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Acquisition News

by Harold Bruner (464.2436)

Addition to Dobbs Preserve Provides Second Access Point

The latest CLT acquisition is just 2.26 acres but it is contiguous to our existing Dobbs Preserve and opens up some new and interesting opportunities. The original Dobbs Preserve of 69.14 acres was purchased in 1998. It is located east of the Tropical Homesites community and has about 2000 ft of water frontage on Matlacha Pass. The only road frontage is about 180 ft on Sabal Ave. However, a drainage ditch parallels the road and does not allow vehicular access.

In terms of land use, the Lee County Property Appraiser classifies the entire original purchase as mangrove wetlands. For the latest purchase it shows just over a half acre in uplands with the balance in wetlands. The uplands show as the lightest color on the west side of property in the aerial photo. (Next page)

Although the new purchase has no road frontage the red (or dark) line that heads west from the northwest corner is an easement that was included with the purchase. The easement goes straight east from the intersection of Tangerine Dr and Sabal. A management plan has not yet been developed for the preserve, but it is likely that a small parking area will be located in the northwest corner of the new addition. The open area south of that will be planted in a variety of native shrubs and trees. A dense stand of Australian pine is on the lot immediate west of our uplands. By planting trees and shrubs as soon as the rainy season begins they will soon create a canopy that will inhibit the invasion of Australian pine from the adjacent lot.

At the Saturday work day in March we began the removal of exotics on the new purchase. Australian pine is the dominant invasive. Brazilian pepper is next. There were a few melaleuca and only one carrotwood. Fortunately, we found no earleaf acacia. This is the latest exotic that is spreading rapidly on much of Pine Island.

On a hot Saturday workday at the original Dobbs Preserve last summer one of the things we did was to work on clearing a trail that runs parallel to the west side of the mosquito ditch that forms the west boundary of the big preserve. The latest addition will allow us to continue that trail to the southeast and tie it into the parking area. When that is complete you will be able to enter the preserve from Sabal at the far north end and walk all the way down to the uplands on the new parcel.

One of the highest priorities for land acquisition is property adjacent to an existing preserve. Not only is that the case here, but buying this small parcel allows more and better uses of the existing preserve.

Aerial view of the Dobbs Preserve and the latest addition.



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Rubber Duck Race

The Duck Race raised more than \$33,000 this year and many many "Thanks" go out to the volunteers and donors that made it such a big success. Listed here are all of the donors that provided the great prizes and the wonderful auction items. If you know an individual listed, give them a big "thanks" and for the businesses listed please track them down and patronize them.

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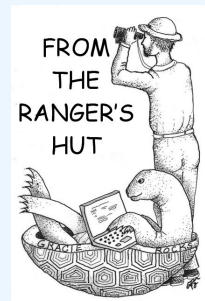
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April 2011

Work Parties – Everyone Welcome

They are on the first Saturday of each month except August.
 9:00am to Noon We need your help.

Saturday	May 14	Pine Island Flatwoods & Dobbs Preserves	9 - Noon
Saturday	June 11	Flanagan Preserve, Upper Captiva	9 - Noon
Saturday	July 9	St. James Creek Preserve & Dobbs	9 - Noon
August	Vacation		



For information on any of these activities, to get on our e-mail lists for these activities or for any Ranger related issues, please contact Ed Chapin at ecalusaed@calusalandtrust.org or call him at **239-218-7531 - New Number!!**
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Peter Ordway Mangrove Adventures

The Peter Ordway Mangrove Adventures were started by Peter many years ago as a way to explore our waterfront Pine Island Preserves and to raise money for the Calusa Land Trust. It has been an honor to carry on these paddling adventures in memory of Peter. There are six trips every season starting in October and running through March.

The Peter Ordway Mangrove adventures for the 2010 - 2011 season are complete.

The last two paddles were : On Saturday February 26th, we paddled to Long Cut, York and Coconut Islands in Saint James City. We had wonderful weather and a fabulous paddle. Because there were so many competing events happening that day around Pine Island, we only had 4 paddlers attend. Thank you again to Sandy and Don Werner for graciously allowing us to launch from their home.

On Sunday, March 27th, 12 paddlers joined us for a trip to our newest Preserve in Saint James City, the Inman Preserve. It was a windy but surprisingly easy paddle. On the way to the preserve, we sailed along with the wind and on the return paddle, we were able to stay inside the mangrove islands and through a mangrove tunnel that protected us from the oncoming southern wind.

That wraps up the paddling season. The Peter Ordway Mangrove Adventure Paddles will start up again in October with an inland, freshwater trip to Fish Eating Creek. This was one of Peter Ordway's favorite paddles and has become a yearly event. Watch for the new schedule of paddles late this summer.

On the behalf of the Calusa Land Trust, I would like to thank all our wonderful paddlers for their companionship, skill, bravery :) , good cheer and generous donations. It was a great season see you in October.