The 46th H.O.G. Tournament, held at the Fishers Island Club to benefit the Island Health Project (IHP), was a big success this year.

Despite threats of a visit from Hermine, there was a record turnout and everyone enjoyed the day under beautiful blue skies and a bit of a breeze. Net proceeds from the tournament support medical care for all Fishers Island residents and visitors. Co-chairs this year were Bob and Margaret Warden and many teams of six dressed up and had a lot of fun!

Golfers and supporters of IHP arrived for the 9:45 kick-off parade at the Big Club before the golf teams hit the course. People shopped for H.O.G. merchandise before the parade began – and all day.

“We were pleased that the H.O.G. was able to win the battle against Hurricane Hermine and keep the storm from disrupting the festivities. Most importantly, we want to thank all the staff at the Club from Dan Colvin and his golf shop group, to Pat and Stefan Schiestl and Paul Giles for all the food and organization, and to Donnie Beck and all his men who work so hard on the course! And none of the day would be as much fun without all the volunteers on the holes who made this year’s H.O.G. another successful event. The Island Health Project is most grateful to all who contributed in so many ways.” ~ Co-chairs Bob and Margaret Warden

More photos of the event can be found at http://fishersisland.net/h-o-g-2016-big-success/
Dear Jane,

A little about myself – I’m 55 years old and have two grown-up children – a daughter and a son who I go metal detecting with regularly. We have several permissions locally (kind farmers who let us search their land) and we are also in a club MMDC (Midland Metal Detecting Club). The usual things we find are old coins and artifacts (not always very good I might add :-)). I live in a small village named Upper Tean in North Staffordshire, 6 miles from a well-known theme park called Alton Towers.

I recently took a 3-day break in mid Wales and decided to do a little metal detecting between Aberdovey and Tywyn on the beach (where the remains of an old WWII pill box are nearby).

I found the dog tag on the 30th of August this year. I was finding a lot of aluminum that day, ring pull-tabs and melted aluminum mainly. The sea does tend to sort things out that are similar. Sometimes I only find coins. I guess high tides and storms move them all around.

I put the dog tag in my finds bag, not having glasses on I thought it was junk/trash. Several days later when back home I was fishing with my son. He asked to see what I had found on the beach so I tipped everything out for him to see. It was then that he saw the dog tag.

After finding Fishers Island NY’s Facebook page, I left the message you responded to and the comments started coming in. The dog tag is now in the US. I sent it to Maureen Lynch who gave it to her father Richard Lynch (the tag owners only living brother) who will very shortly give it to one of Mr. William T. Lynch’s sons. A lovely ending.

It is not one of the best things I have found, but it is by far the most satisfying. Links to other things I have found and recorded with the museum [can be found at http://fishersisland.net/fishers-island-wwii-us-dog-tag-found-wales-uk/]

Many thanks for your help.

Regards,
Simon

Maureen wrote to Jane October 1, “It was so exciting to see my uncle’s dog tag. It was buried in the sand or washed up from the ocean after 60 or 70 years! My father, Richard Lynch (87 years old) is the last living son of 5 boys that grew up on Fishers Island. We so appreciate Simon returning this special piece of family history to us.” ~ Maureen Lynch
Charlie Van Voorhis wins IOD Class Championship

By John Burnham
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Charlie Van Voorhis, of Fishers Island, NY, sailed to a convincing win at the 2016 International One-Design Class Championship, a six-day regatta held September 5-10 on San Francisco Bay. The fleet included teams representing Norway, Sweden, Bermuda, and the U.S. Charlie Van Voorhis’s crew was comprised of his son Lyon, Neal Fowler, Todd Wake and Jim Thompson.

In winning the title for the fourth time, Van Voorhis easily finished first in a six-race qualifying series, which split the 11 teams into gold and silver fleets of six and five boats, respectively. Van Voorhis then won four of the six races in the final series. After the racing concluded, his margin of victory was reduced 3 points by a jury penalty for adding ballast water in the bilge before the penultimate race, which he subsequently sailed and won without the water.

The defending champion, Jonathan Farrar, also from Fishers Island, scored consistent top finishes and took second overall, one point behind Van Voorhis. Another Fishers Island team, skippered by John Burnham, won the final race to beat Nantucket’s Roy Weedon and San Francisco’s Rich Pearce for third, making it a sweep of the top positions for Fishers Island. Farrar’s crew included Kevin Wypchoski, Richard Feeny, Mike McNamara, and Kevin Gilman. Burnham’s included Charlton Rugg, Brad Gibbs, Beth Scholle, Peter Rugg and Frank Alexander.

