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# What's in Store for the LIDO ISLE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLUB

in 2025...

Get ready for another fantastic year with the Lido Isle Tennis and Pickleball Club (LITPC)! Whether you're a seasoned player or just picking up a racket, 2025 promises to be packed with exciting events, friendly competition, and unforgettable social gatherings. For only \$100, LITPC membership offers incredible value, including access to expert instruction, engaging clinics for adults and juniors, and a vibrant calendar of parties and socials. It's more than just a club—it's your gateway to staying active, connecting with neighbors, and having a blast.

This year, let us help you stick to those New Year's resolutions to get in shape and prioritize fun. The LITPC is the perfect way to meet fellow Lido Isle residents while enjoying a little healthy competition on the courts. From casual round robins to lively social mixers, every event is designed to foster camaraderie and enhance your love for the game. Plus, with the support of our talented tennis staff, you'll have every opportunity to elevate your skills and build confidence.

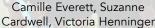
Lido Isle's strong sense of community is part of what makes it one of the most sought-after neighborhoods, and clubs like the LITPC are at the heart of it all. Don't miss out on a year of fitness, fun, and new friendships—make 2025 your best year yet by joining the LITPC today!







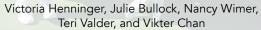
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As an island paper for island residents, the Lido Islander is always open for new features of special interest to Lido Isle residents. Articles, photos and artwork concerning island community activities and events, island personalities, history and nostalgia are welcome. Material submitted for publication should be in by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Letters for the Lido Islander on issues of interest to island residents may be submitted to the LICA office for publication. Brevity, clarity and propriety of subject matter will be appreciated. Anonymous letters will not be published.

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#### **LICA OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm

For non-emergencies on LICA property, call Citiguard Security Patrol on-duty officer directly at (949) 991-8473 for immediate assistance. Citiguard general dispatch is (800) 673-6170. For a Critical Emergency at any hour, requiring police, fire or paramedic response, CALL 911.

# LICA Votes

## VIEW FROM THE BOARDROOM

# LICA and **City Relations**

► Renewal of 25-year lease

Catherine O'Hara The City Relations sub-committee of the LICA Board continues to coordinate closely with

City Hall on important issues that affect Lido Isle. Topping the list this year will be the renewal of the LICA/City 25-year lease that expires in April of 2025. The new lease will run another 25 years, through April 2050. No major changes from the existing lease are anticipated and LICA Board review and approval is required to finalize and execute any new lease.

#### **Covered by the LICA/City 25-Year Lease** Lido Isle Land Owned by the City - Leased, Managed and Operated by LICA

- Antibes Marina and Boat Garden
- Genoa East Boat Garden
- Genoa West Boat Garden
- All street end parks
- City Assigned On-shore Moorings
- LICA Docks

#### Not included in the LICA/City 25-Year Lease Lido Isle Land Owned and Operated by LICA

- The Barcelona, Jucar and San Remo Courts
- San Remo Park
- The LICA Clubhouse and the Clubhouse Beach



Most recently, LICA engaged with the city to ensure a quick cleanup of the giant melaleuca tree at the Antibes Boat Garden entrance that was felled by last month's Santa Ana winds. Not only did the tree get toppled; it ripped a huge hole in the sidewalk making it impassable for pedestrians. Three nearby palm trees were dragged down as well, and the chain link fence at the nearby seawall was destroyed. Thankfully, no one was injured in the mishap, and the city's response was quick and thorough. Under the heading of "good news," the melaleuca tree was located on city land not leased by LICA so the city will repair all damage and cover all associated costs.



Over the years, LICA's strong partnership with the city has helped to provide some of Lido's most prized amenities – think community docks, picture perfect end parks, paved dry boat storage gardens, 29 coveted wet slips and 45 boat moorings for the exclusive use of Lido Isle property owners. Even the American flags and Holiday décor on Lido Bridge and Santa's annual arrival via the NBFD hook and ladder truck are products of close LICA/City coordination. LICA will continue to work to maintain this strong working relationship with City Hall to help keep Lido Isle safe, beautiful and one of the best places in the world to call home.

3 Monday 4:00pm-6:00pm 6 Thursday

Bay Room LIWC Galentine Social 5:00pm-7:00pm Clubhouse

7 Friday 6:00pm-10:00pm

10 Monday 6:00pm-10:00pm 12 Wednesday

5:00pm-9:00pm 18 Tuesday 4:00pm-6:00pm

24 Monday 4:00pm-5:00pm Mon/Wed 10:00am-11:00am

Garden Room LIWC Yoga Bay Room, Clubhouse

LICA MCIC Meeting

LICA Architectural Meeting

LIYC All Member

Clubhouse

Bay Room

Bay Room

Welcome Back Social

LIMC MAG Monday

Clubhouse & Patio

LICA Board Meeting

LICA Architectural Meeting

LIWC Pilates 10:30am-11:30am Bay Room, Clubhouse

Note: Dates & times are subject to change. All recurring events are posted on specific club pages.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Annual **Board Meeting** & Election of the Board

Saturday, April 12, 2025 10:00am in the Clubhouse

Donuts & Coffee served at 9:00am

#### 2025 Annual Assessments

Annual assessments for all island properties were due January 31, 2024. Fees may be mailed, dropped off at the on-site LICA management office or paid via online portal.

