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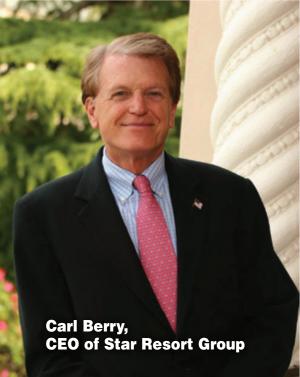


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### **Resort** Profile

# **Getting it Right:** Royal Dunes Resort in Hilton Head, S.C.





By: Hatton Gravely



Royal Dunes Resort does not have dramatic before / after photos or a major renovation success story because the resort has always been consistently well-maintained and managed, which has contributed to a happy owner base paying their maintenance fees on time year after year. This is an example of a timeshare resort getting it right.

#### How do they do it?

The key to this resort's success is proper planning, which has allowed the resort to keep up the common areas and buildings without major surprise expenses. In addition, proper budgeting has allowed the resort to make consistent upgrades and add new, noticeable features each year so owners are always greeted with a consistently well-maintained resort and something new. This past year, for example, a playground was added for owners and guests with children. Will Potter, General Manager of the resort, commented, "Every year, we budget some money for enhancements or added amenities for the guests and owners. Not all are large-scale projects like the playground but could be some smaller items like grills, pool pavers, shuffleboard court, or a fire pit. We try and improve the property every year in some way that is noticeable and used frequently by our guests/ owners whether it be adults or children."

The cornerstone of their planning is a reserve study that shows the lifespan of capital items and a tenyear reserve budget. The budget gives the resort an outline of capital items that need to be replaced. For example, soft goods in the units like mattresses, sofas, armchairs, carpets, and drapes are replaced every 5 years. Hard goods like appliances, cabinets, tile, dressers, nightstands, and end tables are replaced every 10 years. This ten-year budget is updated annually by SPM management and the budget committee made up of 2 board members, and then is reviewed by the entire board. Ken Pfeifle, Regional Vice President for SPM Resorts, added, "Working with the Board to update the ten year budget each year has allowed us to look at the big financial picture of the resort, and spread out major expenses in a strategic way."

Having this plan in place allows the Board to budget long-term for these improvements and enhancements, avoiding the need for special assessments or bank loans. The ongoing improvements contribute to a happy owner base, and the resort has a high collection ratio as a result, also allowing them to fully fund the reserve fund every year. Budgeting in this way keeps maintenance fees relatively stable with few increases over the years, and Royal Dunes has one of the lowest maintenance fees in Hilton Head for a 3-bedroom unit.

Designed for families, these units have two master bedrooms with bathrooms, spacious living areas, large kitchens, and an additional bedroom with twin beds and bathroom. Hilton Head has a variety of activities for families and couples including kayaking, golf, bike riding, tennis, dolphin tours, shopping, and dining, which makes it a popular destination for owners and exchangers. Potter noted, "We see owners in Gold and Platinum Seasons come back every year. On average, our owners make up 65% to 70% of our occupancy,



while exchanges making up the remaining 30% to 35%. During the Bronze Season, occupancy is made up 50/50 owners to exchangers as many of our owners take advantage of our high trading power to travel to other resorts."

With so many owners visiting year after year, the Board made a commitment to consistently update buildings, units and common areas by following the reserve study. The renovation cycle is a five year period, and one building per year is renovated during that cycle, rather than renovating all buildings at the same time. Potter noted, "Our occupancy is so high, there is no way we could do more than one building each year." The most recent renovation project began in January of this year.



Hospitality Resources & Design out of Orlando created the design, and worked within the budget to create a new, stylish look for the units. Mary Daust, Vice President of Hospitality Resources & Design, said, "At HRD, we always research the area and learn why a potential guest/ owner picks the location and that becomes our inspiration. Our design team centered our color scheme around the Hilton Head natural scenery and you can see all of those colors reflected in our artwork and fabrics." This phase of renovations includes new paint, furnishings, light fixtures, ceiling fans with lights, cabinets, doors, countertops, high rise toilets, replaced a soaking tub with walk-in shower, a Jacuzzi tub, bathroom vanities with granite tops and mirrors, shower curtains, plumbing fixtures, new cultured marble surrounds the shower/tub areas replacing tile, new vents, flat

