

## THE WEST WIND INN

- Established in 1968
- 500 feet of beach frontage
- 103 units
- On the quiet end of the island
- Guest rooms & kitchenettes
- Meeting space available
- Friendliness & cleanliness

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## Sweepstakes Winner

Each quarter we select one entry from our sweepstakes contest on our web site. The lucky winner receives a free one-week stay (off season) at the West Wind Inn. During the last quarter, over 440 people entered our sweepstakes. The winner was **Silvia V. of Recklinghausen, GE**. A word to the wise - the GM selects the winners by personally reviewing the submission list. Duplicate entries are **never** selected.

Keep those entries coming and you could be a winner as well. Since we started this program in the winter of 2003, **twenty two** people from the UK, Germany, Canada, Switzerland and all over the US have received a free week at the Inn. Is it your turn to win?



With all that's going on,  
you deserve a break on  
Sanibel Island!

## West Wind Inn Family

This quarter we feature our Food & Beverage employee— **Daren Pond**. He has been with us since June of 2003, and in that time has served as our *Upper Deck* pool bartender. (In high season we call him a “mixologist”). Daren hails from the mid-west (Fairborn, Ohio) where he started his work career with British Petroleum America. He moved to Chicago and to Phillips Petroleum as a supervisor in 1991. Career changes took him to work for Coca Cola and then to Phillip Morris as a Sales Manager. But like so many others, the sun and surf beckoned to Daren and he moved to Sanibel Island in 2002. Prior to joining the West Wind Inn team, he worked at the *Bubble Room* on Captiva Island. Since Daren still lives on the island he finds it very easy to get around on his new “toy” — a red Yamaha Zuma scooter. Eat your heart out — not only does he enjoy the fresh air and open surroundings while roaming the island, he does it at @ 100 miles per gallon. (He keeps a Toyota pick up truck as an inclement weather alternative). Be sure to visit Daren at the Upper Deck pool bar and he will mix your favorite libation.



It takes only one match to start a forest fire—but a whole box to start a campfire!

*Over 980 people signed up for the West Wind Inn Sweepstakes at the Boston Globe Travel Show.*



## Tax Time Again!

Here's a letter from a rather perceptive taxpayer to the IRS for you to ponder:

Dear IRS: Enclosed you will find my 2008 tax return showing that I owe \$3,407. Please note the attached article from USA Today wherein you will see the Pentagon is paying \$171.50 per hammer and NASA has paid \$600 per

toilet seat.

I am enclosing four (4) toilet seats valued at \$2,400 and six hammers valued at \$1,029, which I secured at Home Depot , bringing my total remittance to \$3,429.

Please apply the overpayment of \$22 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund as noted on my

return. You can also do this inexpensively by sending them one 1.5" phillips-head screw (see aforementioned article which details how H.U.D. pays \$22 for each 1.5" phillips-head screw). One screw is enclosed for your convenience.

It has been a pleasure to pay my taxes this year."

(See the poem-next page)

## WWI Loses A Part of It's History

Sadly, last December, Norman Chambers, who started the West Wind Inn in 1968 and ran it until his relocation to Williamsburg, Virginia in 1985, passed away. While you would never know it, Norm was 89 years old. He looked 15-20 years younger and

had an attitude to match. He was always upbeat, had a can-do attitude and was always willing to give a helping hand.

Norman was active on the island in the "old days" — a prime mover in the formation of the local chamber of com-

merce, a charter member of the Lions Club, even helped plant palms along the "new" causeway that opened in 1963.

Norm was born in Parry Sound, Georgian Bay Canada and worked for DuPont in Rochester NY many years before relocating to Sanibel Island. He will be missed.

## Economic Timing

In investing they always say that timing is everything. Nothing could be more true in this current financial meltdown we are experiencing. Consider this:

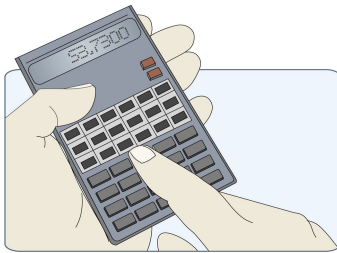
About a year ago, RBS (Royal Bank of Scotland) purchased ABN (Amro)

for a cool \$100 billion. Fast forward to a year later and for that same \$100 billion they could have purchased Citibank for \$22.5B, Morgan Stanley for \$10.5B; Goldman Sachs for \$21B; Merrill Lynch for \$12.3B; the Deutsche Bank for

\$13B; Barclays for \$12.7B — and still have some loose change (\$8B) left over to pick up General Motors, Ford and Chrysler and perhaps the Honda Formula 1 Racing Team!

