome this pandemic and return us to the life we knew just a short while ago.

We all know that choice comes with responsibility, consequences, and risks. The choice not to wear a seatbelt, could result in a summons while driving or even serious injury. Making the choice not to take health precautions to protect community necessarily means interactions with others in social settings will be limited.

We take strong offense to the letter's reference to patriotism. By promoting the "patriots of Seabrook Island" it's implied that others are not patriots or are un-American. This politicizes an issue that is not political, this, along with the 'patriots' website, reveal an utter lack of patriotism.

Sincerely, Michael & Olivia Smashum Unthank

Reminder- Seabrooker Policy

The Seabrooker does not have an editorial page. But as in the past, we welcome our gentle readers to submit letters to "Cap'n Sam" on current Seabrook issues. Ad hominem attacks are the exception to this open forum and will not be published.

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Racquet Sports Extravaganza Closes Out 2021

The largest participation to date for a Racquet Sports Social Event was at the Year-End Round Robin and Holiday Cocktail Party. Forty tennis players enjoyed 10 full courts of doubles play in a dynamic format of win or lose, shift over to another court and switch partners. Crazy fun! But perhaps the most athletic award went to the 16 pickleball players who rotated in and out with furious abandon!

Two small stuffed elves were hidden in a scavenger hunt for a prize. One was spotted almost immediately by the eagle-eyed Annalee Regensburg and the other later in the day by Scott Smith. Two hours of afternoon play in gloriously warm and sunny weather was enjoyed by the 56 competitors.

The round robin was followed by a first ever Racquet Sports Cocktail Party in the Carolina room of the Island house. Almost 90 guests enjoyed a de-

licious menu of passed hor's d'oeuvres and a glass of Prosecco. The Racquet Sports Staff received cash gifts given by the generous playing community. Not to be outdone, the Staff also gave free lessons, sports bags, tennis and pickleball racquets and other gifts in the form of a free raffle to attendees. New General Manager Mitchell Laskowitz also stopped by with his wife to further spread the good cheer. A huge success all around!

PV Linton



C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

JOANNE FAGAN Secretary for COVAR

It's that time again-time to make another resolution for the New Year!

For 2022, my personal goal is to be more joyful. The past two years have proved to be a challenge for us all, each in our own way. I constantly remind myself how fortunate I am, to have remained healthy and productive while encouraging my friends and family members to follow the same course.

Living on Seabrook Island during the pandemic, I was able to concentrate on maintaining a routine that included plenty of outdoor time. Walks on the beach, observing our abundant wildlife and cooking, (although a little too much) kept a check on my mental health. It also gave me time to focus on some household organization and decluttering.

For my association, with the help of Lynn Crane, I was able to compile and submit our newly revised TreeLoft Villa Homeowners Association Standards for ARC approval. While this project was completed in August of 2020, it

had been started shortly before the official start of Covid-19, in February 2020.

2021 was the "Virtual Year", with Zoom meetings to stayed apprised of the government of the Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI) and the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) meetings.

COVAR has set its own goals for 2022. To continue to work with SIPOA to positively realize much needed changes to the implementation and enforcement of SIPOA Rules and Regulations as they affect our COVAR members.

To advocate on behalf of our members to TOSI, with a suggested addition to Ordinance 2020-14, which governs Short Term Rentals on Seabrook Island.

Encourage our membership to update their Covenants and Bylaws and revisit their Rules and Regulations within their association or regime.

Assist our members in adopting the ARC format for Architectural Standards for their respective association or regime. To ask each association or regime to develop a detailed list of each short-term rental property pertinent information within their community.

As with any New Year's resolution, its success depends on commitment. With the continued support of our forty-one member associations and regimes, COVAR looks forward to achieving our goals in the coming year.



Sue Affiero-Bavasso, Barbara Montagu-Pollock, Paul Phillips



Sherry Dyl, Kim Stadelman, Nancy Buck, Elen Smith, Terry Cherry, Suzanne Stebbins, Michelle Lind, Linda Benyo



Rich Boss, Bill Sax, Julian Colquitt, Harry Polychron, Stan Dyl, David Stein, Jeff Fenton



Back row: Katie McClary, Laura Ferreira, General Manager Mitchell Laskowitz, Babar Akbar, Robert Terry Front row: Ashley Thurmond, Sarah Workman



BIG group



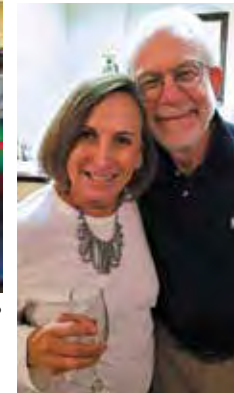
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Social Chair Patty Linton and Elen Smith



Susan and Steven Courtney



Jann Bolick and Bill Sax



Hidden elf



Andrea Hines, General Manager Mitchell Laskowitz, Harvey Hines

DOLPHIN FOUNTAIN UP & RUNNING AGAIN!



BEFORE

In 2011 Heidi and Dieter Lantin donated a beautiful bronze statue of seven dolphins by Arun which was setup in front of the clubhouse as a water fountain. Over the years the elements have taken a toll on the statue which had eventually stopped working. Heidi reached out to Island Irrigation Systems for help and to get the fountain working again.

On October 14th Island Irrigation arrived at Seabrook Island to take a look at the fountain and discovered that all of the copper piping and distribution manifold inside the fountain had been eroded away preventing the water from flowing through the system to the top of the statue.

In late October, Seabrook Maintenance relocated the statue to there Maintenance Facility where over the next several weeks it would undergo the work needed to get it working again.

The first thing that was done was to removed all of the copper piping which ran inside of the statue. This is what carried the water to the mouths of the dolphins. Then a new polyethylene piping was installed throughout the entire statue. A new distribution manifold was designed and made out of PVC with quick disconnects for ease of any future maintenance work needed, along with an upgraded pump rated for a greater flow of water.

The statue had accumulated some discoloring from cross contamination corrosion due to dissimilar metals.

Once the statue was cleaned up, the natural patina process could resume. The Seven Dolphins statue was returned to its newly-painted pool in front of the Seabrook Island Clubhouse.

Thank you to Jason Yandle of Island Irrigation Systems for a job well done! ▲



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AFTER



Old pipes rusted - not in working condition



PVC new piping and distribution manifold



Testing the new pump before reinstalling

Dolphins and Porpoises

by Paul Tillman



While I have been at the Pelican's Nest bar, enjoying an adult beverage, I have seen shark-like fins rising in the river currents. I have heard a family seated near me watch the rise and fall of the fins, trying to predict where they would come to the surface again. When they surfaced, a person exclaimed, "oh look, porpoises, right over there."

