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# a letter from the editor

Spring has arrived—not just on the calendar, but in the air, in the light, in the way the days seem to stretch a little longer with every passing week. It's that beautiful in-between season where we shed layers, open our windows, and rediscover the world outside.

There's something hopeful about spring. Maybe it's the return of color after a dull winter. Maybe it's the sound of birds building nests, or the first green shoots pushing bravely through the soil. Whatever it is, this season always feels like a fresh start—a quiet reminder that life goes on, and that growth is always possible.

We hope Fripp always inspires you to bloom in your own way. So take a walk on a trail or the beach, open a window, ride a bike, or plant something.

And as you turn these pages, may you feel a little lighter, a little brighter, and a little more ready for whatever's next.

*Stacie*



# FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Well, it has finally warmed up and the Fripp Islands Women's Golf Association (FIWGA) has had so much going on, it's hard to know where to start. We have had four Queen's crowned, a hole in one, multiple tournaments and of course our quarterly luncheon.

First off, on January 20th, Joanne Aldrich had a Hole in One on #15 at the Point. This is Joanne's 7th Hole in one!!!

As you know, the first of the month we Crown a Queen, who is the low scorer for our monthly Low net game.  
 January Queen- Kathy Lynch  
 February Queen - Bonnie Jentner  
 March Queen- Allison Baker  
 April Queen - Michelle Proser

Next, February brought our Annual "Galentines" Tournament with the Nine Hole Ladies. Always great fun, and a delicious luncheon hosted by the Nine Hole Ladies.

Valentine tournament Overall Winning Team:  
 Score:57 Hole deducted:#16  
 Barb Kudwa  
 Pat Lawton  
 Sandra Stuart  
 Barb Eilbacher

Pink Ball Winning Team:  
 Score:59 Hole deducted:#16  
 Amanda Huber  
 Louise Flynn  
 Annelisa Bindra  
 Debbie Perrone

In February we also had our winter meeting where we announced our most improved player, Michelle Proser. We also honored our hole in one golfers, plus recognized Eagles and Birdies.

March brought us the "Battle of the Sexes", where the WGA handily trounced the MGA. Final score was 21 to 3. Way to go ladies!!

We also hosted our Canadian friends for our annual Canada Day tournament. This is a great way to show we love our neighbors to the north and hope this tradition continues. Winning Team: Keran MacLachlan, Jeri Mifflin, Allison Baker, and Trudy Crysel.

Next came Beat the Pro and the Coastal Cup with the Dataw Ladies.

Unfortunately, the Coastal Cup went back to Dataw this time. We only lost by one point. But we have the opportunity to win it back in the fall. We will definitely do better.

The Memorial tournament kicked off at the start of April and just concluded on April 22. The winner of the tournament was Barb Kudwa. Congratulations to Barb.

Everyone is looking forward to our Ladies Member/Guest tournament, May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Our theme this year is There's No Place Like Fripp! Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Fripp.

We have lots of fun activities scheduled, starting with a

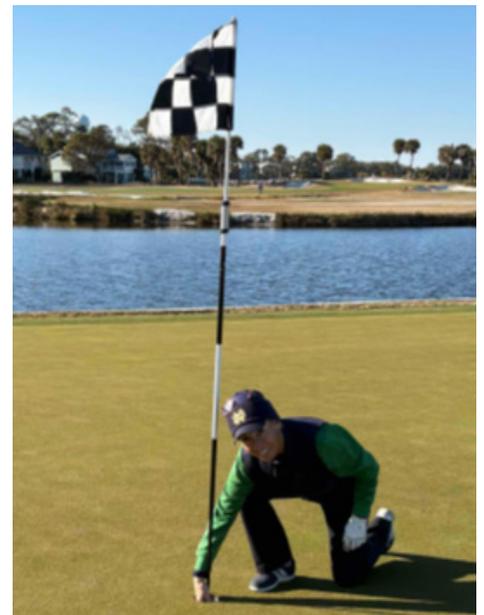
practice round at the course of your choice, then a scavenger hunt from the Cabana club and ending up with hors d'oeuvres and drinks back at the Cabana club. Next day, the starting round of golf at Ocean Creek and second day of golf at Ocean Point. Finishing off with a celebratory dinner at Oceanview lounge. Should be great fun for all who are traveling on the yellow brick Road.

Finally, we wrap up the spring season with our Blue and White tournament on May 20 before we go into summer points season starting in June. It has been a busy and fun filled spring.

The Fripp Island WGA welcomes new members and hopes that anyone with an interest in playing will come out and join us. For further information, you may contact Allison Baker, President, 313-300-9060 or email [taka43@comcast.net](mailto:taka43@comcast.net), or either of the two Pro shops.



