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From the IITS Media Editor:

April 15, 2019–

Welcome to the May edition of your ‘Island in the Sun Sentinel’.
‘April showers bring May flowers’ – appropriate for Mother’s Day!
I am looking for people to submit articles of interest to our IITS community – humor, current events around our area, perhaps a review of an exceptional restaurant or event you may have attended, etc. A few people submitted ideas for articles, but we really need volunteer writers for the April (and future months) media, so feel free to step up, as otherwise I will be randomly roaming the community asking for contributions. Thank you to those who submit articles!

Keep in mind that when we do not meet our minimum of 5,000+ words a month, the media company fills in with their own stuff, ads, etc. In my opinion we have lots going on, and many interesting people who can write about various topics, so there should be no need for ‘filler’.

Editorial notes:

If you notice something that is incorrect, whether on the calendar or in any of the media articles, please let me know, and we will find the correct information and rectify ASAP. Our goal is to send you, our IITS residents, the most updated and correct information pertaining to activities and articles of interest to our community.

NOTE: Calendar and monthly activities information is provided by the HOA and the activities committee. I will publish data as it is provided to me, but keep in mind that events are subject to change, and I encourage everyone to watch the sign board, sign up for the various FB sites, and the RoboCall phone messaging service.

Please submit articles to: iits.media.magazine@gmail.com or if you prefer to submit via handwritten articles, please place them on top of the chest by the slider door in the carport, or hand to Jim or me personally.

Thank you to those who continue to contribute articles for the monthly media.

President’s Corner

Kenn Brody, Lot #84

No matter how hard we try to communicate activities and announcements, a lot of residents still tell me “I never heard of it”, “I never got any notice”, or “When is it?”. We have the Monthly Media delivered to every home. There is a sign board at the entrance. We do robocalls. There are almost 100 people signed up on Facebook HOA page (out of roughly 600 residents).

One way to see this is that some people just don’t want to know. That is their right, but there are those that do and yet remain uninformed. Perhaps 25% of our residents are unreachable by any of our present methods.

Within the HOA, we communicate by email and somewhat by cell phone. In the pool, on the road, asleep in the afternoon, cell phones only take a message (if you are lucky and it the message gets heard).

Perhaps technology is the answer.

Last year we proposed a “mesh net”, a Wi-Fi signal that encompasses IITS. It was intended

to replace your existing internet cable service (but not your Direct TV or Spectrum cable channels). It would be about \$25 per household, saving \$15 or \$20 per month over the existing internet service. At that time, we voted it down for the following reasons:

- Many folks thought it was an ADDITIONAL expense instead of a REPLACEMENT for a more expensive service. They never understood it.
- We had no wish to force the purchase of mesh net service, and we could not know how many would adopt it voluntarily. If too few, it is useless.
- There was an upfront cost, which is no longer true AFIK.

If we had it, you could turn on your TV and get all the activities and messages any time, at home. Our activities report could be put on that screen the day after the meeting. Pool noodlers and walkers could add their messages easily, similar to putting those notices up on Facebook.

We have so many new things pending I have no desire to push yet another new thing on our community.

Is communication such a problem that we need a new solution? And is mesh net the solution?

RECAP OF PRIOR EVENTS

Note that we usually cover events that occur after the publication date of the previous month's media through to the publication date of the current month's media. We have to submit each month's articles approximately a month prior, so we are currently writing for the May media magazine. Therefore, we are covering events from mid-March through mid-April.

The activities committee and others who volunteer do an excellent job of bringing different kinds of entertainment to our community, but we do need others to step up and bring new/different ideas and be willing to chair and support events.

April events after the publication date of the media will be shown on the June media.

My apologies for any event not mentioned.





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Lip Sync Party

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

We had another Lip Sync Party on March 30th with over one hundred in attendance. This party was a huge success with plenty of fun and laughs. We had more participants this time around and barely managed to get all the acts in. With the popularity of this type of event, we are sure to have more when our northern friends return in the fall.

