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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

Building Modernization Recommendations to Be Done

The Operating Committee, following a year-long review, has proposed a special assessment intended to fund significant improvements to Longboat Harbour buildings. The plan is to complete most of the recommendations of the Building Modernization Committee in a combined plan that includes several major items to reduce costs. Included in the planned work are:

- essential concrete restoration
- painting of all buildings
- removal of the “shingles” on the face of buildings H through N so they match those in the first phase
- re-caulk windows as needed and
- replace all screen doors.

Although this assessment is larger than any in recent years, **Ernie Giordano**, chairman of the Operating Committee, in describing the plan at the February Board Meeting, pointed out that a single contract for the painting and concrete portion will save a substantial sum of money.

Asked about deferring the screen door portion, he pointed out that installing the new doors immediately after painting was another cost saving measure. Since the painters would remove screen doors as part of their work anyway, it made more sense to put the new doors on rather than put the old doors back. Otherwise, when new doors were purchased, taking the old doors off once again, re-preparing the jamb (and you can be sure the hardware would not be in the same place), would amount to paying twice for the same task.

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Romance is in the Air . . . Well, Sort of



Now that the weather is becoming more spring-like and the waters are warming, the manatee will soon be roaming the area. Many will recall that they often come into the harbour. Indeed, the water has often been churned by these affectionate animals; and the sight of a new calf has provided joy to many.

Mote Marine, Save the Manatee Club and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service all ask us to be witnesses only and refrain from feeding them and giving them water. Similar restraint is called for regarding dolphins.

Valentine's Day 2004



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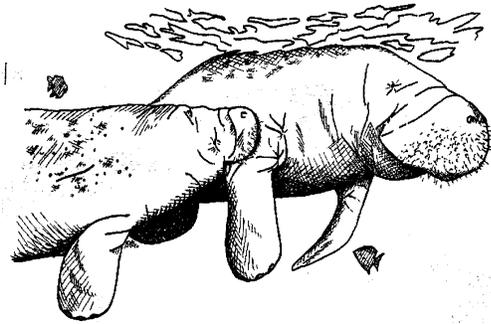
The proposed assessment that will be voted on at the March Board Meeting is \$975,000. Suggested as payable in three installments (May, August and October), the per unit levy would be approximately:

<u>End Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Installment</u>
1 Bedroom	\$2,700.00	\$ 900.00
2 Bedroom	\$3,190.00	\$ 1,063.33
End Unit	\$3,690.00	\$ 1,230.00

(Exact figures will be provided in the official notice.)

Mr. Giordano pointed out that the assessment amounted to approximately 1% of average unit values.

Formal notice will be sent to owners soon. If the Board approves the assessment at the March meeting, work could begin as early as May.



Background

At the April 14, 2004 meeting of the Board, the Operating Committee received the recommendations of the Building Modernization Committee for paint colors, screen doors and other related improvements to the condominium buildings. It was intended that final estimates would be issued in May. However, the committee believed it prudent to assess the structural conditions of the buildings before proceeding.

Ten months later, following an examination by engineering consultant, Southard Engineering Co., and an analysis by Karins Engineering Group, Inc., hired by the Association, and with a review and analysis by our own Milton Harr, Professor Emeritus in Engineering at Purdue University, the Operating Committee was ready to announce its conclusions regard-

ing the building structures at the February Board Meeting.

Like all reinforced concrete buildings of our age located in salt air environments, there is some deterioration in the concrete, Ernie Giordano, Operating Committee Chairman, indicated. However, there is no concern that the structures are unsound. Indeed, the engineers, to a man, agreed that, for the age of the buildings, they are in quite good condition; but significant repairs or rectification may be required on a few units. It is not possible to determine in advance which of the units may be most seriously affected or the extent of the repairs that may be needed, as the conditions that give rise to the necessity of repair are hidden.

The engineering analysis and the peer review have resulted in an estimate of funds needed for reconditioning prior to painting. The current estimate for this work is significantly less than what had been "ball parked" a year ago. Bids have been received from four General Contractors that have the appropriate skill sets for the work, including rectifications, as necessary.

