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REMEMBERING STAN ...

Stanley L. Tait
May 25, 2012

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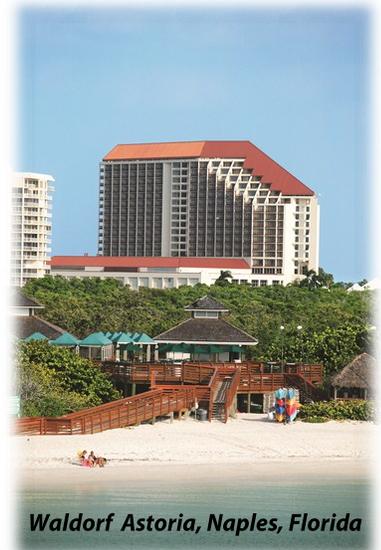
September 26-28, 2012 | Waldorf Astoria | Naples, Florida

We hope you can make plans to join us for the 56th annual conference which will be held at the Waldorf Astoria in Naples, Florida. [Conference registration](#) and [hotel reservations](#) are now available online. The group rate at the hotel is \$139 (guaranteed through September 5, 2012).

The conference program brochure will be mailed out in early July and available on our website immediately thereafter.

We are anticipating another great program line-up.

There will be a number of panel discussions addressing 2012 permit reform legislation; improving federal, state and local government coordination of project funding requests; changing roles and alternatives for managing and funding Florida's shallow-draft inlets; and a much-anticipated roundtable on regional sand source management for southeast Florida. We have also planned another "fireside" chat with Florida's senior coastal engineers to hear their policy, funding and regulatory recommendations for ensuring the future sustainability of Florida's beach program. As you have come to expect, individual presentations will focus on specific local beach and inlet projects, local and state tourism and the value of beaches, and a few topics to get us all refocused on why Florida



Waldorf Astoria, Naples, Florida

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repairs its eroding beaches and how our program compares to others. We look forward to welcoming and hearing from the new Jacksonville District Engineer, Colonel Alan M. Dodd, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a number of other Corps contributors, and the participation of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, a number of our local government members, the coastal engineering community and industry interests.

Marco Island, Collier County

Photo courtesy of Dr. Michael Stephen, Coastal Engineering Consultants



Wiggins Pass

Photo courtesy Coastal Engineering Consultants

More information and additional events will be noted in our late summer Shoreline, on-line at www.fsbpa.com/publications.html, and registrant e-mails. Please plan to join the FSBPA Board of Directors and staff for the timely discussion of a number of challenging issues that must be addressed for the continued success and growth of the statewide beach management program – and to have a little fun as well!

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Award Nominations

Deadline is Friday, August 3, 2012

Awards Banquet

Thursday, September 27, 2012

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

You are invited to make nominations for FSBPA's Annual Conference Awards Program. The Awards will be presented during the Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday evening, September 27, 2012.

The Awards Committee is looking for specific activities and accomplishments of your nominee rather than general background. On a separate page, state why your nominee should be considered, listing specific reasons or accomplishments. Feel free to attach supportive materials which you believe merit consideration for an award.

Listed below are the award categories. **For complete details and to submit your award nomination, visit www.fsbpa.com/awards.htm.** Also available online are the past award winners.

Awards Committee

Paul Dorling, Chair

Bill Smith

Todd Walton

FSBPA Annual Conference Award Categories

Stan Tait Award

For truly outstanding contributions in the preservation of Florida's beaches over a period of many years. These contributions may be for political, administrative, scientific, engineering or environmental achievements. This is FSBPA's highest award, named after the long-time leader of FSBPA. Non-Floridians are eligible.

Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award

For significant contributions in the cause of beach preservation. Unlike the Stan Tait Award, this can be awarded for a single noteworthy project or accomplishment. Non-Floridians are eligible. This award is named after the first Director of Coastal Engineering, University of Florida and founder of FSBPA in 1957.

Bob Dean Coastal Research Award

For outstanding research into beach and coastal processes which contributes to improved beach management. This award is named after the University of Florida distinguished research professor and FSBPA's Chair Emeritus.