If you have questions or would like to request a payment plan, please contact LICA management staff at (949) 673-6170.



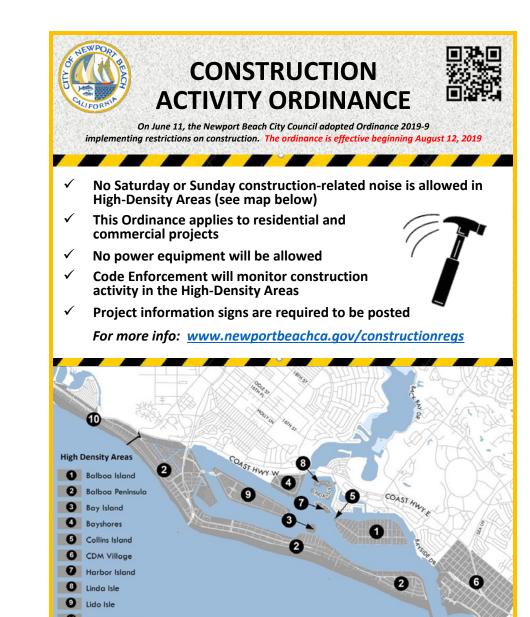
New and improved security cameras have Jucar courts. A reminder that no pets, leashed or unleashed, are

mitted on LICA's tennis, pickleball, basketball and practice courts at any time. Also, while tempting to some, please do not "write" on the dusty wind screens.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION



last month from Friday, January 9 through Monday, January 13. Thank you for your patience, the fumigation was a success!







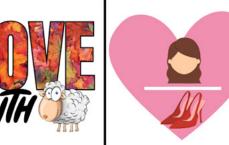


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7) Bee Mine, 8) Broken Heart, 9) Blinded by Love 4) Fall in Love With You, 5) Head Over Heels in Love, 6) Love Struck, 1) I Only Have Eyes For You, 2) They Call It Puppy Love, 3) Love at First Sight,

# **Red Cross Helping in Southern** California as Thousands Face **Unimaginable Loss**

From redcross.org

If you are interested in donating funds to help people affected by the 2025 California Wildfires, one way to do so is by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or texting the word CAWILDFIRES to 90999 to make a donation. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from these disasters.

Blood donations also needed. Donors of all blood types – particularly type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets – are needed to help save lives. Where it is safe to do so, we encourage people to schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

It's important to remember that people from all socioeconomic backgrounds are impacted by these destructive fires. This is especially true for people with limited resources who usually experience a heavier toll after disasters.

With more frequent and intense disasters upending lives, the Red Cross is providing food, shelter and recovery support on a nearly continual basis to support people in

# BE PREPARED

# **Before an Emergency Happens**

Checklist to Organize and Store Important Documents and Information **DOCUMENTS Birth Certificates** Passports/Visas Home Insurance Documents Car Insurance Documents Health Insurance Documents/Medical Cards/ Medical Records/Glasses Prescriptions List of Current Medications and Dosages **Employment Records** Tax Returns **Drivers Licenses** Social Security Card Back up ID/Student ID, Military ID, VA, etc. Credit Cards Medical History Power of Attorney **Concealed Carry License** Important Phone Numbers Titles, Deeds, etc. Marriage License At least one statement from all financial accounts with account #, phone #, address, All Military and VA records Thumb drive with video of house and all contents. Vido record everything in the house, all rooms, all drawers open, all closet contents, art work, basement, attic Vet records for pets including rabies and other information; would be needed for boarding

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# SECURITY ALERT

# **TWO CARS STOLEN AND TWO CAR BREAK-INS**

On Monday, January 13th between the hours of 3:29 am and 3:50 am, a 2024 Jeep vehicle that was parked in front of its owner's home on Via Lido Nord was stolen. The vehicle was locked but the thieves apparently broke a window to gain access and hot-wire it. The homeowner's security cameras were able to record most of the incident. It appears that the perpetrators were three men wearing masks and hoodies driving a Nissan Altima sedan. They arrived in a Nissan Altima sedan. NBPD and LICA Security were notified immediately upon discovering the missing car. That same morning, a vehicle parked on Via Antibes was broken into

On Tuesday, January 14th around 1:00 am, another vehicle was stolen from Zurich Circle. The Porsche (model and year unknown at the time of this writing) was reported missing to the NBPD and found abandoned on Via Antibes near the Lido Bridge around 7:00 am that same morning.

Also on Tuesday, January 14 around 12:30 am, a parked, unlocked vehicle on Via Orvieto was found by its owner to have been rummaged through. A suspicious vehicle, black older model truck with darkened windows and lowered chassis, was observed leaving the scene when the resident arrived. Although the glove box had been rummaged through, the owner did not notice any missing items from the vehicle. However, they did find that a tracker had been placed on the underside of their vehicle. The owner removed the tracker and reported the incident to the

The Newport Beach Police Department believes that the burglar(s) may have prescreened the island prior to these incidents. Investigations by the NBPD are underway for the four reported incidents.

If anyone saw any of the incidents or witnessed other suspicious activity on Lido during these timeframes or at any other time, please notify the LICA Management office and the NBPD.

These incidents are unfortunate reminders to keep our homes, cars, boats, golf carts, bikes and scooters and other valuables locked and secured. Never leave cash, credit cards, laptops or any item of value in your parked car, locked or not. Always keep garage doors closed.

