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## 2010 Future Finance Survey Summary

*The FIPOA Finance Committee*

The purpose of this communication is to present a summary of the future finance study completed in November, 2010. A total of 790 property owners or about 37% responded to the study. The quantitative results and the over 40 pages of comments are being studied to determine a future plan for the financing of the responsibilities of the Fripp Island Property Owners' Association.

A large majority of the property owners surveyed reported "it is important that the property owners' association plan and implement programs today, which will help assure our financial health in the future." Eighty four percent of the property owners strongly agreed or agreed with this statement. A pie chart of the results is presented below (fig. 3).

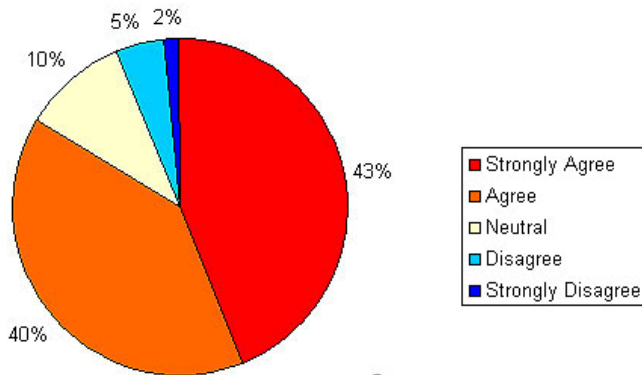


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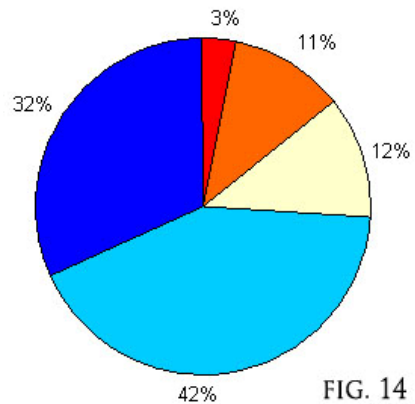


FIG. 14

The Fripp property owners disagreed with the notion that "the board should prioritize critical needs and just let some of the island infrastructure fall into disrepair based upon funds available at the time." As presented in the pie chart above (fig. 14), 74% of the respondents disagreed with this statement.

The property owners also felt that the responsibility for additional revenues to fund the projected revenue shortfall and develop a future plan should be shared equally by all property owners. Fifty eight percent of the owners agreed with this statement (fig. 4).

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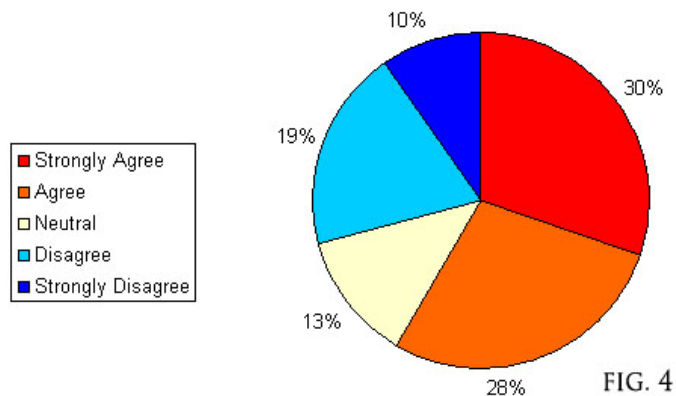
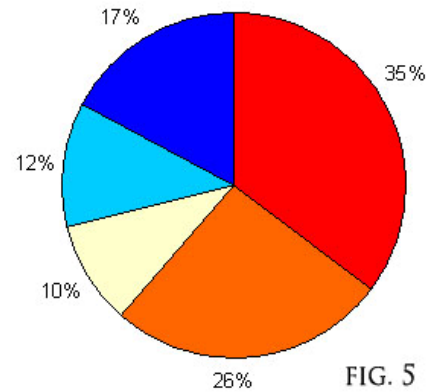
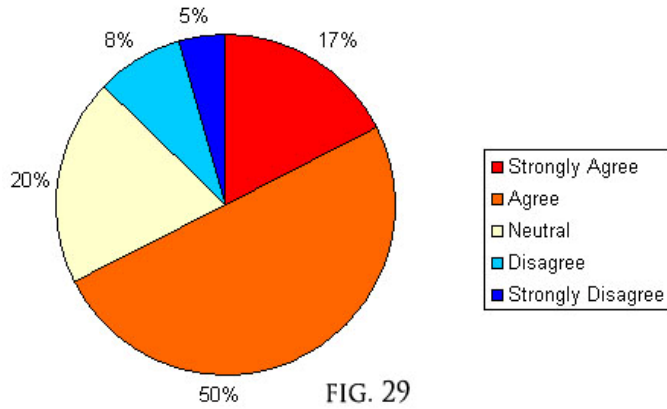


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# FIPOA CONT.

It appears the owner stakeholders on Fripp want to plan and fund the future of the island. The results of the survey indicate that 67% agree and 20% are neutral on the statement “I feel we must not only pay current bills and remain solvent, but also be able to accumulate sufficient reserves to respond to emergencies and replace FIPOA assets (fig. 29).

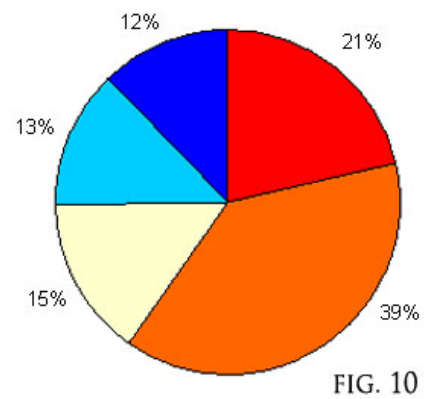
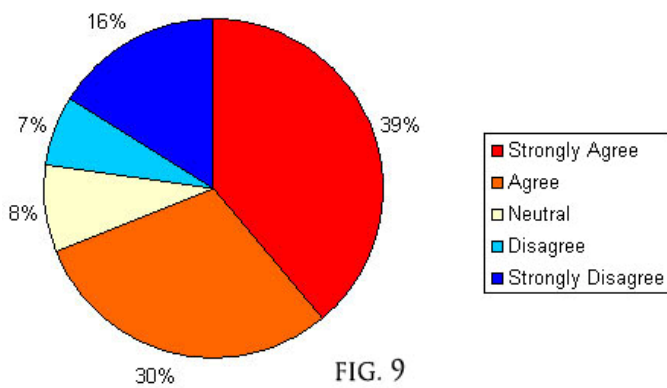


How to fund the future of Fripp Island is the question area that the FIPOA Board and the future finance committee are debating currently. This analysis involved detailed review of the comments and property owner categories. A few findings are presented in the additional charts.

First, in response to the question “A major portion of the island expenses such as increased security costs are related to owner rental activities. I feel a major portion of the additional revenues should be the responsibility of individuals who rent their homes or the renters”. The pie chart above (fig.5) shows the level of agreement with this statement.

Sixty one percent of the survey respondents agreed with this statement.

A large number of respondents (69%) agreed with the statement “Individuals who rent their homes through VRBO or other independent organizations should pay the same 1% obligation as homeowners who use the resort to handle their rentals (fig. 9).



