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TIGHT LINES

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Happiness is ...

Dear Bonnies:

We are happy to announce that **dates for the 2023 Spring Fishaways** have been confirmed. The first, a trip to **Mangrove Cay Club in The Bahamas**, is scheduled for **May 2nd through May 6th** and the second, to the beautiful **Gasparilla Inn, Boca Grande, FL**, for **May 8th through May 11th, 2023.**



You may have noticed that **we are at the scheduling mercy of the Club and the Hotel.** Anyone **wanting to go on both trips** will only have a **two day turnaround**; however, the **trips**



are **different enough** that they should appeal to **different groups** of anglers. **Choose one or both**, if you have the time and the stamina.



The Mangrove Cay Club ...

May 2nd through May 6th, 2023

The **Mangrove Cay Club**, Andros Island, (www.mangrovecayclub.com) is the Bahamas' premier saltwater fly fishing lodge. It is located **in the middle of the Andros fishery**, the largest area of bonefish habitat in the world. There are four spacious, **air-conditioned** duplex waterfront cottages. Each queen-bedded room (**2 beds, double occupancy only**) features vaulted ceilings, a ceiling fan, **en suite bathroom** and a separate seating area for relaxation and gear prep. Each room has a **waterfront veranda** over-looking the Middle Bight.

As a general rule, **an 8 wt rod with floating saltwater line** will be all you need. A **complete list of gear** will be sent upon trip confirmation. **Rental gear** is available at the Lodge for an additional fee. **Non-fishing activities are very limited** although there is a swimming pool. **Sixteen Bonnies will be the only guests** at the Lodge. This return trip to the Club is by popular demand.

A Typical Day ...

7 a.m. - Breakfast and pack your lunch

8 a.m. - Departure for fishing
4 p.m. - Arrive back at the Lodge
4-6 p.m. - Bar snack, drinks, shower, relax
6 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres
7 p.m. - Dinner



Our Package ...

Our package last season included **private airfare** (two Makers Air charter planes departing ORC arriving at Mangrove Cay and return trip); **four nights/three days double occupancy accommodations**; **three days of guided bonefishing** with a shared boat/guide; **all meals, house liquors, wine, beer, water and soft drinks**; **wireless internet**; **laundry service**; **12% Bahamian VAT tax**; and, **round trip transfer** to the local airport. *The package does not include premium wines and liquors; guide/staff gratuities; \$20 fishing license; fishing gear or items of a personal nature.* **Total Cost per angler last season was \$6,564.**

Sign Up ...

While the **Mangrove Cay Club** has **not released** their **2023 rates** yet, if you are interested in **signing up** for this trip, please **send an email expressing your interest as soon as possible** to:

Laura Wilson - cflba@icloud.com



If you have a **preference for a roommate** please **send the email with both names**. A list will be created **in order of the responses received** and if required, we will start a **waiting list**.

Due to the nature of **this trip** (seats on the plane and club exclusivity), your trip, once booked, will be **100% non-refundable**. (You may want to check on Trip Cancellation Insurance.) The prices for the trip will be **organized for sixteen people** and it would be unfair for the other anglers to have to absorb the cost of the cancellation.

A 50% deposit will be necessary when you book the trip. Total trip costs and **deposit deadlines will be determined** as soon as **Mangrove Cay Club** announces the 2023 rates. Information will be shared via *Tight Lines*.

Please contact Laura Wilson for any further information.
cflba@icloud.com --- (705) 623-7435



The Gasparilla Inn & Club ... *May 8th through 11th, 2023*

For those who have not been, **a stay at the Gasparilla Inn & Club is a return to the genteel world of Old Florida** (www.the-gasparilla-inn.com). Built in 1913 it is the most historic wooden hotel in the state and one of the most historic resorts in Florida. This **elegant resort** is situated in **the heart of Boca Grande** on Gasparilla island and occupies 180+ acres of well manicured grounds with **breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico and Charlotte Harbor**.

The trip (also back by popular demand) will include **an option this year to fish "The Pass" for tarpon**. Boca Grande is considered the **"Tarpon Capital of the World"**. That said, the ideal time for tarpon fishing is early May. We were very fortunate to be able to book these dates for 2023.

Room Reservations ...

Rooms being held at the Inn are **listed below**. All room rates are **subject to a 6.5% Florida State Sales Tax and a 5% County Room Tax**. There is also a **13% Daily Service Charge** added to your bill to **cover the basic gratuities for the staff**. All rates are **subject to change** as provided by law.



The Gasparilla Inn requires a **major credit card upon check-in** which will be **pre-authorized for the anticipated balance** of your stay. You will be **authorizing the Inn to place a hold on your credit or debit card to guarantee charges**. **Debit card authorizations holds** may remain on your account **up to seven days after the transaction date** depending on your bank's policy.

Cancellations or modifications made within 45 days prior to your arrival will forfeit the deposit on all rooms affected. That said; The Gasparilla Inn & Club will attempt to resell any rooms released for general sale.

Should you **require transportation to and from the airport**, a **golf cart or bike rental**, **contact the Inn well before your arrival date**. Just a reminder, **other services** such as spa appointments, tennis or golf lessons **are best made before your arrival** to assure your preferences.

******Please note that The Gasparilla Inn & Club is now a smoke-free property. This includes all rooms in The Inn as well as our cottages and villas. In the event that evidence of smoking is found in your accommodations, a minimum \$250 smoke elimination fee will be charged to your credit card.******

All **reservations** will be made for an **arrival date of Monday, May 8th, 2023** with a **departure date of Thursday, May 11th, 2023**. All rooms listed can accommodate **single or double occupancy**.

Six (6) rooms on hold.

Room Type: Standard Twin Beds(2)

Room Rate: \$325 +++ = \$404.63 x 3 nights = \$1,213.89

Four (4) rooms on hold.

Room Type: Standard King Bed (1)

\$410 +++ = \$510.20 x 3 nights = \$1,530.60

One (1) room on hold.

Room Type: Standard King Bed (1) with Lanai

Room Rate: 450 +++ = \$560.25 x 3 nights = \$1,680.75

Please note that any unreserved rooms will be canceled on 1/31/2023.



Fishing Reservations ...

Fishing reservations are separate from reservations at The Inn. Anglers can fish "The Back Country" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. one day and fish "The Pass" from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. the next. (The morning time slot for fishing "The Pass" is

4 a.m. so we "passed" on that.) The boats will leave from the Pink Elephant Dock which is located immediately adjacent to The Inn precisely at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The boats include:

***Two (2) Back Country boats (3 to 4 anglers per boat)
available for 1/2 day fishing 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (4 hours)
Targeting Speckled Trout, Redfish, Bonefish, Snook, etc.***

***One (1) Tarpon Pass boat (maximum of 6 anglers)
available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (3 hours)
Targeting Tarpon***

Total cost is \$600 for 1/2 day (4hrs) and \$800 for "The Pass" (3hrs)

Gratuities are not included.

Sign Up ...

Contact Tina Jones to reserve your spot for **The Gasparilla Inn & Club trip**. Her email is: tina@primeassetsllc.com.

For room reservations, please state **your preference** for the **type of room** you wish to reserve and **if you plan to have a roommate**.

Include your roommate's name if you know with whom you'll be staying. You will be asked to **make a deposit equal to the rate of one night's stay in late summer/early fall**.

For fishing reservations, please state **your preference for which day and type of fishing** you would like. There are a **total of fourteen (14) fishing slots per day** for Tuesday, May 9th and Wednesday, May 10th.



Questions???

Contact Tina at tina@primeassetsllc.com

or

call at (703) 819-1796

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