The Association intends to hire an independent engineer as Project Manager. Where deterioration in the concrete is observed, the contractor may not proceed without having called for the engineer to determine the condition of the concrete. His prior approval as to the extent of work will be required. In some cases, though it cannot be known in advance, quite a lot of work will be needed, perhaps even the complete removal and replacement of a lanai. In most cases, this will not be necessary.

Mr. Giordano felt that the engineers and the committee have collectively arrived at an amount, included in the planned assessment that will be sufficient to make the needed repairs.

The work will be in conformity with the recommendations of the Building Modernization Committee. He added that there may be more work needed over time and, if there are any funds not spent, they will be reserved for future restoration work, as and when necessary, or additional modernization recommendations.

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It would be an understatement to suggest that the Operating Committee volunteers have been busy recently. Chairman, **Ernie Giordano**, reported that

- the shutter dividing the kitchen/dining area at the Clubhouse has been installed,
- the landscaping contract with Young's Landscaping has been renewed,
- the handicapped ramp is nearly complete,
- two new maintenance personnel have been hired,
- Kim Howell has changed from part-time to full-time,
- the heater for Pool #2 has been replaced,
- negotiations with contractors to repair the carport at Building "J" are complete,
- a water leak under L-101 is under control –

(all this while dealing with the details for painting and restoration work).

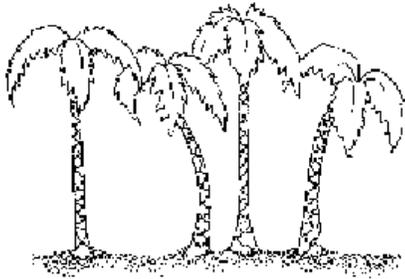
Board Motions

Issues dealt with by the Board included car covers, pool usage, the manager's apartment. Motions were passed that:

- limited covered vehicles to a designated area on the west side of the parking area near the clubhouse,
- authorized changing signs at the pools to reflect the policy set five years ago that permitted toilet trained persons to use the pool regardless of age, and
- authorized furnishing the manager's apartment at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 (its being empty is a serious impediment to a successful rental).

Annual Report of the Landscape Committee - 2004

During the year 2004, the Landscape Committee planted approximately 350 shrubs, 60 perennials, and 1000 seasonal annuals at various buildings and planting beds. At the beach property 6 large coconut palms and one Sabal palm were planted. Some anticipated planting was postponed because of on-



going or expected repairs to some buildings. Many of our plants on the condo grounds are contemporary with the buildings, and their advanced age means that some

percentage will succumb to diseases, or become unsightly or intrusive, and shrub and tree removal from these causes becomes necessary. This was the case in 2004 as about 40 shrubs and 8 trees were removed.

The major portion of funds in the Landscape Improvement budget was expended on revitalization of the grass areas. Al Fischbein and the Grass Committee spent a great deal of effort planning and overseeing the removal of large portions of weedy lawn areas, and replacement with new sod. Ap-

proximately \$26,000 was expended for this operation. Young's Landscape Company, responsible for care and upkeep of the new grass was in process of reorganization following the death of Les Young in late 2003, and our lawn areas suffered some degradation due to inadequate maintenance during the summer months.

Winds associated with hurricanes in late summer resulted in loss of some palm trees, defoliation of some shrubs and trees and broken branches throughout the grounds. The trees and shrubs at the beach were battered by winds and blowing sand and salt, but with the exception of several Oleanders, all survived. On December 25-26 another severe windstorm resulted in more damage to trees and shrubs, and salt blown in from the Gulf is causing browning of leaves, and defoliation in many trees.

I wish to thank Charlie Rizzo for his tireless efforts watering shrubs and plants, particularly during the hot summer months, and Charlie, Dave Noyes, and Carol Williams for their efforts in planning, procuring, and planting flowers and shrubs. Ruth Malone also deserves thanks for helping to plant annuals and perennials.

For more on the activities of the Landscape Committee, see page 6

*Bob Adamsky
Landscape Committee Chairman
Committee members
Charlie Rizzo
David Noyes
Carol Williams*

Managerial Change

The resignation of Manger John Trimpe was announced at the February Board Meeting. Mr. Trimpe, only six months in the position, has received an offer of employment from a person with whom he has worked in the past. It was, as they say, an offer he could not refuse. He will leave March 11.



