

RIVERLAND

JANUARY 2025

~ Special Memories ~



Editor's Note

As we begin the new year, I encourage you all to read the poem below by RALPH WALDO EMERSON. It is a message written in the early 1800's and is true today.

WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART THAT
EVERYDAY IS THE BEST DAY IN THE YEAR.
HE IS RICH WHO OWNS THE DAY,
AND NO ONE OWNS THE DAY WHO
ALLOWS IT TO BE INVADED WITH
FRET AND ANXIETY.
FINISH EVERY DAY AND BE DONE WITH IT.
YOU HAVE DONE WHAT YOU COULD DO.
SOME BLUNDERS AND ABSURDITIES,
NO DOUBT CREPT IN.
FORGET THEM AS SOON AS YOU CAN,
TOMORROW IS A NEW DAY; BEGIN IT WELL
AND SERENELY, WITH TOO HIGH A
SPIRIT TO BE CUMBERED WITH YOUR
OLD NONSENSE.
THIS NEW DAY IS TOO DEAR, WITH ITS
HOPES AND INVITATIONS, TO WASTE A
MOMENT ON THE YESTERDAYS.

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I ask you all to take
each day as a new slate
of learning and an
opportunity to smile.
Be kind and choose
happiness and love. One
thing for sure that I have
learned ... is to greet each
day as a new beginning.
It is a gift we all have.

SO, take
this gift today and start over.
Embrace your own goodness and who you are
deep in your heart. Trust yourself, believe in
yourself. Yes! how wonderful life is; we always
get to start over.

Happy New Year, Love and bless you all

Mary Frances Barstow



2025

Errors & Omissions

Dirty Dozen/Trash Pickup: Please note that trash pickup is on Tuesday and Friday mornings, NOT Thursday mornings. Recyclables should be put out on Thursdays. Thank you.

"Casting Shadows of Gratitude": The article "Casting Shadows of Gratitude", generously shared with us by D. L. Gollnitz, originally appeared in the November 3, 2024, online publication "Faith, Hope, and Fiction".



President's Report

We sincerely hope that all Riverlanders are having a great Holiday Season and Merry Christmas. Vickie and I have taken the opportunity to return to the north and share the holidays with our three children and six grandchildren, all very much looking forward to Christmas.

Looking back at the past year, Riverland has been in the process of transition. There have been two new docks built at the Riverland Marina, a greatly improved financial investment program and monetary controls put in place to allow for future improvements on our property, the successful introduction of Zoom Broadcasting for our monthly Business Meetings, many new infrastructure improvements – the renovation in the laundry room area, repainting of the clubhouse and pool mansards, re-roofing of the clubhouse, new furniture in the gazebo, improved filtration at the Riverland Pool, prioritization of cleanup at the Riverland garage and surrounding property, and much more. We have also benefitted from the contract with new cleaners at the Clubhouse and the Marina bathroom facility and started the mobilization and construction for our new Hotwire Fiber TV and Internet connections. Importantly too, Riverland has two new employees. Leslie is coordinating our office activities for Riverland in the Office Manager position and Brandon is working on our facilities maintenance and assisting with an active program to address areas of deferred maintenance at Riverland. Both individuals have been a great addition to our ability to deliver services to Riverland.

Looking forward to next year, 2025, we will have Hotwire scheduling with each of our Shareholders in the placement of fiber, modems for individual home internet, 3 TV wireless connections starting in January and prior to our March full-service date. For those Shareholders unable to schedule with Hotwire prior to March, you can schedule a time at your convenience over the next year at no additional charge. Hotwire will be hosting another informational meeting on January 9th at 10:00am in the Clubhouse for those with any questions on the schedule and extra services available.

There will be a lot of opportunities for your input to new major projects in the coming year. Riverland is already in the process of gaining information and costs for repairs on the north side of the Marina ramp and the erosion settlement in that area, repairs of our well water storage and pumping system including the 40 year old tank and piping from the days when we treated our potable water there, potential long range paving plan, extension

of security cameras along the River Road and Marina Facility utilizing our new wireless connectivity in those areas, upgrade to our street lighting system and certainly consideration to what you might put forward for a priority area of interest.

