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Happy spring to everyone! Our 2022-2023 season is officially over and we're already looking forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary during

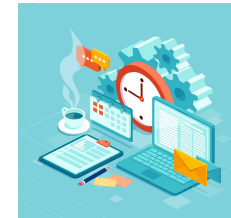
the 2023-2024 season. Be ready. It will be special.

A recap of the 2023 Annual Meeting and the results of the Flats Tournament follow in **Bonnie Briefs**. We wish you all safe travels wherever these next months may take you and send thanks to everyone for making this season another great one.

The BB Board of Directors: President Laura Wilson, Vice President DeeDee Lisenby, Treasurer Johanna Carrier, Secretary Liz Zug, Carol Andrews, Diana Frazier, Allison Freeland, Bonny Gothier, Jan Miller, Patty Strunk, Kathy Weiland, Laura Zausmer, Jodi Zifferer and Founder Nancy Zakon and Ex Officio Member Mary Bloom (immediate past president).

Upcoming Events

April 'til November: *Gone fishin'*



Bonnie Briefs



Annual Meeting 2023

Under clear blue skies, President Laura Wilson welcomed nearly seventy Bonnies to the Key Largo Anglers Club Butterfly Garden. After introducing past and present board members, thanking tournament volunteers and asking for a moment of silence to remember Mimi Whitbeck, past board member and treasurer, Laura called the Annual

Meeting to order. Both the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting and the current Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

Vice President and Chairperson of the Nominating Committee DeeDee Lisenby presented the slate of candidates and conducted the election for board members and officers.

Elected for two year terms on the board replacing retiring board members DeeDee Lisenby, Patty Strunk and Laura Zausmer were Carolyn Allen, Tina Jones and Esther Vazquez.

Re-elected to two year terms were current board members Carol Andrews, Diana Frazier, Johanna Carrier and Liz Zug.

Jodi Zifferer was elected as vice president and Johanna Carrier as treasurer. Laura Wilson, president, and Liz Zug, secretary, continue in their positions for another year.

Also filling out their two year terms are board members Allison Freeland, Bonny Gothier, Jan Miller, Kathy Weiland, Laura Wilson and Jodi Zifferer. Congratulations to the newly elected directors and officers. They will assume their new positions in thirty days.



Following the elections and the President's Report Laura presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Paul Headley, events coordinator at Key Largo Anglers Club who is retiring after thirty years at the club., On behalf of the Bonnies, Laura thanked him for the twenty-four years he has worked with the Bonnies and for his efforts to make every one of the Bonnies events held at KLAC so special.

Laura also expressed our thanks to KLAC for hosting us in the Butterfly Garden and to Chef Jon and all the staff for making our last luncheon of the season a memorable one. The service was great and the food delicious.

Laura then recognized the retiring board members DeeDee Lisenby, Patty Strunk and Laura Zausmer for their years of service on the Bonnies board.

Laura Zausmer has championed so many events as Special Events chairperson during her time on the board although we especially know about her Kayak Clean-Up days. We are

incredibly thankful that she has offered to continue chairing those days next year. We were sorry she was feeling under the weather and couldn't be present to hear the appreciative round of applause for her efforts.

Patty Strunk has been in charge of not only our Holiday Parties for years but has also been lugging all of those treasured bins of BonnieWear to every luncheon for years. It's been her good taste and sense of what the Bonnies might like that has brought us our logoed items.



DeeDee Lisenby has served two years as treasurer and two years as vice president. She brought our budgeting and financial reporting and procedures in line with current best practices. She also worked diligently on our incorporation as a 501(c)7 entity. For the past two years she has done an exceptional job as chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Laura thanked her for her leadership, her mentorship and her promise to be available in an advisory role. Mary Bloom who retired as president last year has been on the board this season as immediate past president. Laura thanked her for all of the years of her service and for agreeing to carry on as our Communications chair writing our e-newsletter, *Tight Lines*.

Last but certainly not least, Laura, on behalf of the Board of Directors, surprised Past President Mona Brewer by presenting her with a certificate making her an Emeritus Board Member.

The certificate reads:

In recognition that her service to the Bonnies:

- *helped make the organization what it is today,*
- *has created a legacy that will last forever,*
- *has inspired others to aspire to the standard she created.*

Laura noted that based on these considerations, conferring the honor of emeritus board member should be a rare event and that we were in fact honoring a rare person. After a rousing round of applause for Mona the 2023 Annual Meeting was adjourned.



2023 Flats Tournament

Many thanks to Jeannie Schiavone and Linda Falk for chairing the Flats Tournament that featured great parties and great swag. They even provided a beautiful day with a nice assortment of bonefish, tarpon and snook to be caught. Congratulations to the winners!



First Place: Carol Andrews and Heather Post with Guide Mike Makowski



**Second Place: Bonny Gothier and Esther Vazquez
with Chairperson Jeannie Schiavone - Guide Wess Thompson**



Third Place: Laura Zausmer fishing solo with Guide Augie Moss



**Spirit Award: Angela Basciano and Kristina Ersek with Co-Chairs
Jeannie Schiavone and Linda Falk**



Best Picture: Bonny Gothier

Congratulations to Bonny Gothier for first fish of the day, a tarpon , and Laney Hinkebein for last fish of the day, a snook. Kym Read had the thrill of landing her first tarpon while fishing in her first tournament!

Do You Have Bonnie Photos To Share? Next season, 2023-2024, is our 25th Anniversary season. Lots of fun things will be happening and we'd love to have your photos going back over the past twenty-four years. Start going through your albums both digital and "old fashioned" and pick out the best photos. Information about sending them in will be forthcoming.

Did you know that Bonfish Bonnies is on FACEBOOK?

If you're on Facebook, check out the Bonnies-only page. "Join" the group, and once you're accepted, you'llBest be able to post your Bonnie fish tales and photos! It's another way to keep in touch with your fellow Bonnies. Start sharing today.

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