> screens in every bedroom/living room, draperies, full length mirrors in master bedrooms, artwork, carpet, light fixtures, and artwork in the corridors. Daust added, "The design team at HRD remains up to date on current trends while considering the long term maintenance of all items that will be placed in the units." One of the interior design trends in recent years has been to replace the comforter or quilt with layered, easy-to-launder bedding that includes patterned pillows and matching bed scarf to add color and depth to a room. She continued, "We found that guests toss bed scarves on the floor, and they can be expensive to replace. To resolve

that issue, I worked closely with our design team to create a custom, unique built in scarf concept that was incorporated into a top sheet. The built in scarf allowed for a high end custom look while reducing the cost and maintenance."

Royal Dunes consists of four buildings, and the first building in the current 5 year cycle was renovated in February. One building will be completed each year until this phase of renovations is complete, and then the planning for the next renovation project will begin. Bill Young, President/CEO of SPM Resorts, said, "Royal Dunes Resort is an example of how a timeshare resort can budget wisely to stay up to date and be proactive to keep owners happy year after year."

Eric Gowins, Board President, commented, "The owners really enjoy all Royal Dunes has to offer: recently renovated units, close proximity to the beach, weekly cookouts, and great amenities like the grilling area and the pools. This is a special place for our families to make memories year after year. I think the Royal Dunes Board and SPM make a great team, and we have worked very closely with SPM management to ensure that owners remain happy with their timeshare purchase."



Hatton Gravely is the VP of Development & Marketing for SPM Resorts, Inc.

# Faces & Places

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The resort manager's café: A gathering place for the timeshare industry's true insiders

By Karen D'Agostino and Sharon Scott, RRP

recent recession, Berry says there is a new unit under

construction at Eastern Slope Inn and a relatively new

building at Attitash. His company is able to market

to visitors coming to this historically popular vacation

cross-country ski centers, winter is still only his third

destination in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

He says that even with seven major ski resorts and six

best season behind first-place summer and fall coming

According to an August 19, 2014 report in Bahamas Press (www.bahamaspress.com), four **Aqua Sun Investments** executives -- **Dean Carlson Jr.,** Manager Member at Buy4, LLC, an Aqua Sun subsidiary; **Mike Kennedy** – Managing Director of Corporate; **Matt Sokolowski** head of IT and **Terry Hanes**, head of Sales and Marketing – were killed in a small plane crash on approach to Freeport on the island of Grand Bahama. With an A+ rating by the Better Business Bureau, Aqua Sun headquarters is in Daytona, Florida. The company has been developing and operating timeshare resort properties in the Bahama Islands since 1984, according to our sources.

Registration is now open for C.A.R.E.'s 59th Semi-Annual Conference at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel from October 18-21, 2014. All resort and travel professionals are invited, including non-members. According to C.A.R.E. administrator Bonnie Kosco (800-636-5646), the conference will be packed full of educational and networking opportunities. Keynote speaker Doug Kennedy of Kennedy Training Center will guide attendees on "Servicing the Over-Informed Travel Consumer." C.A.R.E. (www.care-online.org) was established in 1985 as a trade association facilitating its member companies, comprised of vacation ownership developers, management and exchange companies, HOA's, travel clubs and wholesalers, to provide each other with opportunities for vacation fulfillment, exchanges and revenue enhancement through increased inventory utilization and yield management.

Diamond Resorts International, Inc. (NYSE:DRII) announced a favorable report on July 30th: David F. Palmer, Diamond Resorts' president and CEO, stated, "We executed extremely well in the second quarter, and it's clear from our exceptional financial results that we are seeing significant traction from our asset light, capital efficient business model. Our predictable hospitality and management services business delivered strong revenue and earnings growth, while our Vacation Ownership business benefited from compelling marketing programs, resulting in more tours, an increased average transaction size and a better close rate. Our strong operational performance in the second quarter has led us to raise our expectations for the rest of the year. Therefore, we are once again raising our full year 2014 financial guidance.'



Oliver Davis of concept3D, Inc.