Top: March Queen, Allison Baker Below: Joanne Hole-In-One.



Above: Left to right: April Queen Michelle Proser, Most improved golfer, Michelle Proser, Barb Kudwa, Memorial Cup Winner.



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## Welcome to the Fripp Island Men's Golf Association (MGA)

Dear FIR Member,

We are excited to invite you to join the Fripp Island Men's Golf Association (MGA). Whether you're looking to improve your game, enjoy friendly competition, or just connect with fellow golfers, the MGA provides an excellent opportunity to be part of a vibrant and active golfing community here on Fripp Island.

### Why Join the MGA?

- **Regular Monday Competitions:** We meet every Monday for a fun, competitive round of golf, usually teeing off between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. It's a great way to start the week, engage with fellow members, and enjoy the game in a relaxed yet competitive setting.
- **Catering to All Skill Levels:** We cater to golfers of all abilities, and thanks to the handicap system, everyone is evenly matched. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, our weekly events ensure that everyone has a fair shot at success, making it enjoyable for all.
- **Special Events:** In addition to our regular Monday competitions, we host several special events throughout the year. These include seasonal tournaments, competitions, and social gatherings that bring our membership together in the spirit of friendly competition and fun.

### Cost & Eligibility

Membership in the MGA is just \$40 per year. Please note that you must be a member of the Fripp Island Resort (FIR) Club to join the MGA. However, guests are welcome to play with an MGA member on Mondays. Your membership entitles you to play as little or as often as you desire. There is no minimum.

### A Few of Our Favorite Events

Some of our most popular events include:

- **Fripp Cup**
- **Masters Tournament**
- **Member-Member Tournament**
- **Flight Championship**
- **Annual Home/Away Competition with Dataw Island**
- **Beat the Pro**
- **Red Ball Tournament**

These events offer a wonderful blend of competition and camaraderie, with opportunities for both serious golfers and those who simply want to enjoy a round or two with friends.

If you're looking for a community of golfers who share your passion for the game and enjoy a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, the MGA is the perfect fit. We'd love to have you as part of our group!

To sign up or learn more, please contact Dennis Perrone at [dsperrone@gmail.com](mailto:dsperrone@gmail.com) (860) 276-3715.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Fripp Island Men's Golf Association soon!

Sincerely,

Dan Bialas

President, Fripp Island Men's Golf Association

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## SPRING CLEANING: MORE THAN JUST A CHORE—IT'S A RESET FOR YOUR LIFE

By Stacie Thrush, Editor

There's something about spring—the longer days, the sunshine pouring in through freshly cleaned windows, the first bloom of tulips—that calls us to start anew. And with it comes the centuries-old tradition of spring cleaning. But in today's fast-paced world, spring cleaning isn't just about dusting baseboards or organizing that catch-all drawer. It's about hitting reset—mentally, physically, and emotionally.

### THE FRESH START EFFECT

Spring cleaning has deep roots in many cultures, from Iranian Nowruz celebrations to the Jewish tradition of Passover prep. It's a symbolic gesture: out with the old, in with the new. And science backs it up—studies show that decluttering can significantly reduce stress and anxiety. There's real emotional power in letting go of what no longer serves us.

“Cleaning and organizing give us a sense of control,” says professional organizer Dana White. “In a world where so much feels unpredictable, taking ownership of our spaces is empowering.”

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### CLEAN HOUSE, CLEAR MIND

So where do you start? If the thought of a full-house overhaul makes you want to crawl back under the covers, don't worry. Spring cleaning isn't about perfection. It's about intention.

Here are a few expert-backed tips to get going:

#### 1. Start Small, Think Big

Pick one drawer, one shelf, one room. Set a timer for 20 minutes and commit to just that space. Momentum builds fast—and you'll be surprised how much you accomplish once you get going.

#### 2. Create a “Keep, Toss, Donate” System

Be honest: Do you really need three pizza cutters? Sorting items into categories helps you make clear decisions and gives purpose to your purge.

#### 3. Think Seasonally

Pack away winter clothes. Rotate in lighter linens and brighter decor to welcome the warmth of the season.

#### 4. Don't Forget Digital Clutter

A tidy home includes your inbox. Unsubscribe from newsletters you never read, delete duplicate photos, and organize files you've been ignoring since last fall.

### THE HIDDEN JOY IN CLEANING

For many, the process of spring cleaning brings unexpected satisfaction. It's meditative. It's grounding. “There's something almost therapeutic about wiping down counters or reorganizing your bookshelf,” says White. “It's an act of care—for your space and for yourself.”

Bonus tip? Put on your favorite playlist or podcast. Make it fun. Cleaning doesn't have to be a slog—it can be a dance party with a mop in hand.