### If you see something, say something.

- People walking up and down the streets looking into cars or trying door handles.
- Vehicles driving around at very slow speeds for extended periods of time while observing parked cars.
- People on bicycles or electronic scooters casing around the island.
- "Pretend" service providers knocking on your front door. There have been recent reports of solicitors aggressively marketing "on the spot car dent repairs." Unless you know them to be reputable, it is recommended that you not engage.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, contact the Newport Beach Police Department at 949-644-3681.

#### **Home Security Tips:**

- Always lock your doors and windows when leaving, even if for only a few minutes. Second story windows and doors should be secured as if they were on the first story.
- Use timers on indoor lamps to give the appearance that you are home. If you're going out for the evening, leave a television or a radio on in the home.
- If your home is equipped with an alarm, always activate it even if you're only going out for a short walk.
- Consider adding a motion sensor in your master bedroom/ bathroom, which will activate the alarm if someone comes in through a glass window or door without opening it.
- Always keep your front and rear porch lights on from dusk to dawn and use motion detector lighting along the sides of your home or areas with little foot traffic.
- Make sure your utility box is secured with a padlock.
- Adjust window coverings for optimal privacy while maintaining good visibility outside.
- Assess whether a window can be easily accessed from a tree, balcony, roof, wall, or with patio furniture and adjust your security plan accordingly. Ladders should be stored inside or locked to a stationary object.
- If your garage door has a remote shutoff button on the wallmounted control located in the garage, consider locking the door nightly. This will prevent your garage door from being opened remotely.
- If you have an in-home safe, make sure that it is properly bolted to concrete so that it cannot be easily removed.
- Always close and lock your safe and never leave a key or combination out or in an easy to find location (e.g., office, nightstand, etc.).
- If you return home and find your pedestrian door that leads into your home locked, and you are certain that you left it unlocked, DO NOT GO INSIDE! Call 911. Burglars often lock this door to slow down a victim, allowing the burglar extra time to get out of the home before the resident enters.

#### Vehicle Security Tips:

- Lock and secure all doors and windows even if you're only gone for a few minutes.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If you absolutely cannot take them with you, conceal them from view prior to arriving at your destination.
- When parking outside of your garage, treat your garage door opener as if it were a key to your home and remove it from your vehicle.
- If your vehicle has an alarm, always activate it!
- Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.



# Celebrate Valentines Day with a Cherry on Top!

Prep time 15 minutes. Serves 2-4.

Ingredients: 1 small orange, 4 cardamom pods, 2 Tbs unsalted butter, 1 Tbs granulated sugar, 8 oz fresh sweet cherries, pitted (about 1¾ cups), 2 Tbs Cognac or brandy, pinch of salt, Ice cream or pound cake, for serving

Prep: Finely grate about 1/4 teaspoon zest from the orange, then cut in half and squeeze out 2 Tbs juice. Place cardamon pods on cutting board and use the flat side of a knife to lightly press and bruise them. In a skillet over medium heat, combine butter, sugar, cardamom seeds and pods, and orange juice. Gently stir 2-3 minutes to dissolve mixture. Add the cherries and orange zest. Cook cherries until they become tender and release their juices, 2-5 minutes. Turn off the heat and leave the pan on the stove.

Flambe Method: 'Pour Cognac or brandy into a big metal ladle capable of holding 2 tablespoons of liquid, or a small saucepan. With a stick lighter or long match, carefully warm the brandy by gliding the flame directly over the liquid (stand back as you do this). When the brandy is warm enough, it will ignite with blue flames. Immediately pour the flaming brandy over the cherries and allow flames to burn off, about 30 seconds to 1 minute. Alternate Method: Skip the flambe and simply add an extra 2 minutes to the simmering after adding the

After the flames have died, turn the burner to medium heat and reduce the sauce until it begins to thicken, 1-2 minutes. Add a tiny pinch of salt to taste and spoon warm cherries over ice cream or pound cake.

Courtesy of NY Times https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1023900-cherries-jubilee



by Catherine Coberly

At Home on Lido Every Home

Had a Story

As I handed her the soft pink sweats, the girl on the other side of the counter asked, "Is this for a birthday?" To my surprise my voice caught, and not knowing what to say, I just stared. I was afraid if I told her the truth I might start crying. Sterling's cousin and her young family had just lost their home and everything in it in the Palisades Fire. I looked at her and said no. "A late Christmas gift?" she asked. I shook my head, and she knew. Got it, she said. She kindly wrapped the small token in cheerful paper for me. We were hoping to make a shred of difference in our family's day as we brought them a few things to wear, to eat, to drink. "From toothpaste on up" is how the loss has been described, and it's both heartbreaking and unimaginable for those of us on the fringes, looking north. Every one of those homes had a story, of course they did. How quickly the narrative changed.

Defining moments almost always come out of the blue. They blindside us. The wherewere-you-whens come out of nowhere and most often stay with us. People have been saying thank goodness they got out; they can replace all their stuff. True, but it isn't just stuff, it's things. Things that your grandmother gave you, things that make up who you are, how you live, what's important to you. Secondary, for sure, but losing all of them is devastating none the less.

