



BOARD MEETING - April 14, 2004

Operating Committee Report

John A. Bock, Co-Chairman of the Operating Committee presented the monthly report, most of which is noted here verbatim. For the purpose of the *INFO*, we have changed the order and made minor modifications to his written presentation.

Assessment Forecast

Most of the April 14th meeting dealt with the advice by the committee that there is a need for a substantial assessment in the near future. It will be remembered, that the long range plan for our community included the items mentioned in the Committee's list and we have been on "alert" for some time now as to the need for significant expenditures to assure our investments are protected and enhanced. To that end, the Operating Committee announced the following:

"In reviewing the number of projects we are facing in the immediate future, the Operating Committee would like to announce an anticipated \$5,500.00 assessment payable over the next two years. This assessment would be used for the following projects, if approved by the Board:

1. New roadways
2. Cosmetic building repairs
3. Modernization Committee proposals for:
 - a) carports and refuse enclosures
 - b) lighting
 - c) painting
 - d) doors, and
 - e) mansards and soffits
4. Water conservation
5. Security (convert to a gated community)
6. Permit fees.

"We realize this is a sizable assessment, but, the longer we put off this work the more costly it becomes. Also, some projects must be done before others to insure that subsequent work does not damage or diminish the efficacy of prior work. If, for example, it were decided that we want to become a gated community, it would behoove us to put in the gates and guard shack before the new roads. Of course, any cosmetic repairs must also be completed before buildings are painted. To help put some numbers into this picture, we have estimates for the cosmetic repairs. They average about \$50,000.00 per building or \$700,000. At the May meeting we will have firmer cost figures and payment option plans for the Board's approval."

The Recommendations of the Building Modernization Committee and its sub-committees are reported beginning on Page 3.

Other Operating Committee Issues

Personnel

The new man on the maintenance staff, Tony, started last week. He is replacing one of our recent hires.

Building Repairs

Cosmetic and water intrusion building repairs are progressing in an orderly fashion. If anyone is experiencing a problem we are unaware of, please contact the office immediately.

Cablevision

Comcast has made us a limited time offer, which

must be acted upon before the May board meeting. The offer is for a four-year contract with the same features previously presented, but includes an in-house channel with all the necessary equipment to service it. The rate increase, over what we presently pay, is to be approximately ten percent for the first two years and an additional ten percent for the last two years. The Board accepted the Comcast contract for four years at \$17.75 per month for the first two years and \$19.70 per month for the balance of the contract, provided the written document conforms to verbal representations.

Washing Machines

The frequency of washing machine breakdowns has been increasing as has the down time because of difficulty obtaining parts on these older units. The Operating Committee recommend, and the Board approved, the purchase of 14 larger capacity, front load, energy efficient units as manufactured by Continental - Girbau Inc. The remaining machines will be redistributed to insure that each building will have one new and one almost new washer. The price per wash will be increased to 75¢ per load in the new washers only.

Community Hall Kitchen

A new commercial type dishwasher has been ordered for the Rec. hall kitchen and delivery is expected soon. The new electric service is already in place.

Carpet Cleaning

The Board approved the purchase of a carpet water extractor - cleaner for a price not to exceed \$7,500.

NOTICE

Some of the needed repairs to the carports are anticipated to be done during the off season. Access to these areas is essential, so please, leave a set of your car keys with the office if your car will be parked here during the off-season. This request includes all parking areas, covered or not. If you have already departed, you must send a duplicate key to the office.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

New planting was done along one lanai at Building "F", where intrusive and inappropriate shrubs were removed. Hand-watering was done on previously planted material since many of the plants were out of sprinkler range. The extremely dry conditions we have experienced can lead to rapid dehydration of newly planted material. The beds along the lanai side of buildings have no sprinklers, and all sprinklers nearby are directed toward lawn areas. The recent storm and high winds destroyed a mahogany tree at the west end of D Building. The tree snapped at a weak point caused by previous loss of a major branch. Branches on carrotwood trees were broken, and many palm fronds were knocked down.