Inc. says his company has just joined ARDA. The company hopes to introduce their interactive map management and multimedia services solution to resort marketing decision-makers. The team at concept3D creates map management systems to display custom media including 3D models, 2D overlay renderings,

Oliver Davis of concept3D,

spherical/streetview imagery, and video. Executives at concept3D say their company is about the connection between location and information, and tying it to a virtual, interactive experience that is engaging for entities like Disney, and large universities, like Harvard Business School, as well as for cities and other facilities. "concept3D created the ATLAS platform when it became clear that there is a lack of tools to make this kind of experience possible," says a concept3D spokesperson. "The company explains that the goal of ATLAS and CampusBird is to enable resorts to connect with prospective vacationers, business people to make important decisions about staying at their property to help shorten the sales cycle and give a higher level of contact. "With our platform, we create virtual ties to location, interior rooms, way finding, information, etc. all in one place. These are capabilities that have never existed before," says Davis. "We are excited to see it grow and extend to new markets and new levels of service."



Interval International, a prominent worldwide provider of vacation services and an operating business of Interval Leisure Group (Nasdaq: IILG), recently hosted its first Shared Ownership Investment Seminar in Lima, Peru, as part of its increased focus on the Latin American region. Prospective entrants, devel-

CEO of Star Resort Group

and pioneer in the shared

ownership resort industry

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Marcos Agostini of Prospective entrants, de Interval International opers, hoteliers, lenders,

and service providers from Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador, had the opportunity to gain unique insights into shared ownership and the various business models. "With one of the fastest growing economies in the region and a rising middle class, Peru is poised for significant growth in the leisure travel market," said **Marcos Agostini**, Interval's senior vice president of resort sales and business development for Latin America. "This presents exciting opportunities for shared ownership. We look forward to partnering with resort developers to provide travelers throughout the region with unforgettable vacation experiences."



Carl Berry of Star Resort Group

from Carnegie Hall. "Some owner complaints about access on their very flexibleuse plans have caused an election year blow-up," he reports. "Plus, I am told that the folks in the City Attorney's office have not taken the time to understand timeshares in general and 'use' plans in particular. A sign of the times with the new administration?"

Joe Berry, RRP, president and CEO of River Run Company, says they have managed to maintain a steady flow of new construction at both Attitash and Eastern Slope Inn. Berry was recently interviewed for a profile in the Colebrook Chronicle, a quarterly client newsletter produced by Colebrook Financial Company in Middletown, Connecticut. Despite the



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Resort Trades, timeshare's most widely-read B2B news journal, announced the addition of two new members to their sales and marketing staff. Marla Maertins (Marla@ thetrades.com) and Kimberley Wyatt (Kimberley@thet-

Marla Maertins, Tiffany Lewis & Kimberley Wyatt of Resort Trades

rades.com) will join **Karen D'Agostino** (Karen@thetrades.com) in a client relationship/sales capacity. The team is joined by **Tiffany Lewis** (Tiffany@thetrades. com) who will be in charge of classified advertising. Maertins and Wyatt will be responsible for handling client relationships with advertisers whose products and services provide solutions for resort managers, developers, marketers and onsite personnel. They can be reached at 931-484-8819, as can Lewis. D'Agostino will focus on resort management companies and her number is 931-456-7814.

"We are building a larger sales team in anticipation of projected growth in the fourth quarter," says Publisher Tim Wilson. "Our editorial focus will continue to be on issues affecting the operations of resorts. We report on people in the industry, threats to the industry and trends in management and development. Creating worthwhile, original content has helped increase our subscriber base so that we now print and mail more than 5,700 issues each month."

**RCI**, the global leader in holiday exchange and part of the Wyndham Worldwide family of brands (NYSE:WYN), welcomes the first ecotourism destination in China to its holiday exchange network through its affiliation with Crosswaters Ecolodge & Spa in Huizhou, Guangdong province.

"We are excited to add Crosswaters Ecolodge & Spa to our network of affiliated resorts," said **Gavin Cheong**, business development director, RCI Asia Pacific. "This is a stunning property and it will be an excellent option for our members who are looking for a serene and unspoiled holiday destination, away from the hustle and bustle of city life. RCI continues to be committed to forming new alliances with quality resorts to offer the best exchange options for RCI members. We continue to see demand grow for exchange options around China, and this affiliation will further expand our members' high-quality accommodation choices."

