Having had two small skin cancers removed previously, Roger Wilson was not overly concerned when he went in for a third biopsy. However, this time the diagnosis was much more serious. Roger had Merkel Cell Carcinoma—a very aggressive form of skin cancer.

Thankfully, Keyserling Cancer Center in Beaufort, SC, provided Roger with outstanding care. Following surgery, Roger had daily radiation treatments for five weeks at Keyserling. By the second week he had lost all sense of smell and all food tasted extremely sour and metallic. Nearing the end of treatment, Roger was extremely weak and had lost 30 pounds.

Today, Roger is cancer-free and back at work preparing building sites and providing rocks to Fripp Island homeowners.

“I love everyone at Keyserling Cancer Center. I could not have gotten through this without them. I really don’t think I would have been able to drive to Charleston or Savannah every day for treatment.”

Unfortunately, there are many in our community facing the same battle as Roger. They need our help. Will this be the year you step forward to help them?

Through “Fripp for a Cure,” Fripp Island has raised almost $200,000 for Keyserling Cancer Center. The generosity of this island is overwhelming!

This year, we will hold a golf tournament on October 13th, followed by a Charity Gala and Silent Auction on October 16th at the Fripp Island Beach Club. 100% of the proceeds from these events will go to local patient care and clinical research trials.

As with any volunteer effort, it takes scores of cheerful givers to be successful. Financial sponsorships are critical. Donations for the auction are also key. Vacation homes, golf outings, artwork and parties are always big sellers.

If you would be willing to make a financial donation or offer an item for the auction please contact:

Rich and Chris Assaf, Co-Chairs: “Fripp for a Cure”:
522 Porpoise Drive
843-838-2620
richassaf@earthlink.net
chrisassaf@earthlink.net

Working together, our little island will continue to do amazing things!

Roger Wilson is now Cancer Free...thanks to the outstanding treatment provided by Keyserling Cancer Center.
In May’s FIPOA Board of Directors meeting, the following Resolution was approved in one reading:

Resolution 696: To Approve Updated Rules & Regulations & Schedule of Violations and Fees. A fine for destruction of property with a fine of $500 was added to the existing Schedule of Rules & Regulations.

The Board also approved new officers:
- President - Rick Raible
- Vice President - Jim Wolbrink
- Treasurer - Wayne Kemmerer
- Secretary - Frank Belatti

Resolutions were adopted to continue all existing committees for the FIPOA, some minor changes in members were made.

Also, proposed offshore drilling was discussed. It was determined a survey of property owners regarding this would be produced. The results of the survey will be discussed at the July meeting.

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

new.frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/.

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**In Memoriam**

Marion Brooks  
Prisilla Walsh  
Charles McFarland

**New Owners on Fripp**

5/1/15 to 6/30/15

Robert & Carol Chatfeld, Lawrenceville GA  
Thomas & Susan Bisanz, Frisco TX  
Dan & Kim Mathews, Abingdon VA  
John & Elizabeth McMullan, Athens GA  
Craig & Meleia Moody, Casar NC  
Alfred & Patricia Scott, Greensboro GA  
Christopher & Jaclyn Snell, Seabrook SC  
Curtis & Patricia Stewart, Columbia SC  
Randall & Emily Styles, Waxhaw NC  
Donald & Deborah Taylor, Ashland VA  
The Villages at Mills Gap LLC, Boiling Springs SC

**Welcome**

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

Chief's Corner

Mike Binkowski, Chief of Security

There have been many discussions about golf carts on the beach. You may have noticed that there is now a Cadet stationed at the Rock Beauty beach access (#15) who is monitoring the beach access.

The current rules in place are:

1. Golf carts properly marked by an FIPOA approved handicapped decal are permitted to drive onto the beach, discharge the handicapped person, other passengers, and any property onto the beach. The golf cart must then be removed immediately from the beach and parked in a legal parking space. When departing, the cart may be driven back onto the beach, pick up the handicapped person and any passengers that can safely ride on the cart, as well as any property that can be safely stored on the cart and take them off the beach.

2. A single handicapped person is authorized to drive their properly marked golf cart onto the beach and park it on the beach until such time that they are ready to leave.

