

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Summer Edition 2014

The President Says....

Let me start by saying thank you to all the people who provided assistance, time, resources and or help for our 2014 Annual Meeting. There is a separate article discussing the meeting and the activities associated with it and a separate article with special acknowledgements. It proves that the amount of success is dependent upon the number of those who are willing to get involved. I will mention an individual who gave much time and resources to assist in the success of our meeting. Doug Bailey was our cook this year by smoking fantastic briskets. Doug lives with his wife Susie on 6th street and Doug is an accomplished barbecue expert having won first place grand prize for brisket, ribs, and chicken in multiple barbecue cookoffs. So, there you are, if you have questions about cooking chicken, ribs and/or brisket, Doug is the one to ask.

Thanks again Doug for making the meal portion of our meeting a complete success.

We, of course, are always looking for ways to improve on the meeting and if you have suggestions please do not hesitate contacting us. Contact information is located on the Bay Harbor Web Site.

Thanks to all the residents who take pride in the appearance of their property. It speaks well of a community when the individual residents work to keep their property maintained.

Now, what about all the seaweed? On July 19th there were a couple of good articles in the Houston Chronicle discussing the seaweed problem. At one time it was thought to come from the Sargasso Sea. The Sargasso Sea is located in the Atlantic Ocean. Yes, it is a sea which is bounded by water, the Atlantic Ocean. As you can see from the image, the seaweed enters the Gulf of Mexico through the Caribbean. The Sargasso Sea is a region in the gyre in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean. It is bounded on the west by the Gulf Stream; on the north by the North Atlantic Current; on the east, by the Canary Current; and on the south, by the North Atlantic Equatorial Current.

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McKinney goes on to say that "it is possible that the heavy crop is due to a human disturbance of the ocean, such as fertilizer runoff coming from the Caribbean or Florida. Scientists do not have instrument-laden buoys to measure things such as phosphate levels in the forests or in the Sargasso Sea. And, the question everyone asks, "how much longer will we be dealing with the seaweed?" The answer from everyone is, "we don't know."

I'll close with a request that you contact us to provide your contact information i.e. cell phone, email address, etc. We maintain a fairly good email bank which can be used to communicate special announcements such as weather related situations, security breaches, etc. Please do not hesitate. There are times community members were riding around and spotted water running out of a home. Because the association had contact information the owner was quickly notified. On another occasion a neighbor noticed another neighbor's door open and knew the owner was not at the house. The neighbor was able to contact the owner and it was found that wind blew the door open. The point is, it is important for us to contact each and every owner in case of an emergency.

The summer is winding down so get down here and enjoy what's left.

Charlie Winsor, President B.H.I.A.

Bay Harbor Summer 2014 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

It took a while this year, but summer has officially arrived with the typical Gulf Coast heat and humidity, plus frequent afternoon showers that steam things up for a while. For the past several years we have had a trend of high pressure hanging over the coast which tends to bring with it pesky southwest wind. In my opinion SW is the worst wind direction for summer fishing. As we settle into August the normal wind pattern is off shore in the early morning, usually north to northwest, then it almost calms and switches back to the south, southwest after noon. The afternoon wind while good for cooling and keeping mosquitos away is usually not good for afternoon or evening fishing.



Jennifer Hand

First speck of the day !!



To me, the key to successful summer fishing in these conditions is to get on the water at sunrise and use live shrimp if you are not real proficient with artificial baits. Live bait like shrimp really helps kids (and adults) have a better chance of catching something. Most kids don't care what kind of fish they catch, they just want some action and feel a pull on the end of their line.

Take plenty of water and sunscreen and have fun on the bay. The best of fall fishing is only a few months away!

Tight Lines!
Capt. Bill

Bay Harbor Annual Fishing Rodeo

November 8th at the boat basin...stay tuned !!





BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB



As the old saying goes: " You should have been there!" The June Garden Club meeting was a Whale of a Party.

We enjoyed some tasty treats and good conversation; then we proceeded to the "carving" room. We had a great time carving various creatures from an array of veggies and fruits. Pictures are worth a thousand words:



Happy Veggie Animals !!!



The winner!
Becky Dundee
with her prize.

The August meeting of the Bay Harbor Garden Club will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at my house at 3924 4th Street, at 10 A.M.

I am pleased to announce that Jan Brick will present a talk on "User Friendly Plants for the Not so Green Thumb." Jan is a Master Gardener and author of "The Island Garden" published monthly in the Islander Magazine; she has also written the book "The Island Garden". After the presentation Jan will be available for any specific questions you may have regarding Any plant and your garden.

Everyone in attendance will be automatically entered in to a drawing for an autographed copy of her book! If you don't win you can buy a copy if you wish.

The presentation will begin the meeting, so please be prompt. As usually, we will have food, but it will be served after the presentation.

Hope to see you!
May

B.H.I.A. ANNUAL MEETING

The afternoon started with some fun games including a golf cart showdown held on the Port Trinidad raceway. Kathy Winsor and Jill Seay manned the start and finish lines with Bob Seay timing each run. After a runoff drag race with Charlie Winsor (who had the best individual time), Richard Kaminsky was declared the winner. He graciously turned back his winnings to B.H.I.A.



