

## Proposed Bylaws Update – Executive Summary

Within the framework of the strategic planning process, the FIPOA Board of Directors chose, as one of the twelve initiatives, to review the current rules and bylaws that govern us. As a Board, we have been conducting that review for the past several months and we are sending you our recommended changes to the bylaws for your review and ultimately your approval.

It is our intention, in this summary, to highlight a number of the proposed changes and provide you with the rationale behind our thinking. We would then like to take the next few months to answer whatever questions you may have in order to provide you with ample opportunity to review and discuss our recommendations thoroughly.

**WE HAVE SCHEDULED A TOWN HALL MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MARCH 15 TO CONDUCT A FINAL REVIEW BEFORE THE BYLAWS ARE SENT OUT FOR YOUR VOTE ON APRIL 9.**

Let's begin with the most basic questions –

**Q. Why do the bylaws need to be reviewed?**

A. There are several reasons for reviewing the bylaws. From a good governance perspective, it is prudent to conduct periodic reviews of the bylaws. With the recent creation of the strategic plan, it seemed wise to have that review conducted in conjunction with the adoption of the plan. We want to be sure that the bylaws reflect the current operating needs of the Fripp Island Property Owners Association and that any outdated language be amended to reflect the current requirements.

**Q. What specific changes are being proposed at this time?**

A. While there are a number of proposed amendments and changes being suggested, there are a few changes being proposed that we think should be highlighted.



**Past Presidents meeting with the FIPOA Board  
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1. Article III. Section 2 – Change voting rights of members to one vote for each assessed lot.
2. Article III. Section 11 – Procedures for Member action without a meeting
3. Article IV. Section 4(a) – Powers and Duties; change to enforce compliance with rules.
4. Article IV. Section 4(d) – General Manager's spending authority increased to \$1,000.
5. Article IV. Section 4(k) – Adding ARB, Environmental and Grounds to Standing Committees.
6. Article IV. Section 10 – Quorum rule changed to be consistent throughout the bylaws.
7. Article V. Section 7(c) – Change access to FIPOA records with regard to the Freedom of Information Act.
8. Article VI. Section 2 – Compensation and removal of General Manager; change in quorum rule.
9. Article VII. Section 1 – Sub Article C – Addition of electronic voting.
10. Article VIII. Section 5(b) – Road and Bridge assessment increase plus include future Consumer Price Index adjustment.
11. Article IX. Section 2 – Short term loans in the event of a disaster.

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# THE TRAWLER

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Deadline for May TRAWLER is April 30.

## FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

March 8, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. at the  
FIPOA Administrative Office

### ANNUAL MEETING

April 12, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. at the  
Fripp Island Community Centre  
(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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# F I P O A

## Splinters from the Board

By Meghan Johnson, Administrative Assistant

At the February 8, 2014 meeting, the Board approved:

- **Resolution 665:** To Adopt a Program to Have Control of Mailbox Maintenance Fall Under the FIPOA.

Our new Gate Clearance System is working out well. Owners are able to go directly to the web site and input their own pass requests, bypassing email or telephone. They can track guest arrival, re-request a frequent visitor with the click of the mouse, import a big guest list for a party, and be notified by text, email, or phone of guest arrival.

To see the General Manager's report and full minutes of these and other FIPOA meetings, please go to:

[http://www.frippislandliving.com/poa\\_board\\_meetings\\_minutes.htm](http://www.frippislandliving.com/poa_board_meetings_minutes.htm).



IN MEMORIAM



Barbara Carter

Harvey Kirby

## FIPOA Board Elections: Candidate Resumes

There are three positions open for Resident Directors and one position for a Non-Resident Director on the Fripp Island Property Owners Association Board of Directors for the Class of 2017. The Nominating Committee had many qualified candidates to choose from. They settled on a slate of eight candidates whose profiles appear in this issue of The Trawler beginning on page 5. Ballots have been mailed and completed ballots must be received in the FIPOA office by 4:30 PM on March 24, 2014.



WELCOME

## New Owners on Fripp: 2/1/14 to 2/28/14

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Louis & Sherrie Smith      Peter & Pamela Tamborski

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Let’s take a closer look at the **three** proposals dealing with finances.

**Q. Why is it necessary to increase the Road and Bridge Assessment? (Article VIII. Section 5(b))**

**A.** As we know, the Fripp Inlet Bridge is the lifeline to the island. We believe the current Road & Bridge Reserve fund is inadequate to cover the costs of ongoing maintenance, as indicated by the engineering studies, and it is insufficient to fund the repairs to the Bridge in the event of a major storm.

In the last six years, the balance in the Road and Bridge Fund dropped \$492,000. We need sufficient funds available to maintain all of the island’s bridges; in addition to the Inlet Bridge, the FIPOA has to maintain the Tarpon Boulevard Bridge, The Maxwell Bridge on Bonito Road and the Fiddlers Trace Bridge, not to mention 19 miles of paved roads.

The proposed increase is \$100 per year, which would bring in an additional \$212,000. Future increases, as in the case of all assessments, is tied into and limited to increases, if any, in the Consumer Price Index. This widely accepted index reflects the percentage increase (if any) of inflation, and is relied upon in our economy as an inflation indicator. In short, it allows the Board to adjust for increasing cost.

**Q. Why does the Board need the authority to borrow money without Membership approval? (Article IX. Section 2)**

**A.** *Only in the event of a disaster*, when solutions must be implemented quickly, and then only if approved by 8 of the 10 Directors, will the Board have the authority to obtain a loan for a maximum term of one year, to be paid by a special assessment.

**Q. Why increase the General Manager’s spending authority from \$500 to \$1,000? (Article IV. Section 4(d))**

**A.** While it doesn’t happen often, there are occasions when the General Manager must make a purchase outside of the approved budget. Currently, the General Manager is prohibited from making any purchases over \$500, regardless of the circumstances until the majority of the Board approves the expense. This provision will allow expenditures of up to \$1,000 that are outside of the yearly budget and requires notification to the Board of the action. Anything over \$1,000 must receive approval by the Board before purchase.

We will be commenting on a number of other provisions and answering your questions in periodic e-blasts over the coming weeks. We have researched and examined the bylaws of surrounding communities and received input from our independent consultant and our legal advisors to insure we are applying and adhering to the best practices available. We encourage all of our members to take the time to review the proposed changes and to ask whatever questions you would like to have answered.

As we have stated throughout the course of this past year, we will make every effort to be as transparent as possible in all matters pertaining to the governance of the Fripp Island Property Owners Association and we will communicate often to insure we inform and involve our entire Fripp community.