3. The beach access control Cadet is authorized to allow an obviously handicapped person onto the beach in an unmarked golf cart. However, the cadet will instruct the guest that they must go to the Security Office and obtain an authorized handicapped sticker prior to returning to the beach the next time.

If you need to have your golf cart designated as a handicapped cart, you must bring the golf cart to the Security office with documentation that authorizes you to be issued the decal, and one will be issued.

As always, if you observe a golf cart on the beach that you are unsure if it is authorized, do not hesitate to contact us at (843)838-2334, and we will investigate.

If you have any other questions or concerns feel free to contact the Security office. We will gladly assist you. Email us at security@frippislandliving.com.

Know Your Officers

This issue we would like to highlight Officer Jim Finnen. Jim has been a member of the Fripp Island Patrol since April 2015. He is one of the part-time officers that augment our Security team. Jim's twin brother Mike Finnen also is on of Security's part-time officers.

Jim is originally from Millbrook, NY. He lives on St. Helena Island. He settled here after serving eight years with the US Marine Corps.

Jim is a full time fire fighter with the Lady's Island Fire Department and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience.

In his off time, Jim enjoys hunting and fishing. He also enjoys playing with Holly and Heidi, his 2 Golden Retrieves, Dixie his Great Pyrenees, and Bean his Poodle.

He is a valuable asset to the department.

Marketplace

FIPOA neither endorses, recommends, nor disapproves persons or companies that advertise in The Trawler.

Please Volunteer!

The FIPOA is always looking for volunteers! All committees need you, CIC, PEC, Folding, etc.

If you have an interest in contributing to your POA, please call (843)838-4155. Or go to: http://frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/
Ernie Wilson retires as Fripp Island PSD Manager

On June 30, Ernie Wilson, Manager of the Fripp Island Public Service District (PSD), retired after serving Fripp Island for more than 29 years. During Ernie’s time with the PSD he was a major force for many changes on the island, including: The PSD, created by South Carolina in 1962 as a public entity able to levy taxes for certain functions, originally assumed responsibility only for providing drinking water to Fripp. In 1965, a water supply system was finished and brought water from a well on St. Helena Island 12 miles to Fripp’s 75,000 gallon water storage tank in the center of the island. By the time Ernie started working with the PSD in 1986, Fripp’s water was being supplied by the Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority. During his tenure, the PSD has expanded and upgraded the water system, added a third elevated storage tank and additional water pumping stations, and dealt with several major water supply line breaks, all without disruption of water service.

For 10 years, after lots were first sold on Fripp, there was no sewer or wastewater treatment system, and property owners were expected to install septic tanks. In 1974, after citations from the state for inadequate sanitation, the developer started building sewers and a minimal treatment plant. In 1994, during Ernie’s tenure, the PSD assumed ownership of sewer and wastewater treatment systems. Since that time, Ernie led efforts to increase wastewater treatment quality by convincing Fripp voters to invest in state-of-the-art membrane treatment technology. He was responsible for eliminating all septic tanks from the island with the vacuum collection system, completed in 2008. Today, Fripp Island has one of the most advanced treatment systems in South Carolina, and treated effluent irrigates the Ocean Point Golf Course.

In 1986, when Ernie began his PSD career, erosion of the beachfront and Fripp Inlet shore were of great concern to Fripp property owners. Prior to that time, the only erosion control effort was to build several rock and timber groins on the south end of our beach in 1970. Ernie and the PSD worked to install rock revetments along much of the Fripp Inlet shore and to provide rock revetment design assistance to beachfront property owners, who financed their own revetments. Erosion control along Fripp Inlet and maintenance of the south beach groins remain important PSD services.

Fire protection on Fripp has been a PSD responsibility since 1968, when the PSD provided funding to purchase a second-hand fire truck. The Fripp Island Fire Department (FIFD) has always been managed by the PSD and was staffed by Fripp resident volunteers until 1986, when the first full-time Fire Chief was hired. During Ernie’s PSD career, a new firehouse was built in 1999, and today the FIFD is fully staffed with professional firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians.

