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Over the last couple of months we have all seen our island's appearance change dramatically. As we recover from the impact of Hurricane Matthew and adjust to the new vista of Fripp Island, it is easy to forget the many faces our beloved island has had over the years.

Mitchell Pittman provided this picture of the Ocean Point Golf course.

Photo By W. A. Jordan



Bylaws Vote Coming Soon

The Bylaws Committee has just completed a comprehensive review of our bylaws. Periodic bylaws review is a necessary requirement for good governing. The bylaws should reflect current operating procedures of the FIPOA such as voting procedures and ballot counting. Obsolete language needs to be updated. Annual assessment levels and their timely collection are critical to meeting the current operating budget and long-time capital reserves. These are just a few of the issues the upcoming bylaws vote will address.

The Committee met on January 16th and made its recommendation to the Board of Directors shortly thereafter. It is anticipated that ballots will be mailed to all owners in good standing on February 1st with the results available the first week of March.

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FIPOA Board Elections Class of 2020

Elections for Directors for the Class of 2020 will begin on March 1. Three Resident and one Nonresident positions are open.

Resident – Three (3) Open positions

Ralph Burchfield – Incumbent
Mark Draves Carl Koellman
Steve Mitchell Don Peel
Guy Steenrod

Nonresident – One (1) Open position

Dennis Kautz - Incumbent
Dolf Dunn
Sharon Lawton
Roger Stern
Dick Schermerhorn

For those few for whom we do not have email addresses, we will mail your ballots. For those for whom we do have email addresses, you will receive an email invitation to vote from **Vote-Now**. The invitation includes a link to their secure site with your voter's personal registration code embedded. If you have not provided the FIPOA with your email address, please do so by emailing your Fripp Island Address and email address to SherryA@FrippIslandLiving.com. **Note:** *The Biographies for each candidate are exactly as submitted by the candidate.*

Resumes begin on page 6.

FIPOA

Splinters from the Board

Mr. Ralph Burchfield made a Motion to change Agenda to discuss **Resolution 751** first. Motion was seconded and approved.

Resolution 751, Second Reading: To Adopt Rules and Regulations Governing the Registration and Operation of Golf Carts, Low speed vehicles an UTV's.

Mrs. Tina Turner made a motion to rescind the Resolution. **Motion was seconded and approved.**

To see the minutes of meetings, go to: frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/



IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Webber

Claire Bartlett

Deanna Hormel



WELCOME

Fripp Island New Owners

Dec. 7, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Art & Kathy Green, Waxaw NC

David Smith, Augusta GA

New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website information will help with the transition. frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/

New Gate Access System

We are pleased to announce the New Gate Access System will go live on February 1st.

Letters have been sent to the person of contact in the FIPOA owner database outlining the new system.

The Fripp Island Security Department looks forward to offering you a better experience in bringing your guests onto the island.

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Deadline for March TRAWLER is

February 28th.

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

February 11, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the

FIPOA Administrative Office

March 11, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the

FIPOA Administrative Office

(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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subscribe to this service.

Email addresses will be kept confidential.

WE ARE FRIPP! Outstanding Service Award

Chris Assaf, President FIPOA Board of Directors

Our **WE ARE FRIPP** award this month goes to FIPOA Board Member, **Tina Turner**. She has done an outstanding job chairing Security and Parking Committee since June 1st. However, she really stepped up this month in the midst of great controversy.

Between Resolution 751 on UTV's and our initiative to provide additional parking at beach accesses, Tina found herself in the middle of many different opinions. These disagreements could have quickly become divisive. Tina handled the situation like a true leader. She stayed in communication with all parties rather than withdrawing, and made a lot of phone calls to smooth things over. She gave all of us a great lesson.

As a Board, we will often disagree among ourselves and with the community we serve. That's a great thing. It helps us make better decisions when all sides of an issue are represented. However, when discussions go south and become divisive—we lose our effectiveness. Tina gave all of us an outstanding example of how disagreements should be handled.

A.R.B. Notice: Trailers Must be Hidden from View

As you prepare for our upcoming summer season, please remember that all trailers must be hidden from public view. The influx of summer guests with trailers has created an unsightly appearance throughout our island. We would like to take this opportunity to remind owners that Architectural Review Board Guidelines state “trailers are not allowed to be on any single family property in public view, or on the rights of way of any public or private street, on or next to a lot.”

Please inform your guests of this regulation. We have been relaxed in forcing adherence to this existing regulation, but the volume of trailers on the island has created the need for strict enforcement. **Beginning May 1, 2017, the FIPOA will be enforcing our trailer restrictions by fining the associated property owners.** If your guest brings a trailer for their vacation, it must be placed in the garage or hidden from public view.

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ISLAND SERVICES



CHIEF'S CORNER

Mike Senecal, Chief of Security

Looking ahead to the New Year, changes are coming to the operation of the Guest Pass system. The Security Department looks forward to better assisting you in getting your guests onto the island more efficiently. The ABDi pass system will allow you to tailor the system for your needs and that of your guests. There will be changes, but I think they will be for the better.

Kate Hines has sent out an e-blast concerning the prom and spring break dates. I would ask everybody look at them. We can control problems if we are all are vigilant. Always remember, if you see something say something. Security will be happy to respond to any and all concerns that you may have.

We have had a mild winter so far. This has made animals that are normally dormant more active. This is especially true in the case of our alligator population. As the weather warms even further, the alligators will become even more active. I know the residents of Fripp know the alligators are wild animals, but unfortunately some of our guests do not harbor the same knowledge. Please let Security know if you see anyone close to the alligators.



As I have said in the past, if you would like to speak with me concerning ways to improve our services and the quality of life for our homeowners and guests please share them with me. As always, my goal and that of my officers is to provide a safe environment for all. Remember, this is only possible with your cooperation and participation.

If you would like to contact me you can reach me at 843-838-2334 or e-mail me at Security@FrippIslandLiving.com.

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Security Says Thank You!

We would like to thank all of you who generously gave to this year's Fripp Security Christmas Fund. Each of our Security officers is pledged to go in harm's way to keep you and yours safe. We pride our exceedingly-low turnover rate among Security personnel. This stable force of officers knows our island intimately and keeps all of us safer.

Our officers have received their Christmas gifts. They have asked us to extend their profound thanks to each and every one of you. This past year was especially meaningful to our officers, their families and all of us who call Fripp home, whether it be for a few weeks, months, or for the entire year. Our shared experience of Hurricane Matthew was often mentioned in the notes that accompanied your gifts. We tried to compile your thoughts and sentiments for our Security Staff and we delivered the following message along with their Christmas gift:

It was quite a year.

As we talked to our residents and owners, 2016 was defined by a couple of weeks in October. There is a country song titled "You Can't Be A Beacon If Your Light Don't Shine." You were our beacons, and oh— did your lights ever shine.

Your welcome at the gate meant so much to so many. They

didn't know what they would find, but they suddenly knew that it would be ok— they were home. You assisted those who chose to stay, and you helped the pets who stayed behind 'cause there was nowhere for them to go.

There was no looting. You kept this island and all of us safe under incredibly difficult conditions. And, though you had your own worries at home, you were quick with words of encouragement. A comforting hand on a shoulder and an understanding smile did much to reassure.

It is true...you can't be a beacon if your light don't shine...your lights lit this entire island. You set an example for all of us and now it is our turn to brighten your holiday.

We were honored to represent all of you and we thank you again for your spirit of giving.