I would like to thank and mention all the participants who bravely graced our stage to show us how much fun seniors can really have. Thanks to Donna, Brenda, Betty, Jim, Julie, Pte, Doris, Larry, Dorothy, Shannon, Laural, Marlene, Bella, Sally, Joan, Clay, Eneida, Phil, Ned, Susan, Jean, Gertie, Jack, Keith and all the Canadians for their farewell lip sync song.

We enjoyed all the performances. We had a real feast with all the wonderful food contributions. And a big thanks to our MC and DJ Magic Mike Velez who kept everything running smoothly and who always makes it a fun time. We sure know how to have a great time here at Island in the Sun!



MONTHLY HUMOR

Submitted by Linda Walker, #301

May Day traditions and Jokes

While May Day is now considered to be 1st May, Beltane or Walpurgis starts on the last evening of April and ends on 1st May. There is evidence that at in ancient times pagan celebrations occurred on the nearest full moon rather than the 1st of May

The Maypole

The Maypole is certainly a symbol of courtship, and in many celebrations, of fertility. On constant theme is a dance with one or more virgin girls at the center of the rituals. My favorite celebrations are where the girls hold white ribbons, and dance clockwise, whereas the boys have red ribbons and dance counter-clockwise.

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Morris Dancing

Although Morris Dancing is practiced at other times of year it has a special place in May Day celebrations. The ancient Morris Dance is of Moorish origin, in this ritual the May-pole represents the May Queen and the man on the hobby-horse represents the Moorish King. Other participants in the traditional Morris Dance are the Fool, the Lesser Fool, the Franklin (Gentleman), the Spaniard and a Friar. As they dance so the Morris Men make music with bells on the legs and also by banging sticks with fellow Morris Men.

Jack-in-the-Green (The Green Man)

The origin of Jack-in-the-Green can be traced to May Day celebrations in general, and chimney sweeps in particular. There is even a suspicion that Jack-in-the-Green goes back to the Normans and the Bayeux tapestry. Jack-in-the-Green has obvious associations with Robin Hood and became a central character in 16th Century English May Day celebrations. About 1830 the chimney sweeps took Jack-in-the-Green as their mascot for their May Day parades. These sweeps made Jack-in-the-Green one of the most noticeable and feared characters in May Day parades. However, by late Victorian times chimney sweeps were in decline and moreover, the May Day celebrations became more sedate, for these and other changes in fashion, Jack-in-the-Green died out, until he was resurrected in Whitstable, Kent in 1976, and then in Hastings, by the Mad Jacks Morris Dancers in 1983.

Two yokels were driving to the next village's May Day Fair. They came to a sign that said: May Day Fair Left. ... so they turned around and went home!

A townie was looking for the May Day Fair, he stopped and asked Jethro. 'Will this road take me to the May Day Fair?'

'Oh no,' said Jethro. 'You'll have to go by yourself!'

Freddie was looking at the animals section at the May Fair when a dirty, scruffy man came running in the opposite direction. He stopped and asked Freddie, 'Have you seen a cart load of pigs go this way?' 'No', said Freddie, 'Why did you fall off?'

Norman decides to take a balloon ride on offer at the local May Day Fair. The balloon and its customers drift along in the breeze, but eventually they are lost. Norman has no idea where he is, so when the gondolier takes the basket down to ten feet above ground, he calls to a passer-by: 'Excuse me, sir, can you tell me where I am?'

After looking Norman up and down, the passer-by says: 'You are in a red balloon, ten feet above ground.' The balloon's unhappy resident replied, 'You must be a lawyer'

'How could you possibly know that?' asked the passer-by. 'Because your answer is technically correct but absolutely useless, and the fact is I am still lost'.

'Then you must be in management', said the passer-by. 'That's right! How did you know?' 'You have such a good view from where you are, and yet you don't know where you are, and you don't know where you are going. The fact is you are in the exact same position you were in before we met, but now your problem is somehow my fault!'