Succeeding him will be Sabrina Wengerd, CAM, who now acts as his assistant.

Sabrina grew up in the Sarasota area. She started her working career in banking, first in Bonita Springs and later, with Fleet Bank in south Georgia. She was six years with Fleet, where her duties included customer service, processing loan applications, initiating and closing real estate loans and filing vehicle title lien holder applications.

However, a very strong desire to develop her own business prompted her to open a pet store, building on her experience in breeding and training dogs. She built the business from scratch – arranged the financing, organized the design and supervised the construction.

The business grew over the eight years she owned it to include the training of drug officers to handle detection canines, an activity that included licensing by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency as a narcotics researcher.

Her return to Bradenton and joining us at Longboat Harbour was prompted because of a serious illness in her family. The business she developed was sold and remains successful.

Sabrina's new assistant is Lolita (Lola) Valencia (right).

We welcome her to Longboat Harbour.



Harbourettes' Valentine Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Harbourettes' annual Valentine Luncheon and Fashion Show was held on Feb. 16, 2005. The 106 ladies in attendance enjoyed a delicious lunch of a turkey wrap sandwich and salads and for dessert, ice cream in waffle bowls. Chairman, **Helen Schweyer** did her usual fantastic job, assisted by: **Jayne Forstenzer** and **Sue Troup**, taking reservations; **Jan Davin** and **Donna Greer** serving a delicious punch; **Anne Bussells**, who did an incredible job soliciting area restaurants and businesses for gifts and certificates to be used as prizes, and **Elvina Avalone**, who made sure all ladies received a draw ticket. **Hazel Conrad** took photos of the models and **Pat Warner** entertained playing the piano.

Each table was decorated with red and white place mats and napkins. **Frances Feinberg** created lovely shellflowers and with the assistance of Phyllis McCloskey, greenery was added to the "flowers" and put into vases to be used as centerpieces, which added a festive touch to the room. **Clare Grunbeck**, **Madeline Raftery**, **Sylvia Rizzo**, **Carol Fischbein**, **Marianne Baeck-**

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Models **Barbara Shelton**, **Rose Weingartner**, **Barbara Cassel**, **Clarise Pellegrino**, **Jean Wassmansdorf**, **Janet Allen**, **Jane Forstenzer** and **Tess Owen** pose before heading out onto the "runway." For more pictures, log on to www.longboatharbour.net

Valentine Champagne Breakfast

LONGBOAT KEY. Reuters News Wire. Officials reported unusual activity very early the morning of February 13. After investigating, it turned out it was the men folk of Longboat Harbour Condominium preparing for their annual Sweetheart Breakfast. (No, the Officials were not invited to join, but were briefed on the program then left, assured that all was secure and proper.)

Some 140 LbH-ers checked in with **Ed Davin**, to ensure payments were in order. (Ed is one of those rare, cheerful, financial guys!) **Pete Henry**, dressed in a most elegant (?) red outfit started people into a smorgasbord of eggs, bacon, sausage and a selection of pastries, and of course the **Mimosas**. Coffee and tea were served at the tables. With some 30 dozen eggs to cook, along with bacon and sausage, our Master Chefs did their usual superlative job of cooking and cleaning up: **Ken Comeforo, Joe Sabella and Bob Winter**. Not to be outdone, our efficient serving staff consisting of: **Gary Aubry, Paul Carnese, Mel Chesner, Fred Fillmore, Ted Ford, George Grunbeck, Don Livingstone, Alex Malone, Jay Matloff, Art Rosen, Don Schwing, Bill Shelton, Al Wagner, Bill Zeldis and Bart Wassmansdorf**, also set up the tables and ensured that everybody was well fed and had a relaxing morning.

To add an additional layer of sweetness, **Dave Noyes**, Co-chair, ran a raffle for three boxes of Valentine Chocolates. The lucky winners: **Jane Forstenzer, Gail Groenheim, and Evelyn Matloff**.

*Gordon Mount,
Chairman*

Pictured at right are just a few of the many men who prepared the Valentine Breakfast. For more pictures, go to www.longboat-harbour.net



Not Again?