So what do we do now? We donate, volunteer, reach out. Offer a meal or two, an ear, a shoulder. Take photos and inventory everything of value in our homes, because we've learned that's the first order of business when everything is gone. Buy a portable, water/fireproof box for important documents and jewelry that we can take with us if we ever need to, because looters are looking for safes and we couldn't lift ours anyway. Reach out again. Have them come for a visit when they're ready. Make a meal for the firefighters. There are so many ways to help- it's personal for everyone and this will take time. I ran into a neighbor today and we were talking about home, the concept and how much it means to each of us. She and I shared the feeling that we love to care for our homes, that the story of every single one of our homes is unique to us and holds the key to who we are and where we come from. Yes, they are walls and can eventually be replaced, but they are our walls, and we look to them for comfort, protection, and solace.

Be well and stay safe everyone.

Catherine Coberly is an interior designer and writer who lives on Lido Isle with her husband Sterling and their children, Sterling Jr. and Drue, as well as their dog,



# LIDO'S PIONEERING SCHOONER

Please enjoy this "blast from the past" article from the Old Isle column in the January 2019 Lido Islander. See you soon!

Life on Lido Isle is a life surrounded by boats. Some of these boats have had fascinating adventures, and Old Isle was quite intrigued by the story of the schooner Pioneer. As part of its life, the schooner spent seven years in Lido Village within just a few feet of the Lido Bridge and was a prominent sight in Newport Beach at the time.

The 172-foot sailing schooner Pioneer started life as the Cressida and was built in Germany by Krupp in 1903 for Hermann Oelrichs, a member of the Vanderbilt family. The boat had a reputation for being a fast racer and for a good while was the largest boat under personal ownership in the whole United States. Oelrichs then sold the boat to his distant cousin, George Washington Vanderbilt III, in the early 1930s. Vanderbilt, a great-great grandson of business magnate Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, took the Pioneer all over the world, as he was passionate about the study of biosystems, especially in the South Pacific, Central America and Africa. He brought many plant and animal specimens back to the United States from his voyages, and descriptions of Vanderbilt's works in this area are still available online and in print.

Around 1954, Pioneer's voyaging days took a pause, and it was brought to its berth in Lido Village. Because of the schooner's size, it could only be taken in and out of Newport Harbor at high tide, and there are some indications that the Pioneer was a successful racing yacht in this period. However, most of the time, Pioneer remained at dock for the next seven years. It was used primarily as a party venue, and is well remembered by some Newport Beach residents (love to hear from any island residents that remember this time!!)



The Pioneer, seen top left, at its berth in early-1950s Lido Village In the background is the still-not-fully built out Lido Isle.

In 1961, the yacht was gifted to Stanford University to serve as part of their program in marine biology. But a complication ensued with Vanderbilt's death that same year. The 47-year-old Vanderbilt, suffering from depression, died after jumping off of the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco. It afterwards was discovered that the paperwork for the gift of Pioneer to Stanford was not complete, and the executors of Vanderbilt's estate refused to sign the boat over to the school. At some point, the schooner was sold to Windiammer Barefoot Cruises and served in their fleet with various modifications as the Yankee Clipper until the company went out of business in 2007. The rusting and deteriorating hull of the schooner now sits in Port of Spain, Trinidad, dying a slow and anonymous death, after an exciting life on the high seas.

Vanderbilt had various storied homes in South Carolina, Newport, RI, San Francisco and Siskiyou County, CA. Old Isle has not been able to figure out the connection between Vanderbilt and the Lido area, and so far has found no evidence that Vanderbilt owned any property in this area. If anyone has any information on that, please feel free to share by contacting masonlido@gmail.com.



- 1."You should be kissed and often, and by someone who knows how."
- 2. "We'll always have Paris."
- 3. "You had me at hello."
- 4. "Love means never having to say you're sorry."....
- 5. "I'll never let go, Jack."
- 6. "I'm just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her."...
- 7. "I'll have what she's having."
- 8. "You have bewitched me, body and soul."....
- 9."I could have danced all night."

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Commodore

Laura Sharp Wendy Webb Vice Commodore Rear Commodore

DeLaRosa Sailing Director

# New Board Members Gear Up for a Year of Fun!

Greetings!

2025 has started off with a tremendous outpouring of love and camaraderie.

Our new board, consisting of Commodore Mike Bullock, Vice Commodore Wendy Webb, Rear Commodore Laura Sharp, George Turk, John Schlagel, Mike O'Shea, Jon Flagg, Sterling Coberly and **Greg Ward**, are working as hard as a group can to make a successful

As we ring out the old year, here are a few highlights from December, 2024. It was a tremendously fun month for Lido Isle Yacht Club.

We had record attendance at the annual meeting with our new Flag Officers and new Board Members voted in overwhelmingly. It was inspiring to see so many members support the club.

Several Yacht Club

members showed

their community spirit

by participating in the

Newport Beach Boat Parade and "Ring of

award in the parade.

Craig & Jamie Atkins

winning Best on Lido

Choice award.

and Gary & Sherri Moore

winning the Photographers

LIYC members who won

awards for their beautifully decorated homes were

Lights" home decorations.

