



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BOATHOUSE

AS WE ENTER the first days of spring, we can look back at a productive winter that saw some very significant developments for the Club. The most important of these is that we received the final approval for the Field Club in Katama from the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals at their February 21st meeting. This is a considerable milestone for the project and we are truly thankful to all who offered their support throughout the permitting process. We were very encouraged to receive unanimous decisions and votes of approval by all of the town boards and eagerly anticipate beginning construction.



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We wanted to recognize and offer our gratitude to our Founding Members. From the Club's inception, nearly two year ago, their confidence, support and encouragement were instrumental in moving the project forward. We would also like to welcome the families who have already been accepted for membership. This summer we are planning a series of events that will offer the opportunity to get together and renew old friendships and meet new members of the Club. We look forward to seeing all of you at these events and sharing ideas on the future operations of our facilities.

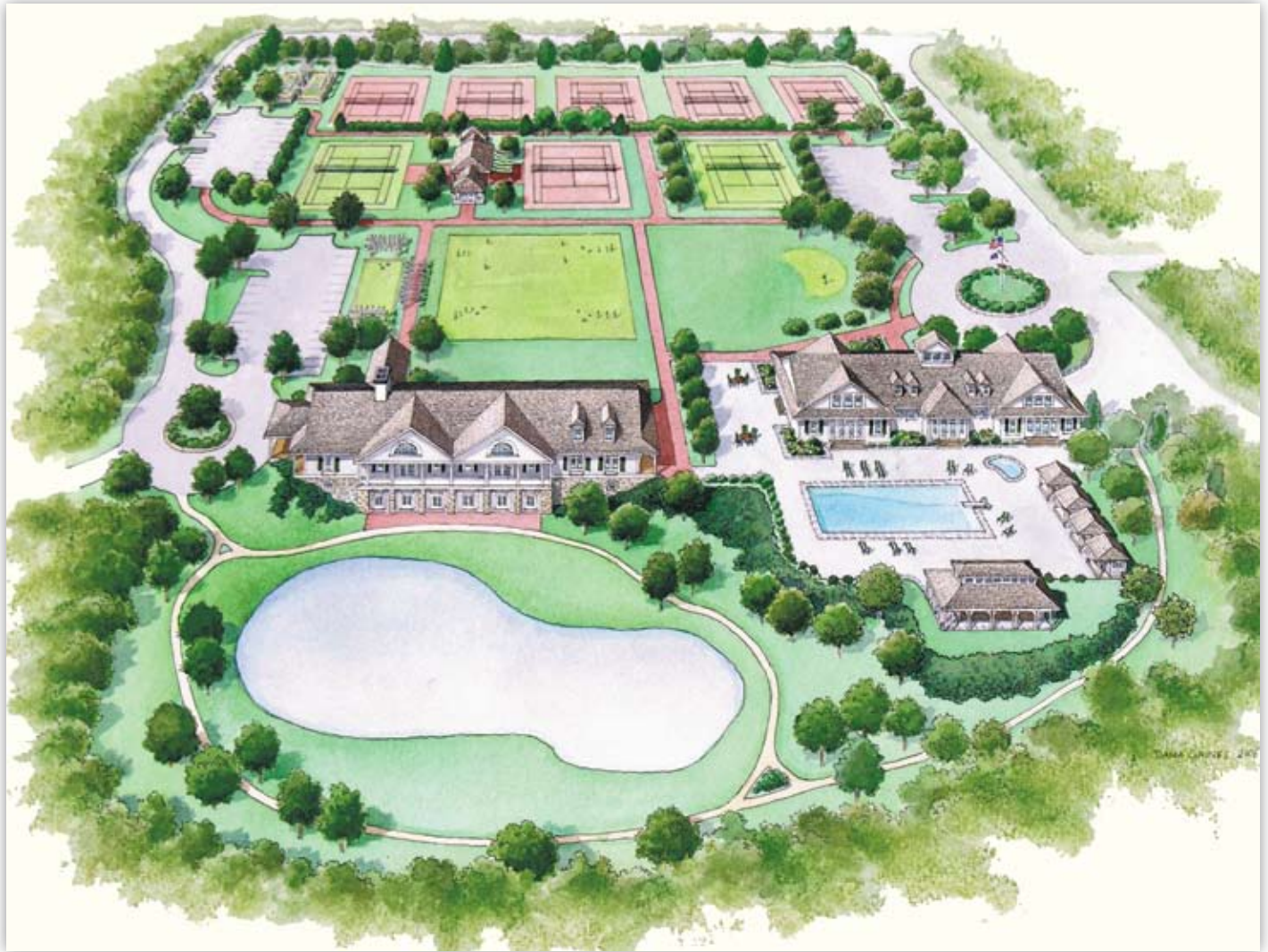
We are now detailing our plans for the start of construction and in this newsletter wanted to introduce you to the design team on the project. The work of Patrick Ahearn, our architect, may be familiar to some of you from his many beautiful buildings throughout New England. Peter Niemitz and his team designed the in-town restaurant and Dick Diedrich was instrumental in the design and development of the Field Club plans.

At the heart of any club are its members. We wanted to introduce one family in particular to you in this newsletter. Reiner and Caroline Fenske, and their two children Charles and Lukas, are year-round residents and, as many of our new members, are enthusiastically looking forward to helping us build a truly special new Club on the Vineyard.