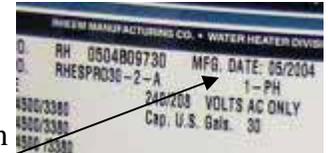


Once again a water tank has ruptured and flooded two other apartments, in addition to the unit in which the water tank failed. **ALL OWNERS, PLEASE!**

Examine the date your tank was manufactured. Water tanks are

likely to fail if they are older than eight years.

Should you be uncertain as to the age of your tank, ask someone to read the label on your tank for you.



Sure, the insurance covers the damage, after your deduction; however, flooding is not a situation you want to experience.

Check the tank – Replace as needed. Be a good neighbor.

Toilets need replacement too. They never fracture (or almost never) when the person is at home. **If the toilet is original, it should be replaced.**



On the subject of aging: It is not a rare occurrence for the pipes under buildings of the age of ours to fail, with the result that water slowly seeps through the concrete (yes, water will make its way through concrete) and minor cracks.

Ground floor owners especially must keep check on any unusual dampness (in the carpet, for example) and report such conditions to the office for examination. Should you be away from your apartment for any period of time, it is essential to have someone checking your home regularly. If a leak is found immediately, less damage to your contents will occur.

Replacement of the pipes under the concrete is the responsibility of the association.

The Operating Committee

Landscape Committee — February Report

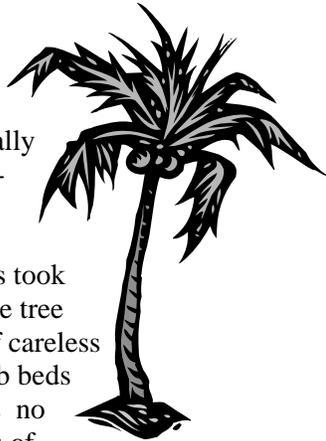
A triple trunk clump of Adonidia palm was installed near the office, in the region where a Washington palm was removed after being killed by lightning. Two clumps of Pygmy Date palms were planted along GMD to replace two diseased Sago palms. Unfortunately, a pest called Asian Cycad Scale is now attacking Sago palms. This scale is difficult to control and has resulted in large-scale loss of Sagos. Young's Landscape has reported that they have had to destroy 1100 Sagos in their nursery. A natural enemy of the scale has been introduced to try and stop the spread of the disease, but it has not had time to have much effect, as yet. In addition to the small Sagos along GMD, we have lost one mature Sago near L building but have had some success in controlling the scale by applications of horticultural oil.

At C building a mature Podocarpus, one of a pair on either side of the entrance, began to turn brown and eventually died. There was no sign of insect or fungal infestation and the death of the tree is a mystery. Several large tile projects took place in the building before the tree died so there are suspicions of careless dumping of waste in the shrub beds by the tilers, however, there is no proof that they caused the loss of the tree. There was a group of Podocarpus at C building, and one of this group was transplanted by Young's Landscape to replace the dead tree. Another smaller tree was moved to M building to match an existing tree at the entrance to that building.

Areca palms and Hibiscus were planted at E building in an area where the loss of a palm created an empty region. Areca and Fish-Tail palms were planted between L and M buildings, the latter replacing the dead Sago mentioned previously. Dwarf Crotons were also planted at E building, and more Gazania were added to beds near the canal.

Planting along the front border of the main beds, next to the car park area, will take place in all buildings in the near future, and the entrance to the beach property will undergo a major revision.

*Bob Adamsky, Committee members
Chairman Charlie Rizzo
Landscape Committee David Noyes
Carol Williams*



One of our long time residents has agreed to provide some raison d'etre for the Rules and Regulations that form the backbone of the way we live together. What we hope will be the first of a long series, begins with this issue. We hope it will be helpful.

The Editors

How Come?

Why can't I take food and drink to the pool?

Signs at the pools state no food or drinks allowed. Food and drinks, when spilled or dropped, bring bugs and other critters. Water fountains are provided for the people who need water.

Glass containers around a pool are a disaster waiting to happen. If a glass breaks in the vicinity of a pool, the assumption is that pieces have gotten into the water. Manatee Health Department requires complete drainage and cleaning of a pool that has had a glass object broken nearby or in it.

In the past, this rule had been violated, glass was broken on a pool deck, it was not cleaned up nor was the accident reported to the office of the existing hazard.

Please follow this rule to the letter.

