

**FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Fripp Island Property Owners Association held its Annual Meeting on April 12th at the Community Centre.

President Wayne Kemmerer's Remarks:

Having approved the Strategic Plan last fall, I think it is appropriate that we touch on the mission, vision, and values statements.

Mission Statement

–The FIPOA continuously assesses our near-term and long-range priorities while providing the resources necessary to maintain the island's infrastructure, support the environment, and provide security to protect our community with the goal of increasing the value of our owners' investments.

Vision Statement

–The FIPOA seeks to preserve the essential qualities that comprise our way of life. This will be accomplished by promoting greater involvement and participation within the Fripp Community, by upgrading our infrastructure, by committing to our environmental initiatives, and by strengthening our relationships with the organizations most vital to our long-term growth and success.

Values Statement

–The FIPOA will be focused, resilient and transparent in the pursuit of its mission, operating with a level of integrity and dedication all property owners have the right to expect. Furthermore, FIPOA will strive to listen first as it broadens its reach by more actively engaging with our constituents. All this to assure that we continue to be the best stewards of the responsibilities and trust bestowed upon us.

These three statements are what we, as your board, live by. The property owner survey and SWOT analysis provided input from over 1,100 of our 2,100 property owners. This input was put into twelve strategic objectives; we organized our committees around these objectives. Each committee prepared and presented an operating plan. The committees are working to complete these plans, and they continue to report on the status at each board meeting.



FIPOA Directors: Frank Belatti, Wayne Kemmerer, Ann Lyman & General Manager, Kate Hines

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It became apparent that the bylaws were outdated and needed revising. These bylaw changes are currently under review and will be voted on by all property owners within the next few months. One of the bylaw changes requires that the board review and update the Strategic Plan with owner input.

Looking into the future, the challenges we face are numerous:

- 1) Last fall, the 2007-2012 County property reassessments were completed. Compared to the previous assessments, the market value of Fripp Island property declined 40%; the second worst in Beaufort County. This is of major concern to the board, and we ask what we can do to turn this around.
- 2) Another major concern is the issue of disaster recovery. As a private island, we are not covered under the FEMA protection and reimbursement regulations. The more we learn about how disasters like Hurricane Sandy should have been handled, the more compelled we are to make certain that our property owners are aware how to better plan

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THE TRAWLER

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FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

June 14, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. at the
FIPOA Administrative Office
July 12, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. at the
FIPOA Administrative Office
(This schedule is subject to change.)
All meetings are open.

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EVERY owner subscribe to this service. Email
addresses will be kept confidential.

F I P O A

Splinters from the Board

By Meghan Johnson, Administrative Assistant

At the May 10, 2014 meeting, the Board approved to withdraw Resolution #662: To approve entering into a contract with Coastal Science & Engineering for Preliminary Design and Permitting for Shoal Management, due to the results of the survey and communications with members of the FIPOA.

The following Resolutions were also approved in May's meeting:

- **Resolution #669:** To transfer financial responsibility for the Fripp Inlet Bridge to the Fripp Island Public Service District. Proposed Resolution: That the Fripp Island Property Owners Association Board approves transferring \$625,000 from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Fripp Island Public Service District and at such time also transferring all financial responsibility regarding the Fripp Inlet Bridge to the Fripp Island Public Service District. Discussion: The PSD has had all control over the Fripp Inlet Bridge except the financial responsibility since 2003. The PSD has access to funding that FIPOA does not have and they can attain insurance at a much more reduced rate than us. The Resolution will be changed to read FIPOA will retain the balance in the Road and Bridge Fund.
- **Resolution #670:** To Amend the Architectural Review Board Guidelines. Proposed Resolution: that the Board of Directors approve of the amended Architectural Review Board Guidelines as attached hereto. Discussion: FIPOA would like to give the option of posts and mailboxes. Many homeowners want identification, but no mailbox since they are not full time.
- **Resolution #671:** To pay for the Cost Overruns on Asphalt on the Sawgrass Footbridge. Proposed Resolution: that the Fripp Island Property Owners Association Board approves paying for cost overruns to resurface the asphalt section of the Sawgrass footbridge from Tarpon to the wooden bridge. Discussion: The amount budgeted for Sawgrass didn't include a new revetment wall, which was required. The asphalt bill is higher than budgeted.

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.



