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FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

2023

SATURDAY	MARCH 18, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	APRIL 15, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	MAY 20, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	JUNE 17, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	JULY 15, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	AUGUST 19, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 21, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 18, 2023	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16, 2023	9:00 AM

FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

2023

SATURDAY	MAY 13, 2023	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	AUGUST 12, 2023	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2023	10:00 AM



Fripp Island

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2023 FIPOA Board of Directors

Golf Cart BINGO

14 26 37 53 63

Free to Attend!

6 16 ★ 48 72

FUN FOR ALL AGES &
PRIZES GALORE!

Thursday, May 11
Games start at 4:00 PM
Davis Love Park



Sponsored by Fripp Island POA Community Involvement



Love to write? Share your stories, photos or ideas for The Trawler.

Send your submissions for consideration to the Editor: communications@frippislandliving.com

2023 Trawler Schedule and Deadlines

Issue and Release Date

Article Deadline

Spring II Issue (May 2023)

Due Date Thursday 4/27/23

Summer Issue (July 2023)

Due Date Thursday 6/29/23

Fall Issue (September 2023)

Due Date Thursday 8/31/23

Holiday Issue (December 2023)

Due Date Thursday 11/30/23

a letter from the editor

“Spring cleaning always sounds like a good idea until you’re knee-deep in old toys & clothes, wondering why you did this to yourself.” - Unknown

I have to wonder if Spring Cleaning is a thing of the past? At least in my world it is. I remember the dreaded deep cleaning, purging and organizing, all while listening to the sounds of Rod Stewart, Motown and great songs from the 60s and 70, which was my mom’s cleaning and driving playlist.

This was much like many Saturday mornings. I would get up early, watch cartoons, and binge eat Coco Puffs. As soon as Soul Train came on, the Pledge and Windex came out, and “Tears of a Clown” became “Tears of a Teen” and it was time to clean. Wow. That sounded oddly poetic.

That routine is so deeply ingrained that I still do my cleaning on Saturday morning. No blaring the songs of my youth, but rather something on TV for background noise that usually causes a distraction. And Coco Puffs have been replaced by Fruity Pebbles. What seemed to take less time in my younger days, is becoming a half day chore. I can’t seem to stay focused on the task at hand. I’ll uncover things that I haven’t seen in a while, and it feels like Christmas.

“Why is this cute shirt under the bed?” Of course I try it on. “Ah, now I remember, it’s too small and I sent it to the under-the-bed purgatory with the rest of the things I need out of sight to collect dust”.

But rather than make progress I have now unearthed 5 years of dust that now must be dealt with and my self esteem has been dealt a blow.

That’s just a small example of the chaotic world I create for myself. Maybe this year, I’ll do a nice Spring Cleaning and get things organized and under control. And maybe I’ll just watch other people do it on TikTok and somehow feel accomplished.

I’m very much looking forward to the nicer weather ahead and more time outside and a break from the routine of stuffing things I can’t manage under my bed.

If I’m not in the house, I don’t feel like I need to be doing something, because let’s face it, there’s always something to do. Something that could be organized, something that could be cleaned and the winter weather forces us to face it more than the warmer months.

But if I’m on the beach, I couldn’t care less. My worry at that moment is when to turn so I tan evenly and that mess will (unfortunately) be there for another day, hidden under the bed.

Stacie





MGA Men's Golf

**The MGA is the Golf Association for Fripp Island
All Rounds are played at the Ocean Point and Ocean Creek Courses.
Each course is rotated on a monthly basis and alternate
monthly throughout the year.**

Get the Schedule of Events and Tee Times at Fore Tees



Fripp Island Yacht Club



(Boats optional)

The Fripp Island Yacht Club is a social club with boat, water and land events. You do not need a boat to join the FIYC. With events ranging from casual on island parties, beach parties, Christmas boat parade and party, a formal Commodore’s Ball and boat excursions around the waters of the Beaufort area. If you don’t own a boat not to worry because we rent the Fripp Island Fripper for those who don’t own a boat.



Dues: \$25.00 per person per year

(January 1—December 31st)



You must be a property owner on Fripp Island

Join Now For 2023

Your Name(s) _____

Email Address _____

Fripp Island address _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____

Drop off or mail registration form to Sherry Sievert;, Treasurer at 118 Sandpiper Run, Fripp Island SC 29920 Call (843) 838-5522. Questions?

For more information: wwwfrippislandyachtclub.com



**FRIPP ISLAND
WOMEN'S CLUB
TOUR OF HOMES**

**WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

The 2023 FIWC Tour of Homes will be held March 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All homes being featured are new to the Tour and present a wide variety of styles and locations. While advance reservations are strongly encouraged, admission can also be paid the day of the Tour. Cost is \$20.00 for FIWC members and \$30.00 for non-members. Attendees will meet the day of the Tour at the Fripp Island Community Centre for instructions and route maps. CHECK IN is at 9:45 for the morning tours and 11:30 for the afternoon.