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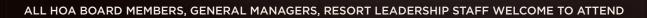
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### Resales, Rentals & Exchange

# **An Ounce of Prevention...**

By: Gregory Crist

In 1735, Benjamin Franklin was quoted in the Pennsylvania Gazette as saying, "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure!" Franklin had lobbied for an organized response to fire problems of the day. He pointed out, how careless handling of "Hot Coals" had led to fires that burned out of control and that quickly caused great damage. The very next year, Franklin formed what would later be called the "Bucket Brigades", Philadelphia's first volunteer fire department and was credited with saving the community from ever dealing with such a catastrophe.

In our last article, we stressed the importance of applying a similar "ounce of prevention" when we outlined why all timeshare associations and management companies should implement procedures to combat fraudulent timeshare transfers.

To gain better insight on the subject, I recently sat down with Peter Grant and Richard Wolf, co-creators of the Timeshare Transfer Registry (TTR) and asked them to share their observations about this growing problem. They also agreed to illustrate some key steps on how an association can develop sound transfer policies that will ultimately help protect their timeshare owners from these suspect practices. Grant and Wolf are both industry veterans, who feel that many timeshare resorts have made progress in this area; better understanding and responding to the numerous transfer challenges that are happening across the nation. They also expressed concern regarding the number of resorts that were still not adequately addressing the problem. Our conversation quickly turned into a detailed step by step guide that associations and management companies can easily follow and implement.

According to Grant, "Virtually all timeshare associations, within their governing documents, are empowered to adopt sound transfer policies as well as employ detailed best practices. This can help better manage the many issues they may face." So let's get into some solutions.

#### **KEY STEPS**

#### 1.) <u>Review Your Governing Documents</u>

Confirm with your Board and resort counsel, that the association has the authority to adopt a transfer policy (most do). "We recommend that all resorts begin with a review of their governing documents. Most will discover language addressing the "Sale of Timeshare Interest", which, among other things, provides for the Associations maintenance of their Member rosters", said Wolf. "For resort's that question their authority to implement a Transfer Policy, we believe that most resort Declarations clearly provide for this." Confirming that you have the authority to adopt a reasonable transfer policy should get everyone headed in the right direction.

#### 2.) <u>Determine the Extent of your</u> <u>Current Exposure</u>

Carefully examine your Member Rosters and, specifically, your delinquent accounts and most recent Owner Transfers. Attempt to clearly identify the accounts that are held by suspicious entities and/or individuals (TTR performs searches of public records and their own database to help identify both suspect members and suspicious prospective transferees). "We consistently find that resorts that have employed a sound transfer practice for some period of time have less of an existing suspect transfer problem than resorts that haven't", says Grant. So, if you have not already done so, identify the known and suspicious entities and individuals among your member roster and determine the extent of your resort's current exposure. And, as part of your overall Transfer practice, plan to

#### The Timeshare Transfer Registry -Overview

Initially developed in 2010, the Timeshare Transfer Registry (TTR) was created in response to the alarming activity occurring with the transfer of timeshare intervals that appeared both questionable and illicit. These occurrences resulted in thousands of timeshare intervals being transferred to asset-less entities and individuals that had no intention of ever paying the ongoing maintenance fee obligations.

By 2005, timeshare associations were regularly discovering suspicious owner names, primarily amongst the delinquent and defaulted portions of their Member Rosters, which, coincidentally, included no reliable contact information. Grant Wolf, Inc. partners, Peter Grant and Richard Wolf, long time developers who had remained involved with their resorts as Board Members and consultants, had made similar roster discoveries within the Associations they worked with. Since then, Wolf has spent the past nine years tracking timeshare transfer activity (and the numerous operations

involved) and developing best practices and strategies to support association's with managing the many transfer related challenges.

By 2012, ARDA-ROC (American **Resort Development Association** Resort Owners' Coalition) had made a commitment to develop or partner with a third party to create an on-line database to address the transfer company business model and its related effects on timeshare owners and associations. At this time, Grant Wolf, Inc. was already 16 months into the development of a transfer company database and had developed and put into practice Best Estoppel Procedures and Practices for a number of the timeshare resorts to which they consulted. Based on their evaluation of Grant Wolf's progress to date, ARDA and ARDA-ROC concluded it was not necessary to develop its own database and elected to work with Grant Wolf to evaluate and refine the TTR product. In 2013, ARDA-ROC formally announced its support for TTR and the Web site, ttregistry.com, was launched.