Other diners, seated at another table nearby, pointed to the same fins and said, "oh look, dolphins."

Well, I thought, they both can't be right, that is unless porpoises and dolphins are different names for the same animal. But the truth is far from it. Up close, we would see that they look similar but not exactly alike. But looks are not the only difference.

First, several highly noticeable features stand out. While porpoises and dolphins are both mammals and they, like we humans, mature to different sizes. A dolphin grows to about twelve feet long and a porpoise about seven feet. The porpoises are mostly black and gray while dolphins come in several colors: gray/white, navy blue/white, brown/and tan. Dolphins living in the Amazon River are pink. The ones we see here at Seabrook are gray with white on their underside. The most noticeable difference is shape of the dorsal fins. The dorsal fin on the dolphin is larger and swept back. A porpoise's dorsal fin is smaller and more of a triangular shape. Also, porpoises have a rounded nose that slopes down to the mouth and does not stick out from the head. A dolphin has a long jaw, that contains a row of sharp teeth. All of us remember Flipper on TV, smiling, as it sticks its head out of his pool and shows those teeth and goes, "eh, eh, eh." Also, the porpoises and dolphins inhabit different regions of the oceans. Dolphins prefer tropical or temperate climates like Seabrook, while porpoises prefer the colder waters of the Atlantic and Pacific. The next time you see a fin in

the water around here, you can bet it's a dolphin.

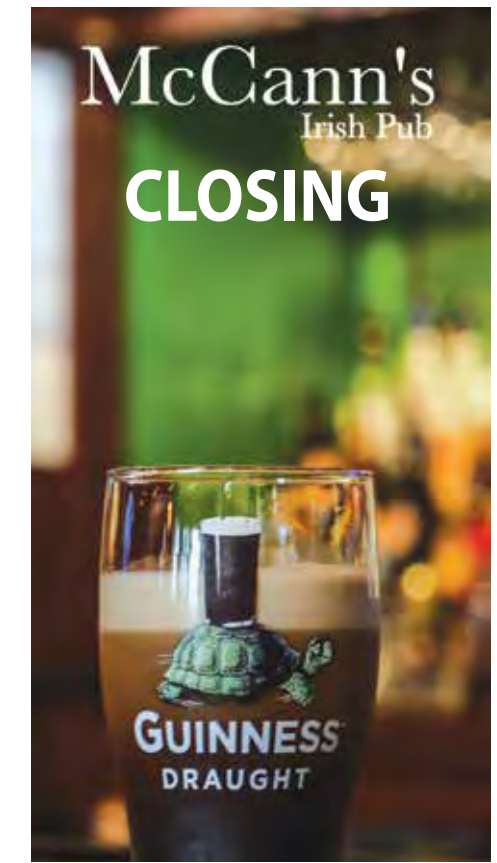
When researching the capabilities of dolphins, it is important to note that the study is still going on and the conclusions reached are changing as new information is received. For example, dolphins are descended from either the prehistoric, mesowyx or the pakicentis were four legged, dog-like, land animals that lived about five hundred million years ago. It is thought the precursors of dolphins and porpoises were inhabitants of coastal regions who ventured deeper and deeper into the ocean for food and, over millions of years, rerouted their respiratory anatomy to make a blowhole, developed pectoral fins from their front legs, and developed a process called echolocation. Echolocation is a sound like a series of sharp clicks, which eventually became a basic form of language.

Their physical change, from back then to now, seems unbelievable but think about the changes butterflies and pollywogs go through and what seems impossible becomes more acceptable. However, the study of their genetic codes confirms this and says both the porpoise and the dolphin are most closely related to the hippopotamus, the cow and camels which are land animals. It is interesting to note that the line of genetic tracing positions the orca, or what we call killer whales, not as whale at all, but as the largest member of the dolphin family. Perhaps the most interesting capability of the dolphin is a capability called echolocation.

name recognizable to others in their family.

While investigating dolphin intelligence, I ran across a report on one dolphin that caused me to reflect on our human ability to gauge a dolphin's intelligence and not the intelligence of dolphins themselves. At Sea World, the trainers came up with a test for dolphins to pick up trash in their tank and deliver it to a trainer. When the trainer got a piece of trash they gave the dolphin a fish. One dolphin quickly realized that the size of the fish they were rewarded didn't change with the size of the trash they gave; small bit or large bit, the reward was the same. So, the dolphin found a large bit of trash and broke it up into smaller bits and gave it to the trainer bit by bit and was rewarded the same as if it had given the trainer one large piece of trash. The dolphin's response to the training reveals a level of abstract reasoning that we reserve for highly intelligent creatures like ourselves.

There are some little known, facts about dolphins that we should explore. For example, dolphins, because of the shape of their mouth, appear to be smiling and gentle. But the smile is a product of how the long nose looks when the mouth is closed (dolphins don't frown) and not an indication of their mood. Other facts are: there has never been a report of any human being attacked by a dolphin: dolphins sleep with one eye open, they can swim 25 mph, they can weigh 350 lbs. They can recognize their image in a mirror as their own. They can hold their breath for over six minutes. When they breed, they join and then gently roll so that both dolphins can breathe. Despite their gentle appearance, dolphins can be aggressive and have been known to kill other species, especially sharks and porpoises if they pose a threat to their family pod. In general, they are playful and like to be around humans. It's nice to have dolphins around. ▲



We regret to inform you that we have decided to close down our Seabrook location. Our last day of business will be Jan 1st. The decision to close was not an easy one and we have enjoyed the relationships with customers and staff that we have built over the years.

We would like to thank all of our loyal customers and staff that we have had the pleasure of meeting and working with over the years. McCann's Seabrook could not have been successful without your loyalty. We as a family thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our sister pub in Mount Pleasant is still open and we would love to see you there.

Taking our place will be a wonderful French restaurant which we think will be a wonderful asset to Seabrook. We hope you give them as much love and support that you have given us.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2022. ▲

Daniel, Ciara and Gianni.

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Salt Marsh Animal Hospital is a small animal veterinary hospital in Freshfields Village serving the residents and vacationers of the Sea Islands. The clinic offers preventive care, dental care, surgical services, sick care, ultrasound, x-rays, labs, parasite control. The new clinic is located on Freshfields Drive next to Doltite's.

