

FRENCHMAN'S  
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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

# Up The Creek



**PHYLLIS and JERRY LEBOFF** were so fortunate to have their entire family together to a glorious celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary. It was held at the clubhouse on November 22, 2014.

Every guest received a copy of this picture as a memento of the special occasion. The Leboffs felt the club was beyond exceptional in the manner they attended to their party.

**ANDREA FINKEL** has every right to be proud of her husband, **LEW**. Lew with his partner, Kerry Sanborn, of Delray Beach, were Second in the Mixed Pairs at the recent American Contract Bridge League National Championships, held in Providence, Rhode Island. The Finkels are recent residents of our Community and live on Degas Drive West. Lew's bridge expertise preceded him as he has Three National Championships; three other second place finishes and multiple Top tens. In the World Championship play, he has won three silver Medals, as well as having a fourth place finish.

*(In the near future we will have an article on how Lew became interested in bridge.)*



**DONNA and IRWIN HART** are pleased to announce that their granddaughter, Whitney Hart, who lives in Manhattan, flew to Atlanta for Thanksgiving. There, she ran the Half Marathon Race and received a BRASS FINISHING MEDAL. Whitney completed the 13 mile race in 2 hours and 39 minutes.



# Up The Creek

**CAROL and MICHAEL SMITH** are elated that they finally have something to crow about! Their 14 year old granddaughter, Maya, is very fast : Below is how the “Daily Sun,” newspaper of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona describes her.

“Freshman Maya Smith joined the varsity girls this season, adjusted quickly to the higher level of running and helped NPA earn its first-ever Division IV girls cross country state title. And through it all, Smith wore a shining smile.

After a first impressive year running varsity for NPA and for being a positive influence on her team, Smith has been named the *Arizona Daily Sun* Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

"I love Maya's pureness in running. She is smiling all of the time," said Acker.

While on paper it looks like Smith's role is leading the team with her speed, the freshman, who also brought home an individual title from the season's state meet, said she embraced being a motivator during the season more than anything. "I don't really know what role I have on the team. I like to think that I always encourage everyone around me to have fun," Smith said. "I like to be the one who likes talking during those long runs when everyone is tired because I think that is bringing back the fun element."

So for a coach who wants her runners to enjoy their sport, not just winning, Smith shone throughout the season as an athlete who can achieve both. Smith's approach to running cross country paid off this season. Competing on the same course, Smith was the second NPA freshman in back-to-back seasons to earn an individual DIV title, completing the race with a time of 19:25. Before the state meet, Smith helped her team pile up first-place finishes. Smith saw her team win the Four Corners Invitational. “



Carol and Michael were in Arizona for Thanksgiving and were able to watch Maya run in a 5 state event....she came in 4th out of 250 runners. And she's only in 9th grade.



Don't forget **MINX BOREN** will be appearing in a panel discussion, Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the **GARDENS MALL NORDSTROM COURT 3:30-5:30 P.M.**

# The Book Nook



## *The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher* by Hilary Mantel

There is a good variety of short stories presented in this brief book, proving that good things come in small packages! They are so original and so creative; they are a joy to contemplate. Finally, an author has provided something to read that is not the same-old, old variation of a tired idea, not something that feels like it has been hastily written to meet a deadline or written simply for television or a future movie. Each story is unique and different in its development of some common themes.

One story tackles a clash of cultures in a Middle Eastern country, another challenges the behavior of children and possibly even how the sins of some are visited upon them when they become adults, another tale intimates that there are alternate lifestyles, others insinuate the existence of magic or the supernatural, another exposes infidelity as its theme, still another offers up how disabilities are actually viewed differently in the eyes of each beholder and the final piece exposes the radical effects of political conflicts, in a story about “The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher”. Each story explores the psychology behind the behavior of the characters. The idea that “what goes around comes around” kept returning to me as I read. In one instance it involved a \$20 tip, in another, the love of a child and in a third, the allusion to one’s attachment to a pet.

Each of the stories is told in its own individual style, and the voice of this author blends wit, mystery and the enigmatic, to build up just the right amount of tension and possibility without causing the reader to have to suspend disbelief to appreciate it. The stories offer a concise and insightful study of the motivation behind certain behaviors which alter our lives in positive and negative ways, the emotions that control us affecting our mental and physical health and the prejudices that color our personal perception of things. The book is excellent and each story invites stimulating discussions as each explores the intricacies of our minds with all of our strengths and defects.



WE WISH ALL OUR RESIDENTS, STAFF AND GUESTS  
A HAPPY CHANUKAH

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR





# The Ball's in Your Court

Is a new column by Dan Myerson, our tennis correspondent.  
FC LIFE welcomes Dan to our staff.