### THE AFTERGLOW

When you're done, step back and take it all in. You've created space—not just in your home, but in your mind. Whether it's a clutter-free closet, a sparkling kitchen, or simply the fact that your junk drawer now closes properly, celebrate it.

Spring cleaning isn't just a tradition. It's a gift you give yourself—a fresh beginning with every sweep of the broom.



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Featuring Golden's BBQ Food Truck & Marie's Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck
- 21 AUG** DJ 5 PM  
Featuring Golden's BBQ Food Truck
- 04 SEPT** Mark Bonds 5 PM  
Featuring Marie's Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck
- 18 SEPT** DJ 5 PM  
oFeaturing Golden's BBQ Food Truck



## DISCOVERING FRIPP ISLAND

by Captain Ralph Goodison

Fripp Island is a Treasure on the Atlantic Coast. We have great golf, tennis, pickle ball, pools and a fantastic oceanfront private island. But have you discovered that Fripp Island sits on a fantastic pristine estuary on the east coast? Our region was the home of our early settlers, pirates and now the home of us that call Fripp Island our home or second home.

Many of us are focused on golf or beach and miss the treasure around Fripp Island; great fishing, boating, unbelievable wild life, flora and fauna. Our marina sponsors world class fishing tournaments, fishing captain and host fisherman that have some of the best fishing on the east coast.

It's the home of Fripp Island Yacht Club, Fripp Island Sea Rescue, Turtle Patrol and Audubon.

Fripp Resort has rent a center for land and water craft. Fripper 11 has carried congressman, senators, HGTV, American Idol TV, and the new Big Fripper will carry passengers on spectacular cruises around Fripp. Our many clubs and organizations, a wonderful Community Center, Chapel and Church on the Beach is great.

Fripp Island is now being discovered by many new people that have discovered Fripp Island is a real treasure.

(IT MAY NOT BE PERFECT BUT IS DARN CLOSE)



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# Captain Ralph's

## FISHING REPORT



By Captain Ralph Goodison

### FRIPP ISLAND FISHING BOATING and SUMMER SPORTS IN FULL SWING

The Easter rabbit was busy and so was amazing Fripp Island. The rabbit opened our great Island with top drawer golf courses, tennis and pickle ball, pools, fantastic beach and some of the best fishing and boating.

Spring fishing is great nearshore, picking up inshore and the Gulf Stream dolphins, tuna and wahoo are being caught and improved as we move to May.

The marina will be hosting 3 world class fishing tournaments including a Thanksgiving Kid's Fishing tournament. The time is here to enjoy our special Island.

#### FISHING REPORT:

**INSHORE:** Sheepshead, Trout and Redfish are being caught and improving as we move to summer. Flounder will improve and fishing on Wardles Landing. Maxwell Bridge and Fripp Beach have been slow.

**NEARSHORE:** Hot with catches of Sheepshead around Tire/Fripp reef, 6HI, and drydock. Trigger and vermilion, picking up. COBIA and Red Snapper season will be opening shortly.

STREAM and DEEP WATER: Dolphins and Tuna are good and Dolphins will pickup and well as Wahoo.

**FRIPP ISLAND MEMORIAL DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
Some of the best fishing of the year will greet our fisherman at the Fripp Island Memorial Fishing Tournament. The 2-day tournament kicks off May 22nd with registration, a captains meeting followed by a low country cookout by Chef Doolittle.

Fish Days are Friday and Saturday May 23 and 24 with weigh-ins 4-6 PM each day. An awards ceremony following Saturday weigh-ins for the largest dolphins and wahoo. If fishing is canceled either day a make-up day will be Sunday with the awards ceremony to follow. For more information call the Marina at 843-839-1517.

The fishing and boating season are here and the Marina and Ships Store can supply most of your boating and fishing needs including baits, a great deli, boat, paddle board rentals and a great trip on spectacular Big Fripper.

**REMEMBER FRIPP IS NOT PERFECT BUT IT IS DARN CLOSE**

*Top left page: Stream fishing on the up swing Miss Lea 11 with Captain George crew with a great as t catch of Dolphins and Tuna. Top Right: Miss Lea 11 didn't disappoint this fisherman in the Gulf Stream with a Tuna that will be great eating as well a great fishing trip with Captain George. Middle Right: Sheepshead are Hot around the wrecks off Fripp. Bottom Right: Lots of great eating caught of Fripp. Bottom middle: Great fun to catch but to big to keep Bottom Left: You don't have travel far from Fripp Island on Miss Lea 11 to have a great fishing trip with one of the best captains in South Carolina.*



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# Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

## Fripp Island Sea Rescue and Beaufort Water Search & Rescue Hosted The 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

On March 15, 2025, Fripp Island Sea Rescue (FISR) and Beaufort Water Search & Rescue (BWSAR) hosted their 22nd annual St. Paddy's Day Golf Tournament and Auction on beautiful Fripp Island at the Ocean Creek Golf Course. The weather was beautiful; the food was delicious; and the golfing was awesome - - as always. A special surprise was the stunning fly-over by the United States Coast Guard in one of the airships FISR and BWSAR regularly train and conduct rescues with. It was an incredible event enjoyed by all.