*Your FIPOA Board of Directors*

(The current FIPOA Bylaws can be found online in the Owners’ Packet, actual page 49:  
<http://frippislandliving.com/documents/FInalWebOwnersPacket%2010-1-2013.pdf>)

*“I have reviewed the proposed changes to the FIPOA bylaws and find the changes to be in the best interests of the Association. I encourage every member to review the changes, ask questions if anything is not clear, and vote for the updated bylaws. These changes will allow the Board to better manage their responsibilities.”*

Edwin Barnhart, FIPOA President 2002-2003

*“After the thorough review of the proposed bylaws with the board and past presidents, I’m glad to recommend their adoption by the membership.”*

Bill Robinson, FIPOA President 2003-2004

*“After a careful and thoughtful review of the proposed changes in the bylaws, it is my feeling those changes will improve the administration of the affairs of the Property Owners Association, and I recommend their adoption.”*

T Thomas, FIPOA President 2005-2006

*“In business, we constantly update our plans and strategies to reflect current situations and expected changes. This same idea applies to organizations such as FIPOA. Our last bylaws revision was in 2011. Since that time, many things have changed. The proposed revised bylaws address these changes and also address the needs for more clear language in some articles. As a past president of FIPOA, I endorse these changes and recommend their adoption by our voting property owners.”*

Paul Hummer, FIPOA President 2006-2008

*“I add my support for the bylaw changes. I think the board has done an outstanding job of planning and following with action plans.”*

Buck Mathews, FIPOA President 2008-2010

*“As a past FIPOA Board president, I would like to endorse the suggested revisions to the FIPOA Bylaws. After working under the antiquated and at times impracticable bylaws I welcome the upgrade to this document. The revised bylaws are more in line with the vision of your Board and provide more contemporary language. I encourage you to review the changes and am assured you will agree the changes make a more workable and well-defined document. Let’s support the recommendation of your FIPOA with a confident YES vote.”*

Micki McCormick, FIPOA President 2010-2012

# ISLAND SERVICES



By Chief Mike Binkowski

## CHIEF'S CORNER

The Spring Break and Prom season is upon us, and I want to ensure that all of our property owners are aware of the dates. We have contacted the schools and have been provided with the below information:

SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK	PROM
Beaufort High School	4/14/14 – 4/18/14	5/17/14
Battery Creek High School	4/14/14 – 4/18/14	4/26/14
Beaufort Academy	4/14/14 – 4/21/14	4/26/14
Thomas Heyward	3/24/14 – 3/28/14	4/25/14
University of South Carolina	3/9/14 – 3/6/14	N/A
University of Georgia	3/10/14 – 3/14/14	N/A
Clemson University	3/17/14 – 3/21/14	N/A

We will continue to monitor the schedule, and we will notify you of any changes that are made.

The goal of Fripp Island Security is to provide a safe environment for property owners and guests. This is only possible with your cooperation and participation. If you see something or hear something that is out of the ordinary call us at (843) 838-2334 anytime day or night, we will respond and an officer will evaluate the situation and take the appropriate action. Don't let the sight of something out of the ordinary slip by. Don't say, "It's not my problem." Security needs your eyes and ears out there; we encourage your calls! Remember, safety and security is everyone's responsibility, "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING".

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. I look forward to speaking with you. You can also reach me via telephone at 838-2334 or via e-mail at [security@frippislandliving.com](mailto:security@frippislandliving.com).

## FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION – GENERAL ELECTION November 4, 2014

The Fripp Island Public Service District, created on April 16, 1962 by Act No. 1042 of the South Carolina General Assembly, serves the residents and property owners of Fripp Island, South Carolina. Services include drinking water supply, wastewater collection and treatment, fire protection, erosion control, and maintenance of the Fripp Inlet Bridge.

The Fripp Island Public Service District Commission governs the District. With the successful passage of a referendum by the registered voters of Fripp Island on November 7, 2000, the Commission became an elected body. The first general election was held on November 6, 2001. The six-member commission establishes policies and procedures, approves the annual budget and adopts the necessary utility rates and tax levies to fund the District's operations.

**On November 4, 2014, two seats on the Commission will be up for election. The election is non-partisan, and the two candidates receiving the most votes will serve four-year terms.**

**Individuals interested in serving on the Commission must be registered voters living on Fripp Island. Prospective candidates must file a Statement of Candidacy with the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration. A filing fee is NOT required.**

**The DEADLINE for Filing is NOON,  
Friday, August 15, 2014.**

You may obtain the necessary forms for filing from the District's office located at 291 Tarpon Boulevard or from the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration located at 15 John Galt Road, Beaufort, SC.

Anyone having questions regarding candidacy or the election may call the District's office at (843) 838-2400 and ask to speak with Ernie Wilson or Angie Hughes.

*Marion E. Wilson, Manager*

January 1, 2014

## Fripp Club News: Easter 5K Run, April 18

Lace up your shoes for the Fripp Island Easter 5K. This event is open to the public. When entering Fripp Island you will be stopped at the security gate. Tell them you are here for the Easter 5K and you will be permitted to enter the island. This is a great opportunity for people who are unfamiliar with Fripp Island to check out one of South Carolina's most beautiful beach resorts!

Packet pick-up and race start will be at the Beach Club Complex. The course will most likely be the same as in years past; starting at the Beach Club, following Dolphin Road, turning right on Remora Road with a turnaround point located a little ways past the Ocean Point Golf Links sign. The race will have traffic supervision and security patrols, but the roads will not be completely closed to traffic. Supervision and security will leave the course after 9 a.m., but participants may continue until they complete the course.

Event schedule and times: April 18, 2014

7:00–8:00 a.m.: Packet pick-up and late registration

8:15 a.m.: Race Start

9:15 a.m.: Awards Ceremony

# CANDIDATE RESUMES

## Chris Assaf – Resident Candidate



Chris and Rich Assaf have been married for 26 years and have three daughters and five grandchildren. They have owned property on Fripp since 1994. The Assafs moved from LaGrange, Georgia in 2004 and live here full time on Porpoise Drive.

Chris received her BA in Business Administration from University of North Carolina. She joined Milliken and Company, a large

textile firm, upon graduation from college. She began her tenure as an Industrial Engineer in a textile mill and ended as the Southeast Regional Sales Manager. After leaving Milliken to marry Rich, Chris became the Sales Manager for the CBS affiliate in Columbus, GA. Finally, with her largest client's backing, she opened Advantage Marketing. Through this advertising agency, Chris developed advertising and public relations campaigns for a myriad of companies until retirement in 2004.