Jim Purpura/T.Y. Chiu Engineering Award

For outstanding contribution to coastal engineering that enhances beach preservation. The award may be in recognition of innovative scientific research or for long excellence and contributions in coastal engineering. Non-Floridians are eligible. This award is named after the two scientists who pioneered Florida's coastal construction control line program.

The Richard E. Bonner Award

Recognizing outstanding service by an individual representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Local Government Award

For a local government official who has contributed significantly to beach preservation and enhancement. Only Floridians are eligible.

Legislative Award

To the state or national lawmaker who has provided outstanding leadership in terms of funding or program support for managing our beaches.

Environmental Award

For outstanding contributions toward protection of the coastal environment.

Member of the Year Award

To a member of FSBPA, for outstanding service to the association.

Public Service Award

To a public employee whose service reflects admirably on the governmental sector, specifically in the area of beach management.

Private Citizen Award

For a private citizen who has made a significant contribution to the cause of beach preservation in Florida. Only Floridians are eligible.

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LET'S LOOK BACK AT OUR 2011 AWARD WINNERS ...

Just to get you excited and involved in nominating possible 2012 award recipients, let's revisit and consider our celebrated stars of 2011.

At the annual awards banquet, Thursday evening (9/27) at 6:30 we will recognize what we have come to expect will be another stellar group of award winners during an enjoyable evening of good cheer and professional acknowledgement.

2011 Winners were:



Chris Creed P.E., Vice-President, Olsen Associates, Inc., Inc., was the honored 2011 recipient of FSBPA's **Per Bruun Distinguished Service Award**. While this award clearly reflected upon Chris' collective work and contributions to Florida's beaches, there was a special recognition for his long and appreciated service to Broward County's beach management program.

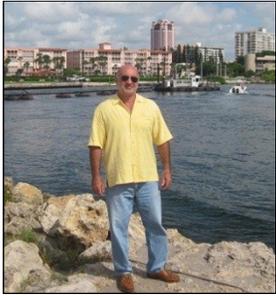
Last year, we elevated our **Private Citizen Award for 2011** to a new level of recognition for lifetime achievement for the cause of beach preservation in Florida, and for a remarkable level of commitment to FSBPA over many years. The recipient of this special award was the very remarkable individual – **Ralph Sexton**.

Thomas Pierro, P.E., Senior Coastal Engineer, Coastal Planning & Engineering, Inc., The Shaw Group, was the 2011 recipient of the **Jim Purpura/T.Y. Chiu Award**. This special award is named after 2 individuals of outstanding reputation in recognition of their significant contributions to Florida's beach management and coastal regulatory programs. Tom was most deserving and the appropriate choice for the Purpura/Chiu Award – he supports the ideals reflected in this specific award, as well as the goals of FSBPA.



*Andy Squires (Pinellas County) and Tom Pierro
Courtesy of Paradise News, St. Pete Beach, FL*

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The **Public Service Award** was given to **Robert DiChristopher**, P.E., Director of Municipal Services, City of Boca Raton. Bob has supported the cause of beach preservation for over 28 years.

Timothy Day, Escambia County, was an excellent example of what the FSBPA **Local Government Award** represents, serving admirably to preserve the State's beaches in Escambia County under some challenging circumstances over the last several years.



The **Richard E. Bonner Award** was presented by its name sake to **Dan Haubner**, P.E., Jacksonville District, USACE. Dan personifies Richard's commitment to serving the COE's clients, and mirror's Richard's reputation for excellence over his entire federal career.

Now start thinking of worthy nominees for 2012! We will also honor and have in attendance a number of very deserving legislative champions of Florida's beach program. It's a perfect time to reflect and recognize contributions from various sources and levels of government to the preservation of the State's beaches. Join us to express our appreciation!

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Key Dates to Remember



Photo Courtesy of Naples, Marco Island, Everglades CVB

- **August 3** - Awards Nomination DEADLINE
- **September 5**- last day Hotel Room Reservations guaranteed at \$139
- **Through September 5** - Early Conference Registration
- **After September 5** - Regular Registration

Go online to www.fsbpa.com/annual.htm for complete details, registration information, and hotel reservations.