Linda & Bob Freeman

The Fripp Security Christmas Fund



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www.frippislandliving.com

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frippislandliving.com/owners/clubscommunity-groups/community-guide/

CANDIDATE RESUMES

Ralph Burchfield – Resident Candidate – Incumbent

1. Please provide a brief biography.

My wife Linda and I have owned property on Fripp since 1996 and have lived here full time since 2009. Our home is on Ocean Point Drive. We have two daughters living in South Carolina and one son who lives in Colorado.

I received one Bachelors of Science degree in Marketing Research and another in Chemistry from Miami University. I spent 38 years with one company, 32 of those years working or living overseas. I began my career as an international management trainee which included manufacturing, racing, and retail assignments. My first international assignment was in Africa as a mining specialist. We lived in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, but I worked in about 20 countries. In our almost four years in Africa, we made numerous new friends and learned French. We spent the next 14 years in various new assignments in Australasia (New Zealand) and Spain. I was given the moniker of “Mr. Fixit” for putting broken divisions back together. During this journey we “developed” our family, made scores of close friends and learned Spanish. In 1995, we moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where we spent the last 14 years of my career. The last ten years I served as President of the farming and mining divisions as well as EVP of the American company. My company is a leader in its field today and very profitable.

2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

Previous to Fripp, I was on two boards, The Science Center of Des Moines and the National FFA (Future Farmers of America) where I focused on management and curriculum issues.

On Fripp I have been involved in:

Architectural Review Board: member (2009-11) & Chair (2012)

FI Yacht Club: Fleet Captain (2012)

FI Sea Rescue: Secretary/Treasurer (current)

Fripp Island Community Centre: Vice President 2012-2015

FIPOA Board of Directors (2014-17): Vice President (current)

FIPOA Chairman for Roads and Drainage (current)

3. Please provide your professional experience.

As stated above, I spent 31 years of a 38 year career living and working in international markets. We lived and/or developed markets in Africa, Spain, Australasia, Russia, South America and Japan. My experience was from the ground up, farming, retail, field sales, mining, product development, country manager, director, group president, division president and board member. I worked in every product group within the our industry.

I learned that leadership is about vision, empowerment, ownership and individual success within a focused team. I believe that it starts at the top by first creating an environment of trust. Trust based upon ‘There is no “I” in Team.’ We block, we pass, we score and we win together as a team. A bottom-up approach where the customer is at the top of the decision-making triangle and a part of the team.



4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

We were living in Auckland, New Zealand, and we had just returned from another horrible stress-filled vacation on Hilton Head. My wife shared my complaints to one of our friends and neighbors. They told us about Fripp, and upon our return to the US, my wife booked us a vacation in the John Fripp Villas. The next year we returned to Fripp and bought our house on Ocean Point. Our New Zealand

neighbors were Jim and Patty Patek who live full time on the south end of Tarpon. It is a small world after all.

5. Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

I have spent the last two and a half years working for our POA. I have focused a great deal of time and energy in attempting to fix our roads and drainage issues (infrastructure). I believe our team has done a great job in addressing our needs and designing solutions. Our work is not complete, and I would like to finish the job at hand.

6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

The POA issued a strategic plan a few years ago that addressed the goal of improving home values and insuring that our unique island continues to grow. This is a challenging goal as it will require long term commitments to reserve replenishment, infrastructure (roads and beaches), and amenities. The end result could be an identity as the Premier Family Community where everyone wants to live.

7. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Finance, Wildlife, Security, etc.

Roads, and Finance committees.

8. What would you like people to know about you?

Life is not for the faint hearted. We are constantly “given” problems which need addressing and solving. We must make choices on solutions or at least choices on developing plans that will ultimately lead to potential solutions. We can also choose to ignore it all!

Life is like a whitewater canoe race. If you know the water then you can be aggressive and go faster than the water. If you do not know the water then you can go a little slower until you know the water better. Under no circumstances do you just go with the water as it will take you where it wants to go. You may not like where you end up.

You have choices in life, and if you choose to be, you will be successful. It will take hard work, attitude, integrity, passion and compassion. Saying, “I can’t– really means, I choose not to.”

Finally, I treat money, budgets and assets that are entrusted to me as if it was MY money. I protect my money!

CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Mark Draves – Resident Candidate

1. Biography –

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. BA from Valparaiso University. MA from Ball State University.

Married for 44 years to wife, Susan, part time Nurse Practitioner at Beaufort Memorial Hospital. Two married daughters and two grandsons.

Employed by Carey Services, a community-based not-for-profit in Marion, Indiana for 42 years, 39 years as its President/CEO.

Purchased our home on Sea Mist on Fripp Island in 2004. Retired in July of 2013 and became a full-time resident of Fripp Island.

2. Volunteer Experience –

On Fripp -

Member of the Fripp Island Sea Rescue team.

Compiled the recent 2016 and 2017 capital and operating budgets for the Shoreline Committee.

Coordinating current beach clean-ups and beach access improvement initiatives.

Participated in about 95% of the beach, property and highway clean-ups and deer counts.

In Indiana -

Marion General Hospital – Board Member, Chairman, Treasurer and Committee Chair

Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce – Board Member, Chairman, Treasurer, Governmental Affairs Committee Chair

Grant County Community Foundation – Board Member, Chairman, Treasurer

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra – Board Member, Chairman
Bridges to Health Free Medical Clinic – Board Member, Treasurer

Co-chaired a United Way fund-raising campaign

At retirement, I received the keys to the City of Marion, a lifetime appointment to the local Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee and was named as a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by the Governor, Indiana's highest honor recognizing distinguished service to the State of Indiana.

3. Professional Experience –

President/CEO of Carey Services: Grew the company from 15 employees in 1975 to almost 400 by 2013. Managed 15 service sites in seven counties totaling over 150,000 sq. ft. of space. Provided services for thousands of persons with disabilities and



low-income families including employment, Early Head Start, day activities and therapies, as well as group homes, affordable housing, and primary health care. Developed the first statewide certified training program for direct care staff together with the IVY Tech Community College system.

Board member with several state and national trade associations.

Trainer for the Chamber's Leadership Development program.

Organizer and facilitator with a county-wide initiative known as Framework for Change. This multi-year initiative was designed to bring together an economically and politically fractured community so that it could recover from the loss of major industry and population and declining property values.

4. How we found Fripp and ownership experience –

My wife and I spent years searching for a vacation home in a warm coastal location with the potential to serve as an eventual home for retirement. I read about Beaufort, South Carolina, in a sailing magazine which described its history and how welcoming the community was to boaters. We visited in May of 2004, and our realtor immediately took us to Fripp. After seeing the beach and the view of Skull Inlet, we both agreed that this was the best fit for us, and we immediately bought our home on Sea Mist. For the first nine years, we vacationed here and participated in the Fripp Resort's rental program. We then relocated to Fripp full-time in July of 2013.

5. Why am I running for the FIPOA Board?

A close friend and bank president once was asked why he continued to volunteer for local organizations throughout his career and retirement. He responded by stating that volunteering your time, talents and treasury is the on-going "dues" that we pay to be a contributing member of a community. Few organizations allow you to benefit from them unless you pay your "dues" each year.

The FIPOA Board of Directors, in coordination with its primary partners, the PSD and the Resort a) needs to take more expedient and assertive action to halt the decline of Fripp Island property values and b) build a more stable financial base for the future while addressing its immediate environmental and infrastructure needs. I feel my background experience and skills can assist in achieving those goals.

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Moving to Fripp Island?

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CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Mark Draves (*cont.*)

6. Major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board going forward –

Immediately protect the north end of the island from further erosion.

Identify and implement a long-term repair to the north shore revetment.

