



## BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Bermuda Greens Community extends its condolences to David and the rest of the Bearce family on the passing of Ellen Bearce. Ellen was a great contributor to the Social Committee and we will miss her timely updates on the Social calendar.

The Board continues to work diligently on a variety of critical tasks including an IRMA related special assessment, resolution of the COMCAST offering, and the transition from Guardian Property Management to Towne Properties effective 1 March 2018. The selection of Towne was done in the best interest of our Community and the Board is taking all the necessary steps to insure an orderly transition.

On a more personal note, I take full responsibility for the temporary relocation of the one of the benches purchased by Bermuda Greens for the use of the entire community and presently located at the Bocce court. My motivation was simply to accommodate the need for stable seating at the far end of the court, particularly for our senior players. The feedback received from players in general has been mostly positive. However, an issue has arisen regarding the purchase of the bench and its use and/or location. Therefore, the bench was moved back to its original position pending a favorable resolution of this issue by the Board and the Bocce Steering Group.

It looks like great weather is returning so get out and enjoy!!

**Fred Demma, President**

### FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGER

No report at this time.

**Rich Ouimet, Property Manager**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone to the start of a great new year. Much has happened recently with respect to hurricane IRMA cleanup with much more to come. The damaged carports have been repaired and paid for with insurance money. Angel Tree Service, Juarez and Pat Sadler have cleaned up most of the landscape damages but we still have to get rid of many stumps. Colonial Roofing has completed all the repairs to our roofs which held up quite well with the exception of trees falling on them. The area around the dumpster still needs repair and a new fence to be installed. Almost every building has damage to some degree. Unfortunately due to a large deductible for each building insurance will not cover the cost to repair except for the unit in C building. Most of the damages are to gutters and soffits. Costs for additional landscape and building repairs are still outstanding. I fully expect that we will have to institute an assessment but do not know the amount at this time. Florida law allows for the owner of Bermuda Greens units to collect up to \$2,000 from their own insurance company to cover their hurricane IRMA assessment.

With regard to our normal financial situation, I have not yet received input from Guardian for the month of December. They installed a new accounting system in January and are still working out the bugs. I expect this to be resolved soon and will follow up with a report when received.

**Rob Blagg, Treasurer**

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Effective July 1, 2018, communities of our size will be required to have a website that meets certain state requirements. Long Term Planning is working with our in-house technical resource, Jan McCloskey, exploring technical resources who have experience developing these sites with the goal of having a Bermuda Greens website in the near future. We will update the community at the February Board Meeting.

The Board has also asked LTP to review and update our Reserve Study. Pete Asimakopoulos is leading this effort and has made significant progress. The Reserve Study is key in guiding the Board for future planning necessary for replacing and maintaining the physical aspects of our community, to keep our community safe and property values strong.

If you are interested in joining LTP, please connect with one of our members: Pete Asimakopoulos, John McHarris, Guy Miata, Jan McCloskey and Sue Giese.

**Sue Giese, LRPC Chair**  
**suegiese@gmail.com**

### **RECYCLING**

According to a recent Yale University EPA study, the U.S. recycles less than 22% of its discarded material. The U.S. recycling levels have not improved in 20 years despite the billions of dollars spent on public education and new sorting technologies.

Despite only representing 5% of the world population, the U.S. generates more waste than any other country.

#### **Aluminum Cans:**

Every three months, Americans throw away enough aluminum in landfills to build our nations entire commercial air fleet.

Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

#### **Glass:**

Glass can be recycled and remanufactured an infinite amount of times and never wear out.

Recycling one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11 watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.

More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year...

That is the equivalent of filling up TWO EMPIRE STATE BUILDINGS every THREE WEEKS!

Remember, Waste Management asks that we do not place any plastic bags in the recycle bins. Just toss your recycle items in the bin, or in a paper bag and place the filled paper bag in the bin.

Please Recycle.

**Emi Lydem**

### **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

This is to answer many owners' questions about the island. The island is a preserve and therefore subject to county regulations. The county does not allow the planting of non-native or invasive plants and can mandate removal of such. Damage from Hurricane Irma forced us to take action now. All invasive, non-native species and dead vegetation were removed. We were only able to keep 2 of the 3 original palm trees on the island. The large "leafy tree" on the island was not a tree but an invasive vine (a Strangler Fig) that killed the third palm and other vegetation. The plan is to replant the island this week with 8 trees and a large number of grasses. The existing remaining roots and stumps that you see now will be left in place to help secure the island. These will eventually rot and by then these new trees and grasses should have an establish root structure.

Bermuda Greens board has already agreed to a twice-yearly maintenance contract going forward to prevent this over growth of invasive and non-native species in the future.

**Emi Lydem & Steve Smith,**  
**Chairs Landscape Committee**

## **BOCCE**

We are approaching mid-season in our Bocce League, and have watched some very competitive play.

Fans are great, turning out to scout the competitors and cheer for outstanding shots.

Be sure to Mark your calendars with these upcoming dates for end of season play and celebration.

March 12 and 13 @ 3 PM - Bocce playoffs where the top 4 teams will compete for the finals

March 15 - Championship Final Match @ 3 PM followed by a celebration including Pizza & Libations

March 22 - End of Season Bocce Dinner, catered at the Club House. Guests may attend at a cost of \$15. Guest sign ups and payment due by March 15.

Bob Giese's email is [gieserw@gmail.com](mailto:gieserw@gmail.com)

**Bob Giese, Bocce Steering Committee**

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

It is with a deep heart that we the Social Committee say goodbye to our friend Ellen Bearce a long time member of our Social Committee here in Bermuda Greens, she is already missed.

The Gulf Stream Bus Trip has been cancelled since we did not get a complete bus load. All checks and money will be returned ASAP.

Looking forward to our pre-game Super Bowl Party and our upcoming events that are posted on the kiosk for those who were asking about them.

We have a new member to our Social Committee Family, her name is Mary Trad. Mary is a warm and energetic person who will be an asset to our committee.

Thank you all,

**Tommie and Marilyn co- chairs**

## **BINGO**

Just a reminder that Bingo is now the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month rather than every other Monday. Next Bingo night is Feb 12th. We had very good attendance at the last Bingo night on January 22nd... 35 players! I'm re-arranging the room layout for the next session to provide space for even more players!

**Dan Howard, Coordinator and Caller**

## **BERMUDA GREENS MEN'S CLUB**

No report at this time

Questions: Call Dave Bearce 596-9638

## **POKER NIGHT**

Dealer's Choice poker is played on Thursday evenings from 7 to 10, in the Club House. Sixty Chips costs \$3.00 to start. These should last anywhere from 1 hour to all night. Depends upon your luck. All residents and guests are invited.