

The Palmetto Hall

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Promote a Friendly Community...
Take time to smile & wave.
You may brighten someone's day!



ASSOCIATION MANAGER'S REPORT

by Marion Gorczynski

The POA office is happy to report that we now have a new system at the gate called CapSure. It is for gate passes and will be used as a data base in the office. Both the office staff and the guards have worked to put the new process in place. It will have features that can be added as we move forward with the technology of the program.

A new directory will be prepared for distribution in January of 2012. Please keep the office and the guards current with any changes, additions, or deletions to your information. Before July 15, 2011 all domestic names must be resubmitted to the guards to be entered into CapSure. Forms can be obtained at the office, at the gate, and on the web site so that your domestic list can be updated. This is your responsibility and domestics who have not been added to the new program will be denied entrance.

This is the second edition of the Newsletter prepared by the POA staff. We hope you are enjoying it and appreciate the information provided by Board of Director members, committee chairs, owner photographers, and other volunteer contributors. If you have any ideas for the Newsletter, please let the office know.

Covenant violations are being addressed by the Covenants Committee, road repairs and landscaping has been handled by the Maintenance Committee, and the Communications committee has kept the marquee updated. Please see their articles. The web site is being kept current and you can refer to it for information you might need.

If you have any questions regarding covenants, communications, security, environmental or maintenance issues, please call the office first. We will be happy to will help you, or at least point you in the right direction. If you need copies of the covenants, ARB guidelines, refills for your directory or decals, please stop by the office.

Hurricane season is here again. Please remember to follow guidelines. If you do not have a copy of the hurricane booklet which was distributed to all owners last year, please stop by the office for a copy. Let's all hope we do not need this information.

The Association Office staff is always available to you and welcomes your input and suggestions on ways to continue to make Palmetto Hall Plantation the premier residential community in Beaufort County. We try to stay focused on improving property values for all property owners and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Scott Slawson

Hope this message finds you and your family well and getting ready to celebrate July 4th.

As I noted in the previous newsletter, your Board set five goals for this year and below is our progress on each of those ...

1. Improve communications & develop a community spirit.

In an effort to improve communication (and transparency), we wanted to make sure everyone was aware that our Board meetings are open to all members. Already this year, we've had more visitors at our meetings than the two previous years that I've served on the Board, combined. It's been great meeting new neighbors and seeing familiar ones again. Should you wish to attend, our meeting dates are communicated on the front marquee and also on our website (www.palmettohallhhi.com). We'd love to have your feedback and specifically set time aside at the end of each meeting for our guests' input. Community spirit was certainly not lacking at our April kick-ball game, with over 30 parents and kids participating – the winning score (by my count) ... 19-14, and the only casualty was a kickball that got stuck in a tree. Please see our calendar within this newsletter for upcoming events, including a mid-year Town Hall meeting in July, our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at the pool in September, and a family bike ride to Historic Fort Howell (with a tour by a local historian) in October.

2. Improve our community's appearance & plan for infrastructure replacement.

Your Board is aware that we can't budget ourselves into mediocrity and must provide a great first impression for persons entering our Plantation and travelling our roads. Your Maintenance Committee has expended great efforts in working with our present landscape provider to enhance the appearance of our entrance and roadsides. We've made great strides, but realize there is still room to go towards maintaining our status as a 'premier residential community'. Additionally, your Board and Maintenance Committee have been busy developing comprehensive plans to replace our aging roads. During the first half of the year, you may have seen some road maintenance issues being

taken care of in more severely deteriorated areas. You should be aware that all completed work has been conducive to the larger need of complete replacement of this aged asset. With both Maintenance and Finance Committee involvement, we expect to have a complete road replacement plan in place for future Boards to follow. Presently, a community update is planned for our mid-year meeting with a complete plan presented at our December meeting.