LIYC members Barbara & Michael Lawler's Traveler won the Best Sailboat



Newport Beach Boat Parade Best Sailboat - "Traveler" by Michael Lawler Photo credit: stunewsnewport.com

12/12

12/31

Finally, members closed out 2024 by attending the all Isle New Year's Eve 'Bring Your Own Everything' party. Over 60 Islanders and friends participated. The food was great and the company even better! Thank you to Patricia White and VC Wendy Webb for putting together such a wonderful evening. As we begin 2025, we are looking forward to many more enjoyable

On February 7th, our Welcome Back Social at the clubhouse will kick off this year's social calendar. In March, our LIYC Spring Party will be a harbor cruise on board the Wild Goose with a buffet brunch. This will be a sell out so please put it on your calendar now!

Be sure to keep the LIYC 2025 calendar of events handy. We hope to see you at all of the events!

Commodore Mike Bullock VC Wendy Webb RC Laura Sharp

# You're Invited Welcome Back Social

Commodore Mike Bullock and I would like to personally invite you to join us at our Welcome Back Social!

We appreciate all that you have done to help us and

the entire LIYC throughout 2024 and 2025. Please put February 7th on your calendar.

We look forward to seeing you there! Sincerely,

Commodore Mike Bullock



### 2025 Events

Member Only Welcome Back Fiesta 2/7 3/2 Sunday Brunch Bay Cruise on Wild Goose 4/4 New & Prospective Member Social BY INVITATION ONLY 5/2 BCYC/LIYC Ronald McDonald House Poker Run 5/10 **Opening Day Ceremonies** LIYC Friday Night BBQ Cruise to Avalon LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series I 6/13 6/20 LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series I LIYC Junior Club Fundraiser 6/21 6/27 LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series I 7/12 Commodore's Beach Party LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series II 7/18 7/25 LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series II 8/1 LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series II LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series III 8/8 LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series III 8/15 8/22 LIYC Friday Night BBQ & Sailing Series III LIYC End of Summer Concert in the Park 9/6 9/18-9/25 Commodore's Rhine River Cruise Staff Commodore's Luau 10/17 LIMC/LIYC Cars & Coffee 10/18 10/25 Raft-up Social in Turning Basin 12/6 Annual Meeting & Commodore's Regatta **Change of Watch Dinner** 12/6

Holiday Duffy Party

All Isle New Year's Eve Party



# **SUMMER SAILING**

I know you've all been waiting with bated breath- the LIYC Summer Sailing program is a go for 2025! Registration will open in early February for a variety of classes including Starfish & Sea Urchin, Novice, Pre-C3, Sabot Racing, & Junior Mariners. LIYC is committed to running a fun community program for our Lido residents and their extended families (and their sponsored quests!).

#### Check out www.liyc.net for more information and a link to register.

If you're interested in helping out, the yacht club is looking to hire a few international summer coaches who would require housing. If you or anyone you know would be able to provide a room from June 10th-July 26th, it would be a great benefit to the Junior Program! Please reach out to sailingdirector@liyc.net with any questions.

We're also planning a Spring Sailing Program- more information to follow!

Brooke Sharp DeLaRosa | sailingdirector@liyc.net





Departing from Hornblower South, 2431 W. Coast Highway

Parking available at \$10 per car. We recommend carpooling when possible.

This event will sell out quickly Please RSVP prior to February 23 by emailing info@liyc.net. Make checks out to LIYC and kindly drop them in the mailbox at 441 Via Lido Nord.

Questions: **Call Wendy Webb** 949-723-1470

# 11:45 AM

\$95 pp for members in good standing

Enjoy a Sunday Brunch cruise aboard The Wild Goose, once privately owned by legendary John Wayne. Three decks of gorgeous woodwork, priceless paintings, intricate carvings and unique amenities. Truly a one-of-a-kind experience!



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# **New Members, Karma,** Fishy Stories and More!

by Lenard Davis Official LIMC Reporter & Resident Wit

January saw the LIMC members back at the clubhouse for an Italian feast prepared by Chef Jonathan, the dude who has been catering the LIYC summer barbecues. Wayne Graveline shocked everyone by being near the end of the chow line— he obviously was distracted.

There to take photos incriminating as many people as possible was Alex, filling in for the usual paparazzist Chris. (Methinks, I have invented a word here–just think of me as another Shakespeare.)

Among those attending was Mike Baginski, a Lido Isle ex-pat whose home in Pacific Palisades seems to have survived the fire. We extend our sympathies to those many people who weren't so lucky. Mike is uncertain when he and Kim can return to live there but he fortunately has a modest condo next to Fashion Island so, thankfully, they have a place to stay in the meantime.

Curt Knauss showed up with his dues check pinned to his lapel- Varla obviously didn't trust him to not loose the check.

Pete Manno arrived with two new members whom he introduced: Jim Ruprecht of Chicago, who has had a place here for five years and finally has had the good sense to occupy it full time and also join the LIMC. Also new is Al Gfroerer who just moved here from Hawaii into the old Hugh Helm place on Via Koron. So don't knock at that door to see whether Hugh can come out and play anymore. The traditional tossing of the new man into the bay was somehow overlooked yet again. Standards just aren't what they used to be, I guess.

Brian Benson, as usual, supplied the wines, including a delicious Lupo Meraviglia Puglia Rosso, 2022. (Comes from the heel of Italy's boot and you can find it at Trader Joes for about twelve bucks.) Pete Manno also allegedly brought a nice bottle of something, but yours truly didn't get any before it was gone. For this gross oversight, Pete may have to worry about maintaining his good karma, not to mention his peace, with me for some time.

