

Harbor Lights BEACON – December 2012

MANAGER'S REPORT

We are now getting the Annual package to the members for the up coming year. We are looking forward to a great new year working with the Board.

We just completed the review of some of the small contracts that the Association has on file here in the office. Just a reminder: the up coming Annual meeting is, Jan. 16, 2013. Be sure to tell all your friends so everyone will come.

The board at the last Board meeting requested that a letter be put in the mail to all Unit owners on the Westside of the Association who have a boat slip. The letter asks each state if he/she is sub-leasing any part of his/her dock to a third party. A copy of that lease must be on file with the Associations sovereignty submerged lands lease at the office of Harbor Lights. If anyone has any question about this issue, please come by the office and we will help you anyway we can.

On another matter, if you have received a letter from the Sarasota county tax collector, be sure to return the affidavit in the return envelope, further information can be found on the [www.Sarasota TaxCollector.com](http://www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com) or you can call 941-861-8395 to get more information about the letter.

Thank you, Jim S. for the information, on the letter.

Starting the first of the year, I will be around in the park looking for any type of safety problems, that we need to take care of for the memberships safety. If you know of anything that we should look at please get me a call at the office.

On behalf of Ann and me, at the office please have a great Thanksgiving Day, and remember the time we have now be happy for it, because we can't ever get it back.

Yours truly,
John Trimpe L.C.A.M.

BINGO

October 30

Canadian flag – Imelda Kring

American flag – Ann Morris

Cathy Forbes

November 6

Canadian flag – Bonnie

American flag – Kathy Hughes

November 13

Canadian flag – Jane Dellina

Carolyn Spivey

Maureen Bond

American flag – Maureen Bond

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

DELETE: #41 Lorraine Knab

ADD: Joseph Testa - FL

DELETE: #13 Gary and Dottie Allen

ADD: Jim and Deborah Teeter - ONT

CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our sympathy and condolences to Juanita Skinner, her son Tony passed away in November. Prayers and cards would be appreciated.

FISHERMANS KORNER

ON THE DOCK

The dock is still very quiet. However, our dock fishermen should be arriving shortly and will be feeding some of the fish that hang around our dock.

IN THE GULF

Capt. Jim, Tooter and Roger, the barber, had a great day fishing out in the gulf at one of their secret holes. They caught numerous fish, including 10 keeper groupers. All of which made a wonderful meal.

Capt. Jim and Tooter also fished in one of Tooter's secret holes and caught many fish including 10 keeper groupers, 2 of which had to be returned to the gulf.

Capt. Glen,

There are some exciting activities for fisherman to consider now.

I am hearing numerous accounts of flounder being abundant in the intracoastal on sandy banks near the channels as well as in sandy areas just offshore. The current limit is 10 per person. Flounder tastes great. They even caught one at the Sunset Park dock today, Nov 18th.

Another fun activity is to target the fish tripletail (like a flat grouper). All you have to do is have some light tackle and shrimp, or strips of cut bait like squid or even artificial bait. Take your boat out and go from one crab pot ball (float) to another. The triple tail will be right near the ball. They lay somewhat sideways. My friend Ben caught 7 of them today. They are excellent to eat! They get up to 10 pounds right off our beach. The tripletail is opportunistic, feeding on a

variety of prey including small pinfish and gulf menhaden. They also like blue crabs and live or dead shrimp. Picture below.



The latest and best news for all of us fishing off shore is there will not be closing of the red grouper season in Feb and March as have been for the last few years. If you fish for grouper (except Gag Grouper) within 120 miles of shore in Feb and March you can keep them in 2013. Red grouper limit is 4 per person. Go give it a try.

I have only been fishing off shore 2 times in the last 3 1/2 months due to weather, work and my boat lower units' theft. Last weekend we caught a 350# nurse shark. Pictures taken in the water and released. Fishing reports are strong and I expect the remainder of Nov and Dec to be excellent if the northern winds cooperate.

The BBQ/ Fish Fry

As always numerous people who live in Harbor Lights helped prepare and execute our BBQ/Fish Fry dinner in early November. The fish, onions and mushroom frying group consisted of Jack and Jan, Bruce and Jan Rundquist, Burke, Dick Meyers, Tooter, Jim Wheaton. Billy Laughlin also did a great job on the chicken thighs. My fishing buddies- Pete Lee, Josh and Rick did a

FISHERMANS KORNER CONT'D

great job with the pork. I also wanted to thank my wife, Elaine, for all her help and support before and during this event. The fish and meats were abundant, but most of all I really appreciated all the "high quality" side dishes that everyone brought. It was superb and all the effort to bring your best side dishes was more than appreciated by all. Please keep bringing those great side dishes. Hope you all enjoyed the good time and we are all looking forward to a fabulous winter at Harbor Lights.

