

# BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE



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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

March brings us to the transition from our winter season to spring. However, there are still many activities, events, and social gatherings remaining. Check out the rest of the Bugle sections and I am sure you will find several of interest.

Of special importance is the 18 March Annual meeting which will include voting on BG Board members and several topics dealing with Amendments to our Condo Declarations. These Amendments are recommended by the Board and continue the tradition of Bermuda Greens as one of the most desirable locations in South West Florida.

For those heading north soon safe travels, and for those of us remaining for the rest of the season enjoy your time in Paradise.

**Fred Demma, President**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

On the income side of the ledger, our Association Fees are running slightly above budget due to late fees and rental applications. Also the special assessment is fully paid up. The total spent to date on hurricane IRMA is \$74.7K in 2018 and \$69.5K in 2017 leaving \$61K for the remaining repairs on our soffits and the C1 unit. Currently we have 26 units that are overdue. This happens every quarter when dues are due but are mostly paid up by February.

On the expense side of the ledger we have a surplus of \$4.1K and a debit of \$15.7K that is normal for this time of the year. The Reserve fund is

currently at \$798.6K. The Contingency fund is now at \$110.2K.

Looking forward we expect two major operations that will draw on the Reserve. This is for the resurfacing of the pool and spa (\$34K) and for cleaning our roofs (\$27K)

**Rob Blagg, Treasurer**

## **PROPERTY MANAGER**

Special Thank You to Emi Lydem for helping me in the office by catching up all the tedious filing. It really frees my time so that I can focus on other projects.

In the clubhouse, we set the thermostat for 74 when the building is occupied and raise the temperature to 78 when the building is vacant. However, there is a mysterious person who continually opens one or both bathroom windows. This means cool air escapes and the HVAC system has to work twice as hard to cool down the building and that costs money. I have been closing and locking the windows upon arrival. Steve Smith made the suggestion of posting a sign in English and Spanish that says, "Windows Closed Please" (Ventanas cerradas por favor). I made the sign, closed the windows and taped the sign to each window. The next day, the sign was gone and the windows were open. Please do me a favor and keep the windows closed.

I am commissioned as a Notary Public. According to the state of Florida, I can charge \$10 for notarizing a signature. But I won't ever charge my friends here at Bermuda Greens. But please bring

photo ID. I'm great with faces but terrible with names.

We are so very fortunate to have Pat Sadler serving this community. His skills are impressive. I don't know of a talent he lacks and his experience means those skills have been honed to a sharp edge. Please take the time to say thank you or express your appreciation in your own manner to Pat. I've grown to respect and admire him. His wisdom is greater than most libraries. He truly is a jack of all trades and a master of all.

We have a lost & found collection in the office. If you are missing something, please check with me. I also posted an inventory on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

**Clement Ross, Property Manager**

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

No report at this time.

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

### **BERMUDA GREENS WEBSITE**

The website continues to publish current and upcoming events for Bermuda Greens. You can find this information on the Home page under New Notifications, or Community Events. Be sure to use the website to access forms for selling or renting your unit, guests or ARChectural guidelines and application for making changes to your unit.

We are currently working with Towne properties to create an online directory for Bermuda Greens owners. We are hopeful we will have more to share on this project during the coming weeks.

If you have suggestions on what you would like to have available on the website, please be sure to let us know. If you can't remember the Password, contact the Property Manager. Password protected sections are for Homeowners only.

Link to website:

[www.bermudagreensnaples.com](http://www.bermudagreensnaples.com)

**Sue Giese, Jan McCloskey and**  
**Pete Asimakopoulos, Web team members**

## **RECYCLING**

Please do not put your trash or recycling from your home in the containers at the pool. Those containers are for folks to use while they are poolside or at the clubhouse. The dumpster is available for Bermuda Greens owners and renters. Use the dumpster when needed, not the pool containers.

NO PLASTIC BAGS in your recycling bin please. Paper bags are acceptable. Any plastic bags in the recycling means the entire truckload must be taken to the landfill.

As you are making preparations to head north, or doing spring cleaning, for items too large for your recycling bin remember the North Collier Recycling Center on Goodlette Frank. Do not toss electronics, furniture, refrigerators, etc. in the dumpster. Take these items to the Goodlette Frank location or call Waste Management on a Wednesday to arrange for a free Friday curbside pick-up.

Any annuals planted during season must be removed prior to your departure. Place all plants materials in a paper bag, not plastic, and place the bag curbside for a Friday pickup.

Please do not put items curbside before 5P the evening before collection. No one wants to look at your trash for several days before collection

**Emi Lydem**

### **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

As "Season" winds down a reminder. Please remove all annuals you may have planted before you head north. Bring any and all garden decorations, pots etc. in to store while you are away. Do not leave them outside to become "missiles" during a storm. If you leave plants, garden pots and or decorations they will be removed by our landscape crew and you may be charged. Removed plant materials are to be placed in a paper bag, NOT PLASTIC, and placed curbside for Friday trash pick-up.

Comcast is still here working on the install. Once they have completed their work they will replace any sod and shrubs disturbed.

Another reminder: please be careful, do not park or drive on the grass/sod. Sprinkler heads are installed in the grass close to the roads and driveways. They are damaged or destroyed when

driven over. Replacing them is an expense that is avoidable. Help us keep our expenses down.

Steve and I are watching the two newly planted Yellow Shower trees on the island in front of the A building. Two of the trees experienced damaged to their tap root during digging for transport. Our landscaper is also keeping an eye on them and tells us they should recover. If not, he will replace them for us. We must all be patient.

If you are headed north soon we wish you safe travels and "happy gardening".

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

### **BOCCE**

Bocce is into week 8 and we see a great deal of outstanding play along with strong competitiveness. The top 4 teams are separated by 3 wins and the top 3 teams are separated by 18 points, all indicating an exciting playoff and championship. Along with the players we have had a good contingent of spectators.

Looking forward to the playoffs on March 25 and 26 and championship March 27 all at 3:00pm. Come out and enjoy the ever exciting play.

Just a reminder, Bocce is solely supported by the league and receives no funding from the Bermuda Greens Board of Directors.

**Bob Giese, Bocce Steering Committee**

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

If you missed our Gulf Stream Trip, we have a few more millionaires due to the hard work of Tommie and her assistant Willis Faust. Looking forward the P I G Roast on April 3rd. Check the website and the kiosk for more information. See you all then.

Marilyn Demma and Tommie Faust co-chairs

**Social Committee Chairs,  
Tommie and Marilyn co- chairs**

### **BINGO**

Our upcoming Bermuda Greens Bingo nights are **March 11th and 25th (the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month) from 7-9 PM** in the Bermuda Greens Clubhouse.

Bring some snacks to share. Hope to see you all at Bingo... invite your friends and neighbors, too!

**Dan Howard, Coordinator and Caller**

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

The Men's club continues to enjoy a rewarding season with a good turnout every Tuesday morning at our Bermuda Greens Clubhouse. We have had some interesting and entertaining discussions including a look back at some of our Country's Presidents from our individual home states.

New members or visitors are always welcomed. Please visit any Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Check the bulletin boards for more information or call Dave at 413-896-2255.