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Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

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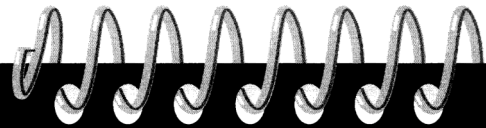
I would like to welcome new neighbors to the Bay Harbor Improvement Association. Lawrence Aston and Susan Treadwell, 3922 Third Street. Also new to our community are Bert and Kristen Dillmann, Gulliero and Odalys Fernandez at 23226 FM 3005, Chris and Mariana Hauck at 3910 Second Street, Lan Meng Liaw at 4022 First Street, Carlton and Judy Strack at 3817 Tradewinds, Nancy Jane Skinner at 4123 Seventh Street, Phuoc and Johnson Hoang who bought Lot 37 on Third Street, Dale and Carol Mohn at 3703 Spanish Wells, Christian Rodriguez at 4122 Third Street and David Torres and Paula Fisher at 3915 First Street. We welcome you all and hope our neighbors stop by and say hi to each of you.

The heat has been something else but the little rain we have received seems to help keep things fairly green. Yards are looking good and I see neighbors all over working to keep our community attractive.

We've received word of one break in on 2nd street. Seems individual(s) kicked in the back door of a residence and made off with fishing equipment. Also shared with me was an individual who was down for a weekend and happened to leave fishing reels out at their boat lift on a canal. It was established that AFTER 2 A.M., someone took the reels. The resident was in the home at the time. Our advice, do not leave anything of value out in the open over night at your home. IF you see anyone out and about at that time of morning, it might be wise to call the police for them to simply check the late night (early morning) strollers.

Recently I was told of individuals not living or owning property in Bay Harbor yet are using the boat launch and/or the cleaning table facility. The individuals launching boats are saying they "borrow a key" to launch. Please keep in mind that the use of all facilities are for residents WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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Please do not loan your marina keys to individuals unless they are relatives or are friends staying with you. We are constantly having to relock the chain at the launch due to individuals not re-chaining after using the launch. **ALSO, PLEASE REPLACE THE CHAIN AFTER USE.**

In closing, the key to a secure community is to get to know your neighbor. Be aware of who is about and if need be, call the police to check out any individuals who seem suspicious. The police WANT us to call in any concerns we have in the community. If you happen to be out and about and go by any of the above addresses with new neighbors, stop and introduce yourself.

Charles Winsor
President, Bay Harbor Improvement Association

**5th Annual
Bay Harbor
Fishing Rodeo**

**LABOR DAY
WEEKEND!**

Open to Bay Harbor families and friends

Three Fishing Divisions
 Adult (17 years old and over) \$15
 Junior (11 to 16 years old) \$10
 Small Fry (10 & under) \$5

3 place prizes for Speckled Trout, Redfish and Flounder

Gift at registration

Tailgate fish fry

August 30th and 31st, 2013

Bay Harbor Improvement Association

BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB

Hello Bay Harbor neighbors...

HAPPY GARDENING TO YOU... Yes, I know you are well into your Spring and Summer gardens. You may already be finished planting, weeding, and fertilizing, but do plan on attending our Garden Club meetings. Our meetings are designed to entertain, inform and give you opportunities to meet your Bay Harbor neighbors.



Our February meeting was hosted by Barbara Askamit on Fourth Street. She shared her knowledge of HONEYBEES. It was "Beekeeping 101: bee behavior, hive management, and equipment. Bees pollinate plants. You all know that but did you know honey can last a lifetime kept in a non-metal container? Her presentation was very educational and interesting.

The April meeting on Seventh Street was a presentation by Deborah Repose from the Texas A & M Agricultural Life Extension Service. She explained the importance of HUMMINGBIRDS. Not only are their brilliant colors pleasing to the eye, but their antics are also endlessly entertaining.



Deborah returned to Bay Harbor in June to give us tips on how to attract the flying and colorful "bling of the sky" BUTTERFLIES. Our hostess was Mariana Hauck on Second Street. She and her husband planted a beautiful butterfly garden. We all enjoyed walking through this lovely habitat seeing butterflies sailing freely from flower to flower on wings glinting like sun catchers. Four hundred of seven hundred species in the U.S. can be found in Texas.

