

# PYRATE NEWS

*The 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year Two Thousand and Six, Mill Town, Florida*

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### Pirate Meetings Input

The offshore comments are in and here is how we faired. The majority voted for non-profit and liked the idea of concentrating on river-related projects. All were agreeable to dues and several asked to consider the family plan. The black & white logo won out in the approval category (we figure that we will hold the other one in reserve for a later application). All agreed that the webmaster should be compensated. Most said the mission statement should be about education and history. Now what? Now we take all of this back to local council and discuss it once again and formulate items for a vote. Once the vote

items are laid out all pirates will have the opportunity to vote and what emerges out of that is the *way of the ship*. Speaking of the ship...

### Pirate Ship Found



Well fellow pirates, I think we have found a pirate ship thanks to the efforts of Reno and Hook 'em Dano. It could be possible that the owner of this derelict vessel may want to impart it upon us if we feel frisky enough to fix it up. So far Dread Knot seems to think he has a crane guy, Reno thinks the guy down the street may have a repairable trailer (it has to hold 32') and Bones thinks he can talk someone into doing some welding and support design. Once on the trailer, the plan is to first repair it then get it to float. If it proves

seaworthy we will use it for attacks. However, if it rolls over on the first voyage, it may just become a dive site on the Blackwater. If it sinks and we retrieve it, it will most definitely become a float exhibit in parades.

## WHERE DID THE BOOTY GO?

If you were wondering where the booty went after Riverfest it is buried safely in



Bone's warehouse and has been packaged in water resistant containers for our next event. About 1/3 of the Booty is unpaid for, but we will soon be in the black and onward towards new adventures.

## Pirates Who Write Well

(Squeally the Pirate has recently become quite the celebrity in Nevada by writing humorous columns dedicated to all those things in life that need to be looked at through the eyes of a true pirate. He is beginning to supply the Pirate News with his articles that I hope you will enjoy:

### None of these Candidates

*By  
Rick Seley*

I don't usually write about politics because I have a deal with the rest of the columnists that they can all cover politics and I will cover the trivial and meaningless beat. After watching the negative campaign ads before the Nevada primary I realized that politics had become trivial and meaningless so I am now free to cover it.

Being the relentless hardcore journalist that has made me semi-famous in my cul-de-sac, I did

an in-depth analysis of the election results. Using an old trick of the news trade I looked up the election results on the Nevada Secretary of State's web site, don't try this at home, I'm a professional. I examined the results with my cold analytical eye (the left one) and immediately picked out two very clear facts.

First, it was clear that the entire campaign was a complete waste of time and money. After months of relentless television advertising and millions of those annoying roadside signs all of the candidates who were front runners at the beginning of the campaign were the winners in the end. This really frosts my backside because a guy in my line of work spends a lot of time watching TV and shopping at yard sales. With all of the commercial time being dominated by those ridiculous political ads how was I supposed to know that I could get new furniture and make no payments until 2008? I am approaching my twentieth wedding anniversary and if they don't get those obnoxious signs down soon I'll never find the yard sales and my lovely wife will not get a present! Are those candidates going to be there to explain that to her? I don't think so.

The other surprising fact I was able to sift from the election results was that negative advertising works. It really pains me to say that because I hate negative advertising but the evidence is overwhelming. This year the race for Lieutenant Governor was particularly nasty. Even though I can't remember the last time a Lieutenant Governor had any impact on my life at all, the candidates spent millions to warn us that if we chose wrong our national borders would be overrun by illegal aliens. Who knew that the Lieutenant Governor of a non-border state wielded that kind of power and influence on issues like immigration?

It seems that after months of the politicians telling us that their opponents were tax crazed overspending evil doers we ultimately believed them. When we got to the voting booth and saw all of those names we had been repeatedly warned against we had no choice but to vote for "None of These Candidates". Across the state we did so by the thousands. The box indicating "None of These Candidates" was marked over two hundred thousand times during the Nevada primary because, thanks to the negative advertising, we had been adequately warned. Right here in Churchill County

“None of These Candidates” actually received the most votes in the Democratic primary for the all important Lieutenant Governor race. I’m not making that up. More local Democrats actually took the time to go to the polls and vote for nobody rather than vote for any of their party’s candidates of Lieutenant Governor. Proof positive that negative advertising works!

