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Casa Ybel Resort Fall Newsletter 2018



Paddleboard & Kayaks Now Onsite

“Stand Up Paddleboarding is the fastest-growing sport since snowboarding”, according to Finnimore’s Beach Rentals on Sanibel Island. (We suspect they don’t rent too many snowboards!) Long a preferred vendor for Casa Ybel resort and serving the islands for 23 years, the company offers a wide variety of boards for every age and skill level, from beginner to advanced.

Casa Ybel has recently partnered with Finnimore’s to have paddle boards and kayaks right on the resort property to offer another guest amenity. Now you no longer need to go to their store

on Periwinkle but can select the water craft of your choice in the maintenance area, where they are stored.

Information about rental rates is available at the poolside towel stand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After you make your selection and complete the forms, your gear will be delivered to your chosen launch site for a great day of exploring on the water. There are multiple use options ... from two hours to a full day or longer. The towel stand associate will have all the information you need.

Paddleboarding is a great new way to see Sanibel and have fun with the whole family. You can also catch some rays, get a great core workout and see the beautiful Sanibel Island scenery.

Canoe & Kayak Magazine and Paddler Magazine both list Sanibel as a top paddling destination for great weather, wildlife, and world-class beaches.





Farewell to Rita

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Rita Slaughter, our beloved Grand Vacations Realty sales representative. Rita and her husband Josh were both killed on June 22 in a tragic automobile accident in Ocala, Florida, as they were on their way to family reunion. Rita had been a sales associate with the company for 31 years, as far back as the Mariner development days. She had been at Casa Ybel for 22 years and was a consistent Multi-Million-Dollar sales producer and in the midst of her best year ever.

If any Owner would like to send a note of condolence to the family, please mail it to the resort at 2255 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957 (attention Lisa Diggins) or email it to lisa.diggins@hgvc.com and she will forward it to the family.

Emergency Contacts

In the rare situation when your resort may be closed due to weather issues – such as a hurricane – you may check for resort updates at:

- Mysanibel.com (Sanibel website)
- www.nbc2.com
- www.casaybelresort.com (PASSWORD:paradise)
- <http://casaybel.hgvc.com> (HOA updates)
- 1-800-761-8940 (Recorded Informational updates)

Association-Owned Week for Sale

The following unit/week has been acquired by the IJK Association and is being made available to all owners by closed bid sale: Unit 161/40

The successful bidder will be able to occupy the unit in 2019 and will be responsible for all closing costs and 2019 Maintenance Fees. The Board of Directors has the right to refuse any or all bids. Bids should be sent to: Casa Ybel Beach & Racquet Club, Phase IJK Board of Directors, Attn: Chris Cain, 2255 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, Florida 33957. Please note "Closed Bid Sale" on the envelope. Bids must be received by October 10, 2018. In the case of a tie bid, the bid with the earliest postmark wins. The full amount of the sale must be paid within 30 days after the Board has accepted the bid.

Budget Meeting Notice

The FGH Board of Directors will be holding a Board meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The IJK Board of Directors will be holding a Board meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018. Both of these Board meetings will begin at 9:00 am at Casa Ybel Resort in the Thistle Lodge Restaurant.

The purpose of these meetings is to adopt the Budget and Maintenance Fee for 2019. The Management-Proposed budget will be available for viewing online at www.casaybelresort.com (password: paradise) or <http://casaybel.hgvc.com> (under the HOA Updates section) two weeks prior to the Board meetings noted above. A hard copy of the Management-Proposed Budget will be mailed upon request. A copy of the Board-Approved 2019 Budget will be mailed to each Owner with the Maintenance Fee Statement later this year.

Artist Earns Accolades



Most Casa Ybel Owners know of Danny Morgan as the resort's poolside "Parrothead" musician for the past 27 years. But did you also know that he is an accomplished artist, with one-man shows in various parts of the country?

First, the music. Since he was a young man, both art and music have been the compass of his life. He started his first band in the 5th grade, performed in high school and college and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University, where he majored in fine arts and education. Initially, he was a teacher in the Cincinnati/Kentucky public schools but got an early break in his true love – music.