Repair remaining storm damage resulting from Matthew.

Revisit recent planned improvements in island infrastructure (roads, utilities and bridges) in order to bring them up to current standards.

Address the years of benign neglect of our #1 asset, the beach, by improving access, replacing the over 35 year old crossovers, and implementing state-approved measures to enhance the recovery of sand dunes and usable beach.

Continue to work with current and new partners to enhance the attractiveness of our island amenities to owners, buyers and

visitors (including a coordinated marketing plan).

Improve financial planning and budget management so that on-going expenses can be met while building financial reserves that will be needed when the useful lives of our assets have been exhausted.

Continue building stronger relationships with state and local elected and appointed officials.

Enhance strategic planning and effective communication with property owners.

7. Committee Interests –

Shoreline, Finance, Strategic Planning, & Security.

8. Additional Personal Information –

I am very approachable, conscientious, and an effective communicator. I also enjoy time with family and friends, sailing, fishing and drinking good wines.

Steve Mitchell – Resident Candidate

1. Please provide a brief biography.

I am married to Leslie Mitchell, we have a son named Mac (4), and I have a daughter named Mary Beth (24). Leslie is a real estate agent with Fripp Island Realty. Mac attends Sea Island Presbyterian Day School, and Mary Beth is a graduate of Winthrop and teaches elementary school in Bluffton. We live full time on Remora. We have two Boykin Spaniels, Abaco and Bella Vista.

I was born in Texas and lived there until my father moved the family to Bloomington, Indiana where he earned a doctorate in Education. After he graduated, the family moved to Tallahassee, Florida, then Rochester, Minnesota where I graduated high school.

I attended Florida State and earned a BSCE in Civil Engineering in 1986. I moved to Beaufort in 1992 and have lived here off and on since. I own my own civil engineering business and have done so since 1986. I am registered in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

I am enrolled in the graduate engineering college at The Citadel in Charleston and am working on a master's degree in structural engineering.

I love to fish and hunt, and I am a private pilot.

2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

I am a member of the FIPOA Shoreline Committee.

3. Please provide your professional experience.

I am a registered civil engineer in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. I took the PE exam in Florida in 1986.



4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

We bought our house in June 2016.

5. Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

I wish to be a part of the community that my family lives in.

6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

The island needs to address the maintenance of its infrastructure. The idea that Fripp is a natural habitat doesn't forego us being its stewards and taking care of it. We need a beach management plan

that is approved by the state and federal agencies to act as a guideline for enjoying our most precious asset.

We need to update and bring our finances into the current market pricing and set up means for it to keep up (increase or decrease) with current pricing. Without this, there is no way to keep our island wildlife protected and our families safe and secure.

7. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Finance, Wildlife, Security, etc.

Roads and Drainage, & Security.

8. What would you like people to know about you?

My family and my engineering profession offer me a full and productive life, and I love living on Fripp Island. I have been coming here since 1992 when we moved to Beaufort. We regularly ride our bikes on the beach, and we want to be a part of the community. I feel very strongly about individual property rights and responsibilities, one does not exist without the other. If we, as property owners are to exist on Fripp, we need to take care of it, not live off the hard work of others.

CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Guy Steenrod – Resident Candidate

Biography

Born & raised on Long Island, NY.
Received B.S. Chemical Engineering from Virginia Tech; Master Chemical Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology.
Moved to South Carolina in 1992.
Married to Janet and have four children and eleven grandchildren.
Retired in 2015.

Volunteer Experience

Coached baseball, basketball and track when kids were school age.
Rotary member.
Florence, SC Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors.
SC Research Authority, Board Member.
University of South Carolina Board of Visitors, School of Arts & Sciences.
Fripp Island Yacht Club, Assistant Fleet Captain - 2017.

Professional Experience

Allied Chemical (Morristown, NJ), Research & Development Engineer, 4 years.



Hoffman La-Roche (Nutley, NJ), Vice President, Process Development, 20 years.
Roche Carolina (Florence, SC), President & General Manager, 4 years.
IRIX Pharmaceuticals ((Florence, SC), Co-founder & CEO, 18 years.

Fripp History

Discovered Fripp Island on visit to Beaufort, rented for 15 years during summer.
Purchased property on Davis Love Drive in 1996.
Purchased home in River Club Drive in 2008.

Became full-time resident in December 2015.

Purpose for Running for FIPOA Board

Utilize business experience to assist Fripp Island as it recovers from Hurricane Matthew and returns to normalcy.

Major Issues for the FIPOA

Recovery from Hurricane Matthew.
Maintaining quality of life for Fripp residents.

Personal Interests

Enjoy fishing and boating.
Enjoy entertaining my grandchildren who love Fripp Island.

Carl Koellman – Resident Candidate

1. Please provide a brief biography.

Born 1946 Louisville KY.
Grew up in Northern California.
Lived in Sacramento Valley, Oakland/San Francisco Bay area, Alamogordo/Albuquerque NM, Gaithersburg/Frederick/Thurmont MD, Jonesboro GA (home of Gone with the Wind) and now Fripp.
Vietnam Era vet: USAF 1969-1973.
BS in Math from California State University/Sacramento. Graduate math studies at University of New Mexico.

2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

Fripp Community Centre Chapel Choir. FIPOA Communications and bylaws committees. Trawler computer column author. POA sponsored Fripp Island and Hwy 21 cleanup efforts. Lead on [Nextdoor Fripp Island](#).

3. Please provide your professional experience.

Four years Engineering Specialist, Holloman AFB, NM, and Kirtland AFB, NM.
Six years computer programmer with Bechtel in San Francisco/Gaithersburg, MD. Overseas assignments in London and Saudi Arabia.



Retired from Lockheed Martin after 31 years as computer support supervisor, manager and technical analyst. Extensive customer support with personal computers and automated Help Desk

4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

Discovered Fripp when visiting my wife Diane's brother and sister-in-law Gerry & Gerry Smolarek in 2008. Bought/sold four homes on Fripp: two on Pelican Cove in Fiddlers Trace, one in Sandown Village on

Ocean Point, and currently live on Royal Tern Cove. We like to think we kept the Fripp real estate market afloat during the big downturn. Full time resident since June 2015.

5. Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

I'm not sure I'm qualified, but others think I am. A strong POA is critical to the well-being of our island. We are faced with challenges that weren't on our radar when I first lived here. The POA, if it ever was, can no longer be viewed as the caretaker of a sleepy insular island with easily solvable problems. I want to help keep the POA moving forward to meet serious challenges coming our way.

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CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Carl Koellman (cont.)

6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

Shoreline maintenance is now a perennial top tier issue as the beach is the main drawing card for visitors. Hurricane Matthew exposed the need for a fully vetted disaster recovery plan. We were lucky to have a great start with one put together by John Derrick's Disaster & Recovery Committee. The island revetments can now be seen as a critical resource, and we need a uniform plan for their maintenance. Financing these activities will always be difficult.

7. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Finance, Wildlife, Security, etc.

No, except I have expertise that may lend itself to Communications and Bylaws maintenance. Disaster Recovery might be another one. It all depends on where the need lies.

8. What would you like people to know about you?

Diane and I adopted a Korean infant many years ago, and our daughter Quinn is now a registered nurse and ECMO specialist at Children's Healthcare hospital of Atlanta. We are proud grandparents of four-year-old Matthew.

I was a bass singer in the Southern Crescent Chorale (SCC) for many years in Fayetteville, GA. During that time, the SCC made international performance tours of Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, France, Scotland and England.

Don Peel – Resident Candidate

Please provide a brief biography.