The Fripp Inlet Bridge is a critical lifeline for the island, built by the state in 1963, and initially operated as a toll bridge. In 1965, Jack Kilgore, Fripp’s original developer, bought the bridge from South Carolina in order to keep the island’s private resort status. In 1984, the Fripp Island Property Owners Association (POA) acquired ownership of all roads and bridges on the island, including the Fripp Inlet Bridge. By 2003, the POA was unable to continue to insure the Bridge, and ownership was transferred to the PSD, which could provide affordable insurance through the South Carolina State Insurance Reserve Fund. Under Ernie’s management, the Bridge was maintained with annual inspections and occasional needed repairs for 12 years.

As PSD Manager, Ernie provided excellent skills in hiring, retaining, and training PSD employees, and developed an outstanding customer service philosophy throughout the organization. He has been an excellent fiscal manager and developed new sources of revenue to help offset PSD operating costs, such as leasing space on water tanks for cellphone antennas. He reduced PSD utility costs by identifying alternative methods for maintaining and improving PSD infrastructure, and has always been sensitive to taxpayer concerns when financing was needed. By closely watching the public bond markets, he also significantly reduced the PSD’s financing costs by refinancing major bond debt to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Ernie was a major force for environmentally sensitive development of Fripp Island. He holds a BS in Biology and, prior to joining the PSD, he worked for 10 years with the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. He holds licenses in South Carolina and Georgia for water treatment and wastewater treatment plant operator, and has also served as a South Carolina State Constable and as a U.S. Deputy Game Warden. Ernie’s insights from this work experience gave him unique qualifications to address the water, sanitation, erosion, and fire protection problems that were impeding further development of Fripp Island. He provided extraordinary leadership during his time with the PSD, and Fripp Island owes him a debt of gratitude for his role in making the island what it is today.
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4th of July cont.

Sack Races

Rock Climbing for the Tots

Fireworks photos by Meghan Johnson
All other photos by Fripp Island Resort

Please visit the FIPOA Website
www.frippislandliving.com

If you are looking for anything on Fripp Island please try our community guide

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

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

This is your one-stop place to see what’s happening when you are on the island.
Martians in the Marsh

Alien Invasion
4th of July cont.

The Eagle has (Is)Landed

HAPPY 4th of JULY!

The Magic School Bus Blasts Off
The FIWC Executive Board and Committee Chairs recently met to share ideas and discuss plans for the Club’s 2015-2016 year. First on the list was our annual Cake Walk held on Friday, July 3rd at the Beach Club, following the spectacular parade of golf carts. This has always been a popular event and well attended. Its success is due to the combined work of our members, husbands and many other dedicated people who volunteer to help set up tents, prepare flyers, sell tickets, bake and transport cakes, manage the walk, and clean up the area. Special thanks to Fripp Island Resort for use of the Beach Club and deck; Stuart Mitchell for setting up the music and amplifiers; Collins, Kelsey and staff, as well as Kathy Klutz for providing tables; the Community Centre for use of the big tent, Patrick and Barbara Cotter for donating their tent, and Doug Haberlie and Dave Tindall for erecting the tents. The generous support of everyone involved and the leadership of Sheila Tindall, was instrumental in making this event a success. Due to the June deadline for submission of articles, we will have a full report and photos in the September edition of the Trawler.

In recognition of last year's theme, “Exploring the Bounty of Beaufort County,” the Women’s Club is proud to present the following list of accomplishments:

**Sponsored Events:**
- Paper Shredding – November Fellowship Dinner – Fripp Island Christmas Tree - Friends of Caroline Hospice Christmas Tree – Dan McCormick Broadway Concert - Flu Shot Clinic – Bingo, Brews and Barbeque fund raiser netting $4,615 for Second Helpings – Cake Walk.

**Donations:**

The Women’s Club April luncheon was a special occasion to thank our Co-Presidents, Anne Hoyle and Sandy Click for their hard work and dedication over the past year with a current membership of 148. Following an inspirational message by Betsy Hammet, she officially installed the Women’s Club Officers, and the Committee Chairpersons were introduced. With the support of members and volunteers, we look forward to another successful year in our mission towards environmental beautification on Fripp Island, and the humanitarian needs of our neighbors and of local non-profit charitable organizations.

Our first General Membership meeting for 2015-2016 will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00 AM in the Community Centre. We invite all women to attend and join the Women’s Club as we begin another year of exciting and educational programs.