We trust you will find the articles in this newsletter both interesting and informative and we look forward to sharing further updates of our progress with you in the coming months.

With Kind Regards,
Gerret Conover
Arthur Halleran
Tom LeClair
Dan Stanton





Edgartown ZBA Approves Field Club

BY A UNANIMOUS 5-0 vote on February 21st, the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve the special permit for the Field Club in Katama. In their summation, members of the Board offered their “full support and appreciation for the time and effort spent by the applicant in their carefully considered, detailed presentation, which promises to be an important development in the town’s future.” Gerret Conover, one of the Club’s principals, said after the meeting, “it was very rewarding to have the project fully approved as proposed without alterations.” He went on to say that “this success was the culmination of nearly two years of planning and design of a project that we truly feel will help revitalize downtown and be beneficial to year-round and seasonal residents alike.” With this approval the Club now moves on to the construction phase of the Field Club and preliminary infrastructure work in April.

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~ Gerret Conover

Project Design Team

THE PRINCIPALS have compiled an impressive design team to implement and execute their vision for the Club. Their initial focus was the downtown facility. One of the original goals was to address a part of Edgartown's waterfront that had not seen any significant improvement for fifty years. The desire was to create a landmark building that the town and its residents would be proud of and promote rejuvenation of the historic harbor front. This ambitious plan, in conjunction with the Field Club in Katama, required the assembly of a world class design team. We take great pride in introducing them to you here:

PATRICK AHEARN, AIA PROJECT ARCHITECT

Ahearn-Schopfer and Associates ~ Boston, MA

Ahearn-Schopfer and Associates are the architects for the project; they are an extremely well-regarded design firm in the region. With offices on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston and on Winter Street in Edgartown, Patrick Ahearn's works are featured on Martha's Vineyard and throughout the East Coast. On the Vineyard, one can see many examples of Patrick's historically inspired residential homes. In a recent conversation with Patrick, he explained "The building should feel rooted in its surroundings and have a sense of place- it is imperative that the structure harmonize with its environment." Patrick has not only completed the design for the harbor front building but has also finished the plans for the Fitness Center and Spa, Tennis Pavilion and Clubhouse at the Field Club.

PETER NIEMITZ RESTAURANT DESIGNER

Niemitz Design Group ~ Boston, MA.

For over 25 years, Peter Niemitz and his team of architects and interior designers have been designing award-



Project Architect Patrick Ahearn

winning spaces for the restaurant and Club industry around the globe. Peter and his team are working to create unique and inspiring interior spaces, that will reflect the distinctive character of Edgartown and its nautical heritage. The results so far have produced a stunning design for the members' restaurant overlooking the harbor. The style is casual but elegant and, like all the interior spaces they are working on, will combine memorable aesthetics with lasting quality.

RICHARD J. DIEDRICH, AIA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES DESIGNER

Diedrich, LLC ~ Atlanta, GA.

Dick Diedrich is recognized as one of the country's leading designers and developers of recreational facilities that includes tennis clubs, country clubs, social centers and fitness and wellness facilities. His company specializes in master planning from the inception of a project all the way through the operation's phase. The author of several trade books, Dick is well-respected through the recreational industry for his progressive, yet environmentally sensitive landscapes and use of the natural surroundings to blend with newly constructed buildings.





NAVIGATOR RESTAURANT, EDGARTOWN 1960

The Navigator Restaurant & Bar... ...a brief history



FIFTY YEARS AGO Arthur W. Young, Jr. and his family created the Island's signature restaurant and bar overlooking Edgartown harbor which would be known to generations of Vineyarders as the Navigator. But the Navigator can trace its history as far back as 1914 when Mrs. Young's grandfather, Antone Prada Jr., bought what had been a South Water street boarding house. His daughter and her husband, Leo J. Convery, enlarged and transformed the building into the Harborside Inn. They operated the Harborside until the early 60s when Leo's son-in-law, Arthur W. Young, Jr. took over the business. Arthur, contrary to the custom of the day, changed the Inn from an all inclusive dining plan (American)

to a European plan allowing hotel guests to choose which meals they ate at the Inn. Mr. Young subsequently shifted the Harborside's dining room to a stand-alone restaurant, called the Navigator, at the Main street site in the late 60s. The restaurant and bar would remain a popular locale for summer visitors, sailors and locals through the 70s, 80s and 90s.

The past fifty years at the Navigator hold many happy memories for countless families and, for many, a visit to Edgartown was not complete without a stop at the restaurant. We are now preparing to write a new chapter in the history of this property and transform it into a stunning new building that will ensure fond memories for present and future generations.

MEMBER PROFILE: MEET THE FENSKES

When Reiner Fenske first read about the Boathouse in the Vineyard Gazette last summer he knew he wanted to be involved in such an undertaking. "It sounded so perfect for us. It was exactly what we were looking for our family". Reiner, his wife Caroline and their two children, Charlie (7 years old), and Lukas (4 years old), are year-round residents of Katama. Both Reiner and Caroline have been coming to the Vineyard as summer visitors since they were teenagers. After moving to the Vineyard from Boston in 1998 they have been very active in the local community and enjoy the lifestyle and quality of life here. While they are excited by all the fabulous facilities, it was the opportunity to socialize with friends and acquaintances that truly attracted them to the Club. Caroline said "it will be perfect for the kids to develop friendships with year-round and summer kids their own age and then to look forward to renewing these friendships every year."



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