

The St. Thomas- St. John Chamber of Commerce
presents

Under The Sea

The Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta
Community Service Awards



Message from The Chamber President

It is a pleasure to recognize on behalf of the St. Thomas- St. John Chamber of Commerce, outstanding individuals, businesses and students who have all made and continue to make meaningful contributions to our community, by awarding this year's Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta awards to Neil and Trudie Prior and Beverly Nicholson Doty. Our Student Achievement Award to Sonnel Browne, and the Award for Design Excellence to Ginn Resorts-Mahogany Run Golf Course.

This year I am again reminded that the criteria for the Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta award, dedication, sincerity, forth-rightness and ethics, is personified by this year's honorees. All have demonstrated that they have not only met but exceeded the criteria for this award many times.

As you read the biographical sketches of both Neil and Trudie Prior you will understand the true breadth and depth of experience that they brought to the Virgin Islands when they bought Vitelco and Coral World. They dedicated themselves to their new businesses and to our Virgin Islands by serving on many boards and organizations. At the same time they continued to make significant additional investments in and donations to our community that will insure a bright future for all of us. The recent dedication of the Prior-Jorleck Hall at Antilles school is just the latest example of their continuing generosity and support of our community.

I do not believe Beverly Nicholson-Doty needs any introduction, as she has been very visible and active as the most recent Director of the Hotel and Tourism Association. She has already brought a breath of fresh air to the Tourism Department as Commissioner and everyone is talking about the great presentation that the department made during the recent USVI Destination Symposium. We all know that the new Commissioner will shake up the status quo and get the department moving in the right direction. Great appointment Governor!

Ginn Resorts was chosen for this year's Award for Design Excellence because of its original investment in the Mahogany Run Golf course property, its continuing investments in that property and for its future vision of what the property will become under their stewardship. That future vision entails significant and continuing improvements in the property which in turn demonstrates a dedication and commitment to the future of the Virgin Islands.

Finally this year's student is recognized by the Chamber for his leadership and dedication to the FBLA program at Charlotte Amalie High School. As the State President of the FBLA he heads an organization that personifies our future. We desperately need new, young business leaders to help lead the Virgin Islands into the 21st Century and Sonnel Browne is one of those leaders and certainly part of our future.

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this year's awards and thank you for all that you have done to further and improve these Virgin Islands. Have a great evening.

Thomas B. Brunt, III
President, St. Thomas- St. John Chamber of Commerce



Ginn Resorts - Mahogany Run Golf Course



Ginn Resorts bought Mahogany Run Golf Course in 2004 along with 90 acres of developable land within Mahogany Run. At the same time, Ginn Resorts purchased approximately 130 acres at Frenchman's Bay and is planning for a new high-end resort sometime in the future. As an aside, Bobby Ginn has vacationed in, and owned a home in St. Thomas for over 10 years. He loves St. Thomas and has always dreamed of doing something special on the island.

Ginn Resorts has invested more than \$3.5 million dollars of improvements into Mahogany Run Golf Course since June of 2004. Significant improvements have been made to the golf course, the clubhouse, the reverse osmosis water plant and to landscaping improvements in the surrounding area. Mahogany Run Golf Course has always been recognized for its friendliness, and now with the improvements and additions to the amenities, golfers and diners alike have been even more complimentary of the wonderful experience of just being at Mahogany Run.

We are very proud of our Mahogany Run Golf Course management team and staff, and we are grateful to all of our vendors and government officials who have all welcomed and assisted Ginn Resorts in St. Thomas. We continue to be good corporate neighbors through our contributions and work with the St. Thomas Public Library System.

Ginn Resorts, cont.

Founded by Bobby Ginn, Ginn Resorts specializes in land acquisition, real estate development and management, architectural design and engineering, resort development and operation and golf course construction and management. The company is one of the largest privately-held real estate development and management firms in the Southeast U.S., with nearly 40,000 acres of land currently under development.

Ginn's master-planned communities offer residents and guests a wide variety of resort and club living options and lavish amenities. The company manages what it builds; earning a reputation as an environmentally-friendly and quality-conscious developer that meticulously oversees its communities at every stage - from design and development to post-construction club management and operations.

An exciting new division within Ginn Resorts is Ginn Sports NASCAR, LLC which is dedicated to the production of Ginn Resorts' professional sports properties including the company's NASCAR team and three drivers (Mark Martin, Sterling Marlin, and Joe Nemechek), and 4 current professional golf tournaments on the LPGA and PGA TOUR's Champion's Tour.

Ginn Resorts' explosive growth in recent years has earned President Bobby Ginn recognition as one of the nation's leading developers of high-end golf course communities. A South Carolina native, Ginn has been involved with almost every type of development: residential, hospitality, retail and commercial for the past 30 years.

Ginn appeared on Florida's real estate scene in the late 1990s, launching the development of Ginn Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast. Since incorporating in 1998, Ginn Resorts has developed various upscale golf resort communities, selling thousands of homesites and condominiums and quickly establishing itself as one of the fastest-growing real estate developers in the nation.

Current Ginn Resorts projects include: Belvidere Club & Resort in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., which includes RiverTowne Country Club, Patriots Point Links golf course and Belvidere Cottages; 1,100-acre Ginn Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Fla.; 565-acre The Conservatory at Hammock Beach; 2,300-acre Ginn Reunion Resort, south of Orlando, Fla.; 1,900-acre Bella Collina, north of Orlando, 1,957-acre Ginn sur Mer on Grand Bahama Island and Tesoro and Tesoro Preserve in Port St. Lucie on Florida's Treasure Coast. In addition, the company operates Mahogany Run Golf Course on the island of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Burke Mountain ski resort near Burke, Vt., Quail West in Naples, Fla. and has plans for an expansive development in Colorado. The company is also developing other projects in Florida and South Carolina, including a 5,000 acre property near Naples, Fla. and two major tracts of land near downtown Charleston, SC.

