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Casa Ybel Resort

Winter Newsletter 2019



Awning Replaced

There is a new awning covering the outdoor dining area and patio at Thistle Lodge. Completed in October, the awning is made of aluminum composite with a standing seam roof. It replaces the canvas structure that was damaged during Hurricane Irma two years ago. The new insulated panel roof provides a much better property view from within



Pool Closure

For your planning purposes, please note that the main pool will be closed for repairs during weeks 36-41 in 2020. The main pool was last resurfaced after Hurricane Charley in 2005. While the main pool is under repair, the kiddy pool and Jacuzzi will remain operational. The resort will also provide a complimentary beach setup.

During the repair process, the pool's fiberglass surface will be removed and replaced with a pebble finish similar to the Jacuzzi and children's wading pool. In addition, new tile swimming lanes will be installed, replacing the pool's previous painted lanes.

This renovation is yet another example of our proactive steps to maintain resort accommodations for the past 40-plus years. We thank you for your patience and understanding from those affected during the pool closure.



the restaurant and offers cooler temperatures for those outside diners at Thistle Lodge. In addition, we received positive reviews from many returning Owners and guests regarding the new resort entrance with the change described as both beautiful and welcoming.



2020 Interval Calendar

This calendar is included for your help in planning your upcoming vacation. Please remember that all Owners are responsible for knowing the dates of the week(s) they own.

Week	Vacation Dates
1	Jan. 3-10
2	Jan. 10-17
3	Jan. 17-24
4	Jan. 24-31
5	Jan. 31-Feb. 7
6	Feb. 7-14
7	Feb. 14-21
8	Feb. 21-28
9	Feb. 28-Mar. 6
10	Mar. 6-13
11	Mar. 13-20
12	Mar. 20-27
13	Mar. 27-Apr. 3
14	Apr. 3-10
15	Apr. 10-17
16	Apr. 17-24
17	Apr. 24-May 1
18	May 1-8
19	May 8-15
20	May 15-22
21	May 22-29
22	May 29-Jun. 5
23	Jun. 5-12
24	Jun. 12-19
25	Jun. 19-26
26	Jun. 26-Jul. 3
27	Jul. 3-10
28	Jul. 10-17
29	Jul. 17-24
30	Jul. 24-31
31	Jul. 31-Aug. 7
32	Aug. 7-14
33	Aug. 14-21
34	Aug. 21-28
35	Aug. 28-Sept. 4
36	Sept. 4-11
37	Sept. 11-18
38	Sept. 18-25
39	Sept. 25-Oct. 2
40	Oct. 2-9
41	Oct. 9-16
42	Oct. 16-23
43	Oct. 23-30
44	Oct. 30-Nov. 6
45	Nov. 6-13
46	Nov. 13-20
47	Nov. 20-27
48	Nov. 27-Dec. 4
49	Dec. 4-11
50	Dec. 11-18
51	Dec. 18-25
52	Dec. 25-Jan. 1



Four Decades of Happy Memories

David and Marti Green, of Carlisle, PA have been married 45 years. They are equally proud to report that they have been Owners at Casa Ybel for almost 40 of those 45 years!

The couple purchased their vacation time in 1980 and were among the first Owners occupying the resort in 1981. In their early years of ownership, it was difficult to get away for two weeks, so they often rented one week. David was a plant manager for various food manufacturers and Marti taught high school English in schools in Cleveland and Houston.

After David retired in 2010, they added a third consecutive week in the same unit and now thoroughly enjoy their annual November get-away on Sanibel.

Shares David, "When people wonder what we do every day, I tell them we have no real agenda. We do whatever comes to mind each day. Many people here do the exact same thing. Also, we always participate in weekly Owners' meetings, which we believe are really important. They keep us informed about projects/enhancements being planned and ideas/concerns of other Owners that help maintain the resort in prime condition."

During their four decades of ownership, children Elisa and Eric, – who were 5 and 3 when they first purchased – also have had many years of happy memories, with two grandchildren continuing the tradition. Elisa in San Francisco and Eric lives in Denver.

"It's beautiful during the Fall with perfect temperatures," said Marti. "We open the sliding glass doors to hear the surf, go on ride bikes and beach walks, or just relax in chairs on the beach under an umbrella and wait for another beautiful Sanibel sunset."

She added, "Casa Ybel is like a small town ... a comfortable blended community of all ages and nationalities. It's a great environment for meeting new people and the place we truly know and love and enjoy sharing with family and friends."

FGH President's Letter

Hello, Everyone! I hope you had a great summer as we transition to the cooler weather ahead. It's been another busy and exciting year with the completion of several projects. These include the replacement of bathroom cabinets/countertops, mirror lighting, medicine cabinets and new LED kitchen lighting in 28 units. We anticipate these renovations to occur in the remaining units in 2020. In addition, units in building F received new laundry equipment, air conditioning and folding tables.

During 2020, interior changes that we anticipate completing include new floor-covering throughout each unit as well as new furnishings in the living/dining room and lanai. We've based these changes on input from Owners and guests and hope you like the new look.