Dr. Christie Wiles grew up outside of Philadelphia in the town of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Her early childhood love of animals grew into a passion for veterinary medicine. Dr. Wiles attended Virginia Tech for her undergraduate studies, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Animal & Poultry Sciences. She was awarded a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Purdue University in 2014. Her professional interests include internal medicine, dentistry, feline medicine, and dermatology. Dr. Wiles truly believes in the human-animal bond and takes joy in fostering relationships between clients and furry family members alike. She has a passion for providing high-quality medicine to her patients and enjoys client education and working closely with families to tailor their pet's healthcare to fit their specific needs.

To find out more about Salt Marsh Animal Hospital, visit their website: www.saltmarshanimalhospital.com



2021 - Turtle Patrol's Longest Season Ever



Members of the patrol at the Halloween Eve inventory



Members of the patrol with a rainbow



A hatchling



A turtle trail

The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol (SITP) celebrated a stellar season in 2021. The year began earlier than expected when the first nest in South Carolina was found right here on our beaches on May 5. The fun continued throughout the summer and on August 27th, patrol members found the last loggerhead nest in South Carolina near walkway 6. That nest finally hatched on October 27th, allowing the team to perform an unprecedented Halloween Eve inventory with some members working in costumes. This turtle season was longer than any other in our history.

Over 113 Seabrookers volunteered their time and efforts to this wonderful endeavor and this year, we found the second highest number of nests at 76. A total of 8,642 eggs were laid on our beaches with a mean hatch success rate of 80% and a mean emergence success rate of 74.6%.

So many people tell us that witnessing a turtle inventory is one of the highlights of their time at Seabrook

and they, along with their kids and grandkids, look forward to them each summer. Unfortunately, we were acting under COVID protocols again this year and did not publicize these events. Still, when people saw our group in their colorful turtle tee shirts gathering on the beach along with the patrol truck, they came to see the activity. Members of our education committee attended each inventory to talk to the public about sea turtles and the importance of respecting the environment so these turtles might have a better chance of overcoming the daunting odds of survival. Seeing a small hatchling make its way to the water is something no one ever forgets. This year, patrol members assisted 276 hatchlings to the water during these inventories.

In addition to walking the beach early each morning to look for, protect and monitor nests, the members of the patrol pick up debris along the way and alert the beach patrol to larger items that need to be removed.

As nests get closer to the anticipated emergence date (typically 50-70 days after the nest is laid), members of the patrol go out in the evening to check that there are no obstructions that would interfere with the ability of the hatchlings to scramble out of their nests to the ocean. Typical obstructions include excess sand or wrack build up, personal property left on the beach, unfilled holes in the sand or lighting from beach facing properties. Any of these can result in lost hatchlings, something we all hope to avoid.

SITP is licensed by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and the data that we collect is shared with SCDNR to help track the survival and reproductive performance of sea turtles throughout the State and Southeast coast. SITP is supported financially by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, the Town of Seabrook and public donations. We welcome everyone's support and well wishes and look forward to an even better season in 2022.

Joan Magionada

- LIFE -

Rules of Disorder: 10 Moments That Shouldn't Have Happened

by David Barrett - Links Magazine • Illustration by Tim Bower

April of 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of a memorable Masters—but one that made its indelible mark in history for the wrong reasons. A Sunday in Augusta that should have been remembered for Roberto De Vicenzo holing out for an eagle on the first hole on the way to a 65, and for Bob Goalby shooting a 66 to set up a playoff, instead became notorious for De Vicenzo signing an incorrect scorecard that left him one stroke behind a champion whose title would forever be marked with a figurative asterisk. It was an ugly scene, a dazed De Vicenzo sitting at the scorer's table where he had been called back after the error was noticed. Too late; the Argentinian had already signed his scorecard. Sadly, it's the kind of incident not isolated in golf history. Here are our choices for golf's 10 ugliest Rules moments through the years, plus some dishonorable mentions.

1: Roberto De Vicenzo 1968 Masters

A television audience and live gallery saw De Vicenzo make a short birdie putt after a brilliant approach to the 17th hole. Unfortunately, his marker, fellow competitor Tommy Aaron, wrote a "4" on the scorecard instead of a "3," which De Vicenzo didn't notice before signing the card at the scorer's table located in the open just inside a spectator rope. A Rules committee headed by former USGA president Isaac Grainger couldn't see a way out of saddling De Vicenzo with a par on 17 and the runner-up check instead of a playoff spot. The next year, Augusta installed a tent next to the 18th green, providing a more private and quiet area for players to check their scorecards.

2: Jackie Pung, 1957 U.S. Women's Open

Pung, like De Vicenzo, signed an incorrect scorecard, but her situation was even worse. Seemingly a one-stroke winner over Betsy Rawls at Winged Foot Golf Club's East Course, Pung was disqualified for signing for a score on a hole lower than what she actually shot—marker Betty Jameson had written down a "5" instead of a "6" on the 4th hole. In an effort to lessen the sting, Winged Foot members took up a collection and handed Pung more than \$3,000 (first place paid \$1,800).

Dishonorable mention: Doug Sanders was leading the 1966 Pensacola Open by four strokes through 36 holes until being disqualified for not signing his scorecard after the second round.

3: Craig Stadler, 1987 Andy Williams Open

In the third round, Stadler knelt to play a shot from near a tree on the 14th hole, putting a towel on the ground to keep his pants dry. At the beginning of Sunday's telecast, NBC included the shot in a package of highlights. Unfortunately for Stadler, a recent addition to the USGA's Decisions on the Rules had deemed such use of a towel to be "building a stance." Upon finishing the final round in an apparent tie for second, Stadler was informed that he was DQ'd for not including a two-stroke penalty in his third-round score.

Dishonorable mention: Nick Faldo had a six-stroke lead with six holes to play in the final round of the 1994 Alfred Dunhill Masters in Bali, Indonesia, when he was DQ'd for removing a stone from a bunker during the third round.



4: Lexi Thompson, 2017 ANA Inspiration

In 2016, the Rules were changed to allow penalty strokes to be added retroactively, including two extra strokes for an incorrect scorecard. That didn't save Thompson. Leading by two after completing the 12th hole of the final round, Thompson was informed that four strokes were being added to her third-round score because she had replaced her ball on the green in a slightly wrong spot. Thompson rallied to tie So Yeon Ryu in regulation, only to lose a playoff. The incident precipitated a pair of Rules changes for 2018: no more consideration of viewer calls or emails (a tournament official will monitor broadcasts) and no additional two-stroke penalty for an incorrect scorecard if discovered after the scorecard is signed.

Dishonorable mention: The PGA Tour's first TV-monitoring venture was discontinued after Tom Kite was told he had to go back to the tee instead of the lateral water-hazard drop he had taken during the third round of the 1991 Byron Nelson Classic.