R.U. Lizznin

(More next time)



Named as Best Dressed at the Valentine Luncheon were: Pete Henry (Men), Diane Vanderpoel (Ladies) and Marianne and Art Rosen (Couple). The award is made annually to those whose use of RED wows the judges.

Clouds Over the Swimming Pool

The sun is out and I'm falling asleep on a lounge chair at the pool outside L Building. I hear the soft conversation of adults sitting around the pool and the excited chatter of two little girls who've come to play in "their grandmother's pool." I know them, we bought the first apartment their great grandparents owned at Longboat Harbour. It was in this L Building pool their own mother learned to swim when she was very young. But that was then and this is now.

I'd drowsed off when the commotion started, so I only saw its results in the faces of the weeping young mother and her five year old (who knows something is very wrong because her mother is crying). I hear about it from the grandmother as she and I help the family to gather up their things and head upstairs in the elevator.

According to her, a man who had been sitting and visiting with a group around one end of the pool, asked the mother the age of her little one. Secure in the knowledge that her daughter is potty-trained, the mother responded that she is two and potty-trained. The man wasted no time in telling the mother that the child couldn't use the pool until she became three. And when the grandmother came down, the gentleman told her, "You need to learn to read, the sign says three!" *

Worse yet, as the mother is gathering her things, she hears one of the others sitting near the man say, "Mothers spoil their children these days - they give them everything they want." (I doubt this person had noticed the mother gently removing hearing aids from her little one's ears before she hurried to join her big sister in the pool.)

Hospitality is one of the things that make my husband and me feel at home at Longboat Harbour. But when dear ones come to visit and are accosted by rules in such a way as to make them feel unwelcome, I wish we could make it a priority to extend that same hospitality to each other's families and friends.

Marcy Henrikson

- In actual fact, since 2000, the Rules of Longboat Harbour provide that a toilet trained person of any age may use the pool. Unfortunately, the sign had not been changed.

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strom and **Karen Feinberg**, assisted by Kim and Donna in the kitchen, prepared each plate and served them to the hungry crowd.

Clothes from the Sea Stable were beautifully modeled by **Janet Allen, Barbara Cassel, Jane Forstenzer, Tess Owen, Clarice Pellegrino, Barbara Shelton, Rose Weingartner, and Jean Wassmansdorf. Jill Davis**, manager of the Sea Stable, described each outfit as the models walked the "runway". Each attendee received a 10% discount coupon, compliments of the Sea Stable.

After the final applause for the lovely models and clothes, Helen asked those who were original members of Harbourettes when it began in 1976 to stand. The models presented each lady with a beautiful rose, compliments of Jill and the Sea Stable. Our "originals" are: **Betty Young, Isabelle Schechter, Helen Schweyer, Marge Carruth, Muriel Meyers, Terry Crutchfield** and **Edith Morse**. One of these special ladies also won a Sea Stable gift certificate worth \$25. (Apologies if we missed anyone).

The lovely afternoon ended with the usual games. Many thanks again to Helen Schweyer and her committee for a wonderful afternoon.

*Pat Warner,
President*



We have received a number of inquiries regarding the availability of docks. At present, three docks are available. Anyone interested should contact Dockmaster Mark

Longo (941-920-1618) or Commodore Ed Davin (941-387-8993).

Please keep in mind that the agreement for the rental of a dock requires that the boat owner must own a Longboat Harbour condominium and be in residence three months a year. Furthermore, the boat for which the dock is to be used must be moored at the dock for at least three months during the year.

*Ed Davin,
Commodore*

Celebrate the New Year?

The Recreation Committee is keen to know your pleasure. How do you want to welcome the New Year? Last year's "Hoedown" was original and proved to be a fun time.

This year? We need new ideas as to how you'd like to celebrate.

Let Warren Conrad know.

Sure it's early; but . . .

Contractors, Sign In, Please!



This new sign applies to every contractor—including those working directly for owners. Please be sure that your workers conform.