My home town is Augusta, Georgia. I am a graduate of the University of Georgia with a business degree. I have four children and eleven grandchildren, all of whom have grown up with Fripp Island as a huge part of their lives. I have lived on Fripp for 17 years as a resident, and prior to that, I lived in Columbia SC, Houston, Texas and, Morristown, New Jersey. I am currently a builder and business owner on Fripp Island.



Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

I am current President of the Springtide Owners Association and a past President of the Ocean Creek Owners Association at Fripp Island. I have served on the FIPOA Voting Committee and actively worked with the FIPOA Board during the 2008 Covenant changes. I formed and chaired POA's in my community prior to moving to Fripp.

Please provide your professional experience.

After graduation from the University of Georgia, I worked for several major corporations in Human Resources for approximately 17 years. I have been a residential real estate developer and home builder for over 34 years. I am currently a residential home builder on Fripp Island. I am also the President and CEO of The Fripp Group, Inc. on Fripp Island.

Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

I first came to Fripp with my family for the day in 1967 to look at this beautiful island. Before we left, we had picked out a new home, under construction, for purchase. I built my first personal home on Fripp in 1984. I built my second personal home on Fripp in 2000 at Ocean Creek, where I reside today.

I have personally known every developer on Fripp Island, starting with Jack Kilgore, the original developer. Fripp Island has been a very important part of my life since 1967. Along with Lori McGrath, and others, our company owns commercial property that includes Springtide Market & Deli, Fripp Island Real Estate Company, and 4.65 acres next to the community center. Lori and I also own a condo on Fripp.

Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

I have stated many times over, how much Fripp Island means to me and my family. It has been a part of my life for over 45 years. I want to see this island be the place it was intended to be, once again. I appreciate the service of our board members. I feel they have done a better job since the last administration, but more needs to be done. We elected three great Directors last year, but they need some more common sense help to get our beach accesses open, improve our drainage, and get some of the bureaucracy out of the way, so we can get more done.

I believe I can make a difference in how our future goes. All Fripp owners are Fripp Islanders. We should never again be looking at residents vs. nonresidents, rental owners, vs. non-rental owners and treating them differently. That is simply divisive, and we don't need that. I want less lawsuits and more cooperation between our Board and our owners. We need more transparency from the Board and more communication with owners, before decisions are made. In my opinion, there is still too much overreach and lack of sound objective judgment by several Board members and too much control being exercised over property owners, especially nonresidents. I think I can work with current and new members of the board to correct some of these problems.

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CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Don Peel (cont.)

What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

I think work on beach accesses, drainage improvement, maintenance of infrastructure, and working with the FIPSD to get our entire island properly protected, is essential. This will do wonders to improve property values and our overall living experience on Fripp Island. The lack of communication and cooperation with the two largest property owners on the island (Fripp Island Resort and Springtide Village) by engaging in lawsuits has not served us well. That mentality needs to disappear and be replaced with open, active, and transparent communication. Cooperation among these groups is critical to future success. Finances are being questioned constantly, and we need to address this problem soon. Bylaw changes are important, but a vote on that should be delayed until the new Board is seated. They will be able to provide some new thoughts and ideas for property owners to consider.

Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Finance, Wildlife, Security, Etc.

I would be interested in Human Resources, Appeals, Security and maybe a couple of others. I personally believe we have far too many committees, and would really be interested in reducing the number. Committees generate more opinions and more rules than we really need. I hope we can take a common sense look at some of these committees and keep the committees that help provide good governance and eliminate some others.

What would you like people to know about you?

I am passionate about this beautiful island, for one. I believe strongly in property rights, accountability, and telling the truth to the owners. I am opposed to a board that provides its' own set of facts to fit their narrative. That has occurred too many times in the past. We have some new hard working people on our board

and they need some more help. I hope to be able to provide that help. I work hard, and try to do the right thing in my personal life and my businesses. The last election was manipulated and marked a dark time in our election process. I believe the Board is sincere in its apology to Springtide Village and me. Hopefully, that is behind us. I will be up front with our owners and fight hard to get things done. I just simply want to make Fripp Island a better place for all of us.

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CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Dennis Kautz – Nonresident Candidate – Incumbent

1. Please provide a brief biography.

Marianne and I have been married for 41 years and live in Harrison, Ohio, near Cincinnati. My son Eric and wife Melissa also live in Cincinnati. We spend 4 to 5 weeks each year at our John Fripp Villa that we have owned for 27 years.

2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

I have served on the FIPOA Board for one term. Although I am off-island most of the time, I work behind the scenes in the communication area. I helped integrate various Fripp community groups into the frippislandliving.com website calendar. Communications Committee members and I have watched Nextdoor Fripp Island grow to over 1,700 members in just one year. Our committee is also improving meeting participation for off-islanders through the new Zoom Room video conferencing system. I also serve on the board of the Captain John Fripp Villas Phase III and participate in road and beach clean-ups.

Back home in Ohio, I am chairman of the Crosby Township Board of Zoning Appeals. I have served on the board of the local school's athletic program and a neighborhood swim club.

3. Please provide your professional experience.

I have a degree in engineering from the University of Cincinnati and worked for 30 years in the public utility, machine tool, and factory automation industries for Duke Power, Bendix/Honeywell, and R. A. Jones. More recently, I provided customer service for Delta Airlines and The Gap, Inc. Currently, I work part-time in golf course operations for the Great Parks of Hamilton County. I am also in my 24th year of high school basketball officiating.

4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

During the 1980s, my father-in-law spoke frequently of the great times he had visiting the Fripp villa of a close friend. When another villa became available in 1989, a former partner of mine took a look at it for us. Sight unseen, we made the decision to buy, and it has been our home away from home ever since. Operating the villa primarily as a rental takes quite a bit of time, but I would do it all over again. There isn't a single day that I don't talk Fripp to someone.

5. Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

I was elected to the Board in 2014 and am running for a second term. There are many issues facing the Board, and I wish to be a part of that decision making process.

6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

The three areas to be addressed are beach accesses, maintaining adequate capital reserves, and keeping open the lines of communication with the Fripp Island Resort, Springtide LLC, and



and the PSD.

The bylaws tell us that the purpose of the FIPOA is to preserve and enhance the general welfare, security, privacy and appearance of Fripp Island. We have done a good job maintaining our privacy through a well-staffed security force, and we make sure our buildings and grounds are kept in tip top shape. However, the shifting sands have forced us to close several of our beach accesses. Your shoreline committee has plans in place to get all of our accesses open again, but it will take time and money. We must also work with the state and local groups, making sure our improvements

don't have any environmental impact.

Large amounts of capital will be required for beach accesses, as well as road and revetment repairs, resulting from the damage from Hurricane Matthew. This capital is far beyond that which we have budgeted in the past. Creative ways to raise capital that are equitable to all owners must be explored. The hurricane has reminded us that having long-term reserves is paramount.

Bylaws also say that we must maintain open lines of communications with the members, relevant governmental agencies, other associations, the owners of businesses, and the owners of the amenities on Fripp Island.

Our General Manager, Kate Hines, does a great job communicating with our membership, local government, and the other gated communities.

However, we as your leaders of the FIPOA must do everything possible to stay out of the court system. We and the private sector of this island have spent far too many dollars on issues that probably could have been handled in a more gentlemanly manner. We have all made great strides cleaning up several of these legal issues in 2016. Here's hoping we keep our lines of communication open, so that we don't need another Matthew to bring us together again.

8. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Finance, Wildlife, Security, etc.