In August at the beach house of Nancy Thompson, we will have a presentation on HIBISCUS plants by Greg and Marti Graves from the American Hibiscus Society.

May your gardens be blessed with beautiful flowers and healthy plants. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

COME JOIN THE FUN!.....

Regards:

Jill Seay, President



HIBISCUS: AUGUST 31, 2013

10 am

BAY HARBOR BLACK JACK TOURNAMENT HITS JACKPOT !!

By Gary Bankhead

At 5:00 am on the 25th of May, twenty-one Bay Harbor anglers showed up at the marina-cleaning table for the 1st Annual Bay Harbor Black Jack Tournament. Coincidence?! I think not. You see, these degenerate gamblers had their hearts in the right place and raised \$700.00 for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Not too shabby for a last minute BHIA Memorial Day throw down event.

So what the heck is a "Black Jack" fishing tournament? Don't the cards get soggy?!, LOL! The angler who catches a fish closest to twenty-one inches in length is determined the winner of the trout, red fish and flounder divisions.



The fishing was tough that morning; it was a holiday weekend with the usual holiday crowds. We had a pretty stout south wind and for whatever reason you want to come up with, the fish were...lock jawed, to say the least. I think the south wind blows directly into a fish's tail, aka anal region, which tends to make a fish anxious, which in turn makes the fish's jaw rigid. Fishermen have a myriad of excuses why fish don't bite and this explanation is just another feeble attempt but that's our story and we're stickin' to it.

Anyway! Several anglers didn't have to make excuses and we had some outstanding results at the noon weigh-in. In the trout division we had 4-5 entries with Bill Heitkamp's trout measuring twenty and three quarters inches. For all you Aggies, that is about *that* far away from twenty-one and Willy won the whole ball of wax! FYI...after the weigh-in, I happened to look into wild Willy's cooler to view the winner one last time before it hit the grease and O-M-G, wow, I saw an unbelievable stringer of trout! I'm tellin' you, not only did he have the winning trout, he also had the heaviest stringer I've seen this spring. In fishing terms, he totally smoked them, all on top waters too. I can't divulge Bill's secret bait of choice (pink & silver spook jr.) but I bought six at Academy the following Tuesday afternoon.

Taylor Waidhofer spoon fed a red and brought home the 22 inch winning red fish from West Bay's north shoreline. The golden girl that put him atop the leader board went unchallenged. Taylor took home the trophy and bragging rights for the red fish division. Ben, Taylor's dad, is going to have to live with that (you know what) for a while.

Our resident flounder pounders didn't score, not one entry. I guess flounder really hate a south wind. The flounder trophy is still up for grabs. Stop by and have a beer and I'll give it to you.

Honorable mentions need to go out to several anglers. Bill Hand brought in a gorgeous 25" trout; that big girl would make your day. Danny Kurtin (17" trout) and David Labbe (17.25" trout) had a couple of solid entries, but no cee-gar. Labbe actually did have a cigar when he arrived at the weigh-in but he brought it from home.

In the final analysis, the event was determined to be a success. We all had fun and we may do it again sometime. I would like to add that it was better than a fish hook in your thigh. Also, we have a pretty good group of neighbors here in Bay Harbor and they can fish too. However, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the fact that while we were having fun fishing, our thoughts and prayers were with the people in Moore, Oklahoma.

So when I mentioned we should donate the entry fees to the Red Cross, to a man the answer was an absolute "yes!" Who would know better than us what a little help could do when you're face to face with a natural disaster. Way to go Bay Harbor!