IN MEMORIAM



Runelle George

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Mary Oppenheimer



WELCOME

New Owners on Fripp: 2/28/14 to 4/28/14

Elon & Pam Abell

Randy & Sheryl Brown

Nicholas/Ryan/Jacob/Benjamin Field

Georgia Bank & Trust Co of Augusta

Integrity Investments of Charlotte, LLC

John & Lynnette Garrison

Charles & Kelly Lucas

William & Lydia Norton

John & Constance Williams

ISLAND SERVICES

Letter of Commendation: Officer Jonathan Dunphy



The Fripp Island Property Owners Association commends Security Officer Jonathan Dunphy for his persistence, thoroughness, decisiveness, and resourcefulness as a security professional whose actions helped to save lives and valuable property in our Fripp community.

In the early evening of April 17, 2014, Officer Dunphy was patrolling the Fairway Club area when he detected the smell of smoke which became increasingly stronger as he approached the northern end of Fairway Club Drive. Driving further, he spotted a plastic trash can that was engulfed in flames and the blaze was spreading to an adjacent residence. Officer Dunphy instantly radioed the Fire Department for assistance.

Before the Fire Department arrived, Officer Dunphy began extinguishing the fire with a neighbor's garden hose in order to decrease the threat of the growing fire to surrounding lives and property in the dense Fairway Club area. Almost simultaneously, a second Security Officer responded to the scene and ensured that the dwelling occupant was safe. Within seconds, the fire department arrived, assumed control of the situation, and quickly put out the remaining flames.

Due to Officer Dunphy's decisive actions, property damage was minimized and, more importantly, no one was injured. Officer Dunphy's determination to locate the source of smoke, his fast, accurate appraisal of danger, and his confidence to move swiftly and independently against a threat to persons and property, represent the very best of the qualities expected of Fripp Security officers. Fripp residents, visitors, and property owners can sleep soundly knowing that Officer Dunphy is on patrol.



Chief Mike Binkowski

CHIEF'S CORNER

Fripp Island follows state law as it pertains to pedestrians in a crosswalk. The driver of a vehicle is required to yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be, to a pedestrian in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is either on the same side of the roadway or the opposite half of the roadway and could be in danger. Pedestrians should not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and abruptly walk or run into the path of an approaching vehicle, which could create an immediate hazard. When a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk permitting a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

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. An officer will respond by evaluating the situation and taking the appropriate action. Don't let the sight of something out of the ordinary slip by. Don't say, "It's not my problem." The security officers need your eyes and ears out there; we encourage your calls! Remember, safety and security are everyone's responsibility. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

If you have any ideas or suggestions that may improve our services or the quality of life on the island please contact me. I welcome you to stop by my office to discuss your ideas or any problems that you may be experiencing. You can also reach me via telephone at (843) 838-2334 or via e-mail at security@frippislandliving.com. I look forward to speaking with you.

An advertisement for Island Travel, celebrating 30 years of service. The ad features a map of the Caribbean Sea with several islands highlighted, including Puerto Rico, Charlotte Amalie, Christiansted, North Sound, Spanish Town, Sandy Ground, Gustavia, South Friars Bay, and Charlestown. The text includes "SEADREAM" and "VIRTUOSO. SPECIALISTS IN THE ART OF TRAVEL." The cruise is scheduled for January 17, 2015, and is a 7-night all-inclusive Caribbean cruise. The contact information is 12 Fairfield Rd, Ste 5B, Beaufort, SC 29907, with phone number 843-525-0777 and website www.islandtvl.com.

Turtle Season is Here!

Janie Lackman, Project Leader
Fripp Island Turtle Team

Fripp is a magical place all year long, but something extra special happens on our island between May and October every year. During this time, our beach is graced with visits from nesting Loggerhead Sea Turtles. 2013 was a record breaking season for nesting on Fripp. The Fripp Island Turtle Team is proud to share the following statistics from our 2013 Sea Turtle Season:

- 92 Nests
- 122 False crawls or non-nesting emergences—when a female loggerhead comes ashore and doesn't nest.
- 11,115 eggs were laid on Fripp
- 9,014 hatched eggs
- Rescue of "Skully", a juvenile loggerhead that was taken to the SC Aquarium/Sea Turtle Hospital for treatment and later released.
- Rescue of female loggerhead stranded in the tidepool, 2013 Nest #63 Mama. She laid in the evening and became lost getting back to the ocean. Our team was able to assist in helping her back to the ocean in the morning.
- The 6th Annual Turtle Crawl fundraiser was a huge success! Special thanks to all our sponsors and the Eyer Families for running the event for us.
- Due to the success of the Crawl and other fundraising efforts, we were able to donate enough to cover ALL of the expenses of Skully's care at the Sea Turtle Hospital. This was accomplished with the help of many generous Fripp residents as well as island visitors.
- 45 Volunteer Team Members worked over 5000 hours to help our loggerheads last season.



