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On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the property owners who attended the informational meetings on the proposed addition to the Pink Palace amenity center. Your suggestions, comments and encouragement were most appreciated. I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Master Association approved the plan at their meeting on January 20.

The next step in the process is to finalize the building plans, sign the contracts and get the required permits for construction. A construction oversight committee, comprised of property owners, will monitor the progress and make every attempt to minimize disturbance to our existing amenities.

This project will address many of the needs requested by property owners including:

- Additional meeting rooms ( three on floor level)
- Additional parking (twice as many parking spots)
- Additional fitness room equipment
- Larger fitness room
- Indoor spa and sauna
- An all purpose room with flooring suitable for aerobic activity
- Covered porch for shaded seating

It is anticipated that construction will be completed by the fall. As always, we will keep you informed of the progress through the Sea Trailer and our web site.

— *Bill Metkiff, President Master Association Board of Directors*

## Communications Committee

### Sea Trail Directory

It is again time for everyone to check their current directory listing on the web site. From the Home Page use the left side menu bar and click on *Owner Directory*. You will need to log into this protected area with your user name and password. Once logged in click on *Enter Protected Area* and then on *Member Directory* option. If you do not have the current username and password, you may have to apply for one to access this area. The information in your on line listing will be used to generate the printed edition of the 2010 Owner Directory. Deadline for any changes to your information is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please notify

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# MASTER ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Debra Bordeaux at dbordeaux@seatrail.com or call her at 910-287-1192 with any corrections or additions. Remember, if you do not have your e-mail address listed you are missing out on the periodic Broadcast e-mails sent out by the Master Association on topics of interest at Sea Trail.

## Attention Dog Walkers

The Communications Committee has been asked to remind all you pet owners out there: **Please** clean up after your pets. We've had a few complaints of dog owners leaving their dogs' "deposits" on the street and grass. This applies as well for those who walk their dogs in vacant lots. We respectfully ask you to clean up after your dogs no matter where they go. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

— Donna Piatek, Communications Chair

## Facilities Committee

I want to thank all of my committee members for their great effort to assume the issues of the Facilities Committee, as I recover from my knee surgery. By the time you read this, the Chapel will have a new paint job, the bathrooms at the Pink Palace will also have been painted, and new sink faucets, and wall mirrors, will be in place in both Pink Palace baths. Let me also thank our incredible Decorating Committee, and ALL of the super volunteers that helped decorate our buildings for the holidays. Priscilla and John Donaldson do such a great job every year. Thank you all. Please remember, as we enter our new year, that use of the Pink Palace and the MAC must still be arranged through Jennie Gregory (579-0418) and jjgregnc@atmc.net. You need to inform Jennie of any changes in times of use and/or cancellations, so we can keep the buildings available to as many members as possible. Let's all look forward to a new, great summer season here at Sea Trail.

— Day Kreuzberg, Facilities Chair

## Access Committee

The Access Committee has received approval, from the Master Association board, for the beach parking lot access control project. We are working with all the contractors and Sunset Beach building department to start the conversion the first week of February. Some grading and trenching will be required to position the entry on 1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue. Once the land is ready we will install a four foot high fence similar to the fencing around the tennis court. A four foot wide pedestrian exit will be provided on each end of the lot. After the fencing is completed a cement pad, electrical connections and power gate will be installed. The gate is a barrier arm similar to the ones used at airport parking lots. Finally the ADT card access reader will be added to complete the project. We would like to have the lot secured by mid-March. This will be well in advance of the new bridge. During construction, we ask that you be careful where you park your vehicle in the lot. There may also be times when access to the lot will be unavailable. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

The board also approved the hours of operation for the lot. Entry to the lot, via your facilities access card, will be permitted between 6 AM and 10 PM every day. Overnight parking will not be permitted. Remember we will be changing the entry point for the beach parking lot. Once the fence installation is completed, access can only be gained from 1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue. This is the street that runs behind the shops on the beach. Exit from the lot will be controlled by a car sensor. When a car is sensed, the barrier arm will lift to allow a single car to exit.

Access Committee members are Jim Cech, Bob Clark, Ron Cybyske, Steve Esakov, Walter Marsh, Tom Pickel, and Neil Weiss. Any questions or concerns about Card Access or the beach project should be directed to any of the above individuals.