The Tennis community met for tennis and a Welcome Back party on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Tikky, Kristen and 20 players (including some of our best) participated in a late afternoon Round Robin. Later, many other active players as well as friends, met at the Sports Bar for a party.

The area which was Court 16 has been changed and now includes two (2) Pickleball courts and a tennis practice backboard. Pickleball has become popular among the tennis players and non tennis players as well.

Badminton anyone? A Pickleball court may be used for Badminton also and the equipment is available.



Our Round Robin Participants

## FRENCHMAN'S CREEK SECOND GENERATION

We are so happy to hear from second generation families and in this issue, we are thrilled to tell you about our original second generation family. **DIANN and THOMAS MANN** bought at Frenchman's in 1994. In the year, 2000, Tom's widowed mother, **GRACE MANN**, followed them. They were ahead of the times and even did a reverse second generation! We look forward to more second generation residents.



## FRENCHMAN'S CREEK /ADMIRAL'S COVE CHALLENGE

Jeri Jacobs

The navy blue and white clad challengers from Admiral's Cove arrived on the morning of December 2, 2014 at Frenchman's Creek to play our participating red and white clad women in our annual challenge. After a lovely breakfast, we headed out, despite warnings from the weather department and, surprisingly, completed 18 holes of match play. In spite of valiant play by our women, we were soundly defeated by the Admiral's challengers.

The high point of the day was the fabulous lunch waiting for us in the main dining room. But even lobster tails and beef tenderloin sandwiches could not assuage the loss. Thanks to our professional golf staff, headed by Robert Bruno and Rich Lucchini, and to our wonderful Frenchman's Creek food and beverage staff, overseen by our Catering and Events Manager, Christine Misiano, for an uplifting ending to a tough day.

## Nine, Wine and Dine

Jeri Jacobs

Our second "Nine, Wine and Dine" golf event of the season was held December 5, 2014, and was well attended by 124 participants. The warm and sunny weather held, as we played a step aside scramble. Many of the participants enjoyed cocktails before teeing off; whether that helped or hurt the outcome, no one knows, but it certainly was a fun evening. After completing our nine holes, we adjourned to the sports bar to enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to our golf staff and food and beverage staff for implementing this wonderful evening.

### FRONT SOUTH

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mr. & Mrs. Eric Becker          |
|                 | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Eigner       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mr. & Mrs. James Anchin         |
|                 | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schreiber    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mr. & Mrs. Mel Boren            |
|                 | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sheldon       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Dr. & Mrs. Burt Greenberg       |
|                 | Jonathan Nelson & Terri Sackett |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Dr. & Mrs. Warren Klein         |
|                 | Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Grebow         |

### FRONT NORTH

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mr. & Mrs. Martin Slepko  |
|                 | Mr. & Mrs. Alex Sobel     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mr. & Mrs. Dick Bergel    |
|                 | Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Feinberg |

3<sup>rd</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shaw

4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Finkel

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Epstein

5<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Schilling

Murray Brown & Rima Robinson

### BACK NORTH

1<sup>st</sup>

Robert Kaplan & Anita Schwartz

John Griffith & Susan Sternberg

2<sup>nd</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Berkman

Harris Berman & Susan Wax

3<sup>rd</sup>

Dr. & Mrs. Toby Fenner

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Barham

4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Radler

5<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Stavisky

Dr. & Mrs. Ken Ahn



## G-G column

*This is our new column begun last issue and we want to hear from all of you who fit into this wonderful milestone category. It is about **Great Grandparents** thus the **G-G column**.*

Today, we congratulate:

**LUCY and MILLARD KAY**, first time Great Grandparents, on the birth of their Great Granddaughter, Leah Juliet Niederman born on October 29, 2014. Her parents are Alex and Sarah Niederman, who live in Brooklyn. And the proud grandparents are Dr. Michael and Ronna Niederman of Roslyn, New York and Lee, Massachusetts.



**RUTH and IRWIN PECKMAN**, second time Great Grandparents, on the birth of their Great Grandson, Jude Derek Leibson born on August 12, 2014. His parents are Staci and Alex Leibson of Manhattan, New York.



**DEE and SEYMOUR BRODE**, first time Great Grandparents, on the birth of their Great Grandson, Avery Scott Trager born on November 18, 2014 in Seattle, Washington, but November 19th in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Avery weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces. His happy parents are Laura and Ryan Trager.

