

BONNET SHORES BEACH CLUB

BONNET BEACON

September 3, 2021

FROM THE OVAL CABANA . . .

This is not my favorite time of the year. As the end of the Season approaches, I want more time to enjoy our Beach Club. Just being here has a positive effect on my family and me.

As for the weather, it was not the best this Season. Too many rainy days kept us away from the beach. A hurricane followed by a massive rainstorm just ten days later (with minimal damage) each closed us down for a couple of days. So, if the less-than-ideal weather was the only problem, we should count ourselves lucky.

So, let's look on the bright side and focus on the positive aspects of this Season:

The Sewer Project was finally finished, exactly 20 years after the initial citation from D.E.M. And the Project came in \$1 million less than originally expected.

The Food & Beverage Service brought in revenue that exceeded any other previous Season. All due to the exceptional culinary talents of Chef Kevin Gaudreau.

The new Sports Court was created to include basketball and pickleball. The number of folks playing pickleball is amazing. Great to see the court getting so much use.

The Movie Nights, the Kids' Carnival, Christmas in July, Cake & Canvas, and Halloween were well attended events planned specifically for our younger members. (This writer can confirm that 147 Halloween Trick-or-Treaters visited her cabana!)

The General Manager created a Three-Year Strategic Plan that will guide our approach to improvements and budget needs for the near future.

As you know, the Beach Club is a year-round operation. All preparations for the next Season and all improvements are carried out during the off-season. The Board continues to meet throughout the fall and winter to implement plans to better serve you.

This year, the Board will direct some much-needed attention to the crowded parking lot and to the impact on parking that was caused by the explosion of the use of below-the-line memberships. Now that the Sewer Project has been completed, our next big challenge is parking.

We will also explore improvements to the Bistro, envisioning a larger space so that we can accommodate more diners with easier access to reservations.

I would like to thank the Management Team for their dedication to making this a great Season. I must also thank all of the seasonal staff --- without them, we couldn't function.

On behalf of the Board and the Team, I wish you a happy and healthy off-season. I look forward to seeing all of you next year here at our oasis by the ocean.

Kevin Lynch, BSBCCA President

HENRI, TAKE THAT --- AND THAT AND THAT AND THAT . . .

Phew! The Beach Club survived intact. The devastation that Super Storm Sandy laid at our feet back in 2012 inspired our team to attack the approach of Hurricane Henri with unparalleled vigilance. It was no easy task on that Saturday to build a berm 8 feet high by 260 feet long and then border it to the north with a trench 6 feet deep by 220 feet long.

Then, during the storm on Sunday, our team went back out to the beach in order to add sand to the berm that had eroded during that morning's high tide. They wanted to be sure that the berm would withstand the next high tide on Sunday evening. Going back to work on the beach in the middle of the storm demonstrated that they went above and beyond the call of duty.

The berm and the trench did exactly what was hoped. They were designed in such a way as to prevent the high waters from wreaking havoc and from filling the Pit and the pool with sand. Then the berm had to be dismantled, all that sand had to be spread on the beach, and the trench had to be filled in with sand. A yeoman's job, to be sure.

Hours and hours of hard work were needed to accomplish this feat. Facilities Manager Mike Boscia, Assistant Manager Mike Kelleher, and Mike Boscia Jr. attacked this undertaking with fervor beyond compare. Moreover, one of our owners brought two of his backhoes to the endeavor --- Jim "Fitzy" Fitzgerald even manned the backhoe for a while to help dig the trench. With dedication like this, success was assured. Kudos, gentlemen, for a job incredibly well done!

If you happen to see any one of them, please offer them a well-deserved "thank you".

THE 4th TAKES ON NEW MEANING . . .

- Our Independence Day fireworks display now has its fourth scheduled date.
- Scheduled for Labor Day at dusk (8 pm-ish)
- Guest vehicles will not be allowed to park in our lot at any time --- day or night.
- Vehicles with a red parking sticker will not be allowed to park in our lot before 4pm.
- Satellite parking at St. Veronica's Chapel is for guest parking, red sticker parking, and owner/member over-flow parking. Car-pooling is essential.
 - Guest vehicles should go directly to St. Veronica's lot.
 - Red sticker vehicles should go to St. Veronica's lot if arriving before 4pm.
- The shuttle van will run from 9am until the satellite lot is cleared.
- The Pizza Bar, the Ice Cream Bar, and the Pit Grill will all close at 8pm.
- Absolutely no private fireworks--- not even sparklers --- will be tolerated.

THE POWER OF THE WHEEL . . .

The email which we sent to you on August 14 informed you that the Beach Club Season would end on Sunday, September 26. However, we heard from many unhappy owners. Accordingly, we've decided to extend the Season until Sunday, October 3. See? The squeaky wheel does indeed get the grease.

IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER . . .

After Labor Day, the hours of operation run on a limited basis due to the dramatic drop in population at the facility. Moreover, staffing is a major issue as students return to school / college. Please be aware that the hours of operation after Labor Day are subject to change at the GM's discretion based on weather and foot traffic.

- Facility will be open from 8am to 7pm Sunday through Thursday
- Facility will be open from 8am to 9pm Friday and Saturday
- Office will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm
- Logo Loft will be open only weekends from 10am to 4pm. Big sale this weekend!
- Bistro will be open only Thursday, Friday, Saturday through September 25

- Bistro will be closed on Saturday, September 18
- Pit Grill / Bar will be open only weekends from 11:30am to 7pm through September 26
- Snack Bar / Pizza Bar / Ice Cream Bar will be closed

A BUDDY TO GUARD YOUR LIFE . . .

Swimming at the Beach Club is a function of the availability of lifeguards. After Labor Day we will have no lifeguards on duty, all of them having left to focus on their studies. Accordingly, the pool will be locked for the Season at 6pm on Labor Day. And swimming on the beach will be on an "at your own risk" basis with no lifeguards on duty. With no guards are on duty, it would be wise to swim with a buddy.

WANNA WATCH SOME GOLF? NAH . . .

Are you ready to watch the Patriots' football games in the Pit? We now have four televisions, so you won't miss a single play. Come on down to watch with us as the Patriots play the Miami Dolphins at 4:25 on September 12th --- the New York Jets at 1pm on September 19th --- and the New Orleans Saints at 1pm on September 26. On September 12th, the Pit Grill will be open until after half time, the Pit Bar will be open until the conclusion of the game. Go, Pats!

FORGET PARSLEY --- GENEROSITY TASTES BETTER . . .

We'll be having our Annual Fundraiser on Sunday, September 26. Come down to the Pit to enjoy free food in exchange for a monetary donation to the Community Food Bank. So you pay twenty bucks for a burger --- so what? --- your donation is for a good cause. If you can't attend on September 26, please drop off a check in our office made out to the Community Food Bank. Last year all you generous folks donated over \$4,000. Let's see if we can top that!

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU . . .

Here's what you can do for your Club --- volunteer to sit on the Nominating Committee. This Committee is, perhaps, more important than you realize. That's because the nominees endorsed by this group of owners are usually the ones elected to the Board.

We urge you to volunteer to serve. It doesn't require a big time commitment --- these folks usually meet once in the fall to organize and twice in February to interview candidates.

Come to the next Board meeting to sign up.

THE PONY EXPRESS IS COMING DOWN THE CAUSEWAY . . .

You may have noticed that a mailbox has been installed directly across the road from our entrance. That's definitely our mailbox and we installed it under the direction of the Post Master. So now you can send correspondence directly to us at 175 Bonnet Point Rd, Narragansett, 02882. Heaven only knows why it took decades to get our mail delivered to our doorstep. Your guess is as good as ours.

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED . . .

The Beach Club lost a great friend and benefactor when Bobby Nardolillo recently passed. A man of unbridled generosity, he helped us for many years. Back in 2009, Bobby saw the problem that arose on hot Sundays when the parking lot filled. He stepped forward of his own accord and offered us the use of his property as a satellite lot. That continued for all these years with not one penny ever charged to us.

We will miss you, Bobby. May your spirit soar with the seagulls.

CAN WE INTEREST YOU IN THIS? . . .

All accounts must be settled by October 31st, after which time they will accrue interest at a rate of 18% per annum. Please pay those bills in a timely fashion to avoid interest fees

SEVEN WAYS TO SUNDAY . . .

Be sure to stay current with Beach Club news by reading the summaries of Board Meetings posted on the website every month. Give us your email address so that you will be included when we send informational notices to the owners. Look for and become acquainted with the 2022 Proposed Budget that will be delivered to you in November. Join us at the Budget Meeting in the fall and at the Annual Meeting in the Spring. Email your questions, comments, and/or concerns at any time to the Office at office@bonnetshoresbeachclub.com or to the Board at board@bonnetshoresbeachclub.com. Consider running for a seat on the Board when you receive the request from the Nominating Committee. And check out the great view of our beach via the webcam on those dreary and snowy days of winter.

**See you
in the Spring!
The 2022 Season
begins on
Saturday, May 21st**

Management Team

General Manager	Michael Rennell
Assistant Manager	Michael Kelleher
Facilities Manager	Michael Boscia
Food & Beverage Manager	Kevin Gaudreau
Business Manager	Jennifer Campbell

Construction Team

Michael Boscia
Michael Kelleher
Joshua Rondeau
Franco DiDomenico
Michael O'Brien
Andrew Murray
David Tingle

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