### **During your ownership on Fripp, what activities have you been involved in?**

I believe Volunteer Hours are the “rent” I pay for the privilege of living on this special island. Since moving to Fripp, I have served as:

- President of the All Faiths Chapel & Community Centre Board
- President of the Club Advisory Board
- Member of the Fripp Island Women's Club Board
- Chair of the BECAUSE WE CARE Campaign which raised over \$400,000 for the expansion and renovation of our All Faiths Chapel & Community Centre
- Founding Co-Chair of FRIPP FOR A CURE which has raised over \$130,000 for Keyserling Cancer Center
- Co-Chair of Fripp Island Women's Member Guest Golf tournament in 2010 and 2012
- Active Participant on the OCRM Setback Line Task Force which prevented OCRM from moving our setback lines...thereby protecting all of our property values.

### **Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

No. I have not been involved in POA.

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

Outside of Fripp Island, I am an active member of the Parish Church of St Helena. I serve on the Bereavement Ministry, Hospital Visitation Ministry, Parish Life Commission and Spring Tour of Homes Committee.

### **Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve?**

Prior to moving to Fripp Island I served on four non-profit boards in LaGrange, GA. The Boys and Girls Club of West Georgia (Chairman of the Marketing Committee and Annual Holiday Celebration), United Way of West Georgia (Chairman of the Campaign Kick-off Luncheon and member of the Marketing Committee), LaGrange Women's Club (Chairman of the First Annual Festival of Trees benefiting Hospice of LaGrange), and LaGrange Junior League (Marketing Chair, Provisional Chair).

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

Like many of us, one of my favorite things about Fripp is the natural beauty of the island. We need to continue to protect it at all costs.

However, the one amenity that is sorely lacking on Fripp Island is a Health Club. The owners of Fripp Island Club have made it very clear they will not build it. I once owned a health club and have been a certified fitness instructor for over 25 years. If this were something the property owners want and are willing to fund, I would work long and hard to make it happen.

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

I would like the relationship between the property owners and POA to improve. The current antagonism and mistrust needs to be eliminated through better communication.

I also believe ALL financial details and administrative expenditures should be more transparent. Every committee should communicate all proposed expenditures early on. This could eliminate the kind of anger that resulted from the proposed movement of sand by the Shoreline committee.

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

My career was in Marketing so I have some ideas for improving the communication of POA initiatives.

Years of volunteer work have helped me learn how to work with and motivate others towards reaching a common goal.

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

I believe ARB and the environmental committees are doing a great job protecting the aesthetics of our island. The roads are well maintained and in excellent condition.

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Chris Assaf, continued*

I would like to see communications improved and finances more transparent.

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

If elected, I come to the board as an outsider. I have not been involved with POA.

However, watching the turmoil of recent events, I feel it is time for me to get off the sidelines, roll up my sleeves and try to make a difference.

As a newcomer, I have the perspective of questioning everything. Obviously, one person can't change the world but I definitely won't have the "That's the way we've always done it," mentality.

### **What committee assignments would be of interest to you?**

Communications, Finance, or Human Resources.



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## **Ralph Burchfield – Resident Candidate**

Ralph and Linda Burchfield have owned property on Fripp since 1996 and have lived here full time since 2009. Their home is on Ocean Point Drive. They have two daughters and one son.

Ralph received one Bachelors of Science in Marketing Research and another in Chemistry from Miami University in 1971. He spent 38 years with one company, 32 of those years working or living overseas. He began his career as an international management trainee which included manufacturing, racing, and retail assignments. Ralph's first international assignment was in Africa as a mining specialist. The Burchfields lived in the Ivory Coast, but Ralph worked in about 20 countries. In their almost four years in Africa they made numerous new friends and learned French. Ralph was given the moniker of "Mr. Fixit" and we spent the next 14 years in various new assignments in Australia (New Zealand) and Spain. During this journey they developed their family, made scores of close friends and learned Spanish. In 1995 they moved to Des Moines, Iowa where Ralph spent the last 14 years of his career. The last ten years Ralph served as President of the farming and mining divisions as well as EVP of the American company.



I am also involved in golf, various clubs and organizations.

### **Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

No, but I have been following the meetings by reading the minutes each month.

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

Prior to Fripp, my non-work time was limited. I spent the majority of my spare time as an assistant coach for baseball and soccer.

### **Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve?**

When my children left home, I was on two boards, The Science Center of Des Moines and the National FFA (Future Farmers) where I focused on management and curriculum issues. Since 2009 on Fripp I have been on ARB, Fripp Island Yacht Club, and Fripp Island Sea Rescue.

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

We fell in love with Fripp on our first visit, and we bought the next year. We have followed the same familiar trail of others before us. We bought, we rented, we remodeled, and we moved permanently to Fripp. It is important to keep the core values of our unique island. A place that is a sanctuary for our animal friends and for us as well. A place that maintains a relaxing pace of life while growing to meet the future challenges of our island.

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Ralph Burchfield, continued*

This uniqueness will attract new visitors and hopefully new homeowners to keep our island's future secure.

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

I join teams to contribute and grow personally. Whatever assignment I receive I will give a 100% of my effort for our team.

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

My previous experiences would suit Security, Road and Bridge maintenance, HR and Finance.

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

This is a difficult question because our little island is not perfect. I pleased to know that our golf courses are very professionally operated and that the Resort is in good standing while many in our county are not. We are a registered wildlife sanctuary and I see strong efforts of teamwork between the POA, PSD, and our

community. However, I believe there is the ongoing need of cooperation between the POA and the Resort on issues that directly impacts our lives and the value of our island.

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

I would plan on being an active, enthusiastic team member.

### **What committee assignments would be of interest to you?**

Human Resources, Roads & Drainage, Security, and Shoreline Change.

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## **Dr. James J. LaPolla, Sr. (Jim) – Resident Candidate**

Jim and Gen LaPolla have owned property on Fripp for twenty-two years. They purchased a Beach Club Villa in 1992, and bought their house on Dolphin Road in 2006. They became full time residents three years ago. The LaPollas have four children and seven grandchildren.

Jim received both his Bachelor of Arts and his Medical Doctor degrees from Duke University. He was a naval physician during the Vietnam War, serving from 1964–1966. Dr. LaPolla was the Chief of Pediatrics at the largest hospital in Trumbull County, OH, for 15 years. He left to take a fellowship in developmental pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital which is associated with Harvard. Jim later moved back to Ohio and served as chief of developmental pediatrics at Tod's Children's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. Jim worked part-time as Medical Director for the State of Ohio for the Developmental Disability Board for twenty years. He was elected Man of the Year in Warren, OH, in 1992.

### **During your ownership on Fripp, what activities have you been involved in?**

I a member of the Men's Golf Association and serve on the Tournament Committee. I currently finishing my first term on the Club Advisory Board.

### **Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

Yes, interest in property ownership.

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

I currently a member of the Beaufort Rotary Club. I served on the first task force for drug addiction for Rotary International, and I a Past District Governor for Rotary in Ohio, as well as a past president of my Rotary.

