

Trader John's Journal



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3rd Annual WRANPS Charity Volleyball Tourney

It was a beautiful day on the beach for a volleyball game! Our 3rd Annual Volleyball Tournament went off without a hitch, breaking all records from our previous tournaments. This year's tournament was held September 29, 2001 on the beach behind the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. Most of the proceeds that were raised (\$905.80) went to benefit W.R.A.N.P.S. (Wildlife Rehabilitation And Nature Preservation Society) with a small amount (\$292) going to benefit the local American Red Cross efforts.

With over seven teams registered to compete in the tournament, and many more parrotheads gathering around on the beach to watch, we certainly topped last year's participation numbers. We

awarded prizes to the first, second, and third place teams after play was complete. All of the players who participated did an outstanding job and had a lot of fun doing it! We would like to extend a great big thank you to Pam Craft, the president of the local volleyball club, for all of her hard work in organizing the registration of the teams.

Our raffle really took off this year with over 80 prizes to give away! Everyone was buying tickets and at the end of the night there were a lot of happy winners. The Ocean Springs Yacht Club made wonderful hosts and have already said that they would love to have us back next year! During the tournament they offered us great beer specials and sold cheese-

burgers throughout the day.

Our very own Rhythm & Rain kicked off the second part of the party, and the rest of the night was filled with a lot of fun and dancing. Looking around the party there was nothing but sunburns, and smiles. In order to pull off an event as large as this it takes a lot of teamwork. A great big thank you goes out to each and every one of you who helped make this event so successful. Every year we break all the numbers from the year before and that would not be possible without the support of our community and our members. We would also like to thank all of our phriends who consistently travel in to support our charity events.

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Letter From Our President

Another incredible parrothead year came to a close, ushered out once again with a bang-up New Year's Eve party at Wet N Wild Beach Club. We continue to surpass our past accomplishments. Much more money was raised during this past volleyball tournament than its predecessors. And, did we ever

have PHUN! The Yacht Club is anxious to have us back again.

Our yearly pilgrimage to Key West for Meeting of the Minds was memorable to say the least. We missed out on some of the traditional musts because of the transgression on our good time by a nasty female called Hurricane Michelle. Most of



our group, knowledgeable about hurricanes from years of coast living, held on long past the issuance of a "mandatory evacuation of all non-residents". In fact, I was among a small group that remained (in a tent) until the weather was nasty

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Remember our website contains: regularly updated pictures, upcoming events, a way to join, information on our officers, our adopted manatee, our adopted band, lots of links, and access to the Hunger Site.

Trivia

Who were the back-up singers on "My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink, And I Don't Love Jesus"?

Letter From Our President (Continued)

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and most everything was shut down and boarded up. The phellowship with parrothead phriends from across the country was far too valuable to abandon prematurely.

Our club membership has continued to grow. We have many new faces among us, and many phun seekers eager to pitch in and help

wherever they are needed. That is most gratifying. As I usually tell pholks, our group is so close, it's more like a big family than a club. Parrotheads always look out for each other, and I'm proud to be a part of a group like this.

Phinz y'all,
David

“Down Around Biloxi Beach Bonfire”

The “Down Around Biloxi Beach Bonfire” began more than a year ago as an impromptu gathering and has now earned a spot in our clubs annual events calendar. At one point in the night there were over 60 parrotheads in attendance! We even decided to make up tags for our lanyards, and they turned out great. Some people brought munchies, some brought musical instruments, some brought beach blankets and chairs to sit on, and everyone

brought coolers. We had such a relaxing time just sitting back next to the water, listening to some home-grown music and watching the fire.

Of course we had to follow our motto “party with a purpose”, so we decided to turn this event into a food drive. We collected approximately \$60 in cash and a huge box of food, which was all donated to Twelve Baskets food bank for distribution to the local soup kitchens. This has become an annual event that we all look forward to.

Trivia answer

The “Oak Ridge Boys” of Country and Gospel music fame.

We have new club T-shirts available for \$10 each. Also beer skins with our club logo are only \$6.50. Now we also have can coozies with our club logo for \$4.



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MOTM

“Decade on Duval” was held November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of 2001. These were the dates of the 10th annual Meeting of the Minds in Key West, Florida. This is the annual meeting of all parrothead clubs across the country and what better place on earth to hold such an event. This is the hardest article to write every year because there is no way to put into words the events, and feelings experienced during this event. How can you explain 2700 parrotheads together in Key West for 3 days (especially when there is a hurricane reported to be heading your way!). Seeing the roads, the bars, the water, and the sunsets that Jimmy sings about brings all of those songs we listen to all year long to life right before our eyes.