2020 FIWC TOUR OF HOMES RESERVATIONS

Member Name(s):

_____ Email: _____

Non-Member Name(s):

_____ Email: _____

Member Tickets: # _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Non-Member Tickets: # _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

ENCLOSE CHECK PAYABLE TO FIWC IN THE AMOUNT OF:

\$ _____ (Total)

Deliver to: Debbie Perrone, 167 Ocean Creek, Fripp Island, SC 29920

Questions: debbieperrone.perrone@gmail.com or cell 860-670-4836

Deb Rubenstein dero1127@hotmail.com or cell 724-699-7705

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE February 28, 2023

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through February 28th each year.

SOLD as of February 28th	2021	2022	2023
Homesites	14	6	3
Condos	7	3	4
Homes	19	15	11
Total	40	24	18

AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	2021	2022	2023
Homesites	\$97,743	\$146,583	\$208,333
Condos	\$221,000	\$345,000	\$489,625
Homes	\$733,684	\$993,946	\$924,000
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$254	\$372	\$383
Homes avg. days on market	238 days	115 days	69 Days

UNDER CONTRACT/PENDING as of February 28th

	2021	2022	2023
Homesites	21	12	4
Condos	3	4	2
Homes	20	5	5
Total	44	21	11

NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on February 28th

	2021	2022	2023
Homesites	80	36	17
Condos	3	2	11
Homes	12	5	24

For real estate assistance please contact:

Charles Patty, Listing Agent/Sales Agent/Broker

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE COMPANY

Telephone: 843-597-1170; email: charlesp@frippislandrealestate.com

If your property is listed with another Realtor, this is not a solicitation.





Fripp Island Women's Club

THE WATER IS WIDE FIWC 2023 Scholarship Winners

The Fripp Island Women's Club is pleased to announce its annual scholarship awards to three students from The College of the Low Country (TCL). The scholarship was established in honor of Beaufort's world-renowned author, Pat Conroy. Pat's book, *The Water is Wide*, chronicled his year teaching on Daufuskie Island wherein the children had many challenges and few resources for education back in the early 1970's.

As a tribute to Pat's belief in the power of education, this scholarship is intended for older adults returning to college for a degree or certification at TCL or USCB. To date, the FIWC has donated over \$16,000 for 10 scholarships. This year's recipients received \$1000 towards their education for a total of \$3000.

The scholarships are in partnership with the Pat Conroy Literary Center and if you would care to donate and keep Pat's legacy going forward, your check can be made out to : Pat Conroy Literary Center, Memo line: Scholarship fund. Your donation is tax deductible and you

will receive acknowledgement of your donation. Checks can be mailed to : Anne Hoyle, 5 Pelican Cove, Fripp Island, SC 29920. A donation form is included on the next page, the winners are:



Tiffany Willis; She is pursuing her certification from TCL's Applied Science of Nail Technology. Her instructor's comments include "as a working mother of a small child, she attends TCL four nights a week and "she will be an asset to the salon industry upon completing her certification".



Roslyn Todd; She is currently works as a Medical Assistant and is pursuing her degree in Applied Sciences at TCL. Her references 'state she is punctual, hardworking, intelligent and has excellent people skills. She would continue to be an asset to the community's health.



Ashley Norwood; She is, a mother of three, is currently working as a Kindergarten aide. She is returning to seek a degree in General Technology/ Associate Degree in Applied Sciences. Her references state that as "the lead Kindergarten teacher in the classroom Ashley works, Ashley is constantly demonstrating a love of learning and has the commitment to succeed."

The Fripp Island Women's Club Presents: The Pat Conroy Water is Wide Scholarship



Pat and Cassandra King Conroy, Fripp Island, SC

Since 2017, the Fripp Island Women's Club (FIWC) has sponsored the The Water is Wide scholarship in honor of Pat Conroy. In partnership with the Pat Conroy Literary Center, the FIWC has awarded **ten** scholarships totaling **\$16,000** students attending University of South Carolina Bluffton (**USCB**) or the Technical College of the Low Country (**TCL**).

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

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

- resides in Beaufort County
- is a United States Citizen
- is 21 or over
- desires to pursue a degree at **USCB** or a degree/certificate at **TCL**

FIWC continues to donate \$500 annually for this award. We would like to invite you to make a contribution to this worthwhile scholarship. We know that Pat would be humbled by continuing to honor his legacy, hopefully for years to come.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Please make checks payable to:

The Pat Conroy Literary Center

(Scholarship Fund in the memo line)

**Mail or return the form and your check to: Ms. Anne Hoyle
5 Pelican Cove
Fripp Island, SC 29920**

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



Captain Ralph's FISHING REPORT

THE BITE IS ON

Submitted by Captain Ralph Goodison

The bite is on YES. Our Federal Income Tax is coming, but the bite, I am talking about is the fishing bite. They are hungry and fishing is good. Spring on Fripp is around the corner with the warm weather and all the things that make Fripp a great home,

vacation spot or a place that is not perfect but, darn close.

FISHING REPORT:

INSHORE: Fishing is good, Blackdrum ,Sheepshead Whiting and surprise Rsdfish are caught inshore, The Inlet, backwaters and Trencher's are producing good catches.