As a songwriter, many of the lyrics for Danny's songs come from observing his surroundings, as well as sharing stories of people he has encountered. "I believe the song is floating around out there and all

you have to do is be quiet enough to catch it," he said.

Danny performed in our area for the first time at King's Crown at South Seas Plantation in 1975 and was hired to play at the grand opening of Casa Ybel in 1977. Danny also opened on tour with the Beach Boys, played on stage with Jimmy Buffet and others as his band grew in popularity. Having experienced SW Florida's wonderful weather, he sold his home in frigid Cincinnati and moved to Sanibel in 1985.

In connection with his longtime Kentucky-area residency, Danny was recently invited to be inducted into the 6th annual Northern Kentucky Music Legends Hall of Fame, an honor exclusively for northern Kentucky musicians who have made a name for themselves locally and nationally. Rosemary Clooney is a former inductee.

When word got out about Danny's

impending musical honor, he was invited by the Indian Hill Gallery in Cincinnati to present a one-man-show of his abstract acrylics. For years Matsumoto Gallery on Sanibel carried his work and when they closed Eckert Fine Art in Naples started representing him. Several years ago, Denise Bibro Fine Art asked if he would be interested in showing his work at her gallery in the famed Chelsea area of New York. That led to Danny's first one man show in NYC in 2012 and another in 2014 and his upcoming show which opens this September 6 at her gallery.

"I am the luckiest guy on the planet, I'm able to play music and pursue my painting as my way of making a living." So, for now, color him an artist and a musician.

Danny will be at Coconuts on weekends and in other area establishments, strumming his heart out. "It's so much fun bringing joy to an audience with music AND art," he says. Congratulations, Danny, on your Hall of Fame award and your recognition as a fine artist!



Welcome Back, Christine

Casa Ybel Resort has recently announced the return of Christine Wiles to the sales desk in the resort office.

Christine started with Hilton Grand Vacations in 2010, initially working at the front desk at another Sanibel Island resort. She was at Casa Ybel for five years in an administrative capacity and was selected to handle resales at sister resorts Sanibel Cottages and Hurricane House, where she has served for the past four years.

A native of Manchester, England, for over 16 years Christine worked in the airline industry as a ground agent and flight attendant for British Airways and United Airlines.

Christine can be reached at 239-472-1531 or by writing her at christine.wiles@hgv.com.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Hilton Grand Vacations Owner Services

407-613-3144

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m. (EST)

Friday-Saturday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. (EST)

Sunday closed

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or by calling the Interval

Management Office at 239-395-1876.





Bar Enhancements

The Thistle Lodge bar has a new look!

According to Froilan (JR) Ramiriz, Resort Manager, "We have recently created a new space for our guests who wanted a more casual experience from the fine dining for which Thistle Lodge is so well known, so we totally renovated the lounge area."

The restaurant has been planning the bar remodel for some time. With its renovation, they can now provide more space for the servers behind the bar while being more user friendly for guests. New seating features high-top tables. The reimagined bar area is also the ideal space for the introduction of local craft beers, currently the latest craze.

"We invite Owners to stop by for a taste test from our craft beer selection. We feature selections from some wonderful area breweries with weekend entertainment planned for the coming winter season," added Ramirez.

The Tapas menu has been welcomed with positive reviews from diners who want lighter fare and its small plates. The new bar menu features about a dozen "little plates" ranging in price from \$10 to \$13. A new Thistle Lodge menu will be introduced in the late fall.





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Red Tide Continues

The waters surrounding Southwest Florida have suffered from water quality problems and Red Tide issues for decades. But this year it is considerably worse, requiring the City of Sanibel and the State of Florida to declare a state of emergency. Because this situation is changing on an almost-daily basis, here are some websites which may provide more details. These websites are updated frequently.

<https://www.mysanibel.com>

<https://captainsforcleanwater.org>

<http://www.leegov.com>

<http://coti.org>

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/beach-water-quality>

<https://visitbeaches.org>