



THE TRINIDAD



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HAPPY 33rd BIRTHDAY CTOA

Club Trinidad Owners Association will have its 33rd Birthday on May 5, 2018! The annual meeting of Owners will be held at the Club. Notice of meeting is enclosed with a ballot for those of you who are unable to attend. All of you Owners that paid the Special Assessment in 2016 are to be proud of the fact that we now have new mattresses in all units, new refrigerators and stoves where they were needed. Also, a new roof was applied to the southern part of the main building to stop all leaks and now has a 10-year warranty. Since last years meeting we have started acquiring new furniture for all units, one and two units at a time. We will pay for these new living room and dining room furnishing as we get them and will continue to make our historical resort better every day, with your help, of course. Have a wonderful year and happy vacationing!

CTMM&E Management

Your management company has been working hard on the improvements needed every day and will continue to do so forever. Our sales force has faded away and we are receiving no sales now or for the past year. Art Brigman is contacting brokerage firms throughout the country and will be travelling back east towards the middle of March to try and line up some people to market our timeshares fairly, above board, and unlike most of the dishonest ones worldwide, however, no sales are made by these teams here at our resort, as we prefer not having our guests and owners bothered by sales people while staying here on vacation. Of course, if any of our guests or owners wish to make inquires as to the purchase of any of our intervals they may do so at any time and will be surprised at the price they may acquire another interval in purchasing it while staying here at the Club. Sales made by our sales teams throughout the country are converted to RCI Points at the time of sale. We have just started at the beginning of 2018 through RCI, leasing points where no timeshare units are sold but points are leased to RCI members for a value equal to our maintenance fees each year. This will help replace the money lost from our owners deeding back their ownership. We currently have approximately 1200 dues paying owners of which 700 are week's owners and 500 are point's owners. We shall continue to try and sell our timeshares in an honest way and continue to grow so that we may maintain our financial stability. For our longtime owners, here at CT, we offer you the opportunity to acquire additional weeks of our timeshare intervals at an "unheard of price", so if you are interested, contact Edna Johnson for details.

**If you have not paid your maintenance fees, please
do so now.**

We need this money to continue our growth.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. WEEKS OWNERS SECTION

Notes from Edna Johnson

Hello to all my Weeks and Points owners. We want to thank all our owners who paid their dues. The new mattresses, refrigerators and stoves have made a nice difference. We are still in need of other new furniture, of which I'm sure my owners are aware. As was mentioned on page 1 we are getting new furniture for both living and dining rooms, one and two units at a time, and paying for it at the time purchased. If any of you know of someone I can contact for this, let me know. Also, if you can't afford your timeshare dues, contact I and I will help you to do a deed back to the Association so you are no longer responsible for the dues. Please remember **THIS IS DEEDED PROPERTY**, just like your home. You must quit claim your property back to Club Trinidad if you no longer want it. My # is 760-327-1161 ext. 228. Also, the exchanges are harder to acquire in this time of "points", but I will do the best I can.

All of you week's owners are the original base of Club Trinidad for up to thirty years. All of you are part of our original family and we all want to welcome the point's owners to our family. Their arrival to the Club Trinidad Family will provide the maintenance fees necessary to make our resort financially stable and happy. As all of you know, over the years we have been struggling to keep our heads above water with the financing because we had so many inventories that were not providing maintenance funds. That has now been corrected, and our CPA has advised us to keep ourselves at this ownership level or increase it, and we should be fine through the coming years. There are still intervals which may be purchased by our existing owners at fabulous rates, but this is always available to all the owners and not a necessity any longer. For more information, just call Arthur Brigman for details.

Weeks owners have pretty much booked their vacations for the upcoming year and already have their reservation plans made. If not, please call Edna Johnson as soon as possible, so you can get the time and places you want. All of you should be aware of the available Bonus Time, Massage Parlor, Fitness Center and Lounge, which have been privileges available to you over the years. Now, the Lounge has been taken back over by Club Trinidad and is called The Purple Room (which is what it was when built in 1960) and has been leased out to MarVan, Inc. It has been completely refurbished and has entertainment every night. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Sunday and closed Monday. It is still yours, as an owner at Club Trinidad and we hope you will enjoy it when you are here and be proud of it. All of you owners should watch out for the Scams listed on page 3. **BEWARE!!!**

CT EXCHANGE-TYME

Many of you week's owners do not come to Club Trinidad every year for your vacations. I would like for all of you to consider exchanging your week for a vacation at another location if you do not want to come to Palm Springs. Some of you exchange through RCI and that is great, however, you also have another alternative, CT Exchange-Tyme of which you, as an owner, are already a member. Edna can find most destinations you want, and all you must do is give her a call and it's all up to her then.

