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Fripp Island Deer Contraception Project: Fewer Deer, Healthier Deer

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Tufts-Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine:

Maybe you've noticed: there don't seem to be as many deer on Fripp Island as there used to be. Well, it's true. There are only about half as many deer on the island as there were five or six years ago. How did this happen?

In 2005, FIPOA invited The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Tufts-Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Massachusetts to carry out a study of the PZP contraceptive vaccine on Fripp's deer. To some extent, PZP was a known agent. It had been used on deer before at Fire Island National Seashore, New York, and other locations, as well as on wild horses on Assateague Island, elephants in South Africa, and a host of species in zoos. PZP had a good track record of safety and effectiveness, and could be administered either by hand or by dart.

There was a problem with these earlier studies, though. For PZP to be effective, it had to be given twice in the initial year, and every year thereafter. This is fine for zoos, but free-roaming deer and wild horses don't always show up for their annual injections, and learn to recognize (and avoid!) dart guns pretty fast. What we needed was a single-shot vaccine that would last for several years.

That's what we tested on Fripp.

Working under a research permit granted by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the research team captured, ear-tagged, and hand-injected 243 female Fripp deer between 2005 and 2010. We used several different PZP vaccine test preparations, including SpayVac®, provided by TerraMar Environmental Research of British Columbia, and PZP in "timed-release" pellets that simulated booster injections at 1, 3, and 12 months. We also darted some deer with booster shots 2-3 years after their initial treatments.

Notwithstanding a few glitches, the treatments worked. By 2010, the number of fawns produced on the island had dropped by over 80%, and the overall number of deer had slipped by nearly a half. With numbers lower, and most does relieved of the

pressure of producing fawns every year, the condition of the deer improved, too. With the exception of a few aging animals, the deer of Fripp are filled out, sleek-coated, and healthy.

This year, we're starting to wind down the study. We'll still be catching some deer for pregnancy testing, monitoring the long-term effectiveness of some of the vaccines we've been testing, but contraceptive treatments have ended.

Our next step is to use the data we collected at Fripp and elsewhere to apply to the Environmental Protection Agency to formally register PZP as a deer contraceptive. We will also work with SCDNR and other state wildlife agencies to develop rules for using PZP to manage deer populations like Fripp's.

We are very grateful to FIPOA and the residents of Fripp Island—human and deer alike—for their support for the PZP study... and we hope to be back soon.

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June 11, 2011 - 9:00 am
July 9, 2011 - 9:00 am

All regular meetings are held at the
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FIPOA

Splinters from the Board

Carol Young, Administrative Assistant

At the March 12, 2011 meeting, the Board approved Resolution 566 for home-based businesses to be added to the Rules and Regulations. The Board also approved Resolution 568 to make repairs to the bridges in Deer Lake and on Tarpon Boulevard.

Dr. Allen Rutberg, Director of the Deer Immunocontraception Project, presented a PowerPoint display of the study that has been in place since 2005 and has now come to an end.

The Annual Meeting was held on April 9, 2011 and new Directors for the Class of 2014 were introduced. Newly elected Board members Curt Blake and Jim Wolbrink joined re-elected members David Case and Dick Morrison.

Reports were received from President Micki McCormick, Treasurer Bob Davidson and General Manager Kate Hines. Past President Buck Mathews presented a PowerPoint summary of the Finance Survey completed in November 2010 (see March 2011 Trawler). PSD Commissioner Rich Combes gave a brief report on the PSD.

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

Maureen O'Hearn
Joe Oppenheimer
Bob Waller
Ray Wexler

New Owners on Fripp

2/16/11 thru 5/4/11

Edward & Linda Bamber, Greensboro GA

Laura Becker, Platte City MO

Jim Wright & Cynthia Meiners, St. Louis MO

Mark Foust, Fripp Island SC

Edward & Mary Hazzouri, Haddonfield NJ

Nancy Powers, Dallas TX

Jack & Patricia Sims, Erie PA

Victor & Lynn Smiroldo, Fairfax VA



FIPOA ANNUAL MEETING

General Manager's Report for Annual Meeting — Kate Hines

General Manager Kate Hines reported on the activities of the FIPOA Board and its Committee since April of 2010.

There are currently 2129 platted parcels on Fripp—this includes houses, lots and condominiums. 15% of our owners are full time residents and 85% are non-residents. This particular statistic has not changed since last year, although it sure feels like it, since we have lost so many dear friends this year.

A few of the Board Resolutions passed since April 2010 not mentioned in the President's report include standard things like approving new committees in June, adopting the new budget in October, and appointing a Nominating Committee in November. Others involved employees such as vision insurance benefits, switching the way time-off is calculated, and granting leave for the day after Thanksgiving. The Board also approved a 2-year contract for grounds maintenance, purchase of a 4x4 golf cart, and purchase of a new conference phone so that the non-residents who wish to participate from home can do so.

