

de la Bahia News

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A 55+ Yacht Club Community

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From the President's Desk

By Charlie Dietz

It seems like the winter season just started but it is already April and many of our neighbors have packed up and are heading back to their summer homes north of sunny Florida. 2011 had an exciting and rewarding end at De la Bahia. The dredging was completed at the end of December and our documents were approved by the owners at the Annual meeting on January 9. These tasks, along with an upgrade to the landscaping, were the 2011 Board's primary goals. They were accomplished by the tireless efforts of Lou Pintaro (landscaping), Tony Pacelli (Dredging) and Ed Goulding (document approval). I thank these gentlemen for all of us.



With the coming of the New Year, two board members elected to "retire". They are Lou Pintaro and Paul Cucura. Lou is responsible for the upgrading of the landscaping as well as the renegotiation of the landscaping contract. He also served as Vice President and assisted me in the day to day operations including performing prospective owner/renter interviews. Paul Cucura is responsible for the many clubhouse improvements, the initial bat removal activities, pool repairs, fabrication of a new pool cover and reel to name just a few of his projects. These two gentlemen excelled in their positions on the board and I thank them for all of us. Their work ethic and energy is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

The new members on the Board as of January 9 are Steve Graczewski and Bob Yania. Walter Jablonski and I stayed on for a second term. Since the number of applicants equaled the number of openings, there was no

need for a vote. The new Board held its first meeting later in the week and organized as follows:

President	Charlie Dietz
Vice President	Steve Graczewski
Treasurer	Joe Russo
Secretary	Tony Pacelli
Docks & Waterways	Dawson Brown
Clubhouse & Pool	Bob Yania

I welcome these new Board members and thank them for their willingness to volunteer for the Board of Directors. Our board meetings are open and I encourage all to attend. All owners are eligible to serve on the board and I encourage you consider applying. There is some work involved, but overall, it is a rewarding experience.

The first quarter of 2012 has gone relatively well. Financially we are improving our position with the help of the 2012 increase in the maintenance and dock fees. We are monitoring our expenses closely in an attempt to stay within budget. We are addressing the deterioration of the pool by continuing Paul Cucura's work to come up with a feasible plan to repair or replace the pool. The replacement appears to be the best approach due the current pools age and the various code issues we have with Martin County. We have been obtaining bids for both approaches. We expect to have a plan to move forward with by the end of the year.

The Declaration of Condominium was recorded at Martin County. The Rules and Regulations are in the process of being revised to reflect the amended documents. This process should be complete before June.

De la Bahia experienced a few problems this winter. There was a fire in unit L-8 which was started by lint in the clothes dryer duct. There was considerable damage to the patio of L-8 and some damage to the interior as well as to adjacent units. This is a harsh reminder that the ducts must be cleaned periodically (every year is recommended).

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Landscaping by Steve Graczewski

Another successful planting season has come to a close. With the diligent work of morning volunteers starting in October, the plant, tree and mulch replacement program has made our complex beautiful even prior to the arrival of our Snowbirds. The dockworkers have also torn out old plantings, shrubs, and trees as well as trimmed around almost every building and roadway in the beautification project.

Several people in de la Bahia have purchased palms with the permission of the Board for their respective buildings that have really dressed up their building units.

Our center island entrance is now a reality thanks to the vision of Lou Pintaro, past board member in charge of landscaping. The new trees, plantings and lighting make our entry very inviting. Again, thanks to all the dockworkers that helped complete this very large endeavor.

Bob, our Maintenance man and a group of volunteers have trimmed the palms with the aid of a lift.

With the heat of summer upon us, the projects are winding down. The sprinkler systems are programmed and working to keep all our new plantings watered and growing through the summer.

I'd like to offer a very sincere thank you to all the many volunteers who have worked on the landscaping projects throughout the year. Their hard work and diligence have made the grounds of De La Bahia look their best.

Reminder!

- All residents, both owners and renters, should have their cars registered at the main office and parking stickers displayed.
- The speed limit at De La Bahia is 10 miles an hour!
- Guests should be registered in the Main Office.
- Short-term visitors (30 days or less) should have a temporary registration from the office for their vehicle.
- Please pick up after your dog.
- Please throw only recycling materials in plastic trash bins marked as such. All trash **MUST** be wrapped or bagged for the large dumpsters.
- There will be no feeding of animals, dogs, cats, squirrels and birds anywhere on the common area.

Maintenance Department By Walter Jablonski

The Maintenance Department was kept busy by fixing numerous water leaks, and cutting black top to install camera lines for surveillance. We also fixed cracks on the concrete on a few buildings. Maintained and adjusted sprinkler systems.

Coordinated repairs for apartment where fire occurred. Repaired pontoon on barge. Fixed many sheet rock problems in apartments due to water leaks.

A chipper was rented to consolidate the waste from all of the palm fronds that were cut by Bob. This cut down the cost of renting many dumpsters.

All of these projects were done with the help of Bob, our maintenance man, who has done many projects I can't count.

In the office we have a supply of water-saving kits that were supplied by Martin County Water dept. They can be picked up for installation. If you have a problem installing it please ask for help.

