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PALATKA YACHT CLUB

WHISPERS OVER THE WATER

Sunshine Corner

Joey and Karen Eubanks are celebrating... their son Austin has joined the Navy. He will be leaving for the Great Lakes this summer! What a bonus that is for Austin. The added bonus for Karen and Joey is a reduction in the grocery bill! Congrats to Austin!

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Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters are becoming grandparents again and again and again! Yes, that makes three grandchildren due to be born this year! And, they are all boys!

This will bring the count of precious grandchildren to seven.

Pictures will be share with all!

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy Members!!

From a Dream to a Reality! We are finally moving! The clubhouse will be moving to our new location... Crystal Cove Resort! When the winds are favorable, we'll make our move. Our new location will come with some perks like free parking, free launches, and free use of the pool and patio. Most importantly, high visibility for our river beauty!

Bruce Drackett

Save the Date!

April Dinner

04-27-13

Dinner at the club
will be hosted by
the Blankenship's.
See you there!

60th Mug Race

05-03-13

Community Party
at the Riverfront.
See David and
Linda Girardin

May Rendezvous

We don't have a
rendezvous
scheduled for May

Celebration: Irish Heritage

Manannán Mac Lir was the legendary sea-god of the Tuatha Dé Danann. These were the people that lived in Ireland during the Bronze Age. He is said to have been the first ruler of the Isle of Man, and the Tuatha Dé Danann believed he had a great palace and throne there.

Harry Gillean came very close to being just as legendary as Lir with his magical dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Soda Bread. The feast was fit for serving to guests in a great palace while seated on thrones! This is how many of us felt when eating multiple helpings of the delicious fare.

Dan Askew and Margaret Tinney greeted guests at the door in their unique style! The bar was set fairly high for future door committee members.

Thanks to Clay and Heather Gillean for assisting with dinner service and clean up.



St. Paddy's Day Parade

On March 17th our clubhouse replica reflected the color of the day... Green! Harry Gillean, Andrea Gillean, Betty Poteet, Bruce Drackett and Rhonda Masters paraded their Irish selves down St. Johns Avenue. There were a few hundred spectators enjoying sights and sounds of the evening especially those revelers in the 700 block!

Upcoming Events

April 2013

- April 27 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Boones
- 5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Blankenships



May 2013

- May 3 4:30 pm Mug Race Party ~ Girardins

- May 4 7:30 am Mug Race

NOTE: No other plans as this our time to move the clubhouse.



June 2013

- June 15 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Steve Huntley
- 5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Clark and Gemma
- June 22 1pm Outback Crab Shack Rendezvous



July 2013

- July 6 9am Poker Run – Ricards
- July 16 9 am Work Day
- 3 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4 pm Cocktails: Door Committee ~ Dorothy McAfee
- 5 pm Dinner: \$12 per person ~ Pot Luck

RENDEZVOUS: Hontoon Island



This island, located in the St. Johns River in Volusia County, has welcomed visitors from PYC many times. The island is accessible only by private boat or park ferry. The first group including the Boone's (Southern Rose), Clark & Gemma (TriplePlay) and Gail Hart (Hart's Desire) arrived Thursday afternoon April 11. Lake George was somewhat choppy for the crossing, but we were all pleased that the weather warmed up though out the afternoon.

Friday night we had a lot of rain but we all survived!

Bob and Irene Waldow (Golden Daze) arrived Saturday afternoon, after having spent the night before at the clubhouse aboard Golden Daze. Skip & Irene Rogers showed up on Skiff N' Well on Tuesday afternoon April 16. They then joined the nightly festive docktails and refreshment hour(s) along with the Park Ranger who also visited on the docks.

Everyone was enjoying the beauty of nature and the quiet solitude until a father teaching his 17-yr old son how to pick up a pygmy rattlesnake was bitten on the hand. Paramedics to the rescue and he's now recuperate for a few days in the hospital. Then the FWC officer, who was assisting, pulled a boat full of revelers for giving him "the sign" when he yelled at them to slow down. So he conducted a safety inspection of the boat, cleared it and had 1 on 1 interview with each of the 7 or so boaters in the privacy of the ranger's office. This was after their boat was cleared of alcohol. The party was escorted off the island minus their alcohol and their boat, which stayed at the docks overnight. The captain returned late the next afternoon to get his

boat.

Departure was Thursday morning around 8am and the Park Ranger who actually lives in Welaka arrived early that morning to see us off. The Boone's lead our group out of the park, the Hart's Desire and then Triple Play close behind. The Waldow's in Golden Daze then followed with Skiff n' Well clearing the Hontoon docks. On the trip back, Bob Waldow provided an assist to a stranded boat, towing it into Astor. Lake George was flat and smooth in spite of the 10-15mph winds out of the SSE. The Boone's were in the lead, but not for long as Skiff n' Well passed all of us headed for home. Shortly after topping of the Triple Play's tanks at Georgetown, Skip radioed for help. He was adrift as he'd suffered a mechanical issue. The Boone's provide immediate assistance and Triple Play threw a line and towed him into the Welaka public boat ramp.

A great trip and a week that everyone will remember!

By Irene Waldow and Clark Hoyle



Bosun's Locker

By Steve Huntley



A line tied to a cleat on a dock. The line comes from a boat off the top of the picture, around the right horn, around the left horn, across the cleat from top left to bottom right, around the right horn, and then hitches around the left horn.

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Happy Reading!