Each year, all proceeds from this event are split between FISR and BWSAR, the two all-volunteer water search and rescue organizations serving Beaufort County. BWSAR and FISR have been in operation for over 40 years. As designated 911 First Responders, these organizations conduct search and rescue missions for boaters throughout Beaufort County and work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, US Coast Guard, Department

of Natural Resources and local fire departments. In a typical year, their combined 40-50 volunteers respond to over 150 calls and expend 2,500-3,000 man-hours.



Approximately 37% of Beaufort County's total area, or 347.44 square miles, is water. This water encompasses a variety of features, including open water, sounds, marshes, creeks, and estuaries. This is a low-lying coastal area with a high sensitivity to tidal changes, flooding and storm surge. These two all-volunteer organizations are on-call 24/7 to assist those in distress in the waters surrounding Beaufort County.



Without the support of sponsors, donors, and participants at the event, these two organizations would not be able to provide this life saving support.

Beaufort County is developing rapidly and the needs of these organizations to provide emergency water response are growing exponentially. Sponsorships and donations will help ensure the continuation of these vital volunteer services to the community. Both organizations require boats, motors, trailers, electronics, fuel and continual maintenance to provide these services. Thanks to the generous donations of local citizens and businesses, the net proceeds from the Golf Tournament and Auction I go toward covering the operating expenses.

FISR & BWSAR would like to especially thank the Fripp Island Resort for being a vital part of hosting and supporting this annual fund-raising event. In addition, FISR & BWSAR would like to thank all the companies and personal sponsors that were so generous in supporting this event!





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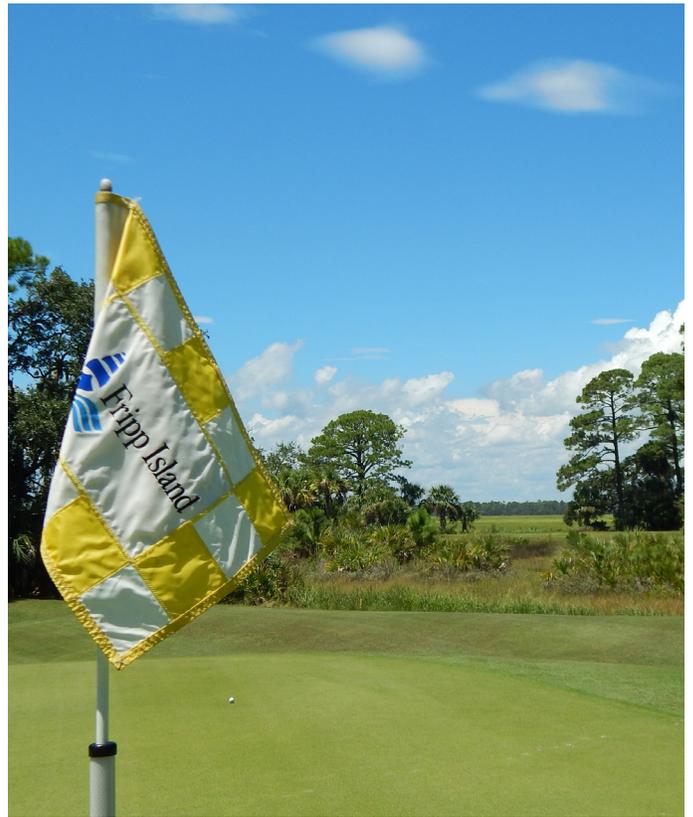
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## How to Protect Yourself from Phone Scams: A Practical Guide

By: Stacie Thrush, Editor

In today's hyper-connected world, our smartphones are lifelines — for staying in touch, handling finances, and managing our daily lives. Unfortunately, they've also become prime targets for scammers. Phone scams are increasingly sophisticated, preying on trust, fear, or urgency to trick people into revealing personal information or sending money.

But you can outsmart them. Here's how to recognize, avoid, and protect yourself from phone scams.

### What Are Phone Scams?

Phone scams involve fraudulent calls or texts designed to steal your personal information, money, or identity. Scammers might pose as government officials, tech support, bank representatives, or even family members in distress. Their goal? To get you to act quickly — before you have time to think.