— Ron Cybyske

## Property Owners Changes and Additions

### Changes

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Phoenix, AZ 85054  
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Cell number (Joanne): 414-477-8384

Arthur & Nancy Cassill  
620 Eastwood Park Rd  
New Home address:  
7626 McCrimmon Pkwy  
Cary, NC 27519

James & Jackie Stokes  
Lot 42 Kings Trail  
New Home address:  
14 Ridgebriar Lane  
Newnan, GA 30265

Gary Greis  
131-1 Rice Mill Circle  
New Home address:  
2288 Lakes of Melbourne Dr  
Melbourne, FL 32904  
321-952-7333

Barbara Yassar & Patricia Young  
New Primary address:  
142 Avian Dr Unit 3910  
Champions

James & Mary Sweeney  
Lot 50 Brookwood Park  
New Home address:  
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Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
973-697-9256

Robert & Joan Brunner  
1189 Kingsmill Ct.  
New Home address:  
180 Flager Lane Unit 24  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

John & Joanne Midgley  
518 Fairway Dr West  
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1235 W. Laurenwood Way  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129  
303-726-9217  
Jmidg1@q.com

### New Owners

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24 Gladwyn Drive  
Oceanview, NJ 08230

Kenneth & Mary Lou Dunbar  
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910-579-6198

Lyn Costner & Debbie Isley  
613 Deacon Court  
910-579-7683  
Lyn.costner@gmail.com

# Clubs and Activities

## Bridge

### Thursday Ladies

Winners for January 7 were Becky Brown, Judy Pusey, Judie Perna.

Winners for January 14 were Joanna Brawley, Mary Fox, Judy Pusey, Betty Hewel. Lillian Hugelmeyer & Ruth Maurer bid and made a slam.

Winners for January 21 were Sue Copley, Judie Perna, Kay Roberts.

Co-ordinaters for Feb. are Judy Pusey and Phyllis Manfred.

### Couples

Winners for January were:

East-West: Dian and Tom Robbins; Pat and Len Steiner

North-South: Carol and Marv Peters' Nerina and Rudy Cilento

February couples bridge will meet on Friday February 12th. Judy and Don Pusey will host and anyone wishing to play can contact them at 575-7848.

## Tai Chi

Tai chi at the MAC on Thursday, February 11, 18, 25 from 3.00 to 4.30 p.m., and on Friday, February 12, 19, 26 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. (No class on February 4 and 5.) Tai Chi classes are at no cost.

— *Michele Lupien*

## Pinochle

We meet at the Pink Palace every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We play double-deck and we are a friendly, patient group. If you would like to just come and "observe" for an evening, you are certainly welcome to do so. Couples and singles are invited. Questions, please call Loraine and Frank Kish at 575-2440

## Garden Club

Mark your calendars, the March Tea will be held on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Jones Byrd Clubhouse. More details to follow.

Monetary donations will be accepted at the February meeting to purchase power stats. These are credit cards that can be used for electric bills and will be donated to BFA.

President Kate Goodrich called the 207<sup>th</sup> meeting to order on January 12, 2010. She thanked all those who were involved in the successful planning and execution of the December Make It Bake It. This event raised over \$12,000 which will be used for charities and scholarships.

A Power Point presentation was given by Denise Mihal, President and CEO of Brunswick Community Hospital. She informed membership of the hospital's new facility to open in 2011 and of its medical programs.

As of January 12<sup>th</sup> the treasury holds \$19,383.65.

The new member coffee is being held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the home of Barbara Kuhler. Invitations have been sent out to those ladies who joined in 2009 to the present.

The nominating committee consisting of Cheryl Campbell, Jo Ann Barton and Alice Stovin will present the new slate of officers at the February meeting. The new officers will be installed at the March Tea.

A motion was carried to raise the annual dues to \$25. The dues are due by February 28. Make checks out to Sea Trail Garden Club and given to Pat Booth.

The March Tea will be a celebration for Garden Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Those interested in helping are invited to attend the board meeting being held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the home of President Kate.

