

# Old Patrician



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## Best Barbeque of the Modern Era

Since the founding of the current Social Committee, we have not had a barbeque as successful as the one held on the Fourth of July! Not only did we have a good turnout, the comradery around the tables was close to perfect. Forty of us enjoyed the excellent weather to pull off a wonderful event.

The fires were started at 4:30 PM and by 5:30 they were ideal for cooking. Because we use a great deal of charcoal, even if you came by at 8:30 PM, and no one did, you could have cooked your dinner with no problem.

People started to gather at 5:00 to enjoy a round of drinks. Beer, wine, and let's not forget Marti's New England iced "tea" were offered. A few minutes before six, the cooking began in earnest.

There was the usual barbeque fare of hamburgers and hotdogs plus some of the more interesting items. Donna's ribs with a new tangy-hot sauce were heaven sent in my humble opinion. Large steaks seemed to be the order of the day. Pat and I did "T" bones using my brother's day long marinade. If there is a better charcoal preparation I have not found it.

The picture on the right was taken by my father in 1972. You should notice a few things. First, the water at low tide is much the same distance from the sea-wall as it is today. This is because the coral in front of us (and yes it is a coral reef and not old A1A) stabilizes our beach.

No apartment has yet to install shutters, although my folks did the following year.

There is no building yet to the north of us. In fact there was none until you got to La Renaissance a half a mile up the beach. And finally, the building looks much the same as it does today because it was built well and maintained to the highest standards of quality. The building is 40 years old this year and does not look its age.



Beach in 1972

## Try a Little Minor League Baseball

We are going to try something a tad different for our next event. Rather than make a formal activity out of attending a minor league baseball game, we are just going to declare an event and see who shows up. This means no commitment nor any pre-paying of money. We are just setting a date, location, and time and we will see who comes.

Pat and I go to see the Palm Beach Cardinals a few times every summer. They, along with the Jupiter Hammerheads play in Roger Dean Stadium. Because two teams play in the same park, there is quality baseball almost every night.

Double "A" baseball is a "hoot." The prices are low, the seats are close to the

field, and the players are young and quite willing to accommodate the fans. So here is what the SocComm has in mind. On Thursday evening, July 16, 2009 we will meet by the ticket window at Roger Dean at 6:00 PM. At 7:05 PM the Palm Beach Cardinals will take on the St. Lucie Mets.

At the appointed time we will all buy our tickets together. We can go into the stadium as a group and buy usual baseball fare. Most Thursday's are "Thirsty" and this one is no exception. All drinks, beer and soda, are \$2.00. By doing this event in this manner it does not matter if 50 people show up or just two. There cannot be less than two as Pat and I are going no matter what.

We will post a signup sheet just to gauge interest and to note who needs a ride to the game. There is no problem parking as there is a huge lot just one block of the field. Since game time is seven PM the heat of the day has long since past. And the field is east facing so the sun is behind you as it sets.

The Palm Beach Cardinals is the AA farm team for the St. Louis Cardinals. And the farm team is doing quite well this year. As of Sunday, July 1st, the team is in second place in the Florida State League's South Division. They are just one half game behind division leading Ft. Meyers. St. Lucie, the opponent for our game is just a few games behind.

The Florida State League plays two "seasons" each summer. The first season has just ended. They do this because players are always coming and going in the minor leagues. By having two seasons your team is more or less intact from opening day until now.

This team is doing fine. Of particular note is Angel Francisco Rivera, the first baseman. He is currently hitting .371 over his last ten games. I have noticed that minor league players are much older than they once were. The youngest player on this team is 20 years old and most are in their mid twenties. This is good for baseball where most players once were teenagers.

