



THE BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE

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Lorrie Beaumont, President



Things are starting to heat up for the 2026 season. Bocce has begun, and the pool area has been refreshed for the arrival of the new pool furniture.

The board is working on issues that commonly arise at this time of year as well as managing all requests and concerns as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding. In the meantime, let's enjoy our beautiful community, pleasant weather, and quality time with friends and family this season.

Sara Catlett, Manager, CAM



The Bermuda Greens community wishes Sara a continued speedy recovery from her surgery after her skiing accident. We all appreciate Sara's continued work behind the scenes and look forward to seeing her around the clubhouse soon.



Bocce...How the First Balls Got Rolling in Bermuda Greens



Poolside conversations in 2006 between Carmine DeVita, Emilio Coppola, Joseph DeVita, Ernie Guimares, Radcliffe Earle, and others proved that "talk isn't cheap," when you get the right people together.

"After getting approval for the court from the board president at the time, we built and completely funded it ourselves", explained Ernie. Labor costs for construction were cut by volunteers who did much of the work themselves, and "our wives would bring pizza and cold drinks to those working on

the court. We brought shovels and rakes and leveled it all by hand before getting the clay foundation laid," added Ernie. Legend has it that Collier County donated materials they may not know about to this day.

"Emilio was the 'straw boss,'" said Fred Demma. "Brothers Carmine and Joe knew a lot about construction, but it was always a committee effort." Many of the core group belonged to The Naples Italian American Club and the original court was modeled after theirs.

"As for fundraising, Ernie wrote the first check for \$50 to get things going. Then, Rose and Ida DeVito, Josephine Coppola, and others hosted homemade spaghetti dinners to raise enough to buy the clay for the court. A labor of love, the bocce court was completed and dedicated in 2007 as a hand-made sign at the court proves.

In 2017, neighbors and friends gathered for a 10th anniversary court-side commemoration. Fred Demma served as Master of Ceremonies and Ernie thanked the core group. He credited the "Red Hat Club," a group of guys that included Emilio, Carmine, Tom Dowling and Ren Morani for their vision and hard work.



Weekly Happenings

Water Aerobics
M-W-F @ 10-10:45

Men's Club
W @ 9 -10

Games Nights
M @ 7-9
Various games. 1st & 3rd
Bingo 2nd & 4th

Mahjongg,
Th @ 1

Bocce
M-Sat, @ 2

Upcoming Events

Jan. 31 - Speakeasy Murder Mystery

Feb. 8 – Super Bowl Party

Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day "Evening in Paris"

Feb. 14 - Parkinson's Walk at North Naples Regional Park

Feb. 17 – Board of Directors Meeting

Feb. 24 – Shangri-La Garden Tour and Lunch

Feb. 28 – Mardi Gras/ Casino

Event flyers contain details. Flyers are emailed and available in Recent Notifications on the Bermuda Greens Website and community kiosks.



Last year, a plaque was donated in memory of Carmine, Emilio, and Joe. Also, a bocce banner and a winner's plaque were provided by bocce players. This year, Beverly Pompeani donated two benches in memory of her husband Mike, who played even while wearing his oxygen pack.

"For nearly 17 years, the bocce players were financially responsible for the court," said Fred. About three years ago, the Board agreed to budget funds for bocce equipment and court maintenance. After a survey proved that the bocce court is located entirely on BG property, Board approval was given to build a new court in the same location. "Like the pool, bocce is an amenity that adds value to our community," said Bob Giese.



For the past several years, Bob has served as Commissioner, also known as "the Commish." He manages a Steering Group that consists of Nan Voll, Fred Demma, Willis Faust, Dan Ryan, and Linda Toner. The new court will be modeled after the courts at St. John the Evangelist Church. Bob says, "work on the new court begins in April with a neighborhood dedication following its completion."

For 20 years, bocce has united BG residents for fun, regardless of skill levels. Interestingly, the World Series of Bocce, has been held annually in Rome, New York. "They play rain, snow and 24/7", said Fred. "Years ago, they asked us to play in the World Series thinking we were in Naples, Italy not Florida," he added with a laugh.

In recent years, a fall bocce league, organized by Nan, offers a "fun" way for residents to learn and practice the game before the regular season begins. In the early years, Linda Toner credits Emilio for teaching her and others to play. "He would say, 'Leeenda, throw it like this, and when I did that, it worked like magic,' she said.

Clearly, bocce in BG is here to stay.



