

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



John Halsey, Editor

Summer Edition June 2008

Announcing the Annual Meeting June 14th in the Marina at 4:00pm

Annual Meeting to be held June 14th at 4 p.m. at the BHIA Boat Dock. This year we will be providing the dinner and ask that you bring a dessert. Please call either Pat Gatlin/Jessie Bradshaw/Cathy Francis if you would like to contribute an item for the Silent Auction or have any questions. We will have a guest speaker to update you on our progress on the Island Restoration project. You should be receiving your yearly letter announcing the candidates for next years board of directors sometime in May. Mark your calendars and plan on joining your neighbors for this event.



Waterspout seen in Bay north of Bay Harbor
Sunday, April 27th

First Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo Coming in October

We will set the exact date soon and have already started some of the planning. We chose the month of October because that is usually prime fishing time around Bay Harbor and the weather is good. We will have a Kids and Adult division and our plan is to make this a fun event without a lot of expensive prizes, but mostly "bragging rights". We are open to any ideas that you have and if anyone out there has ever run a fishing tournament, we could really use your help.

Some ideas for categories for the kids are:

- Largest Hard Head, Croaker, Piggy Perch, Sand Trout, etc.

Ugliest fish

Adult categories ideas:

- Legal Redfish with the most spots
- Speckled Trout closest to 21 inches without going over
- Redfish closest to 24 inches without going over.

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**Bay Harbor Spring Fishing Report
By Capt. Bill Hand**

Spring is proving to be very windy, without much of a break. This time of year we experience strong South and Southeast wind followed by a 180 degree switch to the North and Northeast. That is the bad news, now the good news. When we have those strong S & SE winds, we have plenty of places on the lee side of the island to fish. The key as always is to fish a moving tide. Strong S & SE winds tend to push water into some nearby coves like Snake Island and Maggie's Cove.

This is a great time to catch big Trout in those coves. The water is about 70 degrees right now. This is still a little cold without waders, but it is tolerable depending on your endurance for cold. My favorite lure is a noisy top water like a "She-Dog" or something similar. Live shrimp this time of year is always hard to beat if you can find it. I have noticed white flags down at the Rusty Hook for the last couple of weeks, which means the live shrimp supply is fairly reliable.

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Occasionally some of the folks in Bay Harbor have mentioned that they would like to get into fishing, but just don't know how or what to use. Before the fishing rodeo we will try to have a Bay Harbor fishing clinic for some of the beginners and show some tackle and rigging that will catch fish. We will even show you how to bait your own hook and remove a fish when you catch one. All you "experts" need to watch out because I have seen the novice have the big catch of the day more than once.

Tight Lines.....

Capt. Bill

Garden Club Shirts & Hats for sale

The Garden Club is offering tee shirts, hats & polo shirts embroidered with the Garden Club logo. They are offered for a donation Of \$12.00 for the tee shirts or the hats, and \$15.00 for the polos. See Cathy Francis for the selection & sizes and colors available. The proceeds will help fund projects the Garden Club will do to beautify YOUR neighborhood.

Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project Report (April 2008)

***At the St. Patrick's Golf Cart Parade and Tailgate Party on March 15th, Heather Young from NOAA /National Marine Fisheries Service Habitat Conservation Division, spoke to us about the project, agency help and funding sources. She had a large print of the engineer design to explain the path and the island project.**

***The engineer (Gahagan & Bryant) submitted our final design and plans package to the US Army Corps of Engineers on March 2, 2008. The awarding of our permit could take from 6 to 12 months. When we receive our permit, the General Land Office/Coastal Erosion Protection and Response Act (\$100,000 matching grant), will let bids for the construction. We must allow about a month for bids. After the contractor is selected, the work should take only about 2 to 3 months.**

***We met with John Lee of the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management who is coordinating project applications for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), on April 9th to hear that this funding source has been considerably delayed well into 2009-2010. However, we made the changes suggested and updated our application and sent it to John.**

***The Board of Directors approved our 4th revised and updated new brochure which now includes colored pictures of paintings by Caroline Graham reflecting the look of the project island when completed. There will be numbered copyright prints of the artwork in the auction at the Annual Meeting. These brochures will be sent to organizations, corporation, agencies and publications soliciting donations to our Habitat Restoration Project.**