The 207<sup>th</sup> meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

— *Joyce M. Hellmann, Secretary*

# Clubs and Activities (cont.)

## Granny's Closet

Granny's Closet is a list of items that are held by individuals who are willing to lend them to us when we have a need for them, cribs, high chairs, and medical items, crutches or a walker. Please call the following if you need anything from Granny's Closet: Eileen Chamberlain, 579-3111, Priscilla Donaldson 575-2270, or Anita Clark 575-1049. Eileen Chamberlain is coordinator of these items and if you have something you would like to include or delete from Granny's Closet, please call her.

## Sea Trail Grandmas

Service project for making clothes for premature babies and new born. We meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at the Pink Palace from 9:15 am to 11:30 am. Come to join us or call Michele Lupien 579-8470.

Knitting and crochet offer long-term health benefits "New studies show that repetitive needlework like knitting and crochet prevent and manage stress, pain and depression, which in turn strengthens the body's immune system. Repetitive movements of knitting activate the same areas in the brain as meditation and yoga...." For more information's go at: <http://compassioknit.com/about.html>. You could then knit or crochet for yourself, for your loved ones and even make a few new born hats to donate to the newborn babies at Brunswick Community Hospital. You can find easy patterns at: [www.seatrailgrandmas.blogspot.com](http://www.seatrailgrandmas.blogspot.com)

If you would like to learn how to knit, please call for a free knitting lesson: Michele Lupien [michelebruno@atmc.net](mailto:michelebruno@atmc.net).

## Mah Jongg

In November Barbara Cunningham and Janine Coakley started a Mah Jongg group for players who wanted to play late in the afternoon and they would like to invite all Mah Jongg players to join them on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Maples Activity Center for a few hours of Mah Jongg. You just need to show up whenever you're available!



## Sea Horse Book Club

Our selection for February 2<sup>nd</sup> is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The rich characters in this novel will take center stage in the discussion. This meeting will be at the Pink Palace starting at 3:30. For March, we will be reading *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy. April's selection is *Testimony* by Anita Shreve.



If you enjoy reading and sharing your ideas, consider joining our lively group. You will not be disappointed. Contact Joyce Hellmann at [jmhellmann@atmc.net](mailto:jmhellmann@atmc.net) or 579-0273. Happy Reading!

## Food Committee

With February being 'the month of love,' Sea Trail is having a Valentine's Romantic Dinner on Friday, February 12 in Magnolias Restaurant. There will be two seating's, one at 5:00 PM and the other at 7:00 PM. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 287-1163. The deadline for reservations is Monday, February 8, by close of business.

The dinner is set to include the following: a full salad bar; a carving station with tenderloin of beef served with the appropriate condiments; grilled chicken breast with champagne cream sauce; sautéed Haricot Verts with brown butter; roasted baby carrots with honey-dill glaze; whipped potatoes with caramelized shallots and gorgonzola; lobster mac n' cheese; and an assortment of desserts to include triple chocolate torte and key lime crème Brule cheesecake, just to name a few.

Champagne will be served with dinner. The cost for this fantastic meal is only \$50.00 per couple and this price INCLUDES tax and gratuity. Price for a single is \$25.00.

Why not plan on surprising that special someone by making a reservation for this wonderful feast planned by our own Sea Trail Chefs. I wish everyone a very happy Valentine's Day.

— Diane Kreuzburg

# Clubs and Activities *(cont.)*

## TGIF

Accolades to the Hills and the Suttons in providing us with another fun-filled evening at the 4th Annual Worst Gift Exchange. In addition to the laughter-filled exchanging of gifts, the evening was enhanced with a declaration of love, and the recognition of two birthdays. The palm tree returned, what will be back next year?

There was a unanimous expression of hope that Pat and Flo will return as mistresses of ceremony for their fifth year.

TGIF gathers the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the Pink Palace from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Bring an appetizer to share and join your Sea Trail neighbors for an evening of conversation and some of your byob. Who knows what surprises are in store.

February's TGIF will be hosted by:

February 5 Jack and Cheri Lambert  
Mike and Cheryl Campbell

February 19 Wayne and Sue Cole  
Dick and Kathleen Barthelme

Please join us at the Pink Palace for an informal evening of good cheer with both current and new friends and neighbors of our Sea Trail community.