The event was sailed from San Francisco Yacht Club in Tiburon, with races taking place just west of Alcatraz Island in consistent 12-18 knot winds and typically flooding tide, which kept the Bay’s often choppy sea state moderate. Finishing ahead in the Silver fleet and 7th overall was Rob Van Alen of Northeast Harbor, Maine. Learn more at: www.fishersisland.net/fishers-island-yacht-club-sailors-sweep-iod-worlds/

September 3, 2016, Fishers Island, NY, by Lincoln White

It was a spectacular end to summer at Fishers Island as the Annual ‘Round Island Race took place on Saturday, September 3. The start of the race had been closely watched all week by the Fishers Island Yacht Club, the race hosts, and race officials, keeping a close eye on the approaching tropical storm Hermine, formerly a hurricane, as it approached our area.

As the start drew closer it was obvious that all we would have was a nice North East wind for race day accompanied by some cloud cover. 90 boats set off around the island in a clockwise direction making travelling against the current less of a challenge. Winds were out of the North East around 10 mph and the fleet made it around the island in roughly two to three hours.

The race was followed up by a party at F.I.Y.C. which was well attended and a great close to summer. The Yacht Club would like to thank all of the many volunteers and members, as well as Brian Busse and his team for their help catering the event.

For race results and more fabulous photos by Alex McKown visit: www.fishersisland.net/fishers-islands-annual-round-island-race-2016/
FROM MÉLIE’S GARDEN

There is a definite feel of fall now on Fishers Island. The wind has shifted to the North West and the water is a deep “September Blue”. As a child, I used to always hate it when those brief, “September Days” would emerge towards the end of August, as a signal that the idyllic summer was soon to come to an end. This year the cool weather is almost welcome after the hot and dry summer we have experienced here on the Island. A few of my plants have suddenly perked up with the cooler temperatures and the bit of rain we have had this past month. The roses have produced new flowers and the nasturtiums that were quite sad this summer are now brightly blooming. The Autumn Joy has turned a lovely pink and there are a few flowers on the hydrangeas.

This fall, I am going to do something I have never done before and plant a cover crop in my vegetable garden. Last spring, I sent a soil sample to The University Of Connecticut Department of Plant Science and it came back that the soil needed more potassium. Unfortunately, my husband had already put the wood ashes from the fireplace on the lilacs, so I could not use them in the vegetable garden. I should have added a 5-10-10 or 10-20-20 fertilizer, but things got busy and my garden went without the needed nutrient. I am sure that is one of the reasons, along with the drought, that the vegetables were not as good this year. I am planting, at Johnny’s Seeds recommendation, a cover crop of Hairy Vetch and Mammoth Red Clover. In the spring, we will turn the cover crop over into the soil and add hardwood ashes from the fireplace, along with decomposed fruits and vegetables in the compost pile and hope for a crop of healthy and delicious plants!

**Fall Reminder List**

- Cut back decaying plants;
- Weed all garden beds;
- Make notes of plants you want to add to your garden next spring;
- Planting and transplanting should be completed by November 1st;
- Order bulbs to plant or force and finish planting by mid November;
- and Give houseplants a good spray of insecticidal soap and bring inside before the temperature outside drops below the inside temperature. Let plants "rest" (do not feed) until there are ten hours of sunlight in mid-February and the growing season starts up again.

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**WEDDINGS**

- **August 6, 2016**
  - Charles Parsons & Samantha Peterson
  - at Hudson Gardens in Denver, CO

- **September 24, 2016**
  - Matt Reale & Jenna Long
  - w/ Best Man Kaleb Reale, Warwick, RI

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**BIRTH**

- **September 28, 2016**
  - Oliver Read Douthit
  - to Annie Taylor Douthit & Drew Douthit
Fishers Island School just earned, from the NY State Department of Education, the highest academic Student Growth Scores possible for improved student achievement at both the elementary and high school levels, ranking it in the **97th percentile of all New York public schools for improved student learning**. The Growth Scores are based on students’ improvement from the 2014-2015 to the 2015-2016 school year as measured by their performance on the grade 3-8 NY State Tests and the grade 9-11 Regents tests. Our improvement in student learning earned us state status as a Highly Effective School.

Notable indicators of the success of our students in the rigorous state testing program include:

1. Our grade 8 students earned the highest Language Arts score in Suffolk County and the third highest average score of all 683 public school districts in New York.
2. Our overall students’ math performance demonstrated commendable improvement, with 100% of our students earning proficiency on the Common Core Algebra I Assessment.
3. All grade 11 students who took the US History Regents test in June scored in the highest performance level (4), with three students earning scores of 98 of 100 possible points.
4. All grade 8 science students scored at the rigorous proficient standard for the past four consecutive school years, and 91% of our students taking Chemistry last year scored in the ‘excellence level’ performance band.