Members of the Landscape Committee are:

Carol Williams, David Noyes, and Charlie Rizzo

*Bob Adamsky,
Chairman*

Annual Pitch & Putt

As the sun competed for attention with a steady breeze, in partly cloudy skies, 23 confident Harbourites contested for prizes and bragging rights at the 12th Annual Chip & Putt Golf Contest. The 10:00 a.m.

festivities were held Saturday, March 27th, on our putting green adjacent to the main swimming pool. The event attracted a couple dozen supporters who, along with the contestants, noshed on coffee, OJ, bagels and Danish. Gulps and bites were interspersed with oohs, ahs and groans as golf shots were accurate or errant.



After the last ball rimmed in or out, contest official **Bill Holland** read the results (listed on page 5).

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BUILDING MODERNIZATION COMMITTEE

COLOURS

One of the Sub-Committees of the Building Modernization Committee was headed by **Margaret Demey**. Members included: **Harriet Barber, Lynne Koy, Marcia Kurzberg, Carol Meredith, Rita Schwing, Diane Vanderpoel and Carol Williams.**

The group met with designers and paint representatives and toured the area to see first hand current styles being marketed by high-end builders. One of the suppliers, who was especially helpful, photographed the buildings and prepared a report indicating the preparatory work that would be required prior to any new paint application. The Operating Committee has received this information and is using the comments and accompanying photographs in its planning.

A digital image of one of our buildings was prepared illustrating the recommended colours (see upper right for a black and white version). Readers will need to use their imagination to picture the recommendations of the committee, which are:

Body (Main Color): Sandy Peach

- Back door to laundry room
- Decorative wooden uprights
- Carport trim
- Facia

Trim: Peach Blush

- Walkway walls
- Exterior door to laundry room / passage-way
- Storage room doors on upper levels
- Wall area between current dark brown uprights



Above is a graphic representation of the modifications to the colour scheme. There were some changes made to the colours after this representation was completed; but the overall look remains.

- Top of walkway railing
- Wooden-look trim under end windows on front of buildings

Accent: Toasted Marshmallow (off-white)

- Doors to individual units
- Screen doors

Also considered, but not recommended by this committee was the possible replacement of the railings along the walkways. At their current height they are ten inches lower than the prevailing standard and do not conform to the Building Code. The cost for 42" anodized-finished railing is \$40 - \$45 per linear foot.

At the recent Board Meeting, John Bock advised that the proposal of the Lighting Subcommittee (next page) had been received and is under technical evaluation. The Operating Committee intends to make its recommendation in a formal motion at the May Board meeting.

BUILDING MODERNIZATION COMMITTEE (CONT.)

LIGHTING

Some of the studies concerning the modernization of our community included an analysis of lighting. Demonstration projects included changing lights in Building “G” and the installation of landscape “up-lighting” near the entrance just north of Building “G”. The recommendations of the committee headed by **Jan Davin**, and including **Mary Bock, Sheila Cyr, Carol Fischbein, Arnold Friedman, Beverly Grimes and Tom Melican** are:

1. Replace all existing building walkway light bulbs with 40-watt decorative bulbs.
2. Replace all existing building stairwell lights with bulbs and cylindrical globes.
3. Replace existing globes with decorative shades.

The first three recommendations are on display at Building “G”.



Modified Fixture on Display at
G-Building

4. Install well landscape lighting in the following areas:
 - a. Entry island on Gulf of Mexico Drive
 - b. Pool area
 - c. Buildings “G” and “N” according to the site plan (available for review from the Operating Committee).
 - d. Should the lighting installation in the first phase of this effort prove to be satisfactory, continue with the landscape lighting at other buildings on a phased basis.

As for cost, there are approximately 700 building lights, making the replacement estimate \$16,000.

The cost of landscape lighting will depend on the number of units installed and could range from \$30,000 to \$60,000, if the complete installation is authorized.

The committee recommended that the first three proposals be implemented initially. After the implications of this change is assessed, the placement and number of landscape lights can be better determined.

CARPORTS & TRASHBINS

The group that examined the design and condition of carports and trash bins included: **Joyce Mount, Ann Hanley, Barbara Stamp, Barbara Shelton, Rita Stormes, Rose Weingartner and Dave Lichtenstein**. Joyce reported at the Board meeting that the committee examined our own property, of course, but also travelled extensively to look at other installations.

“We explored improvement of the Carports at all levels - from complete replacement to minor cosmetic changes. Complete replacement would be a major undertaking. Our carports do not meet current code in many respects - height, distance from condos, post anchoring etc. An engineering design would be necessary, both for approval and costing. A rough guess would be in the order of \$500,000. As this was deemed an unlikely way to proceed, we focused more on alterations that could be characterized as ‘refurbishment/repair’.