— *John and Jo Ann Barton*

## March Dining Around

Hosted by Betsy/Don Slover and Fran/Bill Metkiff on March 1 at Villa Mare Italian Restaurant in Myrtle Beach just 5 minutes from the International Dr. exit of the bypass at 4999 Carolina Forest Blvd.

Cocktail hour at 5:30pm features \$1 off glasses of wine and happy hour pricing on bottles of beer. Snacks will be served.

Dinner at 6:30pm. Entrees include vegetable soup, salad with house dressing, bread and dessert.

Entree Choices:

- Lasagna with a meatball.
- Veal Marsala w/side of pasta marinara.
- Chicken Romano parmesan egg battered w/ white
- wine and lemon sauce w/side of pasta marinara.
- Potato Crusted Grouper w/side of special Villa Mare pasta marinara (tomato, mushrooms and scallions).

Pitchers of water, sweet and unsweetened tea will be on the tables. Soft drinks also included if requested. Dessert is Tiramisu, coffee or tea.

Price is \$30pp. Please make check out to Fran Metkiff and write your entree choices on the check. Deadline is February 21st. There will be a collection basket on our front porch at 649 Kings Ct.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on March 1st.

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Submission format: no bold, italicize, underline, centering, exclamation points or all caps (even in titles). Arial font, 12 point, black; all text and titles flush left.

**Deadline for all submissions: 22nd of the month**

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Tom Plankers-President of Golf	1152
Matt Owens- Director of Golf. Maint.	2140
Jones/Byrd Golf Shop	1122
Maples Golf Shop	1125
Magnolias Lounge	1119
Brassies Pub - 210 Clubhouse Road	1385

# Clubs and Activities *(cont.)*

## Sea Trail Prayer Support Circle

By now we have made our New Year's resolutions, turned the corner into a new decade, and are now thinking about upcoming events in February. For romantics, that would be February 14th, Valentine's Day. A card, phone call or gift is a reminder of their love. Webster's dictionary gives the meaning of love as 'cherish or hold dear,' but the greatest love of all is God's love! It is endless - all around us! We hope none of us ever forget He is there for us, all the time.

If you have problems, talk to Him and tell Him your fears, needs, your good days and the bad ones too. You will feel so much better, and you know He hears you, so pray daily and see the difference for yourself.

The prayer circle is available for requests, and we will pray for you as well. Just contact one of us. Some members are listed below. Confidentiality assured.

God's Peace,  
Sea Trail Prayer Support Circle

Marge Gallop,	Oyster Bay,	579-7676
Myrt & Ron Klein	Oyster Pointe	579-1354
Gloria Lee	Osprey Ct.	579-0949
Carol Marchell	Rice Mill	579-9561
JoAnn Jenkins	Sugar Sands	579-5973
Rosemary Walker	SS	579-9709

## Non-Denominational Bible Study

I was blessed today to hear a sermon based mostly on the Book of Psalms, in the Bible. It focused on the attributes of God that provide for our every need. It spoke especially to me, I believe, because our Bible Study group is now using NBS's guide book entitled Psalms & Proverbs. Even though we are only on the 3rd Discussion, we are all encouraged by the honesty of the psalmists communicating with God in such a personal way, as they pour out their true feelings, ask for help and praise and worship Him. I was reminded of a statement I have recently read in the devotional "God Alone", by Joanie Yoder. "Just pray that I will know more of Christ, because through Him I receive all things". What a powerful thought and how true it is! The only way to know more of Christ is by reading and meditating on God's Word to us in the Bible. To do this with others, also seeking to know more of God, opens our hearts and minds to an increased and deeper understanding of Him.

To find the encouragement, comfort, hope and joy that can be found only in God's Word to us, come and study the Bible in a comfortable and non-threatening way. Join one of the study groups here in Sea Trail, meeting on different days and nights of the week and at different times.

For more information or to join a group, call Ann Otten @ 579-5239.

# Golf

## Bagdrop

Our winter weather has not been kind to golfers this January. We completed our first regular game for the new year on January 20. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather will be a little more forgiving in the future.

Speaking of the future, at this time we do not have enough tournament coordinators signed up for 2010. We need two ladies to sign up and be responsible for pairings in July and December. We also need one other individual to sign up for November.

