



# SANDY PLACE

## SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER

### JULY 2017

#### Dear Sandy Place Shareholder

Sometimes it seems as though time goes by faster and faster, as the years go by. It feels like we just celebrated the Festive Season and made New Year's resolutions... yet here we are in the middle of the year and with Valentine's Day, RCI OSCAS, Easter, Mother's Day and a whole range of special days already ticked off of our calendars. The first half of the year may have gone by quickly but it's been a great year. Allow us to catch you up on the latest happenings at your slice of Sandy paradise.

## CREATING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERLASTING HOLIDAY MEMORIES



Your Managing Agent, VRS, is a member of Uni-Vision and as such, embraces the Vision of "Creating the Environment for Everlasting Holiday Memories" unequivocally. That's why your Sandy Place Team is all about creating an environment where you and your family can make timeless memories and we aim to do that through on-going hard work and dedication and continually challenging ourselves to create and innovate.

Speaking of the hard work and dedication of our staff –



**Sandy Place has once again**

**attained Silver Crown status at the 29th Annual RCI OSCAS Award Ceremony.**

Silver Crown status is the second highest grading a Resort can achieve and to receive it from such a prestigious ceremony as the RCI OSCAS is remarkable. Hats-Off, high-five and congratulations must go to both the On-site and Off-site Sandy Place Team, for pushing yourself year after year.

On the topic of pushing ourselves, Sandy Place spends a lot of time improving the Resort experience for our cherished Shareholders – where applicable and where possible – every year. This year is no exception – so allow us to expand on what has been happening at your home-away-from-home.



# YOUR SANDY PLACE ON THE DOUBLE REPORT



## We understand that a trip to Sandy Place isn't just another holiday.

*It is a very special time you get to spend with your loved ones; a time to break free from the busyness and haste of everyday life and kick up your feet and relax. The Resort grounds and facilities are a very big part of your very special Sandy Place experience.*



With this top of mind, we decided to establish a hanging herb garden. This addition not only leaves a lovely fragrance for a passer-by to enjoy but attracts a whole range of butterfly species and wonderful little critters. We have also added more plants in general to the Resort gardens. The overall look is great and if you haven't stayed with us yet this year, we look forward to you seeing and enjoying the additional greenery.



We have also established new water lines and purchased a brand new pump – this will help us minimise the risk of water shortages in the future. This means our gardens will continue to look great, remain green and most importantly your stay with us won't be inconvenienced in any way.



To add to your comfort and due to Sandy always attempting, where possible, to take any suggestions you may have on-board; we have installed new fans at the Games Room area. Now even on hot days, the guests making use of the Games Room can remain as cool as cucumbers.

### *From the grounds, to your home-sweet-home units...*



On the topic of honouring suggestions you may make – we have installed brand new, sturdy shower racks in the units and have replaced the shower heads with new ones – ensuring that you have the best and most refreshing showers at the Resort.

### *Remaining at the units...*

Sandy Place is in the process of replacing all kitchen cupboards to improve the overall look and feel of the units and at the same time improve the functionality of the cupboards in the kitchen. This project is on-going but we will keep you posted with the latest developments, as they happen.

### *Further afield ...*

As you leave Sandy Place to go exploring further afield, you will notice a brand new sign to match the brand new gate and that our front walls have been painted to match. We believe that first impressions are lasting ones and so we wanted the exterior of your home-away-from-home to match the beautiful interior.

We will continue to implement - from the small to the big - things to make sure that Sandy Place remains your slice of paradise and the place where your heart lies.

## Some say the most treasured heirlooms are the sweet memories a family make together.

*At your slice of Sandy paradise we are privileged to be part of your most treasured moments, memories and "heirlooms".*

We love that we are your annual tradition, where your loved ones come together and celebrate what is really important in life – each other. You work incredibly hard each year and deserve to take a break for your health, wealth and well-being. We look forward to your next visit, not only to see you again, but for you to have some fun with us.

Whether your idea of a good time is to watch the younger guests dart around the Resort during our newly established treasure hunt; or taking the family to all the places on Sandy Place's "Top Ten Things to do in St Lucia" checklist; or reading a book while the kiddies have fun on the very safe and secure Resort grounds – there are plenty of opportunities for fun and the creation of only the best kind of memories.





# FUN IN THE SUN



## Just down the road from your home-away-from there are a whole range of adventurous activities waiting for you to go explore and discover.