Another avenue of funding is presented by the results of the following question. “I favor adding \$100 per property owned to the annual POA assessment bringing the total to \$840 per year plus the \$100 special road and bridge assessment. This would increase the FIPOA revenue by an estimated \$213,000 (fig. 10).

In summary, no decisions have been made based upon the analysis of the results to date. The questions are being analyzed by property owner category to develop a financial plan.

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Deadline for the May TRAWLER is  
April 29th.

### FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

March 12, 2011 - 9:00 am at the  
FIPOA Administrative Office

#### ANNUAL MEETING

April 9, 2011 - 9:00 am at the  
Fripp Island Community Centre  
(This schedule is subject to change.)  
All meetings are open.

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## FIPOA CONT.

### Splinters from the Board

*Carol Young, Administrative Assistant*

At the January 8, 2011 meeting, the Board approved the new Welcome Envelope design. This informational packet will be handed out to all guests and visitors who come through the security gate.

The final summary of the results of the Future Finance Survey was presented. Many comments received indicated there is still confusion regarding which Fripp entity is responsible for which areas. We now have a new button on the website that takes you to “Who’s Who.”



At the February 12 meeting, it was noted the Board had approved Resolution 567, to repair culverts in Deer Lake. The Board also approved Resolution 569, to create a raised archway and install a locked bulletin board at the entrance to Audubon Trail.

The Nominating Committee’s recommendations for Nominees to the Board of Directors for the Class of 2014 were presented to the Board. Their biographies are listed elsewhere in this issue. Resolution 570 to approve changes to the nominee form for Board of Directors was approved. It now gives a little more detail.

To see the General Manager’s report and full minutes of these and other FIPOA meetings, please go to <http://www.fipoa.org/minutes.html>.

### IN MEMORIAM

Richard Mason

### New Owners on Fripp

12/30/10 thru 2/15/11

Arie Bax, Columbia, SC

Francis & Iris Golden, Waxhaw, NC

Leslie & Linda Gregory, Westerville, OH

Lynn Keever, Lincolnton, NC

Southwest Solutions Group Inc, Addison, TX



# ISLAND SERVICES

## CHIEF'S CORNER

*Security Chief Mike Binkowski*

I wish to remind everyone of the upcoming school events: Spring Break for the surrounding schools are scheduled as follows:

Beaufort High School	3/28/11– 4/01/11
Battery Creek High School	3/28/11– 4/01/11
Beaufort Academy	3/20/11– 3/27/11
Thomas Heyward	3/28/11– 4/01/11
Beaufort Technical College	3/07/11– 3/11/11
USC -B	3/06/11– 3/14/11
Clemson University	3/21/11– 3/25/11

The area school proms are scheduled as follows:

Beaufort High School	5/21/11
Battery Creek High School	5/21/11
Beaufort Academy	5/21/11
Thomas Heyward	4/29/11

With your assistance I hope that we can prevent any trouble or unwanted situations.

Our goal at the Fripp Island Patrol is to provide a safe environment for homeowners and guests. This is only possible with your cooperation and participation. If you see something or hear something that is out of the ordinary call us at 838-2334 anytime day or night, we will respond an Officer and determine the situation. Don't let the sight of something out of the ordinary slip by. Don't say, "It's not my problem." Security needs your eyes and ears out there. We encourage your calls!

If you have any ideas or suggestions that can improve our services or the quality of life on the island please contact me. I welcome you to stop by my office to discuss your ideas or any problems that you may be experiencing. As always, if you have questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at 838-7725 or via e-mail at [fipoasec@islc.net](mailto:fipoasec@islc.net).

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## A Salute

### To a Fine Friend of the Fripp Audubon Club

The members of the Fripp Audubon Club share a great sadness at the recent passing of Cliff Ginter, a tireless friend and Audubon leader who has had a strong role in the development of our organization. Cliff was president from 2001 to 2008, and was subsequently vice president until his death.

Cliff's dedication to the club was matched only by his love of birding—and nature in general, and his enthusiasm and energy helped the club to grow and wildlife to prosper on Fripp. Under his leadership the club developed the improved plan for the Audubon Nature Trail and he strongly supported diverse programs and field trips that have become our club's signature. For Cliff, it never was just about the birds.

Cliff was friend, colleague, mentor to Audubon, and was known and loved by everyone on Fripp. He had a passion for irreverent humor; always with a funny story or a one-liner joke and a philosophy of keeping things in perspective with a smile. We will all miss Cliff and remember him for his love of Fripp nature and for the many happy moments he gave all of us.

## MARKETPLACE

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# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS

## Resident Candidate—Bonnie Combes

Bonnie and Rich just celebrated their 40th anniversary and have been property owners on Fripp since 1996. They have one married daughter and two Bichons, and they are full time residents.

Bonnie received her RN degree from Piedmont Hospital School of Nursing in Atlanta. As an RN she worked for 34 years, mostly part-time, in various hospitals and specialties. She was 3 years into her career when she discovered her love of pediatric nursing. In Atlanta Bonnie worked for 20 years at Egleston Children's Hospital (now part of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta) in areas ranging from premature infants to general surgery and spent her last ten years there in the ER/Trauma Center. Bonnie said, "I really loved the 'rush' of the ER!" When she felt she needed a less strenuous job, Bonnie became a pediatric home health nurse and enjoyed the autonomy that this nursing specialty offers.



### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Bonnie has served as the Vice-Chair of the FIPOA Appeals Committee since 2005. She has held many titles with the Fripp Island Women's Club including Hospitality Chair in 2004, Vice President in 2005 and 2006, President in 2007 and 2008, and she has been a member/organizer of the July 4th Cake Walk Committee since 2006. She has been the Secretary of the Fripp Island Yacht Club since 2006, and she served as Secretary of Fripp Island Community Centre in 2006.

### **What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities:**

In Atlanta, Bonnie was involved with Red Cross-sponsored baby-sitter training and maternal/child education programs. She was a member of a Pediatric Disaster Medical Assistance Team that was trained and ready to travel anywhere in the world to provide medical care to disaster victims.

After living on Fripp for several years, Bonnie felt that there was a need for a convenient way for the Fripp community to receive annual flu shots and access to healthcare information and services available in our area. In 2007, with the help of the staff at Beaufort Memorial Hospital, the first Flu Shot Clinic and Health Fair was held. Last year Bonnie managed Fripp's first blood drive; there are plans to make this an annual event, with the next drive scheduled for this spring. Bonnie was a Precinct

Poll Manager from 2004-2008 and a member of Fripp Island Loggerhead Turtle Patrol in 2005-2006.

### **What is your long-term vision? What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?**

My priorities are to continue to seek solutions to safety and traffic issues; ensure the financial stability of FIPOA by demanding fiscally sound management of our resources; continue a watchful eye on maintenance and improvements to Fripp's infrastructure; and focus on effective communication with property owners.

### **The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?**

My involvement with the Appeals Committee has led me to a greater understanding and appreciation of the problems encountered by Security. Being married to an engineer who has also been a Commissioner of the Fripp Island PSD for the last seven years has enabled me to gain some knowledge of the intricacies and the importance of maintaining our infrastructure. My nursing education and experience have made me realize the value of attention to detail, follow-up, communication, and common sense. Working with the FI Yacht Club has shown me the benefits of being responsive to the needs of the members that I serve.

