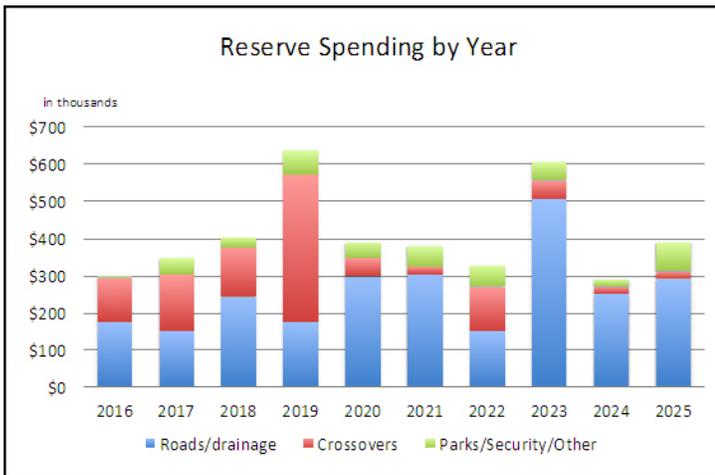


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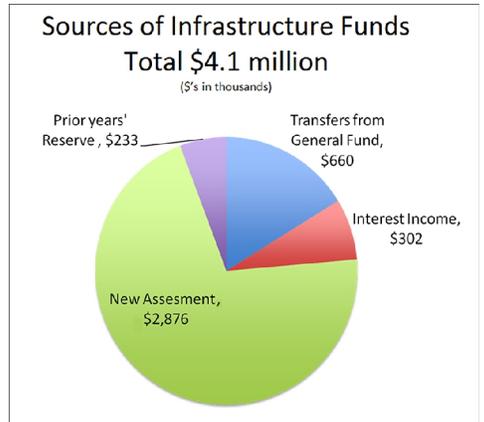
Over the next 10 years, the FIPOA will need to invest 4.1 million dollars improving and securing the Island's infrastructure. As you can see in the chart at left, the majority of the spending will be directed toward roads, drainage, and addressing the identified issues with crossovers.

The \$4.1 million investment represents a one million dollar increase above the most recently performed reserve study. The additional spending addresses issues which have been previously identified by the Board and its Reserve Committee; the recent high tide events have raised the urgency of these issues. The increase also reflects the impact of rising material and labor costs, naturally occurring erosion, shifting tides, as well as a desire to better maintain the

infrastructure so repairs and upgrades will last longer and better serve the Islanders. Eighty percent of the increased spending will be made during the next five years. (Note: To make the Reserve Study comparable to the current projections, it has been revised to eliminate projects that were accelerated and completed, and projects that were cancelled.)

In addition to the increase in infrastructure spending, the 2016 Budget includes additional spending to meet the demands placed on the island during the peak summer months. Specifically, that includes additional security, trash pick-ups and support for the ARB.

Of the \$4.1 million in infrastructure spending over the next 10 years, \$2.9 million will come from the new assessment, \$660,000 will come from transfers from the General Fund, \$302,000 from interest income, and finally we will have to dip into the existing reserves for \$233,000. The new assessment, or the VAP, is needed to fill the funding gap. *(cont. pg. 3)*



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### 2016 Elections are Coming Soon!

No, not Federal elections, we still have a quite a few months until those, thank goodness. I'm talking about FIPOA elections. The nominating Committee will accept nominations until February 15<sup>th</sup>, provided each nomination is submitted by petition which carries the supporting signatures of at least seventy-five Members. Such petition is subject to the following rules:

- i. Name only one nominee who is a member in good standing along with the completed nominee form approved by the Board of Directors.
  - ii. Signed by the nominee as a petitioner.
  - iii. The full name, birth date and class year must be stated.
  - iv. A Member can sign a petition only one time, regardless of the number of properties owned by the Member. When there are two or more owners of a single property, only one owner may participate in the petition process.
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# FIPOA



IN MEMORIAM

**Katherine Bond**

**Albert Santoni**

**H. Lee Mathews (Buck)**

## Splinters from the Board

In November's Board Meeting, **Resolution 713** (To Amend Current Restrictions for Parking on All Single Family Residential Properties) was approved.

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**Resolution 719** (To Upgrade Network Security and Firewall, Migrate Email to a Hosted Exchange and enter into a Contract for Monthly Maintenance) was approved. [frippislandliving.com/wp-content/uploads/719R2nd1.pdf](http://frippislandliving.com/wp-content/uploads/719R2nd1.pdf)

In December's Board Meeting, **Resolution 726** was presented as First Reading. (To Approve Adoption of a Vehicle Access Program.)