NEARSHORE: Tire/Fripp Reef, Wreck of the Savannah, and 6HI, Best bet for fishing Good catches of Sheephead, Blackdrum, Fair catches of Redfish, Trigger and Grunt.

STREAM AND OFFSHORE: Slow and not many reports Wahoo are showing.

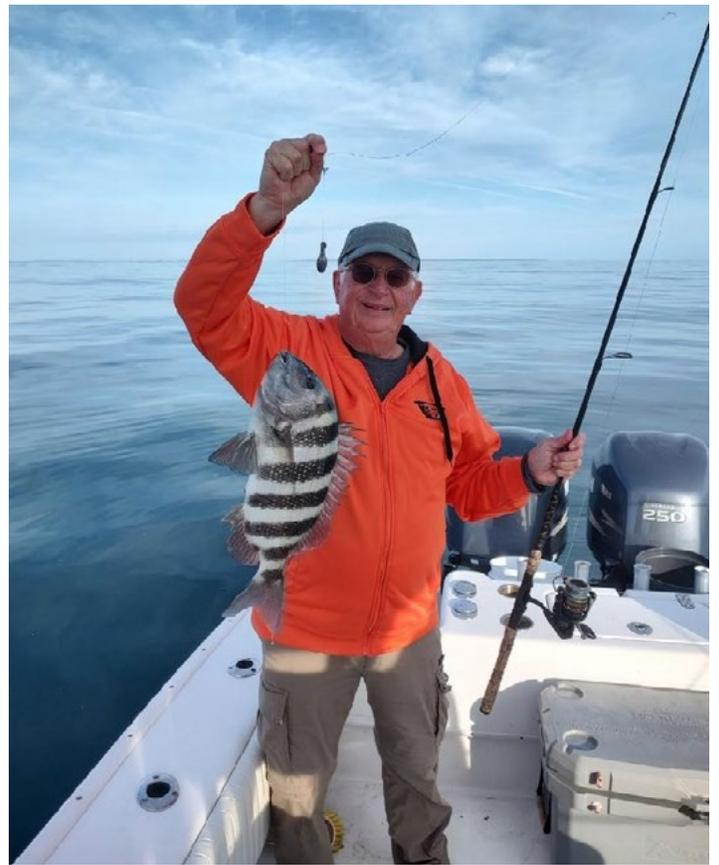
Spring is around the corner and not only great fishing but an opportunity to get your boat out or rent one from the marina and enjoy our spectacular waterways around the island.

Excursions has nearly everything to rent and enjoy and the remodeled marina store, not only has fishing and boating needs, a mini mart but a great deli.

The annual Memorial Day Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Friday May 26 and Saturday the 27th Registration is Thursday the 25th from 6:00-7:00 followed by a captain's meeting and a Low Country Cookout.

A great spring awaits our beautiful island!

“Remember Fripp is not perfect but it is darn close.”



Photos: Top left page: Redfish in the inlet
Top right: Sheephead warm up the weather and Fripp
Bottom right: Lots of good catching and eating caught on Miss Lea 11



ST. PADDY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

To benefit Fripp Island Sea Rescue and Beaufort Water Search and Rescue

MARCH 18

The Annual St. Patty's Golf Tournament

When: March 18, 2023

Where: Fripp Island Ocean Creek Golf Course

Silent Auction: Begins March 15, 2023

Silent Auction ends: March 22, 2023

FISR and Beaufort Sea Rescue are pleased to announce the 20th year for the golf tournament. This is the only fund raiser the organizations hold each year.

Be sure to share the auction information with your friends, neighbors and family.



**Fripp Island
Ladies
Nine Hole
Golf**



**Come join a fun group of ladies
Beginners are welcome**

Schedule:

**Tuesday: play your own game
Thursday: tournament play with a
Different game weekly**

**Often meet for lunch after play
Yearly luncheon
Prizes awarded
Alternate play on Ocean Creek
and Ocean Point course**

**Yearly dues: \$35
Can join anytime**

For Info Contact:

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APRIL FOOLS' DAY

History of a hoax holiday

Submitted by Stacie Thrush,
Editor

Ah. April Fools' Day. Those that know me, it shouldn't come as a surprise that I'm partial to this "holiday".

The best April Fools' prank I ever executed was at a radio station in Mississippi where I worked in 2014. We had a newsletter called the "Potty Press". That in itself sounds like a joke, but it was a legit newsletter that was posted on our bathroom stalls.

I copied the layout and changed the information. I put in there that it was one of the DJ's birthday, so all day long people were wishing

her a Happy Birthday. I did a story that we would be required to bring our own supplies including toilet paper. And I also reported that one of our radio stations would be changing formats from Hot Adult Contemporary to Polka. My prank was inspired by my dad who was the king of pranks. He was always pulling pranks at work and at home.

I wanted to see how this tradition started and according to History.com, historians speculate that it dates back to 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news and failed to recognize that the start of the new year has moved to January 1st, so they continued to celebrate it during the last week of March. Those people became the butt of joke and hoaxes and were called, yes, “April Fools”. Pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as “April fish”, said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and gullible person.

It is also thought that April Fools’ Day has to do with the vernal equinox when Mother Nature fools people with changing, unpredictable weather.