Article from guest of fish fry

About a week and a half ago I went off shore fishing with my friend Glen Ballinger. Fishing about 30 miles out, we limited out on Red Grouper, caught numerous snapper and also a nice Cobia. Glen lives in a 50+ community. The main purpose of this fishing trip was to get fish for a community cookout. Melanie and I were privileged to attend this gastronomical event. Imagine a buffet table as long as a city bus, loaded with homemade pot luck dishes (I assume recipes in their respective families for generations). After loading one's plate with these delicacies, we were then directed outside where a group of guys manned several fish fryers. From there we were directed to the table where we were treated to smoke pork from a whole hog. To say this feast was an awesome extravaganza would be an understatement. I would however say, that the food was only beaten out by the friendly people we

shared our meal with that day. With Thanksgiving around the corner, these kind folks surely set the bar.

Capt. Jack and Capt. Glen

RECREATION NEWS

With a successful Thanksgiving cookluck behind us, we can begin focus on the Christmas season. We will start the December festivities with a kickoff of the annual boat parade on Saturday, December 1.

November 30 and December 1 we will have our annual furniture and Christmas sale. Our December 15 cookluck will be a pizza party. On December 17 we will be caroling around the park, led by Santa and his reindeers, followed by a party in the clubhouse. Luminaries can be picked by the waterfront residents prior to the boat parade, a schedule will be placed on the bulletin board. Luminaries can also be picked up by those who wish to have them just prior to caroling around the park. The park Christmas Dance and party will kickoff on December 12. The party will start with a special social hour 6-7 p.m. and the dancing will start at 7 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who sent Christmas greetings through the beacon.

A new addition to our boat yard is a storage container that will be utilized by the recreation board for storage of the items to be sold at the flea market. The new storage unit will be large enough to store all of the furniture that will be collected. It replaces the old storage trailer, which will be sold.

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RECREATION NEWS CONT'D

The trivia games and sundaes on Sunday will start in December.

We will take a break from the fun on Dec. 20 with our monthly recreation association meeting in the clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts and the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to input in helping us to provide the types of activities you enjoy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Your Recreation Board

TENNIS

Tennis play has started with both day and night play.

The Tuesday tennis clinic has started and there is plenty of space for anyone looking to help in improving their play.

Mac has the daily sign up sheets up, so put your name down and join the fun.

There has been plenty of play at nights with Mac, Jim, Wendy, Debby, and Richard playing regularly. Come join them any time and join in on the fun and some horse play !!!!!.

IN PARK DAILY WINNERS

FOR November

Richard Boyer
Bob Lawrence
Bill McRobert
Larry Sanborn

Close Seconds

Jim Sandwick
Wendie Bunnell
Debby Sanborn
Mo Hindmarsh

OUT OF PARK RESULTS:

MENS TEAMS: Bob Lawrence , Leader

Bob Lawrence is taking over for Bill Spence this year. We want to thank Bill for his many years of leading the Men's out of park play. Some of you may not be aware that Bill had surgery recently and we hear he is doing well. Please keep Bill in your thoughts and prayers, and we look forward to his return to Harbor Lights tennis.

Men's out of park is starting and we only had two teams for the first week.

November 14th at LaCosa

Bob Lawrence & Larry Sanborn
Won 6-3 & Won 6-0

Bill McRobert & Jim Sandwick
Won 6-0 & Lost 2-6 & Won TB 10-6

MIXED COUPLES , Mo

Hindmarsh, Leader

Play for Mixed Couples will start in January



LADIES LUNCHEON

January Ladies Luncheon

Keep Tuesday, January 8 for the first Ladies Luncheon of the season.

A very special program “Woman’s Voices on the Oregon Trail” will be presented by Sue Snow. She became interested in the Oregon Trail a number of years ago when she read a woman’s diary that the woman had written while traveling 2,000 miles from Iowa to Oregon with her husband and six children in the rainy summer of 1852.

Sue was so interested in doing more research on “the women of the trails” that she and her husband “tented” the Oregon Trail from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon in 2000.

Sue’s program, “Women’s Voices on the Oregon Trail will be a memorable Ladies Luncheon.

Lunch begins at 12 noon. Bring your own place setting (plate, glass or cup and silverware). The donation is \$4.00 per person.

Carolyn Welton

CHRISTMAS IN VENICE

T’was the night before Christmas and all through the town

No noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down

No children in flannels were tucked into bed,
They all wore their shorty pajamas instead
To find wreaths of holly was not very hard,
For holly trees sprouted right in their front yard.