The Appeals Committee heard 32 requests for appeal of FIPOA citations between April 2010 and today. 2 were granted, 2 were dismissed and 28 were denied.

The Architectural Review Board puts in an incredible amount of time on a daily basis. Tina Reeves, our Assistant General Manager and ARB Administrator works with them and she is doing an amazing job. As planned, we achieved the goal of scanning all paper copy house plats that were on file of into the computer, so if you need a copy of your plans, you may purchase one. Since May 2010, the ARB has issued the following permits: 15 new house, 10 tree removal, 33 additions, 22 new roofs, 64 paint, 80 maintenance & repair.



The Property Enhancement Committee is a subcommittee of the ARB and they let us know what private properties need attention. Last summer they took an inventory of the mailboxes in need of repair. This year they have a goal of an island-wide clean up in late

summer, though the final date has not been set.

We have the Beach Committee, which sponsored three beach sweeps this past year, and we had the Beach Tent Committee, which followed thru on beach regulations. There was a new and improved violation sticker, and a daily patrol officer who also picked up the debris and educated beachgoers about the regulations. From all reports, this summer our beach was cleaner than ever. Oh, and there was that law that was enacted in the state legislature...

The FIPOA owns The Maxwell Bridge, the Tarpon Bridge and the Fiddler's Trace Bridge. We also have one footbridge over Blue Heron Lake and one from Tarpon into Sawgrass. As you know, the PSD owns the Fripp Inlet Bridge, but the POA is responsible for funding its repairs. The POA has 32 beach crossovers. We inspect each one monthly and make minor repairs, and then annually we have a different contractor inspect them for structural integrity.

The Grounds Committee does their best to keep the common areas looking beautiful in spite of the cold and the deer.

The Home Based Business Committee was an ad hoc appointment and their work is now complete. The resolution to approve the rule was approved at the March meeting.

The Human Resources Committee proposed the vision insurance, the extra day after Thanksgiving to match other Beaufort County communities, and the change in timekeeping.

This year's Nominating Committee did an outstanding job. They came up with the largest slate of candidates ever for the class of 2014 with 7 resident and 3 non-resident candidates.

Boats were a focus for the Parking Committee, but they also spent time looking for additional areas to park golf carts,



The FIPOA Annual Meeting is held at the Community Centre

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ANNUAL MEETING CONT.



G.M. Kate Hines, cont.

The committee was able to squeeze some more parking at Veranda Beach.

The Roads & Drainage Committee worked hard to keep budget costs down, saving \$16,000 in 2010. They also found new companies for asphalt patching and for the bike path extension on Bonito. Another new idea, Jim Yeager has purchased grading equipment. We hope it will help to keep maintenance costs down for the gravel roads and we know we will be able repair these roads more quickly.

The Security team hired its lone beach patrol and parking employee just in time for the high season, and boy what a season! We had 20,000 more vehicles coming onto the island in July 2010 than in 2009. The officers were very proactive and frequently moved carts out of the way to help avoid overcrowding AND gave many warnings. Chief Binkowski's email notices helped alert owners to upcoming events such as proms and warned about scams and burglaries. We do still have our issues, any island with this many inhabitants and visitors will, but we are working to improve our services all the time. Please remember to contact Security if you see anything—you need to be proactive so that the Security Officers can track and help fix the problems.

The Trawler gets many online hits and it's thanks to input from many, many people. We need to thank all of the contributors—those who make the news; those who write it; those who edit it; those who do the lay out, and especially those who advertise!



The FIPOA would be nothing without volunteers. We keep a list of what committees people are interested in serving on and give the lists to the committee Chairs each June. They then look over the lists and we go from there based on need. If you have not recently expressed an interest in serving on any committees, please do so.

Kate then recognized departing Board members Jim Duncan and Bob Hess. Jim and Bob both joined the Board in 2008. Jim started with the Long Range Planning Committee in 2007 and liked it enough to join the Board.

Jim has served on the Finance Committee since his first term and has been the Chair of the Beach Committee since its creation. Bob has been a member of the Security and Parking Committees since he joined the Board and took the reins as Parking Committee Chair in 2010. Bob was also elected Vice President in 2010. Please give both gentlemen a round of applause.



**New Directors, Curt Blake & Jim Wolbrink,
with Re-elected Director, Dick Morrison**

Kate then gave recognition to the continuing Board members David Case, John Crouse, Bob Davidson, Rick DiSerafino, Tom Hindes, Wayne Kemmerer, Micki McCormick and Dick Morrison. And next she congratulated the incoming class—Dick Morrison and David Case have both been reelected for 2nd terms. They will be joined by Curt Blake and Jim Wolbrink.