Scotland ran with the idea of April Fools’ in the 18th century and turned it into a 2-day event. They kicked it off with “hunting the gowk”, in which people are sent on phony errands. Followed by an entire day of pinning fake tails or “kick me” signs on their tush, calling it “Tailie Day”.

Today, we can get even more creative because we have social media. Not only to execute pranks, but to share ideas. Major corporations and celebrities have gotten in on the act over the years, making false announcements or claims.

There are several interesting articles online including [9 Zany April Fools’ Day Hoaxes](#).



A photo from a prank I played on our entire town, when I released a dye pack into our little creek. Source: Walter Rambo Facebook. Read more about the [“Greening of the Creek” here](#).

Source:

History.com

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Contributed by Mary T. Jacobs

Quote of the month: "If you want your children to turn out well spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money."
Adigail L. van Buren



The term divergent thinking was first coined by J.P. Guilford in 1956. In many ways divergent thinking is synonymous with creative problem-solving.

Dear parents and friends,

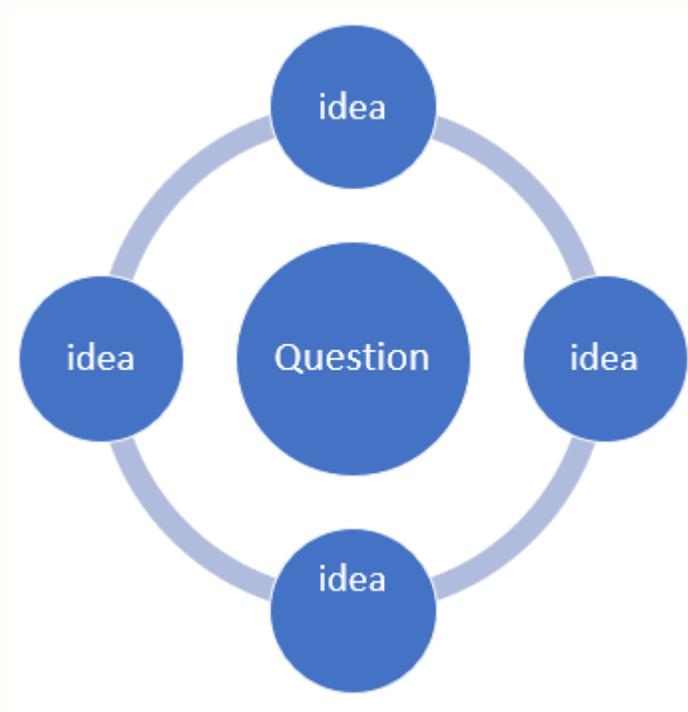
This month we will be focusing on Divergent thinking. Divergent thinking is a thought process or method used to generate creative ideas by exploring many possible solutions. It typically occurs in a spontaneous free-flowing manner. Many solutions are explored in a short amount of time. This technique is often used in advanced classes and especially used in classes for gifted children. The ability for children to think is very important.

Activities to teach divergent thinking:

- Show children a brick and ask them to list as many ways as possible for the use of a brick. I have asked students to come up with 100 ways to use the brick. Some of the ways are very creative and amazing.
- Go outside and sit for five minutes and record all the sounds you hear.
- A fork is used to eat with, but what are other uses.
- Name as many uses of a mirror as possible.
- Creative play: Ask your child to go outside and find something they could play with.
- If a child is 10-12 ask them to list ways, they could make money.

Brain storming is another way to help children and even adults to think and explore a variety of solutions. Brain storming just may be the most frequently used exercise of divergent thinking. The idea is to gather a group together, pencil and paper in hand, and for everyone to just write down as many ideas as possible. Speaking is not allowed and ALL ideas are accepted. This was a common practice in companies to development new products.

Here is an example to use when you begin to use divergent thinking.
Taken from: Helpful Professor.com.



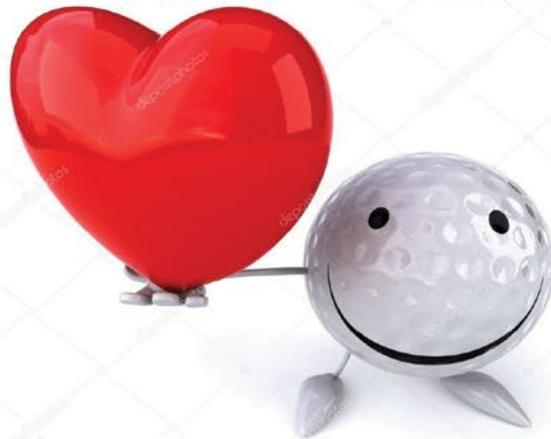
I hope you have enjoyed your session and activities on learning to think.

I hope to see you at the beach.

Happy thinking!

WGA

Women's Golf Association



WGA 9 + WGA 18 = A Match Made in Heaven!!!

On March 16th, 2023 the 9-Holers hosted the 18-Holers for a *Gal-entime* tournament to remember!!! Each team was comprised of two 9-Hole members and two 18-hole members. Each golf hole played offered a special challenge for the group!!! Additionally, prior to the start of the event, each team was given a pink golf ball. It was then the goal of the team to use the pink ball on each hole...without actually losing the golf ball...(by a less than desired shot)...