### **Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve?**

See above. Also, I served as President, Boy Scouts of America Council; Region Board of Boy Scouts of America which serves 15 states.

I was elected to the local school board, then the county board, and eventually spent over 43 years serving the school system in one capacity or another as either officer or board member.

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Jim LaPolla, continued*

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

To continue to make Fripp Island a place for everyone, to protect its beach areas and keep residents safe.

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

To keep a close eye on finances and its fairness to everyone. Keep close contact with residents of Fripp. Keep them informed.

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

Certainly Security. My business experience as a physician and Director of a statewide clinic will help in management of fiscal

responsibility above. Also, I believe strongly we must protect the beach areas.

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

Security works well. The Club Advisory Board has developed a good relationship with people of Fripp. I feel the POA Board is an excellent and diverse group to represent Fripp well.

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

Taking an active and leadership role after a period to become better acquainted with the board and board members. Work to have trust of Fripp residents.

### **What committee assignments would be of interest to you?**

Disaster Recovery, Human Resources, Security.

## **Dan McCormick – Resident Candidate**

Dan and Micki McCormick have owned property on Fripp for 18 years. They have lived here full time for eleven years on Tarpon Boulevard. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Dan received his BA in Music from Florence State University and his Master's Degree in Music from Michigan State University. He was an officer in the US Army and served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. Dan was a High School band director for 10 years and then became Founder and CEO of McCormick Group, a consulting firm specializing in creating, and merging, Not For Profit Organizations. Recent clients include The American Cancer Society, Inc., The Girl Scouts of the USA and United Way Worldwide. Dan is the author of two published books: Foundations in American Schools, Aspen Publishers 2000, and Non Profit Merger, the Power of Partnership, Aspen Publishers, 2002.

### **During your ownership on Fripp, what activities have you been involved in?**

Various Committees including the 2008 FIPOA Long Range Planning Committee; the Men's Golf Association, the volunteer group that raised funds for the expansion of the Community Centre; the Board of Directors of the Fripp Island Community Centre; and I have performed 5 concerts on Fripp Island to raise money for the Community Centre and other organizations.

### **Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

Yes, as an interested resident.

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

President of the Board of Directors of the Windstar - the John Denver Foundation; President of the Board of Education, Williamston, MI; Member of Board of Directors of the South Florida Golf Foundation at Doral; Board of Directors of the Humanitarian Aid Foundation; and a member of Board of Directors of the Michigan Liquid Asset Management Fund.

### **Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve**

–See Above– In addition, my professional work has resulted in working with not-for-profit organizations nationwide. My company has created more than 500 new NPOs and has been contracted in consulting engagements with 100s of organizations of all sizes throughout the United States and some international entities.

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

It is natural to expect our Island to change as conditions around us change and as the make up of our population changes. It is my

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Dan McCormick, continued*

hope that we can all work together to find a way to preserve some of the charm and peacefully paradise that attracted us to Fripp in the first place while adapting to external and internal conditions and new opportunities and challenges that we will ultimately face. Finding this balance between our desires for a simple seaside community and continued pressure from population spikes will not be easy but should guide our decisions and initiatives.

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

Each of us has a stake in how our community works. We have a unique and diverse group of stakeholders; full time residents, part time residents, absentee homeowners, the Fripp Island Club, and those who rent properties and engage in other commercial activities. Having an understanding of the complexities of these relationships, many of which have conflicting agendas, should help us all work together more collaboratively. If I could accomplish one single goal, it would be to help these groups, with seemingly different positions, work more closely together. I believe that with agreement among all these parties we can find compromise solutions that will benefit most of us most of the time.

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

One of the interesting things about Fripp Island is the wealth of talent and experiences people who live here can bring to the table. The board of directors would benefit tremendously by identifying and marshaling those pockets of wisdom, experience and practice. Personally I have a willingness to serve where needed. Not knowing specifically what is required in each of the committee post, I would think that my skills could be of help in finance, organizational structure, governance and security.

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

It seems that the island, for the most part is working well. Recent changes to the web site and more focus on environmental issues is a welcomed positive change. Our roads, bridges and beach access points seemed well maintained. The public areas are benefiting from the work of our grounds committee. Our board members are committed and spend countless hours trying to make informed and intelligent decisions on our behalf. We have a complex system and it has lots of moving parts and for the most part, Fripp Island works pretty well.

That said; there are some areas that might benefit from more attention and improvement. We seem to have difficulty getting the attention of our residents until some controversial issue emerges and is already moving forward. Finding a way to bring our residents along more quickly as issues appear and having them sign "on" with major board decisions rather than sign "off" might create a more harmonious community environment. There seems to be perception by some that the board is not fully transparent. Making sure that all have a voice and is heard on significant board issues would go a long way to ameliorate that notion.

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

Full participation and attendance at board meetings and committee meetings upon which one serves is a must. In addition, offering comments and advice based upon experience and practice would be expected. Working with fellow board members and staff on projects and tasks to which one is assigned would be welcomed. Being engaged with our property owners to ensure that their views are expressed and their voices are heard would be a priority.

### **What committee assignments would be of interest to you?**

Communications, Community Involvement, Human Resources, and Security.



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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.



## Jim Wolbrink – Resident Candidate

Jim and Karen Wolbrink have been married for 47 years and have been property owners on Fripp since 1987. They became full time residents in their current home in 2007. Their original Fripp house is now a rental property.

Jim received his Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering and Technical Journalism, and his

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

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

Jim has served three years on the FIPOA Board of Directors, the past two years as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. He also chairs the Parking Committee, and has chaired and now serves on the Bridge Committee.

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

Optimist International in Georgia, Governor of the Georgia District 1994-95, then International Committees; Vestry of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Atlanta - two terms, Senior Warden three years. Organizing Committee for formation of City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, first new city of its' size, (80,000 residents), incorporated in the US. Building Appeals Commission of Sandy Springs. Jim is active at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort. Jim is the President of Friends of Caroline Hospice in Beaufort.

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

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

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

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

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

A major issue the FIPOA Board must continue to address is increasing the balance in the Bridge and Roads Reserve Fund needed for current and long-term operations. If re-elected, I will continue to look for the most equitable solutions for all owners. As Chair of the Parking Committee, I aware of the long-term parking challenges on the entire island. We need to continue to look for long-term solutions to provide beach and recreational parking for Fripp Island.

We need to continue to look for ways to update technology, streamline or eliminate operations where practical and continue to look for the most effective channels of communication with our members.

Security is the largest line item in the FIPOA budget, and our Security team does their job well, yet there is always opportunity for improvement. The Board needs to continually monitor Security effectiveness during all periods of the year. We need to continue to explore ways of shortening the wait times to get on the island during peak arrival times in the summer.

