

# Kiawah Island

## ~ DIGEST ~

The Official Publication of the Kiawah Island Community Association

# Surf's Up!

## Annual review of what you need to know about the beach

**It's that time of year and everyone is ready for the warm summer weather and water fun. During the season, now through September, most folks on Kiawah head to our lovely beach. Following is information that will help you and your family and friends have a safe and enjoyable summer in and around the ocean.**

### Water Safety

Good judgment is key when dealing with a large expanse of unguarded beach. Adults must take responsibility for the safety of the children in their charge, not only on the beach, but also when they swim in unguarded pools. The public beach at Beachwalker County Park has roped-off swimming areas and a lifeguard station; the rest of our beach is patrolled, but not guarded.

Respect the ocean. Even in our shallow and relatively safe water, the water may become quite rough. It is always better to err on the side of caution and keep out of a strong undertow or current. If you're caught in an undertow, swim parallel to the beach until you're free from the current. Do not attempt to swim against the current.

Flotation devices, which give a false sense of security, are especially dangerous, and should be used only under the closest supervision, if at all.

Stay away from the river inlets. The Stono River Inlet is at the east end of the island and Captain Sam's Inlet is at the west end. Captain Sam's Inlet is particularly tempting at low tide when it looks as if you could wade over to Seabrook Island.

Not only is there a dangerous drop-off and strong current, but also an ordinance makes swimming in the inlet illegal.

### Emergency Assistance

The Town of Kiawah Island has a contract with Island Beach Services, whom they have used since 1990, to provide our beach with umbrella/chair rental stands and to maintain a Beach Patrol for all sections of the beach, except those assigned to the Resort. The beach is patrolled year round. During the summer months patrol hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Between May 1 and the day after Labor Day the patrol consists of two men each on four-wheel vehicles and a supervisor in a jeep.

This uniformed group roams the beach every day. Their job is to answer questions, enforce the Town beach codes, and help with safety issues. They are all certified lifeguards and Red Cross certified in first aid and CPR. Most are also trained as EMT's and have First Responder certification. All of the four-wheel vehicles carry oxygen and the supervisor's vehicle also carries an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

The people who run the umbrella/chair stands, the Beach Patrol, St. Johns Fire Department, and KICA Security are all in communication with one another. If you need help go to any one of them, and the whole network will deal with your problem.

### Other beach reminders

Jellyfish stings do occur on our beach. They are more prevalent in early June and September. If you observe dead or stranded

jellyfish on the beach take care in the water, since they are most likely there also. Do not touch jellyfish on the beach because they may still have the ability to sting. If you are stung, do not rub the sting with sand. Approach any of the above mentioned beach employees – they know what to do. Each umbrella/chair stand keeps a first aid kit and jellyfish sting solution.

A good item to keep in your beach bag to relieve the sting is a product called "After Bite." It can be purchased at the Night Heron Park Nature Center shop or most pharmacies. (It also works well on fire ant bites.) If you can't find help and don't have a sting reliever, a paste of baking soda and water, or soaking with rubbing alcohol or vinegar will help.

Lost children are one of the more common problems on the beach. Keep your eyes on the children in your charge. If they should become missing, go to any of the beach employees immediately and they will use their radios to initiate a concentrated search.

Dogs are allowed on the beach. However, from March 15 to October 31 they must be on a leash between Beachwalker County Park and the Beach Club. Beach Patrol does enforce the leash law. Please make sure that dogs do not disturb our wildlife. Most importantly, remember to clean up after you dog. Boxes of Mutt Mitts are located at 25 of the public beach walkways.

Remember to take all of your belongings when leaving the beach at the end of the day. Items left on the beach overnight, including chairs and umbrellas, will be collected and taken to Town Hall.

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## Mission Statement

We are committed to accurately and effectively reporting news affecting KICA, its board, its committees and its members, and to presenting discussions of significant issues in a balanced and constructive manner.

## Statement of Editorial Policy

Under delegation by the KICA Board of Directors, the Communications Advisory Committee is fully responsible for the editorial content of the Digest and the KICA website.

Accordingly, we shall endeavor to report objectively and completely all significant news relating to KICA, its board, its committees, and its members. We shall also publish editorials, identified as such, where we feel that there is a need to clarify, expand or express views and opinions on relevant issues. These views and opinions will not necessarily represent the views of the KICA board unless they are signed as such. Finally, we welcome suggestions from all members on issues deemed significant and deserving of publication or discussion.