Only two teams were able to accomplish this mission at the event's completion!!! One team did provide an extra dose of excitement on this very special day...**Wendy Moore had a hole-in-one on the Ocean Creek's #15!!!!**



The golf tournament was then topped off with a delicious lunch and awards presentation at the Beach Club. The tournament winners were the team made up of:

- ❖ Deb Tucker
- ❖ Maura O'Donohue
- ❖ Nancy Zimar
- ❖ Sam Taylor



It was truly a fun time and I have heard...a rematch is in the air!!!

JUST ONE MORE THING...DON'T MISS OUT ON THE WGA FUN!



LOTS OF EVENTS COMING UP!!!





FRIPP  ISLAND *St. Helena's Church at*

EASTER WORSHIP
Sunday, April 9th - 9am

OCEAN POINT
DRIVING RANGE



Come Join Us For a Casual,
Family Friendly Service.
Please bring a Chair or Blanket to Sit On

Captain Ralph's Cooking Corner

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison



Hi folks! I was in Florida for a few weeks and did these quick fix cooking tips. It's great to eat out, but saving a few bucks once and awhile helps the vacation \$\$\$.

QUICK FIX SHRIMP APPETIZER

I could not find local fresh shrimp so I bought some large frozen peeled and deveined shrimp.

6 or more shrimp (thaw}
butter/margarine
pepper (+ or -)

narrow cup/bowl
garlic/pepper, onion powder, touch hot
English Muffin or bread

Add shrimp to bowl, spread butter over top of shrimp, sprinkle seasonings, microwave/stir to pink. Toast bread cut in squares. Top shrimp on squares with liquid.

QUICK AND EASY STRING BEANS AND HAM DINNER

Bag of super market string beans (trim and clean)
2 onions cut up
3/4 to 1 lb. hunk/sliced or diced ham

2 potatoes diced
1 Tbs. beef bullion
Pepper & garlic to taste

Cover with 3/4 water and either microwave or cook till potatoes and beans are done. Get ready for an easy, quick and delicious meal. I will normally get 2 meals out of this dinner.

ENJOY!



Membership supports study, observation and conservation of flora and fauna of the South Carolina Lowcountry, especially by the coast, through educational guest speakers, birding trips, Audubon in the Schools, wildlife tracking, research & habitat protection.



Ten Eyck Lecture Series

Programs are held monthly at the Fripp Island Community Centre.

Meeting times will be announced. Join us for a reception prior...bring your own beverages and an appetizer to share.

October 27 ~ Dr. Al Segars, Veterinarian, Ret. SC DNR: The Shorebird Story ~ How Will We Write our Next Chapter?

November 17 ~ Jake Zadik, Naturalist: Using eBird & preparing for the Christmas Bird Count

December 15 ~ Andy Jones, Ex. Dir., Spring Island Trust: Migration ~ How Birds Navigate

January 26 ~ Tamima Itani & Melissa Chaplin: Great Lakes to Harbor Island ~ Breeding, Migration and SC's wintering Piping Plovers

February 23 ~ PURPLE HAZE: Conservation Film on Purple Martin Migration

March 23 ~ Leila Arnold, Lowcountry Raptors: Raptors in our Midst

April 27 ~ Christian Feldt, Ornithologist: Riverbanks Zoo, Columbia, SC

May 25 ~ Jenn Clementoni, Birding Beaufort: Tips & Tricks to Birding the Lowcountry



Audubon Outings

Outings are held monthly and are open only to Club Members due to size limitations. Please note, your dues must be paid & current to participate in outings.

October 4 ~ Jarvis Creek Park w/Steven Guy (12 people)

October 12 ~ Pop-Up Birding ~ Southside Park

October 28 ~ Fripper Trip (32 people) @ 9:00 am ~ \$20/pp

November 4 ~ Pop-Up Birding ~ Fripp Audubon Trail

November 30 ~ Pop-Up Birding ~ Widgeon Point

December 15 ~ Christmas Bird Count

January 11 ~ ACE Basin NWR Combahee Unit (North Side) with Steven Guy (15 people)

January 24 ~ Pinckney Wildlife Refuge w/Bob Speare (15-18 people)

February ~ Bear Island date TBD

February 26-28 ~ Overnight – Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center/Huntington State Park (14 people)

March 29 ~ Webb Wildlife Management Area with Kathryn & April from Webb Staff (25 people)

April 17 ~ Harbor Island w/Peggy Lucas (10 people)

April 25 ~ Harbor Island w/Peggy Lucas (10 people)

May 19 ~ Caw Caw Interpretive Center (15 people)
3 Hour Guided Tour ~ \$15.00 per person

[Sponsored/Supported Projects & Volunteer Opportunities](#)

**The Fripp Audubon Club is powered by membership, volunteers & participation.
Contact the people below about your interest or your questions.**

Dixie Winter Audubon Trail is a short, well-maintained trail off Porpoise Drive, winding through maritime forest and along salt marsh leading to a view of Fripp Inlet. To assist w/trail maintenance contact Patrick Cotter at patrick.r.cotter@gmail.com