South Marco Island

Photo courtesy of Coastal Engineering Consultants



Lowdermilk Park, Naples Pier

Photo courtesy of Steve Keehn, Coastal Planning & Engineering

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Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration Project

Brett D. Moore, P.E., Humiston & Moore Engineers
Andy Squires, M.S., C.P.M., Pinellas County

Background

Honeymoon Island is a barrier Island located in Dunedin just north of Clearwater in Pinellas County, Florida. Honeymoon Island is approximately 4 miles long, consisting of approximately 2800 acres, and the island is currently owned and managed by the State of Florida Park Service.

The State Park Service has maintained much of the island in its natural state and has constructed three parking areas along the gulf shoreline along with bathroom facilities, a concession stand and restaurant, a Nature Center, nature walks, and a dog beach. Honeymoon Island Beach Park is currently the highest public use state beach park in Florida with over a million visitors annually.

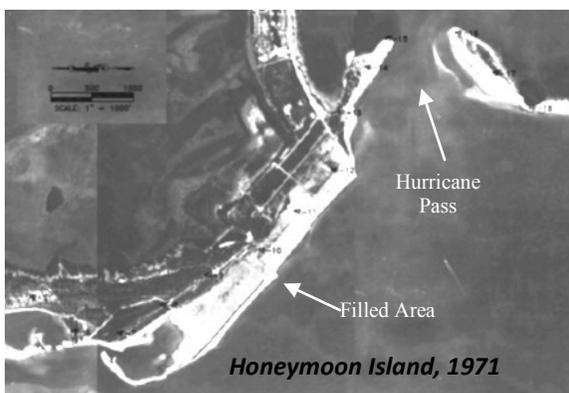
This island was previously the north portion of Hog Island which was split by a Hurricane in 1921 resulting in two islands separated by Hurricane Pass. The north island was purchased in 1939 by a businessman, who along with Life Magazine and others promoted use of the island by running contests for newlyweds where the winners would spend a two-week honeymoon on the island in small thatch huts. A total of fifty “honeymoon huts” were erected on the island. Thus, the island became known as Honeymoon Island.



Honeymoon Island 1940's



Honeymoon Island Huts 1940's



Honeymoon Island, 1971

Honeymoon Island was purchased by a developer in the 1960's who built up the island by mining material from the adjacent waters expanding the size of the island with the intent of developing it into a condominium resort. The State of Florida began purchasing portions of the island in 1974, and by 1982, Honeymoon Island State Park was opened.

In 1981 the park service added parking lots and restroom facilities along the south mile of the gulf-front section of the island. The parking lots were originally set back off of the beach, with a vegetated dune established seaward of the parking lots, and dune walkovers were added, extending from the

bath pavilions to the beach. The beach was artificially enhanced through sand mining and filling activities in the 1960's, yet it eroded to the point where it threatened the beach bathhouses. This erosion was in part due to the unnatural shoreline orientation and deeper offshore area created by the developer who dredged the surrounding area in the 1960's to obtain fill to artificially expand the width of the island, mostly toward the west into the Gulf of Mexico.

1989 Truck Haul Beach Fill Project

In 1989 the State of Florida placed approximately 230,000 cy of sand on the beach from an upland source. The sand had an orange tint; however, the material was readily available and relatively inexpensive. This sand was placed along the gulf front, along the two northern parking lots and walkways were constructed to access the beach.



1989 Post Fill Looking Northwest



1989 Post Fill Looking Southeast

The dredge and fill operation of the 1960's created unnatural curvature and shoreline orientation with respect to prevailing wave climate. As a result of this, the sand placed in 1988 was exposed to high wave energy and unnatural nearshore incident wave angles. The erosion stress was further compounded by the existence of the steep offshore topography resulting from the 1960's mining operation. These conditions resulted in focusing wave energy in the vicinity of the north parking lot facilities. The sand placed along this area was quickly eroded, much moving initially offshore and to the south.

By 1991, the beach and dune area was eroding and portions of the walkovers had to be removed. Unfortunately most of the sand lost was washed away as a result of the high erosion stress in a matter of less than two years.