***The funds and grants raised to date are at the \$200,000 level. The total project cost is between \$350,000 and \$400,000. We have applications in with Fish America (\$25,000); Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative (\$50,000); National Fish & Wildlife Foundation/Shell Marine Habitat Program Gulf of Mexico (\$50,000); and the Harris & Eliza Kempner Fund (\$25,000). The odds of our project receiving any of these is still a guess. We really need to get behind the project and raise private funds through donations from you, your friends, relatives, neighbors and any other contact you may find. Thank you for your donations and please continue to support our Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project.**

Betsy Redfield, Project Chairman




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Geri Hillendahl, Cathy and William Francis



Patsy Gatlin with Spice



Terry and Jesse Bradshaw

St. Patrick's Parade and Tailgate Party

On Saturday, March 15th, Bay Harbor celebrated its second annual St. Patrick's Day golf cart parade which ended in the marina with a tailgate party. Gail and Randy Choate presided over the parade as King and Queen and transported their elfin assistant, Annette Moore, in their tropical taxi.

The tailgate party was a huge success due largely to the newly formed Bay Harbor elite oyster shuckers corps and the wonderful frozen margarita machine provided by Rob Traugott. In addition to the margaritas and sack of oysters, we also had freshly boiled crayfish and crabs and roasted chicken for the meek of heart. Our thanks to Heather Young of NOAA who joined us for both the parade and party and answered questions on the recently completed engineering design for the channel dredging/island restoration project.



Randy and Gail Choate w/Annette Moore



Heather Young and Betsy Redfield



Lucy Keeper, Cathy Winsor, Patsy Gatlin and Gail Choate



Local chapter of Carmen Miranda fan club. President in foreground.



Annette Moore, Gail Finney, Pam Williams, Willa & Ed Nadalin

Spring Fiesta Party

April 26th was the date of the annual Bay Harbor Spring Fiesta, which this year was held at the home of Toy and John Halsey on Port Trinidad. Toy did a fantastic job as "the sexy disc jockey with attitude". Toy's sister, Lucy, described as "Toy on steroids" put together Carmen Miranda head pieces with accompanying earrings and necklaces for the ladies and some of the more adventurous gentlemen. Randy Choate, the internationally famous chef and gourmet, provided the guests with his signature fajitas which were accompanied by a plethora of delicious desserts and side dishes. Once again, Mr. Traugott's margarita machine facilitated Bay Harbor's motto of being "the friendly subdivision".



Jeanine Biasatti, Vicki Engler, May Bonno and Elaine Hand.

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The DJ formerly known as Toy

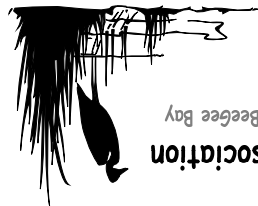
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Garden Club Corner

Our next meeting will be held, Saturday, June 21st and we will go to Haak Vineyard in Santa Fe. The tour is free of charge and the grapes will be full and lush and about to be harvested in June. The winery is located at 6310 Ave T in Santa Fe and their telephone number is 925-1401 for your information. They will arrange a lunch for us for \$7-\$10.00 per person. We have to arrange all this in advance with Amanda and the Chef. Please call Gail Finney: office direct line 281-517-3402 or cell 713-248-3393 or Pat Gatlin at 409-632-9209 or Cathy Francis at Cell 713-540-2677 to make your reservation for lunch. We will meet at Gail Finney's home, 3814 Tradewinds, at 10:00am and carpool from there.

Visit our website at www.bhiatx.org



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Upcoming Events

May 2008

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May

10 BHIA Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am

11 Mother's Day

26 Memorial Day

June

14 Annual Meeting - **NEW TIME!! 4:00 at the Marina**, yummy food served

14 BHIA Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am

15 Father's Day

21 Garden Club, 10:00 am tour of Haak Vineyards winery and gardens, meet at Gail Finney's and carpool from there

July

4 Independence Day

12 BHIA Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am