**BARBARA and MICHAEL WILDSTEIN** welcomed their first "Great Grandson," Slade Rogers on September 3, 2014. Slade and his parents, Seth and Anna Rogers live in Birmingham, Michigan. His grandparents are Shari and Darryl Rogers.





# Ladies' Day Results

## December 2, 2014 Step Aside Scramble

18 Holes

### Flight 1

**1<sup>st</sup>** Brenda Brown - Cheryl Turchin  
Gaby Brinkwirth - Carol Finkelman

### Flight 2

**1<sup>st</sup>** Syd Shaw - Ellen Schein  
Sheila Babich

### Flight 3

**1<sup>st</sup>** Ruth Levine - Judy Weiss  
Susan Ludwig - Lou Ann Brothman

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Marian Wiseman - Mimi Bergel  
Phyllis Hershman - Nancy Klotz



### "9" is Enough

**1<sup>st</sup>** Joan Isaacson - Joan Rand  
Freddy Schefren

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Norma Sirott - Roberta Selzer  
Naomi Kessler - Nancy Cohen



YOUR INFORMATION NETWORK

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

We ask all of you to please tune into Channels **999** and **998** for all the information concerning our community.

Channel **999** has live programming as well as the bulletin board. Channel **998** has the bulletin Board with musical accompaniment as well as longer important televised events i.e. speakers, town hall meetings and events of this ilk.





# The Book Nook

## The Churchill Factor: How One Man Made History, by Boris Johnson

Written and read by Boris Johnson, the mayor of London, this book is an in-depth study of what made Winston Churchill great. Until his death, in 1965, Winston Churchill was a man larger than life. There were those that supported him and those that maligned him, but today he is renowned and revered for his analysis of world conditions and for his predictions of what was to come from events and decisions made in his time that would eventually affect the future of the entire world. Boris Johnson is a great admirer of Churchill and he has spent countless hours researching this magnificent man. Churchill often exaggerated the facts and insisted that he was right. He preferred to speak in simple language to the people, so they would understand his message. Johnson captures Hitler and Churchill to a "t", and, as the author states, "Hitler made you think he could do anything, but Churchill made you think you could do anything!" Churchill's speeches were magnificent even if he was not the greatest orator. He didn't mince words, and he made his feelings widely known with masterful speeches. The book is an absolutely brilliant rendering of the man who quite possibly saved Europe from German rule, according to the author who believes that Churchill's decisions made it possible to have a world without Hitler. If, like his enemies, he had wanted to pursue a policy of appeasement, Europe would have fallen under that madman's control.

According to Johnson, Churchill's foresight and courage inspired the Allies to victory. Although he could be crude, rude and brash, he had heart. He implemented social programs and work programs to help the poor. He was a Tory than a Liberal than a Tory again. He was married to the same woman for over 60 years and their love never faltered, although there are rumors of infidelity that were never proven. He was a drinker, but held his liquor well. He was a man with a great sense of humor; the witticisms mentioned will have the reader laughing out loud, although the author disclaims some that are attributed to him incorrectly.

Churchill was a man unconcerned with his appearance, often covered with cigar ash, a man with his own fashion sense which did not move with fashion trends, a man who spoke his mind and accumulated many enemies along the way, a man who believed he could move mountains and was more often right than wrong and eventually was deservedly well-regarded by many, although he was never without rivals. Unfortunately, when WWII ended, he received little credit, rather, he was booted out and replaced, but he remained humble in his defeats and never truly gave up trying to reenter the fray. His influence on the geopolitical stage is still felt today. He was prescient in his analysis of many situations, was a staunch supporter of Israel, believed in maintaining strong ties with America and remaining an enemy of Communism. Churchill's fingerprints are all over the last century and their effects are felt in this one. His speeches maintain relevancy even today.

The book is read so beautifully by the author who paints a portrait of an outstanding man willing to buck the standards of the day and march to the beat of his own drummer for the safety and security of England. His colorful presentation of this remarkable man, complete with the real and the fabled stories about him, is mesmerizing. His writing style enhances Churchill as a human being, one who demanded for himself and others, steadfastness and strength in the face of adversity. His portrayal of Churchill and Clementine's relationship is both romantic and touching. He draws a picture of a couple that shared a deep love and devotion for many years.

The book is written almost as an ongoing conversation with the reader. The descriptive vocabulary assumes far more than a grade school education. It is written with a sophisticated knowledge of the English language, on a level not often seen today in books for the general public. He does not pander to the reader with slang or crude expressions. If foul language is used it is pertinent or it is a quote. He recites some parts of Churchill's speeches and his presentation of the man tends to the lyrical and is often humorous. I can't make enough positive remarks about this book, its content, its prose and its reader.