1991 North Parking Areas

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Continued Erosion

Erosion of the west shoreline of Honeymoon Island continued and eventually three of the four bathhouse facilities located along the beach in front of the north two parking lots were removed. In 2010 the north bathhouse was relocated to the east, further from the eroding shoreline. As the shoreline eroded what was left behind was mostly rock from the combined sand and rock material that had been mined from offshore, resulting in a rubble shoreline in front of the parking lots.



April 2004, Central Parking Lot Looking South



April 2004, Looking North Toward North Parking Areas

The vegetated dune previously located seaward of the north parking lot was washed away, and erosion began to undermine the seaward edge of the parking lot. Bathhouses previously located in this area were subsequently removed. A concrete filled sandbag groin constructed in 1989 held some sand near the center parking lot, but aggravated erosion of the beach south of the groin. Furthermore, sand moving around the end of the groin from the north ended up in the inlet channel and ebb shoal, further contributing to a sand deficit on the downdrift beach south of the groin.

Phase I of the Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration Project

The State DEP and Pinellas County pursued alternatives for restoring the shoreline along Honeymoon Island. In 2003 Humiston and Moore Engineers (H&M) was selected to evaluate alternatives and design an interim project to slow down the immediate erosion, as a first step toward developing a long term sustainable solution to the erosion problem. H&M designed the first phase of the Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration Project which was permitted in 2006 and constructed in 2007 and 2008. The project consisted of dredging 140,000 cy of sand from Hurricane Pass and the construction of a low profile T-groin to replace the existing concrete bag groin and provide additional stability to the beach fill in consideration of the high erosion stress that results from the unnatural shoreline alignment with respect to prevailing wave direction.

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The design was technically supported by inlet and nearshore morphology modeling, and the alignment of the borrow area was strategically chosen to improve inlet hydraulic efficiency. It also directed the channel further from the active recreational beach. The nearby sand source allowed for direct hydraulic pumping of the sand to the area of highest need, along the shoreline adjacent to the north two parking lots. Out of consideration for the historic high rate of sand loss which resulted from the unnaturally high erosion stress, the regulatory agencies authorized the introduction of the erosion control structure to reduce the rate of sand loss, while improving sand bypassing to the shoreline downdrift of the structure.



H&M was the engineer of record; Coastal Marine Construction was the prime marine contractor, and Florida Dredge and Dock was the subcontractor responsible for dredging and beach fill placement. The project began in September 2007 and was completed in January 2008. The total construction cost was 1,926,718.

Phase II of the Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration Project

Following the first two years of monitoring of the first phase of the restoration project, and with consideration for the level of success achieved by Phase I, H&M was selected by the

Florida DEP

Park Service and Pinellas County to proceed with the design and permitting of the second phase of the project. The erosion control structure completed for Phase I was functioning well and sustaining a recreational beach just south of the two north parking lots. The dune plantings seaward of the middle parking lot located north and upland of the T-groin was performing well and collecting windblown sand. However, the continued erosion further north and west of the north parking lot, coupled with the lack of sediment supply to the project area and continued storm damage to the north parking lot, demonstrated the need for additional erosion control structures as part of the design. This decision was further supported by the subsequent relocation of the last of the first 4 bathhouses and potential loss of access along the beach to the north 2 miles of park shoreline.



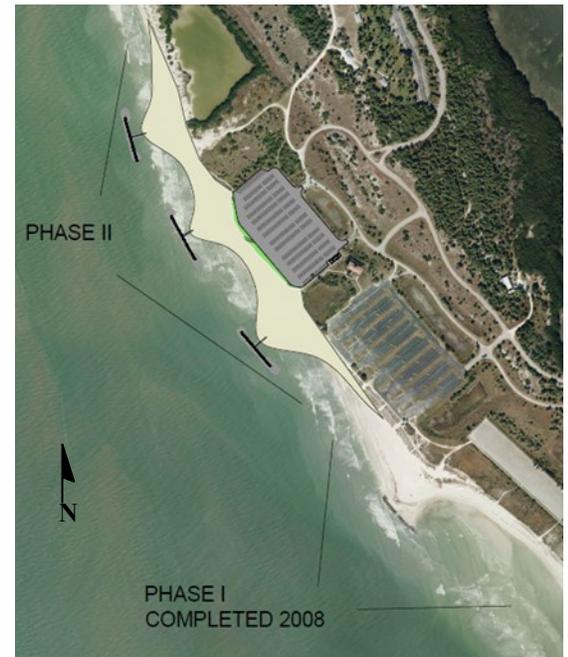
Monitoring of the first phase revealed that the borrow area selection for the first phase resulted in a channel alignment which was more stable. Approximately 50% of the borrow area had recovered since the 2007 dredging, and additional suitable beach sand was also available along the south bank of the channel.

