



TaraNotes

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TaraNova Members:

I hope you all had a wonderful Canadian Thanksgiving! The weather was perfect, and most are still enjoying the last weeks of the fall season. Snow will soon be here! This will be a wonderful time for some to ski on the slopes of a mountain, while others will be looking to enjoy the warmth of the sun in other destinations. Start planning now for your 2025 vacation weeks. At the printing of these TaraNotes, we still have weeks available for the rest of 2024 including some Christmas and New Year weeks, but they will not last long! A shout out to our American members that will celebrate their Thanksgiving on November 28th.

It is with great joy that we are celebrating TaraNova's 34th anniversary. Many of our members have been with us since the beginning and I wish to extend my deepest gratitude for their continued loyalty and support! We have many members that started out as a young family, taking their children to different resorts. As the years went by, and the children became young adults, we saw many of the second-generation taking advantage of their parents' TaraNova membership. Now, we are seeing those grown children taking their own children and their grandparents to explore and enjoy all the benefits of being a TaraNova member.

I wish to thank the Board of Governors for their continued in-depth reviews of the TaraNova financial information and approving the budget for 2025 which kept our maintenance fees below the industry average. Our members enjoy the benefit of two and three-bedroom units with full kitchens, which drastically reduces the cost if you compare staying in a hotel room and having to purchase all your meals. Many members have used the RCI and Advantage Programs to visit other resorts and plan exciting vacations!

Thank you to the Management and staff for their continued efforts on behalf of the members. As always, your TaraNova Customer Service Team is dedicated to assisting you in all your TaraNova vacation needs.

Wishing you all a Safe Holiday Season.

**Regards, Teresa Knapp
President**



Located right on the marsh, TaraNova's Seawatch Inn at the Landing has everything you'd want for a perfect Murrells Inlet getaway. A beautiful seasonal outdoor pool/spa for relaxing, free parking, free Wi-Fi, a short walk to the beach, and a picnic area with barbecue grills perfect for a great outdoor cookout with family and friends! The Garden City Bar & Grill is only a 2-minute walk from the resort. Seawatch Inn at the Landing is in the perfect place for those who wish to explore the surrounding area as well. The location is also a Golfer's dream!



3-bedroom living room



2-bedroom living room



Nearby Attractions

- * On the boardwalk/promenade
- * Myrtle Beach State Park – 10 min drive
- * The Market Common – 14 min drive
- * Litchfield Beach – 15 min drive
- * Family Kingdom Amusement Park-7 Min drive
- * Many golf courses – 10 min drive
- * Myrtle Beach Boardwalk – 17 min drive
- * Coastal Grand Mall – 17 min drive
- * Sky Wheel Myrtle Beach – 18 min drive
- * Myrtle Beach Convention Center–20 min drive
- * Broadway at the Beach – 21 min drive
- * Ripley's Aquarium – 22 min drive

TaraNova's Other Resort Areas:

Villas Palmas, Costa Rica.
Attitash Mountain, New Hampshire
Tahoe Region, Nevada

Members now have access to inventory in the Tahoe "Region" instead of the Tahoe Summit. This results in multiple resorts and various check-in dates in the area which are now available to our members.

Members that have travelled to Tahoe have expressed their thanks that we extended the region.



Letters & Surveys TaraNotes 2024

The Resort Surveys that we send to you after your visit have been extremely helpful to us. If you see something that should be looked after, please let the front desk know right away so they may try and rectify it during your stay. Your comments and feedback help us to improve and maintain your resorts. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey.

Hi Rosanne! We took a lovely slow drive back from Seawatch Inn. What a wonderful and HOT vacation it was. There were dolphins jumping and swimming past the pier in the morning, we picked up several lovely shells and the waves were amazing. The pool at the Seawatch now has a built-in bench across the shallow end which is absolutely perfect for sitting waist deep in the water while the sun shines down. My daughter and I took good advantage of it as did many of the guests. Great idea, whose ever idea it was! New property manager James is great! He along with Shelly (I hope I have her name correct) made us feel very welcome. A big "thank you" to them!!

Editors' Note: We forwarded thanks to James and Shelly.

First Time in Costa Rica, Amazing Stay!

Our stay was terrific! Villas were spacious and an amazing central base of adventuring in Costa Rica. They partner with a stellar tour company that can provide unforgettable experiences as well. If you are looking to take in the beauty and culture of Costa Rica, I highly recommend this place. It's also in an area with walkable food options, markets, and a pharmacy. The staff were tremendous as well!

