



THE BERMUDA GREENS BUGLE

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Lorrie Beaumont, President



It's Spring Break time which means our roads and beaches are packed and our season is beginning to wind down. Be sure to get out there and enjoy all that Bermuda Greens has to offer. There is still plenty of time to pack your schedules with social events, trips to the beach or time spent relaxing on the new pool furniture at the pool.

Sara Catlett, Manager, CAM



As we approach the end of the winter season, it is time for those heading north to begin thinking about closing your units while you are away. We've put together a checklist to help you remember what is required before departing. The checklist is attached at the end of the newsletter for your convenience. If you have questions, you can submit them through the website or call the CAM office at 239-444-1721.



Hats Off to Our COA Presidents

Since 1999, 10 residents have served as COA presidents, each guiding a five-person board. During this time, BG has had nine realty management companies.

Lorrie Beaumont has served since April 2024, bringing extensive experience as president of a state board, leader of a global association and as owner and operator of her own business. She is also the boards first woman president.

For the past two years, Lorrie said she and the board have “replaced our management company which required extensive time and effort including interviews, meetings and ongoing communication to keep all owners informed.” Lorrie also worked with the Bocce Steering Committee about the potential relocation of the court preparing required documentation for a special community vote. She worked with the Long-Range Planning Committee to refurbish the Clubhouse and select new pool furniture. She is presently working with them to address repairs to roads and driveways. In addition, Lorrie is board liaison for the Website Committee to review and digitize documents to enhance its clarity, detail, and functionality.

As for the boards greatest accomplishments to date, Lorrie said they are, “restoring our association to a stable and strong position through our new management company and addressing needed deferred maintenance projects to preserve property values.”

Among her greatest challenges, Lorrie includes balancing the management of incoming requests, deferred maintenance projects and upcoming initiatives while maintaining sufficient reserve funds to cover those needs. Lorrie said, “It's important to ensure that quarterly assessments remain competitive and reasonable for the area.”

Finally, fostering a sense of community is a challenge Lorrie takes seriously. “I am committed to acting in the best interest of the majority of owners, understanding that it's not possible to please everyone”, said Lorrie.

Guy Miata served as a board member from 2020-2022, then as president from 2022-2024. He brought more than 30 years experience in Facilities, Equipment Maintenance and Engineering Operations to the role. Guy managed 25 processing and distribution plants and more than 2,000 employees.

Motivated by the need to ensure our buildings were properly and efficiently kept, Guy said, “too often necessary maintenance items were deferred to keep COA quarterly assessments low which resulted in higher costs and inconvenience to owners.”

Guy said he “wanted to bring a more civil tone to meeting management.” Issues faced at the time included a controversy which resulted in a shouting match over pick-up trucks. To allow all opinions to be heard and considered on the matter, the board surveyed residents. “Based on the survey results, we didn't pursue a change to the governing documents,” Guy explained.



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

Mar. 23 - 25 – Bocce
Championship Games

Mar. 27 – End of Season
Party 'Under the Tuscany
Sun'

Mar. 30 - BG Ladies
Miniature Golf and Luncheon

Apr. 11 – Ladies Club 'Easter
Bonnet' Tea Luncheon

Apr. 16 - We Survived Tax
Day/Clean Out the Fridge
Day BBQ

Apr. 21 – Annual Members
Meeting

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

Another issue faced by Guy was the repair of the roads as recommended by the engineer. Limited funding meant that only those roads in most need of repair would be done.

Finally, Guy said the final issue faced was the transfer of KEB Management to May Management. He explained, "I wouldn't concur with the sale of KEB without a formal review of its terms, conditions and most importantly, the company itself by our attorneys." After much back and forth with the company to resolve those issues and their later approval by them, Guy and the board agreed with the sale. He said, "despite due diligence, the transfer from KEB to May proved unworkable and May's contract was rightfully terminated by the succeeding board."

Being accessible and talking to residents were ways Guy tried to foster a sense of community. For the future, Guy said, "experience has shown repeatedly that deferring maintenance items without an actual plan for correction is never in the best interest of whatever body is opting to defer them." He continued, "the items go from incipient failures to emergency breakdowns and invariably cause inconvenience and higher costs."

Fred Demma was President from 2018-2021. During his career as a Cyber Security Consultant in Air Force Research and Development, he managed an 80-million-dollar budget and supervised 100 staff members.

