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25 Years Of Family Fun

For Michelle and Greg Martucci of Boca Raton, Florida, this September was a year they will fondly remember far into the future. What made this year so special was the celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and 25 years of ownership at Tortuga. They were also blessed this year to have their two sons Jeffrey and Michael join them along with Michael's fiancé, Amanda.

Even though they've been coming to Tortuga for 25 years – with a couple of exchanges to other parts of the state – they look forward to returning to Ding Darling, kayaking and shopping every September, with its ideal weather and less crowded conditions.

"Since we live on the east coast of Florida," says Greg, "there is truly nothing like Sanibel in September with its more relaxed pace and natural environment. When we are here, our vacations are all about our family and the stress just melts away."

Originally from New Jersey, Greg collected shells as a child. He has continued that hobby on Sanibel with Michelle gathering hundreds of shells each year, taking them back to the preschool they have jointly owned and operated in Sunrise for 13 years. The seashells are then given away to their young students who enjoy having their own treasure from Sanibel Island.

Says Greg, "When we first purchased week 39 in 1986, it was chosen for our anniversary date, Sept. 26th. A year later our second son Jeffrey was born on Sept. 25th and although those dates don't always fall within our stay, we always use our time at Tortuga to celebrate. After 25 years, amazingly there is a consistency of personnel, upkeep and wonderful vacation experiences, year after year. The faces at the resort don't change and the management remains superb. It really feels like coming home each year. It is without a doubt the best money we have ever spent."

Resort Honored With Condé Nast Traveler Award

We always knew we were a pretty special resort. Now, the readers of the nation's most prestigious travel magazine have agreed. In its November 2011 issue, Condé Nast Traveler magazine named Tortuga Beach Club one of the Top 150 resorts on the U.S. Mainland.

Every year, the most discriminating travelers in the world tell the premier travel publication about the hotels, resorts, airlines, cruise lines, islands and cities that consistently deliver the best experiences. This year, the final winners were determined after sifting through more than 8 million votes cast in the magazine's annual Readers' Choice Awards survey and reflect combined opinions of nearly 30,000 Condé Nast Traveler readers rating the cities, islands, hotels and resorts they visited in the past year. For its range and depth, the Readers' Choice Awards are a unique and trusted source of advice globally, thanks to America's most discerning and demanding travelers.

Competing with about 20 Ritz-Carlton and Four Seasons hotels and nestled between a nationally branded JW Marriott resort in Scottsdale and a Westin resort in Key West, Tortuga Beach Club was named #147 in the coveted listing. Betsy sends a sincere "Thank you!" to every Owner who voted in the survey.

Adding to the awards column, Family Vacation Critic has rated Sanibel and Captiva islands as #2 in their top 10 Best Islands in the United States. The magazine described the islands' empty expanses of white-sand beaches, pink- and purple-hued sunsets over the Gulf of Mexico, and pastel-colored shells for shell seekers.

Annual Meeting 3/15/12 The Tortuga Beach Club annual meeting for all Owners will take place on Thursday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the resort Clubhouse. If you are in residence or nearby on this date, please make every effort to join us for this important meeting. Two Board Members will be elected at the annual meeting. Send in your candidate form by January 31, 2012 if you're interested in being a candidate.

2012 Interval Calendar

This calendar is included for your help in planning future vacations. Please remember that all Owners are responsible for knowing the dates of the week(s) they own.