Some common types of phone scams include:

Impersonation scams (posing as the IRS, police, or your bank)

Tech support scams (claiming your device has a virus)

Prize or lottery scams (you've "won" something — but must pay a fee to claim it)

Emergency scams (a loved one supposedly in trouble and needing money urgently)

Phishing via SMS ("smishing") (texts with malicious links)

### How to Spot a Phone Scam

Watch out for these classic red flags:

Unfamiliar or suspicious numbers (especially those mimicking local area codes)

Urgent requests for money or personal info

Threats of arrest, fines, or account closure

Requests for payment via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency

Unsolicited offers or prizes you didn't sign up for

Grammar errors, robotic voices, or awkward phrasing in messages

*If something feels off, trust your instincts.*

## How to Protect Yourself

### 1. Don't Answer Unknown Calls

If you don't recognize the number, let it go to voicemail. Scammers rarely leave legitimate messages.

### 2. Use Call-Blocking Apps

Many phone carriers and third-party apps can detect and block known scam numbers automatically.

### 3. Never Share Personal Information

Legitimate organizations won't ask for sensitive information over the phone, especially unsolicited calls.

### 4. Verify Before You Act

If you receive a suspicious call claiming to be from your bank or a government agency, hang up and call the official number listed on their website.

### 5. Be Wary of Unknown Text Messages

Don't click on links in texts from numbers you don't recognize. These could install malware or steal your data.

### 6. Report Suspicious Activity

In the U.S., you can report phone scams to:

FTC: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov)

FCC: [consumercomplaints.fcc.gov](https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov)

## What to Do If You've Been Targeted

If you believe you've fallen for a phone scam:

Contact your bank or credit card company immediately

Change any compromised passwords

Monitor your accounts for unusual activity

File a report with local authorities and the FTC

*The sooner you act, the better you can limit the damage.*

## Stay Alert, Stay Safe

Phone scams are a growing threat, but awareness is your best defense.

By staying cautious, knowing the warning signs, and refusing to rush into decisions over the phone, you can protect your personal information and peace of mind.

When in doubt — hang up, verify independently, and report suspicious calls.

Better safe than scammed.

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## Character Building Words

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Quote of the month:

“We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.”

Unknown author

Parents: Please discuss with your child the true meaning of quote. This is the last lesson on character words! I will share how to teach the words and to understand them. Hopefully, you and your parents will refer to these words throughout 2025! Hopefully, you will revisit these lessons in the future.

There are 109 words that describe character.

First, I will define character. Character is the overall mental and moral qualities of an individual. This includes their basic personality, talents and habits.

Parents, please do the following.

- Use an index card to write the words and post them on the refrigerator once a week. Then the next week add another word to the refrigerator, but review the other words as well.
- Ask your child to draw what the word means
- Name a person or persons they think the word describes

Let's now move to the letters R, S, W

1. Respectful: Feeling or showing deference and respect (showing that you care)

Write your sentence on the back of the index card.

2. Sincere: Proceeding from genuine feelings (not pretending)

Write your sentence on the back of the index card.

3. Witty: Showing or characterized by quick and inventive verbal humor (laughs and makes others laugh)

Write your sentence on the back of the index card.

Learning together around the dinner table!

- I would like for you to ask each person at the dinner table to talk about the best part of their day.
- All members should listen carefully.
- Please remember if there are four people at the table YOU have  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the conversation.

Discuss with your family at the dinner table and then make a list of all the fun things they want to do this summer!!

Enjoy the sunshine and Spring! I will see you at the beach!

**Nine Years and Counting!**  
**Celebrating Pat Conroy**  
**Water is Wide Scholarship**

Presented by the Fripp Island Women's Club



Since 2017, the Fripp Island Women's Club (FIWC) has sponsored the *The Water is Wide* scholarship in honor of Pat Conroy. In partnership with the Pat Conroy Literary Center, the FIWC has awarded scholarships totaling **\$24,000** for **seventeen older adult students** either beginning or returning to college.

Pat's book, *The Water is Wide*, captured his early teaching experience on remote Daufuskie Island. The students had secondhand books, few materials, and even less opportunity to know the outside world. Pat was fired by the Board of Education for speaking out about these inequalities. Ironically, while his teaching career was over, a great American author was born!

In memory of Pat's dedication to educational opportunities, this scholarship provides financial assistance for any **older adult** whose education may have been delayed or interrupted and who:

- lives in Beaufort County and is a United States Citizen
- is age twenty-one or over
- desires to pursue a degree at the **University of South Carolina, Beaufort** or a degree/certificate at the **Technical College of the Low Country**.