Yes, timing is everything!

# More on Taxes — A Poem



Tax his land, tax his bed,  
Tax the table at which he's fed.  
Tax his tractor, tax his mule,  
teach him taxes are the rule.  
Tax his work, tax his pay, he works for peanuts anyway.  
Tax his cow, tax his goat,

Tax his pants, tax his coat.  
Tax his ties, tax his shirt,  
Tax his work, tax his dirt.  
Tax his tobacco, tax his drink, tax him if he tries to think.  
Tax his cigars, tax his beers.  
If he cries, tax his tears.  
Tax his cars, tax his gas, find other ways to tax his a\_\_\_\_.  
Tax all he has then let him know, you won't be done til he has no dough.  
When he screams and hollers, tax him some more.  
Then tax him til he's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin, tax his grave. Tax the sod in which he's laid.  
Put these words upon his tomb — "taxes drove me to my doom".  
Now when he's gone, do not relax. It's time to apply the inheritance tax!

The above is humorous til we consider some of our taxes:

Accounts receivable tax; airline surcharge tax; airline fuel tax, airport maintenance tax; airport noise tax; build-

ing permit tax; cigarette tax; corporate income tax; death tax; dog license tax; driving permit tax; excise tax; federal income tax; unemployment tax; fishing license tax; food license tax; gasoline tax; gross receipts tax; health tax; hunting license tax; water tax; inheritance tax; interest tax, liquor tax; luxury tax; marriage license tax; medicare tax; mortgage tax; income tax; property tax; retail sales tax; telephone taxes; workers comp tax, etc. etc.

## WWI Gets a Computer Center

On March 1st, the former "Captain Hooks" gift shop re-opened as a computer center for West Wind Inn guest use.

The facility has two complete work stations plus a printer/scanner/copier.

The facility was installed to make it easy for the guests to print out boarding passes, make copies

of documents, check their e-mails when away from home, etc.

Care was taken to make the center comfortable and attractive.

Access is controlled. A key will be needed for entry as it will be kept lock. Guests can sign up for 1/2 hour segments

at the Front Desk. There is no charge for use of the facility, however, if the key is not returned after the guest's scheduled segment, we will really "sock it to you".

This is just another amenity to allow our guests to enjoy their stay at the inn, while staying in touch with that outside world.

*If in Raleigh, NC  
April 24-26, pop by  
our booth at the  
Southern Women's  
Show (NC State  
Fair Grounds) and  
say hello to our  
Sales Director,  
Charlene*

## Featured Recipe of the Quarter

### **Strawberry-Romaine Salad**

*(Charlene Staton)*

Dressing: In large screw top jar, combine 1 cup vegetable oil; 3/4 cup sugar; 1/2 cup red wine vinegar; 2 cloves of garlic minced; 1/2 tsp salt; 1/2 tsp paprika; 1/4 tsp white pepper. Shake vigorously.

The Greens: Now in a large bowl combine bite size pieces of 1 head of romaine and 1 head of Boston lettuce with 1 pint of sliced strawberries, 1 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese and 1/2 cup walnuts.

Pour dressing over the salad and toss gently. Great!





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The West Wind Inn has been serving its guests who have been coming to the island since the doors opened in March of 1969. It is the perfect place to relax, decompress, unwind, chill out or to get reacquainted with your family. Our goal is to make each guest's stay a most pleasant experience.

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### *Friendliness and Cleanliness*



## Some Quick Facts!

- The term **GOLF** came from the Scots, where the game was invented but limited to **Gentlemen Only — Ladies Forbidden**.
- Did you know Coca Cola was originally green?
- Men can generally read smaller print than women but women can generally hear better than men.
- In what state do the most people walk to work? No, not New York. It's Alaska.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The youngest Pope was eleven years old.
- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 (China; 1910)
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness is 28%, but for North America it is 38%.
- The first novel written on a typewriter was "*Tom Sawyer*".
- We have only one mobile national monument — the San Francisco cable cars.
- For you card players, the kings in every deck actually represent a great king from history — Spades = King David; Hearts = Charlemagne; Clubs = Alexander the Great; Diamonds = Julius Caesar.
- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.
- Most boat owners name their boats — the most popular is "Obsession".
- What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? — all were invented by women!
- On which day are there more collect calls than any other? Fathers Day of course.
- Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil.