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JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT

Property Owner's Association, Inc.
A Covenant Protected Community

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Community Vote Results: Management Transition Approved

The Special Meeting of the Membership to vote on the Association's transition from self-management to professional management has officially concluded. The vote closed on February 13, following extensive outreach to ensure all property owners had the opportunity to participate.

A total of 133 property owners participated in the vote. Of those, 96 property owners—approximately 72% of voters—supported moving forward with RealManage as the Association's management company. As a result, the proposal passed, and the Association will proceed with the transition to professional management.

The Board appreciates the strong participation and thoughtful engagement from the community throughout this process. This decision reflects the will of the membership and represents an important step toward strengthening compliance, financial oversight, and long-term stability for the Association.

Additional information regarding the transition timeline, key changes, and what homeowners can expect will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and make their voice heard.



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FROM THE BOARD: COMMUNITY NEWS

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'27

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2026 Assessment Payment Reminder

All POA assessments were due on March 1, 2026. If your payment has not yet been submitted or you believe it may be late, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can assist you and help address any questions or concerns.

Payments may be made by check, credit/debit card, or cash (cash accepted in person only—please do not mail). Checks should be made payable to JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT POA, INC., and credit/debit payments can be made in person at the Clubhouse or by phone.

If you need assistance or would like to discuss payment options, please reach out to the office—we're happy to help.

Upcoming Meetings

Stay informed and get involved! The next Jockey Club meeting will take place on Thursday, March 12, and will serve as the Annual General Meeting.

Residents are encouraged to attend and participate. If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed live on The Friendly Jockey Club Neighbors Facebook page.

This section will be updated with future meeting dates as they are scheduled, so you always know when and how to participate. Your voice matters, and we encourage all residents to stay engaged!

Get in Touch with Your POA Board

We're here for you! Whether you have questions, suggestions, concerns, or neighbor recognition, your POA Board is always happy to hear from residents. Don't hesitate to connect with us.

Your voice Matters!

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Vice President: Pending

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Board Election: Meet the Candidates

Three Board seats will open this March, and we are pleased to announce the residents who have stepped forward to serve our community:

- Bain Edmondson is running for re-election. Bain previously served as the Association's Maintenance Director before moving into his current role as Vice President, bringing continuity and hands-on operational experience to the Board.
- Nicole Everett has previously served as both a member and Chair of the North Port Parks and Recreation Committee, offering valuable experience in community planning and public service.
- Paul Gilotti is seeking to join the Board and contribute to representing homeowners' interests.
- Otto Afanador previously served on our Board in 2024 and brings professional experience in manufacturing and engineering, providing a strong technical and problem-solving perspective.

The community is invited to submit their vote for the candidates they believe will best represent their interests and help guide the Association forward. Your participation is essential in shaping the leadership and future of our community.

Help Keep The Jockey Club Beautiful — Join the ECC!

Do you take pride in where you live? Want to help keep our neighborhood clean, attractive, and thriving?

The Environmental Control Committee is looking for friendly, community-minded volunteers to join our efforts in maintaining the charm and curb appeal of The Jockey Club.

Volunteers help by walking or driving through the neighborhood to ensure homes and lawns are in line with our appearance guidelines — all with the goal of keeping our community looking its best.

By working together, we're not only protecting and increasing property values — we're building a place we're proud to call home.

If you enjoy being active, observant, and supporting your neighbors in a positive way, we'd love to have you join the committee!

To learn more or express interest, please contact the office or email us at jockeyclub.ecc2@gmail.com.

Let's keep The Jockey Club beautiful — together!

Free tax preparation at the Family Service Center

United Way of South Sarasota County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will be providing FREE tax preparation services at the Family Service Center, 6919 Outreach Way, until April 15. Tax preparation is completed by IRS-Certified Tax Preparers; The service will be available to individuals and families with a yearly household income on \$85,000. Services are available Thursdays from 2-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment only.





Spring Cleaning: March Home Improvement Tips

As we move into spring, March is the perfect time to freshen up your home and prepare for warmer weather and the upcoming hurricane season. A little preventative maintenance now can go a long way later in the year.

