CORONAVIRUS - The Seabrooker is going to print this month with the coronavirus at the epicenter of the news cycle. Seabrook Island has been well served by the town, the SIPOA and the club in getting timely information to our residents about dealing with COVID-19. Dan Korteleit, Caleb Elledge, John Gregg and their organizations deserve an elbow thank you! With this in mind, this Seabrooker will focus on our regular monthly columns and articles. Call it a breather (no pun) and an understanding that “life goes on.” I also want to thank all of our columnists and contributors for the extra effort in getting a paper out this month in spite of the difficult times.

By the time you read this, there may be millions of people who will be cut back by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. I’ll start by stating the obvious: we are all more concerned about the impact on lives than about the impact on the financial markets. However, this column is focused on the economy and markets, so that is what I will write about.

In my most recent column (the February Seabrooker) I wrote about the crashing stock market “Meltdown” we were experiencing. Sadly, that turned out to be the last gasp of the Bull Market. The S&P 500 fell from 3,386 in March 2020 to a new all-time high of 3386 on February 19, 2020. What a 48% increase (18% per annum) and doesn’t even include dividends paid! As I wrote then, the S&P 500 is 32% versus the February highs, the Dow Jones Industrials 33%, NASDAQ Composite 26% and SmallCap S&P Smallcap 42%. These declines are not only deep, but are also the swiftest ever seen. Two emergency rate cuts from the Federal Reserve (Fed Funds are once again at zero), 500 billion of Quantitative Easing (bond buying by the Fed) did nothing to reassure the markets, which are seen to be driven by existential dread of the coronavirus. Expansion of QE and additional Federal Fed actions may do nothing to alleviate the fears.

FEAR OF UNKNOWNS
Coronavirus is a “known unknown” here is FEAR of the unknown. To borrow a phrase from Donald Rumsfeld, there are “known knowns” and “known unknowns” here. We know the economy is taking a big hit, causing unknowns that are punishing market participants. How long will the economy be shut down? How high will oil prices sell off? Will there be a GDP contraction be deep? Will it be a recession? Will it be a depression? Will the economy and employment recover quickly? Unemployment will certainly surge as the economy and employment to recover relatively quickly. Such a plan or longer would be extraordinarily difficult to avert a long recession. Such a plan for a depression may help some in- dividuals but a lot of that will be wasted. A plan focused on helping small businesses stay afloat for potentially three months or longer would be extraordinarily expensive, but might be the best way to avert a long recession. Such a plan might allow the economy and employment to recover relatively quickly. From the Glass Half Perspective, a contraction is inevitable. Unemployment will rise, though US Treasury bonds are a form of insurance, it is not, a recession (negative GDP for two quarters) is not a sure thing. I will go out on a limb and predict “this, too, shall pass” and the economy will once again grow new highs.

The known knowns is the stock market sell-off currently underway. One of the most amazing facets of this episode is the extreme speed of the descent. Investors believe fear-induced panic has played a relatively small part in this, although I cannot prove that. The astounding speed of the sell-off and the insane volatility we experienced in the first month after the all-time highs seems more likely to be due to algorithmic computerized trading. Much like the “portfolio insurance” that turned a modest bear market into the 1987 Market Crash, the algos are programmed to set extremely market-wide and volatility specu- lators. That is, their programs tell them to buy, buy, buy when stock prices are rising and sell, sell, sell, when prices are falling. This double-edged sword exacerbates market advances like 2016-17 and 2019 early 2020 but also deepens the declines.

HAVE THERE BEEN HIDDING PLACES?
Actually, yes. US Treasury bonds have (overall) performed their duty of increasing prices as stock prices fell. At yearend, the 10 Year US Treasury (10UST) yielded 1.95% and the 30 year 2.38%. As stocks sold off, the flight to quality drove Treasury bonds to all-time lows (that is, all time price -YIELDS), with the 10UST at 0.32% intra-dia- gram on March 9 and the 30UST at 0.70%. Yields have since risen – the March 20th 10UST yield was 0.95% and the 30UST was 1.50%

Stocks kept falling, but bond yields rose between March 9 and March 20.

Why? One reason may be investor ca- tion. Investors may have needed to raise cash to meet margin calls or other obligations. If they did not want to sell stocks at fire-sale prices, they might have sold bonds. Additional sellers may be investors who believed the 10UST 1.01% yield (1.71% in early February) was far too low and wanted to reduce exposure. With short rates at zero, an economic contraction looming and inflation non-existent, it is hard to imagine bond yields rising significantly any time soon. Of course, cash reserves are another hedge. Even with savings account and money market fund yields close to 0.0%, banks and typically spend a majority of their human nature will not help you to suc- cess with that plan. More likely, when the time comes to buy, you won’t want to – you will still be fearful. If you have cash, your portfolio strategy might be to identify stocks or funds you want to own for the long term and gradually invest in them over time at a fixed rate on a fixed schedule. In my last column, I thinking we are closing in on the time to realign toward equities. Signs of a slowdown in the rate of new corona- virus cases and an effective plan from the government could dampen the fears of the unknown that are driving stock prices even lower. As the Glass Half Full investor, that would cause me to shift to a strategy of increasing my risk-asset exposure.

Just when the caterpillar thought the world was ending, he turned into a butterfly.

