

GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ **Old Naples Surf Shop** hosts the third annual 13th Avenue South Skim Jam starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, to benefit the Friends of Rookery Bay Team Ocean Project. Same-day registration is from 7-8 a.m. at the store at 1311 Third St. S. Early registration is \$30, same-day registration in \$35. Call 262-1877 or visit oldnaplessurfshop.com.

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** hosts its 11th annual golf tournament on Monday, Oct. 26, at TwinEagles Golf & Country Club. Registration is \$300 per player. Visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org for more information.

■ **Avow Hospice** hosts the inaugural Avow Open charity tournament for men and women golfers Monday, Oct. 26, at Audubon Country Club. Registration is \$150. For more information, call 430-3195 or visit avowcares.org.

■ The **Naples Orchestra & Chorus** hosts its fourth annual golf outing Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Naples Lakes Country Club. The shotgun start is at 12:45 p.m. Dinner and awards follow, as well as a musical preview of the organization's program for the upcoming season. Registration is \$150. Sign up at naplesorchestraandchorus.org.

■ **Gulf Coast Runners** host the Run Wild Halloween 5K setting out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Gordon River Greenway Park to benefit the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and The Naples Zoo. There is a special division for children who run the course. Registration is \$30 through Oct. 30 and \$35 on race day. Call 404-7007 or visit conservancy.org/Run-Wild.

■ **Marco Island Center for the Arts** hosts its third annual golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 31, at Hammock Bay Country Club. Three mulligans and lunch included. Registration starts at \$135. Call 394-4221 or visit marcoislandart.com.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual golf tournament beginning at noon Friday, Nov. 6, at Raptor Bay Golf Club. Registration includes a boxed lunch, green and cart fees, warm-up range balls, bag handling and an awards reception and dinner at Braxton's at Raptor Bay. Registration is \$140. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **AMIKids Big Cypress Bowl-a-Thon** takes place from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Woodside Lanes on Radio Road. Donations of any amount are welcome to help raise funds to buy a van to transport boys in the AMIKids program to various events. A donation of \$50 will sponsor a student in the bowl-a-thon, and \$100 will sponsor a team of five. A "Strike Sponsor" package is \$1,000. For more information, call 450-0921 or email Alberto Bernstein at bigcypress-bm@amikids.org.

■ The **Old Naples 10K** sets out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the corner of Broad Avenue and Third Street South. Children can participate in the KIDSCAN 2K Fun Run/Walk at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage and Cancer Alliance of Naples. Registration is \$30 before Saturday, Oct. 24, \$35 before Friday, Nov. 6, and \$40 the day of the race. Visit gcrunner.org to sign up.

■ **Pregnancy Resource Center** hosts its Walk for Life at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Golden Gate Community Park. Same-day registration begins at 8 a.m. Food, music and family activities will follow the walk. There is no registration fee, but participants are encouraged to set up a fund-raising page on the organization's website. Visit supportprc.org for more information.



More than 880 people turned out for the eighth annual Moe's Corporate Run to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month every year the 3-mile run generated more than \$10,000 for the cause.

1. The Corkscrew Elementary School team
2. The Collier County Drug Court team
3. The Shelter for Abused Women & Children team

■ The **American Heart Association's 2015 Collier Heart Walk** steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Cambier Park. The 3.1-mile walk is free; participants are expected to gather pledges for the AHA leading up to the event. Call 495-4905 or visit collierheartwalk.kintera.org.

■ **Boys & Girls Club of Collier County** hosts the 12th annual FORE-the-Kids golf tournament Saturday, Nov. 7, at Fiddlers Creek Golf & Country Club. Pulte Homes is the title sponsor of the event that includes golf, lunch, cocktail reception, dinner and auctions. Registration is \$1,000, and a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. Call Tiffany Heck at 325-1736 or email theck@bgccc.com.

■ The **2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's** steps out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Fleischmann Park. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated. Sign up online at act.alz.org or starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information, call (800) 272-3900 or visit the website.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation's 2015**

Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament takes place Monday, Nov. 16, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The day starts with breakfast and golf demonstrations from professionals. The tournament begins with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start after players are paired with one of more than two dozen professionals. Lunch and awards presentation will follow. Entry fees start at \$5,000 and include two tickets to the 2015 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ The **Rookery Bay Adventure Race** sets out at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and includes a 3K kayak paddle along Henderson Creek and a 4K trail run at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. New this year is a 5K trail-run-only category. Participants will receive a T-shirt, post-race refreshments. Registration is \$20-30. For more information or to register, visit 530-5977 or visit rookerybay.org. ■

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ASK the EXPERT



John Giglio
President/CEO
Freedom Boat Club



Q: What is your new "Trip Buddy" program and how does it work?

A: "Freedom Boat Club hosts special events each month at our club locations for our members, many of whom enjoy meeting other boaters and socializing together.

What we've learned from focus groups is that many of our members also want opportunities to meet and boat with other members. In Naples, for example, several of our members like to fish together. One of our members will make a reservation and invite other members to join him. The next time, another will do the same. This group has become 'fishing buddies.'

To help facilitate similar opportunities, we developed the Trip Buddy feature within our reservation system wherein members can post 'open seats' for their upcoming outing. It's been a hit already!

We love making boating fun ... and now, that includes the Trip Buddy to make it easy to hook up with other members!

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