5: Dustin Johnson, 2010 PGA Championship

After missing a putt on the 72nd hole, Johnson thought he was headed to a sudden-death playoff. Instead, he was met by a Rules official who informed him of an impending two-stroke penalty after TV-watching officials had seen him ground his club in the sand of one of Whistling Straits's outside-the-gallery-ropes bunkers. Johnson ended up T5.

Dishonorable mention: Anna Nordqvist lost the 2016 U.S. Women's Open due in part to a two-stroke penalty on the second hole of a three-hole playoff, where she barely touched sand with her club in a bunker.

6: Dustin Johnson, 2016 U.S. Open

At least Johnson won this time, but it was an ugly situation as he was informed on the 12th tee during the final round that he was subject to a penalty for causing his ball to move on the 5th green while grounding his putter for a practice stroke. The ruling was controversial, as was the fact that the one-stroke penalty wasn't applied until a post-round review, so as the championship came down the stretch the players didn't know what the leading score was. It's a scene that won't be repeated: Under a commonly adopted new Local Rule, a player is no longer penalized for accidentally causing his ball to move on the putting green.

7: Arnold Palmer, 1958 Masters

Leading by a stroke during the final

round, Palmer was told by a Rules official that he wouldn't get a drop for an embedded ball behind the 12th green. Palmer didn't agree and played a second ball, making a par instead of the double bogey he made with the original. It wasn't until the 15th hole—after Palmer had eagled 13—that the Rules committee gave Palmer a par on the 12th. He ultimately won his first major by one stroke.

8: Tiger Woods, 2013 Masters During the second round, Woods had the misfortune of hitting the flagstick with an approach shot to the 15th hole, his ball ricocheting into a pond and necessitating a drop. A viewer called in pointing out that it appeared Tiger hadn't taken his drop at the point of his stroke, but the Rules committee looked at the video and deemed the drop proper. Then Woods told reporters he had purposely dropped two yards behind the previous spot, essentially incriminating himself. A two-stroke penalty was applied, but the committee waived disqualifying him for an incorrect scorecard because of its previous review of the incident.

9: Suzann Pettersen, 2015 Solheim Cup

When Alison Lee of the U.S. picked up an 18-inch putt after Europeans Pettersen and Charley Hull started to walk away and the referee began announcing that the hole had been halved, Pettersen piped up and said the putt hadn't been conceded. That gave the 17th hole, and ultimately the four-ball match, to Europe.

Dishonorable mention: Another case of Solheim Cup acrimony came in 2000 when Annika Sorenstam holed a chip shot but U.S. captain Pat Bradley made her replay it because she had played out of turn.

10: Porky Oliver, 1940 U.S. Open

Oliver was one of six players who, with a storm impending, decided to tee off early in the final round (the second 18 of the day), before the starter got to the first tee. Informed they would be disqualified, the two threesomes elected to play on, and Oliver shot a 71 that he would have gotten him into a playoff if the DQ hadn't stood.

Dishonorable mention: Taylor Smith was informed midway through the final round of the 1996 Walt Disney World event that he would be disqualified for using a putter grip that didn't conform with the Rules. He played on and would have been in a playoff with Tiger Woods if the ruling hadn't been upheld.

10a: Korean LPGA Rules Officials, 2017 KB Financial Star Championship

Upon completing their first round, apparent co-leader Hye-Jin Choi and another player were slapped with two-stroke penalties for marking and picking up their balls when they were on the fringe of one hole during the first round. It was later discovered that four other players had done the same thing on a course where it wasn't easy to see the borders between green and fringe, and they had already signed their scorecards. KLPGA officials decided not to penalize anyone. At a player meeting that night, some threatened to withdraw over the penalties being rescinded while others threatened to withdraw if the penalties were applied. In the end, the KLPGA decided to cancel the entire round, and the head Rules official resigned. ▲



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For those of you still with me, that leads into the "Peering Into 2022" section of my column. Over the years, I developed a disciplined process utilizing five factors to determine whether the stock market environment was bullish or bearish. The first factor is the Major Trend of stock prices over the long term as measured by the S&P 500 index of large capitalization US equities. The current trend of higher price highs, both nominal and real (inflation adjusted) is in place, so the Major Trend is Bullish. Frankly, the Major Trend input's primary job is to keep us from losing sight of the strategic importance of the very long term upward bias to stock prices. For most investors, a steadfast optimism (the Glass Half Full) is more likely to pay off than pessimism or attempts at short term market timing.

We then turn to the Economy. I recognize that GDP is not a perfect indicator of stock market health, but without GDP growth, EPS growth is less likely, so my biggest concern is whether Recessionary storm clouds are gathering. The reason this is important is that severe earnings declines always coincide with recessions and Bear Markets always coincide with severe earnings declines. Although fiscal stimulus will be slowing, it will still be massive in 2022. While it appears GDP growth will slow in 2022, I don't see a Recession developing, so Economy is also Bullish. I will note that inflation may become a significant factor, which would be a real change from the Economy drivers of the past 30 years, so I will focus more intently on that risk as 2022 unfolds.

Valuation is the next GHF Perspectives factor. A reasonable Price/Earnings Ratio (P/E) combined with rising Earnings Per Share (EPS) is bullish. "Positive revisions" of S&P 500 EPS estimates is even better. The EPS side of the equation is quite positive currently, although the growth rate is slowing. According to consensus estimates, EPS are expected to grow to \$220 in 2022. That would be record high EPS, but not high enough to give us a reasonable price/earnings ratio in the mid-teens. Trading at roughly 4700, the S&P 500 P/E is a well-above-average 21x and various other valuation methodologies also indicate stocks are richly priced. Stocks only look cheap relative to bonds! If earnings optimism is dented or bond yields finally rise, stock prices could be hit. I rate Valuation Bearish.

The next indicator is the Federal Reserve and I am a believer in the adage "Don't Fight the Fed!" This factor has clearly been positive due to the Fed's

Zero Interest Policy (ZIRP) and its colossal balance sheet increase to over \$9 Trillion through Quantitative Easing (bond purchasing). Now that the Fed has retired the word "transitory" from its inflation outlook, QE will end within months and ZIRP should follow soon thereafter. As I have stated many times, I am quite concerned that Fed policies of the past few years will lead to one of two bad outcomes: persistent inflation (CPI was 6.8% in November!) or a sudden shift toward tightening to avoid higher inflation. Either one would be damaging to stocks. The Fed is Neutral but could easily shift to Bearish.

The final GHF Perspectives factor is Technical data including price patterns, supply/demand, sentiment, breadth, momentum and volatility. One reason I "Don't Fight the Tape" is that many investors and quant algorithms utilize technical data, so it cannot be ignored, even if one thinks of it as akin to voodoo. Technical measures are currently mixed, but this factor could change fairly quickly from Neutral to bullish or bearish.