GLASS HALF FULL Perspectives
This Too Shall Pass

BEEN A MELTDOWN THAT FAILED TO RETURN TO NEW HIGHS. THAT MEANS THAT EVEN A 50% decline is not nal, although it might be a very bad omen. This does not mean the economy is going to come back, however. The US is in a recession, which is a slowdown in the rate of new corona- virus cases and an effective plan from the government could dampen the fears of the unknown that are driving stock prices even lower. As the Glass Half Full investor, that would cause me to shift to a strategy of increasing my risk-asset exposure.

Good luck and stay well! ▲

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If you’ve been lucky enough to make it to Charleston this month, I hope you’ve seen bottlenose dolphins swim- ming in the Kiawah River. What you may not have known is that you’ve probably spotted one of the resident dolphins that feed here regularly. These dolphins are part of the Charleston Estuarine population, a population of approximately 350 animals whose habitat runs from the North Edisto to the Charleston Harbor. These dolphins live in the brackish rivers year-round and typically spend a majority of their time in a small area (their home range). This population has been studied since 1994 and through tagging and genetic studies a great deal of infor-
Col. James Lester Bannwart

James was born on February 12, 1936 in Daleville, Virginia. He worked as a Civil Engineer for Bannwart in Michigan City, Indiana. James was a high school sweetheart and loving pet care either in my home. These paths are used by:

• residents and guests to walk their pets, or
• the path near the edges is not used as the path around Palmetto Lake. (It is close to the unpaved grassy area). It is very important to note that when the paths are curved and with the width available for use by bicyclists coming from the opposite direction, the width available for use by EBIKES will effectively be reduced to between 2 and 6 feet. In addition, most of the paths are curved and with the resulting reduced visibility, there is a greater risk of blind spot accidents. Think of that in the context of something Quickly coming at you from the opposite direction going 20 mph. I object to the introduction of EBIKES in general. From a common sense perspective, a regular pedal bike can reach speeds which come close to the 20mph limit (but these are ridden by athletic and experienced riders). However, the weight of the EBIKE and its potential to be used by non-pedestrians. Alternatively, the petition proposes that if the use of EBIKES is to be permitted, they should be limited to roadways which are used by mou.

You can also find information on the number of accidents and fatalities resulting from the use of EBIKES by means of a simple Google search. You can also find statistics which show that the age group that has the most accidents and suffers the more serious injuries (including fatal) from the use of EBIKES is the age group most prevalent in our community - 55+.

There are many other questions that must be investigated regarding the safety and fatalities resulting from the use of EBIKES. You can also find information on multiple deaths which have occurred where EBIKES can be ridden. It is not unusual that vehicles that are banned from specific paths/roads have been seen on those roads (recently a resident informed me he saw one of the street golf carts on the path around the Lake). How would this be supervised/monitored/penalized? I intend to submit this as a petition to be filed with both the SIPOA and the Town. The petition will propose that if the use of EBIKES is to be permitted, they should be limited to roadways which are used by motorized vehicles. Alternatively, the petition proposes that if EBIKES are permitted on the pathways, the pedal assist mode must be disabled in order to ride on the path (the EBIKE ridden manually until a motor vehicle street is reached).

Carmine DeGennaro
A dolphin named Step is one of the longest studied dolphins in Charleston, having first been spotted in 1995. Since then, she’s been spotted over 70 times in the Stono River, making her a Stono River resident. Through this program, this was the first time she was seen in the Kiawah River and confirmed a strand feeder. She’s not as regular as some of the others but plays a matriarchal role. Local researchers have seen her with at least 5 calves, two of which are inlet strand feeders, High Scoops and Rosie. Although these offspring are older, 17 and 12 yrs, respectively, and independent from her, we have seen them socializing with each other and even strand feeding together in a place they likely learned to feed as young calves. Step has not been seen with a new calf in several years and due to her age, her reproductive years may be over. Males will pair up in mid-life and stick together until one dies. Small Nick and Times 3 are believed to be a male bonded pair. This provides them with advantages in feeding and mating. Times 3 is a confirmed male through genetic testing and Small Nick is a probable male by association. They can often be seen cruising the spit and strand feeding together.

Watching these animals feed at the inlet can be exhilarating but we all must be aware that which makes the dolphins stop feeding, chuffing, tail slapping, or leaving the area. NOAA recommends not approaching dolphins within 50 yards from any vessel. From land, avoid approaching dolphins within 45 feet when the dolphins are feeding. Use binoculars, a long lens, sit down, and keep noise to a minimum. Thank you for helping us to protect our residents. Seabrook residents). KoKo may be one of the others but plays a matriarchal role. Local researchers have seen her with at least 5 calves, two of which are inlet strand feeders, High Scoops and Rosie. Although these offspring are older, 17 and 12 yrs, respectively, and independent from her, we have seen them socializing with each other and even strand feeding together in a place they likely learned to feed as young calves. Step has not been seen with a new calf in several years and due to her age, her reproductive years may be over. Males will pair up in mid-life and stick together until one dies. Small Nick and Times 3 are believed to be a male bonded pair. This provides them with advantages in feeding and mating. Times 3 is a confirmed male through genetic testing and Small Nick is a probable male by association. They can often be seen cruising the spit and strand feeding together.

