

River Ramblings

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This is the last issue of the River Ramblings till fall!

Enjoy your summer.

The Sounds of Silence

Well, with apologies to Simon and Garfunkel, the place is quieting down as one by one people head back North. Have a great summer. I know those of us who stay year round will enjoy ourselves too.

The highways are empty; the lines in the stores are short. The weather is warming up. What a glorious time to live here.

The Easter Pot Luck was very well attended with hams contributed by the Porch and Clubhouse. The array of dishes was totally delicious, thanks to all that came.

A big thank you to those who helped with the second weekend of pressure washing of the boardwalks. See the article later in the paper for the rest of the story.

The Caladium Festival and Car Show will be held July 24-26 at Stuart Park in Lake Placid. Be sure to mark your calendars, this is a great place to go. Plants for sale and a great craft show.



Fred and Connie heading out.

Time to enjoy the warm sun and the good friends we have. Time to be thankful for those who share our lives.

Keep Ramblin' through the summer!

Fishing Tournament.



Rip organized a successful fishing tournament on Saturday April 4th. Four teams entered with 8 fishermen. They were: John Meyer, Rick Jarret, Dave Laird, Lance Miller, Arnie Lord, Amando Tanquero, Rip & Eddie Ballard.

John, Rick & Dave won BIGGEST fish, a catfish 2 lbs 6 oz. \$40.

Lance & Arnie won MOST catfish, 5 catfish, 4 lbs 6oz. \$20.

Rip & Eddie won MOST INCHES of bass 107 inches \$30.

Armando, there's next year!

Rip thanks everyone for participating, and says maybe this tournament could be every Fall and Spring. He asks for input and suggestions for future tournaments.

Kahootz Bar and Grill

This place just might be the best kept secret in Okeechobee! It is not fancy by any means having a sports bar type atmosphere, but it is clean, the service and food are excellent. Their menu is very large and has listed pretty much anything you would want! They offer 12 different

appetizers, 22 sandwiches, salads, wings, quesadillas, seafood and rib eye steak.

We ordered the Manly Burger and fresh cut onion rings, which was more than one person could eat, and their Philly Cheesesteak with fries: both delicious. They were

busy serving the daily business lunchers, and customers seemed to really enjoy it.

We definitely would recommend going to this restaurant when you are in Okeechobee.

Kahootz Bar and Grill,
702 NW Park Street,
Okeechobee



Who's the turkey with the turkey?

Fishing Report

Rip and his brother, Eddie, fished 18 days from 3/19 through 4/13 and happily caught 205 bass! Eight were 20" or better, 45 were 15" to 19", 152 were under 14". The largest was 24 1/2 " with estimated weight of 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Most of the fish were caught in the ditch. The average fishing time per day was 5 to 6 hours.

They had a great time and had to cover a lot of water and make lots of casts to find the bites.

Eddie (and Mary Francis) will return in October and the boys look forward to continue fishing for that monster.

Deer Fly season is on our doorstep, and boy do they itch! If you get bit, put straight 'Dawn' dish soap over the bite and the itch and welt will disappear within minutes. Works on mosquito bites too.

Pressure Washing

On Saturday April 11 a bunch of volunteers showed up to pressure clean the boardwalks at the Marina.

Those volunteers were Nancy and Doug, Rick and Brenda, Jan and Arnie, John and Suanne,

Mary Lou and Tony, Ted and Karen T.

Lunch was pizzas furnished by Sammi and brownies made by MaryAnn.

It was decided at the meeting not to paint the boardwalks at this time.

Thanks to you all. Volunteers keep this park running.

Clubhouse News

The monthly potluck showed the dwindling numbers in the park, but as usual the food was to die for. We had fun and lots of food.

Mondays at 10am Sewing Club. Tuesdays at 9:30am Bible Study.

Potlucks will continue on the second Tuesday.

Bingo is over for the summer.

Rummikub 1-4pm on Tues., Thurs. and Sat.

Wednesday 6:30pm is - Canasta and Hand & Foot

Exercise for Fun

Just a reminder to all that there is exercising at the Porch Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:45 to 9:00am. Unfortunately, the participants have dwindled to two people due to others going home for the summer. "Exercise" is to a DVD that is just fast walking in place to music in cool air conditioning. There are no rules and there are breaks throughout. It's a good time, join us!

Porch News

We've had our last dinner dance for the season with a great dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn and ice cream. Thanks to Patty, Sammi, Bew, Jim, Jan and Maryann.

The entertainment by Big Freddie and Laura was so much fun. They have been booked for our New Year's Eve Dance! Friday night hors d'oevres at 6pm will continue through the summer. All are welcome. Bring an appetizer and join in cards afterwards.

Watch for fliers during the summer promoting holiday get togethers.

By the way if you would like to borrow tables for future functions, Maryann has the sign out sheet.



Rick's 60th Birthday

A birthday bash for Rick Warren's 60th was held on the deck April 4th. The whole Park was invited and there was tons of delicious food prepared by Brenda.

Rick and his band Prowler played all afternoon.

Great fun for all.



Donna Chase invites anyone who wants to do pool exercise to join her at 10am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the pool.

If you use the pool please place the padlock back upside down as it makes it much easier to unlock. Thanks.

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Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent!

A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog was doing extraordinary.

"This is a smart dog" the man commented. "Not so smart," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail!"



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Happy summer!

Margarita Cheesecake

1 Sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed

6 T Butter, melted

2 large Limes

! Can (14oz) sweetened condensed milk

2 8oz Packages Cream cheese, softened

¼ C fresh lemon juice

Heat oven to 350. Mix cracker crumbs & butter; press onto bottom and up sides of 9" pie plate. Bake 10 minutes until golden brown. Remove from oven, let stand 5 minutes.

Zest 1 of the limes, set aside. Cut zested lime in half, squeeze juice from lime. Beat cream cheese & milk with mixer till blended. Add lime and lemon juice, mix well. Spread in crust.

Cut remaining lime into quarters and then thin slices. Arrange around edge of pie, sprinkle with zest. Refrigerate 1 hour or until set.