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IVAN THE TERRIBLE LEAVES MARK ON SUMMIT

Not since Opal in October 1995 has The Summit seen the fury of a hurricane. The storm made landfall on September 16, at 2:30 a.m., a mere 5 days after the annual meeting. Ivan claimed the roof, playground, beach walk, and much of the east side wall. The fence by the trash compactor was a total loss. Tiles were gone from the mansards of the building. The tennis court fence and wind screen were damaged. The carpet on the walkways came loose. There were some other damages but these were the major ones.

Within two days, Mike Griffin and his staff had the property back in business for owners as well as guests. The concrete restoration project was postponed for a year, and that contractor began repairs on the east wall.

An assessment to cover SOA's insurance deductible was approved by the board and sent to all owners. If you have a condominium insurance policy on your unit, there is a good chance that you have some coverage for assessments of this nature.

LONG LIST OF PROJECTS

An unprecedented number of projects have been ongoing simultaneously at The Summit. By the time you read this, the new **fire alarm** system, **trash compactors**, pool and walkway **pavers**, **laundry room** remodeling, **east wall** of the building, **indoor hot tub** remodeling, and **roof** should be complete, weather and other unknowns notwithstanding. Progress continues on the **window** replacement on east and west ends and **elevator** replacement. You can see some photographs of the projects and hurricane damage on our website at www.summit-resorts.com. All of the projects are pretty much



ON LINE.

CONTRACTS

The contract with Advisors Realty was extended for nine months by mutual agreement. The snack bar was bid and Bennett's, the present contractor, was the successful bidder. The tiki bar contract was extended as well.

WATER DAMAGE

All units at The Summit were inspected for water damage. The final count was 228 units with some degree of damage.

Warning Flags Changed - The City of Panama City Beach has adopted the state's five flag warning system for the beaches. There will be a flag to indicate dangerous marine life, calm conditions, moderate surf and/or currents, high surf and/or currents, and water closed to public. These flags are scheduled to be implemented in early 2005.

Ivan Spawns Killer Tornado - A tornado damaged Capt. Anderson's Restaurant and Hamilton's Restaurant. Hamilton's was badly damaged and has yet to repair and re-open. The same tornado claimed the life of one man. Some of The Summit damage may have resulted from this tornado.

Politics - In local races, Steve Meadows won the hotly contested race for State Attorney over Sister Blackmon Milligan. Mike Nelson, Bill Dozier, and Mike Thomas all won county commission seats. Frank McKeithen won the Sheriff race, Rick Barnett won the Property Appraiser race, and James McCalister won the School Superintendent

Bar Legend Passes - Melva Newby, better known as "Ms. Newby", died on September 17th at the age of 67. She was the owner and operator of Ms. Newby's Liquors on Thomas Drive since it originally opened in May of 1975.



Building & Grounds Committee - Ray Joyce, a full time resident of The Summit, has agreed to chair the Building and Grounds Committee.

I-10 Lane Open - One east bound lane was opened in November on the bay bridge on I-10 in Escambia County. This had been closed since Hurricane Ivan.



Board Meeting Schedule

(Subject to change)

February 26

May 14

September 17

Annual Owners Meeting also Sept. 17

Superintendent.

More Condos? - Two more locations are reported to be headed for condo development. According to a local TV news report, Club LaVela is under contract to a developer out of Destin. The plan is to build a 982-unit condominium on the 5+ acre tract. Club LaVela was built in 1984. A rumor has LaVela relocating to Front Beach Road but the owners have not commented on that. Another report has Signal Hill being sold for \$75 million to make way for a condo. The property is owned by the Pledger family and leased to Signal Hill. The Pledger family is one of the early families in this area. (Hey guys, some of those balls at the bottom of the pond are mine.)

Helicopter Down - The pilot and two passengers on board a tour helicopter escaped serious injury when the chopper went down behind Sharkey's on November 17th.



Board Resignation - Russell Goodwin had to resign from the board due to business reasons back in Georgia.

Don't wait for a newsletter. Get the news on the official SOA website at www.summit-resorts.com.



In Memoriam

Summit owner Larry McDaniel of McDonough, Georgia, passed away on Saturday, October 9, at the age of 39. Larry will be greatly missed by his many friends and relatives.



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