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

My education in engineering and 30 years owning and managing a large portfolio of single family homes gives me a good background to understand the challenges of properly managing our infrastructure. These are valuable assets that need to be properly maintained for the long term. The committees of the Board have done an excellent job of managing these assets and with my background I would be a contributing member of teams to continue sound management of our

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Jim Wolbrink, continued*

infrastructure. Having served on Turtle patrol for six years I have appreciation for maintaining clean beaches, while at the same time providing the environment for all to enjoy the beaches.

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

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

Our biggest challenge is to increase our reserves in a fair and equitable manner. We need to fund the future with a fair and

effective financial program. For example, we are vastly under funded if we should ever experience a major upheaval such as a hurricane.

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

First and foremost, I will continue to work as a team member of the board. Also, I will continue to listen to the members and try to serve in the manner the majority desires. I will be happy to serve on the Committee(s) to which I have been assigned. My interests are quite broad, so I would anticipate continuing to serve where needed. I available for Committee meetings as scheduled, and do whatever Committee work as appropriate.

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

I would be willing to continue serving on the Finance, Bridges, Parking, Roads & Drainage and/or Security Committees.

## **Dennis W. Kautz – Non-Resident Candidate**

Dennis and Marianne Kautz live in Harrison, Ohio and have owned property on Fripp for 24 years. They spend 4 to 5 weeks here each year and own a Captain John Fripp Villa. They have a son and daughter-in-law who live in Cincinnati.

Dennis received a degree in Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and worked over 30 years in the public utility, machine tool, and factory automation industries for Duke Power, Bendix/Honeywell, and the R. A. Jones Co. He did electrical system design, integration programming, and project management. More recently, he provided customer support for Delta Airlines and The Gap, Inc. Currently, Dennis works part-time in the operations department for the Great Parks of Hamilton County. He has also been a high school basketball official in Ohio and Indiana for over 20 years. A good deal of Dennis' remaining time is spent managing his Fripp rental property.

**During your ownership on Fripp, what activities have you been involved in?**

I currently serve on the Board of the Captain John Fripp Villas III, and I'm a member of the newly formed FIPOA Community Involvement Committee. While at Fripp, I regularly attend the Community Centre bingo and monthly dinners. I've participated in beach sweep clean-ups as well as my own personal daily trash pickup along Tarpon and Bonito. I also enjoy helping my neighbors with assorted repair jobs.

**Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

I have attended every FIPOA Board meeting either in person or by telephone over the last three years. It started



primarily when the beach regulations were being proposed in 2011.

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

I have served as vice-president on the Board of the local school district's athletic program as well as a similar position for a community swim club.

**Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve?**

For the past five years, I've been Chairman of the Crosby Township Board of Zoning Appeals in Hamilton County, Ohio.

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

To maintain the vision of many others that Fripp can still be (in most respects) the quiet little gem of an island that it was a generation or two ago. Our Board has spent many hours developing a Strategic Plan. Let's see how well we can follow the plan and build upon it. Fripp must continue to grow while maintaining the uniqueness that separates us from other gated communities.

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

I wish to be a service to all owners, not just the Board. With over 80% of all owners being nonresidents, I'd propose a bylaw change to see them have a larger presence on the Board. I would like to find ways to use volunteers to help Security on the busy summer weekends.

Through the Community Involvement Committee, I'd investigate better ways for all owners, the FIPOA, the Resort, and private businesses to communicate more effectively.

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Dennis Kautz, continued*

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I have public park, walking trail, and bike path experience related to my current occupation. I have some personal pond knowledge that may be useful in finding better ways to aerate our lakes and lagoons.

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

I believe that the management of the FIPOA, The Fripp Island Resort, and the independent businesses are working well.

Increased seasonal visitors would indicate such. Though I recognize the FIPOA and the Resort are independent operations, the two should be able to develop a convenient “one-stop shop” for obtaining gate passes and guest cards.

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

Based on my life skills and work experiences, I would like to participate on committees where I can provide the most incite. Being a rental property owner, I want to be involved on those committees that directly affect Fripp’s guests. Too often I believe our guests are viewed as our biggest liability, when in fact they are our biggest asset.

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

Appeals, Communications, Community Involvement (current member), and Security.

## **Kevin Nesbit – Non-Resident Candidate**

Kevin and Julie Nisbet live in Irmo, SC, most of the time, but they have owned a vacation home on Marlin Drive for ten years. They have four children.

Kevin received his BA in Accounting from Washington State University and his MBA in International Management from Thunderbird. He spent 30 years in the apparel industry including time as the Chief Executive Officer of Danskin, Boxercraft, and TigerBrand. Kevin is currently CEO of S3, a management consulting company.

**During your ownership on Fripp, what activities have you been involved in?**

Golf, fishing, and long walks on the beach.

**Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

Yes. Interest in events on the island.

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

Home Owners Association.

**Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve?**

Yes. Home Owners Association. Social, Landscape, Security, and Budgeting.

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

We need to maintain the family atmosphere, and diverse nature of ownership. (Full time residents, part time owners, and renters).

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

As a member of the board, I’d like to help ensure the long-term financial viability of the island’s infrastructure.

I would also work to maintain and improve the natural beauty of the island.

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My background would be helpful to the association in Security and financial planning.

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

Maintenance of common areas, roads, and parks.

Overall security of the island. Security needs to integrate itself more into the community. Park the cars and walk or bike.

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

My many years of working with complex organizations with divergent goals gives me the ability to quickly analyze situations and to work with all parties to implement solutions. My financial background has allowed me to find innovative ways to solve organizational financial needs. As a non-residential non-renting homeowner, who self-remodeled my home, I will bring a divergent view of the island’s needs to the board.

**What committee assignments would be of interest to you?**

Architectural Review Board, Community Involvement, Finance, and Shoreline Change.



# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## Werner Rogers – Non-Resident Candidate



Werner and Judy Rogers have owned their property on Dolphin Road for ten years; they try to come to Fripp two weeks each month and longer in the summer. Their full-time home is in Atlanta. They have been married 43 years and have three adult daughters, and three grandchildren. One daughter lives in Bahrain

and the other two in the Atlanta area.

Werner received his Bachelors from California State University at Long Beach, and received both his Masters and Doctorate degrees from the University of Georgia. He began his career as a classroom teacher then as principal, district superintendent, and State Superintendent of Schools for nine years. He then completed six years as the Executive Director of Georgia Public Broadcasting, retiring in 2000. As a second career he was a university professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta, ending in January of 2013.

Werner served on the Board of Directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers for nine years, serving two terms as the President. He also served as President of the Board of Directors of the Agency for Instructional Technology and has been on that board for 12 years. He was a member of the Education Commission of the States serving on the Steering, Nomination and Budget committees.