Bluebird Houses on Fripp – Monitoring and maintaining 20 Bluebird Boxes erected by the Nature Center & Audubon Club. To assist contact Kevin Rice at kevinrice@me.com

Back Yard Bird Count – February 17, 2023 – To participate go to: www.birdcount.org/participate

Christmas Bird Count – December 15, 2022 - When volunteers identify, count & record birds on Fripp, Harbor, Horse & Saint Helena Island(s) as well as everywhere else in America! Individual backyard bird counts are also included. To participate, contact Sally Jessee at skjessee365@gmail.com

Climate Watch Bluebird Count – In January & June 2023, volunteers make 12 five-minute bird observations in a pre-assigned area and submit data electronically. To participate, contact Kevin Rice at kevinrice@me.com

Fripp Island Activity Center – Nature programs, native pollinator garden, collect data for naturalist research projects, wildlife in residence at 8 Veranda Beach Road. To learn more or help, please contact the Head Naturalist, Kathryn Schulz at kschultz@frippislandresort.com

Fripp Island Loggerhead Turtle Patrol - Operating under a permit from the SC Dept. of Natural Resources (SCDNR) our 20+ volunteers patrol the beach each morning looking for signs of sea turtle activity. Patrol members have been trained and have been issued letters of authorization allowing them to address sea turtle nests, eggs and hatchlings. If interested in volunteering, please contact Permit Holder Karen Natoli at natweb@comcast.net

Green Space Conservation – The Club owns 5 Fripp Green Spaces, which are conservation properties over 2 acres. If you are interested in making a charitable gift of property or an estate plan gift, please contact Jack Sims at jacksims198@gmail.com

Harbor Island Environmental Stewardship Committee – Sunday afternoon environmental educational programs, Shorebird Stewardship Program April-August 2023. For information, please contact Peggy Lucas at oceanmarsh9@gmail.com

National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat – For information on how your yard can become a certified habitat, please visit <https://www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat>

Osprey Watch – A global community of observers reporting breeding Osprey by submitting data to The Osprey Watch. To volunteer, please contact Linda Sigafos at lcaseys@embarqmail.com

Wildlife Tracking System (MOTUS) – An international research network that electronically tracks migratory birds and other wildlife. Stations are located on Fripp Island & Harbor Island. Obtain data from these towers by visiting MOTUS.org and finding the antenna locations on the map. To volunteer to help track birds, please contact Kevin Rice at kevinrice@me.com

[Click here to learn more.](#)

The Fripp Island Women' Groups February Program was a fun morning learning to do the Carolina Shag. Beaufort's own Woody Oakley and his wife Sara instructed the ladies of the FIWC on the finer steps to Shag Dancing.



Beautiful Table decorations by Linda Ball



Save The Date



For The 2023
Fripp Island Yacht Club
Commodores Ball

March 11, 2023

Theme this year is St. Patrick's Day

Invitations will be sent out to all paid 2023 members.

You must be a paid 2023 member in order to attend the Ball. This is a member only event
Membership Form attached below



Lucy Golden loves tasting her Valentine's Day apricot pie just out of the oven!



LET'S PLAY WINTER BINGO!

At the Fripp Island
Community Centre

Doors close, and
games start promptly
at 4:30 PM, so please
arrive early.

Winter Bingo
Schedule:

Tuesday, March 7

Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, March 21

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contributed By: Rebecca Climer, FICC Board President

At the February 15 Annual Meeting of the Fripp Island Community Centre membership, all in attendance heard highlights of the past year. As a reminder, all property owners and long-term residents are members of the FICC. The membership also voted in a new director, Carlene Rogan.

For the most part, we have returned to a pre-Covid level of activity. Clubs and organizations began meeting regularly so we are now back to our previous level of nearly 100 events per month being held in the Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel. In addition to the numerous clubs and organizations meeting at the FICC, we hosted POA Board meetings and Town Halls, the deer count reception, the FIWC Holiday Craft Fair, and many Fripp Island based regime meetings. A new offering, Move to the Groove, created

and taught by Monette Smoak, was added to the list of fitness based programs. One notable loss is ROMEO which suspended meetings this year. Hopefully, some great volunteer will step forward and restart this club.

The All Faiths Chapel continued weekly Vespers services and is used by the Church on the Beach congregation in inclement weather. The traditional Easter and Christmas services were meaningful, beautiful, and well attended with over 100 worshipers at both services. The Chapel was the site of three weddings and three memorial services offering both joy and comfort to Fripp Islanders. In the fall of 2022, a new choir director joined us and the All Faiths Chapel Choir is growing and sounding better than ever.

On Halloween weekend, generous Frippers Randy and Julie Underwood opened their

home for a first-ever private party fundraiser for the FICC. The event was tremendously successful in terms of dollars raised - \$8,000 - and attendance by many who learned a great deal about the FICC.

The Addition Committee chartered by the FICC Board resumed meetings. Led by Betty Pearson, the Committee was able to secure an acceptable quote for the renovation and expansion of the kitchen area. The demolition phase of the project has been completed and we are on track to complete within the 90 to 120 day time period. We will continue to keep the membership apprised of progress through the weekly updates published by the Fripp Island POA.