Like others in this role, Fred said his goal was "to protect the owner's financial investment and improve the quality of life for everyone." Among the challenges faced by Fred and the board were bylaw violations about the pool, parking and clubhouse behavior of owners and guests "I mediated strong opposing views of various board members, Fred said. He also represented BG at GIB meetings and provided updates on them to owners.

As for his greatest accomplishments while serving, Fred said, "achieving the Comcast contract for bulk internet and TV services in partnership with Jan McCloskey." He added, "implementing and enforcing protocols from the CDC for COVID 19 was another."

Fred considers future challenges and opportunities to be the same as in the past... balancing quarterly assessments collected from homeowners to meet the highest priority infrastructure needs.

David Bearse has not only served our community, but our country as a Marine. He also brought his background in apartment management and real estate to help solve BG challenges. David discovered that the developers original plan was to build three different condo complexes using a master condo association called BG Commons to oversee all three complexes. When sales volume exceeded expectations, David said, "the developer should have dissolved BG Commons."

So, prior boards followed the original plan to hold private, closed-door meetings as allowed in the plan for three complexes as opposed to only one. Some members gathered outside locked door meetings and yelled, "let us in." David said, "I was successful in dissolving BG Commons and holding open door meetings."

David is also credited with leading board efforts for elimination of flood insurance costs, starting the No Smoking Policy and keeping the Clubhouse unlocked during the day and open to all members, many of whom enjoyed painting. He also managed to put new roofs on and repair the lanais without resorting to a special assessment.

During David's term, the buildings needed to be painted. A lively conversation arose when it was suggested that the color should no longer remain pink. An off-white color was presented and David sought the required member input in the form of an opinion vote. Two-thirds of the members voted for the off-white.

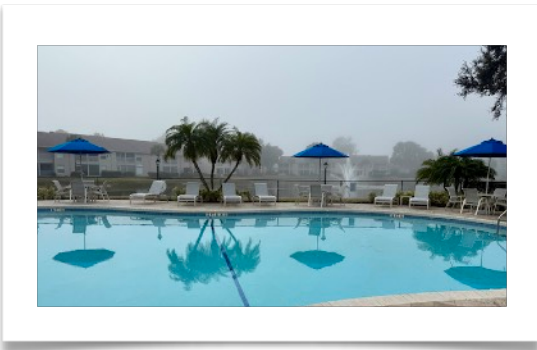
Although David enjoyed serving, talking to people, and making things better, he recommends that, “people in position shouldn’t hang on...two terms and out.” Shrewsbury said he wanted to serve BG to “help maintain its beauty and sense of togetherness.” His expertise in organizing groups to achieve goals in industry and elsewhere was brought to his role as board president. He and the board worked to maintain cooperation and single mindedness of purpose.

As for his greatest COA accomplishment, Frank said it was “maintaining a good-natured environment.”

Frank said, “a feud involving owners and tenants' disruptive behavior was an issue at that time.” He added that “keeping residents closely informed on any major changes helps foster a sense of community.”

For the future of our community, Frank considers any breakdown in cooperation to be a threat. As for an opportunity, Frank believes it is keeping “our beautiful community viable and together.”

In addition to Lorrie, Guy, Fred, David and Frank, other past BG presidents include Ren Moreni, Kurt Holzhauser, Kent Sheffer, Richard Rudy and Jack Bechtel.



BG Board & GIB News

- February Board Minutes are available on the website.
 - Painting of the pool fence has been completed.
 - The beautiful new pool furniture was delivered. Feedback has been positive.
 - Remotes for the new ceiling fans have been installed and labeled.
 - You may have seen the Lakeshore Restoration and Concrete Committees about the community, busy researching their projects.
- Watch your Inbox for the 30 Day Notification of the Annual Members Meeting to be held on April 21, 2026 in the BG Clubhouse and on Zoom.
 - Included with the 30-day notification will be the slate of candidates running for the three open positions.
 - Check your email to attend Meet the Candidates to be hosted by the Men’s Club.
 - Be sure to return your proxy and ballot for the upcoming board elections.
 - In GIB News, quotes are being obtained to repair the pavers around the Guard House.

Key Rules of the Road for Vehicles and Parking in BG



The Rules and Regulations Committee wants to remind residents of the rules to follow to make our roads safe, our parking spaces accessible and our community at its best.

Many walkers, runners and bicyclists share our roadways, so please maintain the 15-mph speed limit when driving. If you’re planning a delivery such as furniture or expecting a service truck, remember they may not enter BG on Sundays unless it’s an emergency. In addition, all vehicles parked in our community must have license plates and be registered with the property manager.