3. Be proactive in assessing external opportunities and threats to our community.

Board members Ron Smetek and Bob Gentzler, along with numerous volunteers from Palmetto Hall and Port Royal, have developed a 'Compromise Agreement' regarding expansion of the airport and it has been well-received by Town and County officials. Please see Ron's update within this newsletter and know the facts on this subject rather than what is passed off as fact on the editorial page. Personally, my family moved here from Atlanta, GA (where you can fly anywhere in the world) and we didn't check the arrivals/departure schedule at HHH prior to choosing this island as our home. Additionally, when I was much younger each summer we vacationed here from Tennessee – and we never once thought of flying here as you just can't fit golf clubs, bikes, tennis rackets, etc. in the overhead bin. Your continued involvement on this issue is needed; please call Ron or Bob to inquire how best you can assist. On yet another front, we remain committed towards working with the Town on completion of a critical storm water management agreement before the end of this year.

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4. Strengthen our community's relationship with Heritage/CNL.

We've continued working with the club to plan family friendly events utilizing club amenities. Some possibilities we've proposed to Heritage include a Member (Golf)/Member (Social) Golf Tournament as well as holding family cookouts at the Pool during summer months. As of the writing of this article, I hope you have noticed the colorful and abundant flowers added at the pool and clubhouse and have passed on your appreciation.

5. Plan for our future (Financially).

Our Treasurer and Finance Committee are working on developing an Asset Replacement study where we can budget Capital Funds to replace aging infrastructure. This project first involves listing all our capital assets from our roads to our street signs, then estimating when they will need replacement, and at what cost. We can then estimate annual transfers from our operating fund (estimated at \$100K/yr.) and annual rates of return (i.e., close to nil) to forecast either a deficit or surplus in our Capital Reserves. I know, this is a lot of accountant 'mumbo jumbo' – not at all what you were expecting in a community newsletter, right? Why is this important? If we end up forecasting a significant deficit, wouldn't you rather know it now and potentially change course? Please understand this is a large project and you will be kept in the loop as this study evolves, so if a transfer fee (as a way to supplement our Capital Fund) is again brought up for a vote this December, you will understand why. Anyone think this is neat and want to assist? If so, please give Joe Bogacz, your Board Treasurer, a call.

Please take some time over the July 4th holiday or this summer to thank your Security, landscaping, and POA staff for the wonderful job they do.

And lastly, your elected Board members are here to assist, serve, listen, and react. We are all volunteers and have other commitments, just as you. I can't begin to thank them enough for stepping up, as well as, those serving as committee heads, committee members, and numerous other volunteers that make our community truly a 'premier residential community'.

Hope to see you around – Happy July 4th.

Looking ahead:

Tuesday, July 26 – Town Hall meeting – 7:00 p.m.

*To be held upstairs at the clubhouse

Saturday, September 10 – 3rd Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Party - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Held at the pool – we will recognize our Volunteer of the Year – entertainment and main course provided by the POA. Bring a side dish to share according to your last name: A-M – salad or side, N-Z – dessert.

Saturday, October 15

Neighborhood curb clean-up day.

*Such a tremendous success (with a few exceptions) the first time around, let's do it again! Bagged leaves and landscape debris or neatly stacked tree/palm trimmings will be picked up the following Monday at your curb. We had a 'few homeowners' not follow these guidelines during our Spring clean-up, which cost our community additional billings, so this time around failure to follow guidelines will result in you stuffing non-bagged items in your car and taking them to the dump yourself. Please call the POA office with any questions. Also, there is no bagged item maximum per home, so no need to drive your bags around until you find an empty spot in front of a neighbor's house. As before, no contractor cleared debris will be accepted.

Saturday, October 15

Family bike ride to Historic Fort Howell – 3:00 p.m.

*We'll leave the pool parking lot and bike down Beach City to the Fort, where we'll have a personal tour conducted by a local historian (no, not me). For our local history buffs, this is an event not to be missed. For those unable to ride, there is a parking lot available at the Fort.





TREASURER'S REPORT

by Joe Bogacz

By the time you read this article in the *Palmetto Hall Reporter* we will have made our second \$20,000 contribution to the community's Capital Reserve fund, bringing our balance to a bit over \$989,000.