I guess if I was really a political pundit I would explain that it’s a sad state of affairs when hundreds of thousands of voters turned up at the polls just to say, “No, thanks” to the candidates from their own party. I suppose I could speculate that negative advertising has reduced the American political process to a smear campaign that insults and frustrates most of us. But I’m not really a political pundit, I’m a humor columnist so I don’t have the time or the attention span to figure out that kind of stuff. My time would be better spent trying to find a good yard sale before my anniversary gets here.

### **Riverfest Video Released**

Finally, the Riverfest video, produced by Steve Brown, has been released. This beautiful 25 minute video can be yours for a mere \$10.00. Proceeds will go to Riverfest 2007 so buy one even if you plan to feed it to your dog. This great video features all the events that took place that day so if you missed some things it’s a great way to catch up. I think all of us can be found somewhere in this work of art so if nothing else you can see how cool we look while pillaging. To purchase your copies send a \$10.00 check per copy and make your check payable to **SRC Chamber @ Santa Rosa Chamber Attn: Riverfest 2006 Video, 5247 Stewart Street, Milton, Florida 32570**. On the bottom of your check write “Outrageous Riverfest Video”. Once you have done this, go sit by your mailbox and wait for the video to arrive. If it begins to rain, go

in the house and watch the mailbox from the window – It will arrive soon.

### **Pucker Point Raid**

It was a moonlit night when the treacherous Blackwater Pirates set sail to encounter the Pucker Point Pirate (PPP) Clan located on the north end of the river. As we approached the point we noticed the PPP in full party. We made a hard left in the channel and everything went well until we hit an uncharted sandbar that sent Bones stumbling ashore. As soon as the PPP noticed him they placed him on stage and forced a political speech out of him (but he didn’t give away any secrets). Thanks go out to our fellow pirates on the point that gave a wonderful fight and had great music. It should be noted that we now have three (3) pirate clans. The Blackwater clan, the PPP clan and the EOR (End of River) clan. Stay tuned, our boat sank before we got to the EOR Clan. On the trip back down the river we melted into the darkness only to be confronted by Reno and Hook ‘em Dano whose boat came up on us like a floating casino. After we got our night vision back we sent them up river to give the PPP another volley.

### **Ghost Walking**

The 2006 Ghost Walk will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of October. We have spaces in the Coffin Factory (we need coffin builders dressed in overalls) that is part of the Yellow Fever display behind Dr. Althar’s condemned building (Actually that could be any building in Milton, but it’s the third building south from Hwy 90 on Willing St.) Dress rehearsal for all of this will be on 22 October at 2:00PM. Don’t dress for rehearsal, just act strange.

## RIVER FOOD, YOU BET

Blackwaterliving.com would like to welcome aboard Mandy and Jackie Waldon of the Dixie Lou riverboat as our newest advertisers. The Dixie Lou offers River Food, Cruises and just about anything you will need on the river. They will be featured at the River Run Bushwhacker Festival and can be found on just about any sandbar when you are on the river (They anchor at the various sand bars, we hit them). Don't forget to "water yer needs".



## MAIN STREET CAFÉ

Main Street Café now offers an expanded menu that satisfies the most sophisticated palette. If you haven't been there in a few weeks, make it your stop at the end of a busy day. "It's where neighbors meet" and Bones will once again wear his Elvis mask on Saturday nights.

## BLACKWATERLIVING.COM

If your company does not appear on ***Blackwaterliving.com*** you may be missing valuable exposure. Enjoy 2006 pricing before things get really outrageous. To post free

events and purchase advertising space call 393-3144 and ask for a color brochure.

