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Casa Ybel Resort

Summer Newsletter 2022

New Playground, Fitness Center at Your Resort

Casa Ybel Resort has recently added new amenities that will bring smiles to both adults and youngsters. Nestled in the shaded area in front of Buildings E and F, the new playground features the always popular swings as well as triple slides that are covered overhead to protect the kiddies from the sun. According to the manufacturer, these slides are made of 100% recycled product, and they're most popular with youngsters and their parents who may prefer some time away from the beach and pool. The new playground features a climbing area, monkey bars, an activity center and several slides. Also included are benches and a swing set for toddlers and older children. It's important to remember that smaller children at the playground should always be accompanied by an adult.

Over the years, Owners and guests had often requested a fitness facility. In response, the resort had the opportunity to move the Catering office upstairs to the small building near the tennis and pickleball courts, and the resort added a fitness area on the ground floor. The equipment includes a Peloton bike, regular stationary bike, treadmill, elliptical machine, medicine balls, Nautilus machine and free weights. The Fitness Center is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

New aluminum fencing now surrounds the entire pool area. A temporary fence was previously installed while awaiting fencing materials.

We anticipate having all bedrooms in Buildings F, G and H housed with new furnishings in September. Within the entire resort property, new lighting in the parking lot is expected to be installed before the end of this year, replacing the resort's original lighting.



2022 Interval Calendar

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

From the Sales Desk

I'd like to begin by thanking everyone for their referrals and for talking to your family and friends about this beautiful property. Quite often, new buyers tell me about all the amenities and recent upgrades to the property. Clearly, their comments have come from you, the wonderful Owners that we love to welcome back year after year.

This year is off to a good start with a sales volume of over \$500,000 year-to-date, and I'm hoping the summer months continue at this pace. Sales are up this year – especially from our renters and exchangers who've found it difficult to get reservations. I'm always looking for inventory, so if you've considered selling, please reach out. Likewise, if you're seeking to buy, then please let me know and I'll add you to my "Wish List," in the event that I don't have available what you're looking for. If you need information on any of our other Hilton-managed properties, I'm very familiar with them and happy to assist. I look forward to welcoming you back to Casa Ybel (FGH) and Casa Ybel (IJK) soon. You can reach me by phone at 239-472-1531 or by email at christine.wiles@hgv.com.

Christine Wiles

New Island Restaurants



According to Mark Twain, "part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like." Based on that sage advice, we're sharing a little information about some of Sanibel Island's newest eateries. For hours and menus, visit the websites below.

- **Sanibel Custard Shack.** (pictured above) For a delicious cold treat, the Sanibel Custard Shack features fresh, frozen custards made daily. Check out the store's large variety of flavors at 1219 Periwinkle Way. Visit their website at sanibelshack.com or call the restaurant at 239-312-8626 for more information.

- **400 Rabbits.** Located at 975 Rabbit Road, Sanibel – this restaurant features a classically-inspired Mexican menu with tacos, burritos and fajitas, along with crafted margaritas and cocktails. The restaurant also has an outdoor patio and open-air dining. Visit their website at 400rabbitssanibel.com or call the restaurant at 239-558-8756 for more information.

- **Paper Fig Kitchen.** These two Sanibel locations feature upper-scale take-out dishes such as fresh-to-freezer hors d'oeuvres, soups, prepared green salad entrees, trays, and platters. Their west end kitchen is located at 2003 Periwinkle Way and their east end location is located at 359 Periwinkle Way. Visit their website at paperfigkitchen.com or call the restaurants at 239-887-0050 (west end) and 239-558-8758 (east end) for more information

- **Tutti Pazzi Italian Kitchen.** Located at 1200 Periwinkle Way – enjoy traditional Italian favorites such as pasta dishes, chicken parmigiana, spaghetti and wood-fired pizza, plus grouper and snapper delicacies. Takeout service is also offered. Visit their website at tuttipazzisanibel.com or call the restaurant at 239-966-7654 for more information.



President's Letter FGH

Your Casa Ybel (FGH) board of directors has just finished their annual meeting, and we're very happy to announce that Susan Stone will be joining the board as its newest director. We bid a sad farewell to John Demos, who has served for many years. Thank you, John! We look forward to seeing you on the property during your weeks.

