

Summer Colony BEACHCOMBER

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The weather did not want to cooperate this past weekend, but that didn't stop the festivities. On Friday night, it was over to the Meadow Club for cocktails hosted by Southampton Hospital. This party was to thank all the committee chairs who made the Summer Party such a spectacular event.

Seen enjoying the evening were: **Ann and Bill Yawney, Cindy and Ladd Willis** (Cindy looking stunning in a brown-and-white geometric print dress), **Patty and George Kraus, Judy and Denis Dwyer** (Judy in a fabulous steel blue knit suit from St. John's), **Sheila and Joe Fuchs, Jean Fitzsimmons, the Reverend Peter Larsen, Lisa and Rome Arnold** (Lisa in a sexy white dress with black accents), **Phil Piro, and Melanie and John Wambold**.

I chatted with **Nancy and Martin Stone**; Martin is in the process of writing his memoirs—won't that be an interesting read! Hospital President and CEO **Bob Chaloner** spoke briefly, as did Jean

Fitzsimmons, who presented **Sheila Fuchs** with a beautiful sterling silver tray to thank her for all her hard work on this year's party. **Jean Shafiroff** looked great in a strapless Carolina Herrera print cocktail dress. By the way, it was announced at the Saturday board meeting that Jean will be the chairman of the 2010 Summer Party. Congratulations!

Saturday night, the main event was in Water Mill at the **Gilberts** for the 25th annual Huggy Bear Party. The evening benefits **Ted Forstmann's** charity, which is dedicated to helping to keep alive children dealing with serious illness in developing countries. The highlight of the evening was an incredible performance by none other than Fleetwood Mac. Sunday was a winner-take-all men's doubles tournament between the number-one and -two ranked men's doubles partners, **Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic**, against brothers **Bob and Mike Bryan**; the Bryan brothers claimed victory. The weekend raised more than \$1 million for Ted's charity.

Although the sky was cloudy on Sunday, it did not rain, and by late afternoon the sun finally peeked through the clouds. The Grand Prix at the Hampton Classic was the place to be, enjoying fine food and friends while watching the finals of this week-long riding event. Seen under the tents were: **John and Melanie Wambold, Bill Baker, Mark Hughes, Rudy and Judith Giuliani, Kelly Ripa, Joy Marks** (wearing one of her signature hats), **Laura and Jim Freeman**, New York City Mayor **Mike Bloomberg, Somers and Jonathan Farkas, and Terry Kramer**, whose granddaughter was competing that day.

Monday night, it was over to **Catherine Adler's** summer home for a cocktail party where Christian Dior unveiled their fall line of jewelry and watches. The evening was co-hosted by Catherine, **Somers Farkas and Margo Macnabb Nederlander**, with Robbins Wolfe doing the catering, and was filled with beautiful people and dazzling jewels. Seen eyeing the sparkling baubles were: Dior Executive Vice President **Karen Watkins, Debbie Tanger, Vicki Furman, Ellen Scarborough, Melanie Wambold, Nancy O'Sullivan, Charlene Nederlander, Barbara Gordon, Kristi Witker, and Andrea Stark**.

The party was to kick off a charity event that Dior is running in their two New York City boutiques. For the next 15 days, Dior will donate a portion of all sales to the Southampton Food Pantry and Lighthouse International. So get shopping, ladies, and support these wonderful charities! Special thanks to Catherine, Somers and Margo for lending your support.

Afterward, it was over to the Bath and Tennis Club on Gin Lane for dinner with



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Jean Shafiroff and Catherine Adler at the Dior cocktail party.

friends. I ran into **Sheila and Joe Fuchs, Kay Gilman, Bill Baker, Mark Hughes** and the **Hadlock** family, **Judy and Jack** and their daughter **Meghan** and her husband, **Greg Kitzerow**. Judy was the proud grandmother as she played with grandson **Gavin**. This was the last barbecue night for the summer and, as always, it was a delight. There is no better place in Southampton where you can sit on a deck overlooking the Atlantic while having dinner—unless, of course, you are one of the fortunate few to have a home on the ocean.

Don't forget this fall to pick up your Historic Figures of Southampton calendar to support the Southampton Historical Museum. Many of our local ladies have taken it off for the camera and this important cause. This Saturday night, the museum will host its Late Summer Cocktail Party at the Rogers Mansion on Meeting House Lane.

On Tuesday, October 12, Southampton Hospital will host a gala at Sebonack Golf Club, co-chaired by **Nancy Stone Kraus** and offers the opportunity to call early to reserve your spot on this fabulous course. In November, the Palmetto will host its annual Thanksgiving over the Thanksgiving weekend, always a wonderful event featuring a wonderful silent auction, a gift boutique—it's a great time for the holidays.

Well, for me, it's off to bed for the fashion shows and the end of the fall social season. I'll be off to Palm Beach for a lovely vacation, fortunately in a warmer climate than you all have a wonderful winter season, and I look forward to seeing all of you back here next month. Then, I bid you a fond adieu.

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