Mr. Thompson proposed the Board adopt a Resolution based on a one-time reading to have an official vote to amend the Bylaws for an increase in the regular assessment by \$150 per year.

Mr. Kautz made a motion for the Board to prepare a ballot for a Membership vote on a Special Assessment. The Special Assessment would be for \$150 per year for five years to support items identified in the Replacement Reserve Study. There was no Second to Mr. Kautz' motion

Mr. Thompson made a motion to waive the two reading rule. Action: Motion made and seconded to approve in one reading. Motion approved with Mr. Goodman, Mr. Burchfield and Mrs. Lyman opposed.

Mr. Thompson made a motion for the Board to adopt a Resolution to have an official vote to amend the Bylaws for an increase in the regular assessment by \$150 per year.

Action: Motion made and seconded to send a ballot vote to the property owners to amend the Bylaws for an increase in the regular assessment by \$150 per year. Motion approved with Mr. Goodman, Mr. Burchfield and Mrs. Lyman opposed.

**The ballots will be mailed on January 15, 2016 and voting ends February 15, 2016.**

To view these and other Board Resolutions, please go to:

[frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-resolutions/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-resolutions/).

To see the General Manager's report and full minutes of this and other FIPOA meetings, please go to: [frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/).

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Deadline for the March TRAWLER is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule  
February 15, 2016 - 9:00 AM

March 12, 2016 - 9:00 AM

at the FIPOA Administrative Office  
(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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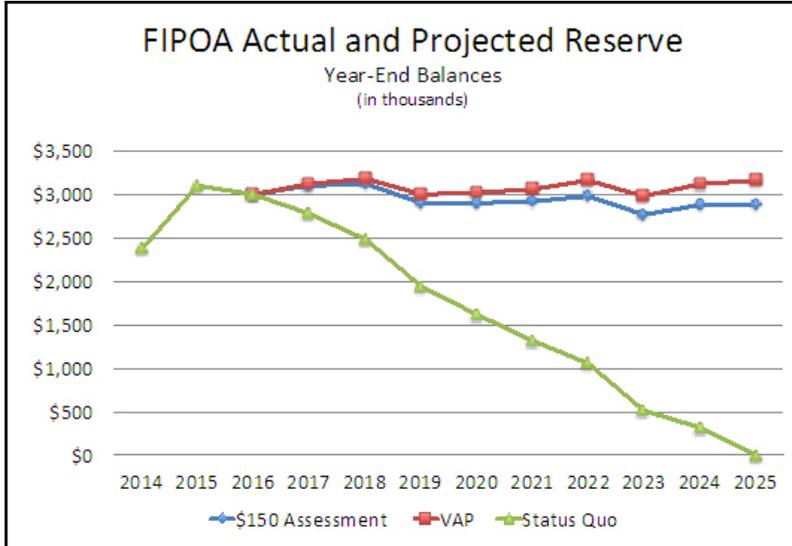
*Fripp Island, SC 29920 with your name and email address. We would like to have EVERY owner*

*subscribe to this service.*

*Email addresses will be kept confidential.*

## Financial Management *(cont.)*

As the chart below shows, the new assessment will allow the Board to maintain adequate reserves to meet future needs. The “Status Quo” alternative is not financially sound.



Notes:

1. The 2015 reserve balance reflects the transfer of \$.9 million from the General Fund.
2. From 2016 through 2025, the \$150 Assessment will generate \$2.9 million versus the \$3.5 million the VAP program would generate in the same timeframe.
3. The latest audit report (2014), Current Balance Sheet and Income Statement, Reserve Study and 2015 Backing spreadsheets can be found at [frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/financial-documents/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/financial-documents/)

A ballot for the bylaw change has been mailed to all POA members in good standing as of 2015.

If you are the managing partner of your property, please contact the FIPOA Administration Office if you have not received the mailing by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Ballots are due back by February 15, 2016.

## Elections *(cont.)*

We currently have Three Resident Candidates for TWO Resident Positions:

[Brad Bradley](#)      [Whit Suber](#)  
[Mike Jahn](#) (Petition Candidate)

And Five Non-Resident Candidates for ONE Nonresident Position:

[Mark Hopkins](#)      [Manning Kimmel](#)  
[Mike McMahon](#)      [Tina Turner](#)  
[Rick Ward](#)



## New Fripp Owners

*11/1/15 to 12/31/15*

WELCOME *Robert & Helene Beyer, Bedford NY*  
*Matthew & Lisa Brooks, New Braunfels TX*  
*James & Sarah DesLaurier, Fayetteville GA*  
*Stephen T.W. & Angela P.N. Diemont, Waxhaw NC*  
*David & Stephanie Galt, Cicero IN*  
*Kevin & Nancy Kelly, Swansea MA*  
*David M. & Emily W. Lewis, Lexington SC*  
*Michael & Maureen McDonnell, Martinez GA*  
*Stephen Mesarosh & Suazanne Durfee, Littleton CO*  
*Emilio & Sabine Scheumann, Travelers Rest SC*  
*Karl & Dawn Schoenleber, Columbia SC*  
*James Stewart & Beverly Miller, Libertyville IL*

New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website information will help with the transition.

[frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/)

[Please visit the FIPOA Website](http://www.frippislandliving.com)

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# ISLAND SERVICES



## CHIEF'S CORNER

*Mike Binkowski, Chief of Security*

I want to remind everyone of the parking limitations on properties. Each property has been assigned a certain number of parking spaces that is based on the amount of space designated by actual driveways and garage capacities. If you are unsure how many spaces you have been allotted there are several ways to check.

1. Call us at (843)838-2334 or stop by the Security Office located at 225 Tarpon Boulevard (next to the FIPOA Office).
2. Go onto the Fripp Island POA web page at [www.frippislandliving.com](http://www.frippislandliving.com), sign into the owner's login page, and click on Occupancy Report. The allotted number of parking is shown here.

If you believe your parking allotment needs to be re-evaluated, please contact the Security office.

If your home is allotted 4 parking spaces, for example, you can only request 4 guest passes. If you are having a special event, contact the Security Office so arrangements may be made for your guests. If you rent your home through VRBO, please ensure that your guests are aware that they are limited in the number of vehicles they may bring to the Island. If you rent through a rental/property manager, please make sure that they make your guests aware of these limitations.

I want to also remind everyone that the [Chat with the Chief](#) is scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday January 16, 2016 and again at 7:00 PM on Wednesday January 20, 2016. Both will be held in the FIPOA Board Room. I look forward to seeing you there.

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 my office 843-838-2334, my cell phone 843-263-3307, or via e-mail at [security@frippislandliving.com](mailto:security@frippislandliving.com).

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

The FIPOA is looking for volunteers!  
All committees need you, Finance,  
Grounds, PEC, etc.

If you have an interest in contributing to your  
POA, please call 843-838-4155. Or go to:  
[frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/)

## KNOW YOUR OFFICERS



This issue we are highlighting Officer Cathy Davis. Cathy joined the Fripp Island Patrol in September 2013. She is assigned to the relief shift at the Gate. Prior to coming to Fripp she had retired as the Deputy Clerk of Court for the City of Beaufort.

Cathy has lived in Beaufort since she was four years old. She lives in Burton with her Pekinese, Pud. She has two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

In her off time, Cathy enjoys gardening and fishing.

**We would like to thank each  
and all of you who  
generously gave to this year's  
Fripp Security Christmas  
Fund.**

**Each of our Security Officers  
pledges to place him or  
herself in harm's way to keep  
you and yours safe.**



**We pride ourselves on having an exceedingly  
low turnover rate among our Security  
Personnel. Our stable force of officers who  
know our island intimately keeps all of us safer.  
Our Officers have received their Christmas gifts  
and have asked that we extend their profound  
thanks to each and every one of you.**

**Linda & Bob Freeman**

**The Fripp Security Christmas Fund**

## Hello to Nextdoor

Carl Koellman

This is a slight detour from my computer related articles to introduce you to Fripp Island Nextdoor, a community resource for Island residents. Think of Nextdoor as Facebook meets Craigslist meets eVite meets Yelp meets Angie's List— all within a free private social network just for Fripp. It's free and no one on Fripp pays anything. Someday the Nextdoor developers will decide how to make money from it but that's a future thing. Just through word of mouth 77,000 communities have signed up. That's impressive.

Once you are verified as an owner on Fripp Island you can either log into the Nextdoor website from your PC or download a smartphone app from the Apple Store or Google Play and get to Nextdoor that way.

Why this particular resource? From a 2010 survey by Pew Research Center, 28% of Americans don't know any of their neighbors, and only 9% communicate with them via email. That is what Nextdoor was created to change. You can ask questions (what houses are decorated for Christmas?), look for items (want to buy a used golf cart), find out about your neighbors through an online map of Fripp, post pictures of Island scenery and ask about the best restaurants and why Walmart coming to Ladys Island (or is it?).

The whole idea behind Nextdoor is there is a of view on this Island that you can profit from.

How is Nextdoor used in other people spot a giant grizzly ambling across locals to keep children and pets inside.

How do you use Nextdoor? You set some options to tailor how you get email alerts on website activity, anywhere from full digest mode where you get one daily of activity, to instant alerts any time something is posted, or somewhere in between. When you see something interesting you click on a provided link.