“From an initial examination, it would appear that present [carport] roofs are satisfactory (roof replacement alone could run \$300,000). Roof attachment could be strengthened in several ways - additional fasteners, plates under screw heads, etc. This would be a relatively minor cost. Most of the posts appear satisfactory. Individual posts could be replaced for approximately \$200.00 (if required to be set in concrete, the cost would be more than double).

BUILDING MODERNIZATION COMMITTEE (CONT.)

“Beyond that, bracing could be added at post-to-beam connections where necessary. The bracing would be in aluminium with stainless steel fasteners. Approximate cost \$15,000.

“Given that enhanced curb appeal is a key element of this initiative (and various other committees working in parallel), some cost effective recommendations are:

Replace the current drain gutters with extended length "seamless gutters". Each would be 30/40 feet in length and eliminate the present colour miss-match, and out-of-trueness. Present 2" by 3" *downspouts* would be replaced by 3" by 4" size to ensure adequate flow. Finish would be a flat white and could be painted to match the building when that activity is launched. *Cost* approx. \$25,000. (\$15.00 per foot).

At the end of each building carport, construct a wall approximately 4 to 5 feet high with some landscaping. As a first priority, introduce this at the Office carport, which is prominently visible from GMD and to all in-coming visitors.

Add some form of lighting, both for appearance and safety, e.g., Carriage lamps on occasional posts. See Lighting Committee report.

As an immediate and short-term measure, straighten up the present gutters to the extent practical, and paint white; should last 2-3 years.

And surely we can replace the hand made building identification signs, with a professionally made variety. The plywood is delaminating and the paint is peeling! ! Many weatherproof types are available in the \$20 to \$30. range.”

MANSARD ROOFS

George Grunbeck reported at the Board Meeting on the possible options for dealing with the mansard roofs. Though a wide range of options are possible, the fact is this installation is now 17-years in place. The expected life is a minimum of 30 years, so with at least one-third of their useful life remaining, there is no compelling reason to make a change at this time. It was with this in mind that the group considering colours assumed there would be no change in the roof colour.

SOFFITS

It is likely that the soffits will require replacement. Currently they are white. Consideration is being given to a color that will blend better with the new building color.

Pitch & Putt (Continued from page 2)

RESULTS

Ladies' chipping:

1. **Marianne Baeckstrom**
2. **Sally Page**

Men's chipping:

1. **Bill Zeldis**
2. **Dick Dilgard**

Ladies' putting:

1. **Sally Casswell**
2. (3-way tie) **Joyce Albertis, Sally Page and Bing Watson**

Men's putting:

1. **George Devine**
2. **Dave Kee**

Winners and runners-up selected their reward from a table of prizes. The coveted Crushed Beer Can Award, for exceptional service, was presented to **Dave Noyes** (in absentia) by last year's recipient, **Joe Giusti**.

Kudos to the following who helped perpetuate an intriguing annual event: **Sue Troup**, official score keeper; **Hazel Conrad**, official photographer; **Pat Warner & Carol Williams**, refreshment hostess; also **Ed Davin, Dick Dilgard, Dave Kee, Pete Henry, Gordon Mount and Joe Sabella** who performed as judges and roustabouts.



New Year's Eve Hoedown

The Harbourettes of Longboat Harbour are pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring the New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 2004. The theme will be an "Old Fashioned Hoedown". So get out your blue jeans, denims, plaid shirts, bandanas, or whatever and be prepared to come and have a rip snortin' time!



Dance music, both square and regular will be provided by Michael Kanozay. **Pat Warner** will serve as Caller, and a sumptuous buffet will be provided by Patrick Henry. If you can walk, you can Square Dance and Pat will teach you some easy

ones as well as some circle dances, line dances, a Virginia Reel, maybe even a *Paul Jones*. In between there will be regular dancing and a Polka or two!

**So prepare to usher in the New Year -
"It's great to be alive in 2005!"**

"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use."

Charles M. Schulz



Anyone interested in forming/joining an LBH Chess Club please contact Jim Owen at 387-1335 after October 31st, 2004.