On April 30 your Capital Reserve account had a balance of \$969,302 and this does not reflect the second \$20,000 contribution made in May. The Reserve is invested in FDIC-covered CD's at seven local banks: Ameris, Bank Meridian, BNC, Coastal States, SCB&T, Savannah Bank and NBSC. Maturities are laddered from July, 2011 through the end of next year.

Through the first four months of this year, we continue to show good financial progress and at this time we have received roughly 96% of our budgeted Residential Assessment income and are on track to bring in the original plan number of \$601,650. Decal Sales and Gate Receipts - the other major component of our community income stream - are, on a combined basis, running slightly favorable to plan and are also on target to reach the budget number of \$110,000.

Community expenses as a whole are running less than planned, although in May we will see significant bills for roadway pruning and entrance way/spring plantings that will bring us closer to our overall budget number. Other expense areas - Security and Association Management - are running close to target and we expect Association Management costs to rise throughout the year, simply due to additional rent expenses with the office meeting room addition.

At the end of April I did a quick cash/expense forecast to see how we were progressing and early indications are that we are trending well, with a projected healthy cash balance at year end. Also, at the end of April, we did a 4-month YTD comparison to 2010, also as a check to see how we were faring versus the prior year. Both of these are rough "look ahead" exercises to insure that we are still on target and not missing any major income/expense issues.

This is a quick snapshot of our financial picture at the end of April:

Revenue	Year-To-Date		
	Actual	Budget	(Un) Fav
Residential Assessments (I-101)	\$578,566	\$567,121	\$11,445
Decal Sales (I-103)	\$50,300	\$52,000	(\$1,700)
Gate Receipts (I-103.1)	\$20,841	\$17,000	\$3,841
All Other	\$68,875	\$70,765	(\$1,890)
Total Revenue	\$718,582	\$706,886	\$11,696
Expense	Year-To-Date		
	Actual	Budget	(Un) Fav
Grounds Maint. Total (E-108)	\$37,028	\$47,120	\$10,092
Security (E-400)	\$99,733	\$104,200	\$4,467
Assoc. Mngt. (E-500)	\$40,345	\$41,727	\$1,382
All Other	\$50,149	\$52,075	\$1,926
Total Expense	\$227,255	\$245,122	\$17,867
Net Ordinary Income	\$491,327	\$461,764	\$29,563



COVENANTS AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

by Rich Penwell

Our current Committee members remain: Jan Davis, Beryl DiBiaso, Steve Hyslop, Bart Korb, Rich Penwell (Chairperson) and Nancy Sigmund. Tom Renshaw is our Board liaison.

Some general reminders: Please keep your dogs on a leash and pick up after them. Letting your dog defecate in an empty lot is not permitted. Also, dogs are not permitted to run free on the golf course. American flags only in the front yard - no school flags or others are permitted - even the small ones. The Committee appreciates everyone's response to the notices and their willingness to correct things.

We completed our first ridearound the end of April and the Plantation and our yards came through pretty well. The winter was difficult on some plants and yards but things are "bouncing back". Most of the work to be done was with yards - grass repair/replacement and general clean-up. Thanks to the Board of Directors for authorizing the spring clean-up. Much debris was removed and it facilitated the ridearound. If we don't put trimmings in the empty lots, it will help even more.

If you receive a violation notice, please call the Association Office or me if you have questions. The Association Office should be notified when the violation is corrected or a plan is developed to correct it.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Brad Tufts

As another issue of *The Palmetto Hall Reporter* arrives in your home, I want to call attention to the columns and articles written by members of the POA Board, committee chairs and heads of various organizations which serve Palmetto Hall residents and property owners. These men and women volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of all of us. Without their efforts, Palmetto Hall would be a less desirable place in which to live.

Through their contributions to this newsletter they are also vital communicators. And I would invite readers to be communicators. If you have a topic that you think would be of interest to a wide segment of plantation residents, we would be happy to consider it for a future issue of the newsletter. Also, if you know of events which could be considered for inclusion on the marquee at the entrance to the plantation, please pass them along to me (bbthhi@roadrunner.com or 342-9549) or to the POA office. We would like to have them at least a week before the month in which they would be listed. Also, if you are aware of information that should be disseminated in more detail and in a prompt fashion, please pass it along to me or to the POA office for possible use in an e-mail blast.