In front of the houses were Daddy’s and Moms,

Adorning the bushes and coconut palms.
The slumbering kiddies were dreaming in glee,
And hoped they’d find water skies under the tree.

They all know that Santa was well on the way,

In a sporty Thunderbird instead of a sleigh.
And soon he arrived and started his work,
He hadn’t a second to linger or shirk.

He whizzed up the highways and zoomed up the roads.

In his Shiny T’bird, delivering his load.

The tropical moon gave Venice a glow,
And lighted the way for his car below.

As he jumped from the auto he have a weak chuckle,

He was dressed in Bermudas with an Ivy League buckle.

There weren’t any chimneys but that caused no gloom,

For Santa came in thru the Florida Room.

He stopped at each house, stayed on a minute,

And emptied his sack of the stuff that was in it.

Before he departed, he treated himself.

To the glass of papaya juice left on the shelf.

Then he turned with a jerk and bounced back to the car,

Remembering still he had to go very far.

He shifted gears and stepped on the gas,

And up Highway 41 he went like a flash.

And I heard him exclaim as he went on his way,

“Merry Christmas dear Venice, I wish I could stay.”

From the December 1994 Beacon



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unapproved

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sanborn at 9:00am.
2. **Roll Call:** Johnson, Keigher, McRobert, Myers, Pettengill, Sanborn and Sandwick were present. Bunnell and Wallace were absent. Trimpe was present from management.
3. **Confirmation:** The meeting was duly posted and a quorum is present.
4. **Minutes:**
 - a. 10/18/12 The minutes were not read because they had been received by all in the Beacon and all board members had a copy in front of them. MOTION by Keigher to accept the minutes as presented. SECONDED by Pettengill. UNANIMOUS vote to accept motion.
 - b. 10/18/12 Attachment I from Board of Directors Meeting (see attachment on record)
 - c. 10/18/12 Executive Committee Meeting—Read in to the minutes.
5. **Treasurer's report**—Given by Treasurer Pettengill. (see attachment I) Total Checking/Savings/Cash=\$1,020,243.31. Net increase for the month=\$5,929.13. MOTION by Keigher to accept report. SECONDED by Myers. UNANIMOUS vote to accept report.
6. **Manager's Report:**
 - a. *Recorded Submerged Land Lease*—The Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease was recorded in Sarasota County with the Clerk of Court on October 22,2012 in compliance with the lease agreement to make it a legal document with the county.
 - b. *Request copy of slips within HL per State Land Lease*—HL pays taxes on income from submerged land lease when boat slips are subleased. The subleased slips must be reported to the state. Therefore, any shareholder who subleases slips over the submerged land must report these subleases to the Harbor Lights Management to be sent to the state as part of our contract. Trimpe requests permission to notify shareholders of this information and request verification. MOTION by Johnson, "I move that a letter be sent to shareholders on the waterway affected by the lease agreement explaining subleasing of docks or boat slips and requesting notification to the HL Office if the shareholder is subleasing a dock or slip on the affected waterway-40ft state submerged land lease. SECONDED by Sandwick. UNANIMOUS vote to accept the above motion to give permission to management to send the letters of notification and verification
 - c. *Vendor/Service Contracts—Request bids (needs vote)*
 - i. Trimpe requests approval to put out bids for pool maintenance, air conditioning service for main buildings and the ice machine.
 - ii. MOTION made by Johnson to give John Trimpe approval to put out invitations for 3 bids to be presented to the board as sealed bids for pool maintenance, air conditioning service for main buildings

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(clubhouse, kitchen, and laundry room ice machine) and then present the bids to the board for approval

- iii. Discussion resulted in the following amendment by Myers: MOTION that management be granted the authority of advertise bids on all contracts and the authority to review responding bids and present resulting information to the HLBOD. SECONDED by Keigher. VOTE: The amendment was DEFEATED. The main motion was DEFEATED.
- iv. Myers made the following MOTION: Authorize management to advertise for bids for all contractual work and the review of the returned bids to present to the HLBOD. SECONDED by Keigher. UNANIMOUS vote in favor of the motion.

7. Recreation Liaison Report: given by McRobert:

- a. *The shipping container* (40'long x 8'wide x9 ½' tall) for storage of flea market items is available for \$4000. The Recreation Board needs to borrow \$2000 from Harbor Light Cooperative. The container will be purchased and brought to Harbor Lights. (see New Business 10.a.)
- b. *Recreation Association Board Meeting* on November 15, 2012 at 9:00am for coffee and doughnuts and 9:30am for the meeting.
- c. *Thanksgiving Cookluck* will be held on Thanksgiving Day in the Clubhouse.
- d. *A Pre-Christmas sale* will be held for items that have already been gathered for the February Flea Market in order to make room for additional items.