Shoreline Retreat

An important design goal of this project was to develop a sustainable design. The criteria for sustainable design were that which would be reasonably managed into the future without excessive costs, and which would:

- provide protection to the north parking lot,
- provide protection for pedestrian access to the north shoreline of the park, and
- Increase recreational beach area.

A key component toward achieving this design was for the Park Service to recognize that the unnatural shoreline alignment was contributing to the problem, and to therefore agree to reconfigure facilities to allow partial retreat of the north parking lot from the shoreline. The DEP Park Service evaluated the original parking design and was able to reconfigure the parking lot and eliminate the need for the seaward 90 feet of parking lot without loss of parking spaces. By doing so, the seaward portion of the parking lot, which is currently protected by temporary sandbags, can be converted to part of the active beach and dune system.



Phase II Design Schematic

The retreat of the north parking lot from the shore also allowed the second phase of the project to be designed in shallower water, thereby reducing materials costs for the erosion control structures. The Phase II design includes three additional T-groins. Reducing the area of fill to the shallower nearshore area leeward of the proposed three T-groins reduced the beach fill quantity needed to transition from the T-groins to the new beach converted from the parking area. This resulted in a fill need of approximately 110,000 cy for construction following completion of the T-groins. It is anticipated that future maintenance of the inlet channel will provide sufficient sand for placement for beach maintenance.

The eroded conditions along the project shoreline have historically been unsuitable for sea turtle nesting and shorebird habitat. The stabilization of the upland dune region from Phase I has allowed for storm protection and a wider vegetated dune field seaward of the upland parking lot. It is the intent of the design that this second phase will reduce the ongoing maintenance of the storm damaged parking facility and allow for the reestablishment of a viable beach and dune area seaward of the north parking facility.

Funding

Funding for the project has been approved by the Florida Legislature for FY12/13 in the amount of approximately \$5.78 million. Pinellas County is providing additional local funding support (25%) as well as administrative management of the project during permitting and construction.

Permits and Construction

Permits from the Florida State DEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are pending with issuance expected sometime this summer. All technical design matters and geotechnical information have been deemed acceptable by the State DEP staff and details of the project are currently under review by the federal resource agencies. A January 2012 site meeting with those agencies was held with no noticeable resource issues identified as being at risk. Final plans and specifications are being prepared for Pinellas County to advertise for Bid in the summer or fall of 2012, with a construction start anticipated for later in 2012.

Acknowledgements:

Supporting data and information presented in this summary were provided by the State DEP Parks Service, Pinellas County and Humiston & Moore Engineers.

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US Army Corps
of Engineers

SAND Study Update — June 2012

The Southeast Florida SAND (Sediment Assessment and Needs Determination) Study is a state-led study which will evaluate southeast Florida sand needs compared to availability of domestic offshore sources. The Corps is providing technical support for the assessment. The ongoing SAND study will build off of the data gathered for the Southeast Atlantic Regional Sediment Management (RSM) Plan for Florida completed in 2009. This effort includes two main components: The first is to answer what is the volume of sand available in borrow sources. The second is to answer what volume is needed from those sources to sustain southeast Florida projects, both Federal and non-Federal.

To address the first component of the study, USACE Jacksonville District in conjunction with the Wilmington District D/B SNELL, completed vibracoring efforts for the Southeast Florida Regional Sand Study on 11 June 2012. The effort entailed collection of 198 vibracores targeting potential sand sources for the southeast Florida region from Miami-Dade to St. Lucie Counties. The vibracores were taken using a hydraulic vibrating head (that uses vegetable oil) penetrating to nearly 20' with over 90% recovery for the majority of collected samples. cursory inspection of the collected vibracore show beach compatible sand sources will result. Additionally, the Florida Geological Society completed reprocessing of seismic lines in the investigation area targeting the first seismic reflection of the shallowest rock layer. Many of the vibracores encountered the shallowest rock layer representing the maximum potential depth of sand. Upon completion of the vibracore logging, which is currently underway, seismic data and core logs will be coupled to refine potential sediment source volumes.

