

## June, 2018 HAMMOCKS NEWS

### The pool needs replacement. . . .

For the past several years we have known that The Hammocks pool needed replacement. The Board of Directors has chosen not to undergo this project at the same time as the BHI Club project which is presently underway. We are currently working through the bidding process and have submitted five RFP's to design build pool companies. Once a recommendation has been reached, the Board will communicate clearly with the owners and give opportunity for input and questions.

### A new swing is added. . .

This past Spring, The Hammocks received a generous gift to install a freestanding swing by the pool. [This swing holds a very special place in the heart of one of our owners as it has been dedicated by friends in loving memory of a son.] We hope you will enjoy the swing as you linger over a cup of coffee in the morning, converse with friends and family, or simply relax while overlooking the lagoon and pool.

### Welcome to the summer season Hammocks Owners & Guests!

After an extremely long winter, it's fantastic to see the calendar turn to June and know you will soon be visiting your home away from home, BHI. Perhaps this summer you'll be bringing a new family member or new friends to discover our island. We are excited to see and meet new friends. We hope you continue to enjoy BHI during all the seasons and return for many years. We are fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community. Looking forward to seeing

### A new team member arrives. . . . .

Please welcome Christina Deveney to our management team. Christina hails from Southport and has a background in hospitality. She came to us from the Inn at Bald Head Island where she served as Inn Keeper. Be sure to introduce yourself to Christina next time you are on island.





#### 4) Parking

For the safety of all owners and guests, please park in designated areas only. Owners should not park along the road or in the mulch. Parking the golf carts along the side of the road impedes traffic flow and creates a safety concern for pedestrians and bike riders alike. Owners who have rented an extra cart may charge it in the parking area adjacent to the Clubhouse.

#### 5) Summer Cottage Usage

Many owners enjoy opening the windows and doors to enjoy the fresh breeze off the ocean. Owners are asked to please keep all exterior doors closed. Houses that have been left open have seen an increase in pest complaints. During the evening hours, some owners also enjoy a cozy fire in the fireplace. If you have difficulty operating your fireplace, please notify the onsite staff assistant immediately. Do not attempt to adjust the pilot light.

## A few reminders. . . . .

### 1) Hammocks Bicycles

Return bicycles to the bike barn located at the Clubhouse after each bike ride. This is to ensure all owners have an opportunity to enjoy the bicycles. Please do not monopolize or keep bikes on porches, in garages, or on walkways when not in use. After hours, the bike barn door will be locked, so you will need to unlock the bike barn door to store the bike. To help extend the life and enjoyment of the bikes, please rinse off any salt and sand after each use and put them inside the bike barn.

### 2) Pool Etiquette

The pool is open from dawn to dusk daily and the sauna can be utilized during staff office hours. Please be considerate of your fellow owners as you enjoy the community pool.

Since there are no lifeguards on duty, children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult when swimming. Children under the age of 14 are NOT permitted in the sauna. Infants and toddlers must wear "swimmie" diapers when in the pool. If an accident happens whereby a child was swimming without an appropriate waterproof diaper, the responsible owner will be fined \$100. Glass is not permitted in the pool area

### 3) Pool Amenities

Please do not take Hammocks' pool towels back to the cottages or to the beach. Returning soiled towels to their appropriately marked bins near the Fitness Center and around the pool area will ensure that they are cleaned and ready for the next person. Please return lounge chair cushions to the open-air side porch storage section.

## Enjoy some fishing. . . . .

Fishing is one of many wonderful ways to spend quality time with family and friends on Bald Head Island. Everyone is familiar with the time-honored tradition of walking to the end of a pier and dropping your line in the shallows or going to the beach and casting into the surf. These can both make for many pleasurable hours. But there is another special way to enjoy fishing in the waters off Bald Head.

A number of companies offer a variety of charter fishing services that can be in-shore, near-shore, off-shore, half day or full day, and geared to young children or the most adventurous adults. Whether exploring the marshes, or going into deeper waters, there is a fishing expedition for beginners and for experienced fishermen.