With the help of our volunteers, we are continuing to feed to hungry families even though schools are closed. We want to formally thank the sponsors listed below. To all the donors, we say thank you. Best assured, donations will be put to very good use.

To Mike Gorski, your dedication to feeding hungry children is above and beyond amazing. We sincerely thank you.

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KWF Backpack Buddies
Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island
President Ron Schildge called the meeting to order at the Seabrook Island Club. Jim Bannister gave the invocation and then gave a Fallen Heroes Tribute to U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Johnathan E. Langston. Lance Corporal Gadsden died October 22, 2004 of wounds caused by detonation of a roadside bomb on August 21, 2004 in Anbar Province, Iraq. He was the 21st U.S. serviceman from South Carolina to die during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lance Cpl. Gadsden joined the Marine Corps in 2002, only weeks after graduating from High School, where he was a member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. Members of the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club do not allow our South Carolina fallen heroes to be merely photos and obituaries. U.S. flags with yellow ribbons honoring Lance Cpl. Gadsden, along with many others, are proudly waving at highly visible locations on Johns, Kiawah, and Seabrook Islands as a high priority of our Club. Ron introduced guests and showed a slide with Exchange Club information and encouraged guests to consider joining the Club.

Ron thanked the Angel Oak Committee for putting together a great dinner on February 10th honoring John Sandy. All members were reminded of how important the Directory is to our fund raising efforts and Greg Iaconis encouraged the directory sales team to get their ad renewal done and to bring in as many new ads as possible. John Brock introduced the evening’s guest speaker, Scott Reid, the Director of the 2021 PGA Championship. The Championship will be held at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort May 17-23, 2021. Although the event is more than a year away, PGA of America staff members are on the ground planning for South Carolina’s largest major championship. Scott resides on Johns Island with his wife and 6 year old twins. Scott gave the membership an informative presentation about the economic benefits of this event to our region and about how the Championship will be run. He gave the Club information about volunteering, ticketing, traffic and parking.

By the time you are reading this, we will probably have seen Coronavirus cases level off and there will be discussions about getting back to normal (whatever that means). I’m certainly far from an expert on viruses so commentary here should only be viewed as what I think the return of a more familiar way of life will look like, specifically, what it will look like with regards to the restaurant and bar scene in Charleston.

As everyone knows, Charleston is heavily dependent on tourism and the hospitality industry. The industry accounts for roughly 20 percent of area jobs. Residents’ wages and tax income derived from tourists and those enjoying a night out are vital to the Charleston economy. So when cities across the country look to return to work in greater numbers, many Charlestonians will be looking to return to their jobs in bars and restaurants. Unfortunately, that might be the worst place to be at this point in the effort to control the virus. I don’t take a epidemiologist to understand that COVID-19 will still be around as more of the country returns to work. Social distancing if known, I wish there was a better syn- onym as welll to remain vital until the number of cases dramatically falls. That could be months or a year, no one really knows. So when many Charlestonians return to work, they will be returning to environments not conducive to limiting the spread of the virus.

What will be the return to a more normal daily life mean for the industry? We certainly can’t go from quarantining our doors as if it’s business as usual. My place of employment has a legal capacity of approximately 130. That number of people in close proximity will remain vital until the virus cases level off and there will be discussions about getting back to normal. We certainly can’t go from quarantining our doors as if it’s business as usual. My place of employment has a legal capacity of approximately 130. That number of people in close proximity will remain vital until the virus cases level off and there will be discussions about getting back to normal.

What will the return to work mean for the hospitality industry? The purpose of the article was not to sound like an alarmist, but there will be many questions that we don’t have the answers to as we strive to get back to our routines. Equally as many questions for a city for which the industry is the lifeblood. So while the virus may be causing havoc in parts of the world right now, we remain safe by quarantining ourselves. The more concerning question for the industry and this city. And that is what faces us when we try to reclaim some normalcy. ▲
Alaska. Turns out, gnats had changed the Great Plains and terrorized caribou in things that drove cattle crazy on the pasture. Your first indication that they’re around is a red hot needle-like pain on what appears to be bare skin. Smacking the area is useless. By the time you realize you’ve been bitten, they’ve left and you are new territory. “Well,” you think, “they can’t be that bad; you can hardly see them.” Hallo Days lat- er you’re still scratching and muttering curse words you’d never use in front of your mother.

And that was just the beginning. I was raised in Texas, where we had what we called trod ants. Great big old things that you could see coming and who advertised their colonies with large, volcanic shaped mounds. My first experience with the ubiquitous fire ants down here traumatized me. They are the smartest and sneakiest of all biters.

They’re so tiny I couldn’t feel them crawling up my ankles until there was an entire regiment of them heading for my nether regions, waiting for their Sergeant to send them the signal to “Attack!” Followed by my scream and efforts to run for the house while simultaneously pulling down my trous- ers to see what the heck was happen- ing down there. You could darn well see them now. Directed of my pants, I turned the hose on myself while jump- ing up and down and yelling “What the f**k!” And that wasn’t the worst part. During the next days, every single bite there were 2 to 3 of them. I cooled down with ice packs, with no relief from pain. For the next week or so, my ankles were a cloud, the mosquitoes and no-see-ums feasting there just ain’t a garden party.