Board Highlights

- Pavers at the clubhouse have been cleaned and sealed.
- The pool fence has been painted.
- New pool furniture is scheduled for delivery on Feb. 10.
- New ceiling fans have been installed in the club house.
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tues., Feb. 17 at 12:30 p.m.
- BoD Meeting Minutes are available the Owner's Section on the [website](#).
- Need a Password? [Submit a Request](#) to the Manager



Around the Grounds

Do you recognize this beautiful plant and know why it is featured throughout our community? This tropical plant is known for its narrow, twisted leaves in vibrant shades of red, yellow, orange, and green. It thrives in the Southwest Florida climate, loving the heat and humidity. Best of all, it is a low-maintenance plant that provides rich, year-round color to our landscape. If you guessed Croton Mammy, congratulations!



If you have a landscape issue or question, we encourage you to submit an inquiry through the BG Website Quick Links on the [Home page](#). These reports help us respond quickly, keep our plants healthy, and maintain the high standards we all enjoy and expect.



A Focus on Flooring from the ARC

Before you take the first step to replace flooring, here are some important considerations that could save you time and money.

Second floor residents must be sure to have proper soundproofing for flooring underlayment. It must be the equivalent of Proflex 90 or better except in areas that are carpeted.

First floor residents must waterproof concrete floors prior to installing any type of flooring.

When installing tile or hardwood flooring on any floor, a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch expansion space must be between the flooring material and the wall to allow for product expansion. Baseboard or quarter round may be used to cover expansion areas if desired.

Whether putting in new flooring, windows, storm shutters, remodeling your kitchen or bathroom, the Architectural Review Committee, (ARC) is here to help. Before you begin, Jim Menton and Guy Miata recommend reviewing the Guidelines and Procedures found in Documents on the [BG website](#) or giving them a call.

Thank you for helping maintain a beautiful and well-kept community.



Social Committee Welcomes All to Join the Fun

The Social Committee is working to make the BG 2026 calendar better than ever with new amusing themes to enjoy.

Our year end was full of holiday cheer and delightful activities. The Key West Party and acronym "TGH SIAO" found some new dwellers joining us. Congratulations to Sandy Johnson, S-8, for being the first to guess the acronym correctly (Thank Goodness Hurricane Season Is Almost Over) and winning the \$20 prize.

The annual Christmas Party united neighbors for food, drink (BYOB), and holiday joy. We were proud to announce the generous gifts sent by our residents to our Veteran families. Juliet and her two daughters received \$250, John and his son received \$125, and Jeff and his son \$125. Doesn't it feel good to be Santa?



Music filled the air on Dec. 21 when 12 Bermuda Greens residents caroled jubilantly to young and old alike while laughing all the way. The evening capped off with hot chocolate and cookies at the clubhouse.



On Jan. 9, the Welcome Back “God Bless America” theme party featured American comfort foods like fried chicken, sliders, pulled pork, apple cobbler and more. Guests danced and sang to music by the one and only Maestro Guy.



Don't forget the Jan. 31 “Speakeasy Murder Mystery Night”. Who will be murdered and by whom?

The Social Committee welcomes all to attend our BG community events.

Bocce Ball



The Bermuda Greens Bocce League got off to a fast start with a blind draw for teams on Jan. 2. There are 12 teams with four players per team. There are eight new players and six substitutes. Play began on Mon. Jan. 5. Teams play once a week, culminating with the championship playoffs the week of Mar. 23 with the final match on Mar. 25.

Each team chooses their captain and decides their own name. Some of the names become quite hilarious when combined with their opponent's name. For example, in week one, team “Let's Roll” played “Bucknuts” which gave the crowd a reason to yell “Let's Roll Bucknuts.” Team photos can be found on the BG website on the Bocce page.

At the end of week 3 “Don't Bocce It Up” is in 1st place, “NYKY” is 2nd, and “Bucknuts” is 3rd. No doubt, new name combinations will have the cheering section yelling “Don't Bocce It Up Bucknuts” at a future game.

Bocce is played Mon. – Sat. at 2 p.m. Spectators average 25 to 30 per day to cheer, joke and have fun. The Steering Committee invites everyone to grab their chairs, a cold drink and come join us.

Ladies Club Fun

The Ladies Club kicked off the new year on Jan. 15 to the sounds of laughter and rolling dice at Bunco night. Winners and losers alike enjoyed tasty pudding pies for dessert.

On Jan. 24, a Baby Shower was held to support The Cafe of Life which provides services to those in need. “The generosity shown by BG ladies was genuinely amazing and heartwarming,” said Sue Giese. “More than 100 articles of baby clothing, six boxes of diapers, four cases of wipes, 15 receiving blankets, eight pairs of shoes, and 40 toys were donated.”



