

Hi everyone,

Here are the notes for the April Ambassador meeting; if you're taking off, enjoy the off season. We look forward to your return in the fall.

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April Ambassador meeting

- This is the last Ambassador meeting of the season; we will return to meeting in September.
- On Tuesday the Club unveiled the new look for upstairs (it is gorgeous and very updated); work will begin next week.
- The first stage will involve the elevators: refurbishing the mechanical and interior of the elevators. Most of the work will be done on Mondays (for the elevators) when the club is closed.
- The interior decorator, Debbie, came in to show the design for the new upstairs in the clubhouse; take a look at the video that is embedded in Elvis' daily newsletter if you would like to see the colors and styles.
- The refurbishment will include putting some carpeting and some tile in the rooms (carpet will be used to get rid of some of the noise)
- There will be room for folding card tables in the rooms once the décor is completed.
- The living Room will be really nice for brides
- The Clubhouse will be open during construction; employee's offices may be shifted a bit at times.
- Peggy's reception desk will be moved near the front door, in front of what is now the fireplace (the fireplace is going). Peggy will be in a custom designed desk. There will be a big TV behind Peggy containing Strand videos, event reminders, room reservations, etc. The front entrance will be four panels of glass, a sliding door.
- New light fixtures in the main area will be installed to improve lighting in the entry
- Installing a wine storage unit, a 14x6 ft unit behind the bar. We also need to update the bar area; it looks dated and will be part of the renovation.
- Not sure of the dues impact or of an assessment for all of these improvements; we have never been assessed previously.
- Our dues increased 7% last year; other clubs in the area have ranged from 10-14% increase, not counting the assessments of \$20,000 - \$50,000. We haven't experienced these increases or assessments in the past despite the major improvements to the Club.
- The Island Express is turning out to have inadequate space for making pizzas; currently we're pre-baking the crust in the main kitchen and then finishing in the Island Express.
- The Tavern is getting a major kitchen update; it will be an open concept kitchen in the area of the blue doors and mural, and all of the pizzas will be made in the Tavern since the pizza ovens will be incorporated in the design.

- The play area is being redesigned with work intended to begin by September; it will include shades.
- We are undertaking a major irrigation update to the golf course; the course has been playing fast because of the work John's group has done, but not overwatering means there are some brown spots, which is not aesthetically pleasing. New irrigation will allow for fast play to continue but get rid of brown spots and improve the appearance and health of the golf course.
- Reciprocal reservations for dinner begin next week; call Peggy for a reservation. For golf reciprocals, call the pro shop to book it.
- Anyone who misbehaves during a reciprocal will lose reciprocal privileges for 2 YEARS.
- Reciprocal list comes out Tuesday; there are still some TBD clubs.
- People asked about being able to walk the golf course. During off season, you can walk the course after 4:30 pm.
- Cushions on the pool chairs look beautiful and have been very well received.
- On windy days, the umbrellas by the pools are being closed due to the blowing over hazard. If you open an umbrella on a windy day, please ask an employee to close it for you when you leave.
- Once season begins in the fall, we will have a full-time pool attendant.
- Easter brunch was a big hit. Food and beverage team really hustled to get everyone fed
- Nick thanked everyone for a fun golf season. The bag room event, the final event of the season, has been very well supported by the community
- The drought is creating a serious fire hazard; please be careful with cigarettes and cigars on the course. Be sure they are properly extinguished.
- Because of demand, we're going to keep all three courses open until the 5th of May; then Savannah closes for about a month for irrigation work, and golf is closed on Mondays as the Club closes.
- Preserve 2 is receiving improvements and will be a signature look hole. Dirt and fill are being added to the first preserve, and it's about 50% completed; hoping to have it completed by October.
- Sabal #9 is looking beautiful, and coquina shells are due to be placed in some areas where brush has been cleared. John and his staff are working diligently to continue to make improvements to the golf courses.
- Vicki's events are still going; the Kentucky Derby party is May 3rd in the Tavern
- Karaoke will switch to once each month beginning in June on Wednesdays (stays on Mondays weekly through May)
- There will be a session on Japanese flower arranging in May; more information to come.
- BINGO may be pushed to a different date.
- Sunday April 27th is the last trivia of the season
- Mother's Day May 11th brunch in the ballroom
- May 17th bocce playoffs
- Something for Memorial Day: tbd
- New event in the future will be a Queen of Hearts event that will run all of next season

- Lobster bake (including sushi) this Wednesday; it's the last lobster event of the season
- Chef looks to include gluten free and dairy free items at every event and will add that comment to the new menus
- Chef is working on new menus for the island bar, tavern and fine dining for summer
- Turkey trot is coming up in November; today's 5k had 30 participants
- 4th of July fireworks is in the planning stages; no golf carts will be allowed on the fairway during fireworks; sprinklers go off, people move the carts and damage the fairways.
- Replacing the chairs at the Island Bar; bar stools are too heavy
- Replacing the kids play equipment with artificial turf, palm trees – updating this area
- Cost for new golf members is \$55,000 for family; \$40,000 for singles. We are very inexpensive compared to some clubs; prospects think there's a problem here because the cost is so low.
- On May 15th, all of the H1B visa holders will be leaving; please say goodbye and thank your favorite employees for all of the good work they have done.
- In May and June, the Island Bar will be open from 7am-4pm and the Tavern will be open for food from 4pm-8pm. The Tavern Bar will be open until 9pm. As of July 7th, all Food and Beverage will be closed on Mondays.

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