The five GHF Perspectives factors are thus a mixed bag entering 2022. One reason I expect volatile markets in 2022 is that the Economy, Fed and Technical factors could significantly improve or worsen in coming months. Factors outside my framework include the unknown path of the COVID pandemic; political partisanship, cultural divisiveness and the midterm elections in the US; China, Russia, Iran, and other geopolitical tensions; global central bank tightening; and the retreat of globalization due to supply chain issues. Even from the Glass Half Full perspective, it looks like a daunting "Wall of Worry!"

When confronted with an uncertain and volatile environment, my Lesson #2 comes to mind: Everyone's investment strategies will BE wrong at times, but successful investors don't STAY wrong for long. If I am surprised by a substantial shift in the GHF Perspective Factors, I will admit I am wrong and try to figure out why. I will then adjust my investment strategies as required by the changed environment. My guess is that a "Glass Empty" call seems more likely than "Glass Overflowing" this year, but who knows? For now I remain moderately bullish. I wish all my readers Good Fortune in 2022! Invest wisely! ▲

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- BEAUTY PARLOR** - A place where women curl up and die.
- CHICKENS** - The only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.
- COMMITTEE** - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
- DUST** - Mud with the juice squeezed out.
- EGOTIST** - Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
- HANDKERCHIEF** - Cold Storage.
- INFLATION** - Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.
- MOSQUITO** - An insect that makes you like flies better.
- POLITICAL CORRECTNESS** - A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority.
- RAISIN** - A grape with a sunburn.
- SECRET** - A story you tell to one person at a time.
- SKELETON** - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
- TOOTHACHE** - The pain that drives you to extraction.
- TOMORROW** - One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.
- YAWN** - An honest opinion openly expressed.
- WRINKLES** - Something other people have...similar to my character lines.
- OLD** - I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an Affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?" ... and that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!!!

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After we had a successful Cornhole Clash in October, we are excited to have been asked to do one again this Spring. It will be our 3rd year running! The event will take place on Saturday, April 16th in the afternoon. All residents and their families are invited to

participate. We look forward to having visitors join us for this fun event that benefits Seabrook Island Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

This organization, run by Seabrook volunteers, continues to help our neighbors remain on Seabrook for as

long as they choose.

For everyone's safety, we are requesting that all be vaccinated in order to participate.

Keep your eyes peeled on The Seabrooker and Tidelines for further information on this event. ▲

Sue Coomer

PORCHES IN CHARLESTON



A piazza – Italian for “open space” – is a covered porch held up by columns on a home. In the Holy City, the porch typically runs lengthwise on a Charleston single house – a narrow home that’s one room wide and two rooms deep.

The piazza came to Charleston in the 1700s and was often built facing south or west to help catch the sea breeze. Air conditioning wouldn’t cool Southern homes until the 1950s and 60s, and porches provided a place to cool off during Charleston summers.

Some downtown homes lean sideways simply due to age, but sloped porches are often designed that way. The slanted structure, tilting away from the home, prevents rainwater from pooling during storms + allows water to run off the porch.

These slanted piazzas are part of the Holy City’s historic charm, often featuring bench swings, gas lanterns + haint blue ceilings. Next time you step out on a porch in Charleston and find yourself walking downhill, you’ll know why. ▲



Joseph Bauer's New Novel

Joseph Bauer writes novels from Seabrook Island, SC and Cleveland, OH. His debut book was The Accidental Patriot (2020), the first of a 3-book series published by Archway from Simon & Schuster, which will publish the next two in the series in 2021 and 2022. The Patriot series features an ordinary lonely widower from Pittsburgh who is paired with a specially

trained protection dog when he agrees to design a secret military installation (following the murder of the government's first choice). Reviewers have praised the quality of The Accidental Patriot and its unusual character development, readability, pace and research, combined with suspense and action. ▲

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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD



'Tis the time of year that we resolve to do things that hopefully will prove worthwhile. And, considering that this marks entering the 34th year of this healthy aging column, there might be some tried and true topics known to help us live a healthier life, as well as probably a lot more ideas that might help us, if we only had the scientific data. It seems prudent to present a list of mostly proven but also one or two speculative tips for a healthy year.

Exercise

Exercise is one thing, if not the main thing, that we can control that is known to improve our health. The evidence is clear that regular exercise contributes to longevity, improves many chronic diseases, and prevents some life-threatening/altering events. The questions come up about how much, what kind, and what about disabled people. Regular exercise, meaning at least five times a week, has been proven to be healthful. The intensity of exercise varies according to one's condition, but in general the more exertion the better. However, it is known that simply walking about 30 minutes a day confers a health benefit. It is best to “cross train” to keep exercise going, meaning vary the exercise routine to include different ones, but be sure to do them. If disabled or unable to do traditional exercises, a physician will be able to prescribe exercises one can do under the guidance of a physical therapist and still accomplish the goals.

Proper Diet

Over the years we have also covered healthy eating habits very extensively because there is strong evidence that what you eat contributes to good or bad health. Concisely summarizing the evidence, eat fruits, vegetables, and non-saturated fats and avoid prepared foods, sugar, and salt. Red meats are less healthy than fish and some of the white meats. Watch the caloric intake as well, since obesity and diabetes are the direct result of too many calories in and not enough expended (through exercise). Cholesterol is important in many people and elevated cholesterol leads to vascular and heart disease, so be in the habit of reading labels to look at the fat and cholesterol content of packaged food. Many people will have medical conditions that require strict dietary surveillance and it is important to observe those rules. Eating wisely and in moderation is something we can all do to help preserve our health.

Physician Visits

At the risk of sounding self-serving, it is important to have a primary care physician who manages the array of diseases or potential diseases we acquire as we age. There is good evidence that regular visits to a doctor at least once a year are good for you. It is important to detect any disease early and this can only be done by regular visits to your primary care physician who will no doubt refer you to a medical specialist for diagnosis or treatment.

Compliance with Medical Recommendations

Part one of good medical care is visiting your doctors regularly, and part two is complying with their recommendations. Whether it is changes in life style, taking medicines prescribed, or physical therapy and other recommendations, in the final analysis, there is very good evidence that compliance is vital. If given a medicine, take it as directed. If told to do certain exercises, do them. This seems logical and ridiculously sensible advice, but there is abundant evidence that for a great variety of reasons (excuses – some valid, like costs, and some invalid, like “I don't want to”) many people do not follow their doctor's advice. I will be the first to admit that doctors are not infallible, but more often than not their recommendations are for your health and should be followed.