- Pressure wash your home, driveway, sidewalks, and lanai to remove built-up dirt, mold, and mildew common in Florida's climate. This not only improves curb appeal but also helps protect exterior surfaces.
- Address potential flooding concerns by checking yard grading, clearing drainage swales, and ensuring water flows away from your home. Taking care of low spots now helps reduce flooding risks during heavy rains and hurricanes.
- Inspect your roof and exterior for loose shingles, cracks, or worn sealant and make repairs early to prevent water intrusion.
- Service your HVAC system before summer heat arrives to improve efficiency and avoid breakdowns.
- Trim trees and shrubs away from roofs and structures to reduce storm damage and improve airflow.

Tackling these spring cleaning projects now helps protect your home, improves safety, and gets you ready for the months ahead.

Important Fire Safety Notice: Burn Ban in Effect

Due to ongoing drought conditions and an elevated wildfire risk, the City of North Port has enacted a citywide outdoor burn ban, which remains in effect until further notice. This ban is part of efforts to protect lives, homes, and natural areas during unusually dry weather and heightened fire danger.

What's prohibited:

- Bonfires
- Campfires
- Burning yard debris or vegetative material
- Fire pits and outdoor cooking pits

These activities are not allowed anywhere within North Port city limits while the burn ban remains active.

What's still allowed:

- Gas or charcoal grills may be used with extreme caution.

However, even permitted grilling can pose a risk in dry conditions, so please exercise care.

Why this ban matters:

North Port has experienced below-average rainfall and high to very high fire danger levels, with vegetation extremely dry and susceptible to ignition. Even a small spark—like a cigarette, parking a hot vehicle on dry grass, or a rock striking metal on a lawnmower—can start a dangerous wildfire.

The burn ban will stay in place until conditions improve and the City rescinds it. North Port Fire Rescue urges residents to help keep our community safe.

If you see illegal burning, report it to North Port Fire Rescue at 941-240-8150, or call 911 in an emergency.



Thank You to Our Amazing Boosters!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every Booster who has supported our POA and helped make our community events, improvements, and initiatives a success. Your generous contributions make a real difference—bringing neighbors together and enhancing the quality of life we all enjoy here in the Jockey Club.

From sponsoring seasonal events to helping us keep the community vibrant and welcoming, your support has truly been the heartbeat behind our success. We couldn't do it without you!

In Memory of Joe Layden | 01/15/2027

In Honor of Mary Layden | 01/15/2027

In Memory of Bill & Catherine Bingham | 01/15/2027

Glenn & Ellen Jeffers | 01/15/2027

In Memory of Delroy Scheelk | 03/15/2026

In Memory of Carol Hammond | 03/15/2027

In Memory of Kathy Stysick | 03/15/2026

In Memory of Carol & Ray Sherman | 4/18/2026

In Memory of Alyce & Laddie Suchan | 05/15/2026

In Remembrance & Appreciation of Guenter Recknagel | 07/15/2026

In Memory of Robert & Edna Schelenberger | 10/15/2026

In Memory of Ken & Bev Sharkey | 10/15/2026

In Appreciation of Bill & Jen Iiams | 10/15/2027

Marcia and Galen | 11/15/2026

Want to become a Booster?

It's easy—and it means so much! A minimum contribution of \$10 makes you a Booster for the year.