The fun is only matched by the ease of arranging a charter, although charter services may vary. Ask questions when you inquire. Some charters will pick you up at the Marina for free, and others for a nominal charge. Many provide a fishing license and teach you the ropes. Most equip you with fishing rods and bait. Some charter captains will even clean your fish and chill them until you are home and can grill or have a fish fry. The captains know the waters and where to go, and often are skilled narrators who can tell you about the history of the area.

Finally, being in the waters around and off Bald Head Island offers a new perspective on the area, and one that is not experienced fully on our Island. The beauty of the Cape Fear region, the marshes and sand bars, and the wildlife are unmatched. The simple stillness and quiet of a gently rocking boat, anchored by sea grass, with your line bobbing in the water makes this experience one that you do not want to miss.

Listed below are some representative companies from which to choose .

<https://www.reelinpelican.com/>  
<https://www.coolrunningscharters.com/>  
<https://www.oakislandfishingcharters.com/>  
<https://www.yeahrightcharters.com/>  
<https://fugitivecharters.com/>  
<https://www.baldheadislandcharters.com/>  
<https://www.conjuredupcharters.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Captain-Tommy-Mungo-Inshore-Fishing-Charters-132662933823908/>



## Refurbishment a resounding success. . . . .

We have now completed the refurbishment project in Cottage numbers 49, 51, 53 and 55 Summer Mews. Owners are overwhelmingly delighted in the finished product. We are taking a break during the summer and will restart with more homes in Summer Mews late fall.



## All about Annabelle . . . . .

Annabelle Pivarnik grew up on a family farm in Fauquier County, Virginia----three brothers, one sister, and three dogs. As you can imagine, there was never a dull moment in that household. At an early age, Annabelle developed a passion for soccer, and she has played the sport most of her life. Her aptitude for the game landed her a spot on the first place travel team in high school and that carried her through to play in college. Annabelle completed a degree program from Ferrum College in 2015 and graduated with a bachelors in Recreation Leadership and a minor in Ecotourism.

Having grown up on a farm, it would only be natural for Annabelle to love animals. One day during her time at Ferrum, she happened upon a tiny puppy hiding under a shed near her dorm. The puppy was severely malnourished and very frightened. Annabelle managed to coax the little dog out of hiding, took her home and administered nourishment in a bottle. The Border Collie mix was christened “Bean, ” and today is Annabelle’s faithful companion of four years.

Annabelle was first introduced to the North Carolina coast through a childhood friend whose family always invited her along on their vacation to Emerald Isle. She simply fell in love with the NC coastal area. Her first experience with Bald Head came much later when she and some college friends decided to explore the island while residing on Oak Island. They enjoyed the day on the beach and bicycled up and down Federal Road with their dogs running close behind. She was hooked!

## **A gentle reminder needed. . . . .**

The Board of Directors would like to reiterate the importance of abiding by our check-in policy. Arrival day at the Hammocks is always hectic for Cindy and staff as they maintain carts, perform maintenance, and clean 23 cottages for owner turnover in one day. For this reason, the Hammocks has strict rules regarding check in (4 pm) and check out (10 am). Families are **not** allowed to enter the cottages or use their golf cart before 4:00 pm on Thursday, day of arrival . There is a \$100 per hour fine for violation of this check-in/check-out policy, and it is strictly enforced. Our staff has graciously agreed to allow owners to place luggage items on the front porch of their cottage or in the Hammocks' clubhouse prior to check-in. This affords a family the ability to proceed to our pool, go to BHI club via the bridge, or use the bicycles before 4 pm. You may also make arrangements to rent a cart from a third party retailer for a few hours in the interim period before your cottage cart is available. Enforcement of this rule is a necessity; our staff cannot have your house in pristine condition without your adherence to the policy.



## **It is with sadness. . . .**

**It is with a great deal of sadness that The Board of Directors has accepted Sam Raymer's resignation from his position as Assistant General Manager. We are so grateful for his time of service and wish him the very best ahead.**

## **The cookies are back. . . . .**

During the summer, remember to stop by our clubhouse to enjoy some baked treats, fresh fruit, and water each Thursday---- compliments of the Shoals Club. While there, say hello to Cindy Capps, John Moore, Annabelle Pivarnik, and Christina Deveney (our newest addition to the management team).