All residents and property owners can help with our overall communications by promptly notifying the POA office of any changes in telephone numbers or e-mail addresses. We are planning to publish a new directory no later than in early 2012 and having up-to-date information at that time will expedite printing of the publication. Also, we would like to have your e-mail address for use in the above mentioned e-mail blasts.

Finally, as we are now in the "hurricane season", please make sure you are familiar with information that you have about preparation for a possible hurricane.

As I've mentioned in the past, the more we talk and communicate in other ways with each other, the better we will get to know our neighbors and the stronger our community will become.



MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Jeff DeBiasi

It has been a busy spring for the Maintenance Committee and I am pleased to report that we have successfully completed our maintenance goals for this period. A summary of the projects completed are:

A large number of the Palmetto Hall residents participated in our spring cleanup project with pick-up done by Ocean Woods. I am sure this will be repeated in the future as it was very successful.

Several sections of Ft Howell Drive and our side roads were repaired ranging from small potholes to major sections of large bumps and depressions in our roads. These types of repairs will help to keep our roads in good condition and buy some time until a complete repaving project will occur in 1 ½ to 2 years.

New drainage work was completed at the intersection of Ft Howell and Lenox Lane eliminating a very large pothole.

Additional flowers and landscaping was done at the guard house and the main entrance at Beach City Road. Low-level lighting was installed at the Beach City entrance and new up-lighting in the center island approaching the guard house for improved safety at night.

For additional safety we also repainted the pavement stripping leading into the plantation.

Finally, during the month of May, an extensive amount of tree pruning was completed along all of Ft Howell and several of the side roads including Sedge Fern, Tucker Ridge and the cul de sacs. This has greatly improved the overall appearance of our plantation.

With all these improvements, our plantation should be in great shape to provide an enjoyable summer for all.



ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

Palmetto Hall did not win the contest this year (Palmetto Dunes did) but received favorable comments from the Committee:

“There were many new and exiting plants used in the gardens that were attention-getters. Palmetto Hall has made use of big-leaf begonias and white pentas with compact gaura, three plants high on the list of gardeners seeking the “latest”. It was here that judge, Suzy Baldwin exclaimed, “Look, it’s a native coral bean!” It was great to see that scarlet spike and find that not all of the surrounding native plant material had been cleared away.



AIRPORT UPDATE

by Ron Smetek.

BOD Liaison on Airport Issues

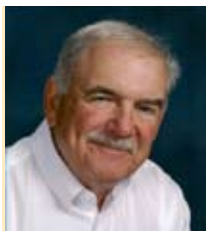
Since the last issue of the Reporter, members of the Palmetto Hall community have undertaken a series of actions to protect the interests of Palmetto Hall Plantation property owners relative to plans by the FAA, the County and the Town to extend the runway at the Hilton Head Airport. These actions include:

- Final development of Proposal for Compromise on the Hilton Head Airport Runway Length
 - ✦ Prepared by Port Royal Plantation and Palmetto Hall Plantation representatives
 - ✦ Key points in the Proposal for Compromise:
 - Based on data in the draft HH Airport Master Plan (AMP) being developed by Talbert & Bright for the FAA, the SC Aeronautics Commission, Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head
 - Fully supports continued commercial aviation operations at this airport
 - Supports addition of 420 feet of runway concrete, plus Engineered Materials Arrestor System (EMAS)
 - Fully supports tree trimming, and removal where absolutely necessary, at both ends of the runway to provide for compliance with FAA guidelines
 - Saves federal, state, and local taxpayers over \$32 million
 - Has the potential for addressing the concerns raised in the law suit being pursued by the St. James Church community
- Delivery of the Proposal for Compromise to Mayor Laughlin, every member of Town Council, and several members of the Beaufort County Council
- Multiple face-to-face detailed discussion meetings on the Proposal for Compromise with representatives of the Town and County Councils, with more planned
- Formal comments on the Proposal for Compromise at Town and County Council meetings
- Meeting with US Airways Station Manager at the Hilton Head Airport to present our Proposal for Compromise and to discuss points raised by him in the Island Packet
- Requests sent to US Airways and FAA/Atlanta to meet with senior representatives to discuss the details of our Proposal for Compromise; Congressman Wilson’s office was cc’d on the invitation sent to FAA/Atlanta
- Actions initiated to prepare a “Fact vs. Fiction” campaign to counter misinformation extant in the Hilton Head Island community
- Letter writing campaign underway to voice our concerns to the Beaufort County Council relative to runway costs vis a vis constrained County budget and announced cut-backs
- Meeting on May 26 with Island Packet editorial staff to review our Proposal for Compromise and to discuss a strategy to correct misrepresentations in the media on the Airport
- Extensive fact and data gathering, and analysis, on a number of fronts/ issues pertinent to the Airport