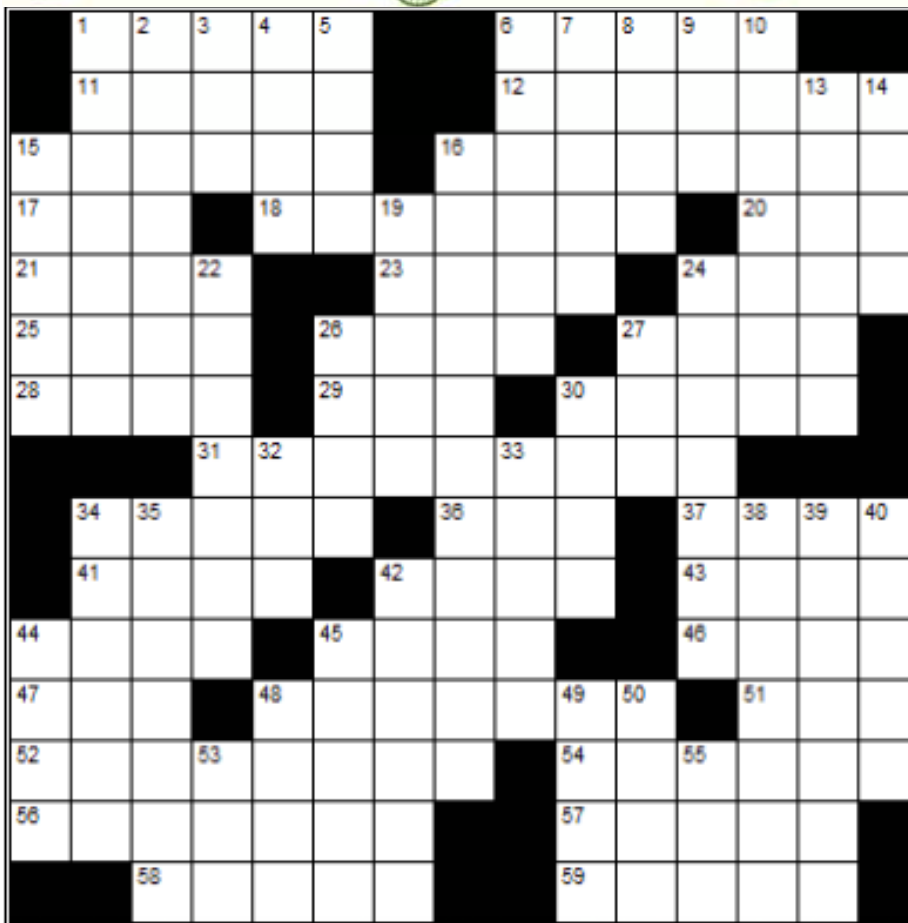
How to Join:

- Bring your contribution to the Clubhouse office.
- Make checks payable to: The Jockey Club
- Be sure to include your name exactly as you'd like it to appear in the Clarion newsletter.

Whether you're a returning supporter or joining for the first time, becoming a Booster is a meaningful way to show your community spirit and be part of something special.

Thank you again for your kindness, your generosity, and your unwavering support. Let's continue building an even better place to call home—together.

MARCH CROSSWORD

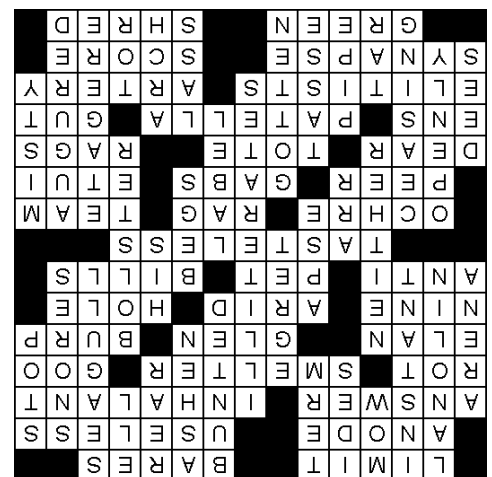


ACROSS

1. Boundary
6. Reveals
11. Battery terminal
12. Futile
15. Reply
16. Nasal spray, for example
17. Decay
18. Metal refinery
20. Sticky stuff
21. Distinctive flair
23. Secluded valley
24. Belch
25. One less than 10
26. Dry
27. Puncture
28. Against
29. Animal companion
30. Invoices to pay
31. Flashy
34. Earth tone
36. Small piece of cloth
37. A cooperative unit
41. Jury member
42. Chats
43. Decorative case
44. Darling
45. Carry
46. Tatters
47. N N N
48. Kneecap
51. Destroy the interior of
52. Snobs
54. Blood vessel
56. Nerve junction
57. Tally
58. Color of most grasses
59. Rip up

DOWN

1. Ointment ingredient
2. Blink of an eye
3. Cut grass
4. Mid-month days
5. Duration
6. Tapped without swinging
7. Pale
8. Towards the back
9. Addition
10. Mostly white aquatic bird
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. Cease
15. Sporting venue
16. Nonreaders
19. Wading bird
22. Not one or the other
24. Fortify
26. Abbey area
27. Not hers
30. Pleads
32. Arrange (abbrev.)
33. Record company
34. Candidly
35. Discontinuing
38. Knickknack holder
39. Foretold
40. Foggy
42. Received
44. D D D
45. Thigh armor
48. Tube
49. Young woman
50. Curve
53. Driveway surface
55. Craggy peak



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