Sensational Vacation Resort:

My Son and I thoroughly enjoyed our stay at the Taranova-Villas Palmas. The staff were extremely helpful, courteous and made us feel so very welcome. The facilities were phenomenal and although it did not have central air conditioning the cool weather and ceiling fans made up for it. We definitely highly recommend a place to stay when in Costa Rica.

Hi Rosane: First I would like to thank you for your help with my son Colin when Lake Tahoe fell through. I was hoping you received our 2025 dues. If so, could we book 1 week...in Myrtle Beach if it is still available? Thank you again for all the great work your team does.

TaraNova: We were looking forward to answering the survey. We only have good things to say. It was very unfortunate that I had to have emergency surgery, but I can't thank Taranova staff and Seawatch Landing for their compassion, generosity and kindness making our time there so much nicer and easy for us.

Please send the survey, thanks and have a great day!

SeaWatch Inn at the Landing is amazing

This place is amazing. The views are incredible of Murrells Inlet, and it is in the perfect location. You can walk to three restaurants, three bars, and the pier is .03 miles from here. They also serve food and have two bands at night and karaoke daily during the summer. If you are looking to be in the heart of things, this is it. The pool and hot tub are wonderful and also overlook the inlet. They have the largest private fishing pier on the inlet and many take advantage of the fishing. The rooms are small, but what we were looking for. They have a kitchen, two bedrooms, and one bath. They all come with a washer and dryer for your convenience too. The staff is kind and helpful and seems to go above and beyond to help. We also love to come in the off season as this area offers many Christmas activities, parades, shows and shopping.

Editor's Note: These people stayed in a 2-bedroom unit. The 3-bedroom unit is extremely spacious with 3 bathrooms.

TaraNova: Thank you for accepting our dues by e-transfer. This was so much easier for us to do rather than going to the bank to get a money order.

Editors Note: As stated in the IMPORTANT INFORMATION in this Newsletter, e-transfer may only be accepted in Canadian funds. Please contact the office to for the actual amount required as we do not offer the same rate as the bank. Also, please send a separate request to book or bank your week as a request on the memo part of an e-transfer cannot be accepted.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tel: 416-499-8600 Toll Free (North America): 1-800-914-CLUB (2582) E-mail: club@taranova.com

For more information on TaraNova please visit our website at www.taranova.com. Click on “Club Info” “Bulletin Board”

Check Resort Requirements: Always check with the resort directly for information on any policies & procedures, area information/updates or any other aspect of your vacation resort and area that you may be required to know. *Resorts have different management. Items may or may not be included in the welcome package. Our resorts, and others, may provide first day supplies but members may need to purchase additional supplies for the remainder of their visit. Please check with the front desk on this and any other matter with respect to your stay in a resort.

Protect Your Vacation (CAP): We suggest you always purchase our **CAP offer** to ensure your accommodation week will be available should you need to cancel for any reason.

Visiting Resorts: Whether you are staying at a TaraNova resort, or any other resort, if you have any issues or concerns, please contact the front desk at the resort that same day in order that they may assist you during your stay. If you have any specific requirements, please check with the resort before you confirm the week.

Travel Restrictions: Always check to make sure of all mandates regarding flights, land travel, border crossings, entry and reentry requirements, country, vaccine, tests, and any other imperative issues.

Important Dates: November 15th is the last day to bank your current year’s week in RCI. Advantage Program weeks must be deposited/transferred with live future inventory and is while supplies last.

NEW: INTERNET PAYEMENT: We are now able to offer e-transfer payment in Canadian Funds. Please contact the office for the amount in Canadian Dollars. Email for e-transfers is: rosanne@taranova.com Send requests to book and/or bank a week separately as these cannot be processed from the memo section on an e-transfer.

TaraNova Board of Governors

Your Board of Governors exercises authority over and ultimately controls your resort properties, approves the annual budget, and understands how the Club is managed. The Board works closely with management to ensure the Club operates and fulfills its requirements for the members. Please review the important Announcement from the President of TaraNova, attached to this Newsletter regarding the dues for 2025. Every year at least one Board Member is elected for a 3-year term to ensure continuity of experience. All members in good standing may seek election. Both John Brunt and Derek Clarke were re-elected by acclimation to serve for the 2024-2027 term. Both Walter Klywak and Dennis Hristovski have confirmed they will be seeking re-election for the 2025-2028 term. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact Teresa Knapp on or before December 30, 2024, at club@taranova.com