

The Small Point Club

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INTRODUCTION

Jan Hoffman, Editor

In September, Club President Ted Coates hosted a brainstorming session at his Small Point home for the Club board, including incoming and outgoing members and two non board members, as well as new Manager, Bob Fordham. Fortified with coffee and delicious muffins from Bisson's Center Store, there was a give and take about the Club's mission and how to achieve that mission. While Club Board members were cognizant of preserving the institution's history and tradition, the focus was on the future. Areas of discussion included timing and pricing of meals, menus, room rates and renovations, communication/marketing/membership, "friendliness," service, use of space, expansion/revision of club services, revenue-generating ideas, staffing, bricks and mortar, and implementation challenges. As a new Board member, it was wonderful to see this kind of exchange, and we all look forward to a bright future for the Club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ted Coates, Small Point Club President

Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine.

[Robert C. Gallagher](#)

Change in all things is sweet.

[Aristotle](#)

Change is coming to the Club. I think I can promise that you are going to like every one of the changes. First off, if you have not had the pleasure of meeting our new Manager, Bob Fordham, you are in for a treat. Bob is the consummate professional with over 20 years of Club management experience. Onboard only one month, he has already taken steps to improve our efficiency.

Although Small Point weather was gorgeous Columbus Day weekend, your Board spent several hours inside reviewing Bob's recommendations for next year. You will be hearing more details over the winter, but the most significant change will be allowing Club Members more flexibility. Here are a few examples:

- Al a carte pricing in the dining room rather than a fixed price menu.
- Three choices of entrées for dinner.
- Bed & Breakfast rate, allows overnight guests to choose whether to dine at the Club.

- Dinner served when you like it rather than a single seating time.

Additionally, the Board has approved the renovation of the third floor. So many people have commented on how wonderful the second floor looks after last year's renovation. We are pleased to be able to add similar improvements to the third floor. Above all, the Board wants to continue to make the Club the place you can call home. So stand by to hear more good news.

GREETINGS FROM THE MANAGER

Bob Fordham, Small Point Club Manager

I am very pleased to be joining the Small Point Club. During my visits this summer, I was especially impressed by this beautiful spot. While I live in Florida during the winter, it will be wonderful to be in Maine in the summer. I am currently reviewing the Club's operation to find areas where we can improve membership satisfaction for the upcoming season. I am also working with Tristan Cuthbert to develop our new website. I believe that good communication is essential. To that end, I have set up a simple email address where you can reach me:

gm@smallpointclub.com.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Over the next few months, I will be sending out email blasts to keep you informed. I am looking forward to meeting you and I am very glad to be part of the future of the Small Point Club.

THREE NEW BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

Nettie Houghton

At the August Meeting, members of the Small Point Club elected three new members to the board. A brief bio on each new board member follows.

Diane Eberle

Diane has been a member of the Club for five years. She lives in McLean, VA, is married to Speedy Eberle, and they have two children, Will and Charlotte. She is a former English teacher, as well as owner of a painting business specializing in faux finishes and murals, and is a passionate gardener and crafter. Diane has been very active in the Small Point community, having served for many years on the Summer School Board (including as President and Chair of the Tennis Committee), Co Chair for the last 2 years for the big August party at the Club, guest artist for a Club art show and most recently served on the New Manager Search Committee for the Club.

Jan Hoffman

Jan has been a member of the Club for twenty-four years. She splits her time between Small Point in the summer and St. John, USVI in the winter. She is a

former school principal and college instructor, is married to Bill Hoffman and has one child, Ashleigh Cox Sullivan. Jan (along with Bill) has given untold hours painting, patching, sewing, shopping, moving furniture, helping open the Club up in the spring and shut it down in the fall. She is the author and editor of our club newsletter, has been guest chef on multiple occasions and has served on the House Committee for the past two years.

John Hunt

John has been a member of the Club for seven years. He is President and CEO of Citizens Resources LLC, a Boston based international oil trading firm. He lives in Concord, MA, is married to Susan and is the father of Andy, who has spent many happy summers working for the Club. When not crewing for the weekend sailing races, John can be found running over Morse Mountain, walking the beach, playing tennis and golf and even flipping hamburgers behind the grill for various Club events. John enjoys socializing and eating at the Club. He was also a member of the New Manager Search Committee.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Astrid Williams

The Club received three new applications for membership:

Alexander Bockman and Phoebe Segal – Associate Members

Jennifer Greene – Associate Member

Victoria Tomlinson and Jack Cole – Junior Members

It was moved, seconded and approved that all applications be accepted for membership, and we welcome these new additions to the Small Point Club.