The SC Department of Natural Resources is expecting another big turtle year in 2014 so our team is gearing up for the new season. Below are some things that YOU can do to help our loggerheads and keep our island turtle friendly. Reminders for Turtle Season:

- **Keep our beaches dark**—no visible light on the beaches from May until October. This includes flashlights and house or porch lighting.
- **Pack in and Pack out**—remove all items from the beach every evening
- **Give the turtles space**—do NOT approach a turtle on the beach
- **Remove trash**—debris left on the beach may end up in the ocean and prove deadly for our sea turtles or other animals
- **Fill in holes.** Please fill in holes made and level sand castles above the high tide line each evening before leaving the beach
- **Do not walk in turtle tracks**—if you come across turtle tracks in the evening or early morning, please do not walk on them. The tracks help us locate the turtle nest and determine what she was doing on the beach. If turtle patrol has already examined the tracks, they will be marked off with large X's.

Don't forget, you may follow our program on Facebook at Fripp Island Turtle Team, or online at <http://www.islc.net/~fripplog/>. We are looking forward to another amazing turtle season this year. Thank you for doing your part to keep our beaches TURTLE FRIENDLY!

See you on the beach!

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

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for such a situation. There also is a lot of work required to stay in touch with federal and state law changes. You will be hearing more about this in the weeks ahead.

3) Many of our owners took part in the insurance meeting we held a few weeks ago. The flood insurance regulations and wind and hail premiums are a major concern to us all. Just last week, we received word on more legislative action on both issues.

4) The planning of our finances out over the next five years is an ongoing challenge.

These are just a few of the things that keep us awake at night and several more will be reviewed in the committee reports that follow. Each member of the board is a member of CAI, Community Association Institute, and I attend the Marsh Association. These organizations provide us with legal and legislative information, and we continually receive input from surrounding communities. This information is invaluable in helping us in the decision-making process.



A PowerPoint presentation including the names of all Directors, committee members and volunteers accompanied each Director's overview of the FIPOA's activities since last April.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Wolbrink, Chair

2013 End of Year Actual:

There were no major surprises; Expenses for Roads and Bridges and ARB were under budget. Project Expense, which consisted of the Strategic Plan, the Sawgrass Footbridge repair, aerator repairs, computers, Black Sky and the TOPS accounting program were over budget. The line item for Investments Unrealized Gain/Loss was an unrealized loss. This will not be realized unless we sell our



bond position ahead of schedule. The Schwab Reserve account has \$2.5 million dollars. Two thirds consists of CD's, high grade government guarantees, etc., and one third consists of high grade corporate bonds.

2014 Budget:

There was no change in the assessment amount for 2014. The expenses have been budgeted slightly higher. An example is the Security budget which had an increase of 8%, due to adding an additional half-time security officer.



Roads & Drainage Committee Report: Dick Morrison, Chair

Several drainage concerns have been improved. We use the word improved because it is difficult with regulations on storm water drainage to eliminate drainage problems on a barrier island. Roadwork has been primarily on gravel roads where the committee chose to have a contractor remove much berm material allowing for better drainage and adding material at certain locations. Phase two of our attempts to improve the gravel roads will be complete in the next 30 days or so. This consists of reworking some of the areas; possibly adding a sand-like granite aggregate to help hold the material previously placed on the roads. No asphalt paving is anticipated for 2014 on the roads. Work on some of the rough spots on the bike path is planned for later in this budget year.

Another improvement that has been completed is the replacement of one section and repairs to the rest of Sawgrass Footbridge.

Shoreline Change Committee Report: Dick Morrison, Chair

The survey results were approximately 60% opposed, 40% in favor. In response to this, as well as concerns expressed by the membership, the Shoreline Committee will ask the Board to officially withdraw Resolution 662 on shoal management at the May Board Meeting agenda.

The Committee will continue to monitor conditions and any new developments, and provide updates to the membership in this process. Though a false step may have been taken, the Shoreline Committee hopes FIPOA members will assist them in their worthwhile efforts to protect and preserve our principal asset, the beach.

Dick concluded six years on the FIPOA Board with the Annual Meeting and the scheduled May Board Meeting.

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Grounds Committee Report, Ann Lyman, Chair

We have been meeting monthly to assess the damage from the freezing weather this winter. We lost over 160 philodendron, 50 Dwarf Oleanders and several palms. Earthworx is in the process of



replacing the dead plants and redoing the front beds and teardrops. We also have to replace the plantings at the fire station and many at Davis Love Park. We are working with the Environmental Committee on

establishing a Butterfly garden at the Water Tower.