In defeat, I glassed in my screened porch and patio and “enjoyed” my terraced caribou in Alaska. Turns out, gnats had changed their name to ‘no-see-ums’ and had relocated by the millions to the Low- country. They’re aptly named, too, because you rarely see them unless they are part of a swarm. Your first indication that they’re around is a red hot needle-like pain on what appears to be bare skin. Smacking the area is useless. By the time you realize you’ve been bitten, they’ve left and you are new territory. “Well,” you think, “they can’t be that bad; you can hardly see them.” Hallo Days lat- er you’re still scratching and muttering curse words you’d never use in front of your mother.

The whole concept sounds roman- tic, doesn’t it? Gardens and parties seem to be made for each other. Like Bobie and Bacall, Lucy and Desi, Gin and Tonic.

I fell in love with the Lowcountry when I was here on vacation. I had looked all over the country for prop- erty where I could retire and build the house and garden of my dreams. I bought property here years before I was able to actually build a house on it. I spent those intervening years dream- ing about the garden parties I would have.

I had it all planned. Flower laden ta- bles for dinner of no more than eight (our best conversation, you know). Af- ternoon tea parties with me sitting at a (for best conversation, you know). Af - ternoon tea parties with me sitting at a table asking, “China or India?”, while serving scones and cream. Barbecues with checkered tablecloths serving scones and clotted cream. Wine tastings with Vivaldi playing soft- ly, and 15 or 20 of my closest friends, (our best conversation, you know). Af -

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Lowcountry "No-See-Ums" by Sandra Educate

SEADOGS BEACH WALK TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH

SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island dog and beach advocacy group, an- nounced today that the annual Beach Walk will take place on April 28, 2020 starting at 5PM on North Beach. The Beach Walk is a tradition that has helped the Seabrook Island communi- ty combine fun for dogs (and their hu- mans) with charitable giving to worthy area animal causes.

For the dogs, Beach Walk is a great time to run and play on the beach with other friendly dogs in the community. For the humans, there is the satis- faction of being able to take advantage of the magnificent views of the area’s barrier island and Atlantic Ocean. Drinks will be provided by SEADOGS. Eeesquirted sea- dogs will have a snack or dessert to the Beach Walk. For more information on the event or about the SEADOGS, contact Mitch Pulwer at mjpulw@yahoo.com.

P.S. Every single word of this ar- ticle is true. ❤

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As kids on Seabrook, we love having access to our beautiful walking trails, beaches, marshlands, and ponds. Many of us kids have grown up on the island and have noticed the evolution of the area, such as the addition of new families and kids on the island and the new cafe at the Beach Club. But, we have unfortunately begun noticing more severe weather changes, such as the rise of sea levels as we bike across the bridge by the stop signs on Oyster Catcher and Seabrook Island Rd. Has anyone else noticed that the water seems awfully high much of the time?

Many of us kids hear political arguments between our parents about climate change and global warming, but what we, kids, want to hear them talk about is what we can do to make a difference. We kids, want to hear them say that what we, kids, want is to hear them talk about conservation and the practice of reducing our carbon footprint.

I have further learned about the protection of our community while interning at the Kiawah Conservancy. As a part of my education at Charleston Collegiate School, I am participating in our school’s majors program by selecting an area of interest and participating in an internship. My major is nature conservation with a focus on wildlife photography. While my internship is on Kiawah Island, the island is similar to Seabrook and has helped me develop a passion for my home, and the wildlife that lives here. I hope that, as a community, we can do our best to protect what we love so that our grandchildren and great grandchildren can enjoy our beautiful island. Whether this is biking to the Lake House, instead of driving, learning about the importance of conservation from our Natural Space Conservancy, or picking up trash from the side of Captain Sam’s Road, we should do our best to make our beautiful island last as long as possible and enjoy it all as much as we can.

We usually focus on the more common problems as we age in an attempt to promote healthy aging. However, from time to time one of us or a close friend will acquire a rare and difficult disease. Dermatomyositis fits that bill. The incidence is about 1 in every 100,000 people so it is indeed rare. What is it?

Dermatomyositis is an acquired autoimmune disease most experts believe. Thus, it is a disease that results when our own immune system attacks our own body. The parts of the body under siege are the skin and muscles as the same indicates. The dermis or skin erupts in a rash or open skin sores. The muscles are also inflamed and may be painful and become somewhat wasted.

Symptoms

Usually the first sign of the disease is a skin rash on the face or arms, elbows, knees, chest, eyelids, and sometimes sores on the hands. The rash is patchy. Over ensuing months, muscles ache and are tender, particularly those of the arms and trunk including the shoulders, neck, hips, and thighs. There may follow fatigue, tiredness, skin rashes, difficulty swallowing, weight loss, lung problems, and sometimes fever. There may follow fatigue, tiredness, skin rashes, difficulty swallowing, weight loss, lung problems, and sometimes fever.

Cause

The exact cause of dermatomyositis is not known. What is known is that something does trigger one’s own immune system and cause it to attack the body instead of an intruding infection or cancer. The damage is done by inflammatory cells that surround the small vessels in muscle. This leads to interruption of blood flow to the muscle and muscle death. The trigger of the immune response could be a virus or even cancer in the body. Also, patients whose immune systems are compromised seem to be victims of this disease. The mechanism for this is not known.