Calling all Children of Palmetto Hall

For our next
FALL issue,
we want to
have a kids
corner—send
the POA
a picture, poem, story,
joke or
whatever to
get us in the
fall spirit.





SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

by Bill Schumacher

NEW TECHNOLOGY AT THE GUARDHOUSE: To increase the efficiency of our current security program we have introduced a new gate management system called 'CapSure' that will offer improvement in a few key areas.

- It will track and provide reports which detail the number of visitors and contractors who have been provided entry onto the plantation.
- It will provide a much faster mechanism for generating gate passes thus allowing the homeowner a minimum of waiting time.
- It will allow the guards to scan drivers licenses, store photo ID's & keep on file.

SPEED HUMP: It is doing what was expected when installed and since extended. Please stay to the right when exiting and adhere to the 15 mph exiting speed limit. Also keep in mind the 'PASSING' of other vehicles that are obeying the posted speed limit is a 'VIOLATION'. South Carolina state tickets will be issued.

EXTENDED ABSENCE FROM THE PLANTATION: This is the time of the year when a number of our residents travel. Use the form on p.19 of the owners handbook and drop it off at the gatehouse. Security will check on your property during your absence.

HURRICANES: The season is upon us so why not be prepared. A recommended check list:

- Drinking water; 3 gals. per person per day
- Fill bathtub with water for cleaning
- Shut off outside faucets. Remove outside hoses & lawn/deck furnishings
- If evacuating, turn off main valve for water
- Turn off irrigation system & power or gas to the water heater

GATES: We are currently (early June) experiencing some difficulties with the operation of the main gate at the guardhouse. By the time you read this all should be running smoothly. Likewise the plantation gate at Fish Haul between holes 4 & 5 on the Hills course has been a perennial problem; now refurbished & is functioning properly.

SECURITY TIPS: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough use it for defensive purposes.

If a thief asks for your wallet or purse DO NOT hand it over; toss it away from you. Chances are he is more interested in it than you & will go for it. Run the other way.

Domestic Information must be updated by

July 15, 2011

Forms available on the web, at the office, or guard house.

LATELIA MILLER



Meet Latelia Miller, Securitas security officer at Palmetto Hall Plantation. Latelia (Telia to her fellow workers) has been employed by Securitas for three years. She worked at the hospital during her first year and then at Palmetto Hall for the next two years. Although she enjoyed working at the hospital she has found the friendliness of the Palmetto Hall residents to make this a far more enjoyable working environment.

Latelia was born, raised and still lives with her mother in Robertsville, South Carolina. She is a 2007 graduate of Robertsville High School. While she admits to not particularly enjoying sports, Latelia was a cheerleader while in middle school. She has a two-year-old daughter named Tiauna who is her pride and joy.

When not at work, Latelia enjoys her time baking, learning to become a better cook, listening to music, reading, watching her favorite TV shows and her favorite, shopping for clothes for her daughter.

In addition to all of the above, Latelia is studying to become a registered nurse and is two years away from receiving her degree!

Next time you see Latelia when you pass by the guardhouse, be sure to say hello and ask her how her schooling is going.