Interested parties will then be notified of a meeting date (to be determined) where membership guidelines, dues, meeting/match dates, etc., will be discussed."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Tentative Schedule for Next Season

Wed.	Sep. 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 30	Oktoberfest	6:00 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 4	Exec. Com. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 11	Veterans' Day Celebration	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 17	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 18	Rendezvous	
Fri.	Nov. 26	Fall Co-ed Golf Outing	8:30 a.m.
Sat.	Nov. 27	Deck the Hall	9:30 a.m.
Thur.	Dec. 2	Exec. Com. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 3	Lighting of Boats & Docks	5:00 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 3	Yacht Club Reception	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 15	Harbourettes Holiday Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Jan. 6	Exec. Com. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 11	Annual Meeting	7:30 p.m.
S or S.	Jan. 15/16	Meet Your Neighbour Party	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Jan. 20	Film Society	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 22	Change of Watch	6:00 p.m.
Thur.	Jan. 27	Bus Trip (Tampa Bay Downs)	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	Jan. 30	Super Bowl Party	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 13	Sweetheart Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wed.	Feb. 16	Harbourettes Fashion Show	12:00 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 17	Film Society	7:30 p.m.
Tue.	Feb. 22	Valentine Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Thur.	Feb. 24	Rendezvous	11:30 a.m.
S/S.	Feb. 26-27	Cocktail/Dinner Party/Dance	TBA
Sat.	Mar. 5	Boat Parade	2:00 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 10	Film Society	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 17	St. Pats Celebration	6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 20	Tennis Tournament (finals)	9:00 a.m.
Thur.	Mar. 24	Rendezvous	11:30 a.m.
Sat.	Mar. 26	Chip & Putt Golf Contest	10:00 a.m.
Thur.	Apr. 7	Owners Party on Pool Deck	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thur.	Apr. 21	Pizza Party at Beach House	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 25	Spring Co-ed Golf Outing	9:00 a.m.
Wed.	May 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Annual meeting, 2nd Monday in January.
Board Meetings, 3rd Wednesday in Month

Other Important Dates:

Easter: Sunday: March 27, 2005;

Passover: Sunday, April 24, 2005.

2004 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Longboat Harbour's fifth annual tennis tournament started on March 11th. Thirteen men participated on the men's side and eight women in the women's side. The format was a round robin tournament. Scores were earned on an individual basis and high scorers advanced to the next round.

Strong winds added some extra challenge to the games and after several rounds the following players emerged as the finalists:

Men: **Bob Adamsky, Joe Callahan, Al Fischbein and Bob Winter.**

Women: **Marianne Baeckstrom, Jeannie Gibson, Marcy Henrikson and Judy Kolbert.**

The finals were played on March 29th and the



Winners were:

Al Fischbein, Judy Kolbert (2nd), Marcy Henrikson (1st), and Bob Adamsky

The day after the finals, an exhibition game was played by the men's and women's winners. This was a regular mixed doubles game and not a battle of the sexes.

After the game an informal party was held outside B-Building to celebrate a successful tournament and to award the winners. **Joe Longtin** provided great music and partygoers brought goodies for all to enjoy.

The tennis committee in charge of the tournament and the party included: **Marianne Baeckstrom, Hal Henrikson, Gladys Henry, Bill Stieber and Bob Winter.**

Marianne Baeckstrom

PLAY READERS

END-OF-SEASON PARTY

Muriel Meyers, Chairman of the Board, CEO, Chief Inspiration and prime Mover and Shaker of PLAYREADERS opened the group's annual farewell with a review of the year's activities including the third biennial performance at the Recreation Hall in front of an enthusiastic audience of 109 Harbourites. Apart from her tireless search for appropriate material, Muriel was proud of PLAYREADERS' purchase of two directors' chairs and two sturdy script stands to improve, for our growing audience, the regular Monday night meetings from January through March.

With her expressed thanks to her Committee and to all the PLAYREADERS - participants and listeners alike - Muriel turned the 'stage' over to the participants who traditionally bring something of interest to present to the group. More often than not, that 'something' is humorous as expressed this year by **Manny Kurzberg, Herb Green, Jane Forstenzer, Jay Matloff, and Warren Conrad** among others. A three actor skit from the 1950s famous TV series 'THE BICKERSONS' was portrayed by the irrepressible **Pat Warner**, with **Joe Callahan and Bart Wassmansdorf**. On the more thoughtful side of serious drama, **Bill Zeldis** read from Arthur Miller's ALL MY SONS and **Muriel Zeldis** read from Edward Albee. **Tom and Mary Melican** read from a newspaper report about a legal decision in which the presiding judge read the judgement in RAP rhythm.