Finally, Kate thanked the entire POA staff, especially Assistant General Manager Tina Reeves, Security Chief Mike Binkowski, Bookkeeper/Webmaster Cyndi Folrich, and Administrative Assistant Carol Young. Cyndi, though part time, has been with us for 10 years, Carol for 8 years, Tina for 5 and Mike for 6. Kate said it's a great thing to work with such a super team for such a long time. She said "I've been able to go to other communities and scout their employees, and I can tell you that we've got the best of the best here on Fripp."

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Fripp Island Property Owners President's Report — Micki McCormick

The word MILESTONE is synonymous with words like highlight; high point; objective; goal; achievement. This year has been one of milestones and realizations. Many controversial issues have been addressed and progress has been made. There are still topics that need attention and your FIPOA Board is dedicated to addressing current and future issues for the betterment of Fripp Island. We truly appreciate and encourage membership participation and input. Thank you for the many volunteer hours you have served as Board and Committee members. We all believe in Fripp Island and all that it stands for.

First agenda item on our plates as we started the 2010/2011 FIPOA year was the OCRM Set-back line. Our legislators went to bat for us and with lots of work by our lawyer, lobbyists, members and General Manager we achieved our goal of maintaining the original setback line that we have had for 30 years. Not only are we able to keep our rock revetments but we achieved a permanent setback line exemption from future OCRM reevaluation.

The second major item was the issue of defining a home-based business. There is a growing trend among property owner associations to permit businesses that do not adversely affect the residential character of the community. More and more communities are adopting a home-based business policy to establish limits of permitted business activity. After extensive research and a public meeting on this matter it was apparent that a vast majority of our residents are in favor of this trend. A resolution has been passed to adopt the rules and regulations that will allow the operation of home based businesses, with certain conditions and limitations, while preserving the residential character of the island.



The third matter was not a new one; how do we protect our asset in the face of declining revenue; and, the inability to support our reserve fund at the proper rate to be prepared for the future? To this end a survey was conducted to not only poll the membership on how they see us solving this matter,

but also as an educational tool to point out our shortfalls. One of the outcomes of the survey was the realization that our members are not clear on what areas FIPOA are in charge of as opposed to Fripp Island Club and the Community Centre. To this end an article was written in the Trawler and a line item on our web site was created. More information on our survey results will be reported today by former President and survey designer Buck Mathews.

Fourth agenda item was to meet and have continuous dialogue with the Fripp Island Club to address how we can work together more closely as a team to protect our asset.

Where do we put all the boats and overflow summer vehicles in the face of limited parking places? The Parking Committee has discussed this issue for over two years and has touched the top of the iceberg by instituting new signage and hiring an employee to enforce parking regulations in the high season. Most of these rules were put into place to allow access to our homes by our fire department and emergency vehicles. Keeping safety and aesthetics in mind the parking committee will continue to monitor this issue.

Integrating the ARB under the authority of FIPOA was a big step for us; Tina Reeves is doing an outstanding job of managing and directing the ARB Board. One of the biggest challenges has been to revise the current Guidelines which will help with their decision making process. Working under the ARB is the Property Enhancement committee, which is addressing the aesthetics of member's property. We must all work together to ensure our property and its value is protected.



ANNUAL MEETING CONT.



Pres. Micki McCormick, cont.

Safeguarding our beach environment was the number one area of importance for the membership in our long-range planning survey. The policy of no personal property left on the beach, with the help of our beach patrol, was very effective last summer. The Board voted to continue our policy but small sailboats will be exempt this year with prior permission from the Chief of Security. Owners must comply with the selected positioning of these boats by the Chief and head of the Turtle Patrol.

Except for the harsh winter this year taking its toll on our plants, the landscaping at the entrance, along the River Club wall, behind the flag and the tower garden continues to improve. These areas, with the guidance of the Grounds Committee working in tandem with Earthworks, are making an impressive statement making a big successful step in the beautification of our island.

The inoculation program to decrease the deer population has come to an end and reported by Tufts University to be very successful. There has been a 45% drop from around 600 to 400. They continue to collect data on the condition of our deer and report a dramatic improvement in their health. The immunocontraception study to decrease the deer population has come to an end, and is reported by Tufts University &

HSUS to be very successful. There has been a 45% drop from around 350 to 230. They continue to collect data on the condition of our deer and report a dramatic improvement in their health.

These are the highlights of the 2010/2011 FIPOA efforts. We are fortunate to have a strong board, one willing to tackle the controversial and day-to-day. Kate, our General Manager, is a hard worker and gets things done in a timely manner meeting deadlines and turning Board policies and decisions into effective and decisive action. She is excellent at working with volunteers and tapping into Board and committee members' knowledge. Her work with the OCRM setback line was exemplary. Thank you Kate for all that you do to keep us on track and thank you Board members for working as a team to check off the milestones this year.



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or call 838-4155 and let us know.