# Our Precious Pets

## Our Precious Pets

Column by Lois Stern  
Photography by Stuart Hacker

In this issue, we are featuring five families who have recently lost their dogs and now have new  
**WOOF ON THE BLOCK !**

After losing Mikey, our precious Bichon, in July, we tried to accept a young dog. We were not successful and decided to use a breeder in Iowa that a friend highly recommended. What luck!

T.J. is a Bichpoo or Poochon (a poodle and a Bichon mix). He is 5 months old, friendly, extraverted and never sits still. He is named in memory of Mikey as Mikey was "True Joy" to us for 15 years. Hopefully, T.J. is another True Joy.

**Carol and Gerald Finkelman**



Finn is a smart and loyal 6 month old puppy. He is a full time member of the family. He loves to play with the other dogs at the dog park and follows Myra around the house all day long.

**Myra Kramer and Frank Spitalny**

Lynne has always had a dog in her life. When we lost our wonderful Jack, we knew, after two border collies, we had to take a different path. Mollie is a Schnoodle- a poodle/ Schnauzer mix. Lynne's first dog was a Schnoodle- before there were designer dogs. We have had Mollie for a little over a month and we are totally smitten.

**Lynne and Richard Feinstein**



*If you have a new dog or haven't yet been featured in this column, please call Lois Stern or E-mail her. All her Information is in our "Green" book.*

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Our perfect dog “Grover” was rescued from Palm Beach Pet Rescue, and after living a very fulfilling life, we needed to put him down. I went on-line and completed adoption forms with many different organizations before we chose Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue .They offer a unique wonderful adoption policy called “fostering with an option to adopt” . They have at any given time over 250 dogs and cats on-line with their photo and some past and current history. These animals are being fostered by volunteers until a permanent home is found for them, and this is how we came across “Rusty, AKA, Foster” .

We had him for 2 weeks before we did the official adoption, although we knew that he was the one. It was a trial, as we have 3 cats, and a lot depended on their acceptance of this new room mate. Foster is a 16 pound pure Yorkie and is between 1-2 years. He is healthy, housebroken, affectionate, energetic, and is getting us into shape. The adoption fee includes spay or neutering, all shots, microchip, heart worm test and prevention, deworming, flea treatment and a complimentary office visit at a vet. The Vet even said “You got yourself one great dog “ . We have never seen such a happy dog, but why wouldn't he be?...after all, he is now a resident at Frenchman's Creek , and we feel great about saving a life.

**Marleen and Stu Hacker**

We could not be luckier than to have another Cavalier King Charles Spaniel come into rescue !!

Reggie is about a year old and the story we were told is that we are at least his fourth home. He has been dumped twice in parking lots in Miami and was about to be left at a animal care covered with ticks and fleas.

Having lost our precious cavalier Zoe, we are delighted to have another tail wagging. Reggie is a happy addition to our family.

**Marilyn and Burt Greenberg**





# “It’s a Wonderful Life”



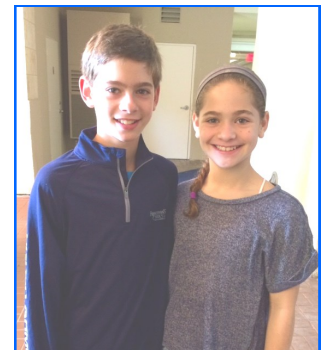
By Marleen Hacker

This column is about our member’s past activities each month, whether it be sports, the arts, a hobby, or a gala. This is about **you** and about our wonderful life living in Frenchman’s Creek. We want you to share your experiences with quotes and photos, so be prepared to smile for the camera. Here are a couple of high-lights from the month of November.

## “Thanksgiving Holiday Week”

Many of our members went up north for Thanksgiving, however, many guests came here to Frenchman's to celebrate with their families. The Club prepared a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner for 350 members and guests starting with Pumpkin Chowder. There was a salad bar, seafood station, a carving station with traditional holiday entrees, and of course an array of desserts. Whether you celebrated up north, at the club, or home with family and friends, it is a meaningful time of the year, and I asked a few younger guests what celebrating Thanksgiving at Frenchman's Creek meant to them, and here are their answers:

Bunny and Walter Peretz twin grandchildren Elizabeth and Eli, 12 years old visiting from Westchester- "We like spending time with our family. We like to come here because there are so many fun activities. The dinner was good, with a variety of food, and we ate everything."



Joan and Jim Anchin’s grandchildren Hailey 7 and Jacob 5, " We like to come here because we get to see most of our family. We played golf, tennis, bocci, swam, and went to the beach."

