

A. C. had graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1954 and had gone to work for the City of Raleigh as a planner. He served there as Director of Planning for most of the 30 years preceding his retirement in 1980, when he came to PKS to manage the Atlantis. Before that, Ruth had run the place alone and, if success is measured by the number of friends one makes, Ruth was successful indeed.

The Bray-Hall combo had found it necessary to borrow the funds with which to begin building. One of A.C.'s architectural friends drew the plans for no fee. Ruth rented a cottage in PKS in which to live during construction of the Lodge and, when other friends of A.C. came to do the actual work of building, Ruth supplied them with a place to live in the cottage and did the cooking for them. When the original units were completed, the first two rooms to be rented were taken by people who, all these years later, still come to the Atlantis. Indeed, repeat customers are the rule; one such has already made reservations for 1984!

Aside from the quarters occupied by Ruth and by A.C.'s family, the Atlantis has 41 rentable units, 35 of which are efficiencies. Roughly speaking, the Lodge enjoys an occupancy of 95% in Summer, 75% in Spring and Fall and 50% in Winter.

When the Town had just begun and had no shelter of its own, Town meetings were held in the Atlantis lounge and Ruth, who was a member of our first Board of Commissioners, let the Town use a small room in the Atlantis as our first "Town Hall".

Incidentally, when development of the area began in earnest, A. C. Hall was employed to assist in the planning. It is from him that our boat basin on Beechwood Drive got the name "Hall Haven".

PKSers entertain themselves in many different ways. The Ancient Mariners are a PKS group which goes bowling - and they're good at it! Moreover, they keep a very impressive "log" of their scores and of their fun activities. The log contains pictorial evidence that their sea duty includes a mighty good time even when they are not bowling. There are pictures captioned "Kick Off Party", "Awards Party", "Mid-Season Party" and the like, where broadly smiling faces indicate memorable hours. There are also photographs of "award" boxes and -yes- pictures of beer mugs entirely empty! They've had pig pickins, banquets, hoe-downs and other get-togethers away from the bowling lanes, even if bowling is the primary interest that causes them to meet.

NOT-SO-ANCIENT
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Incidentally, there are mishaps in bowling as in all sports. There was a time, for example, when one of the men kept insisting there was something wrong with his feet; that he couldn't manipulate them properly on the lanes. After some three unhappy games, he realized he had forgotten to change to bowling shoes and was wearing "wallabys" which stuck to the floor!

These devotees of the sport, these not-so-ancient mariners, formed their nautical organization in 1974. Charter members were Minnie and Si Bezuyen, Karolyn and Wayne Cleveland, Olga and Sturgis Hedrick, Peg and Ken Knight, Vivian and Bill Macdonald, Evelyn and Bob McKeen, Marge and Jim Ramsey and Ed and Dorothy Sigall. The group now consists of 48 regular members, with a large number of substitutes standing by in the wings (or in the galley or on deck or wherever it is that tars "stand by"). The Mariners would not only welcome, but indeed need, more substitutes. They bowl weekly in Jacksonville during their season, which excludes the Summer.

The year's high average is held by Bob Herbst with a 168 and the women's by Vern Wallace with 143. Vern also holds the highest game score for a woman with a 204 and George Broadstreet the highest game score for a man with a 249.