## *Pirates in Paradise* Key West, Florida

*"Yikes, yet another adventure and I haven't washed my knickers since the last one."*

Now that we are getting so very close, here are some facts that will go along with the fiction we are creating. Bones and Wench Annie are leaving on the 28th, staying a night in the Sanibel islands, then heading into Key West on the 30th to stay through Sunday then Departing on Monday to return. We are encouraging folks to pick only the days they like after reading the schedule of events or stay the whole time and get lost in the mangroves. There are some hotels right down town who have great rates this time of year but you have to do your homework. Go to the Key West site. Just got word from Shipmate and Wench Martha that they will be joining us in town. Doobey and Vera are going to show up somewhere, Dawg is in staying in Marathon, Capt. Morgan and Sidekick are looking at a boat in the harbour. Cabana Boy is laid up in the hospital with a bad back but we are transporting him down in a Chucky Cheeze Truck that has a delivery in Ramrod Key and Zero and Florida Boy are still looking for a boat.

Before we depart I will distribute cell phone numbers and residences so we kind of know where each other is for the attack on the fort. I doubt if the pirate crew from Washington State remembers last year's threat of attack. They were reeling from our first volley when we informed them. I figure on the night we arrive, we'll go over to the waterside entrance to the fort and set their tents on fire. From that point on I figure they will know we are in the area. We will be publishing a cell phone list in the November 1<sup>st</sup> issue so we can all stay in touch during the festivities.

### Upcoming Pirate Events:

**1 October:** Beaches to Woodlands begins.

**7 October:** VW Car show, Munson Heritage Days, Bagdad Market Days, Peanut Festival, Walking Tour of Bagdad.

**13 & 14 October:** Bushwhacker Festival, St. Rose Lima Fest, One-Act Comedies at Clubhouse

**16 Oct:** Skate Park Construction Begins.

**17 Oct:** City Council realizes that the skate park did not begin construction.

**22 October,** 2 PM – Show up for dress rehearsal for Ghost Walk, or be invisible...

**27 & 28 October:** Johnny Rebel's Ghost Walk – Dead Pirates are for sure going to be on the streets. Bones will be a coffin maker in the yellow fever set. He can be identified as the only ghost doing the marina dance. The Blackwater Pirates have been asked to give guide assistance – I guess they are not concerned with getting their tourists back safely ...

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** is the beginning of "Pirates in Paradise" (Key West). Make your reservation now!

**December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Christmas on the River. **BOAT PARADE** if you're not in Key West.

**December 16th:** "*Caroling with Pirates*". A delightful journey with your beloved pirate crew through the ajoinments of our Mill Town community. Join the Blackwater Pirates as they sing your favorite carols in the streets of Mill Town with a piano they stole from the church. **It's a night to remember!**

### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

*I'll plan a devastating pirate attack and we'll just take the place. Just say the word, Captain!*

*(Squeally, after learning of Bones' defeat)*

### BAD MANNERS

*"I Think you newcomers need to go back to wherever you came from"*

*(Mayor Guy Thompson's Mother  
during a September 2006 city hall meting)*

## The following is general pirate knowledge:

**IF YOU JOINED AND FORGOT TO GIVE YOURSELF A PIRATE NAME DON'T BE SURPRIZED IF SOMEONE APPROACHES YOU AND ADRESSES YOU AS *Olive Oil!***

If you come on board with the Pirates of the Blackwater ([www.blackwaterliving.com](http://www.blackwaterliving.com)) and you do not have a name, we will take the liberty of assigning you one at any given time. So just remember those words of wisdom from **Stinky** who says; "**Do it, do it NOW, for goodness sake, when they tell you to do it – DO IT NOW!!!!**"

### DISCLAIMER

If you found this fine publication in print, you're a might lucky buccaneer and may consider goin' out to play the lottery today. If you are receiving this as email you could possibly be an official member of the Blackwater Pirate Crew (Or, you could just be a homeless person with a computer for all we know). As a Blackwater Pirate you will occasionally receive emails reminding you of all the great things going on in Mill Town. If you are reading someone else's email and wish you were a Blackwater Pirate, go to [www.blackwaterliving.com](http://www.blackwaterliving.com) and sign up. If you are not reading someone else's email and got this by accident, feel fortunate. If you are sitting in front of your computer and this message mysteriously appears on the screen that's pretty spooky – you might want to seek psychiatric help. This is probably the most exciting email you are going to receive today so read it carefully and don't think about it for extended periods, it could make your head hurt.

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