Risk Factors

As with every disease we address age is a risk factor. Dermatomyositis tends to occur most in people 40-60 years of age as well as children. So it is not like most diseases in that the older you get the more risk you have. In fact, if you are over 60 then the risk begins to decrease until 80 when it is very low. Another risk factor is gender. Women are significantly more affected than men.

Diagnosis

The diagnosis is difficult only because dermatomyositis is so rare. A careful history followed by a thorough physical exam will be necessary for a specialist such as a Pulmonologist or Rheumatologist to ascertain a diagnosis. The rash and the muscle pain combination with or without pulmonary problems lead your doctor to the diagnosis. A number of tests can be performed to confirm the diagnosis including EKG, a muscle biopsy and blood tests that show muscle disease and/or elevated autoantibodies. A chest film and a PFT if the lungs are involved is usually required. Additionally other studies including skin biopsy could be performed.

Treatment

Treatment tends to be successful from the standpoint of symptoms. However, there is no cure for the disease. The first line of therapy is a prescription for oral corticosteroids like prednisone. Sometimes topical steroid cream is used on the rash or lesions. Sometimes all symptoms respond to one course of the corticosteroids, but often other regimens may be required including higher doses. If corticosteroids are not sufficient other drugs may be given that further suppress the immune response. Among these are: anthracycline and methotrexate which are used if the corticosteroids do not work or are not well tolerated. Finally, intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) made from the antibodies of people who have the disease may be used. This is expensive, but has proven effective.

Non-pharmacological therapy includes physical therapy that improves muscle mass and strength. Surgery is rarely used to remove the small calcinosis nodules found in some people. Sunscreen is usually advised to protect the skin.

Outcome

There are some common complications with dermatomyositis. These include skin ulcers, gastric ulcers, lung infections from aspiration, Raynaud’s Disease, myocardiitis and intestinal lung disease. Some of these complications can be life-threatening to the patient. Most people do respond to one or more of the medications and their infrequent incidence seems recommended as well as regular physical therapy. It is normal to experience a wide variety of emotions that must also be monitored and that can be helped by supportive friends and family. Rest is recommended for periods when fatigue occurs.

There is some advice for people who have dermatomyositis that includes the patient’s being an active part of the medical team. In fact some have said the patient becomes a doctor and must stay involved. Patients must then consult with their physician to control a flare-up. Regular exercise is recommended as well as regular physical therapy. It is normal to experience a wide variety of emotions that must also be monitored and that can be helped by supportive friends and family. Rest is recommended for periods when fatigue occurs.

Rare diseases can afflict anyone and their unpredictable incidence seems to have a particularly devastating effect on those who do get it. (Why me?) However, most people can be treated, and some can even go into remission. The important thing, if you do contract the disease, is to be vigilant and help your doctor with exacerbations in that situation. You are an active member of your care team. Most people are able to live nearly normal lives with their disease.
Bishop Gadsden Awards nearly $280,000 to Charleston Area Charitable Organizations

Building Upon a Mission to Reach Out with a Generous Spirit

Media Day for the 2021 PGA Championship at the Ocean Course on Kiawah was held at the Sanctuary Hotel on March 3. Co-chairs of the tournament Roger Warren, President of the Kiawah Island Resort and Nikki Haley, former Governor of South Carolina and former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. were joined at the press conference by Scott Reed, the PGA official overseeing all aspects of the championship and who has been “on site” at Kiawah since the Fall of 2019.

Overview: All three were very enthusiastic that the PGA Championship was moved from August to May starting last year at Bethpage Black on Long Island. “The cooler days will be welcomed,” said Warren, “and the threat of afternoon showers greatly reduced”. He continued on the history of the Ocean Course beginning as the site of the 1991 Ryder Cup and continuing on with the 2007 Senior PGA Championship as well as the 2012 PGA. Warren made note that the architects of the Ocean Course, the legendary duo of Pete Dye and his wife Alice, both passed away within the last year. “Alice”, Warren added, “was the inspiration for the course’s fairways and greens being built up enough that views of the ocean were a part of the beautiful setting. Plans are in the works to honor the Dyes at the tournament.

Economic Impact: Ambassador Haley pointed to estimates from the 2012 PGA in the range of $90 million added to the Charleston economy. The sense for next year is that the economic impact will be well over $100 million.

Pick Field: The 2012 field included every single professional in the World Rankings top 100 players. The PGA Championship draws the strongest field of all of golf’s major championships.

Traffic Issues: Getting ticket holders out to the Ocean Course is a timely fashion is a challenge. Travelling down to Kiawah by either Bolicket or River roads is slow going and then the 2 lane, winding Kiawah Island Road from the entrance gate to the Ocean Course is a six mile stretch that is again slow moving. The PGA tournament committee decided to waive all parking fees for 2021 in the hope this will help move spectators from the parking areas out to the course as quickly as possible.

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Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community awards nearly $280,000 to nine local charities.