Congratulations to our Shareholders who have approved our 2025 Budget and monthly assessment. This activity was supported with a mailed ballot prior to the voting date and set a basis for such future regulatory requirements. With this approval we will operate successfully with a monthly assessment at \$340, reduced to \$335/mo. with your participation in the ACH payment program. Most Shareholders will realize a reduction in overall costs per month by eliminating the individual payments to Comcast for internet. Our own experience was at a cost in excess of \$100 per month. Not all Shareholders, like George, were successful in getting Comcast to reduce their bill to \$9.99 per month. When I called them for a reduction in cost and the expression to eliminate our own internet service, the Comcast response was not at all conciliatory.

I would like to personally thank all my fellow Board Members for their diligent work over this past year. They have experienced a workload significantly greater than anticipated and worked diligently to establish systems and new work priorities for an improved Riverland. A significant part of this success is due to the consuming effort of our Riverland Assistant Treasurer, Dalia. She has volunteered countless hours in revitalizing our financial records and working to establish a monetary control suitable to present for an audit review. We are making a required effort to reduce the amount of time required in this position and thank her gratefully for so many hours of service. I would also like to express my appreciation to our two appointed Board members, Karen and Toni, for their participation and performance on behalf of Riverland. Their efforts have allowed for the continuation of services we all desire at Riverland.

In a final thought, please look at the January 12th deadline for self-nominations to run for the two vacating Board seats. The Riverland Board is an important connection to the Riverland Community and is responsible for directing the important delivery of services and the planning for pending deferred maintenance projects. Also, the deadline for the February Shareholder Meeting submission of ballot issues is also January 12th. These motions can propose to modify or change By Laws, introduce or vacate Rule Changes, etc. They will be included on the same ballot used for Board elections, and the ballot will be hand-delivered or mailed to Shareholders well prior to the annual Shareholder Meeting. Should you desire assistance in a submission, please feel free to stop by the office or contact a Board Director.

Have a Happy New Year, Bob Schultz



JANUARY 2025 Treasurer Report

News Years Greetings,

RIVERLAND 2025 BUDGET

The 2025 Riverland Budget is currently going through the voting process. Keep in mind, the fully funded budget is the default budget unless a majority shareholder ratification to NOT fully fund.

2025 DUES, ACH vs Non-ACH – PAYMENT other than MONTHLY

The preference and recommendation for maintenance dues is monthly payment via ACH. This process is less risky, less costly, and saves significant accounting, banking, and bookkeeping time. To that end, the Riverland Board and staff wish to thank those that made the change over to monthly ACH. Riverland is currently at approximately eleven that pay other than ACH, down from approximately 25 – 30. The goal is 100% ACH monthly payment.

Riverland has been asked, “Will annual one-time yearly payments be accepted for 2025?”. Riverland will accept an annual payment in January for the whole of the year, if the shareholder prefers that option. Riverland, however, continues to note the preference for monthly ACH payment, as this form of payment is less costly and mitigates risk in an environment where there is a prevalence of risk. Please call Dalia or me on specifics related to the benefits to Riverland and shareholders of monthly ACH payment, and reach out relative to the requirements for an annual payment option if pursuing that route.

Regarding a Marina slip maintenance payment, please make that annual payment separate. In addition, with monthly payment, Riverland prefers slip and unit maintenance payments be made separately.

BALLOT – REMOVE LINE-ITEM SPECIFICITY - RESERVE INTEREST INCOME

Regarding the proposal to remove the required line item reclass of earned reserve interest and dividend income to line items to a separate reserve for contingent major repair and/or replacement--any questions to this proposal, please reach out.

YEAR-END AUDIT - BALLOTT

Riverland is moving closer to obtaining a year-end engagement proposal letter from a CPA firm that specializes in Florida CO-OPS and Associations, for reviewing.

To that end, Riverland is addressing our presentation of year-to-date accounting data to the CPA firm in such a way that accounting principles are adhered to. This will mitigate Audit time, year-end adjustments, and help lower fees.

- Regards, Dicky L. Sanford, CPA





Grounds and Compliance Directors Report

Well, it's January and, so far, we had the temperature going down into the 40's at night and then struggling to get up to the 70's during the days. Isn't this Florida?

We are starting to see steel girders being erected across the street at the Costco project for the main store, along with the new traffic signals at the end of 1st street outside the wall here in Riverland. The parking lot curbing is going in, as well as the gas area location being worked on. The Kanner Hwy high voltage power lines were raised up higher with the installation of new 200' steel poles.