According to BG’s [Rules and Regulations](#), available on the website under Documents, “designated covered parking spaces under carports and driveways up to the garages are for the use of the designated occupants and their guests only.” Additionally, “If the unit owner does not have a driveway or a driveway long enough to accommodate the vehicle, then the second vehicle may be parked within the lines of any open guest parking spot. In consideration of all, it is recommended that occupants, especially in season, do not occupy the same guest spot consistently.” The R & R committee reminds residents that following this rule ensures that parking is available for guests and visitors to BG.



Around the Grounds ...

What Are Littoral Grasses?

Littoral grasses are plants that grow within the littoral zone—the transitional area between upland land and open water. These include both aquatic and wetland species, many of which are now established along the shoreline of our lake.

Well adapted to fluctuating water levels, littoral plants play an important ecological role. Their root systems anchor the soil and help prevent shoreline erosion, while their foliage filters pollutants and excess nutrients from runoff, improving overall water quality.

Judy Fisher tells us, “This vegetated littoral area also provides critical habitat for wading birds, fish, and other aquatic wildlife. In addition to these environmental benefits, littoral plantings enhance the natural beauty of the shoreline with their varied colors and textures, creating an attractive and healthy lakeside environment.” Hopefully on your next stroll you will have a deeper appreciation of our littoral plants.



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

Be Safe, not Sorry...What to Know Before Signing Contracts



We’ve all heard horror stories about contractors. The Architectural Review Committee, ARC, is here to be sure it doesn’t happen in BG. Before starting any project, they recommend that owners get multiple estimates and thoroughly read them; make sure the contractor is licensed and that their license is up to date; and choose a contractor who has proof of liability insurance, workers compensation and at least five years of experience doing this type of work in south Florida.

Before starting any work, ARC advises finding out if the installers are employees or subcontractors. If they are subcontractors, they must be licensed and fully insured. Ask if they are doing the complete installation, and that others aren’t needed to complete the job. Jim Menton said, “it’s important to ask if they are completing finishing details like stucco and drywall repair and that window replacement includes replacing rotted wood and broken windowsills.”

ARC says it is important that owners get recent references of the contractor before hiring them. “Our goal is to help owners get the best possible outcome regardless of the type of work being done,” Jim added.

More details about what to know before signing on with a contractor are in the ARC Guidelines found on the [Documents](#) page of the BG website.

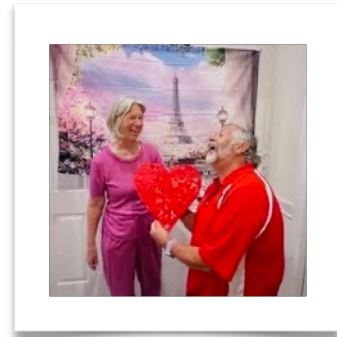


From Murder Mysteries to Tuscany ... the Social Committee Takes Fun to New Heights



The Social committee went out on a limb hosting the first ever '1920s Bermuda Triangle Speak Easy Murder Mystery' on January 31. Connie Miata said, "as a committee we had as much fun preparing, as everyone had the night of the event." The play featured "characters" dressed to play specific roles. After much deliberation, six guests correctly identified "Loose Lucy" as the murderess. First prize, a gift card to Brooks Burgers, was awarded to Andy Schiff.

For Valentine's Day, the theme 'An Evening in Paris' featured soft, romantic music and a French themed dinner. The best French dressed guests mingled, caught up with friends, and took photos.



Again, this year, gambling was easy and fun at the recent Mardi Gras Casino Night. Guests played cards, rolled dice, and raced horses. Those with the most chips at the end of the night were the winners. First prize winner was Larry and Second prize went to Juana Ranieri. The Money Tree winner was Nan Voll.

A special thank you to the croupiers, aka dealers, Charlie Senior and Mike Fogarty (Blackjack), Mark Voll (Texas Hold 'Em), and Anne Callander (Horse Racing).

The third Annual Cook Off Contest was held on March 10. The five entries featured New York style Cheesecake were enjoyed by all who attended. Attendees voted Maria Senior's cheesecake to be the winner, Marilyn Demma placed second, Ann Callander and granddaughter Ellie in third, with Mark Voll and Ron



Mucci scoring Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all the winners!

