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"The Park with a Heart"



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Gator Tales



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Message From the President.....

Hello everyone and Happy New Year. Let me introduce our new board for 2024, Laura Miller as Vice President, Richard Gould as Treasurer, Matt Rice as Secretary, Wanda Stanley as Director, David Rawson as Director, Pat Gagne as Director, and myself as President. All of us as a team will try to provide the best things for the LHV HOA membership, that's our intent.

In addition to the regular monthly activities, we will be having a Super Bowl Party February 11, 2024 @5:30pm, bring a snack and your favorite drink for this Tailgate type event, there is no charge. There is also a Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14, 2024 @5:30pm, salad, pasta, sausage and meatballs will be served, \$7 per person for HOA Members and \$10 per person for non-members. Chef Carmine and his assistant chefs will be serving the dinner. Contact Laura lot#136, Sue lot#66 and Jenn lot#47 for purchasing tickets for this event.

Hope to see you at these events. A special thank you to all of our volunteers who make these event's a success.

In conclusion, don't forget the next HOA General board meeting on February 13, 2024 @7:00pm.

Ciao for now!

NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder, any information for Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the **20th** of each month, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. There is a blue/gray box outside my door in the RV port, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email LHVGatorTales@outlook.com. Please submit emails in **WORD DOCUMENT**. If you need assistance with your submissions or have any questions about Gator Tales, please contact Millie Currey at 315-854-6248 or send an email. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve our community paper.

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Activities/Entertainment:

Pat Gagne (603) 340-4734

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Dona Rawson (863) 547-9326

Sharyl Graham (603) 915-1757

Audrey Gioiosa (708) 516-9584

Diabetes Support Group:

Maureen Hatfield (617) 874-7755

Ladies' Lunches:

Maria Combs (863) 438-6643

BINGO HOURS

Doors Open: 4:30 pm for food service.

Selling paper: 5:15-5:45 pm

Start playing: 6:00 pm

Hotdogs, Specialty Sandwiches, and homemade desserts.

Don't cook on Monday night, let us do the cooking for you.

LIBRARY

We want to thank everyone for the books for our library. We would like to ask that when you bring a book back, please leave it in the material basket. We would like to reshelve them ourselves.

Thank You,
The Librarians

FOOD BANK

"All You Need is Love"

The Beatles

Your continued support of the food bank is greatly appreciated. We received over 100 items at the last collection! The food will be delivered on the first and third Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. St. Vincent De Paul Charities sends its gratitude and love to our community. Non-perishable items and toiletries can be dropped off in the back room of the clubhouse. If you would like us to pick up items at your home please call and we would be happy to do that.
Dave and Sharyl Graham
603-915-1757

Grandma's Attic

All donated and returned medical devices are to be left with Chuck Presby, 38 Sargent St. (386-402-2409). Please return all borrowed items CLEAN. Thank you for all your donations over the years.

C & D Bus Tours for 2023

Informational brochures are available in the clubhouse where the sign-up sheets are.

Congratulations to our new HOA Board

Congratulations to our new HOA Board members, David Rawson, Laura Miller and , re-elected, Richard Gould, who are joining Carmine Gioiosa, Matt Rice, Pat Gagne and Wanda Stanley. Leadership, mutual respect and volunteers are what makes our community so great.

Congratulations to our Volunteer of the year for 2023

Joyce Middleton was voted our volunteer of the year for 2023. Joyce has been a board member in the past (for several years). She co-ordinates and works very hard to bring us our Vendors Fair every year and initiated our paint classes to name just a few of her accomplishments within our community.



Please call if you know of a resident that has been ill or hospitalized so that Carol can send cards. This is the only way she knows who to send them to. Carol Gould 863-422-5902



Our Beloved Pets: Over the Rainbow Bridge

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Betty Sellers has moved.