Chosen through a selection process completed by Bishop Gadsden residents, the 2019 Charitable grant recipients and the dollars they received include:

- Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic ($75,000)
- Ronald McDonald House ($65,000)
- Sea Island Water Wellness ($65,000)
- One80 Place ($25,715)
- Friends of Fisher House ($20,000)
- Sea Island Habitat for Humanity ($20,000)
- Lowcountry Orphan Relief ($3,285)
- Lowcountry Food Bank ($3,311)
- Fresh Start Visions ($2,700)

The Bishop Gadsden Charitable Fund began in 2018 as a more formalized process of the Bishop Gadsden outreach program. The outreach program was established by the residents in 2000 and has distributed more than $2.7 million to Charleston area charitable organizations. Today’s Charitable Fund program provides the Bishop Gadsden Community the opportunity to support residents who require financial assistance for residency within Bishop Gadsden – more than $400,000 in 2019, as well as assist non-profit organizations in the tri-county area.

Bishop Gadsden’s history and mission are based on the call to care for neighbors and community. The good work supported by the Bishop Gadsden Charitable Fund exemplifies this mission,” states President/CEO Sarah Tytun. “Our Charitable Fund supports residents in need during the most fragile time of their lives, and makes substantial grants to area charitable organizations. The impact our residents, employee team members, board members, families, and friends have through their generosity is quite remarkable. I am tremendously proud of our Community’s generous spirit and the great things these grants will do for the Charleston area.”

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A LIFELINE FOR CANCER SURVIVORS
Seabrook Island Dragonslayers Entered in Charleston Dragon Boat Festival

The Seabrook Island Greenpeace Conservancy Board of Directors would like to thank all our ticket holders, sponsors and donors for understanding the need to postpone the 23 Years of Green Gala previously scheduled for March 15. As the week of the planned event unfolded, there were more indicators each day that it would be ill-advised to assemble a large crowd in a closed space. After publishing our postponement, we have heard nothing but positive responses and many a simple “Thank You.” Our sponsors and donors have been notified and are willing to support us at the event tentatively scheduled for October 18. All previously purchased tickets will be honored.

As the new date approaches, we will notify the Seabrook Island community about our plans. In the meantime, we wish you all to take care, follow the medical expert’s advice and stay healthy.

Seabrook Island Dragonslayers team: Lois Berg-Craig, Penelope Colby, Linda Demler, Kathy Francis, Rosa Fullerton, Pam Gerstmayr, Betty Maher, Leslie Hagen, Denise Hall, Delores Cathcart, Lillie Poag, Lois Lott, Melissa Merhi, Darla Norkus, Jan delegate, Beverly Buck, Lucy Watson, Becky Ziegler

Team members not in photo: Penelope Colby, Linda Demler, Jeanne Lewis and Jane Maginis.

EDITORS NOTE: The trip from Seabrook Island to downtown Charleston via Maybank Highway has a peculiar side. That drive takes you directly through the center of the Charleston Municipal Golf Course.

Yesterday’s trip back to Seabrook and through the Maybank Highway reminded me that the course is undergoing a $3 million upgrade as evident by the piles of dirt and construction equipment in full view from the highway.

The timeline for the project began with a January 1 start date and hopes to be ready for play by late Fall this year according to James Island resident and golf course architect Troy Miller, who did the design work pro bono.

The first portion of the project will include the back nine along with work related to the driving range and short-game areas.

Target greens will be added to the driving range which will help improve drainage and could also be utilized for short-game practice and for teaching programs such as US Kids Golf and First Tee. A three-hole short-game area will be built between the ninth tee and ninth fairway.

Support to donate PCBC’s many programs for cancer survivors can be made on the Dragonslayer’s team’s behalf (or any of the team’s member’s behalf) online at: https://donationsdcboatcharleston.org select the FESTIVAL tab, scroll to the bottom of the page and select DONATE TO A TEAM (type in Seabrook Island Dragonslayers) or select DONATE TO A PERSON (type in the member to whom you wish to donate)

Click on the blue box next to the name you wish to support and proceed with your donation

Alternatively, you can make your donation check payable to Dragon Boat Charleston-Festival and mail to: Dragon Boat Charleston 164 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC 29407

Please write Seabrook Island Dragonslayers and the team member’s name (if you are donating to a person on the team), in the memo section of your check.

And please include your email address.

All donations to support the cancer survivors and the cancer survivor programs provided by DBC are tax deductible.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Seabrook Island Dragonslayers entered in Charleston Dragon Boat Festival

Captained by Lois Brehm, with experienced Seabrook Island Dragon Boat racers Betty Maher and Rosa Fullerton assisting, the 23 member Seabrook Island Dragonslayers will participate in the 13th annual Dragon Boat Festival at Brittlebank Park on May 9, 2020. Sponsored by Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC), the festival is a gathering of people from all walks of life to celebrate DBC’s mission of promoting the mental, physical and emotional health of cancer survivors and their community through dragon boat racing. This is the second year the Dragonslayers are participating in DBC’s fundraising event. “We had such an enthusiastic response to join our team this year”, says Lois, “that we created a waiting list of participants for next year!”

Dragon Boating is a sport that originated in China over 2000 years ago. Twenty paddlers sit two abreast in colorful, but fast boats, while paddling to the beat of a drummer, the heartbeat of the dragon. Dragon Boat Charleston has been in existence since 2003 and in 2008 was awarded a National Cancer Institute grant to study the impact of dragon boat racing on the emotional health of cancer survivors.

