



# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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### Barefoot Man's Concert Draws 2000 George Novak Held His Tenth Concert at Nippers

By Robert Wilson

The much anticipated concert of George Novak, known as the Barefoot Man, was held at Nippers Beach Bar on Guana Cay.

Johnny Roberts, owner of Nippers, had a smile on his face as party goers turned out in large numbers on March 5th to enjoy what has become the Annual Barefoot Man Concert at Nippers Beach Bar. The weatherman cooperated and the crowd estimated at more than 2000 had a beautiful day to enjoy the food, music and dancing along one of the most picturesque stretches of beach on Abaco.

In the company of Sea n B' (the Chuck and Barrie duo) and Abaco's own Stone McEwan, the Barefoot Man created the momentum to keep many of the beach side revelers dancing into the late hours as he continued to demonstrate to his fans his fun-loving wit and humor and the calypso-reggae beat that got him started some 30 years ago.

Two hits from his latest *Gone Coconutz* CD, *Ivan* and *My Insurance Man*, were enthusiastically received. The songs focused on the songwriter's personal experiences dealing with Hurricane Ivan in which he personally lost his home as the Category 5 storm slammed into Grand

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The Barefoot Man performs yearly at Nippers Beach Bar on Guana Cay to a very dedicated enthusiastic audience. This year's concert was held on March 5 to a capacity crowd at the oceanfront restaurant and bar. He came with Sea n B and included local musician Stone McEwan in his concert.

### Don't Miss These Events

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| Abaco Inn's Annual Artists' Luncheon     | March 18 |
| Forest Heights Academy Fling             | March 25 |
| All Abaco Regatta Concert - Goombay Park | March 25 |

### Disaster Response Workshop Trained Volunteers



A group of 24 volunteers from every part of Abaco took part in a five-day workshop to train them in responding to any disaster that could come to their community. Training included response to fires, rescue operations, basic medical training and hurricane disasters. Their training included a simulated hurricane disaster with injured persons.

By Portia Jonsson

On February 23rd - 27th the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy held an intense and informative five-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Workshop at the Parish Hall with over 24 participants from all over Abaco including the cays.

Opening remarks came from Navy

**CERT**

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### Visitors Were Welcomed at People to People Reception



Regattas of Abaco in Marsh Harbour was a festive site as the Ministry of Tourism, Abaco office hosted visitors and second home owners at a reception on March 2. The crowd was entertained by special music, a fashion show and even a Junkanoo rush.

By Jennifer Hudson

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism's Abaco Office hosted a People to People Reception for winter residents at the pool side of Regattas of Abaco on March 2. A capacity crowd enjoyed the occasion, which took on a different format from the People to People receptions previously held.

Ms. Shelley Austin, M.C. for the evening, welcomed the guests encouraging them to have fun and telling them, "This occasion is for us to get to know you and your getting to know us." Mrs.

Kendy Anderson, Executive People to People Co-ordinator, also welcomed the guests, thanking them for their contribution to our economic growth and saying, "Evenings like this enable visitors and Abaconians to share friendships and a lifetime of memories."

Mr. Revis Rolle, Senior Island Administrator, expressed gratitude to the winter residents saying, "Your interest in Abaco has caused it to become a model of tourism throughout the world. You have

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# People in the News

## Realtor Attended Education Conference

Local real estate agent Bill Thomdycraft, BRI, said he was excited about the opportunity to work with more than 1,000 of the nation's top residential agents who recently attended the Council of Residential Specialists' 2006 Sell-a-bration education conference in San Antonio, Texas.



In addition to having extensive networking opportunities, Bill Thomdycraft of Sandra Evans Real Estate Sales participated in training sessions focused on website marketing, pricing strategies, referrals, global real estate opportunities, luxury properties, healthy competition and working with buyers.

“In today's changing real estate market, it is really important that we are aware of changes in our industry that can better serve

our clients,” says Bill. “Attending Sell-a-bration gave me the opportunity to learn new strategies and exchange ideas with many top-producing realtors.”

The Council of Residential Specialists is the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors with more than 46,000 members. This annual three-day event is one of the foremost education and networking programs for Realtors at all levels of experience.

