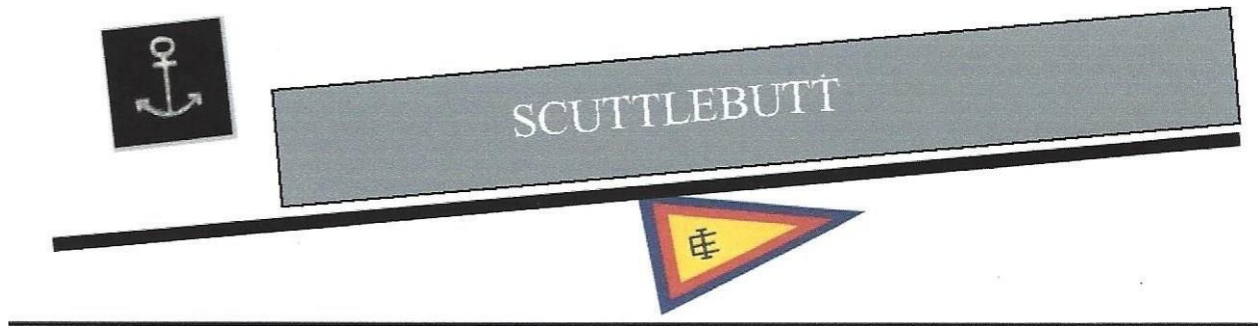


ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB



March 12th, 2020

Commodore's Comments

A lot has happened since the last Scuttlebutt. We had two fun events – A Day at the Races and the Annual Blind Auction, and welcomed three new members – Marie Ross, Bunni and Scott Lefebvre. There will also be a couple of changes with the distribution of the Scuttlebutt and Party Flyers.

We had beautiful weather for the day at Tampa Bay Downs where members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet meal followed by trips to the betting windows. And a few did very well. Many thanks to Mary Reinhardt and Arnie Shal for organizing and hosting the event.

The Annual Blind Auction has always been a great event and the one this year, held at Belleair Country Club, did not disappoint. The food and service were top-notch as usual. Scott Moncrieff kicked things off by having his team of volunteers hand out IEYC money to anyone who had any of the items on his list, from nail clippers to toothbrushes to red pens and rubber bands. After the list was exhausted (same for the volunteers who ran from table to table handing out the money), the next phase began – the auctioning off of the beautifully-wrapped and -bagged “gifts” each member had brought. The “gifts” included everything from a giant-sized universal TV remote to a quart-sized martini glass. Everyone had a great time. Sue & Scott Moncrieff and Sherry Vincent & Bob Harmon, and their committee did a wonderful job hosting the event.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new members: Marie Ross, sponsored by the Ostroskys and Bunni

and Scott Lefebvre, sponsored by the Traupmans. Welcome aboard!

Now for the changes, one you may have noticed already. You’ll be aware of the other as we approach the dates of upcoming events. First – from now on, the Scuttlebutt will not be sent as an attachment to an e-mail. Instead, a link to the Scuttlebutt on our website will be sent in an e-mail. Some were having difficulty opening the attachment. Now all you’ll have to do is click on a link and our newsletter will be displayed. From the webpage, you can download the newsletter, print it, or just read it on-line. A small percentage of members will still get printed copies.

As for the flyers, they will now be distributed, separately from the Scuttlebutt, by the Social Butterflies. The Social Committee will also send out reminders, updates, teasers, etc.

Our next event is the Brunch at Island Way Grill on April 19th. If you’ve never had the brunch at Island Way Grill...don’t miss it! See you there!

Commodore, Gene Traupman

Tampa Bay Downs Event—February 23, 2020

Twenty-four members and four guests full of enthusiasm met at the Clubhouse entrance on a beautiful, warm and sunny Sunday. There they received their tickets, program and name tags so they could proceed to the second-floor clubhouse in an area especially reserved for the Island Estates Yacht Club.

A delicious buffet awaited them, then at 12:30 the races began! There were betting windows

available and stadium seating reserved close by for our club.

The third race was designated as the Island Estates Yacht Club race. After the race, the hosts and officers went to the Winners Circle for a picture with the jockey. After the dust settled, there were some winners and a few losers. It is rumored that one of our newer members came home \$500 richer! In all, it was a spectacular day and everyone had a great time.

Mary Reinhardt and Arnie Shal, Hosts

March—Annual Blind Auction

Many thanks to the 40+ folks who came out for a great meal and evening at the Belleair Country Club. We ate and then “earned” money for all the “stuff” we brought with us. Some folks were amazing—the amount of “stuff” they brought. Then we used all the “funny money” we earned to purchase some really neat wrapped gifts. Of course, we didn’t know what treasures were under the gift wrap! Ask Mary R about the hundred-dollar bill she found inside the clock she purchased!

Gene Traupman was the auctioneer while Bob Harmon and Scott Moncrieff generated a little energy to raise the bidding. Sue Moncrieff and Sherry Vincent decorated each place with cups of mints, chocolate and hundred-dollar bills.

Many thanks to Patti O for arranging the wonderful room at the BCC, Mary R for the beautiful name tags, and Sherry V, Sue M, Bob H and Jan N for their great help!

Next year we are considering ear-marking two gifts to be traded – just to make it a little cutthroat.

In all, great food, lots of laughs and loads of fun were the order of the evening.

Submitted by Scott Moncrieff

2020 IEYC Events

Mark your calendar with these important dates—please take note!

April 19th—Island Way Grill Brunch hosted by Bob & Joan Landreth

May—Wine & Cheese Party hosted by Scott & Jean Sanders, Tom & Vivian Smith

June—Kobe Japanese Steakhouse hosted by Angie Traupman, Sue Moncrieff & Mary Reinhardt

July—The Escape Room hosted by Gene & Angie Traupman

August—Game Night and Cheeseburgers from Paradise hosted by Arnie Shal

September—Progressive Dinner hosted by Bob & Lucille Covino

October—StarLite Dinner Cruise hosted by Elizabeth Vaughan (our newest member)

November—Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner hosted by Angie Traupman, Sue Moncrieff & Mary Reinhardt

December—Change of Watch hosted by Marcia Coxhead

January 1st 2021—New Year’s Brunch



Birthdays

Mary Reinhardt	4/3
Carol Bickford	4/11
Ani Merriam	4/17
Angie Traupman	4-21
Harry Bickford	4/26

The deadline for articles or information for the next Scuttlebutt will be on April 24th. Please have your information to joanitiredone@aol.com by that date. It is necessary to have all information and the flyer for the next event by the deadline date to get the newsletter to you in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your compliance to this deadline.