



KBBC Times

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A Sad Image at our beloved Club

I think many of you have already heard about the crime of arson committed at the BC. If not, here's what we know. In the early morning hours of January 20th, a small group of people lit 4 of our 5 chickee umbrellas on fire. The 5th chickee was singed but did not sustain any real damage. The other 4 are a complete loss. The apparent perpetrators took video and posted it on Instagram. The police are working with these images and other evidence to investigate who these criminals are. Going forward, we will install security cameras in critical locations around the Club. Of course if you have any information related to this crime please contact our Manager.

For months now I have mentioned the potential opening of the Beach Side Café. I can now announce another step has been accomplished. For months, we have been struggling with the Dept. of Health related to our septic tank. Our change of tenant has triggered the need for compliance with current standards.

When the system was put in place in 1954 it was compliant and for 6 decades we have operated without a hitch. We had the system tested, cleaned and certified SAFE. This did not satisfy the State. We have set aside the money to connect our system to the Village as soon as the Village is ready to receive us. We sent a letter, along with the Village's confirmation letter, to the State attesting to this to no avail. We

were denied at each turn. The last avenue was a variance board meeting which I attended on February 4th to plead our case. I'm happy to report that we were approved unanimously and should have our permit by the middle of this month. Before you come over with your order, we still have two inspections to go but those are more procedural and we don't expect any issues or much time to complete. In the next newsletter, I hope to announce the grand opening.

Folks, we will soon be over this dreaded virus and will get back to normal. We have so many events, both sports and social, that we want to share you. In the meantime, stay safe - see you at the beach.

-Dwight Hewett -

From the Manager

Thank you for the outpouring of support and genuine concern about the loss of our tiki huts.. So many of us spent years admiring their simple beauty. Everyone has expressed their sadness and appreciation for how nice they were. We will rebuild and replace very soon and I appreciate the genuine support from all of our long time and new members.

On some positive notes: The ocean has been very clear and mainly calm. Members are kayaking and paddle boarding throughout the week. The beach has been expansive during low tide and has been a great place to

Treasurer's Report

Belated Happy New Year! As you have read in the President's column, we are close to finally opening the Beach Side Cafe. This news comes as a great way to kickoff 2021, which we all know will be so much better than 2020! Watch for the official announcement of the opening.

As of today, we have already collected 65% of dues. This is a really strong start to our year. If you have not yet paid, please remember that February 15th is the deadline. After that date, a \$100 late fee will be added.

Another piece of good news, our Senior designation (and lowered dues) has been received with grateful thanks. Remember, if you are 75 years or older, your dues have been reduced to \$550.

Stay healthy and hope to see you around the Club! --

-Christine Biggers -

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walk and exercise.

On the technology side, our small store sold \$15,000 of Key Biscayne Beach Club merchandise. We are very excited about the perpetual support for our classic clothing. We plan on adding new and different choices in the future. The Club has also received positive reviews for the ability to "click and pay" member invoices received via email.

We are grateful for all of our long time members, who have supported the club for decades and excited about the new memberships, which have accelerated with all the improvements to the club.

The Beach Side Café is getting closer indeed. Thank you for your support and the compliments our staff continues to receive. We are available to help in any way we can during your visits to the Beach Club.

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Notices to Members

- ◆ Please feel free to check www.kbbeachclub.com for the latest directives and other useful Information.
- ◆ When on the beach please be aware of turtle nesting areas. These are marked by stakes and yellow caution tape.
- ◆ Please let the staff know if you want to check out one of the large "floaties."
- ◆ The staff is trained and ready to assist you in setting up your umbrella.
- ◆ **Ask our BC staff about our line of merchandise for sale. We have high quality tee shirts, long sleeve swim shirts and ball caps - show your colors!!**