I have been in touch with a gentleman named Kris McCrain who is the Principal Planner in the Stuart Development Department and had a brief conversation with him about the terrible situation we are enduring here at Riverland with all the dirt and debris coming over the wall into the park.

He encouraged me to write him a letter via email explaining all of the issues that all the shareholders are dealing with. I briefly explained that we need to be compensated in some form for all the dirty roofs, cars, and awnings covered with 1" of dirt continuously every day.

He assured me that he will bring this to the town council and a higher authority to have this addressed. Hopefully we can see some action.

As I discussed in my committee report at the December business meeting, we have made a few more improvements in the park since October.

We have removed the old rusty outdated hot water supply tank for the outside shower at the pool and installed an energy efficient on- demand tankless system. This system only heats the water when you need it, not like the old conventional tanks that keep the element hot all the time and use constant electricity.

We had the library lighting corrected by an Electrical Contractor who separated the library circuit and made the 2 florescent lights controlled by just one light switch. The dining area remains on its own 2 switches.

Brandon, our maintenance man, completed painting the entire clubhouse façade blue along with the pool house building, the pool sitting area canopy, and both shuffleboard canopies.

He has been busy power washing the pool paver deck area all around the pool as well as the outside fence area. We are replacing the broken pavers inside the pool area as well as the walkway going up the pool along the fence.

The sidewalk from first street all the way down to the Marina ramp has been power washed as well.

We have replaced some of the lighting on the street poles with LED high efficiency bulbs, which are cheaper than the original mercury vapor bulbs in the lights for 30 years. These small items will save money on the electric bills for the park.

One project in the upcoming year, after the holidays, is the replacement of 4-5 foxtail palm trees that have been damaged due to the hurricane passing through Riverland. Two of these had to be cut down immediately after the storm and 2 were struck by lightning.

Once again, I want to thank all the volunteers who helped in the last 6 months with clean ups, garbage, pool maintenance, and bulk pickup with Brandon and myself.

- *Michael Vaspasiano*





RIVERLAND'S ROVING REPORTER JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year!
Once again, the year
has flown by. In
some respects, it all
seems like a dream or
a movie or a blur! I
don't know about you,
but I get very nostalgic
at this time of year. I

think about times past, and I can get maudlin or sad. I
seem to have lost more family and friends this past year
than other years. We have had a High School Reunion
every year and this past year it was decided that it was
to be our last. Too many have either gone before us or
have serious health issues. A lot of you in the park are
still young, vibrant and ready to be active members of
this community and that's good; that's just what we need.
For those of us who are a "little long in the tooth", shall
we say: keep plugging, it's you who help keep Riverland
moving forward.

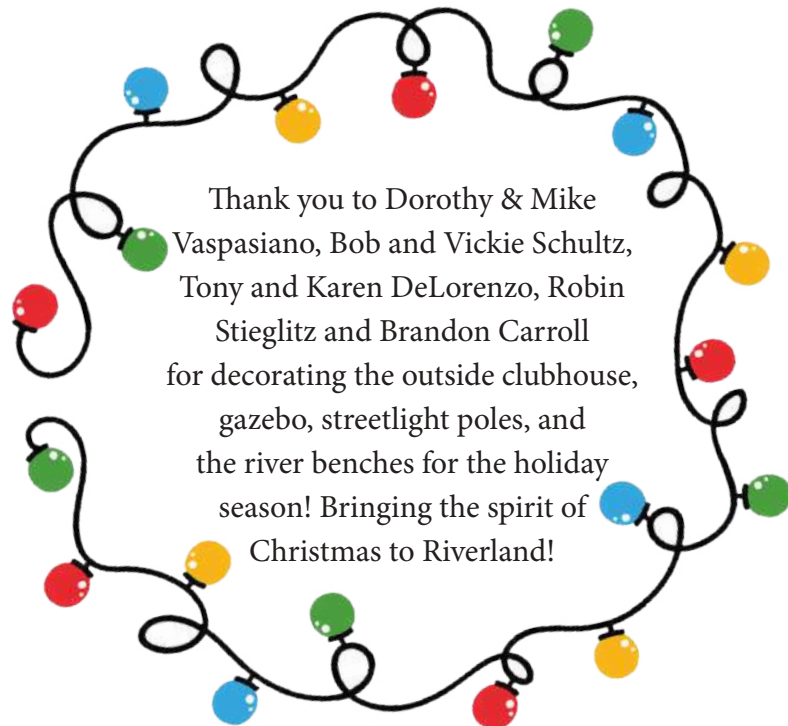
Bowling started without me, but I was able to be a
substitute on Friday, Dec. 13th. Now Friday the 13th
is supposed to be an unlucky day, and it was for me
as I forgot the Christmas Party gift. For those of you
who are unfamiliar with the Bowling Christmas Party,
everyone brings a gift (not more than \$20) and all are
put on a table. When you get a strike, you get to pick
out a gift. Well, I did get a strike but was unable to
pick out a gift as I had left my gift at home! Oh, well!
Anyway, anyone interested in bowling should join. It's a
lot of fun and you get to mingle with neighbors that you
don't see all the time.