Remember to visit us on our website: [www.frippwc.com](http://www.frippwc.com) and on Facebook.
Fripp Island Women's Golf Association Report

Joyce Zanone

The Member/Guest tournament, “Welcome to Margaritaville,” was held Tuesday, May 5th, at Ocean Point. It was a beautiful sunny day, the course was trimmed to perfection, and a good time was had by all. A big “Thank You” to Susan Price, Sam Taylor, their husbands, and their committee for the marvelous party the evening before.

The Memorial is a match play tournament held in May. Jan Pringle, on the left in photo was the winner, and Trudy Crysel runner-up. Congratulations, Ladies!

Summer play is usually full field with easy games due to our dwindled number of players in the heat. However, if you are on the Island and want to play, just ask at either Pro Shop how to sign up. You are most welcome to join us.

Fripp Island Bad Boys

The Fripp Island Bad Boys is a men’s golf group consisting of approximately 25 members. We play together every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

This year one of our members, Gene Bergh, suddenly passed away. Gene was the first member of our golf group to die.

At the suggestion of one of our members, we placed a memorial bench beside the tee box of hole #1 at the Ocean Point Golf Course.

This memorial will remember all the Bad Boys who are no longer with us. We dedicated the bench on Friday, June 12th. Those who played that day are pictured at right.
May and June were a study in weather contrasts. May featured beautiful weather and low humidity for the most part; while June brought higher temperatures and increased humidity. Only one outing had to be cancelled during the time period, and that was on June 3rd when steady rain scratched the event. The attendance in May was very good including a turnout of 34 on May 6th.

Games during this time period included one low net and one low gross, one low net, two out of three team stableford, net team stableford, points for pars, Bear Creek, and reverse Bear Creek. Points for Pars was a new game that featured scoring based on the number of net pars or better on each hole. One point is awarded for one net par or better, three points for two net pars or better, six points for three net pars or better, and ten points if everyone in the foursome got a net par or better.

Weekly winners included Steve Schnobrich, John Dunphy, Rick Stein, Rusty Prophater, Don Brink, Jerry Weithman, Duffy Howard, Charles Middleton, Dave Moore, Steve Sr. John, Pat Riley, Michael Beach, Ron Grabarczyk, Jim Wolbrink, Wayne Kemmerer, Ron Pointek, Richard Ward, Dave Stewart, Mike Wilt, and Mark Shondel. Many different players were on winning teams during this time period, with John Dunphy claiming three first place finishes and Rick Stein two out of the seven events.

In July, the group will play at Ocean Creek, and in August at Ocean Point, beginning at 8:30 AM. Please note the earlier start time for the summer months.

There are currently approximately 62 active members in the group. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning at go to the website at web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/.
Nature again has moved swiftly, going from a cool spring to a sweltering hot summer. Fishing, like the weather has moved fast with Dolphin fishing great in late May and almost vanishing by mid-June.

The Memorial Day fishing tournament with the best laid plans by the Marina staff was literally destroyed by Memorial Day storms. The good news is our fishing inshore, near-shore for Cobia is good.

The 25th Annual Kingfish Tournament is around the corner. This year’s Labor Day weekend Tournament starts 6:00 PM, Thursday, August 27th, with registration followed by a Captains’ Meeting and Low Country Cookout by Chef Doolittle. The two fishing days will be Friday, August 28th and Saturday the 29th.

Weigh-ins will be held each day ending with an awards ceremony on Saturday with entertainment to follow. A $5,000 payout will be awarded during the ceremony. Proceeds of the tournament will benefit “Fripp For A Cure.” All are invited to fish or enjoy the festive tournament. For more information, call the Fripp Island Marina 838-1517.

Fishing Report
Inshore: Redfish, Shark, and Whiting
Sheepshead – Good. Flounder – Slow.

Near-shore: Cobia, Black Bass, Spanish – Good.

Grouper, Vermillion and Kingfish – Fair.

Offshore: Deep-water and Stream
Kingfish, Wahoo – Fair.
Blue Crabs and Stone Crabs – Slow.
TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY, call Beaufort County Dispatch at 911 or Fripp Island Security at 838-2334.

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