How do you join Nextdoor? Visit [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), enter your email address, street address (no mailbox numbers), and zip code, and click Find Your Neighborhood. If you have a valid Fripp Island address you are directed to the Fripp Neighborhood to complete joining. If you don't find the Fripp Neighborhood or have other joining problems, contact me, Carl Koellman ([Koellman@comcast.net](mailto:Koellman@comcast.net)) and I'll help you get started.



lot of information, wisdom, and different points Nextdoor makes it easier to tap into that.

neighborhoods? It varies. In Anchorage, when their yard, they go on Nextdoor to alert the

### Fripp Island Real Estate Update through December 31, 2015

According to Beaufort County Multiple Listing Service there are 276 properties for sale on Fripp Island consisting of 37 condos, 108 homesites and 131 single family homes.

The following figures compare year to date sales on Fripp Island through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Sales	2014	2015
Homesites	16	6
Condos	8	12
Homes	51	59
Total	75	77

Average Sales Price	2014	2015
Homesites	\$125,338	\$206,500*
Condos	\$299,781	\$249,125
Homes	\$377,510	\$419,883

\*Includes an oceanfront homesite sale at \$835,000

Average Days on Market	2014	2015
Homesites	417	631
Condos	695	731
Homes	456	455

For more information please contact:  
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### Moving to Fripp Island?

[frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/moving-to-fripp/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/moving-to-fripp/)

Also, Fripp Island provides a Mentoring Program to provide support, encouragement and information to new homeowners and owners who have finally made their move to Fripp. Mentors are available to answer questions and introduce newcomers to Island activities.

[frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/mentor-program/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/mentor-program/)

# NATURE

## Year of the Bluebird Begins on Fripp!

Linda Freeman

2016 is the “year of the Bluebird” on Fripp. The Fripp Island Audubon Club and the Naturally Fripp Community Wildlife Habitat Team, along with on-and-off-island partners that include the Fripp Island Resort, Fripp Island Property Owners Association and Charleston retailer Wild Birds Unlimited, set up Bluebird trails along Tarpon Boulevard and in the Ocean Creek area before the New Year to ensure birdhouses would be sufficiently weathered for occupancy this spring!

Stay tuned for special Bluebird promotions and events as 2016 unfolds (how about a Bluebird cocktail at Bonito Boathouse?).

During the annual Christmas Bird Count December 20<sup>th</sup>, Fripp Audubon observers counted a bunch of Bluebirds already on-island. This and other wildlife census activities are examples of Fripp’s contributions to local, national and international conservation science. If you’d like to learn more about Fripp nature activities, get maximum enjoyment from our beautiful, amazingly diverse natural SC Lowcountry habitat and wildlife, or just hang out with other nature lovers, be sure to attend our next free event (see below).

The first Audubon presentation of 2016 in the Club’s ongoing *Ten Eyck Lecture Series* (named in honor of Fripp Audubon stalwarts, Ben and Jane Ten Eyck) will feature SCDNR’s Dr. Al Segars, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Fripp Community Centre. (Come at 6 PM for the meet ‘n’ greet with potluck nibbles— and check out the sale tables, where you can order your own Bluebird house and browse Kelly Taylor’s expanding line of Fripp nature-themed offerings, such as mugs, pillows and photos.) Dr. Segars’ topic is the ACE Basin, perhaps THE unique geography that defines our South Carolina Lowcountry. “Dr. Al” is Coordinator of the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve (basically, he knows everything about everything you can see from horizon-to-horizon). He’s the expert the experts have on speed-dial as the “go-to” authority on SC wildlife!

Save February 24<sup>th</sup> for a first-time Lowcountry birding event showcasing the Red Knot, a neighborhood bird that passes through Fripp on a near-miraculous 19,000-mile journey from one end of the earth to the other! Fripp Audubon joins The Hilton Head Audubon Society, Sun City Hilton Head Bird Club and other institutional and commercial partners to sponsor celebrated author Deborah Cramer’s presentation at Sun City’s Magnolia Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Ms. Cramer, a visiting scholar at MIT, writes about science, nature and the environment. Her definitive book on the Red Knot’s odyssey is “The Narrow Edge.” Don’t miss her fascinating message about South Carolina’s critical role in the tiny bird’s survival, and the high stakes for shorebirds, horseshoe crabs and humans.



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On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Fripp Audubon will host Stephen Schabel and a number of amazing avian predators from South Carolina’s Birds of Prey Center. It’s rumored that Dr. Buzzard is planning a surprise cameo appearance! The Center, which rehabilitates injured predators, has made several past appearances at Fripp and to Beaufort area school children. This is one program that really captures young nature enthusiasts’ imaginations, so as you mark this event in your calendar, make a point of notifying everyone you know with school-age children.