### **In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

I believe that recent FIPOA Boards and management have done an excellent job in maintaining our community at a high level. It is important to continue to support the Grounds Committee, which has worked so hard to make our island more attractive. With our narrow roads, increased traffic, and the development of golf carts that are capable of speeds of 25+MPH, traffic and safety issues need to be addressed and refined. Parking issues continue to be problematic and will require further attention.

### **How do you envision participating on the Board?**

If elected to the Board, I plan to be an active member by attending all meetings, sharing any expertise that I might have, and educating myself about unfamiliar issues. In order to best represent their interests, I will seek and listen to feedback from property owners.

### **What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be willing to serve on the Appeals, Beach, Human Resources, Parking, Security Committees and/or Trawler Editorial Panel.

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## Resident Candidate—Cathy Keup

Cathy and Rick have been married for 14 years and have owned on Fripp since 2007. They have one son, two daughters, four grandchildren, and three Labrador Retrievers. The Keups are full time residents.

Cathy received her BS degree and her Registered Nursing degree from West Virginia University. She is a graduate of the Realtor Institute in West Virginia. Cathy has been a Real Estate Professional since 1980, and was an RN specializing in oncology. She served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves and is a watercolor artist.



### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Cathy is a member of the FIWGA, the Low Country WGA, the FI Yacht Club, the Audubon Club, and Friends of Music. She served on Fripp for a Cure and on the Women's Member Guest Committee

### **What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities:**

Cathy has been a member of the Junior League and the WV Symphony Orchestra Board, working to bring music experiences into public schools, and assisting with fundraising and marketing. She was a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and involved with the choir, Sunday school, and the vestry. She was a board member of the Parkersburg Day Nursery, the Parkersburg Art Center, and the Chamber of Commerce. Cathy was also involved with Altrusa International which promotes women's issues in business. She is a present member of PEO which assists women in furthering their education, and a member of the National Society of Arts and Letters which promotes young people's endeavors in the arts.

### **What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

Fripp Island's incredible natural beauty and the profuse variety of wildlife strongly influenced our decision to live here. I would foster and support this delicate environment while working with others to address the ongoing challenges of maintaining the stability of the island's services and amenities. The diversity of Fripp's owners is a great strength and one that needs to be recognized and included when making decisions affecting our island's future.

### **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?**

I plan to learn, listen, and offer my input when appropriate. My goal is to represent all residents by keeping an "open mind" and making careful decisions based on research, facts, and community opinions. Major issues needing ongoing attention and direction are future development, security, maintenance of roads, walkways, and beach crossovers, and overall awareness of property owner's needs and concerns.

**The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?**

My education and past experiences equipped me with the skill sets needed to effectively identify problems, communicate and work as a team, and move forward to a satisfactory resolution. Working in sales and the healthcare fields provided invaluable opportunities in problem solving and team building. I will enjoy interacting with others as we strive to improve and maintain our beautiful island.

**In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

Beach and beach access management is an ongoing challenge as stairs and boardwalks, dunes and pathways are constantly deteriorating. Security, including monitoring and enforcing regulations should remain a priority. And always, the protection of our residents, the future development of our island, and the guarding of its environment are vital.

**How do you envision participating on the Board?**

First, to educate myself in the mission, bylaws, and responsibilities of the FIPOA. Then to listen, offer input, and work diligently either as a board member or committee leader.

**What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be willing to serve on the Appeals, Beach, Grounds, and/or Human Resources Committees.

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## Resident Candidate—Curt Blake

Curt and Peggy have been married for 47 years and have two married sons and six grandchildren. They moved to Fripp five years ago and they are full time residents.

Curt received his BS from Springfield College and his MS from the University of Bridgeport. He has over 35 years of cumulative experience as a coach or administrator at the NCAA Division I level, 25 of those were in positions as Athletics Director, Associate Athletics, or Assistant Athletics Director. During his career, Curt gained practical experience and had proven success in all areas of athletics administration including development, fund raising, marketing, promotion, con-ference transition, facility planning and construction, NCAA compliance, public relations, academic support, and gender equity. Curt's career took him from Colgate University to The University of Pennsylvania to Drake University and finally to Rider University where he retired as Director of Athletics in 2005.



### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Curt has served on the Fripp Island Yacht Club Board of Directors since 2007 as Captain of the Fleet, Vice Commodore, Commodore, Past Commodore, and Rear Commodore. He has been a member of Fripp Island Sea Rescue since 2007 and a Volunteer Golf Starter / Marshall since 2008.

### **What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities:**

Curt is currently a member of Sea Rescue and a Volunteer Golf Starter/Marshall. In New Jersey, he planned and implemented several fund-raising and development initiatives that resulted in unprecedented financial growth through alumni giving to Rider, corporate sponsorship and community development. He served on the Parent Teachers Board, part of the time as President in Hamilton, NY, when he was at Colgate. Curt also served on several Regional and National Committees for the NCAA during his career including Chair of the NCAA Wrestling Committee (NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship).

### **What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

I believe a key factor in maintaining the ongoing and future success of Fripp Island is the ability for the POA and the Resort to continue its collaboration and support of each other in

working closely together. The unique qualities of Fripp Island include the protected natural, commercial-free environment combined with first-class resort amenities, and the feeling of a true community. People who live here truly care about Fripp and for each other. It is small-town living at its finest.

I have heard several people state that Fripp Island is a well-kept secret, but that our island's reputation is spreading as visitors experience Fripp's positive qualities. As interest in our home island continues to grow, we must wholeheartedly welcome visitors and potential property owners. I believe we must provide information that will assist them in having a positive experience and, at the same time, emphasize the importance of adhering to Fripp's rules and regulations. I believe it is essential that we enforce our rules and regulations fairly, and in a cordial, positive and productive manner.

As the economy continues to strengthen, I believe the population of Fripp will continue to grow at a slow, but steady, pace. We, therefore, must continue to be vigilant in protecting the natural beauty and condition of every aspect of our island. If we do so in a responsible manner, the future of Fripp will be one of continued natural, commercial-free beauty combined with first-class resort amenities. This will allow property owners to enjoy Fripp for generations to come as a community of caring individuals living in an environment of unparalleled natural beauty.

### **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?**

If fortunate enough to be elected, I would work diligently to assess all issues, seek input from fellow owners, and strive to make decisions in a responsible manner in the best interest of Fripp Island and all property owners.

### **The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?**

My professional experience has included a wide range of responsibilities including every aspect of facility planning, improvement and implementation and maintenance. Also, my additional experience regarding security, regulations, enforcement and fiduciary responsibility may be of service to the Board and property owners.

### **In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

In a recent Fripp survey, the beach was considered the most important asset. There is a need to continue to protect and improve this area of Fripp as well as the many access points to the beach. Also, I believe we must educate our many visitors

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## *Curt Blake, continued*

regarding our rules and regulations, and work closely with Security to assure all adhere to these rules and regulations.

