

**FRENCHMAN'S  
CREEK  
LIFE**

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**A Publication about the Members and Life at Frenchman's Creek**



**DENISE and DAVID DAVIS** with Romeo and Ollie. They came into our lives 8 years ago; Romeo as a new puppy and Ollie as a 6 year old adult. In spite of the work and responsibility, the pleasure they give us is hard to describe. They love coming to Florida from Michigan even though we spend 3 days in the car driving. We think their favorite time of the day is around 5:30 in the evening. They know that means running on the golf course and lots of treats.

**JUNE GARSON with Mr. Foo.** I came to Frenchman's 17 years ago and when our big dog died, a Bearded Collie, I wanted a dog that fit our "life- style." My daughter had a Shih Tzu so I wanted one like hers. Mr. Foo has been with me since he was 6 weeks old. Now, 14, he is blind and deaf- but he is still "my baby."



**PENNI and STEVE WEINBERG** are holding Libby and Louie. Libby and Louie are our 12 year old Cavalier King Charles dogs. Libby came from a pet store puppy mill and Louie is a very well bred male. They are very mild mannered and they love people and sitting in their laps. We have owned them from birth and they spend 6 months in Cleveland and 6 months here at Frenchman's Creek.

# BIRDING with THE B'S

Our Birders, Doctors Bob and Burt, bring these sightings to us this month.



Snowy Egret



American Coot



Loggerhead Shrike



Pied Billed Grebe



Bald Eagle



Double Crested Cormorant

My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout, author

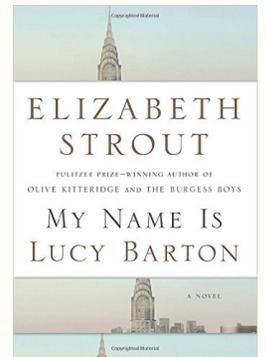
## By the Bookworm

When the book begins, Lucy tells the reader that once, in the 1980's, she had been in the hospital for nine weeks because of an appendix operation gone wrong. Her story revolves around this confinement; this is her story.

Lucy managed to survive a very dysfunctional, impoverished childhood. She was totally unworldly having never even seen a television show or a movie while growing up. She was bullied at school and neglected at home, but she bore no grudge against anyone. She was educated; she married, raised a family, and became a published author. She never returned home, but she continued to not only want her parents' love and acceptance, she also continued to love them in spite of her childhood.

When she had to have her appendix removed, her recovery was impeded by an unknown infection that attacked her. Unable to eat and hold food down, she could not leave the hospital. Her husband, who hated hospitals and could not bear the sights or sounds, called her mother whom Lucy had not seen for years. He asked her to come to "babysit". She remained there for 5 days, watching over her daughter, hardly sleeping, just sitting there and talking to her about the people she knew from her past, calling her by her pet childhood name, Wizzle-dee.

Although her mom's parenting skills may have been lacking, her presence comforted Lucy. She and her mother began to bond and converse as they had never done before. Pieces of her past and the painful moments of her life were revealed as their conversations moved easily back and forth in time from the present to the past.



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# Wins Hearts

By Norma Lippman

It was, as Ed Sullivan liked to say, "a rilly big shew".

We started rehearsing early in January and April seemed light years away. And then we saw 'Kiss Me, Kate' at the Maltz and they were singing "4 weeks and we start to rehearse, 3 weeks and it couldn't be worse". The material was great. WE needed a lot of work. But April was still pretty far away.

And then, suddenly, we were standing in a darkened room, golden hats on our heads and music was playing and WE WERE ON!

And they liked us, they really liked us. Saturday we arrived to learn that two of our players had gone to the hospital with fever and, it turned out, flu. We had no understudies, but Marcia Bloch learned a big solo and on with the show!!

What was the best part, you may ask. All of them. All the parts were the best.

But then, the emails started; dozens, maybe a hundred. And not a WHINE in the lot. All filled with joy and exuberance and, most of all, love. Love for a newly formed 'family' that started together, struggled together and, in the end, celebrated together a special event in all of our lives.