Darrel & Jo Chaney are moving back to Alabama



February Birthdays

- 2nd Ken Frech
- 6th Hilda Reyes DeJesus
- 7th Perky Schmauder
Sandra Nolan
- 8th Charles Kemp
- 10th Guillermo Salce
- 13th Diane Rizzuto
- 16th Linda Hanisak
- 17th Roger Landry
- 21st Gary DeVore
Sue Smith
- 23rd Lori Budzyha
- 25th Margaret Conley
- 27th Carolyn Serebreny
Darrel Chaney
Mary Ann Donovan
Garry Wheelock



February Anniversaries

- 8th Edward & Yolanda Lopez
- 12th Darrel & Jo Chaney
Gordon & Judith Geiger
- 14th Bill & Diane Rizzuto
- 27th Richard & Carol Gould

Birthday / Anniversary Celebration

We will be celebrating January and February honorees on Sunday February 4th. Early start 5:30pm so Euchre players can arrive at 7 to start their games. Beginning at this event --- TWO Gift Card's will be awarded for Birthday (Jan & Feb) and TWO Gift Card's will be awarded for Anniversary (Jan & Feb) so seating may be prearranged when you arrive. All residents are welcome to attend for games and cake and ice cream.

A New IDEA has been presented --- Volunteers are welcome to take on this Event to add extra months to the regular 6 Celebrations Dona, Sharyl, & Audry G. are taking on in 2024.

Maria Combs has reserved December 2024 because she celebrates her BD that month and wants to sponsor that event.

Please contact Dona Rawson for more information and clarification. (Home 863-547-9326) Thank you to all the BD/Ann attendees in 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS, NOTICES and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo Food

Always looking for volunteers to help with Bingo food and to bake desserts. If interested, call Art Stanley 863-353-2690.

Book Club

Our first book is The White Princess by Phillipa Gregory. We will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00. Hopefully at February's meeting we will have a completed list of books for the upcoming year.

Diabetes Group

DIABETES Brainstorming session .TOPIC: MEDICARE; PROJECT POWER
WED. FEB 7TH- 7PM !! CLUBHOUSE
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
FOR INFO.MAUREEN HATFIELD
617-874-7755

My Favorite Things Tea Party

March 8 at 2:00 pm. See enclosed flyer for details. To volunteer to help, call hostess, Alice at 732-546-2304

Saint Patrick's Day

March 17 Planning in the works...more info to follow.

Spring Fling

Slated for April—no definite date of host/hostess yet. Feel free to volunteer to host—Hosting an event consists of organizing and directing the activity and volunteers.

Super Bowl Party

Super Bowl Party scheduled for February 11. See enclosed flyer for details.

Valentine's Day Dinner

February 14 at 5:30 pm. See enclosed flyer for details. To volunteer to help, call one of our Social Committee members: Laura 419-204-0875; Jennifer 207-229-9521; Sue 207-294-1342.

Vendor Fair

March 20 Planning stage

Easter Dinner

March 31 Planning stage

Spring Fling

April 6 Hosted by the HOA Board

Kentucky Derby

May 4 Hosted by Wanda Stanley

Cinco de Mayo

May 5 Hosted by Jan Baczkiewicz

Memorial Day

May 27 Hosted by Clark & Joice Smith



Volunteer Corner

Looking for ways to get more involved?

Here are some upcoming events that could use your help!

(contact phone numbers in the resident directory)

Feb 11th Super Bowl party - Laura Miller

Feb 14th Valentine Dinner - Laura Miller

March 8th My Favorite Things Ladies Tea Party - Alice Larson

March 17th St Paddy's Day dinner - TBD

March 20th Vendor Fair - Joyce Middleton

March 31 st Easter Dinner - TBD

April 6th Spring Fling - HOA Board

May 4th Kentucky Derby - Wanda Stanley

May 5th Cinco De Mayo - Jan Baczkiewicz

May 27th Memorial Day - Clark Smith

Spotlight on Shuffleboard

By: Linda Casinover



This reporter has never played shuffleboard outside. My only experience was an indoor one with lots of sawdust on it at the local VFW when my father took me there. I kept promising myself I'll play and now I really hope to start soon. My friends and neighbors can hold me to that!

Watching everyone play seems like a great way to spend about an hour, joking around with each other, regardless of the temperature. Today you need a sweatshirt and tomorrow it could be shorts!

I feared my preliminary research on this game would be dull at best but found it interesting to see that Henry VIII played a version of the game until billiards made an appearance. Then in the early 1900's, a gentleman named Robert Ball added a court to his home in Daytona Beach which ultimately led to the formation of clubs along with official regulations. The St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club began in 1924 with two courts and due to its popularity, expanded to 116 courts in 1939.

By the 1960's club participation dropped significantly with the St. Petersburg Club down to 35 members. Since the early 2000's it has made a bit of a rebound.