Our special tournaments also need coordinators. We need coordinators for the Charm Tournament to be held on April 19 and 21. We need three or more coordinators for the Member-Guest Tournament on June 23 and two ladies for the Member-Member Tournament on September 15 and 16. Also, the annual Halloween Tournament with STMGA being held on October 27 needs coordinators. Since this article is being written prior to our first meeting on January 26, it is possible that many or all of these spots will be filled. If not, hopefully some of our members will step up and help complete the schedule.

Pairing coordinators for the month of February are Judy Pusey at 575-7848 and Janet Jacobson at 579-8650. Stay warm!  
— *Kathy Ivey, Publicity*

## Lady Niners

Pairings for February: Pam Hardie (575-4542) and Jan McComb (575-4940). Sign up on line or at the J/B Clubhouse by Monday noon. If you don't have a computer, put your phone number next to your name on the sign-up sheet. If for any reason you have to cancel call the clubhouse and either Pam or Jan.

Pairings for the February 21st Couples Golf are Inger Dickson (579-3246) and Cathy Meyersohn (575-5870). Sign-up will be posted at the J/B Clubhouse. If you are a single find a partner, either male or female and come out and have some fun. If you need to cancel, please call the clubhouse and either Inger or Cathy.

Slick Chicks: Coordinator is JoAnn Abrams (575-4493). We play every Tuesday. Sign-up by noon Saturday at the J/B Clubhouse.

Reminder: Our 1st Meeting/Luncheon for 2010 is Wednesday, Feb. 3rd at the Pink Palace at 11:00 am. Diane Kreuzburg should have received your \$7.00 check and reservation by this time. If you have not reserved your space please call Diane (579-4333) to see if she can accommodate you.

— *Anita Clark/Publicity*

## Information Exchange Meeting

When: February 4, 2010 at 7 pm  
Where: The Pink Palace

Our featured speaker will be Mr. Gary Parker, Sunset Beach Town Administrator

Gary has requested an opportunity to meet with Sea Trail residents to discuss the Town Council's consideration of the purchase of a five acre waterfront tract of land near Twin Lakes restaurant. He will present the initial conceptual design of the tract the town is considering for a park.

Mr. Parker would like to share information about the proposed project and would like to hear your thoughts. In addition, following the discussion of the proposed project, Gary has indicated a willingness to answer questions on other matters of interest to you.

Following the formal presentation the floor will be open to allow you the property owners a chance to communicate information or questions on any topic of community interest.

— *Lou De Vita*

# Thank You



Many thanks to our Sea Trail friends for your encouraging cards, wonderful meals, thoughtful expressions of care, concern and prayers during my recent heart surgery. All of the above has helped Dave too, as he has been the best care giver and encourager anyone could ask for. Your many Christmas cookies and goodies helped make our Holidays festive.

With sincere appreciation, *Joann Jenkins*

Words can hardly express our gratitude to everyone here at Sea Trail who supported us in our time of sorrow at the passing of Bob's Dad. It was truly overwhelming to have food delivered to our home and condominiums and extra rooms offered to house our family. It took our breath away to walk into the MAC to find the room filled with friends and food that had been set-up and delivered by so many of you. Friends and family from "up North" worried that we would be so lonely during this time but instead we have been constantly surrounded by the love and support of all of you. Thank you so very, very much!

*Bob and Barb Cunningham*

Thank You to all these wonderful friends in Sea Trail. What a great place to live. Since my knee surgery, many friends showed up and have taken down all of our Christmas Decorations. We have also had many wonderful deliveries of dinners. We have had many more offers of assistance than we could ever think of something that needed to be done. Thank all of you who are so wonderful. Like I said, what a great place to live.

*Day Kreuzburg*

Barb and I would like to thank our Sea Trail family for the cards, visits, phone calls and food after my recent surgery. When we are down you are there to pick us up, what a great community we live in. God Bless.

*Art and Barb Bowden*

Many thanks to all our friends and neighbors for your prayers, phone calls, cards, meals and visits. The three months I have been ill has certainly been more tolerable thanks to your caring, generosity and kindness.