End of the Season Party? Whoa...not so fast. Yes, it's time to save the date for the March 27 'Under the Tuscan Sun' event. Catered Italian cuisine and music by D.J Mitch will be featured. What more can you ask for? Connie said, "Mmmm...a full moon would be nice."

Bocce Competition Heats Up as the Championship Approaches

At the end of week four, team NYKY, moved into first place and has stayed there through week nine. Don't Bocce It Up is now in second place. Chowdah and Cheesesteaks have taken third by three points, leaving Bucknuts in fourth. With two weeks of regular season play left, Cheeky Chums and Flying Bocce are in the hunt, tied for fifth.

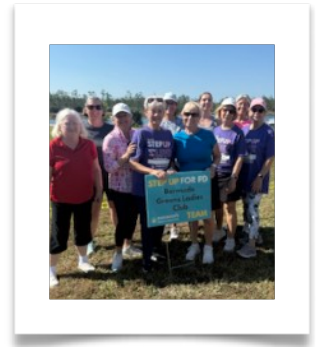
The finals begin on Mon., March 23 with team two playing team three. On Tues., March 24, team one will play team four with the final championship match on Wed., March 25. Willis Faust said, "we invite all residents to come watch these highly competitive games and especially during championship week."

A bocce calendar and photos of each team is available on the website [Activities](#) page under Bocce.



Ladies Club Enjoys Charity Walk, History, Cards and More

The beautiful weather on Valentine's Day was appreciated by the BG Ladies who assembled at North Collier Regional Park to support 'Step Up for Love, Walk for Parkinson's.' An energetic BG team warmed up and stretched with all the participants prior to the start of the walk. Susan Shrewsbury said, "everyone enjoys the camaraderie and all participants do what they can to support Parkinson's research." She added, "this year our daughter and granddaughter participated before heading to the airport to return home to England."



There are many participants who live with Parkinson's, and they energize the entire event. Val Camfield always greets our BG team members with a smile, hugs and a thank you. She makes the day special and more meaningful for everyone.



Later in the month, the ladies visited Shangri-la Springs, an historic hotel and spa in Bonita Springs, for a guided history tour of their grounds and hotel. Following the tour, everyone gathered for lunch in their Harvest & Wisdom Organic Dining Room, an organic farm-to-table restaurant, and enjoyed unique, delicious, and memorable menu selections. Susan Shrewsbury said, "last year we were rained out of this event, and although this year was a chilly day, spirits were high and everyone enjoyed the experience."



March brought about the third and final Bunco of the season. "Bunco nights fill up so quickly and everyone comes in a good mood with hopes of winning," said Sue Giese. Two full games were played, and prizes were won by many participants. Sue said, "this is a chaotic and fun night for all who participate."

Looking ahead, miniature golf will be played March 30 before the season ends with an Easter Bonnet Tea on April 11. Watch your email to sign up for these last two events of the season.



Men's Club Learns about the Secret Service, the future of AI, the Air Force, Elder Law, and U.S. Presidents

A wealth of knowledge exists among the residents of BG and attendees at the Men's Club are all the wiser for it. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. the group meets at the Clubhouse, and residents share their expertise usually related to their careers.

Fred Demma shared duties of the Secret Service including counterfeiting, cyber crimes, and bank fraud. Fred said, "the main duty of Secret Service members is to protect our national leaders."

Dan Ryan presented the future of AI. He described how to use it responsibly, how we retrain workers, and how laws, norms and institutions adapt to artificial intelligence. Dan concluded by sharing which jobs will be created and those that will be eliminated.

Gene Johnson described how after humble beginnings, he ended up working in a career at the highest level of security in The Air Force. He said, "the United States now has AI enabled fighter jets that fly alongside our manned fighter jets as loyal wingmen." He added that we also have hypersonic missiles that reach speeds up to 15,345 mph.

An attorney specializing in Elder Law, Bill Smith talked to the group about long term planning, power of attorney, executors of estates, and public health benefits including Social Security and Medicare. Bill informed attendees about how to best protect their savings and assets.

To commemorate Presidents Day, Willis Faust shared his knowledge about Martin Van Buren, our eighth president and Richard Johnson, his vice president. Willis said, "Van Buren's successor was William Henry Harrison, who, at 68, was the oldest president elected at that time." His wife was the oldest First Lady at 65. Only 32 days after his inauguration, Harrison passed away and was replaced by John Tyler, his vice president.

Do you know ... How to Solve Gate Issues?