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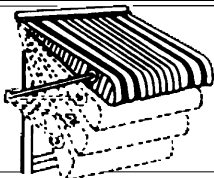
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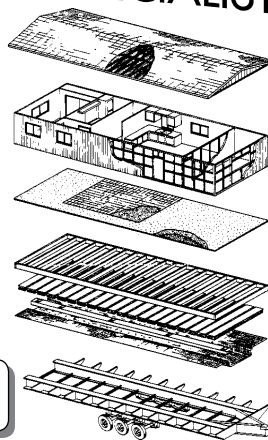
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Men's Breakfast/Ladies Luncheon

Men's Breakfast

No write up for the March men's breakfast – Bob Disney will be taking this over.

Ladies Luncheon - March

Submitted by Sudie Borders, #145

The Lovely Island Belles met in March at Duffs Buffet in Clearwater. This restaurant is relatively new to our area. Located in Countryside it is an easy exit off Hwy 19 at Enterprise Road.

They do accept reservations for larger groups, so we were placed in a side room. However, we shared with another group and it turned out to be no problem at all.

Some of the Belles were caught up in traffic on the Causeway (shocker) and arrived a little later but safely (most important).

So on to the food. Honestly.....it was wonderful. Such a great selection of salads, entrees and vegetables were available. The soups and desserts were a tasty bonus. There was literally something for everyone. Since we dined at 12 the selections were freshly prepared.

Since this was our last luncheon with most of our Northern Friends it was appropriate that Gertie and Sherry won the door prizes. Thanks to the Three SistersJan, Cindy and Vicky.... we missed you and appreciate the contribution.

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Remember to sign up for Ladies Luncheon at the Clubhouse...3d Thursday of each month.

Please remember to sign up for Ladies Luncheon the 3d Thursday of every month at 12 noon. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, please call me @256-399-7478.

IITS Games – March 2019

Thanks to Nancy Barnes and Rick World for submitting.

DOMINOES:

Submitted by Nancy Barnes, Lot 157, 727-799-2434

March 4	Betty Mecke
March 11	Betty Mecke
March 18	Rosemary Gorney
March 25	Betty Mecke



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RUMMIKUB:

Submitted by Rick World, Lot 14

March 5	Betty Eldridge/Rose Leduc
March 12	Donna O'Donnell/Betty Eldridge
March 19	Rick World/Suzanne Boisvert
March 26	Betty Mecke/Rosemary Gorney

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Please remember the monthly 'Good-Will' drive for our IITS residents in need. Non-perishable items such as food, toiletries, cleaning products, paper goods, etc., can be donated. Pick up dates are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Please leave donations by your mailbox by 1 pm or drop them off at Lot 87.

Spotlight on IITS Staff

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

Spotlight – Our New Salesperson – Bob Cook

In the short time that our new salesperson Bob Cook has been here at Island in the Sun, he has made quite a positive impression on the residents. His integrity and commitment to selling all homes here in the park is a refreshing combination.

Bob Cook hails originally from South Bend, Indiana. He has been in Florida for twenty-eight years. His background is in the furniture industry and his family owned three furniture stores in Indiana. He has been in the mobile home business for over ten years. He has owned mobile home communities and worked in sales centers in Indiana. Bob retired in 2001 for five years but then found himself wanting to get back to working again.

Bob brings with him a vast knowledge of what works in mobile home parks with sales and has set out to make a difference here in a positive way. After spending some time talking with him, it's clear that his passion for sales and for making sure things are done right shines through. He loves to get out and meet residents and talk to them. He has so much knowledge to share to those wishing to sell their homes and makes it clear this is his priority.

Bob is adamant about furnishing the buyer with a clear understanding of all Island in the Sun has to offer and to give full guided tours showcasing our amenities and focusing on all the pluses of living in Island in the Sun. It is evident that Bob is indeed a hard worker.

Outside of work, Bob is an avid golfer. He loves baseball and never misses a ballgame. He is a huge fan of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Bob loves it here and being present and talking to residents is a big part of keeping communications positive and helping out wherever possible. We are so grateful to have Bob here and we wish him all the best.