8. Announcements: None

9. Unfinished Business:

- a. *Review of Cook Shack* given by Sandwick listing those who will be working on this project: Jim Sandwick, Jim Wheaton, Mike Dellina, Dick Bolender, Jack Utley, and Tooter Roberts. (see Attachment III for details). Items that need attention: Leaking roof, center vent, leveling floor, establishing water and drain lines, storage cabinets, counter tops, Plexiglas panels for north upper wall screens.
- b. *Lighting in Storage Yard:* Reported by Myers has been completed.
 - i. Sanborn reported that there is a need for a variance from the City of Venice to replace the fence at 8 feet. Expects to hear from City of Venice within the week.

10. New Business:

- a. *Ratified Loan/Purchase of Flea Market Storage Unit:* The board was polled by email by Myers to ratify loan for the purchase of the storage unit. Myers reported that the poll vote was 9 for 9 in favor of the loan of \$2000. MOTION by Sanborn to ratify the poll vote. SECONDED by Keigher. UNANIMOUS vote to ratify. (*Of note: At the Feb. 9, 2012 HLBOD Meeting, a motion was approved to work co-operatively with the Recreation Board to secure monies for the storage unit project.*)

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- b. Approval of Budget by Board for Presentation at December Shareholders' Meeting.* Vice President Sanborn presented the budget (see attachment IV) Sanborn stated that the board is presenting a balanced budget with a total income of \$336,936.00 and a total expense of \$336,936.00 with a \$10.00 increase in monthly assessment. Johnson stated that \$25,000 had been moved from the Pool Reserve Fund to a Clubhouse Reserve Fund with the intention of doing some clubhouse renovation. Shareholders will have to vote on this item.

MOTION by Keigher to approve the budget as presented to be presented at December Shareholders' Meeting for Shareholder approval by Shareholders. SECONDED by Pettengill. UNANIMOUS vote for approval of motion.

- c. Billing of Submerged Land Lease Payment:* Announcement by Trimpe. The payment for the Submerged Land Lease was sent to the state by management. However, it was not accepted by the State because of their revamping of their payment system. The check was returned by the State and we have been asked to hold it until the State is ready to receive it.
- d. City of Venice Building Requirement Guidelines—Copy to each Unit Owner (needs vote).* (See attachment V for copy of guidelines). Discussion was held as to how to make all shareholders aware of these guidelines. MOTION by Johnson to place the City of Venice Building Permit Requirement Guidelines in the packet to go out in November along with the first notice for the annual meeting in December. SECONDED by Sandwick. UNANIMOUS vote to approve the motion.
- e. Other issues that need to come before the Board.* The Executive Committee interviewed James and Deborah Teeter (unit #13) and approved them as shareholders.

11. Shareholders Comments:

- a.* Comments were made with regard to whether or not a Hearing Loop would be appropriate for the Clubhouse.
- b.* Comments were made regarding a new or different ice machine.

12. Adjournment: Vice-President Sanborn called for a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. MOTION by Pettengill to adjourn meeting. SECONDED by Sandwick. Unanimous vote to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Johnson, Secretary



DECEMBER

Birthdays

- 2 Bonnie Roberts #136
- 3 Philippa Keener #30A
- 5 Ed Schofield #96
- 8 Tom DeSain #112
- 16 Barbara Myers #150
- 14 Rita Prendergast #57
- 18 Phyllis DeMarco #104
- 24 Glenn Ballinger #19
- 27 Dick Bolender #12
Betty Wallace #139
- 28 Beverly Wheaton #42
- 31 Don Kring #114

Early JANUARY

- 5 Seth Grossmith #120
- 6 Shirley Reindl #23
- 9 Sue Schofield #96
- 10 Pat Erwin #84
- 11 Don Augustine #137
- 12 Larry Bunnell #128
- 15 Charles Keener #30A

DECEMBER

Anniversaries

- 19 Jerry and Ann Brown #87
- 20 Jim and Beverly Wheaton #42
- 27 Phil and Barbara Myers #150

Early JANUARY

- 1 Jim and Rosalyn Jones #1
- 15 Dick and Ann Partridge RV1



A Christmas Recipe

Begin with special happiness
Mix with warmth and sharing,
Add in joy and lots of love,
Flavor well with caring,
Sprinkle in some laughter
And some happy memories
too-

And you'll have
The kind of Christmas
That ought to come to you.