When it was time for the much-anticipated announcements John had to once again call on Joe Re to quiet the rowdy crowd.

Phil Thompson spent almost the entire evening talking about a trout, the one he recently caught up at Big Bear. The story sounded pretty fishy to me, especially since the first time Phil spanned his hands showing one about fourteen inches long. As the cheap wine Brian provided flowed copiously, the astounding fish grew to a length of fourteen feet. By the end of the evening, Phil was standing on the corner of San Remo and describing how that fish reached all the way to Via Lido Nord. I don't think I will ever believe Phil anymore.

Larry Brown, when asked for a comment about the evening, thought I was referring to a later hour and said he looked forward to sleeping that night with a future LIYC commodore who will assume her position next year. Meanwhile, Ron K. said he would be sleeping with a dog. I did not inquire into this any further.

Gary Grimes, when asked to comment about the evening gave a more pedestrian answer, saying that he liked the cannoli, one of the many desserts featured by Chef Jonathan.

As we have now come full circle, I will end by reminding everyone to put February 10 on their calendar for the next Mag Monday. Please do our president, John Schlegel, a big courtesy by sending in your RSVP. It can be a problem for the caterers when 60 guys RSVP and 80 show up.

# **Join us for Dinner in 2025!**

We are working on planning some fabulous dinners and events for 2025 – stay

Annual dues for 2025 remain the same at \$450 (a ginourmous bargain!) – If you have not yet paid your 2025 dues please drop a check payable to LIMC at Phil Ramer's home 116 Havre.

Not a member? ..... come join the fun! The LIMC is a marvelous way to meet and get to know your Lido neighbors.

Membership requirements are:

- You have \$450
- Male living on Lido Isle
- You are interested in sharing informal monthly dinners and fun, interesting activities with a great (sometimes rowdy) group of Lido guys once a month.

If you are interested in joining LIMC or attending a dinner as my guest, you can email me at john@lidomensclub.com.



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#### FEATURED LISTINGS



NEW LISTING | 109 VIA RAVENNA | LIDO ISLE 3 Bed | 3 Bath | 2,260 SF | 2,640 SF Lot | \$3,995,000



815 VIA LIDO SOUD | LIDO ISLE 5 Bed | 5.5 Bath | 3,809 SF | 3,120 SF Lot | \$15,995,000



207 VIA EBOLI | LIDO ISLE 4 Bed | 4.5 Bath | 3,099 SF | 3,821 SF Lot | \$8,250,000



COMING SOON | 517 VIA LIDO SOUD Lido Isle | Bayfront with Dock



650 VIA LIDO NORD Lido Isle | \$27.000/Month



323 VIA LIDO SOUD



124 VIA TRIESTE

#### **2024 SALES**

3101 CORTE PORTOFINO

Newport Beach | \$3,295,000

Represented Buyer

**212 40TH STREET** 

Newport Beach | \$2,495,000

Represented Seller

925 ORIOLE

Laguna Beach | \$1,205,000

Represented Seller

103 NATAL

Mission Viejo | \$895,000

Represented Seller



820 VIA LIDO NORD Lido Isle | \$22,500,000 Represented Buyer



704 VIA LIDO NORD Lido Isle | \$16,995,000 Represented Seller



135 VIA YELLA Lido Isle | \$8,295,000 Represented Buyer & Seller



202 VIA PALERMO Lido Isle | \$6,200,000 Represented Buyer



203 VIA LIDO SOUD Lido Isle | Off-Market



209 VIA DIJON Lido Isle | \$5,995,000 Represented Buyer & Seller



620 VIA LIDO SOUD Lido Isle | \$5,675,000 Representing Seller



125 VIA GENOA Lido Isle | \$4,695,000 Represented Buyer & Seller



Lido Isle | \$4.395.000 Represented Buyer & Seller

**3007 HARBOR VIEW** 

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Costa Mesa | \$3.000.000

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2408 ORANGE

Costa Mesa | \$1,495,000

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212 VIA KORON Lido Isle | \$4,895,000

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**2722 CIRCLE DRIVE** 

Bayshores

Represented Seller

**493 OGLE STREET** 

Costa Mesa | \$2,850,000

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3371 CORTESE

Rossmoor | \$1,295,000

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Lido Isle | \$3,475,000

# Represented Buyer

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1 CONCEPCION Mission Viejo | \$895,000 Represented Seller

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LIDO ISLANDER - FEBRUARY 2025





# Lido's Women's Club is about Community & Connections

February...the shortest month of the year, but packed with a lot of celebrations! From Valentine's Day to Super Bowl Sunday, it is full of events that encourage community and connections. We're kicking the month off with a special Galentine's social on Thursday, February 6th. A big thank you to everyone who RSVP'd. We can't wait to celebrate friendship!

We are excited about other upcoming events too. Mark your calendars for our **Designing Outside of the Box** presentation on **March 20th** (see invitation), our Fiesta on May 1st and the LIWC Installation Luncheon on June 5th.

#### SUPER BOWL SOUP

This is a man's dish so it is ideal for those sports parties on New Year's Day or Super Bowl Sunday. Serve with a hearty salad and lots of garlic bread.