For the past two years I have been a member of the Security Committee, Community Involvement Committee, and Communications Committee. This year I am also serving as chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

8. What would you like people to know about you?

My career has gone from white-collar to blue-collar over the years, but I am probably now enjoying myself the most working outdoors on the golf course.

Unlike many of you, I probably will never make Fripp my full-time residence, but having my little piece of paradise is something I could have never dreamed of growing up. Serving on your Board and committees is probably the most satisfying avocation I have ever participated in. It is my way of giving back for that which I have been blessed.

CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Dolf Dunn – Nonresident Candidate

1. Please provide a brief biography.

Very Part-Time Resident, with wife Melanie and two adorable rescue dogs Lexie and Sawyer.

2. Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

No Fripp volunteer experience, but I am on the Board of Lake Norman Community Health Clinic in Huntersville, NC, where we live full time.

3. Please provide your professional experience.

I run a financial planning business, and I am both a CPA/PFS and a CFP.

4. Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

My dad, Dr. Dunn, and stepmother, Clare, moved to Fripp in 1989, and Clare was the first female President of the FIPOA. My dad passed away in 2014, when we became the new owners of the house on Kingfisher Cove and renovated the house.

5. Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

It is our goal to move to Fripp full time by January 2019, and for me to re-locate my practice down to Fripp. With this plan in mind, now would be a good time to start involving myself in the



community and Fripp specifically. After Hurricane Matthew, the Island's finances are certainly under extreme pressure and scrutiny and adding a CPA's eyes would probably not hurt the process of recovery and re-building.

6. What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

Reserves, on-going operating budgets, and regaining back trust from some homeowners who feel neglected or unheard by the Board.

7. Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest? For example: Finance, Wildlife, Security, etc.

Finance and Wildlife

8. What would you like people to know about you?

Melanie and I are really looking forward to retreating down to Fripp in just a few years, and we look to get involved in helping make the island as great an environment as it possibly can be.

We want to take this opportunity to personally thank all the Board Members for an outstanding job of leadership pre and post Hurricane Matthew. I understand there will be a "post-mortem" committee that will be conducted to assess the areas where we could improve if future storms come our way. Great idea!

Sharon Lawton – Nonresident Candidate

Please provide a brief biography.

I grew up in Austin, TX and moved to Tioga, TX after I married my husband, Robert, 26 years ago. We live on Lake Ray Roberts where we enjoy the beauty of the lake and the outdoors. We are active members of the Tioga United Methodist church. We enjoy many outdoor activities including fishing, boating, and our beach time at Fripp. We purchased our home on Fripp in 2012.

Please state your volunteer experience on Fripp or your home community.

On Fripp, I have been on the Security/Parking Committee since June 2015. I resolved a parking issue on Whiting, which is a very popular beach access, by working with adjacent property owners to listen to their concerns and form a cohesive plan that would be beneficial for everyone. We were able to increase parking from twelve spaces to approximately thirty six spaces. I received the "We are Fripp" recognition in July. I continued to increase additional parking on Tarpon with the assistance of homeowners. My community involvement has always been important to me. If you want your community to prosper you



need to be involved. My community involvement at home includes:

1. School Board President and School Board Trustee
2. I spearheaded the project of establishing the active band program including the procurement of instruments for our school and also our neighboring school district. I worked with the University of North Texas for instrument donations.
3. Organized the band booster club, was treasurer and also organized fundraisers
4. Church Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School teacher
5. President of our Chamber of Commerce
6. Committee member for "Destination by Design". We worked directly with a contracted consultant to advise and direct us towards a specific plan for future growth for our community.
7. Chairman of Grayson County Lake Ray Roberts Planning and Zoning Committee. I was appointed by my County Commissioner and reported to all our County Commissioners. We established regulations and guidelines for Lake Ray Roberts.

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CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Sharon Lawton (cont.)

8. National Advisory Board for the Reading, Writing and Rhythm Foundation which raises money to improve music education in public schools.
9. Received Citizen of the Year award
10. I have chaired fundraising events for my community and our surrounding community raising several thousand dollars.

I realize these accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without the help of others. I believe it's important to work as a team.

Please provide your professional experience.

I was in the Dental profession for over 25 years. I handled staff hiring, business plans, patient scheduling and coordinating, accounts payables, receivables and insurance. I identified and made recommendations that would promote more efficiency in a dental practice.

The last eight years until the closing of the company, I was self employed as an Independent Representative for a national jewelry company. I received recognition for Top Sales locally, state wide and Career Sales.

Please share how you discovered Fripp and a brief history of your property ownership experience.

My husband is from South Carolina, so we would travel from Texas to visit family. We discovered Fripp over 20 years ago through a family member. They purchased a home on Fripp along with two other family members. The timing was right for us after my husband retired, and in 2012, we decided to be a part of the Fripp family. We now have five family homes on Fripp, and we spend the holidays together and meet during the summer. My husband and I spend several weeks at Fripp during the year including the entire summer at the beach.

Why are you running for the FIPOA Board?

I feel very fortunate that we own a home on Fripp. It's important to me when you have the opportunity to contribute to your community you should. I want Fripp to be as inviting as possible to our visitors because they are potential homeowners. I feel with my experience I can contribute my ideas and suggestions and move forward in a positive way. A major concern for Fripp is future planning. We need to try and anticipate issues and address them before they happen and have a solution in place. Open lines of communication are important to me. Every decision made by the POA affects every homeowner on Fripp. There needs to be respect for that. The POA is elected by the community for representation. I believe

it's the POA's responsibility to be open and inform the community about all decisions.

What do you think will be the major issues to be addressed by the FIPOA Board moving forward?

The very first issue is to restore our island back to its beauty. Our island depends on tourism, and if Fripp isn't presentable, our homeowners and business owners are going to suffer immensely. We cannot afford to lose tourism. It made me proud to see the outpouring of compassion from our community to help each other. We have challenges ahead of us, but we will succeed and thrive. It will be the responsibility of not only the homeowners, but more importantly, the leadership of Fripp to make sure we stay in constant communication with our federal and local officials to ensure Fripp is not forgotten.

My second concern is our shoreline. We need to continue addressing this. I believe we have excellent leadership skills on this committee, and we need to let them do the job they volunteered to do. We have to protect our beaches. Our beaches attract tourism and tourism generates revenue.

My third concern is the drainage issue. We need to financially invest in a solution to take care of the major issue of flooding. I realize there are several areas that need to be addressed however Tarpon Boulevard and Marlin Drive seem to suffer the most when there is heavy rainfall. This affects homeowners immensely. Beach accesses are closed, roads are flooded, and alligators are nesting.

My final concern is property values. We all want to see an increase. In my opinion, the only way we can accomplish this is to consider all of the above issues. They work hand in hand, and by focusing and resolving the problems as I mentioned, this will increase tourism and new ownership which increase property values.

Are there any committees in particular that you have an interest?

I thoroughly enjoy working on the Security/Parking Committee. I'm proud of the accomplishments we've made so far as a team.

What would you like people to know about you?

I would like for people to know that I enjoy being involved in my community and helping in any way possible. I care about people and I realize how fortunate I am to be able to help. My philosophy has been to work together as a team and you will have greater success for everyone.

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/

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

CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Roger Stern – Nonresident Candidate

Brief Biography

Roger Stern was born in New York, NY. He attended Clark University in Worcester, Mass., receiving his BBA in 1987. He is an Oil Commodities Trader, and an active community volunteer in Bedford, New York, where he has lived for the past 18 years. In addition to the Fripp Island Golf Courses, he is a member of GlenArbor Golf Club in Bedford, NY, Sawmill Club, and the Dataw Island Club. He also enjoys playing basketball and softball in local leagues. Roger loves to travel, and has been to over 35 countries with his family. He is married to Beth Bronnum Stern, an artist, and has three children: Sydney, who is in Graduate School at the University of Georgia; Max, a senior at Duke University, and Christopher, a freshman at Emory University.