I'm not exactly sure what happened at the Christmas
Golf Cart Parade because it was raining, but I do know
that many enjoyed pizzas, so the spirit was there despite
the gloomy weather. However, I do know that a good
time was had by all at the New Year's Eve Party! 2025,
here it comes, ready or not!

Now that the holiday festivities are over, it's time to
get back to business. The Hotwire people are working
feverishly to get the cable installed. I did go to the
information meeting, but what was strange to me
was that the Digital Channel Lineup and Products &
Pricing were not sent to me, but to my niece, who lives
in Quincy, MA. She wrote to me and asked if I had
received it. I had not! I have lived here for 20 years; she
does not. Mind you, I'm not complaining, but at times,
I wonder if the left hand knows what the right hand is
doing. Mine included!

So, on that note, let's start the New Year off with
a promise to be good to ourselves and each other.
Remember that the Lord is kind and merciful to all His
children and we are just that no matter our age. As Tiny
Tim stated in the book, "A Christmas Carol", "God Bless
Us, Everyone."

Happy New Year – Gratefully submitted, Louise





Social Club

Happy New Year to everyone! Our 2025 events are going full force forward. We may have already had our January 4 BOD and members meeting by the time you get this newsletter. Thank you to all who attended.

There is a Boater's Club meeting on January 13 @ 6

PM and then Boater's Concert @ 6 PM on January 15. I am giving you the highlights; you will really need to look at your calendar.

January 16 is our 5pm potluck, followed by Bingo at 7pm. There is a great Boat-a-Cade with Boater's Club. Check out the calendar and Bunky for details.

We have instituted a new program for Social Club, and we are happy to have our first get together on January 24, 2025, and it will take place in our clubhouse at 4 PM. This is a social hour for people to gather, relax, have some goodies, a couple of drinks and get to know each other. It is also an opportunity to decide maybe, if you're not already a member of the social club, you would like to join, and you can join that night.

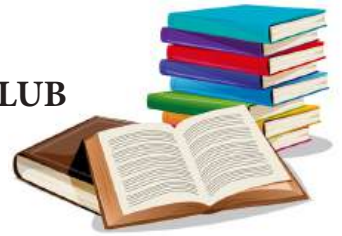
If you already are a member, feel free to come down. This is your night to have some fun, relax, get to know the new members, and talk to everyone. Just have a Happy Hour together with fellow neighbors.

Now on January 23, 2025, something also new is happening. The Council on Aging is going to come to Riverland at 1 PM to our clubhouse and talk to us about what services the council on aging can provide and I think it's very important that we start getting to know what is available to us. And I'm not saying we're all aging (LOL), but the future holds a lot for us in help if we need it, and this is a good time to learn about it. I'm encouraging everyone to decide for themselves. If they would like to know more, come; if they're not ready or they don't have time, that's OK. It's going to be available.

Let us start the new year off really happy and I hope healthy. Thank you for all of your support.

Karen M DeLorenzo, President, Social Club 2024-25

BOOK CLUB



Greetings readers,

Our winter book club will have 3 books assigned this year; they are provided from our Martin County Library System for the month.

Our first selection is **The Berry Pickers** by **Amanda Peters**. A Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly 50 years.

We will meet at our gazebo on Wednesday, January 29, at 4:00 p.m. Let me know if you want a copy and I will deliver one Jan. 4 or 5. This is open to everyone.