### **During your ownership on Fripp, what activities have you been involved in?**

I take part in supporting Turtle Patrol. I also take part in the Easter Egg Hunts with my three grandchildren, Thanksgiving activities to welcome Santa, and Friends of Music concerts.

### **Have you attended any FIPOA Board meetings by telephone or in person, during the past 18 months? If so, why?**

No, I have not attended.

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

Buster, my therapy golden retriever and I are members of Happy Tails Pet Therapy; we visit with patients in a psychiatric hospital. I have been a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club for 22 years, serving on numerous committees. I have been involved in YMCA activities and capital campaigns; St. Vincent De Paul as a volunteer; and activities of the Atlanta Track Club.

### **Have you ever served as a board member for a non-profit organization? If so, what was the organization and on which committees, if any, did you serve?**

The Atlanta Science and Technology Museum, executive committee; The Education Commission of the States, executive committee; Recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for service to the Atlanta Area Boy Scout Council, member of the board; President of the Council of Chief State School Officers, president two terms, executive committee six years; Board of Directors of the Agency for Instructional Technology, President and member of various committees; Board of Directors of The Fernbank Museum of Natural History, various committees over a six year period; Executive Committee Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

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

We all are aware that change is an inevitable part of life. As change continues on Fripp Island, my hope is that the island will maintain the family-friendly, safe environment that our family has come to enjoy and love. My vision for Fripp is to maintain what we all currently enjoy about Fripp while managing change in a responsible, environmentally friendly, and fiscally sound manner.

As we continue to rebound from a difficult economic period, we must manage our resources, both physical and fiscal, in a way that keeps us growing on Fripp while understanding the constraints we must operate under. Planning is the key to a successful future and we must continue to have a positive planning process in place to ensure that future.

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

First, to learn the ins and outs of FIPOA Board membership; second, to be an active member of the decision making process concerning current business before the Board; and thirdly, to assist in maintaining the quality of life currently enjoyed on Fripp and to plan for a positive tomorrow and future.

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

My career has centered on the responsibility of leading people, programs, and managing facilities. I have an interest in and I believe I can be of assistance in all of the FIPOA responsibilities listed above.

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

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# CANDIDATE RESUMES CONT.

## *Werner Rogers, continued*

From my perspective, most aspects of the FIPOA responsibilities are working well. Parking and beach access have improved and Security seems responsive and friendly. Island infrastructure seems to be in good shape and maintained. I would like to see violations of traffic regulations enforced to a greater degree as speeding generally and underage and reckless driving of golf carts needs to be continually addressed.

Although we do not provide beach lifeguards, it would be good to have increased security beach patrols during high use periods. There is a need for an increase in the number of waste

disposal stations at each beach crossover along with additional pet waste units.

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

As an active member, making myself available for a majority of the meetings, in person, as I believe this to be the best way to provide guidance to the staff and to be responsive to resident concerns.

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

Architectural Review Board, Bridges, Human Resources, Roads & Drainage, Security, and Shoreline Change.

# NATURE

## Photos of Fripp Island's Rare Winter Ice



# PERSONALITY

## Fripp Born and Bred: A Native Son

By Wendi Russell

Babies are born everyday all over the world. Not one, in recent memory or perhaps ever, has been born on Fripp Island. That's not too surprising considering the demographics of the retiree/resort island. Full-time residents on average are more than 60 years old and expectant mothers don't typically vacation close to the baby's due date. A baby born on Fripp is indeed a rare event.



In the early morning hours of January 19, 2014, the rarity became a reality. A healthy Jude James Folds, entered the world at 3:40 a.m. weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces at the home he shares with his mom, Jessica Folds, on Fripp Island.

Jessica, who grew up spending summers here and returned in August 2012 as a full-time resident, had not anticipated a home delivery for her first child. Most of the women in her family had their labor induced, and she anticipated scheduling an induction too. The prospect of a home birth seemed so remote that she read the "emergency delivery if you are alone" section in "What to Expect When You're Expecting" as more of an afterthought only a few days before Jude's unexpected arrival.

"It was not what I planned at all, but it is an experience that I would not trade for anything in the world," says Jessica.

What was planned was a 40-minute drive over four bridges to Beaufort Memorial Hospital a bit closer to his January 23 due date. Instead Jude was born by flashlight on the floor of her living room with the assistance of Fripp Island firefighters, St. Helena paramedics, and her mom.

"It seems right that his first adventure is to come at home," Jessica says.

"And somehow he turns out to be a native of Fripp—the first one. It is such a blessing. Life is an adventure and he already started out in an incredible way."

Jude's entry into the world began at around 1:45 on an unusually cold Sunday morning when Jessica woke up for a typical trip to the bathroom and with her usual pregnancy back pain. When her back pain wouldn't go away despite walking around and taking a bath, she called the hospital around 2:15 a.m. She was told that since her pain and other symptoms were relatively minor and since this was her first child to call back in two hours.

In a less than two hours after that call, however, Jude had already taken his first breath of Fripp Island air.

After her initial call to the hospital, Jessica's pain quickly escalated prompting her to call back around 3:08 a.m. She was told to come to the hospital even though she didn't actually think she was in labor. Jessica also called her mom, Kathy Folds, who lives about 15 minutes away on St. Helena Island but realized that she couldn't wait 15 minutes for her mom to arrive so Kathy called 911 before leaving home. The 911 operator called Jessica and talked with her until help arrived.

Around 3:25 a.m. Fripp Island Security arrived followed by firefighters from Fripp Island, paramedics from St. Helena, and then Jessica's mom. When firefighter Dianna Jones came in and made eye contact, Jessica says she knew that everything was going to be OK.

Given the initial information that this was Jessica's first pregnancy, none of the emergency responders anticipated they would be delivering a baby. Dianna thought that her team would just be needed to get Jessica ready for the paramedics who would transport her to Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

"But when I walked in and saw the look in Jessica's eyes, I knew we were going to have a baby



right there on the floor of her living room. I said a prayer, took a deep breath, and that's about all we had time for," says Dianna about her first baby delivery.

Dianna says thankfully, within minutes of them first seeing Jessica, the paramedics from St. Helena arrived.

Paramedic Shayna Orsen also thought this would just be a "run of the mill call" with a transport to the hospital until she heard Jessica and then knew she would be delivering another baby—her seventh—very soon.

"Being able to bring a life into this world is one of the most rewarding gifts of my job. We fight so often to save lives so this is such a rare blessing," Shayna says.

As the paramedics were loading Jessica into the ambulance headed to Beaufort Memorial, Kathy had an enviable grandparent moment. "I was left here holding Jude in a towel by myself, and it was just magical."

Since Jude's birth, Jessica has been enjoying getting to know her newborn and thinking about their future. In the spring, the new mother will return to manage SpringTide Market with every intention of providing Jude with the opportunity to grow up on the island where he was born and where they have family and friends.