Volunteer Experience

Roger's goal and one of his core values is to give back to the community:

- Founder, Fox Lane High School Sports Booster Club, 2010
 - Raised \$2,000,000
 - Made many grounds improvements, building and field improvements, currently help maintain and mow fields, etc.
 - Board Member, Clark University Athletic Advisory
 - Board Member, Fast Model Online Coaching Platform
 - Board Member, 8 years, New York Mercantile Training and Education
 - Teacher, Oil Trading Classes, New York Mercantile Exchange
 - Coached many youth sports teams - CYO basketball, baseball, soccer (8 yrs)
 - Built houses in Nicaragua through outreach programs
- Charitable organizations in which Roger is involved:
- Bedford Village Library
 - Bedford Historical Society
 - Bedford Lion's Club



- Fox Lane High School
- Presbyterian Church

Professional Experience:

- Owned seat on the New York Mercantile Exchange, and traded oil futures for 22 years before retiring.
- Tennis coach, Fox Lane High School
- Restaurant owner in Bedford, NY
- Professional Tennis Player, USTA Pro Tennis Circuit, two years
- Tennis Coach, Clark University.

Discovering Fripp, and History of

Property Ownership:

He began visiting Fripp with his wife's family about 20 years ago. Her grandmother rented a couple of houses for the extended family, and Roger loved the island so much, he and his family decided to become homeowners. They felt there was something for every age group to enjoy, so it was the perfect vacation. They are renovating their house, and Roger is looking forward to becoming more involved.

Reasons for running for the Fripp Board:

Roger would like to become more involved in helping to maintain the beauty of Fripp. With his three children in college, he has more time to dedicate to helping out wherever he is needed.

Major issues I feel that it is important to address by the FIPOA moving forward:

- Improve communication between Housekeeping and Management, and Management and Owners
- Expand and/or improve fitness center—inadequate for population
- Improve dining facilities
- Improve computer systems
- Improve all areas to maintain property values

Committees in which I have an interest:

Happy to serve on any committees.

What I would like for people to know about me:

For a hobby, Roger has a small farm with organic chickens. He supplies eggs to family, friends and local restaurants.

His favorite vacation spot is Fripp Island!

Richard “Dick” Schermerhorn – Nonresident Candidate

1. Biography

You may not recognize my name, but you may already know me as the “Maestro” who directs the Fripp Family Singers who you see on Fripp TV from time to time. I have been married 52 years to my wife, Patricia, and we raised five children in Appleton, WI. Today we are grandparents to thirteen ranging in age from four to twenty-one.

Educationally I am an Electrical Engineering graduate of Marquette University located in Milwaukee, though my true passion has always been Sales and Marketing. I also hold a Masters Degree equivalent in Nuclear Engineering from the U.S. Navy Nuclear Power School, and am also a graduate of Navy Submarine School. My education has been augmented over the years with many business courses and seminars. *cont.next pg.*

CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

Dick Schermerhorn (*cont.*)

2. Volunteer Experience

Three-year member, followed by three years as President, of our local grammar school board. This was followed by a six-year membership of our local high school board of directors. Lastly, was a two-year term as President of the High School Foundation, during which we raised \$10 million dollars and built a totally new educational wing for the school. In 1992, I was General Chairman of a successful drive to raise \$6 million dollars to build a new church and parish offices (Arm twisting was a prerequisite for both of these campaigns).

3. Professional Experience

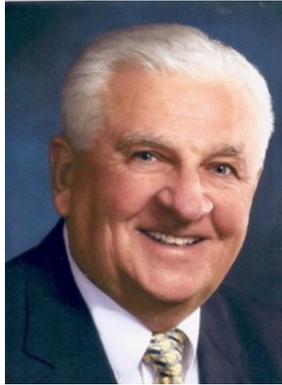
After twelve years with two companies in sales and marketing of high-end technical equipment, I founded Cortec Inc., a distributor and manufacturers representative of non-metallic products used to control corrosion. These included products such as fiberglass, polyethylene, and composite pipe, tanks, valves, etc. (think of the needs of Fripp's Wastewater Treatment Plant and our corroding bridges, electrical boxes and anything made of carbon steel or concrete). After 27 years as President and CEO, I sold the company and retired in 2008. I am very proud that I was able to build a successful company from nothing, as it was very difficult, but it all worked out in the end.

4. Fripp History and Ownership

Along with other family members, we bought a CJFV III condo new in 1979. Today, the third generation of our family is enjoying Fripp. My brother-in-law also owns a home on Fripp. To accommodate our growing families we purchased another condo about two years ago. We are committed to Fripp, and it holds many happy memories for all of us.

5. Why Run for the Board?

Over 37 years, Fripp has had its ups and downs as far as management, cleanliness, golf course conditions and service to name a few. Last summer, our family noticed a rather significant reduction in cleanliness, amenities and respect for the rules and regulations by resort guests. I have a HEALTHY discontent with the status quo and would like to help bring about an improvement in many areas of the Fripp operation. For instance, in August when we typically spend two weeks on Fripp we see a marked drop in service as interns leave for school. Fripp management has told me that they have a hard time hiring and holding employees. My club in Florida has recently hired enthusiastic, hard working Jamaicans on a seasonal basis. They are pleasant, always smiling, and speak the Kings/Queens English quite well. They appreciate seasonal employment and the "good" money it brings them. They tell me that they can go back to Jamaica and need not work for the rest of the year. Sounds like a win-win situation and Fripp should look into their services.



6. Major Fripp Issues

Certainly hurricane cleanup is THE immediate priority, but we should also be pursuing a 5-10 year facilities upgrade. FIPOA and Island ownership must work together to accomplish this. If modernization of the total island is not undertaken soon all of us will ultimately lose our precious investments as Fripp deteriorates rapidly. It is happening now...the island structures are 40-50 years old. As an example the building with the Sun Suites on the ocean side of the main pool is dirty and dilapidated. It should be torn down and either relocated or eliminated which will also improve a serious parking space shortage in this area. But this is just the beginning as many of the buildings require upgrade at a minimum. Also only lax enforcement of SC State Board of Health regulations allows operation of food service areas that are unsanitary from kitchens and on into the eating areas. The whole island needs a thorough cleaning. It looks tired and guests will begin not to return if action is not taken. Revenues decline and a death spiral ensues. The declining condition of Atlantic City and Myrtle Beach are examples. Working together, Island ownership and FIPOA MUST rebuild this island with a measured, ongoing long-range plan. I realize that I am talking a lot of money, but if a well-defined, thoroughly explained plan is presented I believe that property owners and the island ownership will embrace it. If we do not start this NOW, it may never happen and the result will be serious losses for us all.

7. Committees

I would like to serve on Buildings and Grounds, and/or Long Range Planning and/or Finance.

8. Getting to Know Me

My family and I love this island paradise. Every year since 1979 we vacation 1-2 weeks on Fripp hoping to gather together with what has become 24 members of our immediate family. We now rent 3 additional condos to accommodate everyone. With the shared ownership of our condos, many family members are on Fripp often and share our love of this island. Additionally, Pat and I usually spend a week in both the spring and fall inviting friends to join us. So in total, we usually spend about 4 weeks per year on Fripp. Other family owners keep our condos busy for about 6 months per year.

