

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**The Turtle Tracks**  
*A Newsletter for the Owners of  
Turtle Reef Club*

*Dear Owners:*

**Memories are Made of This!** We received a charming letter from a woman whose parents purchased a week at Turtle Reef for her birthday present as she became a teenager in 1978. She wrote that Turtle Reef was the site of many firsts for her – her first kiss at age 16, her first time waking up with the beach in her own backyard, her first sauna, the brown bunnies on the lawn, the sand crabs and shells on the beach. She recently brought her own teenagers to share her special place for the first time. She wept with joy and nostalgia as she approached Turtle Reef. She sent us many pictures of her recent experience, recording the beauty of our uncrowded beach and the breath-taking sunrise over the water. Thank you, Stacy, for reminding us how special Turtle Reef has been and is for many of us!

**Will the Gulf Oil Spill Affect Turtle Reef?** Our management staff is closely monitoring Florida's response to the oil spill and planning efforts in counties south of us. The current projection is that some small tar balls may make it to our beach. We are accustomed to the tar balls from the shipping lanes which have come and gone over the years, so do not anticipate any major interference with our beach experience. Our thoughts and prayers are with the residents of the Gulf area as they struggle with the massive problems there.

**The Condominium Law has been revised again.** A year ago we were facing a new restriction limiting the terms of Board Members to one year. During this past year, with advocacy from the Resort Owners Coalition of ARDA, time shares have been exempted from this provision. Our By-Laws, providing for three year terms, now prevail. Two of our Board members ran for a one-year term last year because of the restriction, and will be running again this year for three-year terms. We will soon be back on track with the opportunity for Board members to gain the experience of the longer terms, and the continuity provided by staggering those terms so you are not facing the potential of a totally inexperienced board, and a long, confusing slate on which to vote each year.

*Sincerely, Lynne M. Kweder*

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# FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **\*HIGHLIGHTED BOARD ACTIONS\***

\*To completely refurbish the public bathrooms in the pool area. The public bathrooms had not been updated when renovations were made to unit bathrooms, so this refurbishment was overdue.

\*To complete the building of an enclosure and relocate garbage dumpsters away from the main building to minimize the noise in the morning and the proximity of critters.

\*To add an automatic opener to the door at the back of the lobby to ease the moving in and out process when using the carts. The front lobby door have also been adjusted to stay open long which is helpful during check-ins.

## **The Question and Answer Corner**

**Why did we receive a Special Assessment?** To cover the cost of concrete restoration of Turtle Reef which was far greater than provided for in the reserves.

**What is the Assessment and my options for paying it?** The assessment for each unit week is \$375. You may choose to either (1) pay \$125 per unit week each year, beginning in 2010, for three years, or (2) pay the entire assessment of \$375 this year.

**When do I begin to incur penalties if I did not pay by July 1<sup>st</sup>?** Penalties will begin to be added to the bill **on August 10, 2010**, so be sure you get your check in the mail before then.

**How do I pay?** You should have received a bill asking that you make your check payable to Turtle Reef Club and mail to Defender Resorts, Inc., P.O. Box 580426, Charlotte, NC. 28258. Also specify the unit week and/or the Account Number from the bill on your check. Please include the stub at the bottom of your invoice so that your payment can be properly credited to your account.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION**

The 2010 Annual Meeting and the Board Election is scheduled for:

**Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**

There are three expiring Board terms this year. Turtle Reef Condominiums I, Inc. is a non-profit organization and there is no compensation for time spent in Board service.

If you are interested in being a candidate for the Board, please submit an information sheet about yourself—a biographical sketch of your relevant skills and experience for Board service, no larger than an 8-1/2" by 11" page.

Your submission must be received at the Turtle Reef Club no later than 5:00 p.m. September 15, 2010 in order to place your name on the ballot mailed to all owners in preparation for the annual meeting. The formal notice of the meeting will be mailed in October.

# FROM THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

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As we move into summer it is exciting to see all of the families visiting Turtle Reef Club. Owners, exchangers and rental guests alike are re-discovering what truly makes Turtle Reef Club special. Regardless of what time of the year it is, the management team is always working on ways to improve your vacations with us and the value of your ownership at Turtle Reef.

The most recent and exciting item that we have completed was the Front Desk. We now have an open and welcoming front desk that can accommodate more than one person at a time. With this open venue, the staff has been able to get to know the owners and guests, engaging many of you more frequently. The owners and staff alike have had very positive things to say on this improvement. Luggage carts are now kept under the covered parking of "D" building.

The entrance to the resort has been re-landscaped and the large hibiscus bushes have been removed which were blocking the sign, and a lower profile of plantings now showcases the entrance to Turtle Reef Club. Oleanders, coconut palms and other colorful plants complement the resort and provide a tropical feel for our first-time visitors and long-time owners.

The pool bathrooms are being renovated and will now have changing rooms for owners and guests who arrive early and would like to enjoy the pool or beach while waiting to check in. The baths will be completely re-done with tile walls and floors, new showers and sinks.

Another long overdue project is the relocation of the trash dumpsters from under the "D" building. The new location will be out by the road in the parking area closer to Vistana. There will be a solid enclosure of white vinyl fencing so that you will not see the dumpsters. Therefore, we ask that, more than ever, you please use the trash chute on each floor; and we ask that you only use the recycle bins for re-cycled items.

Oh no, another new thing? Yep! We have condensed the check-in packet of information into one brochure. This not only consolidates the information but also saves time and money by reducing staff time and copy costs. We think you will find it very helpful.

We want to welcome two new employees to our team. Laura Findley who is our new Guest Services Representative and John Nocito as our part time maintenance technician.

As always, stop by the front desk and say hello. I know I have not met everyone yet.

*Charles F. Andrews,*  
General Manager





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## RENTAL AND SALES CORNER

**WOW!** What a success. We are so pleased that so many owners were able to take advantage of the T-Bay Auction and enjoy more fun and sun here at Turtle Reef Club. Now we are offering the "Fabulous Fall Get Away", which is two weeks in the same unit for only \$5,000. It is not often that we are able to offer this type of ownership opportunity. Fall is a beautiful time here at Turtle Reef.

For Rentals, Check out our Manager's Special on the website. Seven nights for \$700. The summer specials have been very popular so if friends want to visit Turtle Reef Club during your week here, mention the 7-4-7 Special to them. Make it a great summer here at the resort.

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