Once everyone (over 50 families!) had signed in the meeting began. Charlie Winsor introduced the present board members and held the election of the board members whose term had expired. Sharon Roark, Director of Development for the Galveston Bay Foundation spoke about our stellar island restoration project and encouraged everyone to join the foundation.

Gail Choate passed out the treasury report reporting that BHIA had a profit of \$3151.02 in our fiscal year. BHIA has several CD's designated for different projects that total over \$35,000. The Island Restoration Fund has over \$24,000 and the checking and money market accounts total over \$29,000.

May Bonno managed a 50/50 raffle with the winner donating her half back to the association. The silent auction was a grand success thanks to the efforts of Kathy Winsor.



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Thank You's to Those Making 2014 Silent Auction Huge Success!

A HUGE "Thank You" first to all BHIA members who purchased items at the silent auction at this year's annual meeting. You made it a huge success—a 50% revenue increase over the 2013 auction!

Next, I'd like to thank BHIA board members and BHIA members who made donations personally to the annual meeting's silent auction or solicited donations from Galveston businesses to enable the 2014 silent auction to be such a huge success:

Rob Traugott	Gary and Ginny Gilliland
May Bonno	Sherri Collis
John Halsey	Jill and Bob Seay
Gail Choate	Betsy Redfield and Gene Gansky
Sam Clark	Mike Garvin
Jack Hopkins	Mark Bloom
Bill Hand	Mark Eaton
Jimmy Choate	Pam Williams
Cathy Winsor	

Thank you to these Galveston businesses that responded to member requests for donations. Please thank these Galveston businesses as you patronize them:

Home Town Bank
Galveston Country Club
K6 Island Sports
Rick's Beach Rentals
Harbor Spa
Coastal Creations

Thank you, also, to Tish Bloom for assisting me with the silent auction set-up.

Throughout the year, please be thinking of something you could make, donate, or solicit as a donation that might be a successful silent auction item for 2015, as we work together to exceed this year's auction in 2015. Contact me at cathyfwinsor@gmail.com any time between now and June 2015 to let me know what you might like to contribute to the June 2015 auction, and/or to request a letter from BHIA that you can give to any business when making a donation request to serve as an explanation and documentation.

Cathy Winsor, Silent Auction Chair

Bay Harbor's Bird Island

It's hard to believe but the Bird Island restoration is almost four years old. The parent group in charge of the project, "Restore America's Estuaries" has asked for the opinions of Bay Harbor residents regarding the impact of the work on our community.



Our island 8-14-14

Here are some of the comments:

"Restoring the Bay Harbor island has been great for our community. Not only did it bring the community together, but the island has helped protect our marina and community and the increased wildlife on the island has made our piece of coastline more beautiful"

"I was surprised, normally when we get major storms our neighborhood gets hit pretty hard, but since we restored the Bay Harbor island we have seen a lot less of an impact on our neighborhood from these storms."

"The Bay Harbor island restoration project has had vast environmental benefits, we have seen increases in wildlife and the fishing around the island has really improved."

"The Bay Harbor island restoration project has stimulated our local economy. The grants we received for the project helped create several local jobs which in turn injected money into our local economy"

This article won't list the dry statistics, but one boat trip around the island will convince anyone that this project was completely worthwhile: A new boat channel, sublime natural beauty and more birds than one can count. While the island is now well situated to withstand the bay's tidal forces, it seems that the area can use just a bit more sea grass.

So this September 27th will bring yet another chapter in the story. The annual Marsh Mania will occur on that date. Marsh Mania is a cooperative effort of several community groups coordinated by the Galveston Bay Foundation to plant sea grasses and insure the long term viability of our island and the bay system itself. Everything is provided (including lunch!) and all we need are volunteers that morning to do the work.

The attached photo should give a better idea of the process. If you want to see a great video of last year's event, check out this web site- http://galvbay.org/events_marsh.html If you are interested, all you need to do is show up.

As for the rest of the year, please remember to keep off the island during nesting season, and especially to not plant anything or add any objects (benches, signs, fences) to the island. According to our agreement with the State of Texas, it MUST remain natural.



See you at the Bay Harbor Marina Saturday, September 27!

Phil Martin




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This Edition of the Heron is dedicated to Ed Jackson who actually looks forward with anticipation to the quarterly Heron.

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 16 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 16 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 10am, home of Bob Seay-4122 7th St
- 16 Galveston Art walk 6-9p
- 23 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10a,  home of May Bonno-3924 4th St
- 30 Galveston West Beach Lions Buccaneer Bash, Jamaica Beach Park 6-11pm

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Labor Day
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 20 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 27 MARSH MANIA 9a-12p at the Bay Harbor Boat Basin  (see page 7)

OCTOBER

- 11 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 10am, home of Annette Moore-4117 2nd St
- 15 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 18 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 31 Bay Harbor Halloween Party,  place TBA