FIWC continues to donate annually for this award. We would like to invite you to contribute to this worthwhile scholarship. We know that Pat would be humbled by continuing to honor his legacy; hopefully for years to come. **See this month's Trawler featuring the 2025's scholarship recipients!**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

***The Pat Conroy Literary Center***  
***(Scholarship Fund in the memo line)***

**Return the form and your check to Anne's cocktail box, or mail to:**  
**Ms. Anne Hoyle**  
**5 Pelican Cove**  
**Fripp Island, SC 29920**

**Thank you for your support. All donations will receive a tax donation receipt and thank you letter.**

# **The Water is Wide FIWC Scholarship Winners Honored at April Luncheon**



**Tymeca Sawyer**

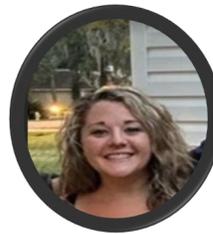


**Stephanie Marlowe**



**Angela Thomas**

Cassandra King Conroy introduced Tymeca Sawyer and Stephanie Marlowe. Both women will soon graduate with Nursing degrees from the Technical College of the LowCountry. Valentina Soria (not pictured) graduates as a Surgical Tech. Angela Thomas was in Washington DC receiving a prestigious student leadership award! Congratulations to all these remarkable women!



***Seventeen scholarships given since 2017 for over \$24,000 for older adults starting or returning to college! Nurses, teachers, physical therapy aides, cosmetologists, and business majors! These are some of our past recipients thanks to Fripp Islanders.***



# COMMUNITY CENTRE

Submitted by Barb Anton

Your Community Centre is an active place. The activities throughout the week are geared towards your needs and desires. So, if you have an idea and/or desire to learn or a need contact a Board member. We will explore the options with your help! In August a Fripp resident and certified Counselor saw a need and will be starting a support group for Fripp residents. Stay tuned for more information this summer!

If you are interested in attending any of the activities held at The Community Centre please go to the website [frippcc.org](http://frippcc.org), view the EVENTS/CALENDAR to see what is going on at the Centre. As we enter the summer months call the contact on the CALENDAR as some classes and /or games may not be held as often. If you are looking

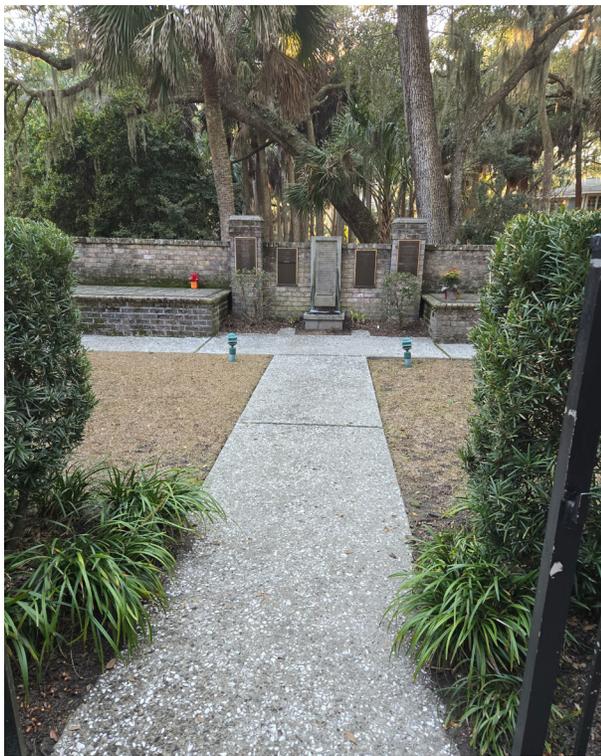
to schedule an activity or party, please do so through our website – RESERVATIONS.

Friends and supporters are an integral part of all community groups. Recently Fripp lost a great friend and Community Supporter. Fripp Island Community Centre lost a great friend, Donald Aldrich. Don and his wife Hildy were great community leaders and supporters. Just prior to Don's passing, the Board of The Community Centre decided to upgrade our Communications System to support Fripp members. This system was purchased by the generous donations Donald and Hildy Aldrich. Those who have seen and used this new system, installed in rarely 2025, are so excited to add music to their exercise class or church service, easily connect to the Internet, easily have a microphone for a community presentation. There are so many uses for this new