Have you ever lost your gate transponder, or logged out of Checkpoint, the gate access website, only to realize you do not have a Password? No need to panic, all this information is included on the website.

Here's How it Works

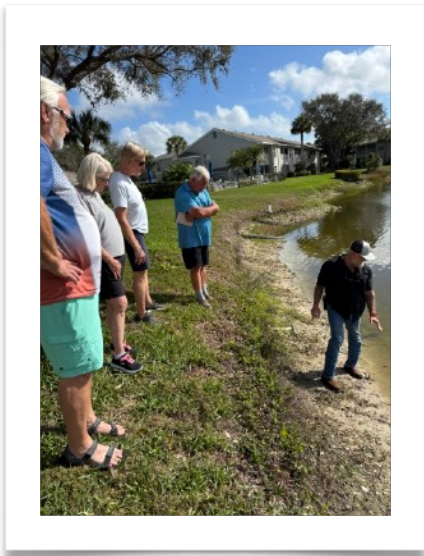
Compass Rose, the management company for the Greater Imperial Board, (GIB), has full oversight for all things related to the guard house and gate. They manage gate access and operation, transponders, guards, and Checkpoint ... BG has no role in this.

For this reason, all questions for the gate need to go through Compass Rose. You can call or email them at 239-309-0622 or GIBinfo@crmfl.com. This information is always available on our BermudaGreensNaples.com website.

To go directly to the Management and Community Services page, [Click Here](#). While there, check out other useful information.

Lakeshore Restoration Studying Options

**Bill Smith, Chair, Scott Fisher BOD Liaison,
Bill Clauser, Judy Fisher, Emi Lydem, Sue
Giese**



The Concrete Committee Analyzing Conditions

**Gene Johnson, Chair, Lorrie Beaumont BOD
Liaison, Dawn Smith, Al Harte, Guy Amicon.
Missing Maria Britell**



The mission of the Bugle is to share news, events and stories that feature Bermuda Greens residents, preserve our history, and foster a positive, healthy, and inclusive community.



The Bugle and feature articles are can be found on the Bermuda Greens website [Home Page](#) under The Bugle. 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.

Owners, please share with your tenants.

Preparing to Leave Checklist

Use this checklist to prepare your unit before leaving for the season.

This will also serve you well for Storm Preparedness.

BG Requirements under Rules & Regs are highlighted in green.

- It is the owner's responsibility to instruct renters and home watch company on water shut off policy and bring in all loose objects, including bikes and potted plants and the Rules that follow.

In addition:

- Handle all delivery and mail services; Remove/Update Imperial Gate Access Guest Lists.
- It is required that each unit owner provide the management company with a duplicate house key of both entry doors and dead bolt locks as well as outside door key and code for keyless entry if applicable.
- It is required that each unit owner have a condominium watch person/company to inspect the unit on a regular basis when the unit owner is absent for long periods of time.
- Unit owners must provide the management company with the name and phone number of the condominium watcher.
- In addition to the condo watcher info, it is strongly suggested that you provide the management company with an alternate address/phone number for emergency purposes.
- All furniture, potted plants, and other objects must be removed from the lanai and from around the outside of the unit. If approved hurricane shutters have been installed on the lanai, furniture may remain in place but moved away from the shutters.
- All units MUST have their air conditioner on, in good working order, and set at a level to prevent mold and mildew growth inside the unit.
- Store bikes inside your garage or unit; do NOT leave them in the bike racks.
- Lock all windows and sliding doors.
- Draw hurricane shutters.
- Pull shades leaving 1" clearance for evaporation of moisture.
- Fill jugs with tap water and place in refrigerator/freezer, in case home watch needs water while performing routine inspections. Will also help an 'empty' refrigerator/freezer use less energy.
- Empty out the refrigerator/freezer for power failures; donate/dispose of perishable and carbonated items.
- Adjust refrigerator/freezer temperature 'while away' in accordance with your appliance instruction manual.
- Turn off ice maker and empty ice tray.
- Leave closet, cabinet and interior doors open for air circulation.
- It is recommended to run all water taps and flush toilets before shutting off main water supply to ensure water pipes are fully cleared.
- Turn off the water heater before turning off the main water supply.
- The main water valve in the unit must be turned to the OFF position. It is suggested to run faucets after shutting off water to relieve pressure from water lines and then close.
- Cover toilets with plastic wrap to prevent evaporation of water and odors.
- The circuit breaker for the water heater must be turned OFF.