Jean and Bart Wassmansdorf assumed the responsibility for the elegant refreshments to please our regulars of all stripes: the No Carb Obsessives, the apple and peach pie addicts, fruit for the disciplined and macadamia nut cookies for the 'Oh, what the hell' self-gratifiers among us. The party enabled the Playreaders to do what everyone likes to do best: eat and socialize at the same time.

Mary Jane Myer

LBH MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Men's Club attendance is showing the usual spring departure of many members. From a high of 50 attendees two months ago, we had 30 on Apr. 14th. We will look forward to the return of the snowbirds next fall. This is the last regular club news of this season.

The trivia contest winner on Mar. 30th was **Milt Harr**. The questions related to the U.S. Constitution, i.e., what are the first three words



(We the People), where was the new U.S. Constitution museum (Philadelphia), when was it opened (July 4th 2003) and in what year was the Constitution established (1787)? Nobody qualified for second.

On April 6th, **Bart Wassmansdorf** came in first and **Milt Harr** was second by providing correct answers to the question, "What words are used in fancy hotels to identify (a) the person who will make special arrangements for guests (Concierge) and (b) the wine steward (Sommelier). Spelling counted.

One week later, the questions were more local in nature. Warren asked for the name of the dolphin in the open hallway at the club house ("Hubie"), the number of sit-down public restaurants on Longboat Key (21) and the current number of docks at LBH (56). The best answers were submitted by **Ed Davin**. (*For those who may have forgotten, the dolphin, "Hubie," was named after the two artists who created him, Ed Hulyk and Donna Birnbaum.*)

On April 14th he introduced his son, **Bruce Conrad**, a civil engineer specializing in bridge construction. He is nationally known and is widely traveled since he is in demand as a consultant on bridge work. (Some of our dentists said they, too, were involved in bridge work.)

The Men's Club officers deserve a BIG thank you

SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS ABUSED

It has come to my attention that there is, apparently, a lack of understanding concerning our beautiful, recently resurfaced shuffleboard courts located behind the Rec. Hall near the main swimming pool.



The waxed playing surface should NOT be tread upon. In plain language: walking on the courts is a no-no! Shufflers, and others, should not walk on the "greens." Rather, they should walk along the gutter troughs alongside each court. *Walking is permitted only in the box behind the "kitchen" (the minus-10 section). That is where the discs are pushed into play.*

When retrieving wayward discs, players should use the handle end of their cues, which have rubber crutch-tips, to prevent damage to cues or the court surface.

Many hours were spent upgrading our four courts. Please abide by the above common sense rules of decorum and ensure your family, guest and renter are aware of the rules.

*Warren Conrad
Recreation Committee Chairman*

Men's Club Officers:

President **Bill Holland**
 Vice President **Joe Callahan**
 Treasurer **Jack Levy**
 Asst. Treasurer **Bill Shelton**
 Asst. Treasurer **Dave Noyes**
 Sunshine Chair **Dave Kee**
 Program Chairman ... **Warren Conrad**

Until next fall, aloha!

*Dick Dilgard,
Men's Club Scribe*

Yacht Club

Message from the Commodore

Abundant good weather and good cheer shed sunshine and smiles at our final social event of the season -- The Christening of the Floating Dock -- followed by a catered reception and cocktail party for 100 guests in the club house. **Lou Longo** broke a bottle of champagne over the dock which was christened Longo's Landing in honor of our Dockmaster **Mark Longo**.



Through Mark's efforts, the floating dock has become a reality.

I would like to thank both Vice Commodore

Ken Comeforo as well as **Bob Winter** for their help setting up the club house for the party and putting it back together afterwards. Thanks also to **Joe Longtin** for the music. And as ever, thanks to my husband **John** who is always at my side with help and encouragement.