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From the Kitchen

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were wonderful! Perhaps you were very busy and bought a rotisserie chicken from the market for a quick and delicious dinner. If you are like us, you now have half or almost half a chicken in the fridge. Here is a recipe that uses 2 cups of shredded,

cooked chicken and is so delicious you will never consider it "leftovers"! Just serve it with a slice of bread from the bakery and it is a meal unto itself.

Chicken, Mushroom, and Wild Rice Soup

2 (6-oz.) packages long-grain and wild rice mix

10 cups chicken broth, divided

3 Tbsp. butter

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped celery

¼ cup butter

½ cup all-purpose flour

½ cup half-and-half

2 Tbsp. dry white wine

2 cups cooked shredded chicken breasts

Bring rice, 4 cups chicken broth, and 1 seasoning packet from rice mix to a boil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. (Reserve remaining seasoning packet for another use.)

Meanwhile, melt 3 Tbsp. butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add mushrooms, onion, and celery, and cook, stirring often, 10 to 12 minutes or until tender.

Melt ¼ cup butter in a Dutch oven over medium heat; whisk in flour, and cook, whisking constantly, 1 minute, or until thickened and bubbly. Gradually whisk in remaining 6 cups broth, and cook, stirring often, 8 to 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Whisk in half-and-half and wine. Stir in mushroom mixture, chicken, and rice. Cook, stirring occasionally, 5 to 10 minutes or until thoroughly heated. (Do not boil.) Makes about 14 cups of hearty, rich soup—almost a stew. Bon appetit!

Your humble sous chef, Maggie Gretzinger



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2025 Budget Ballot Results: Looking at the Numbers

On Friday, December 13, 2024, Riverland Shareholders considered the adoption of a proposed alternative budget for 2025, plus two other motions related to the allocation of reserve interest. All three motions

received strong majorities from those Shareholders who cast ballots - but only Motions 1 and 2 passed. Motion 3 did not pass, with those Shareholders not casting ballots the most likely significant contributing factor.

- Motion 1: Shareholders adopted the partially funded (of reserves) Fiscal Year 2025 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee with a monthly maintenance fee of \$340 per month (discounted to \$335 for automated clearing house (ACH) payments). Nearly 95 percent of the Shareholders casting votes approved of this motion resulting in passage by 77 percent of the entire voting interest. Passage of this motion required only a simple majority.

- Motion 2: Shareholders approved the allocation of accrued reserve account interest to a single separate reserve account for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. More than three-quarters of the Shareholders casting votes approved of this motion resulting in passage by 63 percent of the entire voting interest. Passage of this

motion required only a simple majority.

- Motion 3: Shareholders were also asked to approve an amendment to the Riverland Bylaws to allow for allocation of accrued reserve account interest for all future fiscal years; this would avoid having to ask Shareholders Motion 2 every year. More than 70 percent of the Shareholders casting votes approved of this motion, but this resulted in approval by only 60 percent of the entire voting interest. Since amending bylaws requires approval by two-thirds (66-2/3 percent) of the voting interest, Motion 3 was not adopted.

During the count process three ballots were 'disregarded' per the Florida Administrative Code (FAC); all were for the same issue – failure to use the provided ballot envelope to maintain the secrecy of the Shareholder's ballot. ZERO ballots were disregarded for tape as in years past; the FAC does not mention tape as a reason to disregard a ballot. Since the meeting an additional two ballots (so far) have arrived by mail. Statistically, it does not matter how these five Shareholders voted – the above results would not change.

Overall, about 82.5 percent of Shareholders voted; about 2.5 percent of Shareholders voted but their ballots were either disregarded or arrived late; and about 15 percent of the Shareholders did not vote. Additional participation by those Shareholders not voting could have resulted in the passage of Motion 3.

Questions may be directed to my attention.

Don Barber, Secretary

Ceramics

Ceramics will be resuming in full force on January 8th. Come on by the clubhouse at 1:00pm and see what we have to offer or sit and enjoy the company of others!



BINGO

Thursday, January 2nd, starts our Bingo season at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The cost is \$5.00 for all the games we play; you can buy more if you like. And don't forget the 25 cents for the pickle jar. Also, for the last game we sell extra papers for 50 cents. Come out for an evening of fun!!!



Boater's Club Notes

Our first social hour and meeting of the year turned out to be a nice night of pizza, pizza, pizza for everyone.