All enjoyed chicken salad croissant sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Of course, baby shower games added to the fun including a Nursery Rhyme contest won by Nicole Zenz. Susan Shrewsbury said that “ahead of the luncheon, ladies emailed me their baby pictures which were used in a game to see who could identify their neighbors.” Congratulations to Dawn Smith, Lorrie Beaumont, Judy Fisher, Betsy Maher, Barbara Vanasse, and Joanne Katon who named 13 of the 28 babies. All winners for the day received gift certificates to Imagine.

In addition to hearts and flowers, Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, is the Parkinson's Walk. Details are in Recent Notifications on the BG website. Rounding out the month is the Shang-ri-la tour on Feb. 24. More information to follow.



From the Supreme Court to the Pharmacy...the Men's Club Hears from Resident Experts

Dan Ryan gave an overview of the history of the Supreme Court and explained how it operates today during the first Men's Club meeting of the year in Jan. 7.

The following week, Jim Turk presented the history of Pharmacy and the responsibilities of a pharmacist. He highlighted the importance of keeping a daily record of medications and how to do it using a website called drug.com, which is also available as an App in the App Store. It's simple and free to set up an initial drug profile where you input all of your prescription and over-the-counter meds. They are easy to use and very informative, as well as a great tool to keep track of your meds.

Week three, Larry Lamson, presented a view of our legal system through his lens as a lawyer and later as a judge. The Men's Club meets every Weds. morning at 9 a.m in the BG Clubhouse. All gentlemen are welcome to attend.



GIB Highlights

Traffic enforcement within Imperial is ongoing.

Residents are reminded to adhere to safe driving practices along Imperial Golf Course Boulevard and to come to a complete stop at the four-way stop when entering The Estates. These areas are regularly patrolled by sheriff's deputies, who enforce traffic regulations.

Dive into Pool Safety...not the Pool

As family, friends, and guests gather at our beautiful pool this season, the Rules and Regulations Committee encourages working together to make safety a priority.

Committee Chair Carol Nucci reminds residents that the hot tub is off limits for children under 12 and an adult must always supervise them while at the pool. "Our goal is to eliminate potential accidents that result from walking/running on wet cement as well as jumping and diving into the pool," Carol added.

All rules are on a sign on the pool fence and on the BG website on pages 8-9 in the [Rules & Regulations](#), found in Documents. **A First Aid kit, AED and LifeVac choking device are available in the Clubhouse lanai if needed.**

As always, pool and spa hours are 7 a.m. to dusk.



Did you know?



Would you like an icon on your phone or iPad to take you directly to the Bermuda Greens website? You can add one, and it's easy. Place an icon for the web site on your phone or iPad's home screen and go straight to the web site without having to first open the web browser.

After following the steps outlined below to create the icon, you will be able to just tap the icon and you'll instantly see the BG website on your phone.

Follow the steps below that correspond to your device and browser.

If you have an iPhone...

Note: The steps below will work on an iPad as well.

- 1 – Visit the website in your **Safari** browser.
- 2 – Tap the **Action** button (the square button with the arrow pointing upwards).
- 3 – Scroll down and tap **Add to Home Screen**.
- 4 – Give the shortcut icon a **name** that will allow you to quickly recognize what the icon is for.
- 5 – Tap the **Done** button. The icon should now be on your Home screen.

If you have an Android phone...

Note: The steps below will work on an Android tablet as well.

If you have an Android device, the procedure for creating an icon shortcut to your favorite website will depend on which mobile web browser you're using.

Follow these steps if you're using the **stock Android browser** (the one that looks like a "globe"):

- 1 – Visit the website in your **Android browser**.
- 2 – Tap the **three vertical dots** to the right of the address bar to display the browser's menu.
- 3 – Tap **Add to Bookmarks**.
- 4 – Tap the **down-arrow** in the "Add to" field and select **Home screen** from the drop-down menu.
- 5 – Tap the **title** that's displayed in the "Label" field and give the shortcut icon a **name** that will allow you to quickly recognize what the icon is for.
- 6 – Tap **OK**. The icon should now be on your Home screen.

Follow the steps below if you're using **Google Chrome**:

- 1 – Visit the website in your **Chrome** browser.
- 2 – Tap the **three vertical dots** to the right of the address bar to display the browser's menu.
- 3 – Tap **Add to Home screen**.
- 4 – Give the shortcut icon a **name** that will allow you to quickly recognize what the icon is for.

These instructions can be found on the BermudaGreensHome.com website on the Home page.



The Bugle and the feature articles are available on the Bermuda Greens website on the Home Page under Your Community.

Owners, please share each issue with renters and guests.

Your story ideas, content, and photo submissions are appreciated. Suggestions may be sent to News4BG@gmail.com

The Bugle committee members are Mary Jo DiSalvo, Sue Giese, Jeanne Menton and Nan Voll.