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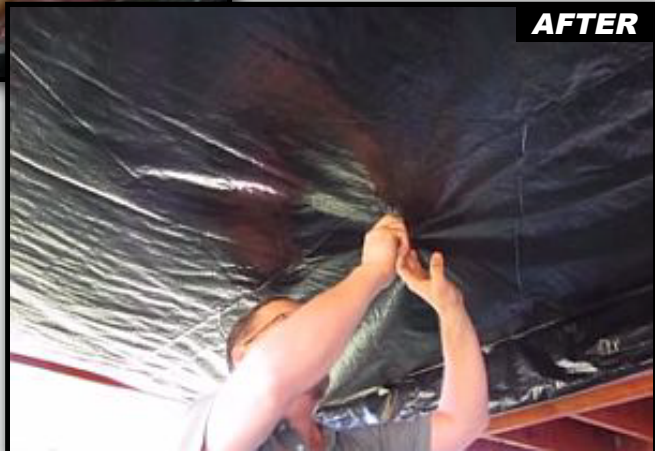
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Submitted by Gertie Oosterhuis

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Island in the Sun Facebook Pages

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

We have four Island in the Sun pages on Facebook. These pages are for residents here in the park and convey messages and promote discussions about events and information pertaining to our park.

- 1. Island in the Sun HOA page:** This is the official page for Island in the Sun HOA. This page was created to provide residents of IITS with information about your community events and happenings around the park. Ken Brody is the Administrator of this page. Three other residents are moderators including Tate McIntyre, Linda Walker and Karen Custy. It is a closed group. Currently there are 124 members.
- 2. Island in the Sun Residents Voice:** This group is for Island in the Sun Mobile Home Park of Clearwater, FL residents to exchange ideas and communicate about: events, happenings, good restaurants, exciting experiences and other fun things. All Residents are welcome to join the group. The Administrators for this page are Jamie Brogley and Mason Day. Currently there are 172 members.
- 3. Island in the Sun Social Group:** This group is administered by Karen Custy and it is not directly associated with the Island in the Sun Park which is a Cal-Am owned Property or the IITS HOA. The main function/purpose of this group is to *privately* discuss the park, events past and future and notifications for any group like Pickleball, Bocce Ball, and other activities. Currently there are 119 members.
- 4. Island in the Sun Precious Pet Page:** This group is dedicated to the Island in the Sun fur babies. We encourage you to please post pics of your pets as well as information related to our pets. Enjoy and get to know our animals of Island in the Sun. We are so fortunate to have so many precious dogs, cats, birds and other small pets here in our community. For some it's a way to engage with other residents. The Administrator of this group is Karen Custy. Currently there are 55 members.

If you would like to join any or all of these Facebook pages, please contact the said administrator. You can search each page on Facebook under the title of the group.

Exercise Classes:(Subject to change)

There are several exercise classes going on each week at IITS to help us get/stay in shape. Listed below are the current offerings (see calendar for details). Note there are sometimes changes to the schedule, these will usually be posted on the various FB sites.

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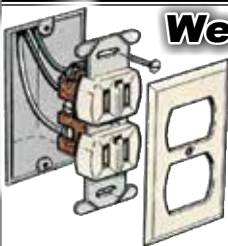
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 am Body Groove Workout 7 pm Texas Holdem	2 7p Bingo National Day of Prayer	3 10 am Pool Noodle Aerobics 12 pm Managers Meeting 1 pm Mahjongg	4 Duck Race in the pool – Details TBD
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Movies in the Park - Ghost

May. 16, 2019

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Saying Goodbye to Our Snowbirds

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

It's always a sad time when spring arrives followed shortly by the departure of our beloved snowbirds. They begin their departures usually in early April and by the end of the month very few remain. We hate to see them go but know they will return in the fall. With fewer homes for rent for the winter months, we suggest posting on Facebook or contacting the HOA if you have a home for rent so that we may pass that information on to snowbirds who wish to come here.

Our northern friends, many of whom are Canadians, make our events and activities come alive with their enthusiasm and participation. The snowbirds come to our park to vacation for the winter each year and they make the most of the time they have with us. They are quick to volunteer when asked and help with potlucks and parties and a number of our outdoor games and activities.



But like everything, it comes to an end in the spring months and we are left with a void for the summer.