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RCI POINTS PAGE

PAY YOU MAINTENANCE FEES NOW IF NOT PAID.

We continue to run this warning, as so many of our Owners are being Scammed by some of these companies!!

BEWARE, SCAMS RUNNING WILD!!

All Owners, especially the RCI points owners, should please be careful when you receive calls or notices that a company will “rent your points from you” or “sell your timeshare for you,” or “has a buyer for your timeshare” for a generous sum of money!! These are SCAMS and all they want is for you to pay them a sum of money, usually in the \$700 to \$900 range so that they can close the escrow and give you the money. Some of them are listed here, but there are lots more. **IF YOU GET THESE CALLS DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR A CREDIT CARD**, but calls Art Brigman at 760-880-5000 instead before you do anything!! The following was provided to us by owner Jan Morehead and points owners, George & Linda Cheek, and Ruth Olson; Watch-out for Clyde Trails, and Clement Park Financial of the Tampa, FL area, and also Johathan Gibbs, Summit Marketing Associates, LLC, Financial Recovery Solutions, LLC, We Collect Timeshares, LLC, dba Timeshare Freedom Direct Transfers, LLC, Prudential West, LLC, Safe Hands Transfers, LLC, Apex Professionals, LLC, Preferred Transfers, LLC, Cornerstone Closing, LLC, Great Timeshare Bargains, LLC, MarMac ETI, LLC, Global Acquisitions Associates, LLC, Golden Grill, LLC, The Middle Seat, LLC, The Thrown Apple, LLC, Alew, LLC, Van Driver’s Consulting, LLC, Callahan and Zalinsky Associates, LLC, St. Hamm Management, LLC, Realtimesharehelp.com, a Domain Name, Timeahare Freedom, LLC, Timeshare Holding Company, LLC, Vacation Choices, LLC, Choice Resort Vacations, LLC, Worldwide Points Solutions, LLC and American Points Exchange, LLC. There are, however, many more and they may contact you in any state. Keep us informed.

MAINTENANCE FEES FOR POINTS OWNERS

All RCI points owners have varying renewal dates for their maintenance fees (dues) which are based on the date they were placed in the RCI Points' System. This anniversary date is the due date for your yearly maintenance fees, and you will be mailed a billing statement one month prior to this date. All statements are due when billed and will become delinquent one month after the anniversary date. If this happens, your points deposit in RCI will be held up. If you will make note of your anniversary date, then you can send your payment at any time you wish, just note your anniversary date on the check or notify us when paying by credit card. If you send in your payment prior to receiving the billing statement, then it will show a \$0 balance when you do receive it. Questions regarding points may be directed to Edna Johnson.

OTHER PRIVILEGES FOR POINTS OWNERS

When you purchased your points from the Marketing Company two or three years ago, Club Trinidad was not involved in that sales procedure. Club Trinidad had contracted with the Marketing Companies to offer our timeshares for sale to the public and to convert them to RCI Points at the time of sale. This sale brought no money into the Club except for your Maintenance Fees. You purchased your timeshare from another party, but we are happy to have you as a part of our family. As a points owner, you have the same privileges as our weeks owners, which includes Bonus Time and day use of our facility. Bonus Time is the opportunity to make reservations at Club Trinidad for 1, 2 or 3 days at the Bonus Time rates, which are deluxe studios: \$55 per night, 1-bedrooms: \$65 per night, and 2-Bedrooms/2 Baths: \$75. Day use of our facility is when any of you are traveling in the Palm Springs area you are invited to stop by and use our pools, spa, fitness center, discounts at our massage parlor and visit The Purple Room Lounge. Any of these privileges are of course based on availability and do not affect your RCI points at all but are all in addition to the points. Come and see us when you can. We are all family here. If you should ever drop out of the RCI Points program, your ownership here will continue, as you will automatically become a “weeks” owner and can use and book your week here at CT, or exchange it through CT Exchange-Tyme to any other place in the world for an exchange fee of only \$150. See Edna Johnson’s column on the second page.

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

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