## KICA Leads Task Force to Address Amenity Issues

Stating that KICA is taking a leadership role in long range planning about ideas for future island recreational amenities, KICA President Faith Dodge announced at the May 2 board meeting that the board is setting up a special task force to address recreation planning for the future.

Some KICA members had expressed an interest in determining what recreational venues would be available in the future, as was evidenced by their postings to the KICA Internet Mail List in April and May. Those postings have expressed a lack of available resort pools for their renters this summer. More information on Resort pool restrictions is available at <http://lodging.kiawahresort.com/resortbenefits.htm>.

At its June meeting, the KICA board is anticipated to approve the Task Force's

membership, expected to include leaders from the various entities on the island who will develop a work plan. An inventory of current amenities and future needs will be discussed along with input from our membership.

Dodge indicates that the 2006 KICA member survey, scheduled for release next summer, could ask members about their interest or disinterest in more recreational venues and their interest in funding such amenities which will give additional data for the Task Force to analyze and include in their ultimate findings regarding this entire issue.

The findings of the Task Force will be published in *Digest* at the time they are completed.

## Board Briefs...

- Two new members approved to committees:  
Joyce Neuman – Community Center  
Ronald Smith – Security & Safety
- Policy Resolution on governing procedures and conduct at board meetings passed.
- Kiawah Island Parkway Resurfacing recommendation approved. Date of work to be determined.
- Bulkhead design for Sandwedge

approved.

- Ad hoc Renovations Committee approved to research Phase III Sandcastle renovations. Elevator construction in progress. Phase II, Second Floor, begins September 1.
- Addition to Gate Access Policy and Procedures. KIGR listed Governor's Club members may obtain 30-day guest passes.
- Board established Task Force to address short- and long-term amenity issues for Kiawah.

## Volunteers Needed for PGA Club Professional Championship

Kiawah Island Golf Resort needs approximately 450 volunteers to assist with the 38<sup>th</sup> PGA Club Professional Championship taking place at The Ocean Course on June 23-26. This is a full field major championship with a purse in excess of \$1.5 million. All volunteers will receive a complimentary uniform. There is no fee to volunteer, but you must be able to commit to at least 16 hours of service. Job descriptions include but are not limited to: marshals, tee refreshments, parking, walking scorers, caddie services, scoring control.

Those interested may download a registration form at [www.kiawahresort.com](http://www.kiawahresort.com). Please email your completed form to [golfvolunteers@kiawahresort.com](mailto:golfvolunteers@kiawahresort.com), fax it to (843) 266-4007, or mail it to:

CPC Golf Tournament Volunteer Office  
Kiawah Island Golf Resort  
12 Kiawah Beach Drive  
Kiawah Island, SC 29455

Contact Deb Clouse at (843) 266-4006 with any questions.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiawah Reads Program Announced

For the fourth summer season, the KICA Community Services Committee announces its Kiawah Reads program, a shared reading experience for the Kiawah community. The committee is excited this year by the fiction and non-fiction selections and the book signing events to accompany each selection. Watch upcoming issues of the *Kiawah Island Digest* for further details on these events, but take a moment to mark your calendar now! Pick up a book today at Indigo Books and get reading!

### Fiction Selection

#### *Shem Creek*

By Dorothea Benton Frank

#### Conversation & Book Signing Event

with Dorothea Benton Frank

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(watch *The Kiawah Island Digest* for further details)

Escape into a Lowcountry tale of Linda Breland and her two teenage daughters, who are leaving behind cold New Jersey winters for the slower, easier pace of South Carolina. Set at Shem Creek in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, the novel is rich with the unmistakable images of the Lowcountry. Linda begins a new job as a Shem Creek restaurant manager, a job she

knows nothing about, working for owner Brad Johnson, a former investment banker, who knows as little about the restaurant business as she does. So Dorothea Benton Frank, New York Times best-selling author, begins a novel filled with interesting characters, who learn that everyone is entitled to a second chance.