We arrived in Key West, as I mentioned, with the threat of a hurricane heading our way. Normally this would send people heading the other

direction, but not us. We stepped on the gas to make sure that they would get to the island before they shut down the roads. As we walked in at the first party, we instantly saw about 5 of our friends all from several different states, and they were waving their hands and calling our names! That was the best feeling in the world. The next few days were filled with wonderful entertainment. Bands who are together playing for us, all inspired by the same things that brought us all together to begin with. Among the hundreds of private parties at hotels and bars there were events planned such as the beach party at the Casa Marina and the street festival where we were so lucky to hear the sounds of Mac McAnally. The best part of the week is having the chance to create new friendships and reunite with old friends from all over the country. Parrotheads are truly good-hearted people, and not to mention the most phun!!

Unfortunately, Hurricane Michelle

caught up with us and an evacuation was issued for all visitors on the island. So, the events were forced to come to an early end. Our club members left the island in a number of ways. The Casa Marina arranged for a bus filled with Corona and cheeseburgers to transport parrotheads to the next big city where the party continued. Some caught early planes off the island, and some hopped in their cars and started their drive home early. There were a few who, as stubborn as we were, spent that night on the island in a tent only to be awakened the following morning by very strong winds blowing the tent sideways, and slight flooding on the inside of the tent. But, since most everything was closed down and boarded up, even we decided to leave. No matter how we evacuated the island, we all left with smiles that live on in our hearts. I have a feeling if you ask those who were there, they would tell you that they are already registered for next year.



Phriends reunite at Hemi's condo



Gathering at the Street Fest



Mugging again at the Beach Party



Listening to Mac at the Street Fest



And just who is leading?



Stubborn campers not giving in yet

Parrothead Christmas Party

As a rule, our club is too busy planning our famous New Year's Eve Party to devote energies into a Christmas party. This really didn't change. A gathering with Coconut

Dave at Pitchers in Tillman's Corner became a general Parrothead Christmas Party with toys collected and donated to Toys For Tots at an estimated value of \$175. And needless to say, great phun was had by all.



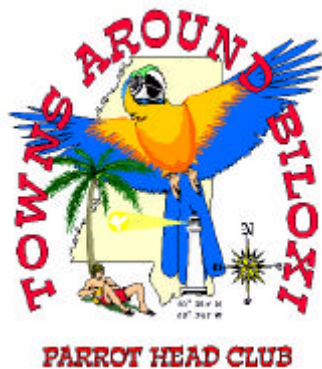
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New Year's Eve Party

The 3rd Annual "Towns Around Biloxi Northern Caribbean New Years Eve Party" was again a true success! With about 75 of our best parrothead phriends, we welcomed in 2002 with the sounds of steel drums, smiling faces, and a ton of Coronas.

Wet N Wild Beach Club once again was a wonderful host to our event. The entertainment was awesome as usual. Coconut Dave and Joe Bennett rotated throughout the evening. We even had a special guest join

and play. Joe's companion for the evening, Suzanne, sang a few songs for us. Between Coconut Dave working his magic on the steel drums and Joe Bennett playing his original music it made for a very memorable evening.

Once again we had phriends travel in to attend the party from five

different states, not to mention the many clubs that were well represented. At the stroke of midnight we raised our champagne and margarita glasses and closed the books on one heck of a parrothead year, and welcomed in 2002. What better way to start the year off then with all of your best phriends?



Seeing the old year out and the new one in with great phriends and great music

Elections

Once again we held our yearly election of officers. All but one position

went unopposed, and this race was an extremely close one. We welcome to

the board a new Parrot Head at Large, Pipsie Riess.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 1st and 2nd this year "Stars Fell On Alabama" takes place. This is the 3rd year our club combines with the Mobile and Montgomery clubs to put this major event on for the benefit of Alzheimer's research.

Our "Pascagoula Poker Run and Birthday Party" falls on Mar. 30th this year, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

We're hoping to put our Cheeseburger Social on in mid-April. Check the Events page for announcements.

Jimmy's coming to New

Orleans for Jazz Fest on May 4th. Also, Margartaville Café in New Orleans is having special shows each night from May 2nd to the 5th. With entertainment by Club Trini, Sonny Landreth, and Ralph McDonald and Friends, this promises to be a real parrothead weekend.

Mobile club's regatta is planned for May 12th, and Montgomery's Luau is scheduled for June 21st and 22nd. Mark those calendars.

Jimmy is playing Atlanta June 29th. The Atlanta show and all-day parking lot party are highlights of the season.

Don't forget to make plans for "Far Side of the Keys", MOTM 2002, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002, Key West, Fla.

Keep in mind that we meet every other Wednesday and gather every Wednesday for Parrot Head Night. We have a great band in Rhythm & Rain and have a lot of PHun supporting them. A look at our website will let you know where and when the next meeting is and much more.

Visit Rhythm & Rain's website to keep up with their schedule. It's linked.

www.rainontheinternet.com/rnr/index.html