In addition to these quantitative indicators of success, Fishers Island School teachers highlight successes that are equally as important to state assessment scores, including:

- The incredible learning opportunities that our recent grads were invited to be a part of as a result of their acceptances to impressive institutions of higher education.
- The successful launch of the Spanish Exchange Program between our school and the Santa María del Mar school in La Coruña, Spain.
- Adding the courses in Coding and Building Apps to our curriculum.
- Incorporating the Fishers Island naturalist into 3rd/4th science and exposing students to the process of nature monitoring.
- Receiving First Place awards at regional and county competitions for band, chorus, science, and environmental research.
- Providing grade 10-12 students the opportunity to investigate their research topics using collegiate level resources at the UCONN Library in Storrs.

These extraordinary achievements are a result of deeply invested Board of Education members who hold high expectations for students and educators, talented and dedicated teachers and support staff, hard-working students who give their personal best, and supportive parents and community members who truly value education. I know I join the entire community in feeling tremendous pride in Fishers Island School.

Submitted by Karen Loiselle Goodwin, Superintendent/Principal
IN MEMORIAM: CHARLES P. LORD

Charles P. Lord, died on August 17, 2016 at Mass General Hospital of complications from Alzheimer’s. His spirit was huge and his kindness towards every person he met lasted to the very end. On the last day of his life, one of his nurses hugged his family and said “What a wonderful man.” In the brief time she had known him, he put her at ease, singing ‘You can bring Pearl’ and unleashing his signature puns.

His grandchildren called him “Big Guy” – a reference not only to his height but to his resonant laugh and back-slapping hugs.

That laugh and booming voice are remembered fondly by the women he served as headmaster at St. Timothy’s School and the Holton-Arms School. “Charles P. Lord exemplified grace, honor, compassion and unconditional love, acceptance and truth without fear. He was so good at letting us make mistakes all the while having our backs with his big hugs, twinkling blue eyes and infectious laugh,” said Holli Hallum Roach, a former student at St. Timothy’s School.

Charlie graduated from The Hotchkiss School, Yale University, and received a Master’s of Philosophy in History from St. Andrew’s University. After college, he served in the Air Force. He became an educator in his 40’s after a successful career in international business.

He was a pioneer in issues including diversity in independent schools and equal opportunity for women. His first school job was at Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo, Ohio. His devotion to serving others originated from his mother, Mary Pillsbury Lord, a delegate to the UN Human Rights Commission in the 1950’s, appointed by President Eisenhower.

Charlie’s courage to switch careers in his 40’s was an inspiration to his family and to many in his children’s generation. After serving as Director of the Washington Bureau of Children’s Express, Charlie continued to support educational attainment for children of all backgrounds by becoming a Founding Board Member of DreamYard. He also was on the Boards of National Cathedral School and the American College of Sofia.

Charlie is survived by Gay, his wife of 52 years, sons Charles and Thomas, daughter Deirdre, his brother the Honorable Winston Lord, and by his five living grandchildren, Taylor Lord, Annie Lord, Eliza Lord, Mary Lord and Charlie Wright.

A service will take place October 29th in NYC at St. Michael’s Church. Donations may be made to Cameron and Hayden Lord Foundation, 110 Riverside Dr., 12-C, New York, NY 10024, Charlie helped establish to honor his beloved grandson Hayden and granddaughter Cameron who died of Tay-Sachs Disease or to Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090.

THREE CHURCHES FISHERS ISLAND GOLF CLASSIC: SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Every May on the Island, golfers have enjoyed playing golf at the Big Club in the annual Fishers Island Three Churches Golf Tournament. It has always been a wonderful day of socializing, getting exercise and eating. Truly, a great time is had by all and for a good cause.

The mission of this fundraiser is to generate funds for the long-term growth and success of the Fishers Island churches. We couldn’t fulfill our vital mission without our wonderful sponsors and volunteers!

This summer the committee presented checks for $10,500.00 to the Fishers Island Union Chapel, St. John’s Episcopal Church and Our Lady of Grace Church.

This year the committee is hoping to recruit more volunteers for the committee and the “BIG DAY”. The committee will be getting an early start — the first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Meeting details and agenda will follow.

In addition to coordinating the golf tournament, committee responsibilities include getting prizes for the players and for the raffle from local businesses, getting signage for tee and greens, getting on-line auction items, sending out invitations and thank you notes, making sure transportation has been arranged for the off-island guests, coordinating and manning the noontime barbecue and later, the prize award ceremony dinner.