Thank you to our secretary for hosting the meeting that

evening in my absence.

This January our meeting be on January 13 at 6:00 pm. Our Fleet Captain Mary will rustle up a nice meal for all our members and then we will have our business meeting. Only a couple of days later on January 15 we will have our first of two concerts this year. It will feature "The Old Hippies". They are a wonderfully talented couple who we had as our guests a few years ago. We will set up the clubhouse like a little nightclub with a dance floor. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the concert will start at 6:30 and conclude at 8:00 pm. As usual this concert will be FREE to all in residents Riverland.

On January 22nd we will have a Boat-A-Cade of Sailor's Return in Stuart. We will post a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Those of you who will be travelling on boat to the restaurant seek out some of your fellow Boaters Club members who you can give a ride to the luncheon.

At the meeting on the 13th will be voting for members of the board. Please see Tina, our secretary with any nominations before the meeting. If you have not paid for your membership, please do so soon. We depend on your membership to finance our activities, keep the concerts free and plan of nice meals for our members before our meetings. We want to keep all these activities free of cost to our members so please sign up if you haven't done so already.

*Jan 13th will be a Boaters Club meeting.
I am so happy to be back to cook a meal for
all the Boaters Club members. Please join us.
I thank you all for the great joy of cooking
for you. -- Bunky Barstow, Commodore*

Boaters Club Cruise 2024

**The residents of Riverland are invited to a cruise
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ITINERARY:

March 2	Fort Lauderdale Depart 3:30 pm
March 3	At sea
March 4	Puertp Plata, Dominican Repaublic
March 5	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
March 6	At Sea
March 7	At Sea
March 8	At Sea
Marcg 9	Ft. Lauderdale



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Shuffleboard Report

The first shuffleboard competition for 2025 will be at Stuart Shuffleboard Club at 1pm on January 15.

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Lot #	Name	Date
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168	Steve Coutoumanos	5
117	Tony DeLorenzo	6
163	Georgia Lewis	6
150	Bob Fischer	6
96	Becki Johnston	6
31	June Cates	8
62	Heather Keith	10
160	Judy Steele	10
89	James Powell	13
43	Brenda Rotan	15
21	Dodi Donaldson	19
158	Frank Luzar	19
168	Anna Marie Luzar	20
137	Anne Griggs	21
5	Doug Yankauer	23
48	Linda Bedgood	23
76	Art Gorman	25
35	Brenda Nolin	27
103	Eric Schlumpf	27
188	Linda Kingsley	28
120	Rose Ann Sipe	28
170	Rich VanAcker	30
148	Dean Mazzoni	31



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BOWLING NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome back to all the "snowbirds" and those who went away for the holidays. After taking two weeks off, we resume bowling on January 3. The first half of our season ends on January 24, with a position round to determine the winners of the first half.

I apologize for not putting the Bowling News in the December newsletter. The 8 teams were formed with only three bowlers per team. We are still looking for a few more bowlers to bring the teams up to four members. Let me know if you are interested. We welcomed several new bowlers this year: Chuck Bucans, Clark Kunz, Debbie Barber, and Betty Crichton. We are sorry to lose some of our regular "old-timers" due to physical restrictions. It's not fun to get old!!

We had a good time at our Christmas party on December 13. Proceeds from the 50-50 were used to pay for pizza and drinks. And the delicious snacks and sweets brought by some bowlers were much appreciated! There were two bowlers who rolled a strike on their first ball so had first choice of the grab-bag gifts.

They were Chuck Bucans and Marj Smith. Way to go! There were some of us who set high averages and now are coming back down to reality. Here are the high scores rolled so far this season:

Melissa King – 195	JoAnne Sunafrank – 161
Marj Smith – 189	Clark Kunz – 161 (48 pins over avg)
Evelyn Sparks – 188 (65 pins over avg)	Carol Wedel – 159
Millie Corliss – 180	Carol Prange – 156 (58 pins over avg)
Roy Lewis – 172 (39 pins over avg)	Chuck Bucans – 145
Ron Gouin – 171	Paula Kelly – 140 (41 pins over avg)
Buck Giles – 165	Noah Doyle – 133 (30 pins over avg)
Fred Prange – 164 (34 pins over avg)	

So, the fun continues. Come join us!