The board would also like to thank our manager, Chris Cain, and his staff for all of their efforts as this would not be possible without them. I would also encourage all Owners to submit any questions or comments to the board and/or management.
Happy Holidays!

Susan A. Walter, President

IJK President's Letter

Your board had its fall budget meeting in early October, which included a President's Meeting with all the associations and managing entities at the resort. These meetings assist with maintaining consistency throughout the resort as well as gaining economies of scale.

You received the results of the budget meeting in your assessment billing. While we try to keep fees down, we faced some large increases in Insurance costs, landscaping, and the tariff trade war issues, which impacted major remodeling of the units in 2021. We met with three interior design firms to gather some preliminary concepts and costs during those meetings.

While it is our goal to maintain the resort's five-star quality, it is important that we receive your input. Please use the contact information included in this newsletter to give us your feedback.

Ron Miller, President IJK



Thistle Lodge Beachfront Restaurant continued its award-winning tradition at the 38th Annual Taste of the Islands event to benefit CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), winning the Best Meat and the prestigious "Taste of the Taste" award.

Assessment Fee Reminder

The 2020 annual maintenance fee statement was mailed to each Owner. Please be aware that your account will be considered past due after January 1, 2020. If you have not received your maintenance fee statement, please contact the Interval Management Office at 239-395-1876. We also ask that you make a copy of your fee statement and payment information for future reference. Remember, if you use Auto Pay, the fee statement mailing address could have changed from the previous year, so please check before mailing your fees. We kindly ask that all Owners pay on time.

Resort Entertainment

Entertainment at the poolside Coconuts for the remainder of the year will include live performances by a variety of musicians every Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Derek Trenholm, Heather Brooks, and Bobby Blakey are featured entertainers. On Saturday evenings, pianist Dan Tudor will play in the Thistle Lodge bar area from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for your dining enjoyment.

FGH Project Weeks

The FGH Board of Directors has approved a new interior furnishing project for 2020. The work is scheduled to take place during the maintenance weeks 36-39. While we do not anticipate that there will be any major disruption, there could be occasional activity/noise on the building stairwells and in the units. It is planned that the unit interiors will be receiving new floor coverings throughout and new furnishings will be added in the living/dining room and lanai. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding and are confident you will enjoy the new enhancements to your resort units.

Sales by Christine

Greetings from the resale office! We are happy to report sales have been steady and anticipate that the trend continues. By press date in mid-November of this year, I have completed over \$1m in Owner sales! If you have not been using your week and have been renting or trading it, you may want information on the selling process. Call me, I may be able to help. We have people requesting certain weeks and lower units, or flats, which are almost always in demand. I can also assist you with sales and prices for our other Hilton Grand Vacations-managed properties.

For any questions about buying or selling, or for information about becoming a Hilton Grand Vacations Club Member, please call 239-472-1531 or email me at christine.wiles@hgv.com.

Christine



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Phone: 407-613-3144

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may be found on the resort's website at www.casaybelresort.com or by calling the Interval Management Office at 239-395-1876.

Congratulations, Christine!

Congratulations are extended to Christine Wiles for achieving over \$1 million in resales so far this year. Christine is our first sales person in 2019 to achieve this threshold in the resales department for the managed collection. She is very detail oriented and works diligently with her buyers and sellers to get them exactly what they are seeking. If you are considering buying or selling, call Christine and she will be happy to assist you.



Autumn Harvest Menu

Thistle Lodge restaurant has recently announced a new Autumn Harvest Menu, featuring two courses for \$27, available daily from 5-6 p.m.

The selections include choice of Chef's daily soup or Florida baby green salad. Five main entrees include: pan-seared Atlantic cod, shrimp scampi with angel hair pasta, cider-gazed chicken, thyme & garlic-roasted pork loin, and striploin medallions.

Thistle Lodge is also offering a complimentary bottle of wine from the Ryder Estate collection with the purchase of two dinner entrees from the regular menu. Guests may select from chardonnay, rose, merlot, pino noir or cabernet sauvignon. The complimentary wine is not available with the Autumn Harvest Menu or other promotions, holidays excluded. Both the Autumn Harvest menu and complimentary Ryder wine promotion ends very soon.





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Trading Post

Here are the current exchange listings.

- Bonnie Smith would like to trade 179H week 12 for week 20 or 21 in 2020. Please call 412-303-3018 or email angry@comcast.net
- Iris Tavane Taylor would like to trade 216G week 32 and /or unit 212G week 33 for week 27-30, 2020 – 2022. Please call 336-215-6570.
- Kathy Tooman would like to trade 153F week 14 and 153F week 15 for two separate trade weeks 23-26 in 2020. Please call 231-233-7574 or email kltooman@chartermi.net
- George Nagy would like to trade 147F week 42 and /or 43 for equal time in June 2020 in a lower unit. Please call 561-289-1634 or email gn@nagyarchitecture.com