Cost and Benefits

The Yacht Club takes great pleasure in sponsoring and underwriting a variety of social events for members, associate members and the community. For example:

The Lighting of the Boats and Docks: actual cost **\$500.00**; cost to members, associate members and residents, **\$0.00**

The Change of Watch Dinner Dance at the Bird Key Yacht Club: actual cost **\$65.00** per person; cost to members and associate members, **\$45.00** per person.

The Luncheon Cruise on the Marina Jack II: actual cost, \$29.00 per person; cost to members and associate members, **\$25.00** per person.

The Parade of Boats: actual cost **\$500.00**; cost to members, associate members and residents, **\$0.00**

The Christening Reception and Cocktail Party: actual cost **\$20.00** per person; cost to members and associate members, \$0.00

Dues at Work

Some community members may wonder in what other ways are the dues and dockage fees used. All repair and maintenance of the docks and many special boating related projects (fish cleaning stations, observation docks, etc.) are funded from the dues boat owners pay for the use of a dock. We also have an emergency fund for channel dredging, if that becomes necessary.



If you look at other condominiums in the area with docks, you will notice that the docks are often in poor repair, detracting from the appearance of the entire community. The care the Yacht Club takes of the docks and boating facilities enhances the overall look of Longboat Harbour thereby increasing all our property values. During the last three years, the Yacht club has spent over \$20,000 on the maintenance and repair of docks and boating facilities.

Social Calendar

Our Executive Board and members work hard to plan and host events we hope our members and the community will enjoy. All one has to do is sign up, show up and enjoy your dues at work!

We look forward to another season of interesting, fun filled events when we return in the Fall. Our first Rendezvous of the winter season will be a luncheon at the Lido Holiday Inn on Thursday, November 18. We hope you will join us. In the meantime, travel safely and be well until we meet again.

*Mary Bock,
Commodore*

Fourth Annual Owners' Party

With air temperature in the low seventies, a cloudless sky and low humidity, two-hundred-twenty Longboat Harbour residents enjoyed ideal weather conditions at the 4th Annual Owners' Party on the Pool Deck, Thursday, April 8th. Old Sol behaved predictably by dipping behind our Rec Hall in his daily journey westward as the party started at 6:30 p.m. Music by the Bill Millner Trio soothed the psyches of the owners while lining up for the mandatory name tags at the admissions table. In a flash, the tapped beer kegs spewed forth their innards resulting in foamy pitchers of cold brew. Meanwhile, ambidextrous wine and punch pourers hustled to comply with frantic requests. Soon, collective thirsts were partly sated and the cocktail portion of the party was at hand. Intense conversation took over. Everyone had soooo much to talk about with long, lost (?) friends even though in so many cases they had been in contact with these friends on a daily basis all season long.

At 7:05 p.m., the house lights dimmed and the drums rolled. It was ceremony time.

Emcee **Warren Conrad** was at the mike to credit party workers and cite the outstanding achievements of this year's Service Award honouree. New LHOA president **Hank Airth** presented the coveted award to **Mary Jane Meyer**, a most worthy recipient.



Then, awards chairman, **Bill Holland**, presented Hank with a plaque listing previous award winners. This plaque is to be hung in an appropriate place in the clubhouse.

After Annie Curnow, Observer reporter, snapped the requisite photos of presenters and honouree, caterer Patrick Henry and his staff took over. All food and drink was served at various stations on the swimming pool deck. Six chafing dishes housed hot hors d'oeuvres at station one. Half the pool length away was station two where a beef brisket was carved.

The fruit and brownie station was around the corner. There was ample quantities of the delectables.

With thirst partly quenched and hunger pangs quelled, dancing became the main choice. Various musical styles filled the night air with an enticing beat. Young and the almost-young tripped the light fantastic using mod and traditional dance steps as the beat went on. At 9:30 p.m., the witching hour, survivors, eighty strong, joined hands and formed a huge circle while singing "God Bless America," a fitting climax to an enjoyable occasion. Then, in twenty winks, cleanup captain **Gordon Mount** and his vigorous helpers transfixed the area into its pre-party elegance. Amazin'!

CREDITS

Admissions: Manny & Marcia Kurzberg; Decorations: Bill Shelton & Joe Longtin; Music: Barb Shelton; Caterer: Gladys Henry & Barb Shelton; Beer kegs: Bill Holland, Bob Winter & Joe Longtin; Wine: Bill Shelton & Joe Callahan; Punch bowls: Pat Marschke, Janet Davin; Awards: Bill Holland, Barbara Hulyk & Joe Callahan; Cleanup: Gord Mount.