*Marilyn Perry*



## Our New Arrival

Chalk it up to one of the hazards of interviewing people about their pets: we've adopted another Boston Terrier at our house. You may recall that last month, we featured the foster care programs for dogs, and spotlighted the foster care provided by Charlene and Allen Doolittle. Their Good Samaritan efforts led to them keeping one of the little Yorkies that they fostered, and now they enjoy the antics of two dogs scampering around their home. When we were at the Doolittles,' interviewing and photographing, I happened to mention how much we love our Boston Terrier. However, we share him with a friend, and over the six years that this arrangement has been working so well, we've both noticed that when Spanky is at our house, his "other owner" misses him, and when Spank's at his other house, we miss him. So, between the two homes, we were "one BT short."

At the end of the interview, Charlene helpfully mentioned the petfinders.com website. She quickly brought it up on her laptop, just to demonstrate how it worked. Deftly, she entered in the information about what we were looking for: type of animal, breed, gender, age, and lastly, our zip code. Up popped a lengthy list of Boston Terriers located in various shelters in either South or North Carolina. "Here," she said. "Look at this one." Charlene clicked on the listing, and up popped an endearing photograph of a little Boston Terrier, looking appealingly at the camera, with the bulging bright eyes that are distinctive to the breed. His look said plaintively, "Well, what are you waiting for? Come and get me!"

Leon was already loading his camera equipment into the car. "Oh, no. Not right now," I hastened to explain to Charlene. We were scheduled to leave in a week to take our granddaughter to Disney World. Then, after that were the holidays. This idea would have to wait. I thanked her for showing me the website, and we said our good-byes.

The month of December was busy with holiday activities. We enjoyed our week in Disney World with 7-year old Katie. Then there were all the holiday get-togethers. Next, we left to celebrate the last week of the year in a mountain cabin outside of Asheville. There, on Christmas day, we talked about the possibility of adding another "BT" to our family. I dragged out the laptop and logged on to petfinders.com. I re-entered our search parameters, showing Leon what Charlene had shown me, and how easy the site was to use. Up popped the photos of the Boston Terriers anxiously seeking homes . . . and, their looks were just as plaintive as ever!

Leon was more reticent than I was. "Why would anyone give up a perfectly good dog?" he wondered. "Maybe he destroys furniture . . . there must be a reason."

"Well, we won't know until we ask," I replied, clicking on the place to communicate with the shelter that was in Charleston, SC. The Boston Terrier that they had for adoption was named, appropriately, "Tuxedo." I received an e-mail response fairly quickly from the shelter, explaining that Tux's owner had given him up when she'd gotten married and moved. Still, it hardly seemed like a good reason for relinquishing a loyal friend. Undeterred, I completed the online application.

By the time we were home, the shelter had responded. Our application looked "good." They requested a bit more information, and permission to contact our vet and "check references." Excitedly, I provided the information. Tux was being fostered in a home with several other dogs outside of Charleston. Like many rescue organizations, the Lowcountry Animal Rescue does not have a physical structure to house the animals that are donated to them. They have to rely on people to open their homes and care for the cats and dogs until someone offers to adopt them. They were having an adoption event in North Charleston the following Saturday, and we were invited to meet Tux.

We agreed to drive to North Charleston and also to bring Spanky and his “other Dad.” We explained our joint ownership arrangement, and also said that it would be important for all three humans and Spanky to get along with Tux, and for Tux to similarly get along with all of us. It seemed like a tall order, however, the shelter staff agreed to give it a try.

We made the trip. Tux’s foster mom brought him to adoption event in a local pet store so that all could meet on “neutral territory.” It was a bitter cold day, so the pet store allowed us to take both dogs to the back of their store, where there was lots of open space for the dogs to check each other out, and still be away from the noise and activity that the adoption fair was generating. Both dogs sniffed each other. Tux was much smaller than Spanky, although he was a year older. Neither seemed to be bothered by the other. We spent over an hour, playing with both dogs, and getting to know Tux. We all agreed that the adoption was a “go.” We completed some paperwork, made a donation to the shelter, and were given Tux’s up-to-date rabies and medical records. They inserted a microchip so that if Tux ever got lost, any veterinarian could scan him and find his owner. We happily bundled Tux and Spanky into the car for the drive home.