LbH Men's Club News

The Men's Club's attendance has increased with the New Year. On January 18th we greeted two new members, **Marv Knoth**, who is from Grosse Point, MI, and **Ed Thompson** from Falmouth, MA. **Dick Leonard** from Narragansett, RI, joined us on February 1st. Four new members joined us on the 8th: **Art Cullen** from Brick, NJ, **Jim Dowewald** from north of Chicago, **Bill Gant** from Maryland, and **Leo Hutton** from Lancaster, PA. **Bob Moy** from England joined us on the 15th and **Don Schwing** returned as well. Welcome to all!

The trivia (about sports this time) contest winners January 18th were **Bill Coughlin** and **Hal Henrikson**. The next week **Dave Noyes** and **Dave Kee** won by identifying fish from eight photos. On the 25th **Warren Conrad** presented a "Who Am I" sort of contest regarding the world's largest tire manufacturer. **Harris Barber**, **Art Rosen**, and **Bill Stamp** gave the correct response - Michelin. In a side football contest, **Fred Filmore** and **Harris Barber** bested the rest. On February 8th there were tough questions. The best response was turned in by **Jack Levy**. Results of the contest on the 15th appear separately in this issue of the INFO.

Winners in the Men's club sponsored Super Bowl contest, a three-way tie, were **Ed Davin**, **Hank Gitzen**, and **Don Schwing**.

Emcee, **Warren Conrad**, in announcing the coming events around LbH, related information regarding the Men's Club sponsoring the Sweetheart Luncheon which took place February 22. (Not to be con-

fused with the Sweetheart Breakfast on the 13th). **Dave Noyes** personally thanked **Dave Kee**, sunshine chair, for the birthday card that was signed by over forty men.

January 18th - **Dick Dilgard** gave a mini-course on the trials and tribulations of the hard-of-hearing. He distributed copies of his essay on the topic with an attached consonant chart having annotations regarding the 10 consonant sounds that give the hard-of-hearing so much difficulty. On the 25th, **Art Rosen** started a mini-course on the *History of China from 1600 to the Present*. He continued with part two on the 8th. February 1st—**Milt Harr** presented the first half of his mini-course, "*The Universe: Macro, Mini and Us.*" He stated that,

"We live in exciting times," regarding the explosion of knowledge about our awesome universe having billions of Milky-Way-type galaxies.

February 15th - **Don Schwing**, surgeon, shared his story, "Korea, 'The Land of the Morning Calm - a Surgical Experience'." His story appeared in the *Medical Alumni Writing Awards* book winning first prize among many entries. The story involved an episode during his time spent in a M.A.S.H. unit (the 8076th).

Earlier in February President **Bill Holland** led us in a moment of silence to remember our recently deceased brothers - **Arnold Friedman** (75), **Manny Kurzberg** (89), **Joe Raftery** (83), and **Jean Unterberger** (90.).

Dick Dilgard, with thanks to Dave Kee for taking notes at the January 25th meeting.





BINGO

If you have not been attending the Tuesday night Bingo games in our Clubhouse, then you have not been experiencing optimum LbH living! As we go to press, the

"Snowball Rollover" game has a \$45 prize awaiting a claimant. There's More! You are also missing Madeline Raftery who sells...the best Bingo cards, that is; cowboy-hatted Howard Secular who calls the best numbers, and astute verifiers, Joe Giusti and Dave Kee.

Yes, you non-attendees are amassing huge losses!

You want more? Perks galore are in the offing. The season's finale, Tuesday, March 29th, will be climaxed with a party after the last game that evening. Bingo-ers will bring hors d'oeuvres or desserts to share. Liquid refreshments will be provided. Undoubtedly, there will follow many sweet dreams that night, including shouts of "Bingo" during deep REM sleep

Warren Conrad

Attention Tennis Players

Longboat Harbour's annual tennis tournament will be held next month at our tennis court. It will start on Wednesday, March 9th. The format will be men's doubles and women's doubles with alternating partners as assigned by the tennis committee.

You are eligible to participate if you are an owner or a renter of a condominium here at LbH.

If you are a tennis player and would like to participate, and we hope you will, please let a member of the tennis committee know.