Ways you can help support the churches of Fishers Island: Bid on a Team of Five in the FI Churches Golf Classic; Become a Tee/Green Sponsor; Donate an item for the raffle or auction; Bid on the on-line auction items; Make a financial donation to the fund; Buy raffle tickets; VOLUNTEER

The churches bring a wonderful vitality to the Island and address the many needs of our community. Please call Laurie Finan (631-788-7412 or 631-788-7921) if you would like to join the committee or if you are interested in volunteering to continue this great island tradition.
Fishers Island Fog Horn

Fishers Island Bulletin Board

Little Pebbles Clothing Drive for Guatemala

Donate socks and underwear for boys and girls of all ages this month.
Donation boxes are available at the Community Center, Union Chapel and Fishers Island School. Clothing drive donations benefit orphanages in Guatemala and children living in extreme poverty.

Union Chapel’s Open Book Group is reading I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor’s Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity. All in the community are welcome at our discussion to take place Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 am at the parsonage.

This book provides the astonishing story of how a world-renown doctor rose from poverty and relentless oppression in Gaza to become an advocate of forgiveness and peace between Palestine and Israel.

Dr. Abuelaish began the book as a beacon of hope after his own three daughters and niece were killed in January 2009 by a bomb thrown into the room where the girls were sleeping. Copies of the book are available at the Union Chapel office for $13.00 (631)788-7898.

Island People’s Project Job Posting

IPP is accepting applications for a Morning Program Director for Summer 2017 and beyond. Please go to www.islandpeoplesproject.com after October 1 for more details.

Fishers Island Community Center Hosts Pumpkin Painting

October 15 @ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room
Grab your pumpkins over town. We’ll have paint, markers, glitter, and maybe a smock or two, but no knives. We’ll need you to come with clever ideas, enthusiasm, pumpkins, and maybe a playlist of more than just the Monster Mash.

Elizabeth Field Airport – OB8 Closure Notice

Lighting and Signage Repair Project
The Fishers Island Ferry District, as managers of Elizabeth Field, have been working closely with FEMA to correct the lighting and signage issues at the airport caused by hurricane Sandy. The funding is in place and the time has now come to get the work done.
The Ferry District understands the inconvenience of this project and thanks everyone for their cooperation.

Please be advised that the FEMA airport Lighting and Signage Repair Project is tentatively scheduled for the period 10/17/16 through 11/3/16. The airport will be closed during this period from 0800 to 1900 and at night.

For more info visit: http://fishersisland.net/elizabeth-field-airport-0b8-closure-notice/

Check out the Classifieds

Many job openings and items are listed on FishersIsland.net (in Classifieds at the top right). Full-time, seasonal and part-time opportunities are listed from a wide variety of companies and island organizations – for all ages. Please check them out and spread the word!
SAVE THE DATES:
Visit http://fishersisland.net/events/ for all upcoming FI events

SENIOR LUNCHEONS
Join us for lunch this fall. Everyone over 60 is invited!
Thursday, October 20
Thursday, November 17
Thursday, December 15
Volunteer Cooks welcome!
Contact Heather Burnham

ELECTION 2016
November 8
General Election
6:00 am-9:00 pm
FI Community Center
Absentee ballot and registration info at fishersisland.net

MIchael Lewis
Trail Fever
Spin doctors, stuck in the sand, health insurance, broken dreams, world records,
giants, good times, bad times.

PAINT & SIP NIGHT
Friday, October 14
To New London for a fun evening. Call the Community Center for info

FI COMMUNITY CENTER’S ISLAND CAFÉ
Come on down for dinner. Eat in or take-out.
Look for weekly specials this fall.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
Thurs, Oct. 13, 7-9pm
Trail Fever
by Michael Lewis

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If you have something you would like posted on FishersIsland.net or in the Fog Horn - a story idea, an event 'save the date’, have photos to share, suggestions or an interest in advertising, please contact Editor Jane Ahrens at (631) 788-7487 or finyinfo@gmail.com. Contact Sarah Porter to place an event on the Community Calendar at www.fishersisland.net/events/ at (631) 788-7683 or fishersislandevents@gmail.com.

FISHERS ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER WANTS TO KNOW…

Community Center Seeks Your Input on Continuing Education Programming
Director Liz Burnham and the Community Center’s program committee are reaching out to find out what you want and need to learn. Please help us create programs to fit your needs and interests by completing this quick survey* by October 15th. Results will be published on www.ficommunitycenter.org.
We look forward to exploring your interests with you.

*Survey inserted in printed Fog Horn and online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y5VHRWX