Our April 28<sup>th</sup> presentation by Dr. Jamie Rotenberg from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will feature another very special Fripp visitor, the Painted Bunting. Even people who could care

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# NATURE CONT.

## Audubon Club *cont.*

less about birds are thrilled when they see these colorful birds at a backyard feeder. Since they're spring and summer seed-eaters, we should have plenty of sightings by the end of April and Dr. Rotenberg's presentation. There's quite a bit of conservation interest in the painted bunting, so don't be surprised to see some banded ones, and photos with your telephoto on max are always appreciated.

Of course, with Fripp Audubon, it's not just about the birds; our unique coastal habitat supports a vast diversity of wildlife. Hardly a resident or visitor hasn't marveled at the seashells washed onto our three-mile border with the Atlantic Ocean and there are some whose day isn't complete without picking up an Olive, our Palmetto State shell, from the surf. Shelling on the beach will be the topic for May 25<sup>th</sup>, when one of our own, Margit Resch will help us to identify more of the amazing Lowcountry beauty literally lying at our feet.

Fripp Audubon programs *usually* are the forth Thursday, monthly at the Fripp Community Centre on Tarpon Boulevard. There's a meet 'n' greet with pot-luck munchies at 6:00 PM; program at 7:00 PM. Presentations are free to all, with a free pass at the Fripp gate for off-island attendees. Field trips may have a small fee to cover expenses and are generally limited to members— yearly membership is only \$10/person or \$20/family. Details: Contact Pat Cotter [Patrick.r.cotter@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.r.cotter@gmail.com) and visit [www.islc.net/audubon/](http://www.islc.net/audubon/).

### Here's a preliminary list of Fripp Audubon field trips scheduled in 2016:

- February 11 **Nemours Plantation** (limited to 20 people)  
A guided tour of a plantation in the ACE Basin, assembled by Eugene DuPont III and consisting of almost 10,000 acres of remnant rice fields, brackish marsh, pine and hardwood forest.
- March 10 **Bear Island Wildlife Management Area** (WMA)  
Annual visit to see ducks in the old rice fields; Avocets, Black-Necked Stilts, White Pelicans, and Tundra Swans in the ponds.
- April 28 **Donnelley WMA**  
The over 8,000 acre WMA harbors some of every Lowcountry habitat type, except coastal beaches. Considered the best place in our area for viewing birds and appreciating nature.
- May 12 **Francis Beidler Forest**  
One of the last remaining virgin stands of Bald Cypress and Tupelo Gum Trees—a natural cathedral. A National Audubon Society property with a 1.5-mile boardwalk crossing swamp forest that allows great views of Prothonotary and Parula Warblers and Great-Crested Flycatchers and White Eyed Vireos.



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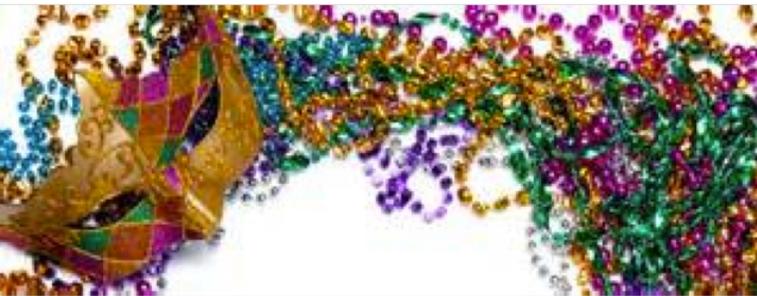
# ISLAND CLUBS

## Fripp Island Friends of Music *HOTLANTA'S* Dixieland Jazz brings MARDI GRAS to FRIPP!

Linda Freeman

Whether it's seasonably cold and wet, unseasonably warm and wet, or just its old boring self, January in the Beaufort Barrier Islands isn't a heckuva lotta fun. Well, THIS January'll be different, because Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, *Hotlanta* reprises at Fripp. Ring a bell? Well, only a few years ago *Hotlanta* gave a blowout performance at Beaufort's favorite seaside resort. The hand-clapping, toe-tapping crowd clamored for more, more, MORE! The Fripp Island Friends of Music philosophy is that too much of a good thing is GREAT, so *Hotlanta* is back to bring the lucky Lowcountry audience THE genuine Bourbon Street New Orleans Mardi Gras experience (without the hangover). Free beads at the door— masks optional! *Hotlanta* has captured the inimitable joy, energy and humor of true Dixieland, that unique and brazen early American jazz musical art form, the way it was played by masters of their musical craft: Fats Waller, Hoagy Carmichael, Louis Armstrong, and Jelly Roll Morton, to mention a few of the greats. Wait 'til y'all hear "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Hard Hearted Hannah," "Basin Street Blues," "Is it True What They Say About Dixie?," "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," and all the other timeless favorites from bygone days— the way they were meant to be heard! Frippers— grab a bright yellow Hotlanta flyer, found around the island; from the list of classic Dixie on the back, check off the songs you want to hear and turn it in at the concert!