Environmental Committee Report, Ann Lyman, Chair

We are working with the Grounds committee on the establishment of a Butterfly garden at the Water Tower. Many plants there are already suitable. We are identifying others to expand it. This is part of the ongoing certification requirements for the National Wildlife Federation. The ARB has agreed to incorporate our recommendation for water conservation into their guidelines for property owners where appropriate. We are looking at a new program for turtle-safe lighting along the beach. The turtle nesting season starts the first of May.

The Feral Cat program will begin again the end of April.

We continue to send out e-blasts and update our Naturally Fripp Facebook page to promote awareness for the natural beauty of Fripp. We are always working with the Audubon Club and Fripp Island Resort.

Communications Committee Report, Frank Belatti, Member

There were three main areas of focus last year:

1. Create a new website – more attractive, user friendly, and reflective of Fripp
2. Create a timely and methodical agenda for continuous communication
3. Develop an Island-wide calendar

Achievements and new priorities:

1. Overall, traffic on the new website is up 102%; page viewership is up 184%.
2. Site visitors are now staying to look at least one additional page per visit and are spending 50% more time on each visit.
3. Over 25% of all visits are now coming from mobile phones and tablets, an increase of 83%.

4. We are now in the process of improving the user experience by making our site more responsive to all visitors, meaning that it knows what device you are using to visit us and reformat itself accordingly.



5. We are upgrading the content management system of the site so changes and updates are easier to make.
6. We plan to work with the Resort to create an island-wide calendar this year.
7. We will begin tracking the viewership of e-blasts, and we will be working to make them more attractive, comprehensive and viewer friendly.
8. We continue to experiment with social media and determine the extent of interest and usage for homeowners and guests.

We will continue to research and report on what our surrounding islands are doing to support improving the values of homes and property.

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Security Committee Report, Frank Belatti, Member

Last year's priorities:

- Better train the Security staff
- Communicate Security matters on a timely basis
- Focus on Island safety in addition to security
- Update and improve equipment
- Become more "Island friendly"
- Improve gate responsiveness
- Continue the Neighborhood Watch program
- Reduce underage golf cart driving
- Reduce speeding



Achievements and 2014 priorities:

- Nearly 800 hours of training were conducted
- Heightened focus on speed of moving people through the gate
- Heightened focus on community service/friendliness of Officers
- Stops for underage driving are down 46%
- We saw a reduction (10%) in the number of crimes involving vandalism and larcenies.

The Chief and his team are mindful that these remain the island's highest priorities and will attempt to balance the task of maintaining security and safety with a strong and sincere community service mindset. Thus, there will be a continued emphasis on training and overall improved responsiveness. Security e-blasts will continue to inform Islanders of important matters on a timely basis. Added emphasis will focus on safety measures to keep our owners and guests safe from accidents. A focus will also be placed on efficiency and managing costs, while delivering the best service possible.

Property Enhancement Committee Report, Martin Goodman, Chair

Each member of this committee is assigned a section of the island for review of conditions and appearance. A resolution was presented to the Board and passed to replace and maintain mailboxes. Phase one is in progress. There is an Island Clean-Up Day on May 31, 2014. If you are interested, please contact Tina Reeves.



Disaster & Recovery Committee Report, Martin Goodman, Chair

The Disaster Planning Committee was formed as a new committee during 2013. The committee has a mission of:

- Review the Emergency Plan of the FIPOA annually
- To offer educational opportunities to the members. These opportunities are in the form of workshop/town meetings, e-blast information and articles for the Trawler.
- The committee will work closely with the FIPOA Security Chief and the Fire Chief to be sure that the FIPOA is ready for any emergency and that the members are aware of potential disaster issues and possible mitigation techniques.
- The committee will also work with the FIPSD to coordinate disaster planning for the Inlet Bridge

The committee held a very informative workshop in February that provided information to members about insurance issues that affect Fripp Island property owners. The workshop covered recent changes to the Federal flood insurance program and recent legislative actions in an effort to give some financial relief to homeowners for wind and hail insurance coverage.

Additional information workshops are planned during 2014. (4/25/14- Disaster Preparation, 5/30/14- Disaster Response).

Community Involvement Committee: Rick Raible, Chair

This committee was organized as an outcome of Strategic Initiatives to create a process to integrate new property owners into the community and establish a sense of involvement among all property owners on Fripp Island. Resolution #656 to create this non-standing committee was adopted by the FIPOA Board of Directors on October 12, 2013. We are charged to develop:

- A process to welcome new property owners to Fripp Island informing them of the island's framework, activities and opportunities to participate. One of our goals will be to create a sense of involvement within the entire Fripp Island owner community.
- Programs to fully involve all property owners in the activities of the community, thereby fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness of Fripp Island.