You could make your way to McKenzie Street to Tusks Restaurant and enjoy something 🍌 yummy to eat, while the kids slide down the super tube or play on the grounds; or you could decide to explore the Estuary, which has the largest estuarine system in Africa, by going on 🚤 a boat cruise; or delight in the different bird species at 🦅 Cane Cutters bird park situated in only 15km from Sandy Place in Monzi – there is fun to be had in many shapes and forms. With the iSimangaliso Wetland Park practically on Sandy Place’s doorstep, guests can go on a self-drive, or guided night game drive and possibly spot four of the Big Five (no lions) and a whole range of antelope, 🦏 hippos and more. Then, of course, the 🐊 St Lucia Crocodile Centre is always a hit with younger guests; or take the family on a cultural experience to the Venyane Cultural Village (on the outskirts of St Lucia). A drive to Cape Vidal (through the iSimangaliso Wetland Park) is another adventure that we love! Think 🐟 fishing, snorkelling and a unique bush experience. If you’re up for something a little bit adventurous, why not experience the beauty of St Lucia on 🐎 horseback with Bhangazi Horse Safaris – the perfect way to spot zebra, buck, warthogs and wildebeest. Sandy Place guests naturally love going to the beach, or exploring the St Lucia surrounds on foot – particularly on the iGwalagwala Trail, which is an amazing place to spot birds like 🦅 fish eagles, kingfisher, terns and herons.



So whether you, our cherished shareholder, prefers to kickback and kick up your feet and bask in the peaceful surrounds and have a traditional braai with the family; or go exploring in the St Lucia area – there are ample fun things, good times and adventures awaiting your arrival.

After all, happy times come and go, but memories last forever. And Sandy Place is one of the best places to make a bank full of happy memories with the family. Until you get to bask and experience the essence of Sandy Place and the St Lucia area again – *take care!*

## SANDY PLACE’S SECRET ZESTY-BERRY YOGURT BREAD RECIPE



At Sandy Place we see you as part of the family! Naturally, we then have no problem sharing our exclusive family recipes with you! So here is one of our best kept secrets – Our Zesty-Berry Yogurt Bread Recipe. Let the holiday tea-time yumminess begin ...

### What Do You Need To Make This Yumminess:

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 tsp. of baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 egg, whisked
- 1 cup of fat free milk
- ¼ cup of butter, melted
- 1 tbsp. of lemon zest
- 1 tbsp. of lemon juice
- ¾ cup of plain fat free Greek yoghurt (can use normal too)
- 6 tbsps. of sweetner (stevia/xylitol etc.)
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

### Zesty Glaze (Optional):

- ½ cup icing sugar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 tps. fat free milk
- 1 tsp. lemon zest

### How Do You Make This Yumminess:

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease the bottom and sides of 23 x 13 cm (9 x 5 inch) or standard loaf pan.
2. Mix the flour, sweetner, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Once combined, make a well in the centre and set aside.
3. Combine the egg, milk, melted butter, lemon zest and lemon juice. Pour into the well of dry ingredients. Once well-combined, stir in the yogurt. Gently fold in the blueberries.
4. Pour batter into loaf pan and bake for 50 –55 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes before removing from pan.
5. Zesty Glaze: combine icing sugar with lemon juice, milk and lemon zest. Stir until smooth consistency. Drizzle over warm bread.



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Checking-In Procedures:** in the interest of safety, security and ensuring that only confirmed guests are allowed access to the Resort, you will be required to produce both the Reservation Confirmation/Guest Certificate and your ID, and also to complete the Indemnity Form when checking into the Resort.

**Guest Certificates:** in the event that you are allowing a guest to occupy your timeshare week, the guest must be in possession of a valid Guest Certificate which is obtainable from Head Office prior to the guest's arrival.

**Levy Payments:** levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.

**Spacebanking and Rentals:** please note that a request for spacebanking or rental, must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process. Please contact Property Admin at: [propertyadmin@oaks.co.za](mailto:propertyadmin@oaks.co.za).

**Communication:** to enable us to communicate effectively, please ensure that you keep us updated regarding your current contact details, and most importantly, your email address.

**Occupation Dates:** please note that Resort Calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the Annual Calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week. Please refer to the 2018 calendar available on the following link:  
<http://vrsonline.co.za/HTML/documents/SandyPlaceCalendar2018.pdf>



**Tell us why  
you love Sandy Place**

**What are the best things about  
the Resort?  
What do you love the most?**

Tell us YOUR SANDY PLACE story and you could be featured in the December and/or future newsletters. Email us your stories and/or pictures to [yourresortstory@oaks.co.za](mailto:yourresortstory@oaks.co.za)

## NO GOODBYES – ONLY “SEE YOU SOONS”

**Instead of saying goodbye at the end of this newsletter, we say “see you soon”!** We are certain the second half of the year is going to be just as exciting as the first... maybe even more. May the rest of your year be a blessing, may you make everlasting memories, hang in there and remember the quote: “Make up your mind that no matter what comes your way, no matter how difficult, no matter how unfair, you will do more than simply survive. You will thrive and enjoy your life – no matter what...”

Warm regards

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