### Non-Fiction Selection

#### *My Losing Season*

By Pat Conroy

#### Conversation & Book Signing Event

with Doug Bridges,

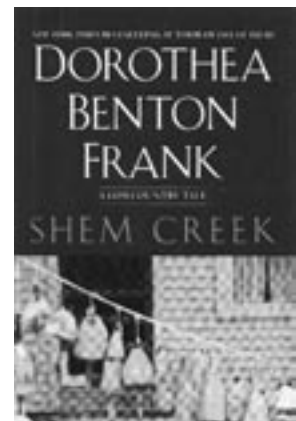
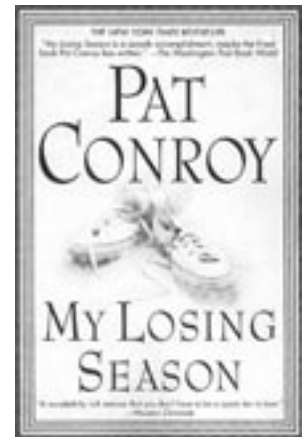
former teammate of Pat Conroy

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(watch *The Kiawah Island Digest* for further details)

It's the 1966-1967 season of senior Citadel cadet Pat Conroy, captain of the Citadel Bulldogs basketball team. Famed novelist Pat Conroy fills the pages with autobiographical memoirs of this fateful year. He paints the picture of a hard-fought season, filled with wins and losses, but with the inevitable lessons of life, and shaping a spirit that could not be defeated. It is an engrossing memoir about family, love, loss, basketball, and life itself.



## Briefly . . .

- The Roundabout between Kiawah and Seabrook Islands is now open. Please yield to traffic already traveling the circle and use your turn signals. The speed limit within the roundabout is 25 miles per hour.
- KICA's Covenant Compliance Committee will be focusing its attention to the condition of members' lawns throughout the month of June. They will be making certain that grass is mowed frequently, that weeds are pulled, and that bare spots are replanted.
- Reminder: applications for 90-Day Guest Passes must be made

in person or in writing (e-mail requests to [joe.croughwell@kiawah-owners.org](mailto:joe.croughwell@kiawah-owners.org) will be verified and honored). Issuance will be restricted to immediate family members, defined as children and parents, and long-term houseguests. There will no longer be automatic renewal of the pass. Members requesting the pass must resubmit their requests quarterly.

- Reminder: automatic and programmed gate-clicker devices for the Main and V-Gates will not be operable after July 1. Please return your remote device to KICA for a refund on your deposit.

## Internet Access at the Sandcastle

This is a reminder that high speed Internet access is available to all KICA members at the Sandcastle. Both wired and wireless connections are available. Wireless users can access the connection on the first and second floors of the Sandcastle, as well as the second floor verandah. If necessary, the SSID should be set to default. Ethernet connections are available for wired users near the bookshelf. This service is complimentary to KICA members; however, users should sign in at the main desk so usage of this resource can be monitored. KICA anticipates that this service will remain available during the Sandcastle's second floor renovation this summer. If the service is temporarily discontinued during construction, members will be notified via *Digest* and KICA website.

# June

## Sandcastle Information

Phone (843)768-3875 • Fax (843)768-3889  
[sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org](mailto:sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org) • [www.kiawah-owners.org](http://www.kiawah-owners.org)  
 Kay Narmour, Director

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b> Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Sunday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm						
			1 3:00 pm Afternoon Matinee	2 5:30 pm Members “Dive ‘n Dine” at the Pool – The Helping Hand	3	4
5	6 8:30 am Bible Study  2:00 pm KICA Board Meeting	7 1:00 pm POPS Bridge  3:00 pm Floral Design 101	8 9:00 am KPOG Regular Meeting	9 5:30 pm Members “Dive ‘n Dine” at the Pool – The Hickory Hawg	10	11 1:00 pm Family Fitness Day
12	13 8:30 am Bible Study	14 10:00 am CPR Training  1:00 pm POPS Bridge	15 3:00 pm Islanders Investment Club	16 5:30 pm Members “Dive ‘n Dine” at the Pool – Bookstore Café	17	18
19	20 8:30 am Bible Study	21 1:00 pm POPS Bridge	22 5:00 pm Cocktails by the Sea	23 5:30 pm Members “Dive ‘n Dine” at the Pool – Savory Market	24	25
26	27 8:30 am Bible Study	28 1:00 pm POPS Bridge	29	30 5:30 pm Members “Dive ‘n Dine” at the Pool – The Casual Gourmet		

## SANDCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTER

### June Events and Programs

#### June Fitness Schedule

##### Body Shaping

MWF 8:15 am  
\$5 member/\$8 guest

##### Water Aerobics

MWF 9:30 am  
\$5 member/\$8 guest

##### Pilates

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:00 am  
\$7.50 member/ \$10 guest

##### Yoga Fusion

Saturdays 9:00 am & Wednesdays 4:00 pm  
\$5 member/ \$8 guest

##### Junior Boot Camp

Saturday June 11 and 25 only  
10:00 am  
\$7.50 member/ \$10 guest

\*Personal Training is available at the Sandcastle. Call us at (843) 768-3875 for more information. \*

#### Thursday Night "Dive 'n Dine" at the Pool

New in 2005! Gather with friends and neighbors while enjoying a yummy meal without leaving the island. This summer, from May 26 to August 25 all Thursday Night Dinners will be 'family friendly' and served at the Sandcastle pool! Please call the Sandcastle at (843) 768-3875 or check our website [www.kiawah-owners.org](http://www.kiawah-owners.org) for menus, schedules and reservations.

The Sandbar Café will not be open this summer. Members are welcome to bring their own food and drinks, provided they eat in the designated picnic areas. Vending machines will be available for sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

#### Upcoming Special Events

Registration is required for the following events.

##### Family Fitness Day

Join us for a day of fun and games! The entire family will get in gear with relay races, contests and other 'heart-healthy' activities. We hope to see you there!

Date: Saturday, June 11

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Sandcastle pool area

##### Cocktails by the Sea

Join us on the Sandcastle Verandah for cocktails by the sea! We'll pass the hors d'oeuvres and have an opportunity to get acquainted with new friends and catch up with old friends... all while enjoying a stunning view of the Atlantic Ocean. Bring your own beverage, cups and ice will be provided for you. Reservations required; space is limited. Payment and registration required by Friday, June 17.

Date: Wednesday, June 22

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$12 per member

Venue: Sandcastle Verandah

##### Star Spangled BBQ

Join us for an evening full of fun at Cinder Creek pavilion for an extra-special "Star Spangled BBQ"! The menu will include: chicken BBQ, pulled pork BBQ, red rice, baked beans, cole slaw, dinner rolls, chocolate chip cookies and iced tea. Members may bring their own cocktails. Payment and reservations due by Thursday, June 23.