Shuffleboard has now become an amateur pastime. Since it is low impact and not physically demanding, it attracts older players.

At first look, the game seemed easy enough to play. There are 8 discs of 2 different colors for 4 team members. The game is over either when the score reaches 75, a pre-determined score, or when the scoreboard has reached its end. This park plays until a score of 50 is reached or until the scoreboard has reached the end..

The disc is pushed by a cue stick which is held in a very particular way, almost as an extension of your thumb. When playing, players strategize where they want the disc to land so they can obtain the most points for that round.

There are rules as to how a score is counted, which at first appears complicated. Sometimes it's okay to score while the disc is on a line and other times when it is not. There is a "kitchen" where you minus 10 points to your score and a time when your disc can be removed from the court altogether if it doesn't reach the lag line.

Many residents here enjoy this pastime and are happy to teach others how to play.

There are some safety tips that one should be aware of before playing. Not stepping on a disc probably ranking high on that list. If you step on it, you will more than likely fall as if you slipped on ice. How you hold your cue stick is important as well. Keep it vertical so nobody gets hurt. All these things can be learned.

Go there and have fun! Call me and make me go with you!

Adventures of Charlie and Comet

By Linda Casinover

Charlie and Comet, two dumpster cats from East Hampton, NY, were adopted by this reporter after the loss of one of her other beloved cats, "Meow Meow".* His brother "Mr Meows A Lot*" became extremely depressed after his loss and would barely eat. He and his brother were practically attached at the hip. A new adopted sibling would hopefully bring him out of his depression, so off this reporter goes to find another cat.

Learning of a local "cat woman" who was known for fostering ferals, is where brothers Charlie and Comet were found. Mind you, just one new cat was needed, not two! It seemed cruel to separate them as they were so small and still needed to be bottle fed.

Mr Meows A Lot was not happy about this new development and avoided not only the new kittens, but this reporter.

Everyone knows kittens, even if they never had one. Give them a ball of yarn and see them go crazy. They love to play. Charlie and Comet TRIED playing with Mr Meows A Lot until he relented and took on the role of parenting.

They were taught so many things, especially how to hunt. All three were great hunters and loved chasing after any rodents they could find, especially the ground moles. Often dead rodents or unlucky birds would be left as gifts on the porch stoop.

This reporter then decided that she wanted to retire to Florida. Off to LHV with Charlie and Comet, sadly leaving Mr Meows A Lot behind with other family members.

Having two cats and two dogs here at LHV was a struggle at first being that both cats now fully grown were indoor cats and not allowed outdoors. Thankfully, they had each other and had quite the space to play.

It was not long before a new friend met and fell in love with these two felines. She would stop by just to visit them, always loving all cats as she had her own special feline named Sublime.

Unfortunately, soon after meeting the boys, Sublime became ill and took the trip over the rainbow bridge. Coincidentally this reporter was needed back in NY, so this new friend volunteered to babysit and if it worked out, keep one. It was firmly acknowledged that this was only happening on a trial basis, absolutely no promises. That was months ago. Both cats are still there. It was clear that those two helped heal their new human's heart.

Now the party is over. She loves them both, but they are driving her crazy! Admittedly this reporter allowed them to do whatever they wanted to do and to go wherever they wanted to, including the kitchen counters. Doesn't everyone with cats allow them free reign?

They are becoming less savages as far as their territories are concerned, now both having their own beds and special spots to lay around in. Even savages love human affection which has led to their continuous competing for their human's attention.

Both boys have their sweet moments but have quite different personalities, but Comet is more loving, even allowing his human to rub his belly from one end to the other. How many cats allow that?

Now brotherly feuding has reached its limit! Sleeping soundly is no longer feasible with the constant stampeding from one end of the house to the other, not to mention flying fur, knocked over food bowls, unplugged lamps, ... One of them must go before they end up hairless, but which one and where? (Is the human's hair in jeopardy as well?)

This reporter said "no backsies; return date expired"! But there is good news!!! Just the other day, this reporter's son said his family would like to have Charlie back to join new Florida retiree, adoptive father, Mr Meows A Lot. All humans involved with these boys agree that Charlie would be much happier living with his adoptive father where he would once again be outside chasing rodents while Comet prefers his human's bed and a nice belly rub more than anything else!