Golf is one of my passions, and I am on a quest to shoot my age at an energetic 74. Boating is also high on my list (on the surface now as compared to my days operating nuclear submarines underwater). I am outgoing and love interacting with people and believe myself to be very approachable and open to all points of view. Being retired and no longer serving on any other boards, I have the time that will, no doubt, be required to serve on this Board. Thanks for your consideration.

LIFESTYLES



What Works for Me

Carl Koellman

In the last issue I talked of tethering my laptop computer to my smartphone and hotspotting. That was so handy when we came back to Fripp after Hurricane Matthew and Comcast was out. Through tethering (connecting a USB cable from a smartphone to a PC) and hotspotting (setting up a smartphone as a wireless hotspot) I used my Verizon Wireless data plan to access the Internet from my laptop and did all my surfing, emailing, and kept up with Nextdoor. Careful though. It's easy to burn through your data plan limits quickly, especially if you watch movies.

In this issue, I share with you my home computer setup and what I run on them. I have a laptop on my desk and a tower server on the floor next to it, both running Windows 10. Diane has a laptop and monitor on her desk,

running Windows 10. There are two monitors on my desk for the laptop and server, and one keyboard and mouse. A program called Input Director (www.inputdirector.com, free) lets the keyboard/mouse control both PCs and monitors. This saves desktop real estate. Input Director requires all the controlled PCs be networked together though. If you have space just for just one monitor, then instead you need a keyboard/video/mouse switcher or KVM switch. IOGEAR makes quite a few.

The server PC downloads and streams movies and TV shows to our large screen TV in the living room. PLEX software on the server (www.plex.tv, free/paid) does the streaming. A ROKU box allows the TV to "see" the server and provides access to Netflix and Amazon Prime. The server also backs up files from our two laptops.

All these PCs and the TV are networked together and have Internet access through a Comcast modem and a Linksys E6900 wireless router. I found the router at a resale shop for \$20, a phenomenal bargain. The EA6900 has IPVANISH (www.ipvanish.com, paid) installed to provide anonymity for my Internet traffic and hide my identity and location from the prying eyes of hackers and other nosy government and corporate entities. I may be paranoid, but widespread hacking has me concerned.

My laptop uses a \$10 program called Fences from Stardock to organize and hide most of the files and shortcuts on the desktop window. All our PCs use the built-in Window Defender anti-virus software. I don't see the need to pay for anti-virus protection even if there are better products out there. Careful Internet/email habits are the key here. For malware protection, I use Malwarebytes Anti-Malware (www.malwarebytes.com, free/paid). Malwarebytes is getting pushier to upgrade to a paid version so I might look elsewhere for another free product. I occasionally run Adwcleaner (<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/download/adwcleaner/>, free) and Junkware Removal Tool (<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/download/junkware-removal-tool/>, free) to root out PUPs (Potentially Unwanted Programs). For general deletion of unneeded files, I run Bleachbit (www.bleachbit.org, free). If it's good enough to clean Secretary Clinton's personal email server, it's good enough for me.

As I don't want to find my PC data encrypted and unusable from a ransomware attack, for extra protection I use CryptoPrevent from FoolishIT.com (free/paid). For some simpler protection, check out the free Malwarebytes beta Anti-Ransomware (<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/download/malwarebytes-anti-ransomware/>, free).

As you can see, "free" is my friend. That's it for this issue. As always, happy computing and email me if you have topics you'd like to see discussed:

koellman<at>comcast.net (you can figure the address out).

Fripp Island Real Estate Update through December 31, 2016

Total sales during 2016 (88) were ahead of 2015 total sales (78). Total number of active listings on Fripp Island decreased from 255 to 247 during December 2016. On December 31, 2016, according to Beaufort County MLS, there were 247 properties for sale on Fripp Island, consisting of 38 condos, 107 homesites and 102 single-family homes. The following figures from MLS compare sales during 2015 to 2016.

Sales	2015	2016
Homesites	6	12
Condos	12	16
Homes	60	60
Total	78	88

Average Sales Price

	2015	2016
Homesites	\$206,500*	\$70,833
Condos	\$249,125	\$196,000
Homes	\$417,302	\$448,094

*Includes an oceanfront homesite sale at \$850k

Currently Under Contract 2017

Homesites	4
Condos	1
Homes	10

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ISLAND SPORTS



Mike Wilt

Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

As could be expected this time of year a variety of weather conditions have greeted the men's nine-hole group during December and January. The good news is that no events were cancelled or delayed due to weather.

Games for this time period included Bear Creek, Two Low Net, One Low Gross/One Low Net and Team Stableford.

Weekly winners were Dan Bialas, Duffy Howard and Ray Atherton- three times each; Joe Studer, Steve Schnobrich, Rusty Prophater and John Dunphy – two times each. Single winners were Terry Oliver, Mike Wilt, Don Dashiell, Jim Connell, Shelby Nussbaum, Joe Sullivan and Perminder Bindra.

Closest to the pin winners were Mike Wilt – three times, along with Perminder Bindra, Don Dashiell, Dan Bialas and Ed Smith, who each won once.

Damage to the Beach Club from Hurricane Matthew prevented the annual banquet from being held last fall. Tentative plans are for the banquet to be held this spring to coincide with the crowning of the Nine Hole Championship two week events. Exact dates for the championship and the banquet will be announced in the near future.

In January, the group will play at Ocean Creek and in February at Ocean Point. The current start times have been moved to later in the morning on Wednesdays to avoid the coldest of the weather and encourage more participation.

There are currently approximately 60 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 go to the website at <http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>

ISLAND CLUBS

Fripp Island Women's Club

“Through Our Looking Glass to Our Past”

The first meeting of the Fripp Island Women's Club was postponed due to Hurricane Matthew. Santa Elena History Center was to be our first presenter; we are hoping to reschedule their visit sometime this Spring. November's meeting then became the start of our new year.



December brought us to our annual Christmas Luncheon which was held at Dataw Country Club this year. Louise Flynn started our luncheon with a talk on the history of Dataw Island, and we were invited to take a self-guided tour of the tabby ruins on the island. After a wonderful lunch, we were entertained by Billy Drysdale, and for the first time in anyone's recollection, we danced. It could have been living through the stress of Hurricane Matthew, the clean-up, dealing with insurance, but as a group we were ready to laugh and party. Every Christmas season, we collect new and gently used children books for the **Born to Read** program. This year we collected 137 new books and had monetary donations of \$350. Thank you to all who donated!



In January, our guest speaker was Kim Poovey, she is a reenactress and author. She told us stories of the Beaufort area during the 19th century. Please mark your calendars for February 3rd for **Bingo, Brews, & Bar-B-Q**. The recipient this year is Black Butterfly, Christina Ryan Henegar Foundation. The foundation helps children in our community follow their dreams through education, the arts, social, cultural instruction and experience. Cost is \$25 per person includes two drink tickets, bingo card, and dinner. All proceeds go to Black Butterfly.

BOATING & FISHING

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

Recent Events

Fripp Island Boat Parade – December 2: Boats of the Fripp Island Yacht Club were joined by The Fripper, Fripp Island Excursion boats, and two Fripp Island Sea Rescue boats for the 13th Annual Boat Parade. Boats were decorated, paraded past onlookers on the Marina dock in perfect weather, followed by a fantastic party and dancing with DJ Jesse at the Boat House. Everyone on the island was welcome to this event co-sponsored by Fripp Island Yacht Club and Fripp Island Resort.

What a sparkling night to kick off the Christmas season.

Decoration and preparation for the Boat Parade below



And then the Boat Parade!