To address the second component, five southeast Florida Counties (Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade) have been preparing more refined evaluations of the volume of sand needed for their Federal and non-federal beach nourishment projects over the next 50 years. The 2009 plan referenced planning level volume estimates for project needs. The refined volume needs will be based on measured project performance and anticipated project construction. These evaluations have been peer-reviewed by the Counties, FDEP, and Corps. The next step is for the sand needs to be compared to the volumes and sand availability throughout the region. Ultimately the information can be used to plan for future beach nourishments in southeast Florida.

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Above: USACE Wilmington District's D/B Vessel "SNELL" is a 104'x 32' vessel drawing 6' of water, equipped with a 35 ton crane capable of multiple functions from drilling to dredging and dock/snag removal.



Above Left: Representative vibracore sample collected in Martin County containing nearly 17' of sand meeting FDEP's "Sand Rule" for silt content in beach compatible sands.

Above Right: Deckhands aboard the SNELL pull hydraulic line onto the deck as the vibracore sample is retrieved. Using hydraulic fluid for the vibrating head prevented collapse of drill



FDEP Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems Project Report — June 2012 Update

JOINT COASTAL PERMITS

Final Orders - Beach Restoration and Nourishment Projects:

South Beach Reach A Sand Bar Innovative Project (Brevard County)—request to construct a nearshore submerged sand bar in the waters along Brevard County’s South Beaches using up to 150,000 cubic yards of beach compatible sand was issued on June 13, 2012. The intent of the project is for the migration of the sandbar to nourish the beach profile.

South St. Lucie Beach Restoration (St. Lucie County)—request to restore 3.4 miles of beach and dune along the South Beach shoreline of St. Lucie County using approximately 485,900 cubic yards of fill dredged from offshore or upland sand sources was issued on June 6, 2012.



South St. Lucie Beach, R106. Photo take by BCS in May 2006.

Miami Harbor Phase III Expansion and Maintenance Project (Miami-Dade County)—proposed removal of approximately 6 million cubic yards of mostly rocky material from the federal channel and dispose the material in an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site, the proposed seagrass mitigation site north of the Julia Tuttle Causeway and the proposed offshore artificial reef mitigation areas south of the Entrance Channel was issued on May 22, 2012.

Notice of Intent/Draft Permits Processed:

Summer Haven Dune and Beach Placement (St. Johns County) – request to place beach compatible sand in a berm and dune feature along 1.26 miles of shoreline in Summer Haven at the south end of St. Johns County using dredge material from the Florida Inland Navigation District’s management area. The Notice of Intent and Draft Permit were issued on June 4, 2012.

Recently Completed Applications:

Pelican Landing Beach Restoration and Groins (Lee County)—request to restore approximately 2,470 feet of shoreline along Big Hickory Island, using approximately 75,000 cubic yards of beach compatible sand in conjunction with the construction of seven adjustable concrete king pile and panel groins. The file was deemed complete on May 24, 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

The Bureau hosted its first two Palm Beach Island Beach Management Agreement Pilot Project stakeholder meetings on May 16th at the Jonathan Dickinson State Park and on June 14th at the Society of The Four Arts. There was a significant public turnout at each meeting with approximately 75 stakeholders represented. For more information, please visit the Department's BMA website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/pb-bma/index.htm>. Updates are posted weekly.

The Department and Corps will host an in-progress review conference regarding the Southeast Florida Sand Availability and Needs Determination (SAND) study to be held on 27 June 2012 in Jacksonville, Florida. The meeting will include the five (5) coastal counties (St. Lucie through Miami-Dade) that are actively participating in the study to determine the regional supply and demand for beach quality sand for all shore protection projects over the next 50 years. The meeting will include a review of the "Needs" submitted by each county as well as an update on the extensive offshore boring program conducted in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Following discussion regarding the technical details of the study there will be time to discuss concerns regarding the concept of sand sharing over county and Federal/state lines.