Our Committee currently consists of eight members; four are resident owners and four non-resident owners, with myself as Chair and includes the General Manager. Being the newest of the Board Committees, we have only had two meetings to date and are in the process of establishing priorities to fulfill our mission. As we evolve, we will offer monthly reports of our progress.

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Architectural Review

Board, Ernie Taylor, Chair

The purpose of the ARB is to implement the island's covenants and design guidelines. We interact with PEC to make sure we are in compliance. The ARB guidelines are on our website: <http://frippislandliving.com/arb.htm>.



There has been an increase in new home design, roof replacement and additions and a decrease in home owner maintenance.

| | 2012 | 2013 | | |
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| Conceptual Home & New House Construction | 11 | 15 | 31% Increase | |
| Maintenance & Repair | 131 | 113 | 15% Decrease | Decrease in minor Maintenance & Repair due to the increase of major renovations. |
| Paint | 76 | 93 | 20% Increase | |
| Roof Replacement | 35 | 57 | 49% Increase | Increase in roof replacement largely due to insurance company requests |
| Additions | 16 | 27 | 51% Increase | |
| Tree Removal | 7 | 12 | 53% Increase | Increase in tree removal due to requests from insurance companies. |
| Dumpster | 19 | 8 | 81% Decrease | Decrease in interior remodels due to the increase in major exterior improvement. |
| Demolition | 0 | 3 | 300% Increase | |
| Landscape | 3 | 4 | 29% Increase | |

Overall a 14% increase in ARB Permits issued.

Public Service District, Rich Combs, Commissioner

The PSD has owned the Fripp Inlet Bridge since 2003. We pay \$50,000 per year for insurance. The Bridge is inspected annually. The Harbor Bridge will be replaced sometime in 2017 and will no longer be a draw bridge. We will need to have a new water line hung off the new Bridge. We had problems with the water quality (BJWSA), but it has been fixed now. An erosion report was conducted on the Fripp Channel. The cost to make any improvements is an estimated \$12 million, so we are not going through with it. The PSD office has been renovated. There are two Commissioner positions available in November, if anyone is interested.



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General Manager's Report: Kate Hines

Kate reviewed the Human Resources, Parking and Appeals Committee members as well as Trawler contributors. She explained that she is in charge of Lakes and Lagoons and Tina Reeves oversees Crossovers without committees. She then gave an overview of BlackSky and the Owners' Web activity: You can create your own guest passes and type a welcome message that will be printed on the pass; you can renew passes for frequent guests, enter in lists for large parties, check the call list to hear who called in a request for passes, and change your PIN with the click of a button.



BlackSky is also improving the way things work at the front gate. It's far more secure than our old system was, requiring each guest to have their driver's license swiped and retaining pass information in the Cloud for a year. And it does speed up the process of getting guests through the gate. A brand new addition to the BlackSky menu is SkyAlert Communications. We can send texts, emails, or make phone calls to different groups as needed. Let's say there is a power outage planned for one neighborhood, we can let them know in advance. Or if, heaven forbid, an island wide evacuation is ordered, we can call every property owner at once.

Another administrative change in 2013 was the switch in accounting software from Quick-Books to TOPS. We hope you



didn't notice it, but it was a huge under-taking to bring us more in line with industry standards. The program provides an audit trail through a double entry system.

Kate introduced new staffers Melinda Cato,

Bookkeeper and Meghan Johnson, Administrative Assistant. Both Melinda and Meghan are Beaufort natives, whip smart, and VERY friendly. Assistant General Manager, Tina Reeves, received kudos; she is in charge when Kate is not available. She is also the HR manager and the ARB Administrator, juggling new hires, contractors, plans for additions, and input from the Property Enhancement Committee regarding infractions on personal properties. Chief Mike Binkowski oversees Security. The 17 officers who report to the Chief have deep a respect for him and for his second in command, Assistant Chief Mike Senecal.

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Administrative Staff: Melinda Cato, Tina Reeves, Meghan Johnson & Kate Hines

The POA employees are working hard for you and we hope that you are more than satisfied. Please don't hesitate to let Kate know if you have any issues with any of the staff, no matter which side of the house they work on. Our goal is to keep the owners pleased with our performance.



New Directors: Ralph Burchfield, Chris Assaf & Jim Wolbrink (2nd term)

Kate then thanked all departing Directors highlighting their different roles on the Board and welcomed the three incoming directors, reminding them that the remaining board members would help teach them the ropes and that the job of a board member can be rewarding.