### **How do you envision participating on the Board?**

Working in collaboration with pertinent entities while assessing accurate facts on issues presented to the board, and making responsible decisions efficiently and expeditiously.

### **What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be willing to serve in any area, but have a particular interest in Appeals, Beach, Grounds or Parking Committees.



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## **Non-Resident Candidate—David A. Case**

David and Vickie have been property owners on Fripp for eight years. They live in Sewickley, PA, and spend approximately four months here each year. They rent their beachfront house when they are not in residence. They have one daughter who is a senior in college.



David received his BS in Math, Physics and Computer Science from Transylvania University in Lexington, KY. He is a veteran of nearly 40 years in the television production industry. He began his career at a broadcast television station in Kentucky, moved to Pittsburgh where he created and managed other successful media related entities, and today is the president and CEO of PMI, the largest television production company in Pennsylvania and the tri-state region. Beyond PMI, his entrepreneurial spirit has been instrumental in the creation of several other for-profit, media-related companies in the Western Pennsylvania area and he continues to actively serve as Chairman and executive advisor on their boards.

### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

David is the current Secretary of the FIPOA Board of Directors and the Chair of the Human Resources Committee. He attends FIPOA meetings whenever he is on island and takes part in the others via the teleconference system. He attends functions at the Community Centre, the Club Advisory Board, and is a frequent visitor to the FIR offices in order to understand the club/resort's challenges and how they may relate to the Property Owners Association.

### **What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities?**

David presently serves as an elected public official on the Board of Commissioners for the Township of Leet, Pennsylvania where for over 15 years he has been Chairman of the Public Safety Commission. He is a Board Member and past President of the Pittsburgh Advertising Federation; a Board Member and Chairman of the Association of Imaging, Technology and Sound; a Board Member and has served on the Communications, Audit and Office Recruitment Committees for the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership; a Board member and Communications Committee member of the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium; a Board Member of the Pittsburgh Film Office serving on the New Business Development Committee; and lastly, he is the Director Technical Services for his home church, Christ Church at Grove Farm in Sewickley, PA.

### **What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

I would like Fripp to maintain its family-friendly, non-commercial atmosphere, while continuing to enhance its visibility as a South Carolina vacation destination, thereby allowing the value of our individual properties to appreciate significantly in the future. As more people visit our island, they will want to become owners of their own small piece of paradise, which will allow the Property Owners Association and the Island to maintain its viability for generations to come.

### **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?**

The FIPOA needs to continue developing its relationship with the Fripp Island Resort. Collectively addressing our efforts toward the betterment of the island on which we both live would be beneficial for the FIPOA and the Fripp Island Resort.

I would suggest that the POA not only survey the property owners regarding the island but work jointly with the FIR to survey the visitors to the island. In doing this, we could learn what casual guests as well as owners think of Fripp, and how we might improve on the experience for all. I would be interested in promoting an effort in this regard on behalf of the Board.

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## *David Case, continued*

The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?

My experience for over 15 years as Commissioner of Public Safety in my hometown, has equipped me to deal with most issues related to the management of police and security personnel. From negotiating contractual agreements with police officers to dealing with the press in a time of public emergency, my experience in public safety runs the gamut. In the Human Resources area, as the employer of well over 1,000 people in my career, I have successfully dealt with most conceivable personnel related issues. And on the board level, my background has taught me how to effectively identify, set and help accomplish goals for organizations not unlike the Fripp Island Property Owners Association. As Chair of the FIPOA Human Resources Committee, I have worked with staff to keep health insurance coverage available while maintaining the budget.

**In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

As previously mentioned, I would suggest a more aggressive effort be undertaken in forming a better, long-lasting relationship with FIR until such time as they are no longer involved with the island. This position is not only reasonable, but it also paves the way for the FIPOA to begin understanding the issues related to owning and managing the assets presently controlled by the resort.

**How do you envision participating on the Board?**

I anticipate that my participation level for the upcoming term will be similar to what it is today by serving as an officer, if the remainder of the Board so desires, and as the Chair of the Human Resources Committee. Further, I hope to become involved with the security issues as they relate to the island.

**What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I currently Chair the Human Resources Committee. I would also be willing to serve on the Beach and/or Security Committees.

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## Resident Candidate—Dr. Richard W. “Dick” or “Doc” Morrison

Doc and Ethie have been Fripp owners and residents for 21 years. They have two children and three grandchildren.



Doc received his BS and his MS from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. He received his Ed. D. from Ball State University, in Muncie, IN. He spent 33 years in Educational Administration; of those, 15 years were spent as School District Superintendent, three years as Assistant School

Superintendent and three years as Director of Schoolhouse Construction for the Indiana Dept. of Public Instruction. In 1989, Doc became the Beaufort County School District building level administrator at Battery Creek High School, with an emphasis on helping “at risk” young people. This was a crowning experience to a wonderful career in educational administration.

### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Doc has been a member of the FIPOA Board of Directors since 2008 and has chosen to seek another term. He is also a member of the Fripp Island Volunteer Fire Department, MGA, ROMEO’s, the Fripp Island Yacht Club, the Audubon Club, and Fripp Island Friends of Music. He presently serves as Chairman of the Roads and Drainage Committee. He has worked hard for and feels accomplishment in having more open communications between the Board of Directors and the property owners. Doc is active in retirement making mailboxes, playing golf, and woodturning. He takes yoga classes at the Community Centre.

**What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities?**

Doc has been a member of Rotary International in four communities and served in several capacities, including Club President. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in two communities, and was an American Field Service (AFS), host for foreign students.

**What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

My vision for Fripp Island is that we continue to be an attractive, affordable, resort community, which in turn, protects the value of Fripp Island property. I feel the effort of the Board

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## *Doc Morrison, continued*

that helped get legislation passed to prevent OCRM from changing oceanfront setbacks reflects this concern for maintaining property values. The governance of Fripp Island, as the resort-owner nears the end of land-to-be-developed, will need to transition to a greater role played by FIPOA.

### **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board Member?**

It would be my desire to: 1) Continue to improve communications between the FIPOA Board, Administration and the property owners. Improvement has been made, but we still have work to be done in this area. 2) Complete the planning for an orderly transition from resort-owner leadership to FIPOA leadership. 3) Assure that the cost/benefit factor is considered in directives being initiated by FIPOA. Past work with Boards of Education and my three years on the present FIPOA Board have provided me with the knowledge and experience to be a contributing member to the Board.

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I could draw upon life's experiences and education to provide help on roads, bike paths, and parks.

**In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

Continued efforts to improve communications, responsible monitoring of the present expenditures and a sound understanding and plan for accumulating necessary funds for future needs.

**How do you envision participating on the Board?**

By serving on the various committees and doing my homework on issues which come before the Board, asking questions, and participating in good discussion.

**What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be happy to continue to serve on the Roads & Drainage and Finance Committees.

## **Resident Candidate—Jim F. Wolbrink**

Jim and Karen have been married for 44 years and have been property owners on Fripp since 1987. They became full time residents in their current home in 2007. Their original Fripp house is now a rental property.