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## PERSONALITY CONT.

### *A Native Son, continued*

“Falling in love with Fripp again made me fall in love with myself and made me realize that my emotional and spiritual happiness are so much more important than financial security. I came down here because it is so peaceful and I’m always happy down here. This is where my joy is. This is where my heart sings.”

From her home with a view of a lagoon with sea otters and alligators, the waves in the Fripp Inlet, and the Hunting Island cottages on the horizon, Jessica shares how she hopes Jude falls in love with the island too.

“I hope he finds joy in the simplest things like being outside, in being a part of nature, being able to walk to Hunting Island, and to go hiking, surfing, and walking on the beach,” Jessica says.

She says that she has a strong support system from both her family and the community on the island. In addition to her mom who is nearby, Jessica’s twin sister, who is expecting her second child in June, and her family live on Fripp.

“Fripp is home; Fripp is family,” Jessica says.

And Kathy agrees. “We can’t wait until he is on the beach with his little friends and a friend walks by and says, ‘Jude, you behave, now.’ That’s what we want,” says Kathy.



## ISLAND CLUBS

### Fripp Island Friends of Music: The Honeycutters to Perform

Linda Freeman

**F**ripp Friends of Music has had a long tradition of winding up each season’s musical concert series with a blockbuster performance. In recent years, Susan Werner, Jesse Winchester, and Dala, all premier singer-songwriters, have delighted Fripp and Sea Island audiences.

This year, The Honeycutters, an original country roots band from Asheville, NC, with lead singer Amanda Anne Platt, will continue the tradition. Treat yourself to another extraordinary musical experience when they perform at 5 p.m., March 30, at the Fripp Island Community Centre.

For the better part of a decade, The Honeycutters have played heartfelt Americana, “organically grown” around the songs of Platt. The music is so catchy that the band has become a favorite with audiences in their mountain home and across the United States. And Platt, a versatile and celebrated singer-songwriter, has an avid national following.

In Platt’s simple composition and honest delivery, it’s easy to hear the inspiration of country legends such as Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, and Loretta Lynn. She grew up with the sounds of classic country, listening to her father’s extensive

record collection on Saturday mornings. Despite her love for the style, she cites Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty as having a huge effect on her musically, yet her original style embodies both wit and an edginess that plants her firmly in her own generation.

All attendees are invited to join the musicians following the performance for complimentary refreshments provided by Harold’s Catering. For more information call (843) 838-6655 or visit [www.islc.net/friendsofmusic/](http://www.islc.net/friendsofmusic/)



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# ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

## Fripp Island Women's Club News

*Marsha Priem*

The Fripp Island Women's Club Home Tour is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 19. The cost for members to attend is \$10, and the charge for nonmembers is \$20. This event showcases some of the loveliest homes on Fripp Island and has always been a huge success with funds being raised for the many charitable organizations that the FIWC supports with both time and money.



### Cassandra King Presentation

Renowned author Cassandra King presented a short synopsis and signed copies of her new novel "Moonrise" at the January 15 meeting at the Fripp Island Community Center. King and her husband, author Pat Conroy, are former full-time residents of Fripp Island. Her talk was well attended and included wonderful stories of her past and book writing experiences. While enjoying numerous refreshments during the reception afterward, many members purchased books. The FIWC is grateful to King for her wonderful presentation.

### Bingo, Barbeque and Brews Fundraiser

The FIWC sponsored the Bingo, Barbeque and Brews event at the community center on February 7 and raised more than \$3,500 for Citizens Against Domestic Abuse, this year's designated charity. This fun event for all includes a variety of bingo games with bottles of wine for the winners. To win the last round and the grand prize—a very large basket of goodies—a player had to fill the entire bingo card.

Thanks to the hard work and planning by the outreach committee headed by Dot Steele, Barbara Cotter, Ann Dany, and husbands. Thanks also to those who donated beautiful artwork, which served as raffle prizes. The raffle raised more than \$300 for the community Centre. Please plan on joining us for delicious food, beverage and fun next year!!!



### Committee Chair Openings

Each month the FIWC board meets to plan programs and projects that benefit everyone on Fripp Island as well as our local community in Beaufort. We are a service and educational oriented organization that welcome all women to join and take part in are leadership positions. Won't you think about joining the FIWC with annual dues of \$10 and help promote the many projects that have been planned? There are a few committee chair positions are open, so please contact Sandy Click at [Sandraclick123@gmail.com](mailto:Sandraclick123@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting more involved.



## ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

### **Fripp Audubon & Naturally Fripp present: Creatures of the Night**

*Linda Freeman*

The Phantom of the...Fripp Audubon Trail? Well, yes. (You were expecting maybe Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera"?) Who needs Broadway?



You'll be riveted when Fripp Audubon and Naturally Fripp Community Wildlife Habitat bring you local Lowcountry expert and licensed rehabilitator Nancy "Maude" Owen with her fascinating tales of our native bats and owls that take wing between sundown and sunup. You'll marvel at live night creatures from her nearby Turtle Spring Farm and learn how they ward off pests. Big Brown Bats may not be cute, but you can depend on each one to eat 7,000–9,000 insects a day—bugs that might otherwise be biting you. Also, Eastern Screech Owls, Great Horned and Barred Owls help keep Fripp's rodent population in check.



This free presentation takes place at 7 p.m. March 27 at the Fripp Island Community Centre. Come at 6 p.m. for a meet and greet, and please bring plate of nibbles to share.

For more information, contact [pete.richards@comcast.net](mailto:pete.richards@comcast.net) (843) 441-2153 or visit [www.islc.net/audubon/](http://www.islc.net/audubon/).

## ISLAND SPORTS



### **Nine Hole Men's Golf Group**

*Mike Wilt*

The severe winter weather that has plagued much of the country this year did not spare Fripp Island or the Men's Nine-Hole Golf Group. As a result of the cold and wet weather, several January and February outings were cancelled and turnout was low for other outings.

The first scheduled outing for the group took place on January 1, but very few golfers played due to the cold conditions. The outing the following Wednesday was cancelled due to cold weather. On January 15, the weather cooperated, and 25 golfers enjoyed a two Low-Net Competition. On January 22, however, the cold weather

returned and only seven golfers played after a substantial delay. The weather got even worse, and on January 29, the course was closed due to the icy conditions.

February started ugly as well, but 27 golfers played a Two Best-Ball format in rainy, cool and foggy conditions on February 5. Bad weather returned again on February 12 and the course was closed.

In March, the group will be playing at Ocean Creek and in April at Ocean Point.

A short list of winners due to the several cancellations includes Steve Schnobrich, Ed Smith, Rusty Prophater, Wayne Kemmerer, Bib Kurkjian, Eric Ledholm, Don Dashiell, John Dunphy, Joe Sullivan and Shelby Nussbaum.