Date: Sunday, July 3

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per member

Venue: Cinder Creek



*We 'll See You at the Beach!*

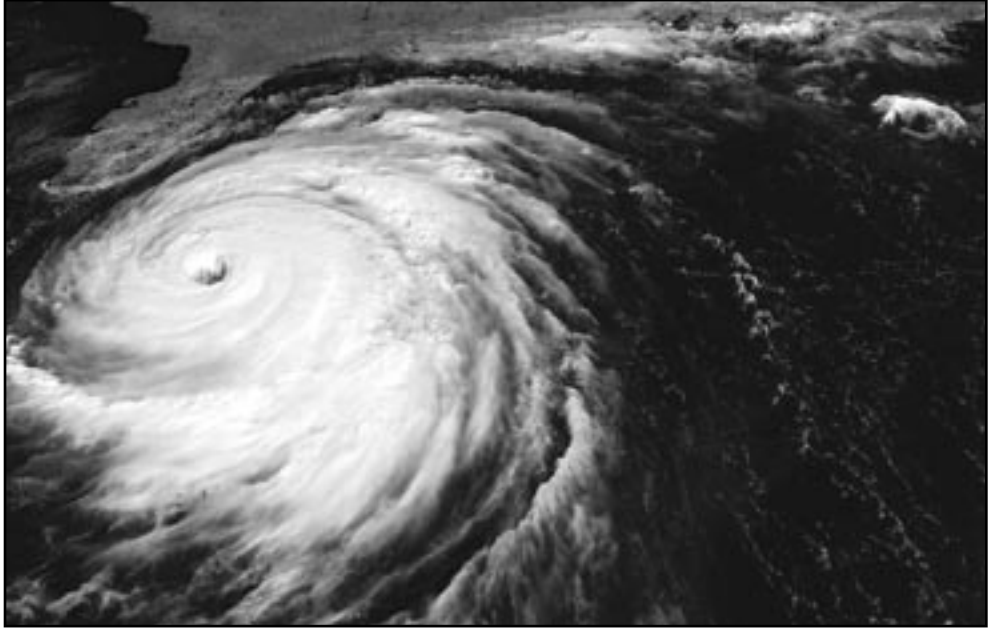
# Hurricane Season Approaches

Most Kiawah Island owners are keenly aware of the danger of hurricanes and are prepared to take appropriate steps if a “named storm” makes landfall on or near the island. Awareness notwithstanding, hurricane season (June 1 to November 30) is rapidly approaching, so KICA members should first take a look at nature’s power in the photograph below, and then plan for how they will react if something similar to 2004’s Hurricane Frances strikes the South Carolina Lowcountry.

First, members with computers can monitor tropical storm action in the Atlantic by adding the web site [http://www.weather.com/maps/maptype/satelliteworld/tropicalatlanticsatellite\\_large.html](http://www.weather.com/maps/maptype/satelliteworld/tropicalatlanticsatellite_large.html) to their favorites list and checking it frequently. Second, they can follow the advice published in the annual “Hurricane Preparedness” section of the *Charleston Post and Courier*. And finally, they can check with the Town of Kiawah Island toll-free at (888) KIAWAH2 (542-9242) or locally at 768-9166 to determine what action should be taken if

a storm approaches. The satellite picture of Hurricane Frances below makes it clear that all tropical storms should be taken

seriously and Kiawah Island owners should be prepared if one approaches the area.



*Satellite Image of Hurricane Frances*

## Cinder Creek Bank Stabilization

Several years ago members of the community and KICA staff noticed that the creek bank near the Cinder Creek Canoe Storage was starting to erode. Most noticeable were the large pine trees that were falling into the creek. Unchecked, the erosion could eventually involve the KICA roadway at Blue Heron Pond Road. The property involved belonged to KICA to the west and to KRA to the east. KRA indicated it was willing to convey the property to KICA, for use as future canoe storage areas, if the Community Association would take steps to stop the erosion.

KICA agreed and received the additional common property. They contacted Coastal Science and Engineering to investigate the land movement and develop conceptual plans to stabilize the creek bank. Plans for a sheet-pile bulkhead with rip-rap toe on the water side and native vegetation on the land side were submitted to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), the Corps of Engineers, Kiawah ARB and the Town of Kiawah Island. All permits have been secured and Coastal Science and Engineering is working on the construction plans and

bid documents. It is KICA’s plan to have construction underway this summer.



*Fallen Trees at Cinder Creek*

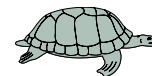
## Turtle Patrol – Behind the Scenes

Once again, turtle season is rapidly approaching, and the Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol is gearing up to monitor, protect and assist nesting and hatching turtles. At the Turtle Patrol Kickoff meeting on April 26 at the Sandcastle, Turtle Patrol Committee Chair, Art Zackrison, introduced the members of the committee who have been working hard to organize and schedule the approximately 110 volunteers on the island. Members of the Town’s Turtle Patrol Committee are: Stephany Dunfee, Bill Connellee, Joe Pezzullo, and Joan Wassen.

During the season, Mr. Connellee and Mr. Pezzullo give turtle

programs through the Resort’s Night Heron Park Nature Center. One program focuses on the natural history and conservation of sea turtles and the other is a beach program utilizing a model nest to demonstrate how the Turtle Patrol locates and protects nests.

Volunteers began their early morning patrols on May 12<sup>th</sup>, so now is the time for those in homes along the beach to pay close attention to the rules regarding “lights out for turtles” and to turn their porch lights off during designated hours. These rules are available from the Town of Kiawah Island at (843) 768-9166 or [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org).



# Carol and Ron Ritchie: Middleton Place

Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles that *Digest* will feature in 2005 about KICA members who volunteer time and talent to a Charleston organization.

Ron and Carol Ritchie are friendly, knowledgeable and always learning; qualities that make them ideally suited for their volunteer work at Middleton Place. Middleton is an historic and horticultural



Ron Ritchie

treasure. The house is filled with 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century furniture, porcelain, silver and portraits and is surrounded by the oldest landscaped gardens in America. Carol and Ron have been volunteers at Middleton for more than seven of the eight and a half years they have lived on Kiawah.