The committee members are: **Marianne Baeckstrom, Gladys Henry, Judy Kolbert, Hal Henrikson, Bill Stieber and Bob Winter.**

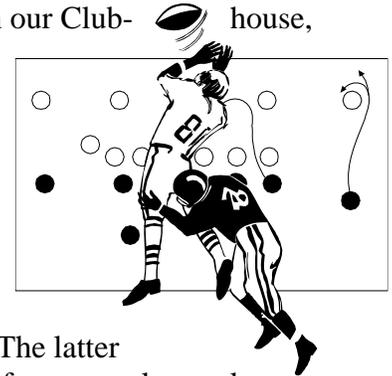
Marianne Baeckstrom

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The NFL's annual, final playoff game, dubbed the "Super Bowl," notorious for being the epitome of dullsville, and usually lacking the excitement warranted by the occasion, broke from the mold this year. The Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots, two excellent defensive teams, battled in an exemplary manner with the victor* in doubt until the last minute.

Fifty-four LbH-ers enjoyed this superlative event in true tailgate fashion by watching the game on the giant TV screen in our Clubhouse,

Sunday, February 6th. **Joe Longtin and Dave Noyes** handled the usual waging with aplomb while the **Henrys, Pete and Gladys**, role-played the thoughtful hosts. The latter pair served a variety of savory cakes and aromatic, brewed coffee to augment the outrageous variety of tailgate noshing and imbibing ... by appreciative tailgaters.



At the game's conclusion, the bleary-eyed revelers left the hall, New Englanders smirked and strutted while green-clad Philly rooters scowled, muttering, "We'll get 'em next year!"

* NE Pats: 24 Philly Eagles: 21

Warren Conrad



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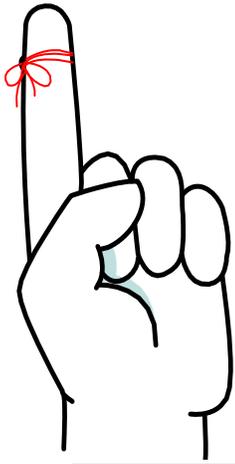
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Many people help to bring the *INFO* to you. The names of many of them appear with articles they have contributed. Special thanks to Margaret Demey for her proof reading. Many others help in other ways. To them all we extend out thanks.

Jean and Bart Wassmansdorf,
Editors



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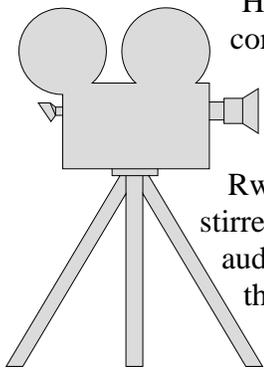
Bike and beach chairs must be identified with current 2005 tags.

Label your property with tags available at the office.

Items without current tags may be removed.

Film Society

The first screening of the 2005 LBH film series was a smashing success, the second a massive disappointment, judging by attendance (popcorn being free and equal).



"Hotel Rwanda" brought out a record crowd of over 110, apparently impressed by critics' reviews and word of mouth.

The straightforward drama of Rwanda's overwhelming tragedy stirred strong emotions among the audience, many of whom noted that nations, which had the capacity to stop the mass murders, did virtually nothing.

The film itself, a docudrama, was beautifully made, and as this is written, Don Cheadle, as the brave hotel manager who risked his life time and again to save others, is considered a strong candidate for an "Oscar."

The February film, "Dr. Strangelove", had apparently been seen at least once by LbH film buffs since it was made at the height of the "Cold War". Its almost slapstick treatment of Pentagon brass does not wear well in these deadly serious times.

Now if only we could get some suggestions for the March film that will appeal to our LBH crowd.

Warren Conrad welcomes your suggestions.

Art Rosen

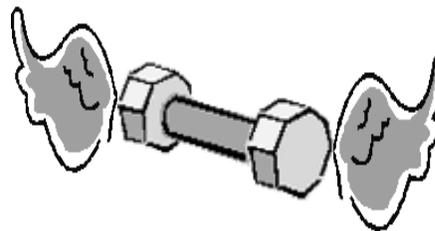
13th ANNUAL CHIP & PUTT GOLF CONTEST

Will **Marianne Baeckstrom** and **Bill Zeldis** successfully defend their 2004 chipping titles? Will **Sally Caswell** and **George Devine** repeat as putting champs? Will **Sally Page** and **Dick Dilgard** receive "combined score" recognition again? **Dave Noyes** was last year's recipient of the coveted "Crushed Beer Can Award." To whom will Dave present the '05 award? Will your name go on the 13-year record board?