PETITIONED FILES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES

Clam Pass Dredging (Collier County)—The Bureau issued the Notice of Intent to Issue and Draft Permit for the Clam Pass Maintenance Dredging (Collier County) project on February 28, 2012. A petition for hearing was received, April 20, 2012: Marcia Cravens vs. DEP & Collier County - OGC 12-0920. It is the Department's intent to dismiss.

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REMEMBERING STAN ...



Stanley L. Tait passed away on May 25, 2012, at home with his wife Marilyn, and children, David, Linda, and Lisa. They took great comfort in knowing that he lived a very good life and had a peaceful death. A link to his obituary is provided.

On behalf of FSBPA, it is our pleasure to pay tribute to Stan's contributions to the association, and the nurturing, wisdom and friendship he provided to so many of us along the way.

Stan was officially hired as the Executive Director of FSBPA in 1975. Despite a title change to President in 1989, he remained in this capacity until 2009. From 1957, with Per Bruun as the lead founder, until Stan took over the helm 18 years later, FSBPA's membership and records were housed in a single file box on 3x4 inch index cards.

Since that time and until recently, Stan quietly and wisely guided FSBPA from its early childhood to today's long established and recognized organization. For a single purpose non-profit association to survive for 55 years is one thing – to prosper quite another. Stan was the heart and soul of this extraordinarily successful association. Fortunately, we have all gained from his constant and gifted leadership, providing a sound foundation for FSBPA's future.

Under Stan's uninterrupted leadership for 34 years, FSBPA spearheaded or advocated virtually every beach management-related policy initiative in Florida. No one would have been more pleased with this year's legislative successes relating to regulatory/permitting reform and securing a substantial increase in statewide project funding. Over all these years including the unique challenges of securing dedicated state funding and a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision, Stan somehow managed to successfully balance the role of FSBPA as a local government-based advocacy group, with the unfaltering commitment to education through the Association's conferences.

On a more personal note, when I stepped down as Director of what was then the Division of Beaches and Shores in 1985, I was welcomed with open arms to FSBPA by Stan. I have never regretted the partnership for a moment, and have never wanted to be anywhere else. Stan was the ideal mentor— giving me wise counsel and unbridled opportunity for over two decades. Most importantly, he gave me the ability to recognize and appreciate that we can personally, as well as collectively as supporters of Florida's beach program, weather any storm.

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It is comforting to know that Stan was fully aware of the association's appreciation of his long-time role as our leader, modern architect, and guardian of FSBPA. At our 50th anniversary celebration in 2007, the Board of Director's presented Stan with The Golden Anniversary Outstanding Leadership Award, "in recognition of decades of unparalleled leadership to the association, and to the policy agenda and educational goals it pursues." This was followed by a final recognition of Stan's dedication and service to FSBPA with the retirement of the Bill Carlton Award which had been a perfect fit for our first 50 years (1957-2007), and looking toward the future, we reintroduced and renamed our highest and most respected award, the Stan Tait Award, after the long-time leader of the Association.

The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association will always be Stan's.

(D. Flack 6/5/2012)

Stanley L. Tait's obituary

Published in the Tallahassee Democrat on May 27, 2012

"Over the last thirty years, attending FSBPA meetings has felt like coming home to my extended family. Stan Tait created a congenial atmosphere enabling all of us to work together and enjoy our efforts. When I first attended an FSBPA meeting in the late 70's I did not know anyone and felt a bit lost. Art Strock introduced me to Stan who welcomed me and went out of his way during the meeting to introduce me around. Stan showed a sincere interest in my work and made me feel at home. I have attended every FSBPA meeting since then.

In 1986, I had the privilege of serving with Stan on Governor Bob Graham's Restore Our Coast Task Force along with Bob Dean, Paden Woodruff, Lonnie Ryder and Mark Leadon. Stan provided political guidance to our technical team and helped produce an outstanding report to the Governor.

Stan was a strong advocate for our beaches and has helped keep the Florida beach program alive through some difficult years. Most of all, Stan was our friend who will be missed."