The Columbarium, a place of peace and remembrance, was expanded by 32 niches in late 2022.

The FICC Board continues to be grateful for the generous support of our membership. We approach 2023 with expectations for another successful year of fulfilling our purpose of maintaining a Centre and Chapel to further the religious, spiritual, and cultural growth of Fripp Island.

We hope to see you there!



Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and Fripp Island Sea Rescue are hosting their third on-line Auction in conjunction with the 20th annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament.

The Auction running from March 15th through 22nd 2023 will be conducted through 32Auctions.com. [Follow us on Facebook for the auction link.](#)

Beaufort Water Search & Rescue and Fripp Island Sea Rescue are all-volunteer organizations 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. Both organizations are in the continuing process of upgrading their equipment in order to be able to continue serving their respective waters. Without your support, we would not be able to provide this emergency response.

You can support these mission-critical local organizations by bidding on or purchasing some of the generous Auction donations.

To date, Auction donations range in value from \$100.00 to over \$5,000.00 with more donations coming in daily! Just some of the great Auction donations include: Golf Foursomes at some of Beaufort County finest golf courses, Fripp rentals, catered dinners for 4, oyster roast for 25, fishing boat charters including flounder gigging, Coastal Expedition St. Phillips Island Cruise, golf cart rentals, guided beach walks for 8, local artists' work, to name a few!!!!

We cannot thank our local artists and businesses enough for contributing such exciting Auction donations.

Visit our site today and return often to see new items! [Find the link on our Facebook page!](#)

Bidding starts **Wednesday, March 15th and continues to Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023.**

For more information, contact Nancy Wingenbach at 330-618-8171.



**Fripp Island
Sea Rescue**

In Memoriam



*Fripp Island Property Owners Association
mourns the loss of our members who
have passed.*

Ryan Montgomery 12/5/22

Michael Beach 12/5/22

Jean Wetzel 12/14/22

Dorothy Stickney 2/18/23

Earl

Eastern Box Turtle

Terrapene carolina



Submitted by Kathryn Schulz, Head Naturalist, Fripp Island Resort

Range and Behavior: Eastern Box turtles are a low country native, ranging all the way from southern Maine to the southern tip of Florida, and from the eastern portion of Texas all the way to the east coast! Box turtles are normally found near ponds, woodlands and fields, and even here on Fripp!

Like Earl, most box turtles are very docile, but might get spooked and hide in their shell if you approach them quickly. They are called box turtles because they can completely hide in their shell if threatened, whereas most turtles can just partially hide in their shell. If you ever see a box turtle, or any turtle for that matter, crossing a road—make sure to put them on the side they were trying to get to!

They have amazing homing capabilities, and if you put them on the wrong side, they will just turn back around to try to get to where they were going originally.

Diet and Reproduction: Box Turtles are omnivores and will eat anything and

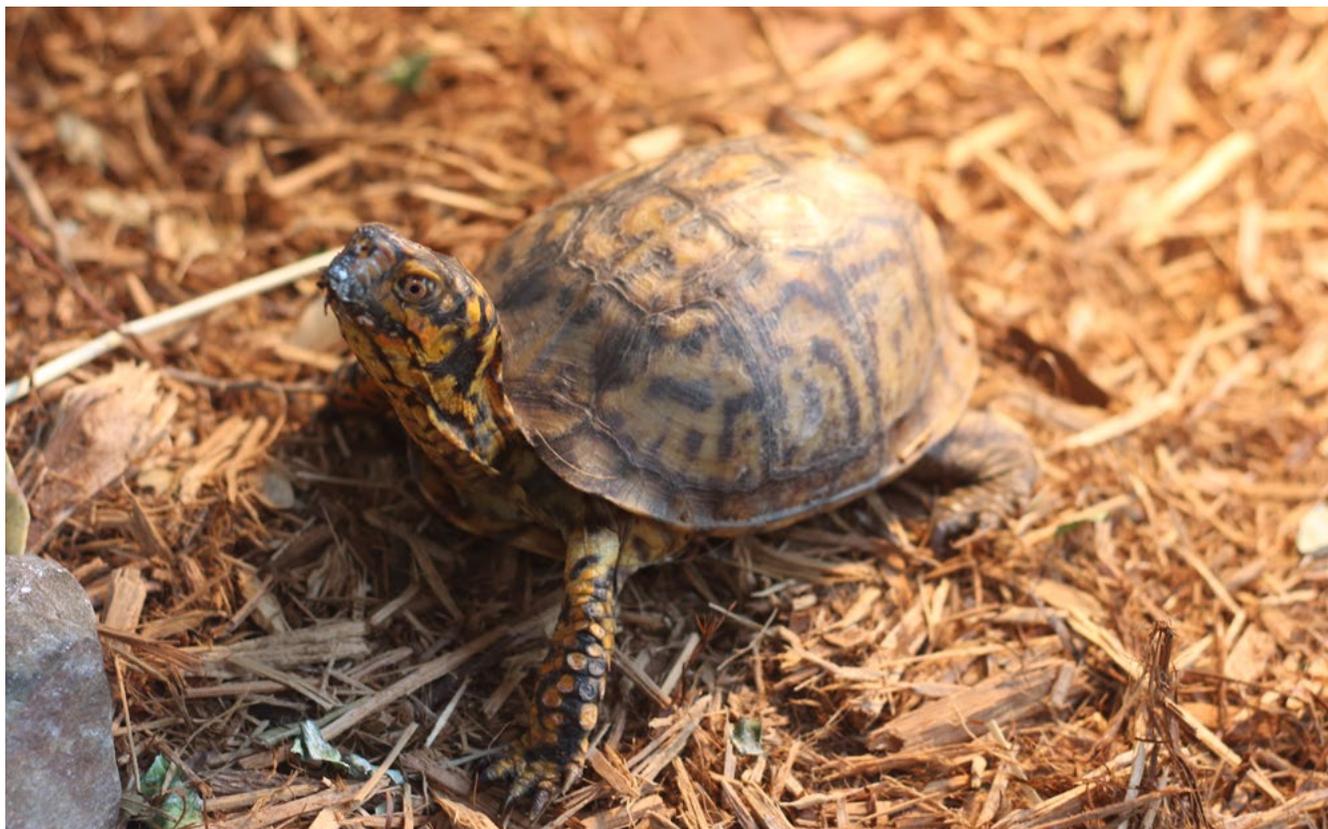
everything, but they primarily like insects and sometimes even small mammals! If you have a garden, you might find one eating your squash or some crickets! We like to feed Earl a varied diet, he gets some greens and vegetables, but we always add in some form of protein (like worms or pinky mice).