Thanks for the memories to all of the cast, all of the support crew, the supporting staff members on stage and off, and, most of all, to Wendi, Susan, Pat and all the Lindas. Your patience was the stuff of legends.

But you can't have a show without an audience, so....thank you for watching. We loved doing the show!



**SUSAN and SYDNEY KATZ** sent us this adorable picture of their grandchildren Rebecca & Rachel Katz with the Easter Bunny at the Beach Club

Easter Egg Hunt - March 27th.

# Our Appreciative golf interns and what we are providing them



Pictured left to right and top to bottom

Top Row: **GEORGE JONES, CHRISTOFF ELS, ADAM WELLS, TOM FEARON, CHRIS COAKER**

Middle Row: **DANNY HALL, CHRIS HARDY, DOMINIC CAVELL, JEREMY D" ARGENT, RYAN STAMP, WILL JONES**

Bottom Row: **TOM KUBINSKI, BEN WARREN, JOEL TIPTON, SAM WILDING, WISNER CHARLES**

Each year we think our golf interns are the best, however this year they really are. They are grateful to be here, all are gentlemen, courteous, kind, articulate, willing to please - and know all our names and color of golf carts to boot! We do not have enough accolades for them. One of this year's trainees, George Jones was the spokesman for all of them. They are most appreciative of the opportunity we have given them. To be able to study golf and advance their education in Florida - a mecca of golf courses and golf experiences. The golf internship consists of 1-2 years in the United States in the golf industry of course. They learn all facets of caddying, outside operations, experience in golf management- what are the duties of a caddy master. They enjoy the United States because golf is a larger industry here than in Europe, especially England from where many come. Our program allows them, at least for one year, to see if they actually like the golf industry and want to continue in this field. In University, they either did a Golf Performance Course or a Golf Management Course.

As a part of their employment benefits, Frenchman's Creek includes provisions for Visas, air fare, housing accommodations, meals, uniforms, transportation and a full training program. They receive training instructions from Robert Bruno, his staff and Todd on outside operations. They enjoy our locale, weather and golf wise. All the interns are committed to golf. In addition, they get training working in the golf shop and repairing clubs. They receive firsthand knowledge of a golf course operation from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. They also witness tournament organization, how to teach golf and caddy skills.

Personally, they experience a different culture and learn to deal with multi nationalities, members of a community or golf course or country club, members' requests and expectations while staying focused, courteous and unflappable. We are a high standard demanding community which gives them a real sense of the outside world and prepares them for the future in their people skills.

We can be proud of the quality of these young men and thank Mr. Goswami for seeking out the best of the best from the various universities. We are lucky to have you gentlemen and we thank you for being one of the most gracious, polite, unselfish and pleasurable group of golf interns. You did yourselves proud!

*bobbe wiener*

# 2016 Ladies President's Cup

## Flight 1

**Champions:** Sandi Lamm & Penny Fierstein



## Flight 3

**Champions:** Kathy Azeez & Cindi Schwartz



## Flight 2

**Champions:** Betsy Bernstein & Norma Lippman



## Flight 4

**Champions:** Lois Stern & Sue Sternberg



**Runners –Up are:**

## Flight 1

**Runner up:** Sale Johnson & Denise Martorana

## Flight 3

**Runner up:** Ellen Lattman & Barbara Schreiberman

## Flight 2

**Runner up:** Sharon Rochlin & Judy Goldsmith

## Flight 4

**Runner up:** Georgianna Cotton & Marcia Bloch

# Hole-In-One

MARK PETRICOFF had a Hole-in-One on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. It was on hole#11 of the South Course. The hole played at 129 yards and he used a 7 hybrid.



# Our 2016 Golf Champions

The Frenchman's Creek 2015-2016 Ladies Club Championships were held March 10, 15 17 and 19. The golfers were divided into three flights, according to their handicaps and match play was the format. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up:

Championship Flight

**Champion:**  
**Judy Holsten**



**Runner-up:**  
**Sale Johnson**



Flight 2

**Champion:**  
**Lois Kleinberg**



**Runner-up:**  
**Alice Bael**



Flight 3:

**Champion:**  
**Georgianna Cotton**



**Runner-up:**  
**Lisette Siegel**



Congratulations also to all of our wonderful Creekers who participated in the competition!!