Socialize

It has been proven that people who regularly socialize tend to be happier and less lonely, and have improved



TEN TIPS for a Healthy New Year

cognitive function. Marriage is obviously one way to maximize socialization, but marriage is not a requirement. What is required is regular interaction with other people and in person when possible. To the degree that some of these socialization activities involve an altruistic function, all the better. In short, the less time we spend involved solely with ourselves and the more time focused on others, the healthier we are likely to be. The kind of interaction we have with others is, of course, important meaning that sharing a meal with friends is of greater value than attending a political rally.

Alcohol in Moderation

Alcohol should be consumed only in moderation. The general rule is men can have more than women. The National Alcohol Research Group recommends not exceeding 14 drinks per week for men and seven drinks per week for women. The daily guideline is no more than four drinks in any one day for men and three drinks in any one day for women. The point is alcohol is dangerous when consumed in large amounts; it has seriously adverse effects on the brain and liver, impairs judgment and reflexes (hence do not drive when drinking), and can be addictive. There may be some health benefit to a glass of red wine regularly, but that is not an irrefutable claim.

Do Not Smoke

In 1964 the U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry reported the link between smoking cigarettes and adverse health outcomes, including lung cancer. Massive campaigns have been mounted and laws have been passed since then that have successfully reduced the number of people who smoke. If anyone does smoke, stop now. There is no health benefit and only harm as serious diseases are linked to habitual smoking. Like alcohol, smoking is also addictive.

Vaccinations

There are 18 dangerous diseases for which there are vaccines that will prevent or limit the severity of disease if the disease is contracted. Everyone now knows about the COVID-19 vaccines. Because we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone without a medical reason for not being vaccinated should be. This is, of course, to protect you and to help eradicate the disease. However, COVID is only one vaccine that is recommended and many others should

be received. Those of us in the older age group should keep up our flu (influenza), pneumococcal, and Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccinations, among others, up to date. An important question to ask one's primary care physician is: “Am I current with all my vaccinations?” It is also prudent to keep your own record of vaccinations and when boosters are advised. Although we have seen that not everyone takes advantage of available vaccines, this is done at to one's own health. The vaccines approved by the FDA are safe and effective.

Avoid Bad News Bombardment

The past several years have been stressful for our nation and news organizations have prospered with the polarization of politics. Constant “news” programming on cable television and more recently on the various social media platforms has bombarded the viewer with non-stop topics that prove unsettling at the least and very disturbing at the most. Much of the “news” we are fed these days is an interpretation of events rather than a reporting. There is evidence that as little as 14 minutes of bad news (British Journal of Psychology 2011) has negative effects on mood, anxiety, and other mental health parameters. The news of today is not limited to 14 minutes but is 24 hours straight and designed to cause emotional responses. Whether one is conservative, liberal, libertarian, or independent, it is probably unhealthy to tune in to large quantities of news and especially before bedtime if you hope to fall quickly asleep. The news content that causes anxiety is not limited to politics, but includes wars, human suffering, health concerns, and natural disasters, just to name a few. If one feels compelled to see what is going on, limit the exposure to a short time each day. Since the last election we have refrained from watching any cable news and our anecdotal experience is one of greater calmness in the Reves household.

Read this Column

There is zero evidence that reading this column helps you stay more healthy as you age, but on the other hand there is no evidence that it harms you. Thus, we will continue to put some tips out for your consideration in the hope that this year and all subsequent years will be happy and healthy. With tongue implanted solidly in cheek: the conclusion is read this column. ▲

Action	Evidence
Exercise	Enormous
Proper diet	High
Physician visits	Good
Compliance with medical recommendations	Enormous
Socialize	High
Alcohol in moderation	High
Do not smoke	Enormous
Vaccinations	Enormous
Avoid bad news bombardment	Some
Read this column	None

Table 1. A List of Actions You Might Take to Stay Healthy. Where the Amount of Scientific Evidence in Support of the Suggestions Varies from None to Enormous.

GREEN SPACE CONSERVANCY Year-End Fundraising Promotion



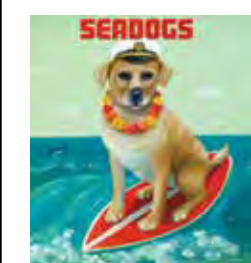
In the spirit of giving, Patsy Zanetti, Stuart Rumph, and Chip Olsen of Seabrook Island Real Estate are teaming up with the Green Space Conservancy to raise awareness and funding for its mission. The real estate team is giving a signed copy of Charles Moore's new book, Seabrook Island Green Spaces and Wildlife, to anyone who donates \$500 or more between now and the end of January.

The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy is a non-profit whose goal is to obtain high visibility properties and easements and thereby facilitate the preservation of substantial green space, protect habitats for our

local wildlife, and ensure the natural beauty of the island into the future.

The beautiful book is scheduled for release this January. As a marine biologist with SCDNR for more than 28 years, author and Seabrook resident Charley Moore is very familiar with coastal South Carolina. "It is only through the efforts of our dedicated residents who have provided their time, talent, and money in the past, and hopefully in the future, that Seabrook Island will remain green and provide for its abundant wildlife," he said.

To lend your support, in any amount, visit: www.sigs.net/how-to-help/make-a-donation ▲



SEADOGS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 26th - 7:00 PM
Live Oak Hall - The Lake House
Featuring Dr. Kristi Oldham, DVM
"It's A Dog's Life on Seabrook Island"

SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island Dog Owners Group, announced today that their Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26th, 2022, beginning at 7:00pm. The event will take place in the Live Oak Hall at the Lake House. All Seabrook Island residents are invited to attend the meeting. Also, we are always looking for new members, so please join us to hear about the good work SEADOGS does for the Seabrook Island community.

On this year's agenda, the officers will provide an annual review of 2021 for the SEADOGS organization. During the second half of the meeting, we are honored to present “It's A Dog's Life on Seabrook Island”, a conversation with Kristi Oldham, DVM on some of the environmental and physical challenges for your four-legged loved ones living on Seabrook Island.

Dr. Oldham is an integrative veterinarian who has been serving the greater Charleston community for over 15 years. She currently serves the community as a mobile veterinarian, and soon will be opening a clinic on River Road named “Trinity Island Veterinary Clinic”. Dr. Oldham is certified in acupuncture as well as food therapy and has a diverse education in holistic

medicine. She is particularly interested in the interconnectivity between her patients and their human companions.