In 2010 the Dragonslayers assisted, the 23 member Dragonslayer team was established, with 60 paddlers and 60 enthusiastic participants.

“Last summer, Lois, Betty and Leslie were members of DBC’s cancer survivor teams competing in the National’s race in Colorado Springs. Co., bringing home silver and gold medals in their respective divisions. These events earned their teams berths to race in the World’s Dragon Boat races in Aix-les-Bains, France, in August, 2020. ”

Next, to say, we are incredibly excited and honored to be paddling against “the best in the world” dragon boat teams says Betty. DBC will send a breast cancer survivor team and an All Cancer Survivor team to the competition, racing against approximately 7,000 paddlers over a 4-day period.

Meanwhile, on Seabrook Island, the Dragonslayers’ excitement is mounting for their races against 50+ corporate, various businesses, healthcare, and non-for-profit teams. The event is set for the weekend of May 9. Admission to the festival is free, with races from 9 AM - 3 PM, plus entertainment, music, food and just plain fun on and off the water.

Charleston “Muni” Undergoing $3 Million Upgrade
Highway, and the 13th green, which will shift closer to the Stono River. The rest of the greens will pretty much stay in their current location. But they all get expanded, some as much as 100 percent. And they all will be reseeded and rebuilt to USGolf Association specifications.

Miller said by starting in January, they will be able to put grass down by the end of April, going it a NoTrend growing and then reopen the back nine toward the end of July. The front nine would have a similar timeline of construction, from April through July, using the last two weeks of July and first two weeks of August to do the grading and having the grow-in period through October.

Miller, who lives in nearby Riverland Terrace, said when he was a kid his mother would drop him off at the course with $5 and he would stay there all day. It's a course where his father, Ronnie, got his first job in the golf profession, so he had a special affection for Muni and often thought of changes and improvements that could be done. It's an exciting time now that the project is about to begin.

I'm just a conduit for a lot of people who really, really care about this place,” Miller said. “I have some history here with my dad working here over 50 years ago, his first job in golf. I live in Riverland Terrace and have kids who live in the neighborhood. It's a special place to a lot of people. I'm very, very excited. I volunteered to do this because I care about the golf course and I care about this city.”
The Red Cross recommends the following steps to help prevent the spread of germs during this situation:

- Stay home if you can and avoid gatherings of more than ten people.
- Practice social distancing by keeping a distance of about six feet from others if you must go out in public.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; throw used tissues in the trash. If a tissue isn’t available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, computers, phones, keyboards, sinks, toilets, faucets and countertops.

If surfaces are dirty, clean them—use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Full information on how to disinfect found here.

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The Red Cross recommends the following steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
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If surfaces are dirty, clean them—use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Full information on how to disinfect found here.

- Wear a facemask if you are sick. You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider’s office.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 symptoms include fever, shortness of breath and a cough. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Call your doctor for medical advice if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms.

Brown & White Pick-Ups
Friday, April 3, 2020
Friday, June 1, 2020

SIPAOA Operational Notes For COVID-19
State of Emergency:

- SIPAOA facilities, including the Lake House indoor and outdoor areas, are closed until further notice.
- The SIPAOA Administration office will also remain closed.
- While the Administration office is closed, the following information may be helpful:
  - Beach bonfires are prohibited for the duration of the State of Emergency.
  - If an existing barcode has stopped working, and you need to obtain a new barcode to replace it, please email us at receptionist@sipoa.org with the make, model, year, color, plate # and state of registration to verify that we will be replacing the correct vehicle barcode. If you have a new vehicle, please complete the New Vehicle Registration form on SIPAOA.org. A member of our staff will contact you once your request has been processed.

SIPAOA is granting a 30-day renewal extension for any barcodes that expire during the month of March.

A friendly reminder to please adhere to the speed limit on the Island.

SPEED LIMIT 25

Attention Seabrook & Kiawah Home Owners
We’re Here For You

How can you protect yourself?

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Contact Rod Ward for Reservations: CoastalConnectionLLC@gmail.com
843.810.1365
Seabrook Island Artists Guild Raises Funds for Johns Island High School

During the November Art Show in November 2019, the guild raised $800 for the Johns Island High School Art Department. This was matched by an additional 15% from Charleston’s Art & Craftsmen Supply Company for a total of $802. The $802 was given in the form of a store credit for the High School Art Teacher to purchase art supplies to be used in his classroom. When presented with this gift, art teacher Michael Arnett said “We now have the means for acrylic painting and colored pencil drawing (the good kind of pencils, prisms).” Studies show that the arts keep children in school, strengthen ties to community, improve motor, spatial and language skills, promotes creativity, builds confidence, gives joy, relieves stress, improves problem solving just to name a few benefits. However, the arts are one of the first places schools look to trim their budgets. Johns Island High School has very little funding for their art program. It is for this reason the Seabrook Island Art Guild has for several years continued to raise money for this cause.

For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, membership, events, classes, workshops and shows, please visit our website seabrookislandartistsguild.com.

Turtle Patrol Cancels Kick Off and New Member Meetings on Thursday, April 2nd

Due to the current health crisis, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol has cancelled the 2020 Kick Off and New Member Orientation Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd. The New Member Training on April 16th and the T-Shirt Pick-Up Party on April 25th have also been cancelled.