While we were waiting for Tux’s chip to be inserted, and the paperwork to be gathered, we were glad to see many people at the adoption event. We learned that Lowcountry Rescue has adoption events at the local PetSmart and SuperPetz stores almost every Saturday. We were surprised that, only two weeks after Christmas, there were so many people there willing to adopt. We saw over a dozen dogs, 3 large and the rest small, adopted in the 2.5 hours that we were onsite. While I was signing some forms, the agency’s founder, a woman named Joy, took a call on her cell. At first she thought that the caller was following up on the fates of some dogs he’d previously “donated.” I heard her tell him that, fortunately, in the past 2 weeks, “all six” had been adopted. However, the caller surprised Joy by telling her he was donating another 17 dogs, and would be bringing them by that day, and that, “if she couldn’t handle them, he was dumping them.” The call turned out to be from a breeder of dachshunds. The woman in line behind me overheard the same conversation. When Joy got off the phone, the woman said, “Aren’t there laws about this kind of thing?” Joy explained that there probably are such laws, but “if we tried to enforce them, these people wouldn’t even call us. They’d simply abandon the dogs in nearby woods and fields.” Then she called one of the volunteers over and told her to start calling in all the volunteers at home who were available to come in, to help process the 17 dogs, which would be arriving in 45 minutes.

So, for all that they’d successfully adopted out that day, they still went back with more than they came. Later, I received an e-mail from Tux’s foster mom, asking how he was doing. I was pleased to report how well Tux was fitting in to his new family, and how happy he was. She replied that, after Tux left that day, she ended up taking home three more dogs to foster: two of the dachshunds that were ‘donated’ and a Chihuahua.

So, for Tux, January 9 was a happy day. He found two warm homes with people and another dog, all of whom love him. For 17 dachshunds, the foster process was just beginning. And for the foster caregivers, “one step forward, and two back.” (Looking to give a good home to a needy dachshund? Check [petfinders.com](http://petfinders.com))



Spanky and Tux

# Special Events

This column will feature articles on upcoming events sponsored by non-profit organizations that provide benefits and services to our community. All articles must be submitted by an STMA member who is involved with the event. The article must meet the following criteria:

1. The article must be short, one or two paragraphs.
2. Fees or donations may be mentioned.
3. No forms or tear-offs.
4. The name of the STMA member must be listed as a contact.
5. If more information is necessary, an ad may be purchased and referenced in the article.
6. An event may be included for no more than two months.

The editor and/or editorial committee reserve the right to refuse or edit articles. Please send items for Special Events and Swap

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## 3rd Annual BFA Charity Golf Tournament May 22, 2010

Keep Saturday, May 22 open!! BFA will hold its 3rd annual golf tournament. This year play will be a Captains choice on the Willard Bryd course. Lots of prizes and a special guest Loren Hunt member of the Duramed Futures Tour will be there adding to all the fun. Don't Miss it. Registration forms available through Wayne Hellmann 579-0273 or Steve Wilson 575-0819.

## Flower Sale to Help Hope Harbor Home

Work has already begun on growing plants for sale to help Hope Harbor Home, the Brunswick County Shelter for abused people. The need is greater than ever because of the increased abuse during these difficult financial times. Anyone wishing to help grow and sell plants should contact Charlie Giordano at 579-8601. Sales will begin in Mid-April at 206 Baroney Place Drive with a one day big sale on May 1st. As always, hanging baskets and small pots can be recycled by dropping them off at 206 Baroney Place Drive.

# Swap Shop

## Aquarium Owners

Do you want to adopt five healthy fish, 1 cory and 4 tetras? I am closing our aquarium and hate the idea of having to euthanize them. Call 579-3246.

## For Sale

Kirkland (by Whirlpool) Chest Freezer. 34Hx31Wx21D Good Condition \$50.00. 910-575-2412 Ask for Rich.

## Pink Palace Calendar — February 2010

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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		9:00am - 12:00pm Sea Trail Grandma's		9:00am - 12:00pm First Tuesday Bridge		9:30am - 1:00pm Hand & Foot - CANCEL		9:15am - 12:00pm Ladies Bridge		9:30am - 11:00am Yoga			
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