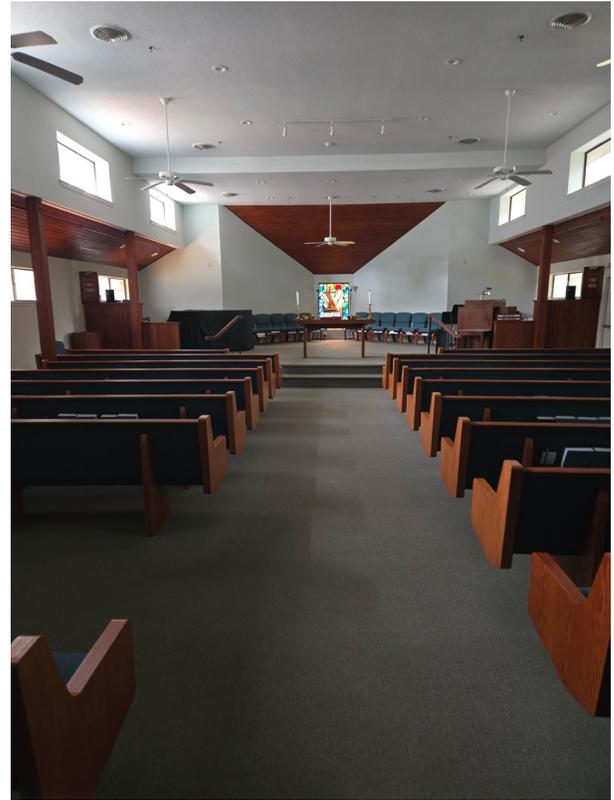


system; the community will always honor two of our GREATEST supporters and friends. Thank you, Donald and Hildy!

Do you love Fripp? Do you want to spend the rest of your life on Fripp? The Fripp Island Community Centre's COLUMBARIUM is an option! The Columbarium is located adjacent to the Centre and is a beautiful location, an option to reside on Fripp and enjoy Fripp forever!! If you are interested, please call 843 838 2207 and leave a message for the Columbarium team.



As always there is a Wednesday Service held in the All Faiths Chapel at 5:30. Area ministers and/or chaplains lead the service each week. All are invited to attend to share community fellowship. There are also many other uses for this beautiful chapel. It is a great place for a wedding, baptism and/ or a prayer service. The chapel is also a great location for a concert, club meeting and/or a community training. The All Faiths Chapel is a wonderful setting for many activities. It also has a wonderful audio/visual speaker system!



Currently, the Community Centre is in need to upgrade the Fire Suppression System. Over the years routine work has been completed but now we must upgrade. This upgrade is necessary to maintain everyone's safety as well as to ensure all the building and its contents are secure and safe. As a 501C3 all the expenses for the Fripp Island Community Centre are paid for through fund raising.

We want to Thank everyone who has contributed to this fund as we move closer to our goal.

We continue to need your support.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**



## Fripp Island Women's Club Spring Luncheon

The women's club welcomed spring with a luncheon and styling event. Straight from Paris, styling specialist, Debbie O'Hearn, wowed the women's club with her fabulous make overs. Debbie shared several ways to recharge and refresh our wardrobes. Thank you to our models, Tara Carlson, Karen Myers, Kathy Galen, and Jen Bean. In addition to the styling event the women's club honored the recipients of the Pat Conroy Water is Wide scholarships who were introduced by Cassandra King Conroy. Thank you, Harold's Chef Services, for providing a delicious lunch.

### LIGHTS OUT MAY - OCTOBER!

*Sea turtle season is May-October and as a reminder that sea turtles need a clear, dark path beyond the high tide line at night. When leaving the beach at the end of the day, don't forget to fill in any holes you dug, knock down sandcastles, take your trash, and remove your chairs and tents. When you go for your nightly beach walk, please leave the flashlights off, and if you should happen upon a sea turtle, do not approach and disrupt her egg-laying process. Violations are subject to fines. You'll find some great information on our website [frippislandliving.com](http://frippislandliving.com)*



# Fripp Island Women's Club

Fripp Island Women's Club  
Promoting Friendship, Philanthropy, and Fun

What a wonderful year for the Fripp Island Women's Club – 126 members in 2025; fifty-one years of promoting friendship, philanthropy, and fun!

A big thank you to our vice presidents, Nola Wood and Cathy Ottavianelli for our fantastic monthly events which included our first evening wine tasting by Pat Grimes of 3 Keys Wine Distributing, author Carolyn Palmer Hartley, canvas painting by Happy Art Studios, a presentation by resident dietician Jen Bean, our December luncheon with music by Encore, and our April luncheon fashion event with Debbie O'Hearn.

Thank you to our secretary Jan Bialas, our treasurer Deb Tucker, and our membership chair Lorraine Tarczynski. Thank you to our communication volunteers Angel Minton and Laura MacArthur who kept our members informed through email, Facebook and NextDoor. Thank you, Kathy Galen, for serving as our hospitality chair. Thank you, Sara Dashiell for the beautiful, inspirational messages to start our events.

Thank you, Debbie Perrone and Deb Rubenstein for organizing a very successful Tour of Homes. And thank you to our homeowners who opened their beautiful homes to our community. We raised \$3965 which will help support local charities in Beaufort.