As in past years, SEADOGS will also be collecting charitable donations for a local organization. This year we will be collecting for “Michael's Healing Heart Fund” at Dorchester Paws. This fund allows Dorchester Paws to “pay for the medical bills of the neglected and abused”. The fund was named in honor of a dog named Michael, who arrived at Dorchester Paws after being abused and tortured with gasoline. You can read more about Dorchester Paws and the “Michael's Healing Heart Fund” on their website: <https://dorchesterpaws.org/about/>. Dorchester Paws is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Dorchester County, SC.

SEADOGS would also like to note that although in the past this event has been a pot luck event, this year there will be no food and beverages provided. As a reminder, all SIPOA requirements regarding masks and/or social distancing at the time of the event will be enforced. For more information on the event or about SEADOGS, please visit our website, sidsogs.org or contact us at siseadogs@gmail.com . ▲

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At Seabrook, eagles are often over North Beach, and one of their favorite pastimes is trying to steal a fish from an Osprey. Ed and I have watched one chase down an Osprey, pursue it relentlessly until the Osprey dropped its fish, and the eagle caught it mid-air and took off. Now that takes skill! I've also observed an eagle swoop down on a dolphin strand and take off with a fish.

Eagles have a history at Seabrook that was documented by SIB member, George Haskins, in an excellent article for our blog in 2020. George noted that eagles have been part of the Seabrook scene for a dozen years or so. He writes they unsuccessfully started a nest on the 5th tee of Ocean Winds, then moved to a tall pine on the 3rd green and were successful. George then writes:

"When that tree broke off and crashed in a storm, there was a bit of 'turnabout is fair play.' The eagles took over a nesting site Osprey had developed near the Cooked Oaks' 3rd tee. They remodeled it into a bigger pad and kept providing us entertainment and young eaglets. The last three years, there has



Beautiful White Head/Tail - Ed Konrad



On A Blue Sky - Ed Konrad



The Formidable Pose - Ed Konrad



Immature, Seabrook - Ed Konrad

been only one chick. Maybe two are too much effort for these now more senior adults. Remember, these chicks have to be fed enough so that in about 90 days after hatching they are ready to leave the nest. And, at that age, they weigh more than the adult. It takes humans about 18 to 30 years of food and what all to become 'empty nesters'."

Then came an F-1 tornado on the golf course that took out a dozen large trees. The pine tree and the eagles survived, but about 50% of the nest was lost. Since then, we don't know where the pair has been nesting. Eagles mate for life. In SC, eggs are laid in late Dec to early Jan. Male and females take turns incubating the eggs and they hatch after about 35 days. An eagle's nest is huge, about 8X13 feet weighing one ton. If you spot an eagle carrying sticks for nesting material, please report the location to SIB so we can follow these special birds. In SC eagles are a state endangered species.

In all our birding travels, Ed and I have recorded eagle sightings in 22 US states and Canada. It's always a good birding day when we see an eagle. Some of our favorites were eagles eating salmon in Vancouver, an eagle chasing a large flock of American Coots in Georgia, and a fish catching exhibition in Gainesville FL. Of course, North Beach is a special place to see an eagle "chilling" on the beach!

Speaking of birds of prey, the next SIB Evening Program is January 19 with the Center for Birds of Prey and their amazing birds.▲

Aija Konrad



Coots Escaping - Ed Konrad



Crooked Oaks - Bob Mercer



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GA Coot Encounter - Ed Konrad



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North Beach & Osprey - Ed Konrad

SIB Presents
The Center for Birds of Prey!







Stephen Schabel, Center for Birds of Prey Director of Education, once again brings the Center's amazing raptors to the Lake House. We'll witness the interesting and important world of raptors through this unique indoor program. Stephen's engaging discussion, along with watching the birds in action, will give us a wonderful education of these majestic creatures and the significant role they play as apex avian predators.

The program is limited to 100 SIB Members. SIPOA COVID protocol will be followed - masks required in Live Oak Hall, masks and physical distancing recommended while traversing other indoor space. No refreshments will be served. If COVID conditions change prior to January 19 the program could be canceled.





Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Registration starts 7:00 pm - Program starts 7:30pm
Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House
Join/Renew SIB in 2022 for only \$10.00
Program Fee: Members \$5.00

Please register on our Website: SeabrookIslandBirders.org
 Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com



Vancouver Feast - Ed Konrad



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On Wine

Michael Morris - Sorghum and Salt

I have written previously about frustrations, mine and other wine professionals, with people who are hesitant to leave their comfort zone and try new wines. The more I talk with customers, and even servers without much wine experience, the more I believe a major reason for the hesitancy is due to the lack of understanding of European wine labels.

Whereas American and other "new world" countries like Australia or New Zealand label their wines with the name of the varietal (ie Pinot Noir or Sauvignon Blanc), "old world" wines, particularly those from France, Italy and Spain, tend to label wines by the region of origin.

I routinely encounter customers and servers who are surprised to learn that Sancerre is always Sauvignon Blanc or that red Burgundy is always Pinot Noir.

Below is a little cheat sheet to help you branch out and try your favorite varietal from a region you are less familiar with.

For whites:

- **Chardonnay** – White Burgundy, including the regions of Puligny-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet, Meursault, Chablis and Pouilly-Fuisse
- **Sauvignon Blanc** – Loire Valley whites including Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. For fuller bodied wines, White Bordeaux
- **Chenin Blanc** – other parts of the Loire including Vouvray, Savennières and Montlouis

For reds:

- **Pinot Noir** – Red Burgundy including the villages of Gevrey-Chambertin, Pommard, Marsannay or just simply Bourgogne Rouge
- **Cabernet Franc** – Reds from parts of the Loire like Chinon, Saumur, and Anjou
- **Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot** – The red wines of Bordeaux. Villages like Pauillac, Margaux and Saint-Estèphe are dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon



Tempranillo Grapes From NAPA



while the villages of Pomerol and Saint-Emilion are dominated by Merlot, as are wines labeled simply as Bordeaux

• **Syrah/Shiraz** – Wines from the Northern Rhône valley villages of Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage, Cornas and perhaps my favorite wine region, Côte-Rôtie

Sometimes it works in the reverse. Regions that people enjoy the wines but may be unfamiliar with the grapes they are made from. Those include-

- **Sangiovese** – The famous wines of Tuscany including Chianti and Brunello di Montalcino
- **Nebbiolo** – the muscular wines of Barolo and Barbaresco from the Piedmonte region
- **Tempranillo** – elegantly expressed

in Spain's Rioja, with a more powerful version coming from the warmer region of Ribera del Duero

I hope this short guide gives you the confidence to try something new. Whether that is trying a red Burgundy because you like Oregon Pinot Noir or enjoying a Nebbiolo from the Napa Valley because you enjoy Barolo.