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## An honor for two of our trainees

By bobbe wiener

The State Department started a new program this year for exchange students and out of 60 delegates throughout the United States, two were chosen from our 2016 trainees. Simon Williams from the Grille and Anastasia Dharmawan, who likes to be called Martha, from the Beach Cub are our two chosen delegates who will represent their countries. Simon is from Namibia and Anastasia is from Indonesia. 2016 I-LEAD is a dynamic professional development and cultural exchange experience. It is from May 15-May 20 in Washington, D.C. They and their peers will learn about leadership, entrepreneurship and how to make a difference in their home country by meeting with experts, sharing their own unique perspective and exploring the nation's capital. I-LEAD is supported by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Council for International Education Exchange (CIEE). All travel, meals and accommodations are provided. The requirements of participating in the program is that they must respect the 2 year home residency requirement.



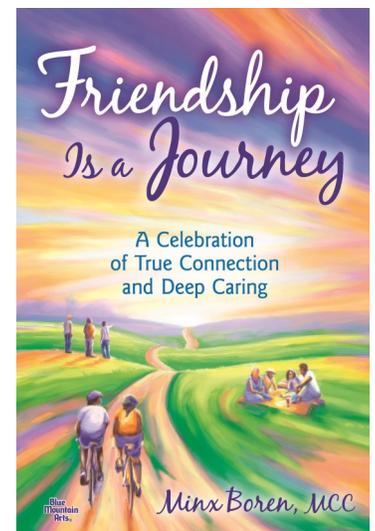
To have been eligible, each exchange student had to write an essay, 500 words or less, on "The World"- increasing mutual understanding of Americas and the citizens of other countries. How are they a global citizen and achievements they hope to gain in the United States working through the exchange program.

To quote Caren Akers, our Chief Recruitment Officer, " this is the first time the Department of State has done this program and we are so proud of them to be ambassadors of Frenchman's Creek in this program."

Congratulations, Martha and Simon.

We are happy to announce a new book written by **MINX BOREN** to be published by May.

In this loving tribute to friendship published by Blue Mountain Arts, master certified coach Minx Boren embraces the many ways friends enrich and enliven our lives. Whether it's catching up over a cup of tea, going on a walk 'n' talk, or helping each other through a trying situation, they keep us grounded in a world that is constantly changing. In order to gracefully navigate and make the most of each unique friendship journey, Minx encourages allowing your heart and mind to acknowledge the fullness of who you are and what you bring to your friendships as well as the wholeness of those whose lives intersect with yours. Often expressing herself through eloquent poetry, she openly shares what she has learned from a lifetime of nurturing and celebrating her own friendships as well as working with clients who are earnestly seeking to do the same. In Minx's words, "Friends are the patient gardeners who, year after year, encourage our souls to blossom." She hopes this book will encourage friends everywhere to honor and Celebrate their deep connection.



# PGA Shoot-Out

The 2016 PGA Professional Shootout was held Monday, April 11th at 12:30p.m on the front nine of the South Course. It is a golf tournament where our pros and the qualifying golf apprentices compete. There were 16 participants with 4 foursomes playing holes 1 through 4. After 4 holes, the lowest 6 players aggregate score went on to the next part of the tournament. By the time the 4th group finished, the large crowd of spectators had arrived and were anxiously awaiting to see who the lowest 6 players would be. Well four players were tied so there was a 4 way chip off. A chip off in case of a tie is that the rules official, Mel Boren, chooses where the ball will be placed for the players to chip toward the flag. The closest one wins. Of course each player has his back to the flag until he chips . The winner was Christoff Els. Continuing the tournament with Christoff was Chris Horn, Billy Burke, Tom Kubinski, Will Jones, and Dominic Cavell. Billy Burke lost the 5th hole, a 4 way chip off at hole number 6 had Christoff eliminated, and yet another chip off at hole number 7 between Chris and Dominic had Dominic eliminated. Hole number 8, Will Jones was eliminated which left Chris and Tom. After an errant shot to the right on nine and a great recovery, Tom lost to Chris. Our **2016 Champion is Chris Horn** and **runner-up is Tom Kubinski** with **Will Jones in third place**.