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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

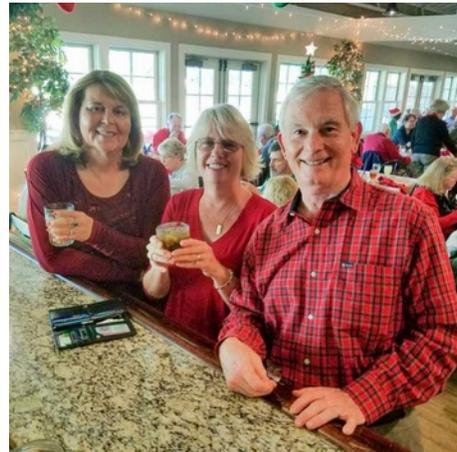
Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

Party at the Bonito Boat House



Annual Holiday Luncheon – December 8: For the second year we've held the Holiday Christmas Lunch at The Tavern at Royal Pines, on Lady's Island. The food was excellent and Santa (Ralph Goodison) and First Elf (Kim Mathews) were on hand to help the Salvation Army pick up Toys for Tots donated by the 120 Yacht Club Members who attended.

Elf, Salvation Army Major, Santa, Robbie and Cyndi White.....Preparing for Lunch.....Presenting Toys to the Salvation Army for Tots



Commodore's Ball – Saturday January 14: The last event of the 2016 Yacht Club schedule was held at the Beach Club. We had a full house signed up and an exciting theme, *Vegas!* It was a wonderful evening of Elegance, Excitement and Fun.

See details, membership application, and photos from past events on our web site at www.frippislandyachtclub.com.

Full 2017 Schedule of Events will be published soon on our web site.

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. For FIYC questions, email Michael Beach at admin@frippislandyachtclub.com or call 843-838-5629.

WINTER FISHING REPORT

INSHORE: Redfish, Trout & Black Drum– Fair
Flounder– Slow
NEAR SHORE: Black Bass– Excellent
Redfish, Trout & Black Drum– Fair
OFFSHORE BOTTOM: Black Bass, Trigger– Good
Grouper and Vermillion– Showing.
OFFSHORE: Some Kingfish still showing
& small Dolphin.

Captain Ralph Goodison

Winter fishing started off with a bang. Record catches of Trout, as well as good catches of Redfish and Black Drum. The fishing slowed when the winter weather hit our area. However, fishing and boating can make for a fun day with good weather.

See next page for fish photos...

BOATING & FISHING CONT.

WINTER FISHING (cont.)

We have a great opportunity to enjoy the waters of Fripp Island, all we have to do is get out and DO IT.



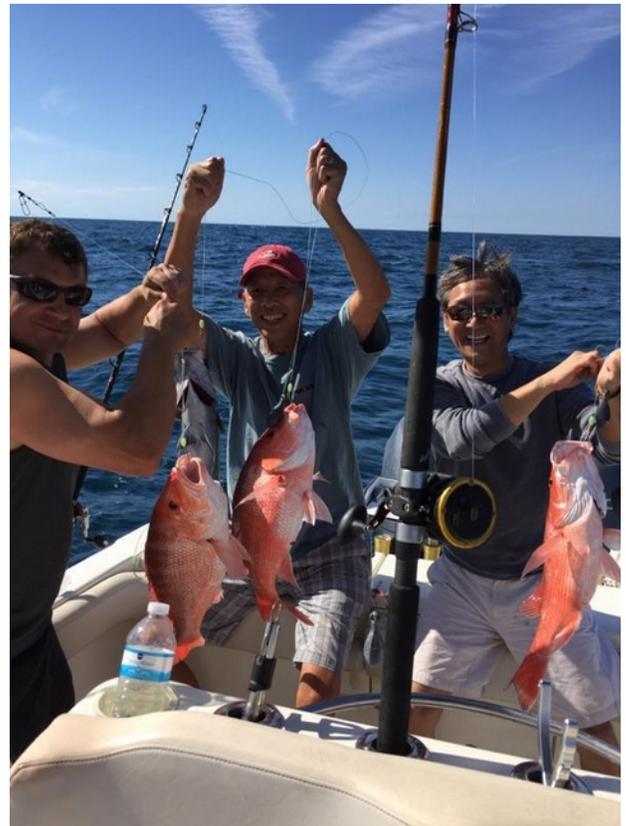
Courtney Csernica Winter Fishing of Fripp on Miss Leah catches a 48" Redfish



Winter Gulfstream trip on Miss Leah wore the fisherman out catching Bonita and brought home Wahoo, Blackfinn Tuna, Mahi and King Mackerel



Winter Fishing is Good on Miss Leah



Winter fishing (poles)

BOATING & FISHING CONT.

MARINA BOUNCES BACK

Captain Ralph Goodison

We all felt the destruction of Hurricane Mathew. The Marina lost its northern dock, 300 golf carts, mopeds, bikes, valuable items in the garage, garage doors, roof and much more. I salute the Fripp Company and the Marina staff for their efforts to get things back to normal in such a speedy fashion.



Marina Storage Garage Doors on the Fripper

SEA RESCUE

Sea Rescue Mission Activity

Michael Beach, FISR Communications Officer

Sea Rescue Mission Activity: There was one Rescue Mission during this period.

Saturday - 11/19/16 - 2:17 PM: Fripp Security called to report boaters from Fripp aground somewhere in the vicinity of Prichards Island. Dave Tindall requested Security have boaters call 911 dispatch to get accurate coordinates. Charlie McCoy and Dick Work were dispatched to R1. Dispatch provided actual GPS coordinates from the boater's cell phone call. Location was determined to be a tidal creek north and west of Station Creek near St. Helena Island, not near Prichards.

This demonstrates how important calling 911 is for actual GPS location information rather than word of mouth or boater's estimation.

Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and the US Coast Guard were responding. No further action required by FISR at that time. At 1:17 AM Dispatch paged again. Boaters had decided to stay with their boat when BWS&R and CG had arrived before high tide. But at midnight when high tide arrived the boat was still not free. BWS&R and CG dispatched again around 2 AM. Dave Tindall monitored the situation for FISR until 2:30 AM. Coast Guard subsequently lifted the passengers off the boat to dry land and advised they would return the captain to the boat in the morning to retrieve the vessel.



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SEA RESCUE CONT.

Sea Rescue (cont.)

Christmas Parade: Sea Rescue provided two rescue boats to lead and provide nighttime safety for the Fripp Island Boat Parade on December 5.

Other News:

The 14th Annual St. Patty's Day Golf Tournament is March 18, 2017. This event benefits both Fripp Island Sea Rescue and Beaufort Water Search and Rescue. You can sign up to play or make a donation, both help our rescue efforts.



BEAUFORT WATER SEARCH & RESCUE and FRIPP ISLAND SEA RESCUE 14th Annual SAINT PATTY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: OCEAN CREEK GOLF COURSE, FRIPP ISLAND

DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 18th, 2017

TIME: REGISTRATION 9:00 AM,

SHOTGUN START 10:00 AM

FORMAT: 4 PERSON TEAM - CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

COST: \$75.00 PER PLAYER

(INCLUDES TOURNAMENT FEE, CART, RANGE BALLS, PRIZES AND A GREAT LUNCH)

MULLIGANS: 2 FOR \$20.00 (One for the front nine, one for the back nine)

PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP - LIMITED TO FIRST 32 TEAMS

For more tournament info contact: Bob Bicknell at 843-838-9876

or frippislandsearescue@gmail.com

There are more pictures and information about FISR on our web site www.fisearescue.org.

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

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