AUGUST, 2011 PARTY

Polly Crawford

"Our tropical-themed August fundraiser was a huge success. The DJ played Beach Boy and Buffett music during the rum punch cocktail hour. The chef pulled out all the stops with a sumptuous buffet featuring spit-roasted pig and pineapple and coconut inspired goodies.

After dinner, many younger Small Pointers joined us for several more hours of dancing. Our Club **ROCKED!!**

Plans are in the works for a party next August. Details to follow. In the meantime, you can look at last summer's pictures and remember...









OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED SPC PROJECTS

Interior

Bumper White

The following was approved by the full Board at the recent fall meeting with regards to the House Committee's recommendations for renovations to be done before the Summer of 2012 Club opening.

The Third Floor

Because of the feedback from board members, shareholders and guests with regards to the recent Adopt-A-Room makeover of the second floor, it was decided that the refurbishing of the third floor would be more in keeping with the existing character. Therefore, a greater emphasis will be put on retaining the wallpapered rooms wherever possible. In those two rooms where the walls must be stripped, they will be sheet rocked for additional sound insulation and painted.

In addition to the hallway and stair ceilings, each of the nine bedrooms will be done. Types of activities for each specific room will vary and may include, but are not limited to: floors being sanded and repainted, ceilings touched up and painted, woodwork repainted, walls spackled/touched up and repainted, furniture repainted/polished, new bed

frames, new headboards, new slipcovers for headboards, new wheels/pads on furniture, closet hardware reconditioned or replaced, new closet linens as necessary, new lamps, etc.

The two connected rooms at the far end of the hall will be painted and decorated in a consistent and similar manner (e.g., light blue) to give the two rooms a feel of a suite for those who want to stay in such a manner.

Manager's Office

Per his request, the manager's office will only be minimally renovated this off-season. These renovations include, but are not necessarily limited to: a large bulletin board, a smaller desk (so he can face outwards to the guests and staff), possible light painting of the woodwork/walls. In addition, he requested: a paper shredder, a calculator/adding machine with tape which the Board approved.

Manager's living quarters

The House Committee also recommended and the Board approved that a queen bed and two bedside tables be purchased. A cable TV hook-up will also be provided for his quarters.

Miscellaneous items/Wish list

- ⤴ New table/housing/reconditioning/wall mounting for the plaster of paris relief map coffee table of Small Point
- ⤴ Two “nice and tasteful” end tables for the Living room
- ⤴ “Endow a Chair” campaign to refinish original club dining room chairs

Buildings and Grounds

Dave Rowley

The exterior of the Club and the surrounding grounds are currently in excellent shape thanks to the outstanding work of my predecessor, Bill Hoffman, over the past several years. This fall we will be doing some minor tree trimming around the building to prevent dead branches from damaging the roof and façade in the event of a major storm. We will also be cleaning the gutters, particularly around the connector between the cage and the dining room where there has been an excessive build-up of leaves and debris. Next spring we plan to power wash the wooden path which extends down to the beach to remove the algae which has built up over the past several years. We also plan to repair and repaint the porch deck, as well as the small deck and steps which lead into the dining room from the parking area. Another item on the agenda for next spring is to re-set the flag stone path which leads from the parking lot to the front entrance. This path was cleaned up this past summer, but needs to be further leveled and re-set to eliminate a potential safety hazard. We also plan to have a stone mason examine and repair the brick chimney over the kitchen which appears to be deteriorating. The ragosas which we planted last spring along the border between the lawn and the rock wall have done well in preventing erosion of the septic area and we plan to extend this planting along the entire wall.

In the longer term, I would like to see us replace the ceiling over the porch with a new bead-board covering and perhaps add some recessed light fixtures or wall sconces to improve the overall lighting and ambience of the porch area. This will be a major project which we hope to be able to fund during the 2012-2013 budget cycle.

ART SHOWS NEXT SUMMER

Diane Eberle

The Club will be available for art shows for club-related artists. These shows have become more popular each year and therefore harder to book. If you are thinking of booking a show, please think of doing so beginning in January of 2012.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

There has been some interest shown in having an “on site” series of photography classes. If you are someone who might take advantage of some photography instruction based at the club, please let Hodie Hazard know.

CALL FOR ARTICLES/PICTURES

Articles and pictures of general interest are being sought for the Club Newsletter. If you have items of interest, please send to: Jan Hoffman at janhoff11@yshoo.com