Please visit the FIPOA Website



www.frippislandliving.com

More Annual Meeting Photos



Dick Morrison & Wayne Kemmerer

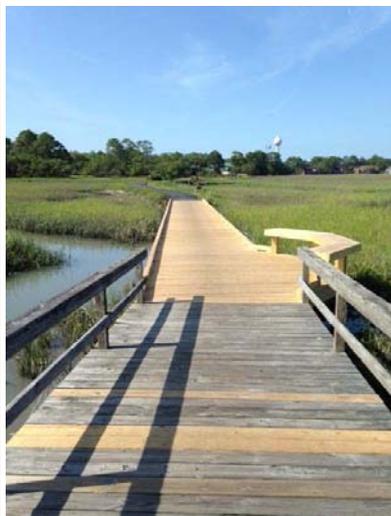


Audience of interested members



Sampling Harry Merrill's fine food

Photos of FIPOA Projects & Speakers



Repairs to Sawgrass Footbridge



Front entrance improvements



Dr. Chris Marsh of Spring Island sharing the History of Port Royal Sound



Officer Baxley talks Hurricanes



Hurricane Preparedness at Community Centre



Stuffing ballot envelopes

The FIPOA is always looking for volunteers!

All committees need you, CIC, PEC, Folding/Stuffing, etc.

If you have an interest in contributing to your POA, please call (843) 838-4155

Or go to: http://frippislandliving.com/owners_resources_volunteer.htm

ISLAND CLUBS

Fripp Island Women's Club News

Marsha Priem

The Fripp Island Women's Club has had a busy year with our service activities. FIWC made increases in some of its ongoing causes and is grateful to all who participated in making this possible. When you review the service and donation accomplishments of the Women's Club listed at right, you could view the Women's Club as primarily a service organization. But despite all this work, the club had a lot of fun and educational experiences.

In February, the club had a large turnout for the meeting where John Urbanski gave an exceptional presentation with a variety of entertaining stories about the history of chocolate. The tasting afterward was a delight to the palate.

One of our major events, held every other year, is the Fripp Island Home Tour. This year in March, we showcased six houses, all unique and beautiful. About one hundred members and one hundred fifty guests attended this fundraising event that helps with FIWC expenses. A special thank you goes out to all of the homeowners involved, along with Micki McCormick and Rebecca Crowley for organizing this event. If you would like to be a part of this or know someone who would be willing to be part of the tour, please contact FIWC or visit our webpage at frippwc.com.



Finally, to end the season, the group enjoyed a luncheon catered by Harry Merrill with delicious food and extraordinary desserts. Page Miller gave a presentation on the History of Fripp Island, and entertainment was provided by Billy Drysdale, voted favorite DJ and favorite karaoke show in Beaufort!

The next event sponsored by the Women's Club will be the cakewalk on the 4th of July. This year, it will be held on the deck by the pool, with plenty of

space for all to enjoy.

The FIWC is planning a special fundraiser in the fall with Dan McCormick and friends, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next season. If you would like to volunteer on any of the committees, please contact next year's co-presidents Anne Hoyle or Sandy Click at frippwc.com!

Here is a list of the club's service activities:

- Sponsored Bingo/BBQ/Brews Event with proceeds of \$3,615 for Citizens Against Domestic Abuse (CODA); The Women's Club paid for the event food (\$1,458) and donated \$300 to the Community Centre from this event.
- Donated \$1,000 to the FI Community Centre
- Donated \$250 to FI Sea and Rescue
- Donated more than 100 books to the Born to Read organization
- Donated \$350 to Fripp for a Cure
- Donated and participated in Friends of Caroline Hospice Christmas tree project (\$465 expenses)
- Sponsored FI July 4 Cake Walk
- Made prayer shawls
- Sponsored a FI Health Fair offering various health tests and giving flu shots
- Donated \$1,800 to the beautification project at the FI fire station
- Sponsored an Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up event
- Sponsored a community Christmas tree



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ISLAND SPORTS



2014 Fireman's Frolic

Bob Hess

The 2014 Fireman's Frolic winners are as follows:

1st place with a score of 63—

Dick Stotler, Gerry Weithman, Jean Wetzel and Teresa Clinton

2nd place with a score of 65—

Jay Hillebrand, Ralph Petrea, Joyce Bergh and Howard Selski

A disappointing turnout of only seventy-six players (down from the 120 plus usual participants) enjoyed a beautiful day on the Ocean Creek Golf Course.

Later in the evening participants attended the awards dinner/cocktail social at Wardle's Landing. Door prizes were generously donated by various local businesses. The dinner of fried chicken and the popular "large hot dogs" finished the day with all participants also receiving their share of traditional golf balls to be used once again.

The committee hopes the normally large number of participants this event usually draws will be back for the 31st annual event next April.

Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

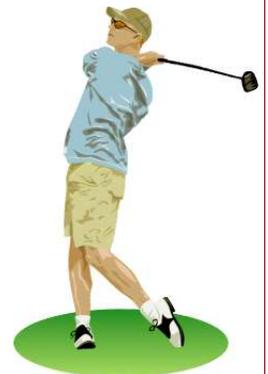
This year's winter woes continued to impact several of the men's outings as the February 26 and March 5 matches were rained out. The number of golfers varied greatly, ranging from a low of twelve to a high of thirty-three on February 19, one of our rare warm days this February.

Games during this time period included Powerball with a two low net format, one gross and one low net, two low net and team Stableford. The weather began to improve in March, and the golfers were able to play seven consecutive weeks from March 12 to April 23. The rain returned, however, to interrupt play on April 30, and the group was unable to finish the match. In May the group plays at Ocean Creek and in June at Ocean Point.

A number of members in the group played at Oldfield Plantation on March 19, and according to reports those scores will remain sealed for eternity. Also, a large number of the Men's Nine Hole Group played in the Ladies' Nine Hole Invitational on April 10. The winning team was Jim Click, Mike Wilt, Patty Patek, and Joan McGratty.

A highlight of the season was a hole-in-one by Don Dashiell on the par 3, 15th hole on the Ocean Creek Golf Course on March 12. Weekly winners included Wayne Kemmerer, Dave Moore, Pete Simone, Frank Fina, Don Aldrich, Ray Atherton, Dick Welhoelter, Jim Neal, Jim Connell, Mike Virostek, Gary Moore, Walter Dany, Dave Stuart, Rusty Prophater, John Dunphy, Dan Bialas, Jim Click, Tom Hunter, Brian Flynn, Jim Price, and Mike Jahn.

Currently approximately 80 active members participate in the group. A new website is now 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/>.



Fripp Island Women's Golf Association

Judy Hummer

To say the least, the weather gods were not kind to FIWGA golf in this year. January and February were terrible with only four days of play. March came in like a lion, and we only played one Tuesday Pot of Gold.

On March 31, the Fripp Island Men's Golf Association joined with FIWGA for our Flower Power event. The day turned out lovely, and everyone enjoyed a fun round of golf followed by a box lunch at the Creek House. Sara Dashiell, Pat Howard and Gene Bergh did a great job planning and orchestrating the event.

Winners and more photos: see next page



ISLAND SPORTS CONT.



FIWGA, *continued*

The winning teams were:

- First place: Jeff Zimar, Dick Briggs, Carol Middleton, and Steve McKay
- Second place: Dick Stotler, Steve McKay, Pat Howard, and Howard Harmon
- Third place: Ernie Taylor, Jan Pringle, Glenn Hergert, and Becca McCoy
- Fourth place: Thom Lane, Bob Newby, Chris Assaf, and Arlene Jacquette
- Closest to the pin: Trudy Chrysel
- Long drive: Ricky Doolittle

April 1, we hosted Beat the Pro. Eight teams were successful in beating the pros.

Then—April showers, winds, and cold descended upon us canceling Tuesday golf on the 8th.

The last event for April was the Fripp Cup Tournament. During the first round, played at Ocean Creek on Tuesday, April 15, play had to be suspended because of rain. The second round, played at Ocean Point on Thursday, April 17, was a cold blustery day. The first round resumed and completed on Tuesday, April 22 at Ocean Creek.



2014 Fripp Cup winners were:

- 1st place: Barbara Hess and Linda Ashby, with 124 (*above left*)
- 2nd place: Micki McCormick and Becky Crowley, with 125 (*above right*)

Congratulations to all who persevered and completed the tournament.

Upcoming events are the Member/Guest Tournament on May 6th and the Memorial Tournament on May 13th and 20th. This will be a match play tournament.

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

Happy Golfing!!

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The Gulf Stream where fish migrate is considerably warmer, but is about 70 miles from Fripp Island. It is currently the hot spot for fishing.

The Fripp Island Marina is ready for Outdoor activities. The Ships Store can supply most all fishing needs, live bait, and an excellent Deli for delicious sandwiches and salads to take on your fishing expedition.

Excursions has almost everything for rent from golf carts to fishing rods and boats to go shelling or fishing.

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The newly renovated Boat House offers the perfect spot for relaxation with spectacular view. Unwind with a cocktail and dinner at sunset.

FISHING REPORT

Inshore fishing: Slowly improving for redfish, whiting and shark. Good sheeps-head and blackdrum.

Near-shore fishing: Good blackbass, blackdrum.

Offshore fishing:

Bottom fishing: large blackbass and trigger fish good; grouper showing.

Stream and deep-water: Excellent dolphin, good wahoo, improving kingfish, and blue marlin being caught.