Tom Campbell



Stan and Debbie Flack celebrating FSBPA's 50th Anniversary. Boca Raton , September 2007



Stan presenting an award to the Founder of FSBPA, Per Bruun. Fort Lauderdale, September 1999



Stan with Mike Barnett at FSBPA's 50th Anniversary Celebration

"I shall remember Stan for all that he did for FSBPA. He is a big reason for my involvement. May the bell he rings be for joy and celebration." **Don Donaldson**

"Stan always had a smile and a cheerful greeting for everyone he interacted with, and when he asked you how things were going, there was genuine interest in the response. I always appreciated getting phone calls from him, whether it was to ask me for my thoughts on an issue relevant to beaches, he needed a quick blurb for a write-up he was preparing, or a phone number of someone he needed to reach out to. It was a pleasure seeing him at FSBPA conferences, and even though he was incredibly busy at them, he took the time to greet every delegate there.

I earned Stan's trust and confidence in helping organize, staff and run the very first National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology, held in Gainesville in 1988! I considered it an honor to be part of that milestone in the Association's storied history, and I am confident that one of the reasons the technical conference is the success that it still is today is owing to Stan's vision and leadership through the years.

I always looked forward to the awards banquets at the Annual Meetings, because let's face it – Mr. Tait was the consummate Emcee! You never knew what he was going to say about award recipients, and he always managed to infuse the proceedings with humor and, when appropriate, decorum, respect and grace. He will be missed."

Michael Barnett



Stan with the FSBPA Annual Conference Award Winners Fort Lauderdale, 1999



Senator Dennis Jones and Stan
2003 FSBPA Annual Conference, Amelia Island

Stan Tait had the vision to see that FSBPA, in order to be truly effective, needed to transform from a technically oriented organization to one that educated the world as to the multiple values of healthy beaches. He was a low key, but superb communicator – with a firm message delivered with a wonderfully light touch. He assembled a core group of bright and energetic supporters – and successfully coaxed and coached them to victory. We all will miss him.” **Al Ten Broek**



Stan accepting the Golden Anniversary Outstanding Leadership Award along with his family (l. to r.) David, Beth, Lisa, Marilyn, and, Al Ten Broek, FSBPA Chair Emeritus



Governor Graham signing into law the creation of the Division of Beaches and Shores with Stan and the sponsors by his side, and the new Division Director, Debbie Flack, behind him. 1982

“Simply said, Stan was FSBPA. Stan's calm voice of reason welcomed all to join in our collective mission to improve Florida beaches and our quality of life. Stan certainly improved our lives.”

Michael Walther



Stan and Bob Dean
Fort Lauderdale, 2006

"I remember Stan as a consistent presence and force for bringing awareness of beach management issues to the Capitol and to all local governments involved. Honoring Stan's memory through FSBPA's highest award will surely keep this force energized and working to benefit us all"

Charlie Hunsicker

"I am not sure of the year that Stan first became the Leader of FSBPA, but after I moved to the University of Florida in 1966, the program was not under Stan's direction and it was a much smaller, less effective operation. The program at that time did move ahead with its meetings due to the real need, but the participation was much smaller especially with respect to the annual meetings and governmental interactions. With Stan on board, the program was energized, blossomed and moved forward with much greater vitality and breadth. And he seemed to accomplish this without much effort which I believe was due to his vision and genius in recognizing the objective and the best way to get there. Having served with Stan on several State committees relating to beaches as well as the FSBPA Board, one appreciates that Stan knew how to accomplish goals with an absolute minimum of false starts and blind alleys. He was intelligent, had a great sense of humor and recognized and welcomed contributions from all quarters to the beach program ranging from dredging to design to theory to economics of beaches to completed showcase projects. It was his leadership and the recognition by all who worked with Stan that his objectives were very much "on target" and appropriate and that his established pathways to achieving these objectives would be effective that made Stan the great motivator to all who had the good fortune to work with him. His passing was a great loss to his Family who he cherished so greatly, to the Association and to all who knew Stan personally. We will all miss, but have the fondest memories of knowing Stan and working with him!"

Bob Dean



Stan with Jon Staiger and current Board Member
Brian Flynn (Dade County), Captiva Island, 2002

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Jacksonville, FL

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