ANNUAL MEETING CONT.



Treasurer's Report — Bob Davidson

2010 was a good year for the FIPOA and property owners. Our current expenses are in line; our current income is adequate. Our investments are making money. Our asset replacement reserve balance is where it should be.

What we lack is a way to repeat this performance in the future. We've had one large financial scare and we can see another one on the horizon. Because there is a cap on the amount of money that can be saved in the Road and Bridge Fund, the recent repairs to the Inlet Bridge appeared at first to exceed our holdings. And secondly, the major costs to replace and/or repair the island's infrastructure still outpace the amount of money we can set aside.

Both of these problems can be solved with a bylaw change that will remove the cap on the Road and Bridge Fund and offer a more accurate way to calculate the annual assessment. We need you to vote "yes" to continue to provide responsible financial support to all property owners.

I want to discuss with you the asset replacement study because it is the least understood but also the most valuable management tool we have. Before 2006, the FIPOA had no plan for caring for the island's roads, bridges, crossovers, etc.—its infrastructure—so a professional organization, Miller-Dodson Associates of Annapolis MD, was hired to provide the FIPOA with: 1) an inventory of the common community facilities and infrastructure components that require periodic replacement; 2) a general view of the condition of these components; and 3) an effective financial plan to fund projected periodic replacement.

The result is a determination that over \$20,000,000 is needed over the next 30 years. In order to generate that kind of money, a yearly contribution ranging from \$266,000 in 2009 to \$2,600,000 in 2038 is necessary.

Each year the reserve study specifies those areas of the infrastructure that need to be repaired or replaced that year so that they will be functioning properly for the next 30 years. For example, the projected cost for 2009 was \$205,900. This was spent on repaving part of Tarpon Boulevard and Porpoise Drive, repairs to the FIPOA administration building, and the purchase of a golf cart 4x4.

As you know, each year we balance the FIPOA's budget of current income and expenses. We try also to make a contribution to reserves that repair and replace our infrastructure. Each year the amount of contribution grows due to the cost of making repairs and replacements. For 2009, the contribution was \$266,628. In 2010, it was \$281,293. For 2011, it is \$296,794. We spend yearly but the plan also encourages us to save for the years when major expenditures are needed as in 2016 when \$602,391 is budgeted or in 2018 when \$994,065 is required.



After the meeting, socializing in the Community Centre

I know it is hard to visualize this. We all say 30 years is a long way away. It is, but the plan has the FIPOA spending good sums yearly so that the island's bridges work or the roads don't have potholes or so you can get to the ocean without destroying the wildlife. The alternative is lower property values and a less desirable place to live!

Keeping Fripp Island in good shape is expensive. Paving our roads, repairing our bridges and maintaining our beach access crossovers are musts for a wonderful Fripp. A more realistic assessment formula and an open-ended bridge and road savings account would certainly make it easier for your FIPOA to continue to do a good job for you!

The Board will vote at its next meeting to ask YOU to vote to amend the bylaws to change the language to an amount not to exceed 5% or CPI over the previous year for regular assessments and to remove the cap on the Road and Bridge Fund. We will have the bylaw vote in the mail to you in June and we do hope for your YES vote. We need your help to make this change happen.

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Dangers of Offshore Sandbars

Fripp Island Fire Chief Josh Horton

By the time you read this article, summer will be in full swing here on our little piece of terra firma. I wanted to take a minute to remind everyone of the dangers associated with wading out to offshore sandbars.

Every year we respond to calls for people who are either stranded or appear to be stranded out on sandbars off of Fripp and Hunting Islands. Please encourage your families and guest to not venture out to the bars they are dangerous and are completely devoid of life. There are not even shells to be collected off of them. They are just products of Mother Nature that shift and change daily. We have been very fortunate here on Fripp that we have not had any fatalities on our beach in quite sometime. We all want to keep it that way.

Sadly, last year there were two tragic incidents on Hunting Island where lives were lost that could have been prevented.

The Beaufort County Fire Chief's Association has recently put out a public safety announcement with the help of Scott Grooms from the Beaufort County Channel. We are going to be getting this out to the media and also are in the process of showing it during the opening credits at all the movie theaters in the county including the bases. You can view this short clip by going to <http://www.youtube.com/> and typing in the search bar; "Beaufort County SET Team Water Safety PSA".

Stay safe and I hope everyone has a very pleasurable and memorable summer!



Fire department ready to reach stranded visitor

CHIEF'S CORNER

Security Chief Mike Binkowski

It's been several years since a mandatory evacuation was ordered by the Governor. It is important that you develop a family plan for an evacuation. Remember we live on a barrier island, so when asked to evacuate, be ready to evacuate.

One of the important items that your family must develop is a checklist that outlines those items in two categories. The first, should include items necessary to take with us in we are ordered to evacuate the Island. The second list should consist of items we need to have on hand if the evacuation order is not given.