Jim received a Bachelor Degrees in Industrial Engineering and Technical Journalism from Iowa State University and his Masters Degree in Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University as well. He began his career on the engineering

staff of his alma mater, and then became the Editor of Industrial Engineering and Director of Publications for American Institute of Industrial Engineers in New York, NY. In 1974, Jim moved to Atlanta where he became the Managing Director of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers. Ten years later, he started Wolbrink Properties, a large real estate conglomerate specializing in residential real estate and financing. Wolbrink Properties is still operating today, although now Jim works from Fripp.

### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Jim currently serves on the Steering Committee for Fripp/Harbor Habitat for Humanity Home, and the FIPOA Parking Committee. He is on the Deer Lake Homeowners Association Board, and has served two terms on Fripp Island Club Advisory Board, and has been a member of Turtle patrol for three years.

**What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities:**

For many years Jim was active in Optimist International in Georgia, where he served as Governor of the Georgia District 1994-95, and then on International Committees. He served on Vestry of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Atlanta for two terms and as Senior Warden for three years. He was part of the Organizing Committee for formation of City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, first new city of its' size, (80,000 residents), incorporated in the US. Jim served on Building Appeals Commission of Sandy Springs, resigning when he and Karen moved to Fripp full time. Jim is active at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, and serves on the Tri-Centennial Commission. Jim is currently on the Board of Friends of Caroline Hospice in Beaufort.

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# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

*Jim Wolbrink, continued*

## **What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

Fripp is a wonderful island, whether you live here part time, full time, or you visit for vacation. The people at Fripp are genuine and form a real "community". My vision for Fripp 10 or 20 years from now is indeed bright.

We need to ensure that Fripp Island continues to be a good place to invest for the future. To do this we need to be good stewards of our natural beauty, our beaches, our lagoons, and our wildlife.

We need to balance the needs and desires of full-time residents, with those of part-time residents, and with those vacationers who rent here. Fripp is a family resort island and we want to ensure this continues to be our primary direction. My vision is that as development continues, we will be able to keep our unique environment and character.

## **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?**

A major issue the FIPOA Board must continue to address is increasing the sources of revenue needed for current and long-term operations. Assessments have not been raised for at least three years (because of the CPI cap), yet expenses go up in many areas, in spite of careful management. Long-term reserves are reaching levels that are dangerously low.

If elected to the Board, I will encourage the Board to look at the most equitable ways of assessing properties.

I am aware the current Board and Finance Committee are studying this issue using the results of a survey, which addressed the issue. If elected to the Board, I will continue to work for the most equitable solutions for all owners.

As a member of the Parking Committee for past 2-1/2 years, I am aware of long term parking challenges on the entire island. We need to look for long term solutions to provide beach and recreational parking for Fripp Island.

Security is the largest line item in the FIPOA budget, and our Security team does their job well, yet there is always opportunity for improvement. The Board needs to continually monitor Security effectiveness during all periods of the year.

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My education in engineering and 25 years owning and managing a large portfolio of single family homes gives me a good background to understand the challenges of properly managing our infrastructure. These are valuable assets that need to be properly maintained for the long term. The committees of the Board have done an excellent job of managing these assets

and with my background I would be a contributing member of teams to continue sound management of our infrastructure. Having served on Turtle patrol for three years I have appreciation for maintaining clean beaches, while at the same time providing the environment for all to enjoy the beaches.

## **In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

The Board has, and is doing an excellent job of managing our beautiful barrier island, but new challenges will develop with our growth, increase in visitors, and changing government regulations. The Board needs to continue managing for this change, at the same time, keeping in focus the desires of all owners at Fripp.

Our biggest challenge is to increase our reserves in a fair and equitable manner. We need to fund the future with a fair and effective financial program. For example, we are vastly under funded if we should ever experience a major upheaval such as a hurricane.

## **How do you envision participating on the Board?**

The first few meetings I would primarily be a listener, and get my feet on the ground. First and foremost, I would work to be a team member of the Board. I will be happy to serve on the Committee(s) to which I have been assigned. My interests are quite broad, so I would anticipate serving where needed. I will be available for Committee meetings as scheduled, and do whatever Committee work as appropriate.

## **What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be willing to serve on the Appeals, Beach, Finance, Grounds, Parking, Roads & Drainage and/or Security Committees.



*Photo by Dan McCormick*

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## Non-Resident Candidate—Joe Studer

Joe married Jinny Adams in 1989 and Fripp became part of his life at that time. They live in Robins, Iowa and spend 40-50% of their time on Fripp.

Between them, Joe & Jinny have seven children; they also foster parented a teenaged boy and girl through high school. They now have 16 grandchildren.

Following high school graduation, Joe attended college, and then joined the US Navy, where he stayed for four years. He became a fire control tech and worked on the computer and bombsight navigation system of the A3D airplane. He was a service supervisor for Satellite Industries of Minneapolis, a company that provided portable chemical toilets for various outdoor activities. He worked there for 12 years, becoming a regional vice president for the Nebraska-Iowa operations. During Joe's tenure, the region grew from one branch with one employee and sales of less than \$100,000 per year to six branch offices, 14 employees, and sales of close to \$1,000,000. Joe was responsible for sales, hiring, training, safety, profits, and new business development. After receiving his MBA, he accepted a position as a Management Assistance Officer with the US Small Business Administration. Joe continued with the SBA for 22 years and moved from the Omaha office to the Cedar Rapids office to become the supervisor of the Management Assistance Division. He also taught business classes at community colleges and has run a tax business for thirty years, which continues today.



### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Most of Joe's involvement on Fripp Island has been to assist neighbors in their clean up efforts for the Sawgrass area. He enjoys playing golf with the Nine-Holers and assisting the Community Centre with the bi-annual sale and clean up activities. His truck is very busy. He also enjoys biking and picking up litter on his rides.

### **What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities?**

Joe became involved with Toastmasters and the Junior Chamber of Commerce while living in Omaha. He was elected to his church Council and served as President for a year. He became active with the Cub Scout Pack; he was the Pack President for two years. While in college, he volunteered to do

taxes for low-income people. In Cedar Rapids he volunteered for the SAFE coalition. (Substance Abuse Free Environment) and served on the board for four years. He also taught 6th grade Sunday school for many years.

### **What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

I met Fripp Island on Christmas Eve of 1989 as a newlywed. Until then I had never thought such a beautiful place would be a part of my life. Jinny and I have enjoyed our home here and today most of our grandchildren and children come to play and enjoy all the island has to offer. My vision is to keep and maintain this island so our children's grandchildren will have the same opportunity.

### **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?**

I would hope my experience and skills would be useful in overcoming the problems every organization has in trying to stay strong and healthy. I have noticed the great efforts made in the past few years to improve the streets, paths, sewer and water lines, play areas, beaches and common areas. The present and past Boards have made many hard decisions to get this work completed. I would hope future Boards would continue to build on the foundation that has been put in place.

### **The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?**

I feel comfortable in practically all aspects of business, as I have been involved in almost all phases of managing a business. I would like to work in an area where others may not feel comfortable. I like to solve problems and be involved with teams that have common goals. I love outdoor work as well. As the son of a contractor, I like to dig dirt, literally.

### **In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?**

I have noticed places on the island that need maintenance, namely the bike paths, the marsh bridge, and wash out places along Marsh Dunes Rd. I assume other neighborhoods have their concern areas as well. I am a very good listener and will represent all neighborhood needs.