Participants were: Rich Luchini, Rocco Panzitta, Luis Leon, Chris Horn, Todd Kitchen, Billy Burke, Tom Kubinski, Sam Wilding, Will Jones, Dominic Cavell, Christoff Els, Nathan Lingard, Adam Wells, Alex Mathias, Tom Fearon and Joel Tipton.



## Second Annual Pickleball Tournament



Over 30 players competed in the second annual Pickleball tournament on March 15th. An equal number of spectators came to watch and cheer for the players. The large number of competitors and attendees again reflects the growing popularity of Pickleball in our community. This year there were three divisions.

Congratulations to all of the winners and players who participated in the competitive and social occasion.

### Ladies Doubles Division

Winners: Ann Brown / Shiela Babich  
Runners up: Ellen Goldstein / Karen Adler

### Men's Doubles Division

Winners: Steve Bernstein / David Rosenblatt  
Runners up: Tom Aveni / Saul Kravec

### Mixed Doubles Division:

Winners: Saul Kravec / Shiela Babich  
Runners up: Abe Kamor / Ellen Goldstein

# Frenchmans Creek Ladies Golf Association

by Marleen Hacker, Chair

Excerpts of Closing Lunch Speech on April 19, 2016

I want to take this opportunity and thank my board for a very successful fun year. Ruth Karlin and Phyllis Hershman planned our Opening ABCD Golf Lunch on November 2, with a beautiful theme "Proud As A Peacock", and they ended the season today, April 19 with another appropriate theme: "Everything Is Coming Up Roses". Many thanks to my Executive Board: Wendi Adler, Vice Chair, and Toni Smith, Ex-Officio, whose advice, support, and guidance was invaluable. Jenifer Weintraub and Ellen Goldstein, Co-Tournament Chairs, planned exciting tournaments every week with many different formats, which began on October 6. Jeri Jacobs, Treasurer, collected dues from over 265 women. Robyn Rosenblatt, Secretary, took minutes at our monthly Executive Board Meeting as well as our regular board meeting, and typed and distributed them in a timely fashion.

You can thank Ellen Lattman and Suzanne Speiser for today's trophy's, that is if you were lucky enough to win a major tournament. Joan Park's, our Birdie Chair, arranged to put your "birdie" ball in your locker every week. Sandi Lamm and Susan Furst, our Handicap Chairs, encouraged you to put accurate scores in the computer, whether you had a good day or a bad one. Lois Kleinberg and Brenda Brown our Rules Chair, kept us updated with the rules. Annette Schilling and Harriet Caplan our Sunshine Chairs sent notes to our members. Much appreciation to Mimi Bergel, who wrote monthly articles in the "Frenchman's Creek Life Newsletters". Gaby Brinkworth and Debra Lalonde, our photographers, were always ready to take your photo. Simi Pomerantz, our Bulletin Board Facilitator, arranged to have the winner's pictures, as well as new members, posted in the ladies locker room.

Joan Barovick, chaired "9 is Enough" which is successful and keeps growing every year. Syd Shaw and Carol Pulver, Hospitality, were there every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am to greet our members. Ruth Stavisky and Gale Salz welcomed new members. We had six "9 Wine and Dine" events ( we added 2 additional tournaments per membership request). These have been so much fun, so thanks Carol Smith and Joanne Weinbach. Because of you, we now get between 150-200 members who love the format, the menu, the camaraderie, and the afternoon.