*Hotlanta* is based in its namesake Georgia metropolis, but ever since super-talented jazz clarinetist/saxophonist Don Erdman founded the group a quarter-century ago, it's performed throughout the South and way beyond. *Hotlanta* has captivated American audiences from New Orleans' renowned French Quarter to the Brevard College Jazz Festival in North Carolina; from Charleston's Piccolo Spoleto Festival, to the Fripp Island Friends of Music stage. Jazz-lovers the world-over have gotten to know *Hotlanta* through performances at clubs and jazz festivals in Spain, Germany, Japan, France, Belgium, Finland, Denmark, Poland, Belarus, Singapore and Saudi Arabia, among a host of international places where folks in-the-know gather to enjoy to first-rate, classic American Jazz.



The Fripp Friends of Music curtain goes up on *Hotlanta* at 5:00 PM, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Fripp Island Community Centre, 205 Tarpon Boulevard. Be set for a delightfully entertaining musical evening. As the last encore fades, there'll be a smile on your face— and you'll be smiling on the inside, too! Tickets at the door: Adults \$25/\$10 Students. Free pass at Fripp gate; all are invited to join the artists at a complimentary catered reception following the performance.

For more information, visit [www.islc.net/friendsofmusic/](http://www.islc.net/friendsofmusic/) or call 843-838-6655.

## *"Our Hidden Pearls: The People of Fripp"* – Fripp Island Women's Club

Ann Dany

Our guest speaker at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting was David Purser, an instructor at LifeFit Wellness Center in Beaufort. His discussion focused on the benefits and types of exercise, as well as safety considerations. (see photo at right)

The December 11<sup>th</sup> Community Centre Fellowship Dinner was also the occasion to remember and honor our beloved Reverend Jerry Hammet. The Women's Club was proud to be one of the Fripp organizations that contributed to the new "Hammet Hall" sign that dedicates the Centre in Jerry's honor. Betsy Hammet graciously donated one of Jerry's own handcrafted metal sculptures called "The Preacher", and with her two sons,



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## ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

### Fripp Island Women's Club (cont.)

received a heartfelt message of appreciation for all that Jerry has done for the people of Fripp. This sculpture and plaque will be mounted in a place of honor in Hammet Hall for all to see.

Our annual Christmas luncheon on December 16<sup>th</sup> was held at the Beach Club as we all shared in delicious food and warm friendships.



The highlight of the day was our special guests, Pat Conroy and Cassandra King. Pat spoke fondly about his childhood memories of life on Fripp and the pristine nature of the island that still warms his heart. Pat graciously signed everyone's books— a treasure, indeed. (photo below left)

We sincerely thank all those who made donations to support the Outreach Committee's book drive for the Born-to-Read organization. It was an overwhelming success in promoting the importance of early reading in children.

As we begin a new year with hopes of peace and good health, the Women's Club would like to thank all those who enjoyed our newly designed Christmas tree that shown brightly as they arrived and left our beautiful island.



Another upcoming annual event sponsored by our Community Outreach Committee is the **Bingo, Brews and Barbeque** fund-raiser that will take place on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a fun event with a delicious dinner, exciting raffle, and a chance to win great Bingo prizes. The organization that has been selected for this year is the Adopt-a-School Program at St. Helena Elementary School.

Also, please mark your calendar to attend the Fripp "House Tour" on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Co-Chairs, Micki McCormick and Rebecca Crowley have worked very hard to present some beautiful homes that you will have the opportunity to experience first-hand.

Our next Membership meeting to be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Community Centre will feature a Master Gardener. All women are welcome to join at any time. What a great opportunity to meet new friends, and experience a world of exciting topics presented by knowledgeable guest speakers.

FIWC at... [www.frippwc.com](http://www.frippwc.com) and Facebook - Fripp Island Women's Club.



The Community Involvement Committee has been working diligently to get all Fripp groups to add their open events onto our Island-wide calendar.

[frippislandliving.com/owners/meetingscalendar/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/meetingscalendar/)

This is your one-stop place to see what's happening when you are on the island.

# ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

FRIPP ISLAND



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## Recent Events – November & December 2015

*Michael Beach*

**Annual Meeting and Potluck – Saturday November 7.** The annual meeting was held again this year at the Fripp Island Community Center. The main course was prepared by Harold's Catering and members all brought their favorite pot luck dish as sides or deserts. New FIYC Officers were elected and will be posted to the FIYC web site once they take office following the Commodore's Ball on January 16.