Currently, approximately 80 active members participate in the group. A new website is now being used for the Men's Nine-Hole Golf group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at <http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>.



## ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

### Fripp Island Women's Golf Association

*Judy Hummer*

The 2014 Fripp Island Women's Golf season had a very slow beginning due to unseasonably cold and wet conditions. Only one FIWGA golf event was played in January and three in February.

Although golf was cancelled on January 14, the first luncheon was held at the Beach Club at 12:30 p.m. President Kathryn Woolley conducted the business meeting and introduced her team for the 2014 season. Two awards were presented at this meeting:



Most birdies for 2013: Kathryn Woolley (20)

Most Improved Player for 2013: Carol Middleton

Upcoming events for March and April and early May are:

March 31: FIWGA/MGA Invitational at Ocean Creek at 9 a.m. The format is Power Ball counting two best balls of the foursome. Box lunch follows at the Creek House.

April 1: Beat the Pro

April 15 and 17: Fripp Cup Tournament

April 22: Luncheon at the Beach Club

May 6: Ladies Member/Guest Tournament at Ocean Point

The FIWGA welcomes new members. Dues are \$50 and play is on Tuesday mornings.

Happy Golfing!!

### Party Bridge



(All levels of play)

"SNOWBIRDS"  
WELCOME

Community Centre

Every Monday

10:00 'til around 3:00PM

Bring a sandwich.

For any other information  
call Jane Pruet, 838-9456

## SEA RESCUE

### Fripp Island Sea Rescue: Case Activity

January–February 2014

*PJ Fineis*

**Sunday 01/09/2014, 10:50 a.m.:** Third party called to report a friend overdue by 45 minutes. Montgomery dispatched Bicknell to rescue one for assistance. Shortly thereafter Gretchen received another call boater had returned and all was well. Bicknell advised to stand down.

**Monday 01/27/2014, 6:50 p.m.:** Report of three flares seen off Hunting Island, then another three flares, assumed to be emergency flares. Lyman dispatched Keup and Price to boat with no co-ordinates for location. Like looking for a needle in a haystack, Rick and Allan were ready to go when Lyman confirmed with Coast Guard that Air Force had been doing Training and dropping flares. Rick and Allan were advised to stand down before leaving the dock.



**Sunday 02/09/2014, 7:43 p.m.:** Coast Guard reported disabled boat six miles off Fripp. Joe Brown confirmed boat was five miles SE of outer marker, and due to time of night, tides, and location, decided not to dispatch rescue one and Allan Price. CG asked Allan to confirm location of a white Dodge PU at Russ Point which Allan did. At 9:50, we were advised boat was in tow by CG, and being returned to Port Royal. Boat was located 4.5 miles from original co-ordinates. No radio on board.

**Friday 02/21/2014, 1:00 p.m.:** Boat in Three Sister's Creek had engine problem and would not run. Based on original co-ordinates, thought to be out of our area, but with revised co-ordinates determined to be in Three Sisters Creek across from Bull Pt. Fineis and Beach were to dispatch to Rescue 1 when a call to the distressed Captain of the crabbing boat confirmed he was already under tow from a fellow crabber. Fineis and Beach advised to stand down.

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

# SEA RESCUE CONT.

## And Now We Need Your Help!!!

We are pleased to announce  
our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**SAINT PATTY'S GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday, March 22, 2014



Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and Fripp Island Sea Rescue are conducting our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patty's Golf Tournament on March 22, 2014, at the Ocean Creek Golf Course on Fripp Island. This is our only fund-raising event. Please consider helping by becoming a "Saint Patty's Golf Tournament Personal Sponsor", and return the form below with **your tax-deductible donation; we are an all-volunteer organization.**

This year we have three levels of sponsorship: **Gold** @ \$100; **Silver** @ \$50; and **Bronze** @ \$25. Sponsor names will be prominently displayed on our "Saint Patty's Personal Sponsor" board at the Tournament and in the event's program.

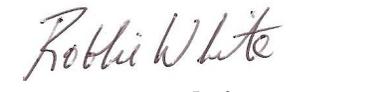
Beaufort Water Search & Rescue, and Fripp Island Sea Rescue are **all-volunteer units** that serve the commercial and recreational boating community in water-related incidents and emergencies. Our primary missions are to help boaters in distress and conduct search and rescue missions to support and assist the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, United States Coast Guard, and State and Federal law enforcement agencies.

Both organizations require boats, motors, trailers, accessories, electronics, maintenance, and fuel to provide these services to Beaufort County. **Without your support we would not be able to provide this emergency response.**

We need your help, so please fill out the form below and return with your contribution so we may properly acknowledge the donation. Thank you in advance for your support and sponsorship.

  
Skipper BWSAR  
Dick Jennings

  
Skipper FISR  
Ted Michals

  
Tournament Chairman FISR  
Robbi White



**"Saint Patty's Golf Tournament Personal Sponsor"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on Board: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to: "Fripp Island Sea Rescue" (a 501[c][3] tax-exempt organization)**

**Mail To: Bill Lyman, 14 Spyglass Lane, Fripp Island, SC 29920**

# BOATING & FISHING

## Unusually Cold Winter Slows Fishing

*Captain Ralph Goodison*

Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog weatherman, forecast six more weeks of winter on February 2. And what a winter it has been! Ice-skating on Fripp? Who would have thought that would ever happen? Even with the cold weather we have had this year on Fripp, however, I have been in Punxsutawney, PA, and boy, am I glad I live on Fripp Island.

Our waters around the Island have been hovering around 50 degrees and fishing has been slow. Remember, cold water slows fish metabolism, and they aren't hungry; when the water gets warm, the fish get hungry. Consequently, inshore and offshore fishing have been slow, and near-shore fishing has been better.



Well, if we believe the groundhog, we only have a couple weeks left. So it won't be long before we can enjoy warm weather, we hope. Now is a great time get the fishing rods, reels, and your boat ready.

The Fripp Island Yacht Club is getting ready for a busy season, members, so get your boat ready. The Marina and Excursions staff are also preparing for a busy season with new equipment and opportunities to enjoy a new season on the water.

The Fripper is sporting a new roof and paint, and exciting charters are planned.

The Marina Boat House, after a broken sprinkler system flooded the bar and restaurant with 8 inches of water, is undergoing a spectacular renovation.

### FISHING REPORT

**Inshore fishing:** Slow fishing, but fishing will improve.

**Near-shore fishing:** The water is warmer and black sea bass, black drum, sheepshead, are good; redfish and trout are fair.

**Offshore fishing:** There are not many reports, but blackfin tuna is fair. Dolphin and wahoo are starting to show.

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