ARB NEWS

As many of you know, Ed Zensinger's many contributions to our Palmetto Hall community included his role as Chairman of the Palmetto Hall Architectural Review Board (ARB). Ed brought the same degree of professionalism, thoroughness, collegiality, and attention to detail to the ARB that he brought to every one of his other responsibilities.

Ed will always be remembered – from the ARB's perspective – as a neighbor who was consistently fair and very objective in his interpretation and application of our community's ARB Guidelines and Standards. A number of new and unique issues needed to be addressed by the ARB during Ed's tenure as the Chairman, and he worked closely with every member of the ARB team, and with the Palmetto Hall residents, both prospective and current, to reach quality results on potentially controversial issues. Ed's was a thankless responsibility, but he undertook it in a way we should all emulate.

In this, as in numerous other ways, Ed will be missed.

In Rememberance:

*Mark Anderson
Robert Whitlow
Ed Zensinger*



Photo courtesy of Carol McNamee. Birdhouse quilt presented to Patty in remembrance of Ed.

BIRD COMMITTEE *By George Banino*

During this year's active bird nesting season, Palmetto Hall lost one of its finest members, Ed Zensinger. Not only was Ed a good friend and supportive of everyone in Palmetto Hall, but also a good friend and supporter of all the birds on our Plantation. Almost singlehandedly Ed got our bird program going, leading to the installation of 38 bluebird boxes and a regular survey of nesting activity during the bluebird breeding season. The results have been remarkable and the many bluebirds we enjoy throughout the Plantation are a testament to his enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of the birds.

We are now trying to fill Ed's shoes and have reinitiated the regular bluebird box surveys, noting the number of eggs, live young and fledglings. We will be maintaining the boxes that Ed installed and consider locations for additional boxes. We also hope to again be part of this year's Audubon National Christmas Bird Count. We invite all the members of Palmetto Hall to participate in our regular bluebird box

surveys. If you have a bluebird box, contact Marion and we will contact you each time we do the survey, asking you to email activity in your bluebird box on the same day.

Finally, we hope you have had a chance to see the American Bald Eagle nest along the 8th hole of the Hills golf course. Two adults are raising two eaglets. The "babies" are already nearly full size and will probably fledge soon. They are easily distinguished from the adults because of their dark brown heads. Here is a picture of the two "babies" and another of one of the adults flying into the nest to feed one of the eaglets. If you want to see more Bald Eagle activity, go to <http://www.ustream.tv/decoraheagles> for a webcam of an eagle nest in Iowa.





ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bob Gentzler

WATER SYSTEMS

LAGOONS

A lagoon inspection was conducted May 10, 2011.

Of note:

1. Several lagoons on the Cupp Course (#2 thru 7) had low levels exposing weed areas (due to lack of rain)
2. In general most lagoons had penny wort &/or spike rush at their perimeters
3. Several lagoons have lilies that need to be addressed (The Lake Doctor will concentrate on this issue, manually)
4. Only minor algae blooms in 6 lagoons. To be treated.
5. Spring treatment schedule has been every other week, with frequency increasing to once a week in the summer season.
6. The carp program appears to have been successful in overcoming spike rush weed problems in several lagoons.

Overall, most lagoons looked OK with mostly penny wort at the edges.

Resident comments on the lagoons are always welcomed.

WETLANDS

An inspection of our wetlands was done by Todd Ballantine in April. His very detailed report cites the many species of plants and wildlife that flourish in our two wetland areas.

His recommendations include :

1. Continued flow of reclaimed water from PSD into the wetland area originating between Cupp holes #9 and #10 to sustain a rare sawgrass community and stimulate biological activity in these unique marsh ponds.
2. The other wetland originating to the right of the Hills # 9 green had an encouraging 74% increase of hardwoods since a baseline was established. Continue the current flow of reclaimed water.

Todd's full report will be available in our POA office in a few months for those interested.

WILDLIFE

BIRDS - George Banino has stepped forward and picked up the bird program that had been championed by Ed Zensinger. His report is included elsewhere in this issue.

ALLIGATOR POLICY - Based on recent concerns about our policy, it has been updated to reflect current thinking.