Week Vacation Dates

Week	Vacation Dates
1	Jan 6-13
2	Jan 13-20
3	Jan 20-27
4	Jan 27-Feb 3
5	Feb 3-10
6	Feb 10-17
7	Feb 17-24
8	Feb 24-Mar 2
9	Mar 2-9
10	Mar 9-16
11	Mar 16-23
12	Mar 23-30
13	Mar 30-Apr 6
14	Apr 6-13
15	Apr 13-20
16	Apr 20-27
17	Apr 27-May 4
18	May 4-11
19	May 11-18
20	May 18-25
21	May 25-Jun 1
22	Jun 1-8
23	Jun 8-15
24	Jun 15-22
25	Jun 22-29
26	Jun 29-Jul 6
27	Jul 6-13
28	Jul 13-20
29	Jul 20-27
30	Jul 27-Aug 3
31	Aug 3-10
32	Aug 10-17
33	Aug 17-24
34	Aug 24-31
35	Aug 31-Sept 7
36	Sept 7-14
37	Sept 14-21
38	Sept 21-28
39	Sept 28-Oct 5
40	Oct 5-12
41	Oct 12-19
42	Oct 19-26
43	Oct 26-Nov 2
44	Nov 2-9
45	Nov 9-16
46	Nov 16-23
47	Nov 23-30
48	Nov 30-Dec 7
49	Dec 7-14
50	Dec 14-21
51	Dec 21-28
52	Dec 28-Jan 4



Sandi Schmid, her mom Margaret Roy and sister Sherri Rampton – all Tortuga Owners since 1984 – are joined by friend Marilee Weis, who purchased a few years later. All families have been coming to the resort with their children and in-laws for 27 years! At one gathering several years ago, there were 23 family members in attendance. Husbands Dale Schmid, Colin Rampton and Lorne Weis were off playing golf when this photo was taken.

Maintenance Fees Due

Annual maintenance fees have been mailed to each Owner. Please be aware that your account will be considered past due on **February 15, 2012**. If you have not received your maintenance fee statement, please contact the Resort office at 239-472-0400 as soon as possible.

Failure to pay the total amount due within 45 days of the January 1 due date will result in a \$25 Late Fee. Payment must be **posted** to your account prior to **February 15th** to avoid this additional fee. **Remember that it can take up to ten days from the date of your envelope postmark before your payment is actually posted to your account. Please don't wait until the last minute!**

Failure to pay the total amount due prior to **April 1, 2012** may result in denied use of your ownership interest and the account may be turned over to an attorney for collections, resulting in additional expense.

Important Numbers

Hilton Grand Vacations Owner Services

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 Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. EST
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DNR Zone Trimming. By creative planning and staying within Sanibel ordinances, we will be trimming the trees and plants located within the highly regulated Department of Natural Resources Zone two times a year. (This is the area between the resort and the beach.) Our two-year plan will allow more trimming and removal of some types of vegetation. The intention is to enhance the view from the units. This photo shows the result of the first trimming.

Fun Activities

Activities Director JoAnn Malloy always has something cooking to keep Owners and guests happy. When not blending frozen liquid libations in the Clubhouse or passing out yummy ice cream concoctions, she is guiding the resort's younger guests in a new activity called Mosaic paper shapes. Participants are given puzzle-sized pieces of paper to glue onto a larger shape, creating a beautiful artistic image. This new craft was added because guests requested something small and easy to pack for airline travel when returning home.

- BBQ Wednesdays are one of the best days to enjoy another TBC delicacy – pulled pork sandwiches served at lunchtime for \$6 per person. JoAnn provides three different sauces for guests to smother their lunchtime favorite. Did we say delicious?

- Kids Night Out has long been a favorite with youngsters and parents. This popular event takes place one weeknight from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and welcomes kids from 4-12 years of age. Children enjoy pizza, popcorn, lemonade and movies and parents have their own Date Night ... without the wee ones. Cost is \$13 per child.

- Off of the property, you'll want to check out the Sanibel Farmer's Market, located at City Hall and operating every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until April 29th. Enjoy local fruits, vegetables, flowers, seafood, breads, cheese, Greek and Italian specialties and wonderful baked goods.



JoAnn Malloy joins cousins Erika Chelius, Alexandra, David and Cara Stortz from New Jersey and Wisconsin as they sample one of her frozen specialty coolers.

Cookbooks Going Fast!

We are delighted to report that our Tortuga Family Favorites Cookbook project has been a great success! Containing 500 recipes – submitted by Owners and resort staff – the cookbook sells for \$20 and can be shipped for \$2.82 per book. If you would like more than one, please contact the resort office.