Annual Meeting Potluck



Desserts – wow!



Charlie McCoy with Report and Elections

**Christmas Boat Parade – Friday December 4.** Mother Nature did not cooperate this year and the parade of boats was cancelled due to high winds. However, the party was moved from Peg Legs into the Boat House and a rousing time was had by all with great food and beverages. A DJ was on hand for music and announcement of the winning Golf Cart and Home holiday decoration contests.



DJ Jesse with Gavagin Entertainment



Decorated Golf Carts at the Boat House



Dancing the night away!



David Manning and Charlie McCoy  
with Toy's for Tots contribution at the Holiday Lunch

**Holiday Lunch – Thursday December 10.** This year the annual Holiday Lunch was held at The Tavern in Royal Pines on Lady's Island. The seafood buffet was superb, Bloody Mary's fresh and tangy, the Salvation Army picked up our Toys for Tots donations, and Santa visited and handed out poinsettia door prizes to the lucky winners. A perfect afternoon.

### Upcoming Events

**Commodore's Ball – Saturday January 16.** Held at the Beach Club, this year's gala evening will be an event to remember, "An Evening of Elegance and Intrigue." Formal evening attire is optional, but, oh, so much fun!

The 2016 Calendar of events will be published in January.

The Fripp Island Yacht Club is open to Fripp Island residents and long term renters who have an interest in boating and appreciate a social organization that includes both fun boating events and shore events throughout the year.

See details, membership application, 2015 schedule, and photos from past events on our web site at [www.frippislandyachtclub.com](http://www.frippislandyachtclub.com). For FIYC questions, email Michael Beach at [admin@frippislandyachtclub.com](mailto:admin@frippislandyachtclub.com) or call 843-838-5629.

# ISLAND SPORTS

## Fripp Island Women's Golf Association Report

Joyce Zanone

The Annual Awards Luncheon of the Fripp Island Women's Golf Association was held November 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day of golf and everyone enjoyed the luncheon. President Jan Pringle and Vice President Cathy Keup presented the Major Tournament winners with lovely awards. Congratulations to all the ladies who played in these events.

President Cathy Keup, her Board and Committees have been quite busy working on the schedule for this year. More information will be published as the time nears for each event. The Fripp Cup, MGA Invitational and the Memorial tournaments are in the Spring. Summer play is more relaxed as a number of members are away at that time. September will be the Championship tournament followed by the Member-Member in October.

If you are here on a Tuesday and would like to come out for the day, or if you want to join the FIWGA, ask at the Pro Shop who to contact.



**Annual Awards Recipients for 2015**

Back: Sam Taylor, Kathryn Woolley, Ann Hoyle, Trudy Crysel, & Diane McGarry, Middle: Nancy Connell, Jeri Mifflin, Barbara Hess, Front: Joyce Zanone and Jan Pringle



## Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

The last two months have seen a wide range of playing conditions for the nine-hole men's group. Our last match in October was cancelled due to flooding at Ocean Point because of the high tides and wet conditions. No matches in November or December were delayed or cancelled and the group experienced warm and foggy conditions for several of the Wednesday outings in December.

Games during this time period included one gross and one low net, three low net, and two low net. On November 4<sup>th</sup> the Men's Nine Hole group hosted the Ladies' Nine Hole group in a scramble tournament followed by lunch at Peg Legs. The winning team was comprised of Judy Hummer, Penny Zarfoss, Mike Jahn and Gerry Weithman.

Weekly winners included Jim Click, Duffy Howard, Pete Simone, David Moore, Rusty Prophater, Mike Jahn, Mike Virostek, Steve Makgill, Johnny Jones, Steve St. John, Ed Smith,

Gerry Weithman, Charlie Middleton, Mike Wilt, Steve Schnobrich, Terry Oliver, Don Dashiell, Jim Wolbrink, Dan Bialas, and Ray Atherton. Multiple winners out of the eight events (not counting the Ladies Invitational) included Rusty Prophater – four times, and Pete Simone, David Moore, Ed Smith, Duffy Howard, and Jim Wolbrink - two times each.

Beginning in late November, we began adding a Closest to the Pin contest for players on both the blue and white tees. Winners included Mike Wilt and Steve Schnobrich– twice, and Mike Jahn, Gerry Weithman, Dan Bialas, Joe Sullivan and Terry Oliver.

In January the group will play at Ocean Creek and in February at Ocean Point, beginning at 9:00 AM.

There are currently approximately 62 active members in the group. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning at go to the website at [web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/](http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/).