We wish all our northern friends and residents a safe and happy summer. We will stay in touch and look forward to your return. Thank you for making our park more fun while you are here.

REMEMBRANCE CORNER - May

Dottie Newman Lot #46 724-6283 pcfriar64@yahoo.com or dlnewman823@gmail.com

Jerald Cardin, #145, is now home after having surgery and being well cared for by Sudie. His recuperation has gone well and he's doing great!

Tansy Finkbiner, #83, died suddenly, passing away in her sleep. Now she and Fred are, once again together.

My surgery went very well, and I am home recuperating. I was very lucky to have a painless surgeon. No surgical pain at all! Boy does that ever help. Thanks to all who sent prayers, cards of support and well wishes.

On a different note...I want to thank the good Samaritan who puts my newspaper in the basket on my railing so that I do not have to go up and down my stairs to retrieve it. I don't

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know who it is even though I've tried to catch them in the act to thank them. So, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Debbie Burton, #265, passed away 4/13 from pancreatic cancer. The cancer had spread, and she suffered a lot at the end. Our condolences to her husband, Glen and other family members.

Please call or email me when someone you know is ill or has passed away.

'Til next time – stay safe!

NOTE: I do not participate on any social media (my choice), so I depend on friends, family and neighbors to alert me to a resident's passing or sickness so that an appropriate card can be sent. Please contact me the old fashioned way by calling me@ 724-6283 or the more up-to-date way of emailing @ pcfriar64@yahoo.com or dlnewman823@gmail.com.

Senior Spotlight – Betty Mecke

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

Longtime resident Nancy Barnes at #157 is one of the most positive friendly and caring individuals we are blessed to have in our community. She has a vast knowledge of the history of the park and its residents. It was a pleasure to sit down with her over coffee and talk about the changes that have taken place in Island in the Sun over the years. Hailing from Manchester Connecticut, then living in San Jose California for 12 years and then back to Manchester; Nancy and Bob were delighted to finally make their way to Florida. Nancy lost her husband Bob when he passed away four and a half years ago. She remained very independent and active though, still participating in card games and her favorite, Mahjong.

Nancy's home at #157 was built and put here in 1985. It was owned for two years by another couple and Nancy and her husband Bob rented a home in the park from 1987 to 1989 when they purchased the home. During the time they rented here for 2 – 3 months at a time, they came to love the park and its friendly people and community. They started out as snowbirds and then moved here fulltime in 1995. They soon made many friends and got busy getting involved in a number of activities. At that time the park was made up of mostly married couples between 55-65 who looked forward to growing old together.

The main two activities they loved to participate in were golf and bowling. At that time there were two leagues for bowling and two golf groups, one for men and one for women. They were mostly retired couples who quickly formed strong friendships. Because the majority of residents were retired, there was never a shortage of volunteers. There was a strong base of volunteers and they worked together helping each other and that was how many friendships were formed. As Nancy told me, "How great it was to make best friends through volunteering. I will never forget those people."

Nancy was in charge of the kitchen for 12 years. She took care to buy all the supplies that were needed for any event or party that was upcoming. She was very organized and kept the kitchen in a very coordinated shape. There was a separate activity group who planned the events and put together all the details including meal plans and entertainment. They made money for the HOA with



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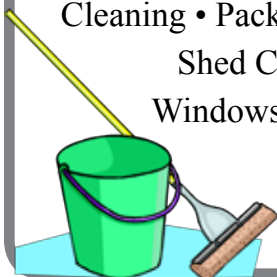
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At the conclusion of our talk, I asked Nancy what one thing she would like to see in the park. And she replied, “Just more kindness and love.”

I guess that sums it up. How times have changed here at Island in the Sun. We seem to struggle to get people to volunteer now that a large percentage of residents are still working and have less time to help out. But we can still learn from the past and work towards being a stronger community helping others when we can and never forgetting that we are truly blessed to live here with such wonderful residents as Nancy Barnes.

Island in the Sun HOA Upcoming Activities and Events

Submitted by Molly Johnson Lot 135

Activities Meeting

March 30, 2019

The Activities Meeting will be held the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 in the morning, in the clubhouse. We want to assure the following months’ events have sufficient coverage and support.