The cookbook contains recipes that are multi-generational and makes a wonderful wedding, shower, or holiday gift for your loved ones. Since there will not be a second edition, to avoid disappointment, order yours by sending a check for \$22.82 per book to the resort office. Betsy Cain thanks everyone who participated in this project by submitting a recipe. Sales proceeds benefit the resort's Beautification Fund.

Memorial Donations

Donations to our Beautification Fund continue to grow, thanks to generous contributors. Again, there were many donations in memory of Milli Jones. Donations came from Ken & Nancy Morgan, John & Vera Breunig, and Hugh & Jean Welch in memory of Betsy Cain's dad, Thomas Hopper.

Other donations came from Shirley Lloyd, in memory of her husband, Rich Lloyd; Dorothy McKee, in memory of Sarah Goenne and the

Martha Bante family, in memory of her sister, Sarah Goenne.

Caroline Peirce, Amy Adler and Katherine Zoufalik sent contributions in memory of their parents, Susie & Stanley Peirce; Stephen & Linda Bleedorn, in memory of Peg McVeigh; and Delsia Margraf in memory of her mother, Dagmar Newman. Another generous donation came from Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Litton, in honor of Cindi Koehler's 25 years at Tortuga.

Trading Post

Here are the current exchange listings for 2012.

Week 1, Unit 119, 2012 for
Week 3, 11 or 13, 2012

Eugene & Joan Kuchner • 631-751-4724
kuchner@neurowizard.com

Week 9 or 11, Unit 114, 2012 for
Week 13, 2012

Chris & Alice Bolle • 864-607-3766
cbolle@hilliard.com

Week 13, Unit 136, 2012 for
Week 10, 2012

Cathy Bales • 319-270-9940
jbales22@aol.com

Week 14, Unit 116, 2012 for
Week 13, 2012

Tom Rogers • 419-344-9454
rogerst@aol.com

Week 15, Unit 148, 2012 for
Week 14, 2012

Patti Shew • 920-235-2720

Week 16, Unit 125, 2012 for
Week 14, 2012

Roger Johnson • 920-284-0302

Week 18, Unit 133, 2012 for any
Week 19-22, 2012

Laura Fischer • 410-779-3420
laura@moodlerooms.com

Week 20, Unit 115, 2012 for any
Week 14 - 17 or 40 - 42, 2012

Arlene Tompkins • 239-822-7167

Week 33, Unit 151, 2012, for any
Week 18 - 22, 2012

Don Scully • 954-303-8192
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Week 34, Unit 104, 2012, for any
Week 23 - 30, 2012

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Glenglo1444@aol.com

Week 38, unit 101, 2012 for any
Week 24 - 32, 2012

Joan Verkeyn
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Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Week 43, Unit 138, 2012 for
Week 44, 2012

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Week 47, Unit 139, 2012 for
Week 46, 2012

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The Young Family, of Milwaukee, have been proud TBC Owners for 30 years. Basking in the warm November sun are Cassie, Jared, Aly Young Jobke, little Noah, Kevin and Carol Young, one of the resort's original Owners.

Sales Diva Exceeds \$1 Million

Tortuga's veteran vacation sales counselor Joanne Peters of Grand Vacations Realty is having a very good year! So good, in fact, that by press time at the end of November, she was close to reaching a milestone achieved by only a handful of super sales divas ... one million dollars in timeshare sales volume within one year. Way to go, Joanne!

As Joanne came closer to reaching this amazing feat, she was most appreciative of those who had sent her referrals and purchased additional vacation time. Her sales during 2011 were made to Owners, renters, exchangers, guests, walk-ins and referrals ... in spite of the current economy.

Joanne encourages Owners staying at the resort to continue to spread the good word about TBC to others they may meet on Sanibel, so they, too, can discover our hidden piece of paradise. She also advises those wishing to sell their timeshare to be realistic in pricing and once again urges them to beware of fraudulent resellers.

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