Regarding Alligators BACKGROUND

MAY 2011

Many lagoons in our plantation are home to the American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*). Most of our alligators are between 3 and 8 feet in length, although they can grow larger than this. Alligators are cold-blooded which means that they cannot self-regulate their body temperature. For this reason, alligators are most active during the spring, summer and fall. They often spend hours basking in the sun on lagoon banks in an effort to raise their body temperature. On the hottest days of summer, they spend much of their time submerged with only their eyes and nostrils above the water. During the winter months, they hibernate in underground dens.

Alligators mate in the spring and the female lays her eggs in secluded areas of the marshes. She will fiercely guard her nest against predators.

Alligators digest their food slowly and require only 1 pound of food per week. After a large meal an alligator may not eat for a year or more!

While the alligators may appear to be slow and lethargic, they are capable of great speed over short distances. Never approach within 60 feet of any alligator.

The following safety tips should be heeded when dealing with alligators:

- Leave alligators alone. It is against South Carolina law to feed or entice alligators with food. It is also unlawful to harass or harm an alligator in any way, including throwing objects at them.
- Closely supervise children if they are playing near the water.

- Don't allow pets, especially small ones, to go near the lagoon banks.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you should receive even a minor alligator bite. Alligators harbor a very infectious bacteria and a bite may require special treatment.
- Should you witness any of these actions please immediately contact Security. The Security Officer will immediately investigate the incident and, if necessary, proceed to step #2 in the following Policy.

POLICY - TO REPLACE APPENDIX B IN DIRECTORY

Palmetto Hall Plantation's Board of Directors has issued the following policy regarding alligators in our community - MAY 2011.



In the event that a PHPOA member believes that they are observing aggressive behavior from one of the members of PHPOA wildlife population:

1. The member is to contact PHP Security at 342-6482 and describe the situation.
2. Security will:
 - a. As soon as possible visit the site to observe the incident (to include animal as well as human behavior)
 - b. Immediately document the incident using a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Complaint Form and notify the Association Manager or office Assistant during office hours.
3. POA Office will, within 24 hours of the incident, and with input from at least one other person (a member of the Environmental Committee, a Board member, Security Officer or a member of the Security Advisory Committee, in that order), determine what action will be taken.
4. Possible actions include:
 - a. No action, or
 - b. Counseling of the reporting family by POA or representative on how to detect aggressive behavior, and how to behave among wildlife. This may include issuance of a SC citation if it is determined that the resident, resident's child or guest was at fault and caused the incident, or
 - c. Contact SCDNR or a qualified third party to

assess the animal's behavior, or
d. With the assistance of a qualified third party remove the alligator. If the alligator is removed, it is certain that this alligator will be destroyed. This decision is not to be made lightly.

When assessing the situation, it should be taken into account that alligators are very rarely aggressive, and usually become aggressive only when taunted physically or repeatedly given food. An alligator less than six feet long would almost never be considered aggressive.

This procedure also includes the accumulation of statistics regarding reports of aggressive animal behavior.

If there are any questions about this policy, please contact the Association Manager.

Note: Any calls to a third party to remove an alligator from any portion of Palmetto Hall must be made by a Security Officer, the Association Manager or Assistant or a Member of the POA Board. If a resident calls a third party directly to remove an alligator (in violation of this policy) from his or her property, the resident will be responsible for all costs associated with that removal.



ORGANIZATIONAL NOTE

After several years of Chairing the Environmental Committee, it is time for a change. George Banino has agreed to be the Chairman going forward. He has an excellent background and lots of experience after years of helping with most aspects of our programs. I am sure he will continue the momentum that we've established on the wide array of programs, making our community a leader in this area.

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Jim Colburn



Summertime is the season for the MGA version of Summer Madness, otherwise known as the Individual Match Play Tournament. Forty-seven players are participating in this year's tournament, compared to 36 last year. Bill Mordica sets out to capture his third straight Individual Match Play Tournament title with a first round match against Steve Kiritsy. In this tournament, a player continues to the next round only if he wins his match. It takes six wins to win the championship or only five wins if you are fortunate enough to draw a bye in the first round.