The highlight of our season was the success of our 3 fabulous member guests days. Phyllis Berger, Barbara Benerofe, and Sharon Rochlin chaired "The Best Exotic Marigold Resort" on February 2 with 235 women from over 50 clubs. "Fashion on the Fairways" chaired by Marjorie Feinstein and Mady Friedman on March 8 had over 200 women. Our "Mixed Couples Member Guest Invitational" on February 26, chaired by Lyla Silver and Helene Myers hosted 150 guests. Many thanks to George Giller our Catering and Events Director, and his qualified staff ( too many to name), Ashish Sethi, Director of Food and Beverage, and Chef Bernd Linsenmayer, who captured the theme with his creativity. Many thanks and appreciation to Robert Bruno, Director of Golf, and Rich Luchini, Head Golf Professional, our Caddies, and the Golf Staff for making these tournament days extremely memorable. We will be planning another wonderful year on your return in the fall.

I wish you all a healthy summer. Look for your next newsletter in August, which will include your application. I look forward to the next season.

# Charity Appreciation Tea

The Frenchman's Creek Charities Foundation Appreciation High Tea was held Friday, April 15th at 3:00 in the afternoon. All the beneficiaries of Charity weekend were most appreciative of our contributions. To hear them tell the stories of how we are helping them and what our monies are enabling them to provide, is heartwarming. Whoever participated and contributed so caringly and with great thought, can be very proud that you did make a difference in this small enclave of towns in which we live. You gave people less fortunate a chance to have and benefit from something they would otherwise never been able to experience. Your thanks is the knowledge your generosity has made a difference in many people's lives.



From Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

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## HOMEFRONT

The Homefront column is designed to inform our members where in the community our new residents are living and other residences they may have. It also keeps up with our present members who have stayed in the community but moved to new dwellings.

Of course we always wish our members who are moving out of the community good luck wherever their travels take them and our new members and established members good luck in their new address.

**LESLIE WESTREICH** purchased the Ramseier home on Marseilles Drive. She also resides Washington, D.C.

**GARI and IRA DANSKY** bought Terry Goldberg's house also on Marseilles Drive . Their other home is in Greenwich, Connecticut.

**CHRISTINE MONACELLI and LARRY COOK** bought Jordan Cohen's home on Parc Drive. They will be full time residents at Frenchman's.

**NORMA and JEFF GLAZER** bought Roberta Leibowitz and George Gruber's home on Rivoli Drive. Norma and George now live on Miro Drive South.

**CAROLE and RICHARD KIRSCHENBAUM** bought Renee Langsam's house on Dijon Way.

*Welcome to all our new members and may you have many wonderful years at the Creek.*

*The Community mourns the loss of our following members*

**JESSE HALPERIN** who lived at 13241 Burgundy Drive South and was a member since 1990. Our heartfelt sympathies to his beloved wife, Reva and their entire family.

**ADRIENNE TAFT** who lived at 13888 Degas Drive East and was a member since 1992. Our heartfelt sympathies to her family.

**MORRIE CLICK** who lived at 13345 Provence Drive and was a member since 1991. Our heartfelt sympathies to his beloved wife, Edythe and their family.

Barton from page 3

Although Lucy asked her mom many questions, she did not give direct answers and revealed nothing personal about herself except for a brief comment about not feeling safe. Her mom was an enigma. She certainly was not maternal, but it was apparent that she cared for Lucy.

Over the five days that her mom had sat and talked with her in her hospital room, she told Lucy about all the people they had known, pointing out their faults and weak spots. They laughed together about the tragicomic tales her mother told. While her mom seemed invested in sharing the emotional pain of strangers, Lucy seemed invested in those that had shown her kindness. As they shared stories, Lucy wondered if her memories were real or imagined.

This story is about the relationship of a mother and daughter from both of their perspectives. Lucy's mother was able to intuit a great deal about her child, even without having seen her for years. She apologized to her for their poverty, the poverty that had subjected Lucy to so much torment. Lucy wondered if her mom had suffered in her own childhood as they each tried to reveal their hearts to each other, and hinted at, but never revealed, their innermost secrets.

As the thoughts of Lucy and her mother were revealed, the neglected mother-daughter relationship was the idea that was front and center. Both were needy, both were in some emotional and psychological pain, both refused to truly reveal themselves to the other, and both were unable to speak of certain events in their lives. Both still need to move on in some way because both seemed dysfunctional. Which path would Lucy choose to follow?