As it is the last column of the year, I also want to thank all the regular readers of this column. The amount of positive feedback I receive has been both unexpected and humbling. Of course all of it wouldn't be possible without the hard work of my editor, who I'd like to thank for giving me this opportunity and for his gentle prodding as the deadlines approach. Hope you all have a wonderful new year.▲



Angel Oak Award

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED



Past recipients: L-R Shirley Salvo, Allen Reed and Todd Gerhart

The Kiawah Seabrook Exchange Club is soliciting nominations for its 10th Angel Oak Award. The annual award was first presented in 2012 and recognizes a person who performs volunteer services which contribute significantly to the people and/or quality of life of Wadmalaw, Johns, Kiawah, and/or Seabrook Island. The award is named after a historic tree on Johns Island which clearly represents the people, culture, and natural environment of the islands. The 2020 recipient was Mary Hill who was recognized for her work with the Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation and for her leadership in the mission and outreach ministry of the Wesley United Methodist Church on Johns Island.

The recipient need not live on the aforementioned islands but the service noted for the award must have been

performed on the islands. The recipient will be recognized at a banquet on May 18, 2022 at Wingate Place. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$5000 which he/she can designate for assignment to a charitable organization serving the islands. The recipient will also receive a memento and have his/her name inscribed on the Angel Oak Trophy which is permanently displayed on the islands.

The Exchange Club is seeking nominations from the public. The deadline for nominations is February 11, 2022. Nomination information and forms can be found on the Kiawah Seabrook Exchange Club website at www.ks-exchangeclub.com. Please contact Alan Armstrong at alan9631@comcast.net or 410-274-7545 if you have any questions. ▲

Alan Armstrong



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We're giving signed copies of the new book *Seabrook Island Green Spaces and Wildlife*, by island resident Charles Moore, to anyone who donates \$500 or more by January 31.

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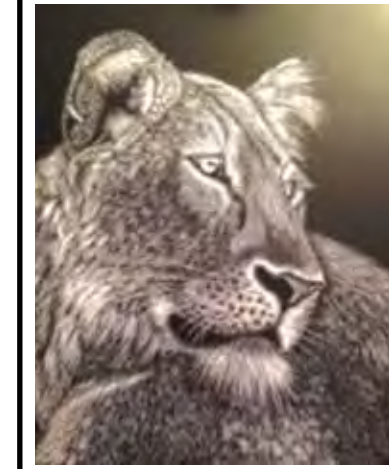
Seabrook Annual Christmas Parade

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Scratch Art Artist Esther Piazza Doyle

Featured Artist at January Meeting
The Lake House, January 18th, 1:30 pm



tended workshops with internationally known and recognized artists such as Heidi England, Heather Reddick, Johnnie Lilledahl and Linda McDonald. I have also attended regular lessons with local artist Joyce Hall and workshops with Mark Horton." She has art hanging in private homes and businesses in this country and internationally. She has been represented in several galleries in various states over the years.

Esther has many mediums and is always ready to experiment and learn a new technique, subject matter or try new materials. She says "Each medium has exciting qualities and possibilities and I enjoy them all". She has produced works in graphics throughout her life but about 1995 she began producing works in acrylics, oils, watercolors, colored pencils, pastels, clay, wood, pyrography and scratch art. She spent a number of years doing decorative art on children's wall hangings and furniture. She has spent the past few years focusing on scratch art, primarily, and turning wooden bowls by burning her art into the wood. She says "There's no end to the fun and satisfaction of learning something new. I see my artistic endeavors as a challenge to improve and a gift not to be squandered."

For more information on the Guild's events, workshops, and membership, visit www.seabrookislandartistguild.com.

Sara Jane Foltz January's Artist of the Month



Sara Jane always felt her gift was music. She played violin and piano and at one point in her life, she sang a lot of Barbershop Quartet. She was also in the chorus of the Charleston Symphony. However, at the age of fifty she had the good fortune to meet a lovely Parisian woman that was an amazing watercolor artist. Studying with her brought a shift from the musical arts to the visual arts.

Sara Jane has always been inspired by nature and color. She and her husband have a small place in an old fishing village of Florida. She enjoys the fresh and vibrant colors of the fishing village and is reminded of those colors on Seabrook Island. She and her husband have spent many days in the Gulf among the mangroves. While her husband would fish, she would paint miniature watercolors. When traveling she always journals in watercolor miniatures bringing happy times and memories.

Her first serious workshop was with the artist, Mary Whyte. Mary was positive and encouraging. Since that time, Sara Jane has studied with Joyce Hall, a master of painting light. She also credits the fine artist of the

Seabrook Island Art Guild that present demonstrations. "I always learn from them."

Sara Jane's medium now includes mostly oils, but she still enjoys the quickness and flow of watercolor and painting the miniatures.

Her works have been exhibited at In the Light of Marco Island, Florida and at Prince Edward Art and Antiques in Farmville, Virginia. While wintering in Florida, she was an invited participant in Wet Paint Live by the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and is the Artist in Residents at St. Mark Episcopal Church, Marco Island, Florida.

Sara Jane states "I am honored to share my work as SIAG's Artist of the Month".

An artist reception is being held at the Seabrook Island Lake House on January 6th from 4:30 - 6:30. Please come by and meet Sara Jane and view her beautiful art.

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A new opera club, Opera 101, led by Jose Rafols, will debut on January 4, 2022. All classical opera lovers from Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island, Johns Island, and neighboring communities are invited. Both beginning and experienced opera fans are welcome.

The group will meet at The Sandcastle on Kiawah Island every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:30 pm beginning on January 4 and extending from January through March 2022.

Participants in Opera 101 will enjoy watching superb opera video clips from selected DVDs or movies with opportunities to discuss music passages as well as singing and drama virtuosity.

For the 2022 season, the following works will be presented:

- January 4.....Rigoletto (Verdi)
- January 11.....Tosca (Puccini)
- January 18.....Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti)
- January 25.....Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Rossini)
- February 1.....Don Giovanni (Mozart)
- February 8.....La Traviata (Verdi)
- February 15.....Les Contes d'Hoffmann (Offenbach)

February 22.....Eugene Onegin (Tchaikovsky)

- March 1.....Don Carlo (Verdi)
- March 8.....Tannhauser (Wagner)
- March 15.....Die Walkure (Wagner)
- March 22.....Elektra (R. Strauss)

Please check the KICA calendar of events to see which opera will be showing and to review the synopsis and to verify the location of the meeting. For more information, contact Jose A. Rafols at jrafols@aol.com.

Jose Rafols

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