The annual Chip & Putt contest will be conducted on our putting green, adjacent to the main swimming pool, Saturday, March 26th, beginning at 10 a.m. There will be prizes for men and women. Equipment will be provided or bring your own. Sign up in the Office (three dollar entry fee) before Thursday, March 24th. Coffee, OJ and Danish will be provided for entrants and rooters. Contest official Bill Holland can answer your questions.

Warren Conrad

Barbells with Wings?



Yeah, sure!



The three pound free weights, so popular with many of our fitness enthusiasts, like tis one to the right, have gone missing. They surely did not grow wings. Someone has evidently decided to expropriate them for personal use.

**Message to this person—it's called stealing:
Bring them back**

This is not the first time weights have gone missing. What's going on? Books from the library are not returned. We need to lock up party supplies, then the kitchen—what's next? Chains and locks everywhere? Come on, people. Have some respect!

PLAY READERS WHAT A NIGHT!



Playwright Jolene Goldenthal (center) with Mary Jane Meyer, and Jean Wassmansdorf

An audience of more than forty Play Readers' aficionados gathered on Monday, February 21, to enjoy an evening of twelve monologues written by our friend and neighbor, playwright **Jolene Goldenthal**. Most of the

short pieces were drawn from a published anthology of Monologues for Women by Goldenthal. A few of the presented pieces came from other published anthologies in which Goldenthal's work has been included.



Seven Longboat Harbour women were chosen to present the monologues. Directed by the playwright were: **Jayne Forstenzer AND Jane Forstenzer, Marilyn Kaplan, Pat Warner, Jean Wassmansdorf, Sheila Weiser and Muriel Zeldis**.

The monologues, under the very apt program title of DESCRIBING LIFE, were exactly that. Each

piece was written with great perception and humanity and illuminated a fragment of women's anxieties, joys, dreams, irritations, conjectures and observations and was read with matching understanding and acceptance by the seven performers.

The evening was a "singular sensation" and we ran out of chairs.

Mary Jane Meyer

AARP'S 55-ALIVE DRIVING

Want to save 10% on your auto insurance premiums for three years?

AARP 55 ALIVE
Driver Safety Program



Sign up in the Office for AARP's 55-Alive, a refresher course for mature drivers to be conducted in our Clubhouse, Thursday and Friday, March 10th and 11th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

You must attend both sessions (8 hours) to be certified. There is no test; no failures; and you receive an interesting 125-page workbook with excellent safety tips for experienced drivers 55 and over. The cost is ten dollars per person. Checks (no cash) should be drawn payable to AARP.

Check with your insurance agent to ascertain their rate policy regarding your certification.

Warren Conrad

IN MEMORIAM

Babette (Babs) Bendinger Walker, a long time resident of Longboat Harbour, former editor of the INFO and an early, enthusiastic participant in Play Readers, died January 28, 2005 in Phoenix, AZ.

She was predeceased in 2003 by her husband, Frank (known for his recitation from memory of "Casey at the Bat").

Rental Rules Being Enforced

The Board is strictly enforcing rental policies and condo rules about rental properties at Longboat Harbour.

Some important rules include:

1. Only two rentals are permitted each year, with a 30 day minimum rental contract.
2. Owners must submit a rental application to the manager's office at least 15 days in advance of the proposed rental, otherwise the rental will be denied. The application must be completely filled out by the tenant and owner and signed by all tenants and submitted with \$100 fee for new tenants and \$50 fee for repeat tenants.
3. Only two tenants are permitted per rental. (The board recently denied an application by three persons.)
4. All tenants must be disclosed. (Recently two couples attempted to rent for 6 weeks, with each staying 3 weeks. Only one couple appeared on

the application. This was caught by the office.)

5. When tenants come to Longboat Harbour, they must immediately come to the office for a parking decal (its a different color from owners) and information packet. ***If you know of a tenant who does not have a parking decal, please report it to the office.***
6. Should a tenant take up residence without obtaining approval, the condo documents call for **immediate eviction** with the owner/landlord paying all costs including attorney fees to be collected as an assessment.

Questions should be addressed to the office.

*Scott A. Williams,
Association Secretary*

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