May the road rise,

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BAY AY HARBOR IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

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The B.H.I.A. annual meeting was held June 8th with around 75 residents attending. The afternoon started with neighbors socializing and perusing the silent auction, coordinated by Cathy Winsor and highlighted by a duel for a martin bird house fashioned by Charlie Winsor that was purchased by the Fisters. Many thanks go the board members and neighbors who provided the items. Once everyone was seated with dinner (with pork roasts cooked by Randy Choate and additional food coordinated by Gail Choate) the President, Charlie Winsor, called the meeting to order. A motion was made, seconded and passed that changed the bylaws for future elections of the President and Vice President (now President-elect). The President will serve a 2-year term and the Vice President commits to the same 2-year term plus another 2-year term as the next President. It was felt that this would bring more continuity in board leadership. Board members Bob Seay and Pam Williams were elected for another term and May Bonno and John Hopkins were newly elected board members. Our guest speaker, Phil Smith of the Galveston Bay Foundation, spoke of the success of the restoration of bird island and the upcoming addition of concrete reef balls and September Marsh Mania. Afterwards we enjoyed more socializing made especially enjoyable by the margaritas provided by Rob Traugott!

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...and the sun sets again on the boat basin and Bird Island (on the horizon near the fish cleaning station)



Bay Harbor Summer 2013 Fishing Report
by Capt. Bill Hand

We are in what I call the "Summer Doldrums". With high temperatures, Southwest wind, low tides and high atmospheric pressure, fishing has been tough for most Bay Harbor residents this summer. The good news about the high pressure that has been hanging over Texas is that it typically acts to shield us from hurricanes and tropical storms, but it also causes some dry weather conditions which is not good for the marsh.

There have been some catches of Specks and Reds, but most of that action has happened very early in the day when you can match up a sunrise with a good moving tide. There have been some very nice Specks caught on top water baits during about the first hour of daylight or before. You will find most of those fish in shallow water where there is a lot of bait working. If that bait is "nervous", that is usually a good sign of a big Speck or Redfish. I have found that if you don't see bait fish in the water, then don't waste your time at that spot.

If you like Gafftop, now is a good time to load up. There has been a bumper crop of big Gafftop in the bay this summer and they will bite on almost any type of bait, from live shrimp, cut bait, and artificial worm baits (Gulps). If you want a fish that will strip out some line and give you a fight, then the Gafftop is the fish to target. Just always be careful with their very sharp and toxic fins. They did not get the name "Gafftop" for nothing.

As the fall approaches, we should start seeing birds working in the bay. A lot of that depends on if we get some good rain and the shrimp get flushed out of the marshes. Anytime from now until it gets cold you can look for birds after any decent rain of 1 or 2 inches. The shrimp also start their migration out of the bay in the fall and that will start up the bird action.

I have heard several reports of large sharks (4 to 5 foot) in our canals. This does not surprise me. I have seen sharks in the 5 foot range swimming around my neighbor's green canal lights several times.

Until next time, let's hope for some rain, cooler temperatures and NO hurricanes.

Tight lines!.....
Capt. Bill

**Don't forget the Labor Day
Fishing Rodeo and Fish Fry !!!**





Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

LABOR DAY WEEKEND !



Starts: 8:00 PM Friday August 30
Ends: 2:00 PM Saturday August 31
Weigh-in: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Saturday

Prizes awarded and tailgate fish fry party at the marina: 2:30 PM Saturday

DIVISIONS and PRIZES

Adult (17 and Over) - Entry Fee \$15.00

Speckled Trout (1st Place = \$50 Cash, 2nd Place = \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3rd Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Redfish (1st Place = \$50 Cash, 2nd Place = \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3rd Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Flounder (1st Place = \$50 Cash, 2nd Place = \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3rd Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Junior (Ages 11-16) - Entry Fee \$10.00

Speckled Trout (1st Place = \$20 Cash, 2nd Place = \$15 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3rd Place = \$10 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Redfish (1st Place = \$20 Cash, 2nd Place = \$15 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3rd Place = \$10 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Flounder (1st Place = \$20 Cash, 2nd Place = \$15 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3rd Place = \$10 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Small Fry (Ages under 10) - Entry Fee \$5.00