### **How do you envision participating on the Board?**

I expect to attend between four to six meetings in person each year. At other times, I plan to participate by phone.

### **What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be willing to serve on the Appeals, Finance, Grounds, Human Resources and Roads & Drainage Committees.

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## Non-Resident Candidate—Julian J. Nussbaum, M.D.

Julian and his wife Stephanie Goei, M.D. have been property owners on Fripp for four years. They live in Augusta, GA, and together with Noah (age 8) and Mayah (age 7), spend one or two weekends a month on Fripp.

Julian is a 1976 graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine who completed his ophthalmology residency at MCG in 1980. He simultaneously completed fellowships in vitreous and retinal surgery at the Retina Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts; clinical ophthalmology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary of Harvard Medical School; and research at the Eye Research Institute of the Retina Foundation of Boston. He joined the faculty of the Henry Ford Health System in 1982 where he built and directed the Retina Service. He was named chairman of Henry Ford Eye Care Services in 1992.



Dr. Nussbaum is an associate examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology, and serves as a reviewer for the Archives of Ophthalmology. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, the Retina Society, and the Schepens International Society. He is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Ophthalmology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Since 2000, Castle Connolly has recognized him annually as one of America's Top Doctors.

### Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:

Julian's involvement with Fripp began as a weekend visit with friends who own a home here just off the beach. Six weeks later, Julian & Stephanie found themselves with their own home in Deer Lake. "My commitment to Fripp is to its beautiful beach, its stunning marshes, its lovely homes, and to my wonderful Deer Lake neighborhood".

### What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities?

Julian has been involved in EyeCare America, Foundation Fighting Blindness, and Research to Prevent Blindness.

A former synagogue president, he is currently serving on the capital campaign committee for the Chabad of Augusta.

### What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?

To preserve the natural beauty of the island while enhancing its value to our residents and visitors.

### What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?

To listen to my fellow Fripp citizens, learn of the challenges we face as an island community, and to help prepare us for the future.

### The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?

I do not have any specific qualifications that would lead me to claim that I have expertise in any of these areas. I have led and managed two academic departments of Ophthalmology, while maintaining an active practice in vitreo-retinal surgery.

### In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work, and what would you recommend?

Overall, I think that the management is doing an outstanding job given the resources they have been provided. I would listen carefully to our management and their staff to understand their concerns and perceived priorities. I believe that we need to work on enhancing security and traffic flow, particularly at our beaches and public parks.

### How do you envision participating on the Board?

As a non-resident member, I would solicit comments and concerns from those that I represent and make certain that these issues received a fair hearing and appropriate action at the Board.

### What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?

I would be willing to serve on the Beach and/or Security Committees.

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# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## Resident Candidate—Paul Cuffe

Paul and Jane have been property owners on Fripp since 2003. They have been married for 31 years and have two children and four grandchildren. The Cuffes are full time residents.

Paul received his BS in Biology in 1955 from Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. He completed graduate studies in Environmental Health at Emory University and in Epidemiology at the Center for Disease Control (CDC), both in Atlanta, GA. He is certified as a Federal Food Service Inspector, a Federal Meat Inspector, a registered Sanitarian, and is certified in Hazardous Materials Removal. He received a Certificate of Completion from the FEMA Institute in Emmetsburg, MD.

Paul spent 32 years with The Commonwealth of Kentucky, working as Chief Operating Officer of the Health Department and Chief Executive Officer of the Board of Health and the Taxing District; he retired as Director of Public Health for Oldham County. His duties were mostly administrative with responsibility for the budget, as well as the care and feeding of Board members. He also served as a reservist in the Mitigation division of FEMA, doing environmental assessments and impact statements.



### Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:

Paul recently served as Chair of the FIPOA Beach and Tent Committee. He was on the Board of the Friends of Music and wrote several grants, which brought in approximately \$10,000 for the organization. He is a member of the Chapel Choir, the Men's Golf Association and the Yacht Club. He was a block fundraiser for the expansion of the Community Centre.

### What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in, and what were your responsibilities?

Paul volunteered for the American National Red Cross, involved in service to military installations and was a blood donor. He also volunteered for the United Way serving as Chairman of the Distribution Committee, and as Campaign Chairman in 1998.

### What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?

Density and habitat are not the same things. Building the second golf course helped with density, but it did nothing for habitat. The few acres in Audubon Park are all that will be left when the island is built out. There should have been a land trust, but it's not too late. People looking for tax-free gifts or bequests should be aware of this opportunity to keep Fripp a designated Wildlife Refuge. We should have a comprehensive plan in place if the Fripp Island Resort ever decides to sell.

### What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board member?

My main objective is to get our fiscal house in order.

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I think I could contribute most in the areas of environmental concerns and financial matters.

**In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work and what would you recommend?**

In my opinion, our relationship with the Fripp Island Resort needs to be addressed in regard to who is responsible for what and who pays.

**How do you envision participating on the Board?**

I would participate as needed.

**What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I could best serve on the Beach, Finance, or Roads and Drainage Committees or any combination.



Photo by M Brown

# CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

## Resident Candidate—Teresa Sherrouse Hergert

Teresa first came to Fripp in 1979 and has owned property here since 1998. She is married to Glenn and has lived here full time since 2000. They have three children.

Teresa received her BA with Majors in International Affairs, Government, and History; Minors in Economics and Spanish from Florida State University. She received her BBA from Augusta State University and did graduate level study at University of Georgia for a PhD in Finance.



Teresa has always been a teacher, and began teaching High School History and Government at age 21. Upon completion of a Master's Degree, she taught numerous business classes at Paine College in Augusta, GA. She was recruited to teach Economics at Augusta State in 1977, and taught there for the next 23 years, retiring in 2000. After doctoral studies in finance, she specialized in teaching Investments, Portfolio Management, and Financial Institutions at ASU. She conducted numerous seminars in Economics, Finance, and Personal Finance for professional and educational groups; was weekly "Consumer Editor" for WRDW noon news program; served as expert witness for valuing future earnings losses in cases related to death or injury; served as President of the Ga. Association of Economic Education.

### **Fripp Island Activities/Involvement:**

Teresa has been very involved on Fripp. She is a current member of the FIPOA Finance Committee, and used to serve on the FIPOA Future Finance Committee. She currently serves as Co-Director of Fripp Duplicate Bridge Club; has served on the Architectural Review Board for 4½ years; has served on Women's Nine-hole golf for three years, in the capacity of President for one year; Fripp Island Women's Golf Association for 6 years acting as Secretary for two years. She has been a member of the Fripp Island Choir for eight years; Fripp Island Yacht Club for nine years; Fripp Island Women's Club various years; Friends of Music Board for one year as Secretary; and WOW Book Club for nine years.

### **What kind of volunteer organizations have you been involved in and what were your responsibilities?**

Teresa was a Kiwanis member, taught Adult Sunday School, and did the usual March of Dimes, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, Heart

fund, United Way and Art Association volunteer activities that everyone did at various stages of their lives while working and raising children.