They first learned about volunteer

opportunities at Middleton from Kiawah residents Marty and Shelly Yonas, who spoke glowingly of their own experiences there. For the Ritchies, the next step was to select an area of interest in which to receive training. Having always been a dedicated gardener and member of garden clubs, including the Kiawah Island Garden Club, Carol opted to give visitors an overview of the Middleton upper gardens.

Carol clearly enjoys the people and the surroundings associated with her work. She notes that the gardens are beautiful in all seasons and is particularly pleased when her favorite camellias begin to open, greeting her like old friends. She finds that the give and take of responding to visitor questions develops a shared enthusiasm that is very rewarding. The fact that every group is different keeps her work fresh and interesting.

Ron finds that since each group is unique, before he gives his house tour, he assesses the members to determine levels and areas of interest so he can provide a presentation that will engage his visitors and educate them about the house and its historical context. He points out that the Middletons were an interesting family, and he discusses the many intriguing and beautiful pieces in the house in relation to members of the family and the times in

which they lived. Ron's work enables him to pursue his interest in history as well as experience the fun and challenge that comes with interested visitors.

Carol and Ron agree that Middleton makes every effort to be flexible for volunteers. Depending on the season, they each work two or three half days per month and can set their schedules well in advance. They know



Carol Ritchie

that Middleton depends on volunteers, and they take pride in helping bring one of the jewels of Charleston to life for visitors.

You can find out about volunteer opportunities at Middleton Place by calling (843) 556-6020 or visiting [www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org).

## Shaggin' at the Beach

We all know that the shag is the state dance of South Carolina, but do we all know how to shag? If you are interested in learning or want to dust off your old dancin' shoes, come join the first KICA Shag Party sponsored by the Community Services Committee on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sandcastle from 6:00-10:00 p.m.! Our deejay and instructor, Larry Knight, will offer shag lessons from 6:00-7:00



p.m. and then the dance floor will open for everyone's enjoyment. With heavy Lowcountry style hors d'oeuvres being served, it is sure to be a delicious evening! Tickets are \$30 per member and \$35 per guest. Space is limited to the capacity of the Sandcastle. Reservations may be secured by mailing or hand-delivering a check (made payable to KICA) or cash along with a list of attendees to Gloria Knisley, KICA, 23 Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island, SC 29455. You will receive an email confirming your reservation. For more information, please contact Gloria at (843) 768-9194, toll free (866) 226-1770, or via email at [gloria.knisley@kiawah-owners.org](mailto:gloria.knisley@kiawah-owners.org).

## Town of Kiawah Arts Council Presents . . . *Blues By the Sea*

The Blues will come to Kiawah Island on Sunday, June 26 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the River Course. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets are free and will be available starting at 10:00 a.m., June 6, at Town Hall. For more information, please call Town Hall at (843) 768-9166 or visit [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org).

*c/o Kiawah Island Community Association  
23 Beachwalker Drive  
Kiawah Island, SC 29455*

*Address Service Requested*

## Bobcat Ball - The Second Time Around

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bobcat Ball sponsored by the Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy drew its largest attendance and earned more than \$20,000 to support Conservancy programs. This year's emphasis was on the urgent need to preserve undeveloped lots now. Participants were given "Kiawah Now" buttons and Chairman Paul Roberts explained how important it is that areas throughout the island be preserved as pockets of habitat for native plants, bobcats, and birds.

Dinner, live music, and a new "Adopt-A-Bobcat" auction completed the evening's activities. Three of the known adult bobcats, that have been collared and numbered by the Predator-Prey study sponsored by the Conservancy and the Town of Kiawah Island, were presented for auction. Stuffed bobcats with numbered collars, a framed photo of the bobcats, and certified adoption papers were presented to the winners. The newly adoptive parents were given the opportunity to name their cats and will be given additional information about their furry friends throughout the year.

The date for next year's event has already been scheduled for April 27, 2006.



*This group of Rhett's Bluff owners all pitched in to adopt "Scarlett," a collared bobcat whose home range includes the Rhett's Bluff area. Three other bobcats were adopted by Kiawah owners, raising \$12,500 of the event's proceeds for the Conservancy.*