Warren Conrad

Manager Leaving

Leanne Tilton, manager of the Association for the last six years, will be leaving for personal reasons. She announced her intention to resign within the next few months at the April Board Meeting. In speaking to the Owners, she said she had "come to know and respect many of the people who reside here." Especially significant, she said, was the spirit of involvement and the camaraderie in this community.

She paid compliments to the hard working volunteer leadership and teamwork that makes Longboat Harbour a special place.

Her remarks ended with appreciation and thanks "for making this time in my life a very special and rewarding one."

Spring Co-ed Golf Outing

Longboat Harbour's Sixth Annual Spring Golf Outing Scramble was held April 16th at the Bobby Jones Club. The 18-hole "Best-Ball" tourney drew 24 participants. Naturally, the weather was wonderful, the course in good shape and the company delightful.

Prizewinners were:

Longest Drive:

Women - Shirley Lutz
Men - Bryan Kabara

Lowest Net Team (69):

Bryan Kabara
Betty Kabara
Joyce Albertis
Bill Holland

Runner UP – 1 (77)

Gary Aubry
Barbara Shelton
Sally Page
Paul Carnese

Runner UP 2: (82)

Joe Longtin
John Troup
Ken Comeforo
Bob Winter

Closest to the Pin:

Women – Betty Kabara
Men – Joe Callahan

Other Participants:

Group 4

Dick Cyr
Mike McNeill
Bart Wassmansdorf
Joe Callahan

Group 5

Shirley Atlas
Shirley Lutz
Sally Caswell
Bob Lutz

Group 6

Ed Davin
Jan Davin
Mary Bock
John Bock

Pizza Party

It was a gorgeous warm and sunny evening. It was our annual Longboat Harbour Pizza Party. As we entered the beach parking lot we were greeted by the admissions committee, **Manny and Marcia Kurzburg** and **Phyllis Kee**. All one hundred and twenty who attended were given name tags.

Forty delicious pizza pies were delivered by Cuzins of Whitney Beach. The servers were, **John Bock, Bob Winter, Ken Comerforo and Ted Ford**. Along with the pizza, we had a great salad made and served by **Barbara Shelton, Gladys Henry, Jean Wassmansdorf, Jan Davin, Madelyn Rafferty, and Rita Storm**. Our beer barons, **Dave Kee and Ed Davin** were on hand and very busy. The soda pop dispensers were **Charlie Schnell and George Grunbeck**. and wine stewards were **Bill Shelton and Alex Malone**. Thanks to the iceman **Bill Holland**, all the beverages were kept very cold. We ate, drank and listened to music provided by our own **Joe Longtin**.

A beautiful sunset topped off another successful pizza party. Many thanks to **Joe Callahan** our man Friday, **Marcia Kurzburg** our treasurer, and to our clean up committee, **Fred Fillmore, Bob Winter, John Bock, Bill Shelton, Charlie Schnell, Ted Ford, Ken Comeforo, Harris Barber and Stan Zinc**.

Apologies to anyone I inadvertently overlooked who contributed to making our evening a successful event.

Special thanks to our Recreational Committee Chairman **Warren Conrad** for making the arrangements and purchasing all the supplies and for all your hard work.

Mary Harb

Toilets



A couple more of the old toilets have cracked and flooded owner's unit as well as damaging the units below. If your toilets are original to the unit, please consider replacing them as soon as possible. The actual cost for replacement is quite reasonable compared with the aggravation of dealing with an insurance claim and having to pay the deductible.

Last Will and Testament:

Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.

We wish to thank all of our friends at Longboat Harbour for your kind expressions of sympathy for the loss of my brother Mark Owen. We were deeply touched by your friendship and support.

Jim and Tess Owen

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The Gitzen Family wishes to acknowledge the kind expression of sympathy shown by our friends at Longboat Harbour on the loss of our beloved Gerry.

Sincerely,
Hank, John and Bob

It is with regret that we report the passing of Arnold Friedman, who succumbed to complications from cancer soon after returning home in April.



Many people help to bring the *INFO* to you. The names of many of them appear with articles they have contributed. To them and to those who help in other ways, we extend out thanks.

Jean and Bart Wassmansdorf,
Editors