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You are responsible for this maintenance and failure to have it performed can make you liable for damage. It was fortunate that no one was injured in this instance.

There was also a theft of the new large screen TV that was in the clubhouse. It was taken in the evening, about 10 pm by someone with the door combination. Consequently the combination has been changed and is available from the office. This incident resulted in the acceleration of a security system for the complex from planning to implementation. We can thank the Thursday workers and an owner, Buddy Palumbo who is an expert in the installation of security systems, for the design and installation of this system.

This season included many social events organized by the social committee. There were the monthly Breakfasts that brought us together as well as the dinner dances with a variety of themes. These were coordinated by the social committee who, with their volunteers, made all these events a success. I thank them for all of us.

For myself and the Board members, we wish all a safe and healthy summer and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

Directors Report by Dawson Brown

Last year, 2011, I served as the Association's Director of Maintenance. Fortunately, it was a generally uneventful year. There were two problems that did require significant effort however. The first issue involved stabilizing the exterior supports for stairs leading to second floor apartments in two buildings. The second issue required Board action to restore one apartment damaged by a fire caused by a plugged drier vent. Fortunately, the structural integrity of the building was not compromised. The lesson here for all owners is to keep drier vents clear to prevent clothes drier overheating which caused the fire in this instance. If you need assistance with this, call Jami in the Office.

In 2012, my director responsibility relates to management of our dock and waterway issues. We are very fortunate to have the "Thursday Volunteers" usually numbering around 70 people ably directed by Don Corrigan who keep busy restoring and rebuilding our extensive network of docks along with other projects. Waterways dredging was also completed this year with the able direction of fellow Director Tony Pacelli. Because of this project, access to nearly all of our boats slips has been greatly improved thus adding value to our property at de la Bahia. On this subject, boat owners should be aware that a "de la Bahia" boat registration sticker is required on all boats docked in our marina. Unknown, unregistered boats in our marina could be towed away at the owner's expense.

Obituaries

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following residents who have recently passed away

Therbert Stange	Q-11
Ed Maupin	G-1
Andy LaCroix	formerly in I-5
Rosalind Palmer	formerly in I-6
Bill (Buddy) Flynn	A-4
Paul Fiedler	X-9

Pasquale (Pat) Visconte	A-1
Lin Satterthwaite	C-4
Max Fiebert	W-1
Sonny Delgrosso	M-7
Walter Marko	C-8



20011/2012 Social Calendar

Social Chairperson—Diane Leblanc
Social Asst. Chairperson—George Thorell

Apr. 1, 2012	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast
Apr. 11, 2012	Wednesday	*Yacht Club Meeting
April __, 2011	Saturday	*Blessing of the Fleet
TBD		*Vessel Inspection

NOTE: All events designated with a * must be Yacht Club members.

2012 Officers

President - Charlie Dietz
Vice President - Steve Graczewski
Secretary - Tony Pacelli
Treasurer - Joe Russo

Directors

Maintenance - Walter Jablonski
Docks/Waterways –Dawson Brown
Clubhouse/Pool– Bob Yania
Landscape—Steve Graczewski



Yacht Club Officers

Commodore - Bert Haese
Vice-Commodore— George Thorell
Rear-Commodore-Skip Schwasger
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Yacht Club News

April 11 is the last Yacht Club meeting for this season. We would like to reflect on this seasons Yacht Club events.

The Ship Wreck Party and Commodores Ball were two of the larger social events at de la Bahia this year. Decorations and music at both functions were wonderful. The Ship Wreck participants were decked out in their finest ship wreck regalia while the Commodores Ball attire was more formal. Blue and White were the colors of Bridge members and Past Commodores, that were present. Food at both events was great.

The Yacht Club also sponsored other events this season. A three hour Luncheon cruise on a paddle wheel boat was attended by almost ninety people. The cruise was subsidized \$10, by the Yacht Club, for each member. A good time was had by all.

On Feb. 8, we had our annual BBQ. The Club provided hamburgers. kielbasa, salads, soda, beer, and wine. We didn't run out of food or drinks. It was quite a job setting up tables for the 150 plus people present. However, the Club members pitched in and made the party a success. People danced into the evening hours. This party was free for Y.C. Members.

Feb. 18 was the Raft Up held at Kitchen Cove. 13 boats and approximately 80 people showed up. There was some fantastic food passed around. J.J. Smith had a misstep, followed by a splash. Everyone had a great time.

The annual cruise was taken Feb. 26-March 4. 40 people participated.

A second luncheon cruise was scheduled for March 4. There were so many requests for a Locks Party, we had a Locks Party. The Y.C. provided salads, baked beans (Larry's secret Recipe)' hot charcoal, and games. All 80 people had a good time.

The Y.C was very fortunate to have good weather for all sponsored events. We hope for the same good weather next season We look forward to having more participants next season. **COME ABOARD!**

We want to wish new Past Commodore Dave Gilman good sailing and thank him for all his good work. Dave, please don't be a stranger.

We also want to welcome Gene Reed as the new Fleet Captain. We know he will provide the effort to allow the Yacht Club a 2012-2013 season even better than 2011-2012.—The Bridge