Marj Smith, Secretary

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WHAT a joy to meet David Watson...such a delightful man. David moved into Riverland hailing from Palm Beach Gardens. Dave actually grew up in the Palm Beach area. We had some lovely discussions on how

he has never experienced the cold weather so many of us are way too familiar with. Imagine being brought up with warm weather all through your youth!!!!

David enjoyed a very successful career working for the city of Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. He is now retired and loves living in Riverland.

The activity that he found so amazing was, number one, the Marina--the ability to just hop on your boat and fish was very attractive to David. He enjoys a day with fishing pole in hand!!!!

David has two children--one son Drew lives in San Diego and loves to visit often. His son is a Boat Captain of the Champagne. Drew shares his love for the water like his dad.

David also has a young daughter who lives in the Palm Beach area and who he adores.

After working for Palm Beach School District for 35 years handling all the systems, David is now loving all that Riverland has to offer.

He has joined the BOATERS CLUB, the SOCIAL CLUB, and is participating in the different activities.

He brings great value to Riverland, having an Ice Machine for these events to access. He loves having ice available for his fishing excursions.

David also served as a Marine for four years. All of Riverland is very grateful for his time in the service and we sure appreciate our Veterans.

Since his retirement, David loves to travel. His favorite spot is Southeast Asia. His travel has taken him all over the world.

I was so impressed with this lovely man.

If you see David out and about, please stop and say hi. He lives on 17 first street. Welcome David, we are so glad you have joined our neighborhood.

Mary F. Barstow
sheasbay@aol.com 772-266-8615



Golfers Wanted

Anyone interested in playing golf weekly with your fellow shareholders in Riverland should contact Mike Vaspasiano at 203-687-3375 to sign up. In January teams will be created to form Riverland's first league play with A, B, C and D players on each team. The league will be a team scramble with cash prizes each week leading to an April end date where the top teams will win the top cash prize. Those of us who have played in the past have found this to be a lot of competitive fun and a great way to get to know your neighbors. All levels of golf ability are welcome –

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- **Mike Vaspasiano**





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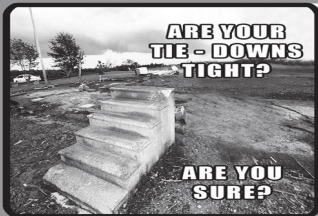
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Our New Years Celebration

A grand celebration was held at the Clubhouse for a New Years Eve Celebration.

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I will share some photos of the fun and gaiety.

- Mary Frances Barstow



Senior Funnies

I have a photographic memory, but I keep forgetting to develop it.

I used to have a handle on life, but then it broke off.

I'm not old, I'm just chronologically gifted.



My grandson asked me what my favorite music is. I told him it's anything that doesn't require me to wear earplugs.

Why did the senior adult decide to go back to college? So that he could remember all the things he forgot from the first time around.



I was showing my grandson a photo of his great-grandparents, and after I asked him if I looked like them, he looked me square in the face and said, "Not yet, you don't."

While I was getting ready for work, my daughter walked in and asked me what I was doing. I responded, "I'm putting on my wrinkle cream." She replied, "Oh, I thought those were natural!"

I used to have a lot of pep in my step, but now it's more like a shuffle.

I used to have my ducks in a row, but now they're all over the place quacking.

My grandson asked me why my knees creak when I walk. I told him it's just my bones applauding me for getting up.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 6pm Bunco 1	6 10 am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 6:30pm Marbles	7 5:30 Hand & Foot 6pm Men's Poker	8 9am Ladies Prayer 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 1pm Ceramics	9 7 pm Bingo	10 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling	11
12 7pm Sunday Sun- dae	13 10 am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 6pm Boaters Club Meeting	14 Ladies Luncheon 5:30 Hand & Foot 6pm Men's Poker	15 BULK/PICKUP 9am Ladies Prayer 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 1pm Ceramics Boaters Concert 6pm	16 10am BOD mtg. 5pm Potluck 7pm Bingo	17 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling	18
19 5pm Bunco 2	20 10 am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 6:30pm Marbles	21 5:30 Hand & Foot 6pm Men's Poker	22 9am Ladies Prayer 10am Stretching 10:30 Aerobics 1pm Ceramics Boat-a-Cade	23 1pm COA Inservice 7pm Bingo	24 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling 4pm Social Hour	25
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