Items you must have:

- ❖ Change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
- ❖ Blankets or sleeping bags
- ❖ First aid kit and prescriptions
- ❖ Extra prescription glasses
- ❖ Battery operated radio, flashlights and plenty of extra batteries
- ❖ Credit cards and cash
- ❖ Extra set of keys
- ❖ Entertainment items for the kids
- ❖ List of important family information
- ❖ Supply of water (1 gallon per person per day)
- ❖ Special items for infants, the elderly or disabled family members
- ❖ A non-electric can opener
- ❖ Personal hygiene items

You should have at least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods that don't require refrigeration, prep or cooking.

You should remember to take along important family documents and remember to store them in a waterproof container (ziplock bag or sealed plastic container).

Have an emergency car kit, which should include

- ❖ Jumper cables or jump box
- ❖ Fire extinguisher
- ❖ Map shovel flares
- ❖ Tire repair kit and pump

Last, but certainly not least, don't forget your pets needs.

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. You can also reach me via telephone at 838-2334 or via e-mail at fipoasec@islc.net. I look forward to speaking with you.

HURRICANE SEASON

Insurance: Are You Adequately Protected?

Islanders often profess to be resigned to the possibilities of hurricanes. The key, they say, is to have good insurance and there is a lot of truth to that statement. But sometimes, it is hard to know if your insurance is good enough.

Renowned financial advisor Suze Orman recommends six questions you should ask your insurance agent about your hurricane coverage, and we've added the seventh and eighth.

1. *Am I insured for guaranteed replacement value or just extended replacement value?* If your policy states the dwelling limit is "guaranteed," your home will be rebuilt regardless of the limit shown on the policy. If your policy only provides for "extended replacement," it will only pay a specific percent above the dwelling limit, often just 20% above. You must ask yourself (and possibly a realtor and/or contractor as well) if your house realistically can be rebuilt for the insured amount.
2. *Did I purchase flood insurance in addition to the homeowner's insurance and does my flood policy protect my home's contents? Is there any other type of insurance that I should consider?* Remember that flood insurance is crucial and not covered by most regular homeowner's policies.
3. *What is my hurricane and storm deductible?* Many homeowner's policies have two deductibles, one for standard claims, and one for named storm claims like hurricanes. Generally this storm deductible is a percentage of the dwelling limit listed on the policy.
4. *What is the limit on contents in my policy and are the contents covered on a replacement cost basis?* You will need to estimate the value of the contents of your home, and check that your insurance policy will cover that amount. Check to see if the contents are covered on a "replacement cost" basis, which will prevent the insurance company from depreciating your possessions when it come time for them to pay a claim.
5. *If my house is not livable, how much will I receive for living expenses? Are there restrictions on how much money can be used?*
6. *Am I covered for increased costs due to new building codes if I have to rebuild?* Building Ordinance (or Code Upgrade) is coverage provided in a homeowner's policy that covers the cost of meeting new building codes that may have gone into effect after your home was built. Many insurance policies do not include this coverage which is especially important in an area like ours where building codes have gotten much more stringent in recent years.
7. *What about coverage for evacuation expenses or special assessments?*
8. *What type of proof of loss will I have to provide when filing a claim?* Make sure to include relevant documents with your evacuation kit.

*Thanks to Sea Pines and Suze Orman, www.suzeorman.com

Hurricane Season is approaching fast, are you prepared? Use This Checklist to Ensure your Family & Home are Ready

Tina M. Reeves, CMCA, AMS

Make a Plan

- ✓ Know where you will go. Make a list of potential destinations and phone numbers for hotels or homes of friends or relatives.
- ✓ Consider your pet's needs. Be sure your pets will be accepted at your evacuation location.
- ✓ Plan your evacuation route. Include several alternative routes in the event of road closures or other problems.
- ✓ Establish an emergency communication plan. Include a central contact, such as a friend or relative living out of state, in case family members get separated from each other.
- ✓ Keep your car fueled up during hurricane season.

Inspect Your Home

- ✓ Examine and analyze the areas where wind can enter. Protect and reinforce these five critical areas, roof, straps, shutters, doors and garage doors.
- ✓ Consider a professional analysis of your home's structural strength and weakness. Especially if it is an older home. Be sure to act on recommendations.
- ✓ Create a home inventory for insurance purposes. Include photographs or video as backup for your inventory.
- ✓ Obtain a CD of your house plans from The FIPOA ARB.
- ✓ Back up your computer documents. If you rely on a desktop computer, regularly copy your documents to an external hard drive that you can take with you.
- ✓ Locate and label your main water shutoff valve.
- ✓ Be sure you have adequate homeowners insurance. (See our article on insurance on this page.)