- 6 Italian sausages, 3 sweet and 3 hot
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- I large green pepper, chopped 1 (28 ounce) can Italian plum tomatoes
- 3 cans beef bouillon
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup red wine 1 teaspoon basil
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 medium zucchini, cut into medium cubes
- 1 1/2 cups small shell macaroni
- Parmesan cheese

Partially freeze sausages then slice. In a large skillet, cook slices over medium heat until lightly browned. Drain sausages on paper towels and pour off fat in skillet. Add garlic, onions, green pepper and saute until limp. Stir in the tomatoes (including liquid) breaking them up with a spoon. Add the bouillon, water, wine, basil and oregano. Simmer, covered, for 30 minutes. Add zucchini and macaroni shells. Simmer, covered, until shells are tender. Ladle into bowls and pass grated Parmesan cheese.

Cook's note: If making ahead, and the soup is much more flavorful if you do, add zucchini and shells when reheating.

To help you celebrate the Super Bowl and in honor of our 75th anniversary, we are sharing a throwback recipe from the LIWC Lido Collection Cookbook Recipes to Remember, published in 2000.

February is the perfect month to reach out to someone in the club you've been meaning to get to know better and grow that friendship. Cheers to friendship, fun, and everything that makes our club so



#### THE LIDO ISLE WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

#### **Designing Outside the Box: A Creative Conversation with** Rona Graf of Grace Blu

Grace Blu has been featured in prominent publications such as Architectural Digest, California Homes, Better Homes & Gardens, CA Home & Design, Modern Luxury, the Orange County Register, and Coast Magazine. In 2020, Grace Blu was honored as HGTV Designer of the Year.

> March 20th | 1:30 p.m. Lido Isle Clubhouse RSVP to LIWCemail@gmail.com

\$25 Members | \$30 Guests of Members Please RSVP by 3/10 by emailing LIWCemail@gmail.com

Refreshments will be provided.

Please Zelle to LIWCemail@gmail.com or deliver check payable to LIWC to the clubhouse.



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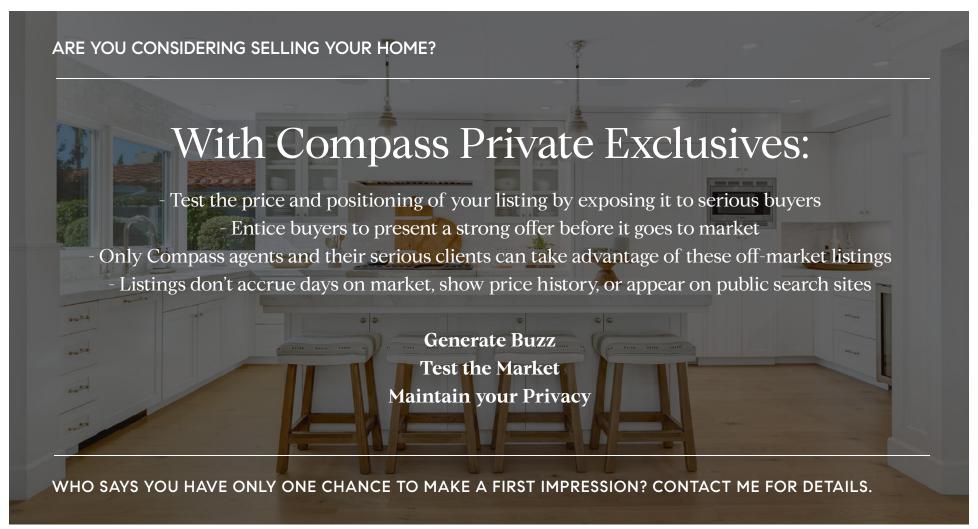
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# St Patty's Day Tennis Social

MARCH 2 | 1-4PM SAN REMO COURT

Play • Eat • Drink

MEMBERS FREE \$10 NON-MEMBERS

ZELLE TO LIDOISLETENNISCLUB@GMAIL.COM OR CHECK PAYABLE TO LITC

# Facilities **NEWS**

- New cameras have been installed to address the issue of misuse of our courts (graffiti, vandalism) especially on the Jucar courts. This will enable LICA to pursue those who are abusing the courts by revoking court privileges and assessing fines.
- → The Via Jucar tennis courts have been freshly resurfaced and they're awesome.

  Please use only appropriate court shoes when playing.

### LITPC 2025 Calendar

February 2 Valentine's Pickleball Social
March 2 St. Patrick's Tennis Social
May 3 Kentucky Derby Party
June TBD Member-Guest Tournament
July 20 Open Play Pickleball
August 10 Endless Summer Tennis Social
September TBD Member Appreciation
October 5 Oktoberfest Pickleball Social
November 7 Annual Fabulous Themed Party





Finish your forehand over your arm and chest versus over your shoulder. A flatter stroke helps to hit through to generate more power.

# Join the LITPC in 2025

The Lido Isle Tennis and Pickleball Club - LITPC has grown to 220+ members with plenty of room for those who love tennis and pickleball, socializing, plus some seriously fun parties. The Club is an amazing deal at just \$100/yr and has been promoting adult and junior tennis (and now pickleball) on the island for decades. The Club also sponsors and hosts numerous, extremely fun events and your support helps to continue this fabulous tradition. We urge you to become a member in 2025 as we are such a valuable asset to the island.

# EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN REGARDLESS OF SKILL LEVEL.

For more information on joining the club see the membership form on the following page or email lidoisletennisclub@gmail.com.



# LIDO ISLE TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Name(s)\_\_\_

Check if New Member

Check if no changes from previous year; otherwise, changes below:

Spouse/Significant Other Addition/Change

Child(ren) Name(s) and Age(s) (18 and under)\_

(indicate whose)

Address\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s)\_\_\_

Home Phone\_ Email(s)\_\_\_\_\_

(indicate whose

TOTAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$100
CHECK PAYABLE TO LITC / DELIVER TO LIDO CLUBHOUSE
OR ZELLE to lidoisletennisclub@gmail.com

Deadline 12.31.24 for inclusion in directory

Membership includes entire household residing on Lido

Free to members events include Tennis & Pickleball Social Events / Membership Appreciation Night

Dues also go towards Tennis & Pickleball Tournaments / Annual November Party / Kentucky Derby Party / Lido Jr. Tennis

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## MARGIE'S CORNER



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## **Lucy McNamara**

Lucy McNamara, age 7, first grader at Newport Elementary, is a pleasant addition to our junior tennis program. She is energetic, happy, talkative, is open to meeting new friends, listens well and simply loves tennis. Lucy's favorite game is dungeon. She likes all

the games and enjoys the candy at the end of class. Lucy likes to spend time on the Lido courts with her parents Kylie, Michael (obsessed with tennis) and brother Luke (good player involved in Lido program for years). Her hobbies include swimming, flag football, soccer, theatre, and reading. Congratulations Sky!! The sky's the limit!

#### How to Make a COURT RESERVATION

For Tennis, Pickleball or Basketball court reservations go to the Lido Isle Community Association website at lidoisle.org

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS & FYI

**Lido Isle has a reservation system** which allows you to secure a tennis court, basketball court or pickle ball court up to two weeks in advance. Go to Lidoisle.org to create an account. The reservation system is not able to generate refunds.

Pickleball is ONLY permitted on the designated pickleball/basketball court on Via Jucar. Pickleball hours are from 8AM - 6PM. Pickleball is NOT permitted on the tennis courts nor the Via Jucar practice area (hitting wall). Music and alcohol is NOT permitted on the pickleball courts.

Courts are first-come/first-serve but must be relinquished immediately to a resident who has made a reservation. Recreation courts are for residents and their guests only.

Keys for the courts are for residents only and a resident must be present when their key is used to access the courts. No "borrowed" keys are to be used by non-residents.

Security cameras are installed on the sport courts and backboard areas, please only use the courts for their intended purposes and smile as you may be on camera.

If you use rollers to dry the courts, please hang them properly, in the shaded area of the court. Do not leave them on the ground.

## **Tennis Lessons on Lido**

February is here and the days will be getting longer so please come out to the tennis courts, get some exercise and have fun while learning to play this great game. It's funand-sun all year long on Lido Isle and any time of the year is a great time to hone your skills with our awesome tennis staff. You can keep also your kids busy and get them to learn this wonderful, lifelong sport from our experienced tennis pros. Adults, we have plenty of opportunities for you as well so grab your racquet and get your game on. With fabulous facilities, awesome weather and plenty of neighbors to play with, there's no excuse as to why you wouldn't get out and enjoy the courts.

If you would like to get involved in tennis, want to join a clinic or set up a private or semi-private lesson, please reach out to Margie and her staff for details. The tennis program, available to all residents and skill levels, is one of the islands' finest assets. Tennis lessons are available with USPTA certified pros Margie Mateljan and her staff, they will expertly provide any type of instruction you are looking for within a group, private or semi-private lesson. Please contact Margie 949-233-5670 or at MARGIEMTENNIS@GMAIL.COM if you are interested. Sign you or your child up today. All levels are welcome.

#### LIDO ISLE TENNIS PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

HEAD TENNIS PRO:

**Margie Mateljan** - NCAA All-American. 30 years teaching experience in Newport Beach, 14 years on Lido Isle. Member- USPTA Certified, CPR Certified. Rate/Hour- \$110 private, \$30-40 for clinics

ASSISTANT TENNIS PROS:

**Robbie Reenan** - Intermountain Top Ten Player. 20 years teaching experience in Newport Beach. Rate/Hour, \$100 – private

**Riley Gerdau** - All Orange County HS player and assistant coach at CDM High School boys JV. Private and semi-private lessons.

For all lesson inquiries, please contact Margie Mateljan at 949-233-5670

#### PORTABLE PICKLEBALL NET

There is a new portable pickleball net and frame at the Via Jucar pickleball court. Bring your family out and enjoy this exciting, fast-paced sport. Please respect your neighbors when playing, keeping noise to a minimum.

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**235 Via Lido Soud, Lido Isle** Sold Price: \$12,500,000 / Rep. Buyer & Seller



**908 Zurich Circle, Lido Isle** Sold Price: \$5,668,515 / Rep. Seller



**621 West Bay Avenue, Newport Beach** Sold Price: \$5,250,000 / Rep. Seller



**231 Via Firenze, Lido Isle** Sold Price: \$4,200,000 / Rep. Seller



**2421 E. 16th Street, Newport Beach** Sold Price: \$1,610,000 / Rep. Seller



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