Eastern Box Turtles will breed from April to October, and nesting occurs from May through July. A female will usually only nest once per year, with each nest having 2-8 eggs that are laid several inches below the soil. They will hatch after about three months, but this is dependent on the soil temperature and moisture. Like all turtles, the temperature of the soil determines the gender of the hatchlings.

Remember: cool dudes, hot chicks!

If the weather is colder, they will be hatching as mostly males, and vice versa if it is warmer. Unfortunately, due to climate change, we are seeing a lot of female turtles being born with the increase in soil temperature, thus creating an off balance in the mature breeding adult population. It takes box turtles around 20 years to become fully mature and they can live upwards of 100 years!

Eastern Box Turtles are currently listed as vulnerable and is a protected species in the state of South Carolina. If you find one in the wild (even though they are very cute) please don't take it home with you, as the pet trade is a contributing factor to their population decline. However, if you would like to come and visit Earl, he loves having his shell scratched and his photo taken! You might be able to even feed him some of his favorite





Tee It Up

Come
JOIN US

Fripp Island
Women's Golf
Association

Play on Tuesdays!!!

Let's Play
Golf



Contact: Debbie St John
Call: 704-517-3731
Email: sanddstjohn@gmail.com

Fripp Flashback



Enjoy a DJ with Hits from
the 60s and 70s!



THURSDAY, MAY 25

6:30PM-9:30PM

DAVIS LOVE PARK

Fun, games, prizes
and dancing!

The event is free to attend and you can
purchase food from our food truck
vendor Golden's Bar-B-Que!



**ENJOY DINNER WITH GOLDEN'S
SMOKEHOUSE BAR-B-QUE
AND CATERING FOOD TRUCK!**

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MENS Nine Hole Golf League

Contributed By: Mike Wilt

During the most recent time of December through February weather was only a factor for a couple Wednesdays for the Nine Hole Men's group, and only once was it canceled. Participation in the group has been slowly increasing as the weather improves. With the nine-hole league there are no skill level requirements, so interested players are encouraged to come out and give it a try. Also, the ability to play only nine holes as opposed to 18 certainly reduces the time commitment for this golf group and may appeal to those who do not want to commit to a full 18-hole event. All are welcome to join. Ken Anton is currently the President so you can

contact him via email on Foretees if you are interested in joining or inquire at either of the pro shops for more information. Games during this time frame were Team Stableford, Odd/Even, One Low Net Even One Low Net Odd, Two Best Net Ball.

Closest to the pin winners were Bob Smith four times, Rick Stein twice, and Rick Ward and Shelby Nussbaum once each. And the golf courses prevailed on three of the outings as nobody was able to reach the green on the designated hole.

Winners during this stretch from December through February were



Perminder Bindra five times, Rick Stein four times, Shelby Nussbaum, Marty Ketels, Bob Smith and Rick Ward three times, Joe Sullivan, Ed Smith, Ken Anton, Leiter Doolittle, Brian Flynn and Frank Davis twice, and David Mandelbaum, Duffy Howard, Rodney Walker, Joe Studer, Steve Hays and Dean Wray once each.

The group has tentative plans to have a match with the nine-hole women soon as the league returns to some sort of normalcy post-COVID,

During March the group will play at Ocean Creek and in April at Ocean Point, currently starting at 9:00 am.

There are approximately 25 members of the men's nine-hole group. Annual dues remain a bargain at only \$15 per year. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group and you need to register before noon on Tuesday before the Wednesday event.

To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at

<http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>



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