### **What is your long-term vision of Fripp Island?**

How long-term can my long-term be at age 64? But, I really would like to see Fripp remain as that magical place that my children believed it to be when they were growing up. The challenge, of course, is to keep inevitable changes from going too far afield from the direction that keeps the character of Fripp intact. If you live here part-time or full-time, you know what that means – it is why you bought property here. We want to be safe, protect and enjoy the beach, keep our island beautiful, and insure the infrastructure that makes life here possible and affordable.

### **What do you wish to accomplish as an FIPOA Board Member?**

I mostly ignored the FIPOA except to pay my annual fees until I was asked to serve on the Future Finance Committee three years ago (too busy living the good Fripp life). I then did an exhaustive review of the Miller-Dodson "Replacement Reserve Study" to familiarize myself with the financial affairs of the island, past, present and future. I was impressed with the professional way that the island is managed and the overall budgetary process, but not so impressed with several of the interpretations that were put forth regarding the Reserve Study. This committee had no authority aside from recommendations. Last year I was asked to serve on the Finance Committee and did a similar review of the Annual Budget Process. This committee could also only recommend. As a voting member of the FIPOA Board I could have a greater input to decisions on the financial operations of the FIPOA. It is necessary to clarify the financial information presented to the property owners and the board in order to facilitate informative decision-making by these groups. I feel that my background would be an aid in accomplishing this.

### **The FIPOA is responsible for Security, roads, bridges, bike paths, 31 public beach accesses, Davis Love Park and Audubon Park, and lagoons not on the golf courses. Which areas would your education, past experience and general knowledge equip you to provide input and guidance?**

As I answered above, my education and expertise are in the financial areas. I am certainly interested in maintaining the health of the lagoons since I live on one, and they add so much to the beauty of the island. But, given that our biggest expenditures are in Security, Administration, Roads, and Grounds Maintenance, these would be the areas to look at for future cost control. The Road & Bridge Fund and the Reserve Fund represent an enormous percentage of the total assets of the FIPOA. I feel that my expertise in analysis of portfolios would

## CANDIDATE RÉSUMÉS CONT.

### *Theresa Hergert, continued*

be useful to the Board. Also, I have no personal vested interest in the allocation of these funds, other than as a property owner.

**In your opinion, what aspects of island management need change or further work and what would you recommend?**

To a large degree, financial statements are simply representations of what has been done or what will be done. They can be useful tools for analysis by the Board if they are consistent and clear. I feel these need further work.

**How do you envision participating on the Board?**

I know the learning curve for effective participation on this Board will be long. I will limit myself to those areas that I can most contribute to at first; but over time, I would like to familiarize myself with most of the major responsibilities of the FIPOA.

**What Committee/Panel assignments would be of interest to you?**

I would be willing to serve on the Beach, Finance, Grounds, and /or Security Committees.



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## ISLAND CLUBS

### **Fripp Island Women's Club**

*Betsy Koehler*

I hope you didn't miss our February fundraiser, "Bingo, Brews and BBQ"! It was a sell-out and a lot of fun. And, best of all, the Women's Club was able to donate \$3,400 to the Friends of Caroline Hospice. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event so successful!

Barbara Cotter and her committee are starting to work on a new Fripp Island Telephone Directory. The last one was printed in September 2008 and is very 'out-of-date'! If your phone number has changed recently, be sure to notify the FIPOA. New books should be available by early summer.

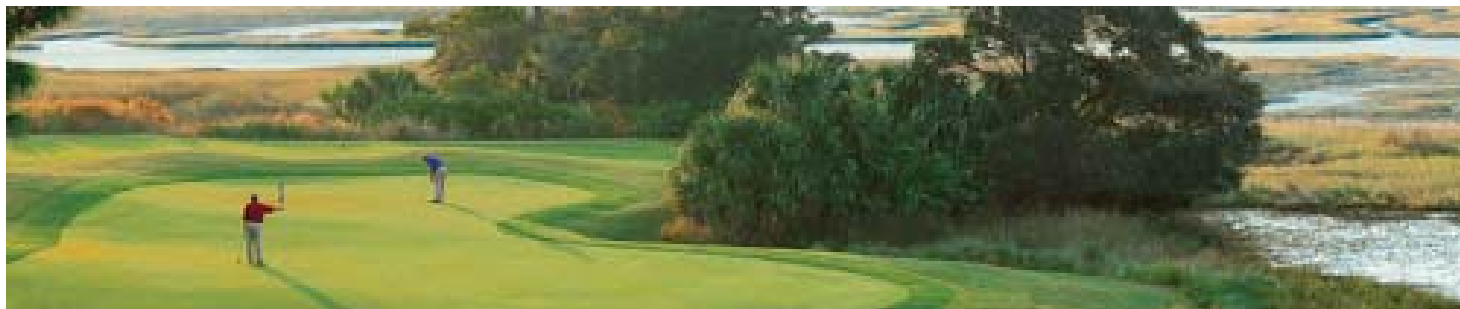
Come to our March meeting on Wed. March 16. The program is "Design on a Dime (or more)" and will be led by well-known interior designers Peg Gorham and her partner. Get some good ideas to freshen up your home as spring arrives and the weather warms up (can't be soon enough!).

It's time to make reservations for our April Brunch on Wed. April 20. Get more information at the March meeting or in your monthly flyer. New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings, on the third Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the Fripp Island Community Center. And meetings are always followed by a social hour with scrumptious homemade sweets and savories! Please come out and join us!



The Fripp Island Women's Club will be printing the Fripp Island Phone Directory this fall. If you would like to change the way your name is listed or your Fripp Island phone number has changed or is incorrect in the phone book, please email the FIPOA at [carolyfipoa@islc.net](mailto:carolyfipoa@islc.net) or call 843-838-4155.

# ISLAND SPORTS



## Fripp Island Men's Golf Association (MGA)

*Paul Hummer*

We've had great turnouts for our weekly events in the early part of 2011 despite many days of cold, windy rainy weather. Our MGA consists of over 140 members, and in addition to our weekly events, also sponsors numerous special events including such MGA major events as our Memorial Tournament, Fripp Cup, Match Play Club Championships and Member/Member Tournament.

John Fineis was our president in 2010 and did an outstanding job in improving our communications and leading the MGA.

We invite all interested golfers, whether full-time or part-time residents to join our group. Our events are always handicapped, so golfers of all abilities can equitably compete. Many of our events are followed by lunch, and of course, we have great camaraderie on the course.

## Nine-Hole Men's Golf Group

*Dana Dudley*

Weekly tournament winners included: Wayne Kemmerer, Jim Crysel, Eric Leadholm, Tom Hunter, Gary Bond, Steve Young, Howard Harmon, Rusty Prophater, Don Dashiell, John Reaves, Perminder Bindra, Ed Smith, Jim Wolbrink, Mark Gelslechter, George Barnett, Mike Ashby, Don Brink, Harry Killian, Mike Virostek, Chuck Tarcynski, Shelby Nussbaum, Duffy Howard, Carl Eifert, Jim Connell, Gerry Weithman, Harry Merrill, Joe Studer, Leiter Doolittle, Rick DiSerafino, Dave Martin, Ron Grabarczyk, Jim Purcell, Dick Marr, Ed Hroncich, Jim Price, and Bob Smith.

Game coordinators were Howard Harmon for January and George Barnett for February.