Judy and Stuart Epstein’s granddaughter, Lilly age 6, "I like coming here because I am with my grandma and grandpa. We saw The Nutcracker and had turkey at Grandma's house."





# "It's a Wonderful Life"

By Marleen Hacker

## Beach Club Cabaret

The Beach Club Cabaret was on Monday, November 17, with singer, actor, writer, comedian, Jordan Bennett. The evening began with a wonderful cocktail hour outside on the veranda with around 100 members. The sit down dinner was inside and small tables of 4 or 6 were arranged and beautifully decorated night club style. January 5th is the next Cabaret, so save the date.

The evening was enjoyed by all. Here are some comments from one of our members:

Joan and Rich Marshall- "It was a delightful evening in a real cabaret atmosphere, with the stage decorated in blue lights. The singer had a good voice, was very talented and gave an uplifting performance. He knew his audience and got them involved. We were all singing the show tunes and standards. The last song was a medley of 35 songs which Jordan went from one right into the other— masterfully done. The food was good too."



## "The Flavors of the World Dinner Dance – A Market Buffet"

Around 100 members were treated to a surprise evening. Our main dining room was transformed into a market buffet from foods around the world. The staff outdid themselves with decorating and setting up the room in such a way you actually felt you were traveling the many different countries of Africa, the Middle East, Venice, Paris, India, China, Mexico, and the U.S. This trip around the world included a variety of international foods and entrees. It was a wonderful way to sample many ethnic dishes. The big hit of the night was The Klezmer Band who had our members dancing and singing "The Hora" and many Israeli dances.

Lois Kleinberg- "What a great evening. I am so surprised I had such a good time. The room, the food, the dancing. I loved it."





# "It's a Wonderful Life"

By Marleen Hacker



## "Art at The Norton After Dark"-

On November 20th, Frenchman's Creek planned an excursion for its members to visit the new exhibition at The Norton Museum. The van left at 4:30 and returned at 7:30. Admission is \$12.00 for nonmembers, and free for members which includes a guided tour. The special exhibit was Master Prints: Dürer to Matisse and will be at the Norton until February. There was a collection of 43 prints and lithographs which included Picasso, Renoir, and Rembrandt to name a few. "Trips will be scheduled monthly, as the museum is so close and the exhibits change often", says Bilian.

Marilyn Franz- enjoyed being there and added, "We are lucky to have a museum like the Norton close by and to take advantage of their many different types of exhibits that change frequently."

The following people went on this trip:

Nancy and Norman Scher, Marilyn Franz, Maddy Siegel, Beverly Rubenstein, Sue Sternberg, Ruth Amiel, Rhoda Karp, Marie Kravecvas, Patricia Max



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Marleen and Stuart Hacker





# Up The Creek

**GILDA and GERRY GLASSER** celebrated their *67th Wedding anniversary* on November 8, 2014. They have two Great Granddaughters ages 7 and 10. The new news is that their 10 year old just won her second gold medal in gymnastics- this medal was won at the Rhode Island Invitational.

THE MORNING CALL Saturday, December 13, 2014

## The Nutcracker at Miller Symphony Hall

The Snow Queen and Snowflakes grace the stage during Repertory Dance Theatre's 28th production of The Nutcracker performed at Miller Symphony Hall in Allentown on Friday, December 12, 2014.



**BOBBE WIENER** is very proud of her granddaughter, Ruby Wiener, 14 years of age ( third from the left), who was featured on the front page of Allentown, Pennsylvania's newspaper, *"The Morning Call."* Ruby has danced in the *"Nutcracker"* Ballet for 9 years and this year performed as a Pierrot doll, Spanish dance, Trepak dance, a Big Mouse and pictured above as a Snowflake. She has only been on pointe for two years. Pointe work is when a [ballet] dancer supports all body weight on the tips of fully extended feet.

# **SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF CURRENTLY ENROLLED COLLEGE (AND GRADUATE SCHOOL) STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS....**

Frenchman's Creek is holding a "College Question and Answer" session for high school students to get inside information on the college experience and learn what campus life is really like at the schools and universities attended by our Frenchman's family students.

We hope to have as many schools represented as possible. We need your college students to answer questions as honestly as possible to provide insight that high school students won't get from a college admission officer or website. Please have your college student wear a shirt with their school emblem.

**FITNESS CENTER POOL**  
**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 27, 2014 4:00 PM**  
**snacks and smoothies**

Please let us know if your college students will participate, so we know the colleges represented.

Thank you and PLEASE PLEASE get the word out to your children and grandchildren.