Make an Evacuation Kit

- ✓ Include copies of your current insurance policies. Be sure you have a contact phone number with each policy – house, wind/hail, flood and auto.
- ✓ Gather legal documents and vital records. These include mortgage notes, deeds, licenses, tax bills, and Social Security and Medicare cards. You will have to show proof of ownership of your home or vehicle to claim a loss through insurance or FEMA.
- ✓ Get a copy of your elevation certificate. Beaufort County can provide this (843-470-2680). Also gather any insurance documentation your agent indicated you will need to make a claim.
- ✓ Include your home inventory and the CD with your plans.
- ✓ Make a folder of travel information. Include evacuation routes, road maps, emergency telephone numbers and websites, and names, locations and phone numbers of hotels or friends' homes where you might shelter.
- ✓ Make a list of daily living necessities. Listing items you will need such as clothing, bedding, toiletries and medications, will eliminate the need to think- you can simply read your list, grab the items and go.
- ✓ Include copies of family and personal records, including pictures.

ISLAND CLUBS

Fripp Island Women's Club News

Anne Hoyle

After a very successful and enjoyable year, Linda Sigafoos and Karen Natoli, the new Co-Presidents for the Fripp Island Women's Club, are already hard at work planning for next year. Committee chairpersons have been selected, and a budget has been proposed. Joyce Bergh, Vice-President in charge of planning the programming for our monthly meetings, has some great ideas for program topics. The Outreach Committee led by Betsy Richards is organizing several fundraising events to benefit designated local non-profit organizations in the Beaufort area.

The Women's Club dues are ten dollars for the year. Patti Matthews is Membership Chairperson for the club. To avoid waiting in line at the October meeting to pay your dues, you might want to consider dropping your dues off at Patti's cocktail box at 35 Veranda Beach. Make your checks payable to FIWC.

Be on the lookout for the updated Fripp Island telephone directory and a new Fripp Island Women's Club specialty cookbook. Both of these items will be available for purchase at the July 4 Cake Walk.



Our next event will be the Cake Walk for July 4. Someone from this committee will be calling Fripp residents for help because this event needs lots of volunteers to help with providing the cakes for the Cake Walk.

The Fripp Island Women's Club does not meet during the summer. Our next meeting will be on October 19 at the Community Center. The program for that meeting will highlight recipes from the new Fripp Island Women's Club specialty cookbook. New members and members' guests are always welcome to attend these meetings.

Have a great summer!



For our March meeting, Peg Gorham presented a very interesting and informative program entitled "Design on a Dime" giving everyone fresh ideas for redecorating. Our April brunch at the Beach Club was well attended. Anne Hoyle performed the song "Hero" in sign language for the group, and The Drysdales provided musical entertainment.

Dedicated Adopt-a-Highway Volunteers

Cyndi White & Annelisa Bindr Co-chairs Adopt-a-Highway

On Monday, May 2, twelve dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly in the heat, wind, tall grass and stickers to clean up Highway 21 between Boondocks and the Harbor Island Bridge. Our wonderful volunteers were Victoria Stauffer, Dickie and Martha Blanchard, Barbara and Pat Cotter, Kathy Agee, Karen Wolbrink, Norman Kinghorn, Vic Schwarzer, Annelisa Bindra, and Robbie and Cyndi White.

38 bags of trash were collected. In Oct. 2010, we collected 48 bags with 19 volunteers; in April 2010 we collected 21 bags with 11 volunteers; in Nov. 2009 we collected 44 bags with 15 volunteers; and in Feb. 2009 we collected 63 bags with 23 volunteers. There is more trash in the fall after all the tourists leave, except for Feb. 2009 when it had not been picked up for a long time.

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our highway clean and beautiful!

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RAPID 24/7 RESPONSE

ISLAND SPORTS



Nine-Hole Men's Golf Group

Dana Dudley

With better weather, the turnout improved greatly and the play was certainly more enjoyable. Weekly tournament winners included: Jim Felix, Mike Wilt, Dick Marr, Shelby Nussbaum, Mike Ashby, Howard Harmon, Tom Hunter, Don Dashiell, John Dunphy, Walter Dany, Jim Price, Dave Martin, Harry Merrill, Gary Bond, Don Brink, Ed Smith, Mike Virostek, Ralph Burchfield, Jim Wolbrink, Dana Dudley, Ron Grabarczyk, Brian Jordan, Ed Hroncich, Jim Connell, John Callaghan, Steve Chesler, Harry Killian, Fred Steele, Rick DiSerafino, Duffy Howard, Ron Pointek, Rusty Prophater, Pete Simone, Bill Buschur, Mike Freeman, Tom Dunn, Wayne Kemmerer, Charles Middleton, Stephen Young, Mike Jahn, Don Aldrich, Bob Smith, Rick Friesen, Leiter Doolittle, Charles McGratty, Jerry Weithman, Bill Ott, Gail Shinall, Perminder Bindra, and Bob Stag.