One of the important functions of the Kick Off Meeting is to order the new Turtle Patrol t-shirts and hats for 2020. This year we plan to accomplish this by submitting the order forms and payments directly to Bill and Linda Nelson. Current Turtle Patrol Members will be sent detailed instructions.

For potential new members, the cut line of the New Member Orientation, a summary of volunteer opportunities and a new member signup form are available on the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol web site, sturtlepatrol.com. The Orientation Outline can be found under Information/Training and the new member signup form and a summary of volunteer opportunities can be found under Information/Forms/Resources. If you decide to become a member, please send an email to Gary Fansler at fanslergary@gmail.com to obtain an order form for T-shirts and hats. You can also contact Gary with any questions. This will be as possible as the overall T-shirt/hat order will have to be submitted by April 2nd.

RACQUET CLUB NEWS

Seabrookers Take On BULLDOG CHALLENGE

Steve Penkhus, MD

Purpose of the Patrol

The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to protect and preserve the Loggerhead sea turtles that visit our beaches. In order to accomplish this, members of the patrol walk the beaches every morning during the nesting and hatching season. The season typically runs from early May until October. During these walks, members identify and locate nests. The nests are then protected with screening and are recorded and monitored. When evidence of hatchlings occurs, and sufficient time has passed such that some have emerged, the nest is inventoried to collect data for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Since 1996, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol has identified over 1000 nests on our beaches and the number of nests has been growing. During the last 27 years sea turtles have deposited over 115,000 eggs on Seabrook Island and over 80,000 live hatchlings started their life journey on Seabrook Island.

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol and how you can help, go to the Patrol web site, sturtlepatrol.com or check out our Facebook page, under Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. You can also contact Patrol Leader Terry Fansler at terrylf@bellsouth.net or fanslergary@gmail.com with any questions.

Note: The Bulldog Challenge has been cancelled. I have included Dr. Penkhus’ observations despite that as I believe his words are an inspiration for what the kindred spirit can achieve beyond any particular challenge.

You may have heard that four Seabrookers, Tom Peck, John Feldman, Frank Zaubi and Allan Woods, all in their 70’s have been training hard for several weeks with the help of Nic Porter in order to complete in the 2020 Citadel Bulldog Challenge scheduled for April 25th (since cancelled!). The plan was to repeat the event that they did 8 years ago in their 60’s raising $15,000 for Wounded Warriors. This is a grueling 10 kilometer course with over a dozen very challenging obstacles usually tackled only by competitors decades younger. These obstacles require physical stamina, fitness, teamwork and mental toughness.

The training workouts so far have included challenges such as repeated trips around the lake or up to Freshfields and back carrying sand bags, 70 to 90 pounds of weights, pulling flat bottom metal sleds weighing 60 to 125 pounds, rowing, planks, hundreds of pushups, situps and squats with sandbags, pull-ups, 18 to 20 pound over the head ball toss.

These gentlemen are setting an example in so many ways.

(1) They exemplify how 70 year olds can stay strong and fit. They show that there is no age limit to exercise and fitness. In fact as we get older we may actually benefit relatively more from exercise because we are at more risk of the diseases that exercise can prevent or delay such as atherosclerotic heart disease, strokes, adult onset diabetes, hypertension, cancer, obesity, depression, dementia, osteoporosis, arthritis, depression, anxiety and insomnia. Additional benefits include improved longevity, overall sense of well being and quality of life.

(2) They are an example of how society’s health can benefit from social interaction, teamwork and compassion. Their “no one left behind” caring for each other is a special kind of social bonding which author Dan Buettner noted in societies with a high incidence of centenarians.

(3) Their goal of raising thousands of dollars for the Fisher House is a perfect example of how seniors can continue to contribute to society after retirement. The Fisher House is a beautiful modern facility for families of hospitalized veterans in Charleston. They could not have pitched a more deserving charity.

(4) Their strong faith as evidenced by the Bible verses on their tee shirts is another common finding Dan Buettner noted in societies with a high incidence of centenarians. Hopefully they will be successful in their goals.

Steve Penkhus, MD
Dr. Penkhus is one of two Seabrook volunteers for the Bulldog Challenge. He is participating in all preparations.

BULLDOG CHALLENGE

30 Seabrookers played tennis and 8 Seabrookers played pickleball at the Racquet Club fundraiser event to benefit Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic

Almost $3,000 was raised in spite of some bag ticket auction items such as box seats to the cancelled Volvo Car Open having been removed.
Cornhole Tournament - Huge Success

Now that all the action is over, Seabrook Island Village (SIV) would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and all who participated in making our first Cornhole Tournament a success. The monies raised will help SIV to assist our Seabrook community to age in place.

The SIV Cornhole Clash brought the community together in a fun way. Seabrookers who had never played cornhole before found a new sport and that cornhole is not as easy as it looks. All others who had previously played the game just managed to have fun.

Thanks in particular to our sponsors. Without you we could not have done it.

- NV Reality Group
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- The Royal Tern
- McCann’s Irish Pub
- Holy City Photography
- Todd’s Ice Cream Boat

A special thanks to Nic Porter and Jamie Mixon.

Seabrook Island Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors is dedicated to helping our community to age in place. If you are interested in becoming a part of the organization please contact:
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