Comet lives with his human, Susan Belski of 209 Glen Este Court.

***NOTE: A three-year-old is to be thanked for their bizarre names, but this reporter added the Mr prefix.**

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By Linda Casinover





Super Bowl Watch Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
Lake Hammock Village Clubhouse

Party Kick Off @ 5:30PM

Game Kick Off @ 6:30PM

Bring your favorite game day snack to share and a lawn chair for your comfort

Snack sign-up sheet in the clubhouse

Football pool available:

\$5 per square, 4 square limit per household

Contact Wanda Stanley @ #140

Party questions, contact Laura Miller @ #136



Valentine's Day Dinner



Enjoy an Italian dinner with your
sweetheart or friends.

Wednesday, February 14th

5:30pm

LHV Clubhouse

Tickets on sale through Saturday 2/10/24

Limit of 50 tickets is available

\$7.00 HOA/\$10.00 non-HOA

For tickets, see Laura #136, Sue #66, or Jenn #47

Sweetheart Servers needed. Sign-up sheet in
the clubhouse.



My Favorite Things Ladies Tea Party

March 8, 2024
2:00-4:00 P.M.



dress up in Sunday best!
wear hats and gloves!
or come as you are!

My Favorite Things



- bring 2 IDENTICAL \$5 gifts
- be prepared to tell us why you like them
- you will take home 2 different gifts
- suggestions: hand soap, lotion, gift card, lottery ticket, candles, baking mix and spoon

sign up at club house by March 4th

hosted by: Alice Larson, Millie Currey,
Deb Hall and Gloria Lupo

Health & Vendor Fair

Returning in March

March 20, 2024



- Medical Professionals
- Home Repairs – roofing, HVAC, etc.
- Golf cart care
- Legal
- Travel
- Design Ideas
- Many more

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024
from 10:00 – 1:00

Light refreshments

Door prize drawings

Lots of helpful information to
take with you.



NOTE: If you know a company or person who would like to participate in our Vendor Fair, please contact me - Joyce Middleton 330-323-2247

WELCOME THE 2024 New Board Members

On January 16, 2024, the New Board Members were installed.



President, Carmine Gioiosa



David Rawson, Laura Miller & Carmine

Our 2024 Board



Laura Miller, David Rawson, Matt Rice, Wanda Stanley, Pat Gagne & Richard Gould

The Lake Hammock Volunteer for 2024



Joyce Middleton, presented by Board Member Wanda Stanley

Christmas 2023



Thank You SANTA (Matt Rice)



Sheila



Mary Ann & Jeannie



Debbie & Joan



Tom & Dicle



Mary & Julie



Audrey & Bob



Donna, Audrey, Cindy & Pam



Lori



Emoji Game Results



Ugly Sweater Contest



The Winners

Lake Hammock Village
Thank you to all coordinated
our Christmas Dinner!
A great time had by all.

Happy New Year 2024



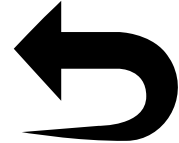
GOOD FOOD

GOODTIME

LOTS OF LAUGHTER



**NO
EXPLANATION
NECESSARY!**





Emergency Preparedness Team Update:

Team to Participate in March Vendor Fair

by

The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team / February 2024 Gator Tales

As the new year begins, hurricane season seems far away. However, it comes quickly and looms over us for an excruciating six months, from about June 1st to November 30th.

We have learned from experience that it is never too early to start thinking about preparing for hurricane season.

In mid-January a new HOA Board was elected to lead the HOA in 2024. This new Board will need to determine the status of the Emergency Preparedness Team, which is essentially a 'standing committee' of the Board, subject to their direction in terms of setting goals for 2024 and appointing individuals or a committee to oversee its efforts in 2024.

In the meantime, a date has been set for the **Annual Vendor Fair** which will be held **March 20, 2024**. Joyce Middleton is coordinating the Vendor Fair as she has for (at least!) the past few years. This is an outstanding event which we strongly recommend to everyone. And before going on, **we want to congratulate Joyce on her Volunteer of the Year Award from the HOA**. We thank Joyce for all her work and also enjoy working with her as a longtime member of the Emergency Preparedness Team.