Pot luck dinners will continue throughout the summer, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

May, 2019

May 4th we will hold a duck race in our swimming pool to commemorate the Kentucky Derby. Also, ladies let’s bring out our hidden talents and decorate a hat, judges for several categories can be the men. There are only a few of us in the community who have no crafty talent, perhaps we can have a decorating workshop in April?

May 11th will be our monthly cookout.

May 14th Potluck.

May 18th we will have our monthly community breakfast.

Please review the media calendar for details on recurring activities.

Liaison Committee

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

The purpose of our Liaison Committee for the HOA is to bring to light general issues and concerns of the residents to management for the betterment of the entire park. We also work together with management to bring better and open communication between management and residents.

If you have a particular valid concern or wish us to discuss any issues you may have with management, please forward them to either Ken Brody or myself and we will see that they get addressed.

You can reach Ken at 561 207-0650 or iits.hoa.media@gmail.com or me at 727 729-3441 or karencusty@tampabay.rr.com.

We are more than willing to find solutions and although we are not decision makers, we can find answers from management concerning many problems.



PARK TELEPHONE BOOK - May

Bob and Dottie Newman, #46, 724-6283, pcfrir64@yahoo.com

Corrections for May, 2019

Correct:

Grove, Ned & Susan	77 Bahama	453-1622
Langston, Eugene	72 Bahama	763-639-2443
Gillespie, Margaret	176 Leeward	286-8131
Koenig, John	176 Leeward	286-8131

Add:

Harrington, Mike & Jeannie	33 Leeward	813-410-1348
Langston, Jeanene	72 Bahama	763-442-4947

Delete:

Reber, Gregory & Charlotte Ann	33 Leeward	913-201-2568
Finkbiner, Fred & Tansy	83 Bahama	729-5186
Juffs, Curtis	132 Caribbean	791-1447

Please check the new park phone book and notify us if there are any additional changes necessary.

May Sudoku

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Pooch Patrol

Submitted by Karen Custy

Mike and Sherry at #214, who have lived in the park since August, have the two most adorable Chihuahuas you would ever want to meet. I actually stopped Mike on the street to ask if I could spotlight his dogs for the media pooch patrol and he agreed right away. Mike says they love it here at Island in the Sun and that people are friendly and he loves the nature areas and all the wildlife.

Blue and Trinket are both 14-year-old males, but you would never guess their age by looking at these two tail-waggers. They are both registered full breed Chihuahuas. Trinket is on the smaller size with cream coloring while Blue is a sturdy 15-pound boy with beautiful cream and fawn coloring. Trinket originally came from was originally Mike's mother-in-law's dog and when she passed a couple of years ago, Mike and Sherry took him in. Trinket has some health issues which include congestive heart failure and a collapsed trachea for which he is on three different medications. Both these health concerns cause Trinket to have difficulty breathing at times and he has a dry cough that sounds like a goose honking. But even with these problems Trinket is a content little guy. Trinket loves dogs but people not so much.

Blue is Mike's sidekick. He goes everywhere with him and he also likes to ride on Mike's shoulder. He loves road trips and gets excited when they start to pack up for a trip. Mike tells me that Blue was a 'clearance dog', meaning he was the last of the litter and because he was bigger, he was the last to go. Blue was named after an old hound dog that Mike had. Blue starts looking for Mike to come home from work about an hour before he arrives, going out through the doggie-door to meet him with a toy. Mike's neighbor's dog Angel has helped Blue to adapt to other dogs. It is very evident that both these dogs love Mike very much.

When I asked Mike if Trinket and Blue had any favorite toys, he said they love new toys. But they play with anything at all. I think it's safe to say that these two loving Chihuahuas bring so much joy and love to Mike and Sherry. As Mike said, they are just always there and ready to give them love each and every day. As being a very popular breed here at Island in the Sun, one of the reasons is that Chihuahuas are such an amusing, affectionate, loyal and smart breed as well as great companions.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mike, Sherry, Trinket and Blue to our community.



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