Game coordinators were Rick Friesen for March, Mike Wilt for April and Mike Jahn for May.

17 players from Callawassie joined 27 from Fripp on March 16th for the home event of the annual home-and-away series. Thanks go to Todd Stratton and his crew at the Point, the Beach Club for a great lunch and to the 9-hole volunteers. Winners were: 1st Dick Briggs, Del Debilzan (Callawassie), Ron Grabarczyk and Ed Hroncich; 2nd Mike Virostek, James Crysel, John Brown (Callawassie) and James Schaller (Callawassie) and 3rd Wayne Kemmerer, Ed Smith, Hae Jin

Chung (Callawassie) and Henry Dierczsens (Callawassie). Mike Rossi of Callawassie was closest to the pin.

56 golfers played on April 14th as the Women's 9-Hole Group treated the Men's Group to breakfast, golf and a fried chicken lunch at Peg Legs. The winning team, with a score of 33, was Dave Martin, Rusty Prophater, Carol Middleton and Donna Pointek. Longest drive for the women was Cookie Barnett; for the men, George Barnett. Closest to the pin women, Ann Hoyle; for the men Dave Martin. The Men's Group will reciprocate this fall.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the 9-hole Women's and Men's Groups who prepared and served the March 7th dinner at the Community Centre. Thanks to Jim Connell and Don Brink for the lunch after golf on April 7th.

Upcoming events are:

- September 11 Annual Meeting with Golf and Meal
- November 16 Fripp at Callawassie

Join us for a relaxed round of golf every Wednesday morning. All players are welcome. **New Website Address:** www.fripper.com/golfhandicapreport/frippgolfclub.aspx. Remember, you must sign up by Tuesday noon. The website can be used for both regular and special event sign up and provides additional information on all of our activities. Also remember that 9-hole scores are being posted by the Coordinating Committee. If you play an additional 9 holes, please enter that score only.

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ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

Fireman's Memorial/Frolic 27th Annual Tournament Winners

Bob Hess

Once again the Fireman's Frolic was a success with all 22 teams finishing within 7 strokes of each other and a five hole card-playoff was needed to determine the overall winner. Finishing with a score of 65 were the teams of Valerie LaPolla, Carol Patty, Jim Price and Ron Pointek and the team of Sam Taylor, Bob Bicknell, Dick Morrison and Bob Hess tying resulting in the card playoff. The evening cocktail/dinner prize presentation was held at the Creek House where 120 people enjoyed the awarding of the golf awards and over 50 door prizes given so generously by local vendors and the Fripp Island Club.

Next year's event will take place once again on the traditional last Thursday of April with the same scramble format, so if you missed out on this event, plan to get involved in 2012.

Fripp Island Women's Golf Association

Eunice Caro

March and April have been busy months for the FIWGA. On March 8th and 22nd, our always-exciting match-play tournament event "The Memorial" was played. Our new Memorial Champ is Nancy Zimar. Joan Burke was runner-up. Congratulations ladies! Not only was the WGA/MGA event in late February lots of fun, but also one of our gals, Pat Howard had a hole-in-one on # 8 Ocean Creek.

March 22nd, we had another delicious luncheon prepared by our Beach Club staff. A business meeting followed where we were reminded to sign-up for many of the upcoming events or other golf groups in which we could participate such as Par 6, Forsythe Cup, Low Country Women. Our Forsythe Cup women attended their first match of the season on Tues, April 26th at Sun City. The next play is at Sanctuary.

The Fripp Cup another Major Tournament was held on April 12th and 19th. The 2011 winners are Chris Assaf and Barb Sealey with 118 two-day total. 2nd place was Jean Wetzel and Gen La Polla, and Sandy Buschur and Jan Pringle being 3rd. Congrats to all our winners.

Our "Beat the Pro" contest was held on a very rainy April 26th. Twelve twosomes hung in there and Beat the Pro! Two days later the Fireman's Frolic was held. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Now we are gearing up for one of our biggest events of the year: Our Member/Guest Tournament. This year's theme is Eat, Play and Love. Many of our guests will play a practice round on Monday. Tues we will have breakfast for our guests at the Beach club, Play golf and then have a luncheon. The committee has many surprises in store for us. As you can see one can keep quite active here on Fripp Island. We encourage all you golfers to come on out and join the fun.

Women's 9 Hole Golf

Ronnie Anderson & Sam Taylor

On April 14th, we hosted the 9-hole men's invitational tournament. We had a great turnout (60 golfers) and a perfect day for golf. After golf, we had lunch and prizes at Peg Legs. The winning foursome was Donna Pointek, Carol Middleton, Dave Martin and Rusty Prophater. There were also gifts for the longest drives; Cookie Barnett for the women and George Barnett for the men. Closest to the pin was won by Ann Hoyle & Dave Martin.