Building on the popularity of the Individual Match Play Tournament, the MGA Board announced a similar tournament to be played in the Fall-Winter season. It will be the Partners' Match Play Tournament. Details of the new tournament are to be announced in August.

Hole-in-one money was awarded to Pat Baraya and Randy Sigmund. Through May there have been three holes-in-one in 2011. Pat scored his ace during the MGA Masters Pro-Am Tournament in April.

Ray McElhaney and Ron Smetek teamed up to win the Member-Member Tournament on May 1. They won the 3-hole playoff against the other four flight winners by a margin of 5 strokes. Upcoming MGA Tournaments are the 4-Man Tournament on June 25, the British Open Pro-Am Tournament on July 16 and the ever-popular Ryder Cup Competition on August 20.

This year we have 97 MGA members as compared to 99 members last year. It is impressive that the numbers are nearly the same when you consider that 14 members from 2010 did not renew their MGA membership in 2011.

PALMETTO HALL WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Amber McElhaney

The season for the 48 members of the Palmetto Hall Women's Golf Association is very busy, particularly in the spring. Members can be as involved in golf as their time and interest allow. Numerous exchanges with other area clubs, the yearly WGA Member-Member and Member-Guest tournaments, our weekly events on Tuesday, opportunities to golf in tournaments sponsored by the South Carolina Women's Golf Association, our Memorial Day tournament and picnic, Midcaps, and Low Country Women are some of the golfing opportunities available to members of the PHWGA.

Congratulations to the team of Kathy Labonte and Marilyn Zeleznik who won the Member-Member Tournament on April 30. Also, kudos to our Midcaps team for placing second this season against the ten other Midcap teams in the Hilton Head-Beaufort County area.



Following the Memorial Day Tournament and picnic on May 31 and our Palmetto Hall Exchange on June 7, our schedule slows down as the summer heats up. With more events planned for the fall, the pace accelerates in September.

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PALMETTO HALL WOMEN'S CLUB

By Patty Zensinger, Women's Club President

I would like to congratulate the new Executive Board for the Palmetto Hall Women's Club for 2011/2012:

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents to the Women's Club.

President – Marilyn Zeleznik

Vice President – Carole McNamee

Treasurer – Linda Hyslop

Secretary – Beryl DiBiaso

Your Palmetto Hall Women's Club has some exciting programs and activities planned for this upcoming year (2011/2012). So, I hope you will all consider joining our Women's Club and participating in our fun activities.

They will be planning a trip or two, having some very interesting programs. There are four book clubs that are all different & challenging, there is a fabulous outreach program that helps our community give back to our Hilton Head neighbors and we are trying to get to know our own PH neighbors' better through gourmet & casual gourmet dining together. We love to eat, so there are even more opportunities to munch together, through Movie Night Dinners and much more.

One special trip that we are planning is the Auld Brass Plantation, which is a Frank Lloyd Wright Estate on Saturday, November 5th. So please, save the date and watch for more details to come.

Our membership is open to all Palmetto Hall property owners and PH Golf Member Women. The application for this year (2011/2012) will be mailed in August. Please respond quickly, so you can receive information about all our fun activities and outreach projects.

Palmetto Hall is a wonderful Community. I am so thankful to be a part of this Palmetto Hall Family.

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IT'S HURRICANE SEASON AGAIN!

by Tom Renshaw

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What we can control is our preparation for that event. The Palmetto Hall Property Owners Association has published a Disaster Evacuation and Recovery Guide. This is an extremely thorough and comprehensive document and will be invaluable should the need arise. Now is the time to read it and keep it attached to your Palmetto Hall Directory. If you do not have a copy, stop by the PHPOA office today and obtain one.

Keep in mind that you may not be able to return for many days, so now is the time to plan where you will go and for a possibly lengthy stay.

Your Hurricane Committee.



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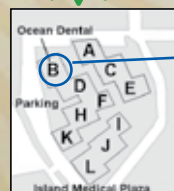
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