When you visit the property, you'll see all the new enhancements such as the new playground, fitness center, pickle ball courts and the fence around our pool. During maintenance weeks in September, we plan to refurbish the bedrooms, which I'm sure everyone will be happy with the new decor. Please don't hesitate to call me or any of the other board members for any questions or concerns you may have. Happy summer everyone!

Susan Walter, President FGH Association

President's Letter IJK

Your Casa Ybel (IJK) board of directors has recently returned from our May meeting and the Annual Owners Meeting. Things are going well around the property, which looks great. One issue did come up with the landscaping, but that has since been resolved. On your next stay, we think you'll be pleased with the new fence around the pool, the renovated playground with all new equipment and the new exercise room, which Owners are using quite often. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact myself or the other board members, and we will be glad to assist.

Ron Miller, President IJK Board of Directors

Sanibel "Sistas" Reunite

Many can agree that one of the greatest benefits of timesharing are the years of family vacation memories that ownership provides.

Kathy and Peter Kaye, from Lodi, New Jersey have over 37 years' worth of wonderful memories at Casa Ybel, starting with their first visit in 1985. They now own two weeks in October and May. The couple has two children, Lisa, who lives in Italy, and Anthony who lives in New Jersey with two sons.

Eileen and Tom Watts have been Owners since 1993 and previously lived close to Kathy and Peter in New Jersey. Although Eileen and Kathy both grew up in Jersey City, NJ, they did not know each other until they met 29 years ago during their timeshare vacation on Sanibel. They've been best friends ever since, calling themselves "Sanibel Sistas" – much like the lingo used in the famed Godfather movie.

After vacationing with her parents during their timeshare weeks, Eileen and Tom's daughter and husband loved the Sanibel area and moved to Cape Coral in 2005. Eventually being convinced to move there as well, Eileen and Tom now get to spend time with their grandkids aged 11 and 13, who live nearby. The Watts also have three sons, one living in New Jersey and two in Myrtle Beach, and seven grandchildren.

"During the pandemic, there were Owners in our unit who wanted to stay another week," said Eileen. "Because Kathy could not fly during COVID-19, she insisted that her 'Sanibel Sista' Eileen use it." Now, Eileen keeps some supplies in her Cape Coral home so there is no need for the Kaye family to shop for them each time they arrive.

Added Kathy, "After growing up near New York City, when you cross over the Sanibel Causeway, it feels like you're renewing



Eileen and Tom Watts with Peter and Kathy Kaye

your soul. There's no place like it in the world. An added benefit is that we've become very close friends with about ten families who vacation during the same time in May; we remain in touch with them throughout the year."

Even the men have become friends, calling themselves "Hot Tub Buddies." Tom says he most enjoys relaxing poolside, kicking back and basking in the great weather.

Only on Sanibel does the Kaye family prepare one of Peter's favorite dishes – Sanibel chicken. For added comfort, the Kaye family rents local furniture to be used during their stays. Because of their two weeks being set in different units, the resort staff gladly assists in relocating the furniture between weeks, which saves the Kaye family on additional expenses. "We would like to share our thanks to Amy Speckman, or as we call her 'Astounding Amy,' for going out of her way to ensure that, year after year, we always have a great vacation."

Smoking Rules Changed



There are new smoking rules at your resort. In Buildings I, J and K, smoking is no longer allowed on the porch. Smoking is not allowed anywhere within the units or around the buildings. New smoking areas have been designated with special signage in front of each building which includes small, covered areas as well as receptacles for cigarettes.



Hang Ten! Straight from the surfing capital of Hawaii's North Shore, these beautiful surfboards – made of lacquered fiberglass and wood plank – have been modified to allow for plumbing. They're enjoying a second life as outdoor showers, located beside the pool restrooms and beach walkway. They bring a touch of fun for guests using their streaming power to clean off the sandy shores of Sanibel.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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In this year's election for the Casa Ybel (FGH) board, there was a circumstance that prevented a candidate's eligibility to be on the board. If a person is on an "Enhanced Life Deed," but not also on the regular deed, they would not have any ownership rights until the person on the regular deed passed away. To become a director, one must be a deeded Owner at the association they are running for. This means the candidate must be on the deed recorded with Lee County Clerk of Courts. For this election, the person with the next highest number of votes was then elected to the seat.