# BOATING & FISHING

## 2015 A Year to Remember on Fripp Island

*Captain Ralph Goodison*

December 31<sup>st</sup> provided for a foggy and 72 degree day, which is not the norm for this time of year. 2015 was anything but normal. Remember, Punxsutawney Phil was correct with a long hard winter. The North East experienced a horrendous winter, but we were lucky on Fripp Island.

The hard winter slowed our spring fishing down and had a huge impact on our crab season. Our fishing and boating season picked up although we did experience more storms this year. Fishing was good both inshore and offshore with the exception of very few Spade fish and smaller numbers of Spanish Mackerel. Our Memorial Day Tournament was decimated by storms and had to be canceled. The Labor Day Kingfish Tournament was a great tournament with many large fish caught. The fall fishing was excellent, however we had more rain than we needed. The fall also brought King

tides that we won't forget anytime soon. Current winter fishing has been excellent.

Thank you to our Marina staff for a great job. From the Ships Store to Excursions, Lewis, B.J., Mike and Motte made our fishing, water sports, golf carts, rental boats, and Fripper a great asset to our island.

### FISHING FORECAST

**Inshore:** Good Redfish, Black drum; Whiting, & large Flounder showing.

**Near Shore:** (*Savannah, Tire Reef, 6HI*) Schooled Redfish, Black Bass, Trigger. Excellent fishing.

**Offshore:** Some Kings, small Dolphin, & showing Wahoo. Still early.

Have a Great 2016! Fripp Island may not be perfect, but we are lucky.

## Fripp Island's Annual Thanksgiving Kids Fishing Tournament



### Nets 74 Kids & Plenty of Fish

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fripp Island Thanksgiving Kids Fishing Tournament which was held on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Fripp Island Marina was what every parent could wish for; a great day with the kids. Seventyfour kids ages 3 to 15 came out to participate in the events of the day. It warms your heart to see boys and girls ages three to five years old catching fish. All of the kids received prizes, T-shirts, and had plenty to eat. The prize winners won trophies and rods and reels. Lewis Turner, Marina Manager, thanked the Fripp Island Yacht Club and the Fripp Resort for their financial support. He also thanked Sea Island Marine, U.S. Food Service, and J & R Ice Cream for their support.

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# BOATING & FISHING

## Kids Fishing Tournament (cont.)

The kids were the reel winners– nice little play on words there:

Red Drum: 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Lupold with a 5.05 lb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Macy Lupold – 3.10 lb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Riley Hall – 2.55 lb

Flounder: 1<sup>st</sup> Meridith Harmon with a 2.2 lb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lea Tangelos – 1.2 lb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Spann

Other Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy Graham – 3.65 lb Croker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Graham – 3.2 lb Croker  
3<sup>rd</sup> Russ Prophater – 2.4 lb Croker

Black Drum: 1<sup>st</sup> Borden Parker with a 8.7 lb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harrison Hall – 5.3 lb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Ropla

No Trout were caught, so the prizes went to Holden Hall, Collene Whatley, and Jackson Ropla for catching prize fish.

A big Thank You to the Fripp Island Yacht Club for cooking during the tournament.

Thanks was also extended to B.J. Parrish and the marina staff. What a great day for the island, the kids and parents!

### Too Big To Keep



Captain George released an estimated over 50lb Redfish caught on "Little Lea"

### Cobia Still Here



Captain George on his boat "Little Lea" catching a 40 pounder



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# SEA RESCUE



## Sea Rescue Case Activity

November & December 2015

*Michael Beach*

There were 23 Rescue Missions during 2015. This is much less than the 32 Missions in 2014 and more on par with the 28 during 2013. There was one Rescue Mission each month in November and December. Helicopter training missions with the US Coast Guard are normally scheduled the third Tuesday of each month, but are not confirmed until that day. Training normally takes place in the Fripp Inlet at dusk. An additional helicopter mission is scheduled for January 29 during the daytime.

**Thursday 11/12/15 1:55 PM:** Boater called, had run aground in Johnson Creek, near the bridge. He had pulled off the bottom, but the prop is spun and cannot make headway. He anchored and has no injuries. Michael Beach and Stewart DeWitt dispatched on R2 and towed back to Russ Point.



**Helicopter Training in Fripp Inlet at Dusk**

**Monday 12/21/15 8:24 AM:** 911 Dispatch reported that a man had walked into the marsh to retrieve his dog and was having trouble getting back to shore. While FISR was still on line with Dispatch, the Fripp Island Fire Department reported that they had arrived and retrieved the man from the marsh. Sea Rescue was not required to respond.



**Boat Tow Training in the Story River**

**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY,  
call Beaufort County Dispatch at 911 or Fripp Island Security at 843-838-2334.**

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