Prizes for the

- Biggest fish (\$15 Cash),
 - 2nd biggest fish (\$10 Cash)
 - 3rd biggest fish (\$10 Cash)
- from the following list: Gafftop (14" - no limit), Redfish (20" to 28" - no tagged Redfish), Speckled Trout (15" - 25", 1 oversize), Sheepshead (14" - no limit), Flounder (14" - no limit), Drum, black (14" - 30"), Shark (24" - no limit), Sand Trout, Croaker, Whiting, Spadefish

Bird Island Update

August 2013

By Phil Martin

Bay Harbor's Island is healthy and growing. The amount of birds and vegetation continues to astound. Our plantings from 2012 have taken root and matured, drawing an even greater number of winged visitors, especially this spring and early summer. While the birds are visible from shore, there is no experience quite like taking a boat ride around the perimeter to appreciate one of the newest natural attractions on the upper Texas coast. While it is a sight to behold, the sound of more than a thousand birds chirping at once is also quite a joy. Please remember that when the birds are in residence, particularly during nesting season, walking on the island is not allowed.



Our lease with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) requires us to observe that rule, but it also common sense. In addition, our contractual agreement with their State Biologists includes a ban on the placement of non-native plants on the island, as well as a prohibition of any man-made implements, such as seating or lamp posts, etc. Palm trees are simply not allowed on the island.

After months of negotiations with the GLO, we are pleased to report that the concrete reef balls have finally been installed on the north side of the island. Special thanks go to the Galveston Bay Foundation and The United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The pictures give an idea of the installation, with Philip Smith of the GBF and Scott Williams of the USFWS supervising the placement. Yes, they are standing in the water, and did so for two full days!



Each ball weighs 500 pounds and is designed to accomplish two tasks: shoring up the island to prevent erosion and providing a habitat for fish. Eventually, the balls are overtaken with shells and become one with the bay and the island. Reports from our resident fishermen are already quite encouraging.

And the journey continues. [On September 28th, Bay Harbor working in concert with the GBF will host the second "Marsh Mania".](#) We will extend the planting of various approved plants. While everyone from the Bay Harbor Community is invited, participation is limited to 75 persons. See you there!

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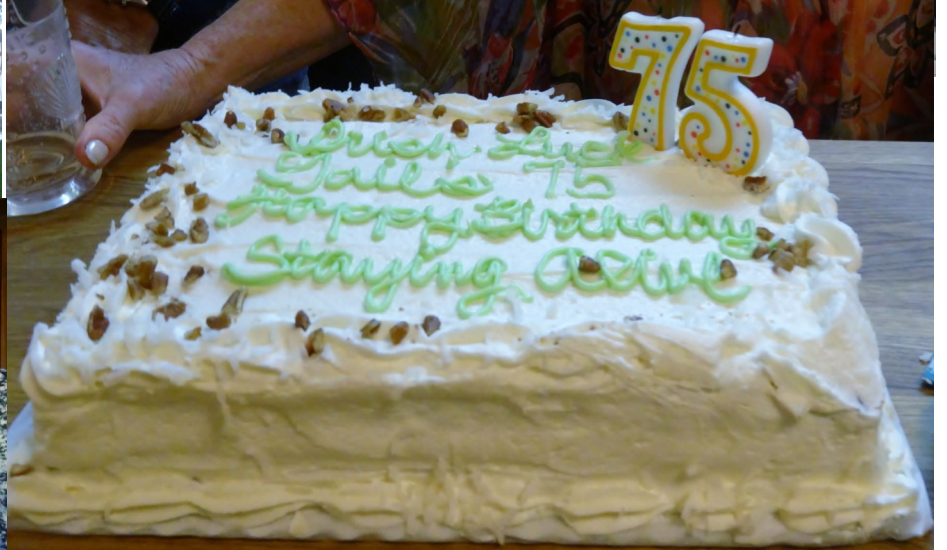
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Bash !**



...and Richard Kaminsky was born on the same day!

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Upcoming Events

August

- 16 WGIPO Meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 17 BHIA Board Meeting 10am,
- 30-31 5th Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo**
- 30 Garden Club Meeting 10am, place TBA

September

- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club

October

- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 26 Garden Club Meeting 10am, place TBA
- 26 Annual Bay Harbor Halloween Party