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News from Friends of Sarasota County Parks

August 2013



With the dog days of summer upon us, we are trying out a new template. Be sure to check out the Nature Events for August, which include

Frogs, Meteors, and IFAS classes.

More cool events below.

USRowing National Masters Championships

The USRowing Championships are coming to Nathan Benderson Park from August 15th to the 18th.

As USRowing's largest event, the Masters National Championship showcases the talents of more than 2,000 master's rowers competing in 200 events.

Find the [full story here](#).

Part of the story is the significance of Sarasota as a new venue for a fast growing sport. As USRowing CEO Glenn Merry put it:

"The commitment that community has put behind expanding rowing in the southeast is tremendous. It has the potential to be the next great opportunity for a rowing venue... . It's in a location where we need more places to row and they are rising to the occasion."

[A complete race schedule](#) with updates on the regatta and links to results (as available).

[Finals can be viewed live here](#) each day beginning Thursday, August 9.

Press coverage of the event will be [available here](#). See [John Krotec's call for volunteers below](#).



They aim to teach



The [Lekatchka archery](#) chapter of the Friends is holding a **kids camp** to teach Archery this August.

Knights Trail Park, Sarasota County

August 9, 10 and 11 - Friday to Sunday

9 am to noon

Ages: 8 to 16

\$50 for all three days

All equipment supplied

USA Archery registered teachers, Level 1 and 2.

Learn compound, recurve, target, and 3D shooting

Competition 3D shoot on Sunday

Lunch supplied Sunday

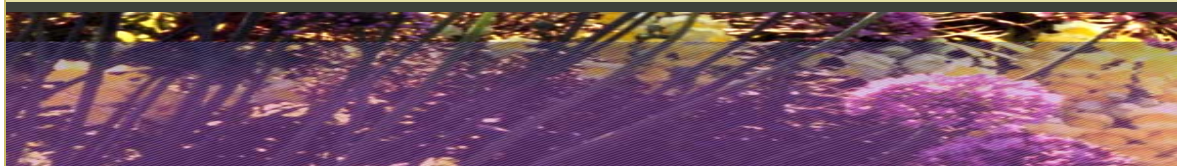
This just in:

Registration and details are now available for the August Lekatchka Archery camp from Jim Adam at 941-484-2555, or jadam4@verizon.net

For directions or info go to Lekatchkaarchers.com

Thanks,

Don Jackson. Lekatchka. Archery
941-587-9427



National Craze: Pickleball



If you go to [Sarasota County's Calendar](#) and look under Parks, you might notice a goodly number of entries for Pickleball. Evidently many folks here know the game and play it often, but if you're one of the few who haven't been initiated, it's been described as "halfway between tennis and ping-pong, played on a court with a net. But the ball is a hard plastic whiffle ball, and players use paddles instead of rackets." It's new this year at the [Senior Games](#), and NPR has [a bit more about it here](#).



Volunteer!



To All Community-Builders and Park Lovers,

The [USROWING Masters National Championships](#) (August 15-18th) is just around the corner and we need you help to get the venue ready for it. It's our first national regatta! We will be working at the park from 9 am to 5 pm everyday and looking to have you join us for some time between those hours (at least a 3-hour commitment). Look at the dates listed below to see you can work:

- Thursday, August 8th
- Friday, August 9th
- Monday, August 12th
- Tuesday, August 13th
- Wednesday, August 14th

Parking will be on the regatta island in the semi-circle drive between the two bridges. Please call me at 941.400.7333 if you can help us out. Now is the chance to be involved on a project of great importance to our community....we cannot do it without you. Hope to see you out there!

Sincerely,

John Krotec

Volunteer Coordinator

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Chick Check Update

Sarasota Audubon says a final pair of [Snowy Plover](#) still has three to four weeks until they fledge on Siesta Key. If you can help keep

them safe, contact [Jeanne Dubi](#) or [Ruth Ellen Peipert](#) or [Bob Luckner](#).



FOSCPNews Notes

A \$1,000 grant from IFAS helped [Master Gardeners Bonnie and George Feise](#) and volunteers from Home Depot create garden-entrances for Oak Park School:



Lots more events are to be found at [Visit Sarasota](#), as well as on the [County Calendar](#).

Click on this guy's head for August's Parks Events and IFAS Classes:



An [exhibit of batik work](#) by artist Angela Maria Isaza at Selby Gardens opens Aug. 15:



Batik by Angela Maria Isaza @ Selby Gardens

Have a [Sirius-ly](#) fine August, and thanks for all

you do.

Sincerely,



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