



# SandScript

4th Quarter 2009

## From the President

To All Sanibel Cottages Owners

As I enter into the final year of my second term serving on the Sanibel Cottages Board of Directors, I would like to thank the other Board members, Mike Keller and Barbara Garrat, along with the entire Sanibel Cottages Management team and Maintenance staff, for their continued support and dedication to our resort in maintaining it as one of the nicest resorts on the Island. As an owner, we all take great pride in showing off our resort to friends and relatives along with enjoying its beauty and tranquility when we're able to vacation there. I would strongly encourage anyone who has the time and interest to run for a position on the board. Your involvement as an owner is important.

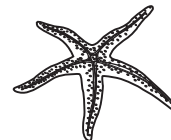
The Sanibel Cottages will begin its 27th year of existence in December. Every year it's nice to come back and feel that the resort is still as nice as the day it opened. I find great gratitude in eavesdropping on

fellow owners at the pool and hearing their comments such as, "This is the nicest resort on the Island" and "I own several other timeshare units and none are as nice as Sanibel Cottages".

During the upcoming year we will continue to update and renovate the units to maintain their beauty. The guest bathrooms will be completely renovated in 2009. The Board of Directors, as well as management, are always looking for ways to cut costs. Recently, we have changed landscape companies so that we can continue to improve the landscape along with maintaining our costs.

The Board of Directors will be meeting during the second week in October. If you have any issues you would like us to address, please feel free to contact me. We'll continue to strive to make Sanibel Cottages a home of which you can be proud.

Best regards,  
James G. Saxon  
Board President



### RESORT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON-LINE

[www.hgvc.com/sanibelcottages](http://www.hgvc.com/sanibelcottages)

Owners can access information regarding the resort including the latest manager's update as well as meeting minutes, condominium documents and Board of Directors' Information.



### NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

The Sanibel Cottages Board of Directors will be holding a Board Meeting on **Thursday, October 8, 2009** at **9:00 a.m.** in the Hilton Grand Vacations Gallery Office, **1509 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel**. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the budget and maintenance fee for the year 2010. The **PROPOSED** budget will be available for viewing on-line at

[www.hgvc.com/sanibelcottages](http://www.hgvc.com/sanibelcottages)

two weeks prior to the board meeting noted above. A hard copy of the preliminary budget will be sent upon request. A copy of the 2010 budget will be mailed to each owner with their maintenance fee statement later this year.

# OWNER'S SPOTLIGHT

## Our Shark Adventure



My buddies Mark and Paul from Wisconsin and I caught this 300+lb. jewel and then released it

while fishing for shark off the beach by Sanibel Cottages. Using a Penn 113 special senator reel with a homemade 6 feet of 200 lbs wire leader tied to 3 feet of 180 lbs doubled nylon leader tied to 500 yards (yes 5 football fields) of 80 pound powerpro line and large circle hook on bite size chunk of Spanish Mackerel. Hooked at 7:45 p.m. and brought onto beach at 11p.m. Recorded and released. The fish ran over 300 yards straight out when hooked but we won after 3 hours of non-stop fight from shore. The reel was smoking before the time was up but held up fine. — Ronald Fiscella

## Manager's Message

Dear Sanibel Cottages Owners,

It is my pleasure to update you on the following projects completed so far this year. The resort staff has been extremely busy during the first half of 2009, and the hard work and planning is certainly paying off!



### Completed Projects

#### Exterior:

- Beachside stairwell repairs to building 6 & 7
- Removal of all non-native and invasive plants in the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) setback area
- New landscaping at the shuffleboard court area
- Native plants and beautiful orchids have been planted throughout the resort

#### Interior:

- Guest bathroom refurbishment this fall to include:
  - Comfort height toilets
  - Raised countertops
  - Medicine cabinets



## THANK YOU, SMOKERS



In accordance with the Florida Clean Air Act, as well as a courtesy to those who will occupy your unit after you, Sanibel Cottages requests that owners and guests please step out onto the balcony or outside the unit to enjoy your favorite smoke.

The smoke left behind inside the units has created genuine, and sometimes serious, problems for owners and guests who share your unit and suffer from various medical problems, adults and children alike.

**The Board of Directors has approved a minimum \$300 charge for units that have been smoked in to cover the cost of the unit's cleaning, deodorizing, and carpet/upholstery cleaning to make the unit suitable for the next occupants.** We thank you sincerely for your continued consideration in this important matter so all may equally enjoy their stay at Sanibel Cottages.



- Lighting, towel fixtures
- Faucet fixtures and shower trim kits
- Guest bathroom shower curtains
- Artwork

In a separate matter, I want to remind you about the resort's new cleaning charge to remove smoking odors. Your Board of Directors approved a \$300 minimum charge for Owners or Guests who smoke in the units. As stated in the association's bylaws, Owners who do not pay the charge will have the charge placed on their account.

Please visit the *New Virtual Tour* of the Sanibel Cottages units and grounds available on the website, [www.hgvc.com/sanibelcottages](http://www.hgvc.com/sanibelcottages) later this year!