Fabulous Dolphin catches out of the Fripp Marina



Tim Price and David Stemen

The first fishing tournament of the season will kick off over the Memorial Day weekend. The Fripp Island Marina will host the Memorial Day Fishing Tournament on May 22-24 and will start Thursday evening with a Captains' Meeting and a Low Country Cookout by Chef Doolittle. Friday and Saturday fish days with weigh-ins each day and an awards ceremony Saturday for the largest kingfish, dolphin, wahoo and spanish. Join the excitement and entertainment. Come see some of the largest fish of the season at the Memorial Day Tournament.



Ten year old Grace volunteered to assist on The Fripper as the second mate; she is a captain in waiting.

SEA RESCUE

Fripp Island Sea Rescue: Case Activity

April 2014

Michael Beach

During March, cold curtailed most boating activity with no rescue missions requested from Fripp Island Sea Rescue. April's better weather brought out more boating and fishing, with an increased need for Sea Rescue.



Saturday 4/12/2014 1:30 PM: Beaufort County Dispatch (911) advised they had received a call by fisherman who reported seeing a man who appeared disoriented and was wandering in the marsh on the south end of Prichard's Island. Approximate GPS coordinates were provided. Ralph Goodison and Ben Gruenebaum were dispatched in Rescue 1. Coast Guard Helo located the individual and provided updated coordinates to Rescue 1. Rescue 1 located the individual who exhibited serious disorientation and appeared to be bleeding from oyster cuts to the feet and legs. Personnel were unable to make contact as the man kept walking away. Contacted DNR and Beaufort County Sheriff's Department. DNR dispatched a boat and Rescue 1 picked up two BCSD Officers at Station Creek landing. Coast Guard Helo was released. DNR and BCSD Officers apprehended the man and transported him back to Station Creek landing and then to Beaufort for medical treatment. Individual was identified as a 45 year old man from Florida, but no information was received on how he came to be on Prichard's Island.

Thursday 4/17/2014, 4:40 PM: Beaufort County Dispatch (911) advised man and boy on Prichard's Island with canoe were unable to return to Fripp Island. FISR and FI Fire Department

were unable to get boat or wave runner to Prichard's due to low tides. USCG provided phone number of a woman on Fripp who had the subjects in view. At 5:11 woman reported the man and boy swam back to Fripp and were safely on shore. Rick Keup of Fripp assisted with the mission.

Wednesday 4/23/2014, 7:14 PM: Fripp Island Security advised that a boat had run aground near Harbor River Bridge. R1 dispatched and found mother, father and 3 year old high and dry near green navigation marker. They insisted they would stay with the boat until high tide, approx. 2 am. In contact with boat that evening and requested a call when headed home. The following morning 4/24/14 with no notification, called cell phone and went directly to voice mail. Checked rental house where family was staying and found vehicle and boat on trailer in drive.

Sunday 4/27/2014, 6:00 PM: Ms. Harmon on Fripp Island reported that two people had taken kayaks across Skull Inlet to Prichard's Island, but with increased seas they were afraid to return. FI Fire Department was contacted; Dick Work and John Dunphy were dispatched to R1 to stand by pending dispatch. Bill Lyman was able to make visual contact with kayakers and also reached them by cell phone. They were afraid to return due to large breakers in front of Prichard's Island, although Skull Inlet was much calmer. Two experienced kayakers left Fripp and crossed to Prichard's. They escorted the other two, with all four kayakers returning safely across Skull Inlet to Fripp at Tarpon Boulevard.

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11th Annual SAINT PATTY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

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We want to thank all of our business sponsors, personal sponsors and golfers for making this a great year, indeed.



FI Sea Rescue and USCG Savannah training: see next page

SEA RESCUE CONT.

Fripp Island Sea Rescue and USCG Savannah Crew – Joint Training Exercise



Basket Drop Training

FISR trains monthly with the US Coast Guard. Most training activity takes place in the Fripp Inlet starting at approximately 7 pm in the evening and is visible from the Russ Point Boat Landing just north of the Fripp Inlet Bridge. Typical training involves Coast Guard helicopter maneuvers over the inlet, dropping and recovering Coast Guard rescue swimmers, and dropping rescue baskets into the Sea Rescue boat and recovering them to the helicopter. One or two Sea Rescue boats are involved in the monthly training exercise. During 2012 a training exercise was held at the Ocean Point Golf Course on Fripp Island involving numerous basket drops and recovery. As these pictures might suggest it was an event that stopped traffic on the island while providing much needed training for both the USCG and FISR members. Participants say that it is much more interesting when training in the inlet with the basket dropping toward the boat, covered in sea spray from the helicopter prop wash, and in near darkness.



Recovering Rescue Basket

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