In 2023 the Team was invited to participate in the March 2023 Vendor Fair. Joyce provided us space to set up exhibits and give out information. It also gave Team Members an opportunity to meet and talk with residents as they entered the fair. The Team felt this was a big success and wanted to do this once again in 2024. We have submitted our request for the 2024 Fair and thank Joyce once again for the invitation.

This is a great tool for publicizing our Team and providing information to our residents, along with providing an opportunity to meet and talk with residents and recruit new members.

As mentioned, the status and role of the Team will be determined by the HOA Board. When more information is available, we will share it with everyone. Below is a listing of our 2023 Team. Thanks to all:

2023 Emergency Preparedness Team Members:

Matt & Margaret Rice; David & Helen Hurr; Bob & Brin McDonald; Wanda & Art Stanley; Joyce Middleton; Bob Cappell; Pamela Leland; Dona & David Rawson; Darlene & Bill Davis; Jerry Smith; Lori Johnsen & Jeff Hunt; Deb & Gary Devore; Bob Kruse; Kathy & Dan Deuel; Terri Cruz; Barbara Pund; Mary Ann Donovan; Gary & Valerie Stanley; Jerry Sibila & Shelly Shaffer; Sharyl & Dave Graham

If you have questions or need assistance please contact any Member

Sheriff Grady Corner



Golf Carts in the Sunshine State

Golf carts seem ubiquitous in Florida, so it probably wouldn't surprise you to know that Florida is one of the top states for golf cart usage with only Georgia and South Carolina ahead of us.

Using a golf cart to get around instead of a car or truck certainly has its advantages, but before you go out to buy one, you should know that you can't drive them anywhere, and not just anyone can operate one.

Operating a golf cart on public roads is generally prohibited, but there are exceptions. I recommend that if you have a golf cart or plan on getting one, make sure you check Florida State Statute 316.212 for all the exceptions.

Even though golf carts are not classified the same as cars and trucks, they still have to be operated in the same manner in regards to traffic laws. They must comply with stop signs and traffic lights, and yes – you can most definitely be arrested for driving a golf cart while intoxicated.

A new law in Florida addressed the age of those driving golf carts on designated public streets. Anyone 18 and over must have a valid government issued ID (or Drivers License) with them while operating a golf cart. Those drivers under 18 years of age must also have a valid driver's license or a learners permit.

Some might think that golf carts can't be too dangerous since they're only designed to go about 20mph, but a sudden stop at that speed or a sudden turn resulting in a roll over can prove to be fatal.

Know before you buy, and be safe when you drive.



**UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
ARMEL-LEFTWICH VISITOR CENTER**

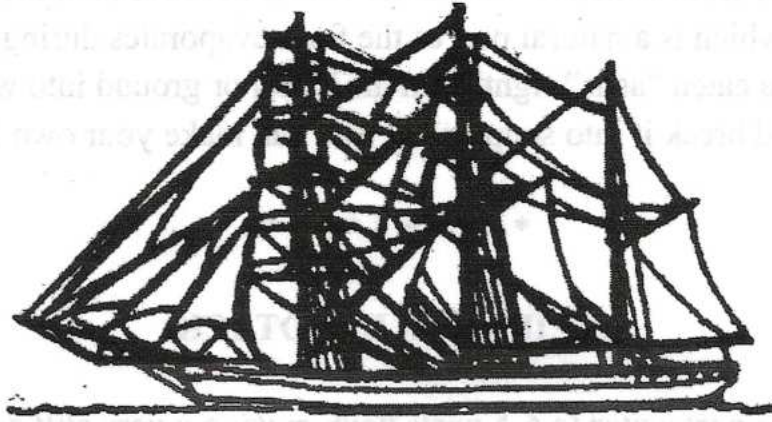
52 King George Street, Annapolis, MD 21402; 410-293-8687

EASY WAYS TO GO GREENER AT HOME

Navy personnel assigned to environmental issues are called Environmental Health Officers. Be a junior environmental health officer at home. Here are some easy tips:

1. Plant an herb garden. It's good to have a reminder of where our food originates and this one is easy. You can plant in pots inside or outside. And, you can use them to flavor your food.
2. Don't overwater outside and make sure you don't over fertilize so it runs into a river or bay.
3. Stop using disposable bags. Ask your parent to order some reusable bags. They can be purchase at most grocery stores.
4. Buy an inexpensive reusable water bottle and stop buying plastic disposable bottles. Then watch *The Story of Bottled Water* (online), about the bottled water phenomena, with your family.
5. Switch light bulbs to CFLs. Turn off lights when you leave the room.
6. Encourage your parents to install recycle bins in your home. Follow the guidelines set by the county in which you live.
7. Don't turn on lights at all for as long as you can – open your curtains and enjoy natural light.
8. Turn off your computer completely at night.
9. Reuse scrap paper. Print on two sides or use the back side for coloring or making lists or taking telephone messages.
10. Check to see if you have leaky faucets in your house. If you do, ask your parent to fix them. It will save money. Don't let water run...turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth and shorten your showers.
11. Watch *The Story of Stuff* (online) with your family and talk about the impact your household trash has on our landfills.
12. Repurpose something. You can use a milk bottle to water plants, use empty paper towel rolls to store extension cords. Be imaginative. Make this a family project.
13. Use cloth instead of paper when you are helping to clean house, especially in the kitchen. Be frugal and make rags out of old towels and t-shirts.
14. Encourage your parents to use cloth napkins instead of paper.
15. Repurpose glass jars as leftover containers and bulk storage, especially in the kitchen.

RATIONS & RECIPES



What the American Sailor Ate During the American Revolution

Life aboard ship during the American Revolution was hard, at best, and the food was nothing short of awful. Salt was the only way of preserving meat and fish and bread, soup from dried peas, salt fish or salt beef. The most difficult commodity to store were beverages. Space had to be made for large quantities of fresh water, which after a time didn't taste all that fresh. Some ships sailed with beer, watered-down wine or watered-down rum, called grog.

Live chickens, pigs, cows or sheep sometimes supplied fresh meat and eggs on voyages and there was fresh fish when possible. The best food always landed on the captain's table. Before the 1750's it was common for messes of around seven sailors to dip into communal pots and wooden or pewter spoons. In the mid 1700's James Lind, a Scottish doctor identified fresh fruits and vegetables as the antidote to scurvy. In 1772 Captain Cook provisioned carrot marmalade along with orange and lemon juices.

Commodity	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Bread	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	1lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	1lb.
Meat	1 1/2 lb. beef	1 lb. pork	1 1/2 lb. beef		1 lb. pork	1 lb. s. fish	1 lb. pork
Rice	1/2 Pt.			1/2 Pt.			
Peas/Beans		1/2 pt.			1/2 pt.		1/2 pt.
Cheese		4 ox.		4 oz.			4 oz.
Potatoes/Turnips			1 1/2 lb. Beef			1 lb.	
Butter/Molasses				2 oz. or		2 oz. or	
				6 oz.		1 gill (4 fluid oz.)	
Spirits/Beer	1/2 pint distilled spirits per day or in lieu thereof, 1 quart of beer						

The main staple of a sailor's diet was biscuits or hardtack. Whether round or square, the recipe was the same - flour and water, with the possible addition of salt and/or sugar. The finished bread weighed less than the flour from which it was made. This is because both the water used in mixing the dough and the water which is a natural part of the flour evaporates during the baking.

Ship bread could be eaten "as is" right from the barrel or ground into what is essentially matzo meal. Sailors would break it into soup or tea. You can make your own ship bread at home.

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RECIPE FOR HARDTACK

*Mix one part water to 6-5 parts flour, making a very stiff dough.
Salt adds to the taste and makes the dough easier to work.
Roll out to about 3/8" thick, cut into 4" squares or rounds
and pierce them through in at least nine places. Bake 30 - 45 minutes in a moderate
oven until slightly browned and puffed.
You may need to leave the biscuits out to dry for a few days
until they are truly rock-hard*

**Be aware that hardtack is VERY hard. Soften in water
before eating (or dip into soup or tea)**

RECIPE FOR DRIED PEA SOUP

*Take one quart of dried (split) peas; put in three quarts of water
with three chopped onions. Add pepper and salt and boil for three hours.
Thicken with a large piece of butter and flour; put in slices of nice salt pork.
Boil until pork is done and serve it up with hardtack*

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Over the next five decades Congress periodically altered the rations. Tea, pickles, cranberries, raisins, dried apples and other dried fruits made the common sailor's diet a little less grim.

