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TURTLE TALES

(The Green Turtle Club Newsletter)

Winter/Spring 2002

Coming Events:

WINE TASTING PARTY - Green Turtle Club - February 21

GREEN TURTLE CAY SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL - May 1 through May 31

Highlights include a month long art exhibition of works by noted Bahamian painter Alton Lowe; a concert featuring the Key West Chorus and drama productions. (242) 365- 4094.

ROUND THE GREAT TURTLE RACE- July 2

Visiting yachtsmen challenge the speed of their sailing craft in an exciting annual 12- mile race in the waters around Green Turtle Cay & surrounding cays. (242) 365-4271

ANNUAL RACING TIME IN ABACO - July 4 through July 11

An exciting day annual five series sailboat race on the Sea of Abaco. Onshore festivities include nightly entertainment, free cocktail parties, beach picnics, cultural activities & a grand finale party. For registration forms & information, contact Dave or Kathy Ralph, tel. (242)367-2677; E-mail: davralph@batelnet.bs.

Greetings once again from Green Turtle Cay and our Winter/Spring 2002 issue of "Turtle Tales". Included in this issue are articles on Radio Station Love 97's live morning broadcast from the Club, the Chaine of Grand Bahama and their week-end feast at the Club, the Alton Lowe production of "Matt Lowe" and Miss Ruby", Mr. Everything, the Club's jack of all trades, Ray Lowe and results and photos of the 21st Annual Green Turtle Club Fishing Tournament.



Radio Station Love 97 - Live From The Club

Nassau Radio

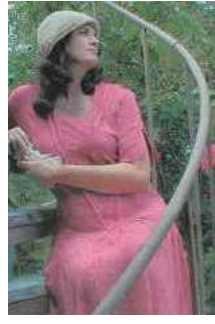
Station "Love 97" paid a visit to the Green Turtle Club this past Fall to broadcast live from the Club Patio. The station is second only to ZNS in listening audience and can be listened to in Nassau, Freeport and many of the Family Islands. Love 97's Greg Lampkin, Godfrey Burnside and Tony Williams are pictured at left talking with Green Turtle Club's GM Lynn Johnson on the effects of September 11th to the small hotel industry in the Bahamas Out Islands. The morning show was judged a great success and covered many current and local topics including the status of commercial fishing in the Bahamas, the licensing of property management companies in the Out Islands and the storied history of the Green Turtle Club and it's founder, Allan Charlesworth.



The Chaine comes to the Club

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Rotisseurs Bailliage de Grand Bahama held an Out Island Weekend Social at the Green Turtle Club on March 23rd. The gourmet society were led by Bailli Provincial, Duncan Mullis and his lovely wife, Jocelyne. The group dined on exotic entrees such as Abaco Lobster Tail on shrimp risotto with Parmesan crisp and seafood nage; Tournedos Rossini seared foie gras and Bordelaise sauce with mashed potatoes with roasted garlic and fresh chantrelles; and Seared Local Tuna with black sesame crust, sushi rice in nori with Japanese seaweed salad, mango drizzle, wassabi aioli and spring vegetable julienne. Sweet tooth's were justly satisfied with a chocolate ganache with white chocolate and caramel drizzle or a coconut creme brulee and passion fruit ice cream. Of course a fine selection of wines, champagnes and liquors, a prerequisite for all Chaine dinners, was available for even the most discerning palates. All agreed that the evening was a great success and plans are now in the works for another outing next year.



"Matt Lowe" and "Miss Ruby" Alton Lowe and the Abaco Cultural Society presented two plays by the Crystal Parrot Players Productions, "Matt Lowe" and "Miss Ruby", to sell out audiences May 2nd through the 4th at the Lowe Gallery on Green Turtle Cay. The plays were based on Matt Lowe and Miss Ruby, whose ancestors had voyaged from England to the Bahamas by way of Bermuda. Shipwrecked on Eleuthera in the late 1640s, they prevailed through pirate invasion and 130 years of war with Spain and France to establish the first permanent English settlements in the Bahamas. They fished and salvaged wrecks in the Florida Keys and settled there as well. The Bahamas, Florida Keys and the island of Cuba were connected by a trade network of sailing roads used by the island people hundreds of years before Columbus, and the history of these islands is written in water. "Matt Lowe" and "Miss Ruby" are the stories of two people struggling to live - and to love - through the crises of their time. The setting for "Matt Lowe", starring Travis Neff, is the Island of Pines, Cuba in 1739, whilst "Miss Ruby", starring Luisa Black, is set at Gillam Bay and Ruby's Porch, New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay, 1927. Both plays were written and directed by noted playwright Sandra Riley. Sandra has directed over 80 plays in the U.S., Bahamas and Japan, including Antigone, Death of a Salesman, The King and I, Oklahoma and A Streetcar Named Desire.



"Mr. Everything" Ray Lowe Ray Lowe is the Maintenance/Supply Coordinator and all around trouble shooter for the Green Turtle Club. If it does not work, call Ray! If it can't be fixed by Ray it has to be serious! When someone says they learned everything from their father, it is usually taken with a grain of salt, but not for Ray Lowe, who has been working side by side with his dad, Vertrum, at the Green Turtle Club for the last 29 years. Ray still remembers his early days working on the docks and the first fishing tournament when he assisted Doc Mendelson with the fish weigh. That year they were not very busy since only one fish made it back to the dock, a 5 foot shark caught by Bud Eubanks on the Misdemeanor. Ray is married to Man of War native, Bessy, whom he met under the buttonwood tree one starry night at the Green Turtle Club. It must have been love at first sight because it was not much later that Bessy said good-bye to her MOW family and made the move north to Green Turtle Cay. At that time Bessy had an ice cream stand and had developed a reputation for having the best ice cream in all of Abaco. An ice cream fix in Man of War was a required stop for cruisers back in those days. Ray and Bessy are the proud parents of 14 year old Raenell.

Prizes & Awards for the 21st Annual Green Turtle Club Fishing Tournament

Overall Winner (Billfish & Nonbillfish) - Guy Harvey Trophy - ESP IV

Billfish Release Category

First Billfish Released - Edmund Rhett, Jammin'
Last Billfish Released - Joseph Valdastri, ESP IV
Blue Marlin - Winner - Joseph Valdastri, ESP IV

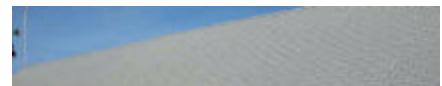
Non-billfish Category

Overall Winner - Hey Blondie
Tuna - Susan Wolsey, Big T
Dolphin - Mark Roman - Hey Blondie

Top Lady Angler - Sue Silker - Predator; Top Captain - Ernie Swint - ESP IV; Top Mate - ESP IV; Top Gun - Predator, ESP IV, Big T; Topsy Turtle Award - Uptick/Gandy Dancer;

Desert Competition Winner - Sue Silker, Predator; Hors d'oeuvres Competition Winner - Sue Silker - Predator; Hard Luck Award - Uptick/Gandy Dancer, Mike

Junior Anglers - David Yergey Jr., Palmer Yergey Jr., Rob Torn





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