On behalf of the resort staff — Martha, Joan, Debbie, Kevin, Cesar, Lee and myself — we look forward to serving you in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Angela B. Talty  
Resort Manager



# SALES CORNER

We are always available for owners who wish to sell their week or to purchase additional weeks.

For assistance and further information, contact Lee Barnes Bogan at 239-472-9708. She has access to all Grand Vacations Realty resales. You will receive friendly service and invaluable advice! Please stop by to learn more about the opportunities offered through the Hilton Grand Vacations Club.

## 53 Weeks in 2010?

The weeks at Sanibel Cottages run from Friday to Friday, with the first Friday of a year designated as Week 1. Factor in the problem of 365 days not being evenly divided by seven and the result is an extra Friday, or 53rd week, occurring every four or five years. Within the timeshare industry, this is known as the "Week 53 Phenomenon". It occurs in the year 2010.

At Sanibel Cottages the owner of week 52 is also the owner of week 53. This means that owners of week 52 will have their use dates for 2010 from December 24, 2010 to January 7, 2011.

Owners who have back-to-back weeks at other resorts, and who have previously moved directly from a Friday check-in resort to a Saturday check-in resort, should carefully consult the vacation calendars of *both* resorts before planning a move. Saturday check-in resorts do not experience this "Week 53 Phenomenon" until 2011. If you have any questions regarding how week 53 affects you, please call your resort office. We will be happy to clarify information so you can make the best decision regarding your weeks and your visit.

## 2009

Week Number	Friday to Friday
37	Sep 11 - Sep 18
38	Sep 18 - Sep 25
39	Sep 25 - Oct 2
40	Oct 2 - Oct 9
41	Oct 9 - Oct 16
42	Oct 16 - Oct 23
43	Oct 23 - Oct 30
44	Oct 30 - Nov 6
45	Nov 6 - Nov 13
46	Nov 13 - Nov 20
47	<b>Nov 20 - Nov 27 T</b>
48	Nov 27 - Dec 4
49	Dec 4 - Dec 11
50	Dec 11 - Dec 18
51	<b>Dec 18 - Dec 25 C</b>
52	<b>Dec 25 - Jan 1 C N</b>

## Did You Know...

...**Billy's Rentals** has beach wheelchairs and a special handicap bicycle available. Call (239) 472-5248 or (239) 472-8717 or go to [www.BillysRentals.com](http://www.BillysRentals.com).

...**Island Rental Services** - photos, prices, on-line ordering at [www.islandrentalservices.net](http://www.islandrentalservices.net) Items available for small children, elderly, special needs, beach, and vacation.

...**FISH**, Friends in Service Here of Sanibel, has free short-term rental of non-electrical health equipment. Information on other services: [www.fishofsanibel.com](http://www.fishofsanibel.com).

### ENTERTAINMENT:

...The schedule of events this season is available at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, 239-395-0900, or [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org).

...The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way has a fine lineup for the 2009-2010 season. For complete information, call 239-472-6862 or go to [www.theschoolhousetheater.com](http://www.theschoolhousetheater.com).

... Island Cinema - for times and movies call 239-472-1701 or go to [www.islandcinema.com](http://www.islandcinema.com).

## 2010

Week Number	Friday to Friday
1	<b>Jan 1 - Jan 8 N</b>
2	Jan 8 - Jan 15
3	Jan 15 - Jan 22
4	Jan 22 - Jan 29
5	Jan 29 - Feb 5
6	Feb 5 - Feb 12
7	<b>Feb 12 - Feb 19 P</b>
8	Feb 19 - Feb 26
9	Feb 26 - Mar 5
10	Mar 5 - Mar 12
11	Mar 12 - Mar 19
12	Mar 19 - Mar 26
13	Mar 26 - Apr 2
14	<b>Apr 2 - Apr 9 E</b>
15	Apr 9 - Apr 16
16	Apr 16 - Apr 23
17	Apr 23 - Apr 30
18	Apr 30 - May 7
19	May 7 - May 14
20	May 14 - May 21
21	May 21 - May 28
22	<b>May 28 - June 4 M</b>
23	June 4 - June 11
24	June 11 - June 18
25	June 18 - June 25
26	June 25 - July 2
27	<b>July 2 - July 9 FJ</b>
28	July 9 - July 16
29	July 16 - July 23
30	July 23 - July 30
31	July 30 - Aug 6
32	Aug 6 - Aug 13
33	Aug 13 - Aug 20
34	Aug 20 - Aug 27
35	Aug 27 - Sep 3
36	<b>Sep 3 - Sep 10 L</b>
37	Sep 10 - Sep 17
38	Sep 17 - Sep 24
39	Sep 24 - Oct 1
40	Oct 1 - Oct 8
41	Oct 8 - Oct 15
42	Oct 15 - Oct 22
43	Oct 22 - Oct 29
44	Oct 29 - Nov 5
45	Nov 5 - Nov 12
46	Nov 12 - Nov 19
47	<b>Nov 19 - Nov 26 T</b>
48	Nov 26 - Dec 3
49	Dec 3 - Dec 10
50	Dec 10 - Dec 17
51	Dec 17 - Dec 24
52/53	<b>Dec 24 - Jan 7 C N</b>



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Congratulations to  
Barbara Garratt  
on her re-election to the  
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