*Copy adapted from "STROUD'S (1492 - 1862) SEA BISCUIT."
For more information contact: Norristown Press, PO Box 307, Dept. S,
Norristown, PA 19404. Norristown Press reprints a small campfire cookbook,
first issued in 1862 for the Army of the Potomac, which may be ordered for \$5.50.*

ACROSS

- 1) Bedouin, for one
- 6) Grain husks
- 11) Blazing
- 14) TV studio sign
- 15) They form central angles
- 16) "How ___ you?"
- 17) Boisterous celebration
- 19) ATM need
- 20) Haberdashery item
- 21) Waited and wanted
- 23) Infant Native American
- 26) Antiknock fluids
- 27) Doles out
- 28) Insistence on traditional correctness
- 30) Scotsman
- 31) Argument
- 32) Move back, as a tide
- 35) Zeta's follower
- 36) Like Mona Lisa
- 38) Second-smallest st.
- 39) ___ Plains, Ill.
- 40) Be quiet, in scores
- 41) Royal honorific
- 42) "At the ___ Core" (Burroughs novel)
- 44) Make harmonious
- 46) Out-of-date
- 48) Feeling such a fool
- 49) Martin's partner in classic TV
- 50) Less difficult
- 52) "Do ___ say, not ..."
- 53) Welcoming warmly
- 58) "___ the Good Times Roll"
- 59) Like many a Poe tale
- 60) Winter warmer-upper
- 61) Cry in "A Christmas Carol"
- 62) Parks, Bonheur and Ponselle
- 63) Abrasive board

DOWN

- 1) ___ de plume
- 2) Common tip jar item
- 3) Disfigure
- 4) Reduce engine heat
- 5) Timber problem
- 6) Have a hankering for
- 7) Maori war dance
- 8) Way in for a miner
- 9) Fish propeller
- 10) Engaged in combat
- 11) What an arbitrator hopes to find
- 12) Corbeled bay window
- 13) Guards, as a hockey goal
- 18) A pope may lead it
- 22) Surprise cries
- 23) Called by loudspeaker
- 24) Get ___ start (run behind)
- 25) Happy about
- 26) "___ go bragh"
- 28) Whines
- 29) Feet or tons, e.g.
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Charles Dickens

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ACROSS

- 1) Bedouin, for one
- 6) Grain husks
- 11) Blazing
- 14) TV studio sign
- 15) They form central angles
- 16) "How ___ you?"
- 17) Boisterous celebration
- 19) ATM need
- 20) Haberdashery item
- 21) Waited and wanted
- 23) Infant Native American
- 26) Antiknock fluids
- 27) Doles out
- 28) Insistence on traditional correctness
- 30) Scotsman
- 31) Argument
- 32) Move back, as a tide
- 35) Zeta's follower
- 36) Like Mona Lisa
- 38) Second-smallest st.
- 39) ___ Plains, Ill.
- 40) Be quiet, in scores
- 41) Royal honorific
- 42) "At the ___ Core" (Burroughs novel)
- 44) Make harmonious
- 46) Out-of-date
- 48) Feeling such a fool
- 49) Martin's partner in classic TV
- 50) Less difficult
- 52) "Do ___ say, not ..."
- 53) Welcoming warmly
- 58) "___ the Good Times Roll"
- 59) Like many a Poe tale
- 60) Winter warmer-upper
- 61) Cry in "A Christmas Carol"
- 62) Parks, Bonheur and Ponselle
- 63) Abrasive board

DOWN

- 1) ___ de plume
- 2) Common tip jar item
- 3) Disfigure
- 4) Reduce engine heat
- 5) Timber problem
- 6) Have a hankering for
- 7) Maori war dance
- 8) Way in for a miner
- 9) Fish propeller
- 10) Engaged in combat
- 11) What an arbitrator hopes to find
- 12) Corbeled bay window
- 13) Guards, as a hockey goal
- 18) A pope may lead it
- 22) Surprise cries
- 23) Called by loudspeaker
- 24) Get ___ start (run behind)
- 25) Happy about
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DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP 2023-2024

Will meet on the following dates at the CLUBHOUSE at 7pm.:

WED.FEB .7TH - MEDICARE COVERAGE OF DIABETES

WED.MARCH 6TH- EXERCISE!

WED.APRIL 3RD-GOVERNMENT UPDATES

WED.MAY 1ST- WRAP -UPS

February 2024

January '24							March '24						
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