May 5th is our outing to Cat Island, with a shotgun start at 10am and lunch at the Pub after golf. We finish the month with a two-day "End of the Year Tournament" on May 12th and May 19th. On May 26th, we will play a scramble and follow with our "End of the Year" luncheon at Patty Patek's. There will be awards for most improved, most pars and birdies made. Most importantly, we will honor our new co-presidents for next year, Kathy Agee and Ann Lyman.

This is the end of our season; however, we will continue playing on Thursday mornings at 8:30am during the summer months. Come join us for a fun 9-hole any Thursday!! You can sign up and check for special events on our web page. <http://www.fripper.com/golfhandicapreport/FIW9.aspx>.

We have had a busy and fun year! Thanks to all who joined us for Thursday golf and the many golfers who helped us with the special events and outings.

FRIPP ISLAND RESORT

Calling All Heroes!

This year's Fripp Island 4th of July Parade theme has been announced. "Amazing Heroes" was chosen because of the wide variety of possibilities that this theme offers.

Did your son eat, breathe and sleep in his Spiderman Halloween costume for two weeks? He'd be thrilled with a Spiderman themed golf cart. Do you have a long family tradition of military service? You could recognize military heroes with an armed forces golf cart. Maybe your parents are your heroes. Put them on a pedestal for a day and design your cart around them.

Because the parade was on the weekend for the past two years, the time was moved up an hour earlier to accommodate visitors who would be leaving early. This year the parade moves back to 9 am on Monday July 4th.



Following the parade will be favorites like the Kid's Carnival, Arts & Crafts Show and the Women's Club Cake Walk. This year the Arts & Crafts Show will be on the lawn in front of the Beach Club. Also, don't forget to pick up a Fripp Island 4th of July Celebration t-shirt while you're there.

If you've been to the parade in the past, you've seen some amazing floats including an aircraft carrier, the Space Shuttle, a loggerhead turtle, the Titanic and much more. Now is the time to put on your thinking caps, turn up the creativity and work to make this the best 4th of July parade ever.

Everyone has a hero. Show us who yours is!

BOATING & FISHING

COLD WINTER + COLD SPRING = CRAZY FISHING

Captain Ralph Goodison

With the weather finally heating up, the water temperature is also on the rise and fishing is improving. But the Cobia are late, Dolphin are late, and inshore fishing has been slow; but the good news is we have turned the corner. Captain Eddy, Captain Don and Captain George are all reporting good catches. Offshore, the Dolphin and Wahoo have moved north to our fishing grounds. Inshore, Redfish are on the upswing with Sheepshead, Whiting, and Black Drum, good catches.

The first fishing tournament of the season is ready to go. The Fripp Island Marina Memorial Day Kingfish Tournament is scheduled for Friday May 27th and Saturday May 28th. Normally, the largest fish of the season are caught at this tournament.

The action starts Friday night with registration 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Followed by a Captains meeting and Low Country Cookout by Chef Doolittle. Saturday May 28th Fish Day, check-ins start at 4:00 PM and close at 6:00 PM. An awards ceremony will be held. The largest Kingfish - 1st and 2nd, and largest Dolphin, Wahoo, Spanish, and Cobia will be awarded prizes. Live entertainment and great fun are planned, so join the fun. For more information, call the Marina at 843-838-1517.



Early May fishing trip brings home the Fish; Captain Rodney Hinton and his crew on his boat "Catchin" have a great day off Fripp Island. Top row: Reggie Smith, Captain Rodney Hinton, J.T. Hinton and Keith Kohlmayer. Bottom row: Ashton Hinton and Ken Kohlmayer

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

SEA RESCUE

FRIPP ISLAND REPORT

Paul Field

For the March-April period, two requests for assistance were received. The major incident on April 16th involved our vessel plus the Fripp Island Fire-Rescue jet ski responding to a report that two boys were stranded on a sandbar in Fripp Inlet about ½ mile offshore from Hunting Island. Our vessel extracted the boys and brought them to Fripp Island. Fire department personnel transported them to their parents on Hunting Island. The other case took place at night when we towed a 21 foot boat some 12 miles after it had motor problems.



Paul Field

Our training program with the Coast Guard was expanded during this period. On March 23rd, our unit plus Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and two Coast Guard units conducted search and rescue exercises ranging from classroom to in-water activities in the Fripp Island area. This training involved 32 persons and five vessels and took place over a five-hour period. Our scheduled training program with Coast Guard helicopters was expanded when we supported three Dolphin units instead of the two usual aircraft during nighttime exercises.

On March 19th, our annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament was held at Ocean Creek Golf Club. We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to our friends, neighbors, supporters and participants for making this year's event the most successful such event in our experience from every possible consideration.

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