Thank you to our OutReach committee, coordinated by Sheila Tindell, for a fun Bingo and Barbecue. Fripp Islanders donated \$4,466 to Saint Helena Elementary School/Adopt-A-School this year. Sheila also coordinated our October flu shot clinic with Beaufort Memorial.

Thank you, Linda Ball for coordinating the Born to Read Program, which promotes early literacy. Our Fripp community donated \$470 and 183 books. Thanks to Mary Jacobs, our resident author, for her generous book donations.

Thank you, Flo Kamradt for coordinating our Pat Conroy scholarship. This year FIWC awarded four scholarships of \$1,000 each.

# Fripp Audubon Club

*Submitted by John Wellborn*

Did you know that hunters, fishers, and gun hobbyists provide the lions share of the funding for wildlife preservation. How can this be? The answer is 3 federal excise taxes passed in the early in the 20th century.

## **Duck Stamps, 1934 - The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp**

The program was established to generate funds for the conservation of migratory waterfowl and their habitats. 98% of the funds generated are used to purchase or lease wetlands and associated habitats for inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Since its inception, the sale of duck stamps has raised millions of dollars for wetland conservation and has played a crucial role in protecting vital habitats for waterfowl and other wildlife.

All waterfowl hunters are required to purchase a federal duck stamp before they can hunt migratory waterfowl. The stamp is also available for purchase by non-hunters who wish to support conservation efforts. Current price is \$28.

## **The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, 1937 - The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act**

The act created an excise tax on sporting arms, archery equipment and ammunition – 11%, handguns – 10%. Funds allocated to each state based on the size of the state and number of hunting licenses.

Funds programs for wildlife and habitat management and restoration, research, surveys and land acquisition. South Carolina approximately \$5 to \$7 million dollars per year from the program and since 1939, has received \$140 million.

## **The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, 1950 - the Dingell-Johnson Act**

The act imposes an excise tax on certain fishing equipment, including rods, reels, lures, and other fishing tackle, as well as on motorboat fuel.

- Fishing Tackle - 10% on the sale of fishing rods, reels, and other fishing tackle.
- Fishing Equipment -3% on the sale of fishing lures and bait.
- Motorboat Fuel - 18.4 cents per gallon is imposed on motorboat fuel.

In addition, South Carolina passed the “Casual Excise Tax” in 1990. This is a 5% tax on the sale of boats, motors, and airplanes and is capped at \$500.

Revenue sharing from the federal taxes require a 25% matching contribution from the state. The states matching is generated from licenses and fees associated with hunting and fishing.

The bottom line is that most of the funding that protects and expands the wildlife environment is provided by these fees.

Do you have a fishing license? The cost for a SC resident 64 years old and older is a one-time fee \$9. Whether you fish or not it contributes to the support of our birding environment. We encourage you to sign up.



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**DAVIS  
LOVE  
PARK**

THURSDAY  
JUNE 12  
5 PM - 8 PM

# LIVE MUSIC WITH MARK BONDS

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Bring your own chair and beverages, and enjoy local favorite Mark Bonds!

BBQ and cool treats available for purchase with Golden's Bar-B-Que and Marie's Sweet Treats

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## **FRIPP FRIENDS**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO BECOME A FRIPP FRIEND!**

Ready for something NEW? Here's your chance to meet new Fripp Friends. Fripp Friends is for owners full and part-time, singles /couples of all ages.

**KICK OFF SIGN UP PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON  
MAY 17, 2025. TIME 5:30 to 7:30 PM**

### **What is Fripp Friends?**

1. A new group 12-16 people who call Fripp home (full or part-time) and meet once a month for approximately 2 hours from October - May.
2. Length of Commitment: One Fripp Friends year (October-May) You sign up to meet a new group of people each year.
3. How it Works: Groups will be formed including full and part-time residents, couples and singles giving a good mix to the group.
4. The first group meeting will be held in October hosted by your group leader. Each Fripp Friend will sign up for a month they want to host. You may host at your home, Fripp Community Center, a restaurant or even on the beach! This is your party to host.
5. If you can't attend the KICK OFF/SIGN up party, complete the attached form and Email it to Carol Peterson at [petersonl@verizon.net](mailto:petersonl@verizon.net) or drop it off at 704 Flying Fish Road, Carol's home. Any Questions please call Carol at 609-577-1120.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR FORM IN NO LATER THEN AUGUST 16, 2025 SO WE CAN ASIGN GROUPS FOR OCTOBER! IF YOU SIGNED UP LAST YEAR, YOU STILL NEED TO SIGN UP FOR 2025. PLEASE JOIN AGAIN.**

**[FIND THE APPLICATION HERE](#)**



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Property Owners Association