Casa Ybel (IJK) Board of Directors

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

Trading Post

Jeff and Charlotte Rappuhn own Week 43 in Unit 219, Building G. They also own Week 42 and Week 43 in Unit 185, Building H. They would like to exchange with Owners of Weeks 45, 47 or 48.

If interested in trading, then contact
Jeff and Charlotte Rappuhn at 615-830-1599.

Brian Cregan owns Week 42 in Unit 186, building H.
He would like to trade it for week 38. Contact him at 940-783-8883.

Turtle Time Until Oct. 31



It's turtle time again! The loggerhead sea turtle nesting and hatching season began on April 15 and will conclude on October 31. There are currently two nests located on our property. Sanibel Island encourages visitors and guests to observe sea turtle conservation practices. After 9:00 p.m. please do the following:

- Turn off or shield all lights that are visible from the beach.
- Avoid using flashlights on the beach.
- Close blinds and curtains.
- Do not disturb screens covering nests.
- Remove all furniture from the beach at night.
- Keep the beach free of litter and barriers

Observing these actions will help ensure that the baby turtles can easily find their way to the water after they're hatched. Remember, only one of 1,000 hatchlings survive to become an adult turtle. To report dead or injured sea turtles, immediately contact the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation Sea Turtle Hotline at **978-728-3663 (987-SAVE-ONE)**.

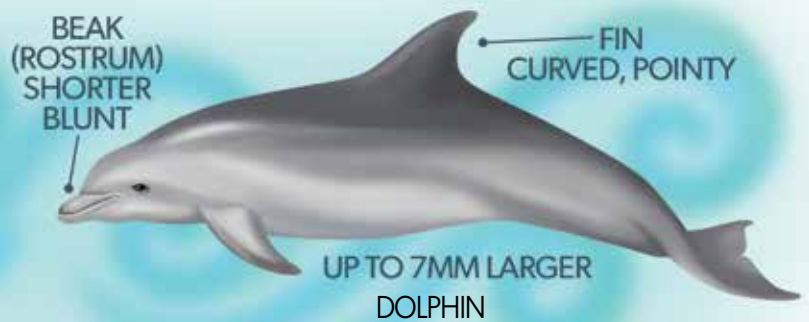
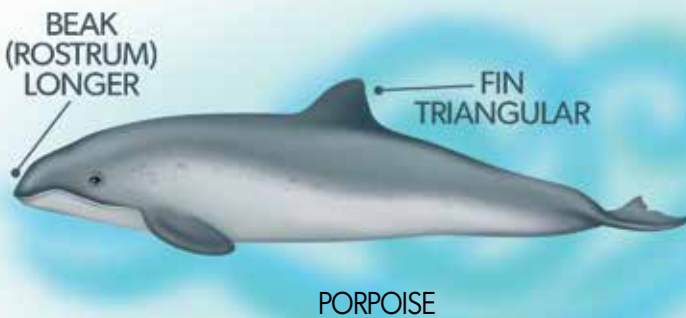




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Is it a Porpoise or a Dolphin?



Is it a porpoise or is it a dolphin? Even the 1975 Florida legislature left the issue open, designating the porpoise – also commonly known as the dolphin – as the official Florida state saltwater mammal. The terms “porpoise” and “dolphin” are often erroneously used interchangeably. Usually in Florida, both names refer to the bottlenose dolphin, the species commonly found along Florida’s Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

So, what’s the difference? It essentially comes down to their faces, fins and shapes. The dolphin’s hooked, or curved, dorsal fin – located in the center of their back – also differs from the porpoise’s triangular dorsal fin. Dolphins are more prevalent than porpoises, often living to the age of 30. They generally have longer, leaner bodies – about six-to-eight feet – whereas porpoises are thicker.

Dolphins are more talkative than porpoises, making a wide variety of sounds through their blowholes such as barks, clicks and whistles to communicate with one another underwater. They use a system of echolocation, much like sonar, to determine their orientation, and they have keen eyesight as well as remarkable hearing but no sense of smell. Scientists believe that porpoises do not do this due to structural differences in their blowhole.

Both intriguing sentinels of the sea are known for their extreme intelligence, which is likely caused by their large, complex brains and a structure in their foreheads called the melon – which is used to generate sonar (sound waves) to navigate their underwater world.