This was Bill's first attendance at Sell-a-bration. “This conference is a great way to start off the year,” says Bill “I returned with renewed assurance that I can help my clients buy with confidence and sell with ease.”

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## Barefoot Man

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Cayman Island. He has composed about 2000 songs of which about 500 have been recorded. He's also a writer and a photographer.

He continues to draw the crowds wherever he goes and along with Sea n B', he is a regular at the Royal Reef Resort in Grand Cayman. “I love the fishing here

on Abaco,” the Munich-born balladeer related. “And we've been doing the concert here at Nippers for about 10 years now, and everyone seems to have a good time.”

The Abaco Community Board has been buzzing for weeks with “news” relating to the concert. Hotels in Marsh Harbour were reportedly “sold-out,” and the marinas and anchorages in and around this normally quiet, seaside community had been reserved for weeks.

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(Ref #260) Four adjoining sea-walled waterfront lots on Galleon Bay Rd with spectacular views of the Sea of Abaco, cleared ready for construction, excellent value, Price \$220,000 each.

**"Galleon Bay Canal Lot"**  
(Ref #422) Prime Canal Front cleared lot totaling 10,295 s/f and 88+ feet of protected canal water frontage situated on the wide expanse of picturesque Galleon Bay, quick access to the Sea of Abaco. Great price. \$275,000.

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**"Residential Inland Lot"**  
(Ref #442) Choice residential lot on paved Flamingo Drive, located just one block from Ocean Blvd. 10,000 s/f & 80' on the road. All utilities are available at the property boundary, including TV & DSL. Price \$45,000.

**LEISURE LEE:  
"Canal Front Home"**  
(Ref #214) 2 bedroom 2 bath single story CBS construction home, open living/kitchen on the end of a finger canal, tile floors, central A/C, low maintenance, 50' of bulkhead canal front with deep water and dock, fully furnished, includes vehicle. Close to beach access \$465,000.

**"Rock's Cleft"**  
(Ref #466) Fully furnished, topsider home, 3 bedroom, 3 bath with 2,600 s/f on 2 levels located on peninsula with 360 degree waterfront views, canal front dockage for 100'+ yacht, boat ramp, lots of amenities includes vehicle and boat. Price: \$986,000.

**LITTLE HARBOUR:  
"Waterfront Property"**  
(Ref #347) 2.2 acres, sea to sea, total 280' water frontage, ideal for boat dockage in protected Little Harbour, large natural cave. \$910,000.

**TURTLE ROCKS:  
"Turtle's Rock"**  
(Ref #361) 3 bedroom 2.5 bath beach front home built in 2000 on 1.18 acres with 102' on the beach, very private area, fully furnished. \$755,000.

**GUANA CAY:  
"Two Commercial Lots"**  
(Ref#368) 2 adjoining lots, harbour front road location, across from the public dock, total frontage 161 feet, lot#8 \$299,000, lot#9 \$349,000.00.

**BUSTICK BIGHT:  
"Waterfront Acreage"**  
(Ref#381) 2.73 acres, featuring 900'+ of water front on protected Bustick Bight, located just 6 miles north of Marsh Harbour, open zoning, ideal location \$425,000.

**SPLIT ROCK:  
"Waterfront Parcels"**  
(Ref#299) Large waterfront lot(s) in new "Split Rocks" subdivision. This prime property consists of 1.39 acres and features over 100 feet of frontage on the beautiful Sea of Abaco. Call for pricing.

**MARSH HARBOUR:  
"Great Abaco Club Canal Lot"**  
(Ref#440) Choice cleared lot ready for construction in highly desirable gated community, dockage potential for 55' vessel plus 26' runabout, location provides great rental home possibilities and use of all resort amenities. Limited number of lots available in this community! Price - \$499,000.

**"Great Abaco Residential Lot"**  
(Ref#493) Select residential lot in Great Abaco Club, 7,750 sq. ft. in size, finger dock for 25' vessel, direct access to Sea of Abaco, gated community, all utilities available, use of all resort amenities, close to restaurants, shops, etc - \$425,000.

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