Twenty golfers played the South Course's 18 holes at Moss Creek on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The course was in excellent shape and those who played will remember the great number of bunkers particularly around the greens. The pro shop personnel were most helpful. Our thanks to Char and Reed for arranging the outing.

Upcoming events are:

- March 15 Callawassie at Fripp
- April 14 Women's 9-Hole Invitational
- April Fripp at Dataw
- October Dataw at Fripp
- November Fripp at Callawassie

In conjunction with the Fripp Women's 9-Hole Group, we are sponsoring the March 9, 2011 Community Centre Dinner. More details later, but many volunteers are needed. Sign up on the 9-Hole website under Special Events.

Our membership continues to grow, and the group totals 75 players. Join us for a relaxed round of golf every Wednesday morning. All players are welcome. Sign up on the 9-Hole website <http://www.fripper.com/golfhandicapprep/ort/fi9.aspx> by Tuesday noon. **The website has been modified to prevent members from signup after 12 PM Tuesday. Only the website will be used for signup. The signup sheet at the Creek has been discontinued as well as call-in signup.** The website can be used for both regular and special event signup and provides additional information on all of our activities.



# ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

## Golf Tournament Committee

*Diane McGarry*

### !!! CALLING ALL GOLFERS !!!

We have a great line-up of Golf Tournaments and Events for this Spring, Summer, and Fall. Please watch for information on these events and plan to join us for the fun and fellowship.

**APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>** – Masters' Moving Day Tournament, Ocean Creek. All Members are eligible to play.

**MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Fripp Island Women's Member/Guest, Ocean Point.

**JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** – Fripp Island Men's Member/Guest, Ocean Point and Ocean Creek.

**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** – Fripp Island Couples' Member/Guest, Ocean Point and Ocean Creek.

**OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>** – Par 3 Challenge Tournament, Ocean Point. All Members are eligible to play.

**OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>** – Yacht Club Golf Tournament, Ocean Creek. Yacht Club Members eligible to play.

**OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>** - "Fripp for a Cure" Golf Tournament, Ocean Creek. Proceeds to benefit the Keyserling Cancer Center in Beaufort, SC.

**NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** – Fripp Island Members Club Championship, Ocean Point and Ocean Creek. All Members are eligible to play.

**DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Santa Scramble, Ocean Creek. All members are eligible to play.

## Fripp Island Women's Golf Association

*Eunice Caro*

The weather has been a little colder than we usually have here on Fripp. However, President Linda Ashby started the New Year off with a warm welcome and luncheon Meeting on January 11th at the Beach Club. Once again, Rita Michaels is arranging these delicious lunches for us.

Five new members were welcomed. They were: Jinny Adams, Zan Dukes, Becca McCoy, Carol Middleton, and Nancy Zimar. Linda introduced the new Board and Chairladies.

Bev Fineis and Chris Assaf, chairs of last year's "Rally" event presented Barbara Feurst with a commemorative plaque made by Sheila Tinsdale. Major Tournament chairs, Bev Fineis and Kathryn Woolley are encouraging everyone to participate by signing up at the Creek or on-line. Dianne McGarry presented most improved players. 33 players showed improvement. Top 5 notables were Kathryn Woolley, Cookie Barnett, Pat Howard, Peg Kemmerer and Cathy Keup who was most notable, congratulated, and presented with a gift.

The WGA/MGA Invitational was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and a good time was had by all.

Next month will be the Memorial Tournament match play event on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ocean Point course followed by the next Major Tournament, the Fripp Cup on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Ocean Creek and April 19<sup>th</sup> at Ocean Point. So everyone get yourself a partner and sign up for these fun events! Full-time residents must have played 6 times within a 9 month period to be eligible. Part-time residents must have played 4 times. This includes Par 6 games, Forsythe or Low Country matches as well. Our WGA Annual Member/Guest tournament will be coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ocean Point Golf Course. This year's theme is "Eat, Play, Love." More details on that wonderful event will be coming later from our Chairladies Patti Mathews and Barb Sealey.

Now that we have our 21st century system of signing-up, posting scores, and information on line, we are fortunate to have Peg Kemmerer as our Web Manager—a new board position.

Dianne McGarry and Becca McCoy are in Charge of Fripp for a Cure and are brainstorming ideas for that always awesome event. There is much more happening with the FIWGA. If you are new to Fripp and want to join in the fun, come on out for Tuesday golf.



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## ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

### Women's 9 Hole Golf

*Ronnie Price*

Photo at right of our 9 Hole Womens "small but tough" group on Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> It was a miserable 38 degrees with strong winds and light drizzle!!

But spring is around the corner, and we have been working on our schedule for the rest of the season.

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> – THE 9 HOLE MEN & WOMEN are hosting the COMMUNITY CENTER DINNER.

MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> – We are playing golf at Cat Island and having lunch at the PUG after golf.

APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> – The 9 HOLE MEN'S INVITATIONAL

MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> – END of the YEAR TOURNAMENT

MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> – our end of the year LUNCHEON



Join us for Thursday golf or any of our special events at: <http://www.fripper.com/golfhandicapreport/FIW9.aspx>.

## BOATING & FISHING

### COLD, WINDY WINTER SLOWS FISHING

*by Captain Ralph Goodison*

This has been a long, cold winter on Fripp Island and we, like our fisherman, are looking forward to spring and the warmer weather. The past winter had some of the coldest water on record, and with cold water, the metabolism of the fish slows, the bait fish stay offshore and in warmer southern waters. This is all starting to change as we move into March, and fishing will pick up.

There have been high spots to the winter fishing with the schooling up of Redfish in our back waters. This has been a bonanza to some of our inshore fisherman who braved the weather and caught and released most of their catch for another day.

Offshore bottom fishing was excellent for Black Bass, and again, if you could pick the right day and get out to deep water, you were rewarded great catches of Black Bass.

**THE SPRING FISHING SEASON IS ON THE WAY!**

Lewis Turner, Fripp Island Marina Director, is preparing a great fishing and boating season. If you need it, you can rent it: new fishing equipment, new mopeds, and bikes, golf carts, boats, rods and reels, and great fishing trips with top notch charter captains. And Fripper II is back with a new Trawler Cruise along with Nature, Shelling, Dolphin, Sunset and Party Cruises. Remember Fripp Island has been named a SALT WATER PARADISE by several magazines.

Enjoy Fripp Island; we really do live in a Salt Water Paradise.



### FISHING FORECAST:

INSHORE: FISHING IMPROVING AS WATER WARMS. REDFISH, WINTER TROUT, FAIR; SHEEPSHEAD, GOOD.

OFFSHORE: BOTTOM FISHING, BLACKBASS, TRIGGERFISH, GOOD; GROUPER SLOW.

STREAM, DEEP WATER: TOO EARLY, SLOW FISHING.

# SEA RESCUE

## FRIPP ISLAND REPORT

*Paul Field*

**F**or the January-February period, our unit did not receive any requests for assistance.

Our training program with Coast Guard helicopters from Air Station Savannah continues to be conducted during nighttime hours in Fripp Inlet.

**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY**, call Beaufort County Dispatch at 9-1-1 or Fripp Island Security at 838-2334.



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