Since many association's currently respond accommodatingly to transfer requests, without requiring basic

information about the new Owner ("Transferee"), TTR first urges all associations to adopt sound transfer policies and gather information about prospective transferees prior to authorizing a transfer. "We urge resorts to work closely with their board, management company and association counsel to establish sound transfer practices and procedures. Among these practices should be the requirement that all transfer requests include a completed copy of the resort's membership application that identifies the new transferee, includes a physical address and provides proof of liquidity." Says Wolf.

With information in hand, resorts can now search a prospective transferee on the TTR web site to determine if public information exists that creates suspicion. This might include numerous timeshare intervals being owned and corresponding reports of dues delinquencies or questionable liquidity to meet the obligation of ongoing maintenance fees or the lack of a verifiable serviceable address. TTR emphasizes that suspect information, while not necessarily the basis for rejecting a transfer request, is justification for seeking additional information from the escrow company or agent representing the transferee.

#### **Footnotes:**

Founded by Peter W. Grant, President, and Richard S. Wolf, Executive Vice President, the Timeshare Transfer Registry is a division of Grant Wolf, Inc., a 30 year ARDA Member company, based in Stateline, NV. Features of the Timeshare Transfer Registry include a dynamic, contemporary database, sophisticated search capabilities, and custom review and reporting. Searches of potential transferees that do not already appear in the database are researched and the results are classified and added into the database daily. Additionally, there is a resource center that provides downloadable Best Estoppel Procedures and Practices, including model documents and letters and suggested transfer policy language for adoption by homeowner associations (HOAs).

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communicate with those known suspect entities and individuals (and their escrow agents) and demand they not engage in future transfer activity that is outside of your resort's established policy.

#### 3.) Adopt a Sound Transfer Policy

Assuming you have confirmed your association's authority to adopt a Transfer Policy and armed with an understanding of the scope of the problem within your existing member roster plus, the current transfer activity taking place at the resort, move expeditiously to adopt a formal transfer policy at your resort. "All Associations are different but, typically a resort can adopt a Transfer Policy by action of the Board of Directors based on input from management and the association's counsel", says Wolf.

"A thorough Transfer Policy should include a minimum notification period prior to transfer and basic information about the prospective transferee including an accurate statement of identity, a serviceable address (adequate for process service in the case of a future collection or foreclosure action), proof of liquidity, a copy of the conveyance documents (for review before recordation) and approval of any Power of Attorney to be utilized. Additionally, standardized documents and communications can be readily adopted and utilized in the course of the transfer process". The National Timeshare Owners Association encourages your association to adopt an effective transfer policy if they haven't already done so. When you stop to understand the calculation of lost dues to suspect transferees, timeshare boards should have little reason for dragging their heels on this issue.

#### 4.) Employ your Transfer Policy Consistently and Engage

Once adopted, employ your resort's transfer policy and be sure to do so consistently. Whether a prospective transferee is known to the resort or not, it is important to apply your resort's transfer policy uniformly and in a nondiscriminatory manner. "Suspicious escrow companies and unburdening entities tend to argue that resorts don't have the authority to require such information. In our opinion, as long as the requirements aren't unreasonable, associations not only have the authority, they have the duty to take reasonable steps to maintain and protect the membership rosters", says Grant. As part of your transfer policy, plan to actively engage questionable transfer requests and demand they comply with your resort's policies. Again, standardized documents and letters can be readily created and adopted to support your communications during the course of a transfer request.

#### 5.) Educate Your Owners

Many resorts struggle with educating their owners about extensive transfer related exposures and risks. The fact is, some of these "Viking Ships" have already sailed. It's imperative to have regular communication with your timeshare owners and provide constant advisories about transfer activity through newsletters, e-blasts and on-site education, advising them of the perils that exist within the timeshare transfer world. One of the most effective and proactive steps a resort can take is to create awareness which will reduce the volume of fraudulent transfers and negative financial impact to the association.

The Timeshare Transfer Registry (ttregistry.com) is a subscriber based program which is endorsed and supported by the NTOA. For more information or to learn how your Association can develop new transfer program safeguards, contact Grant Wolf, Inc. at 775-588-5160.



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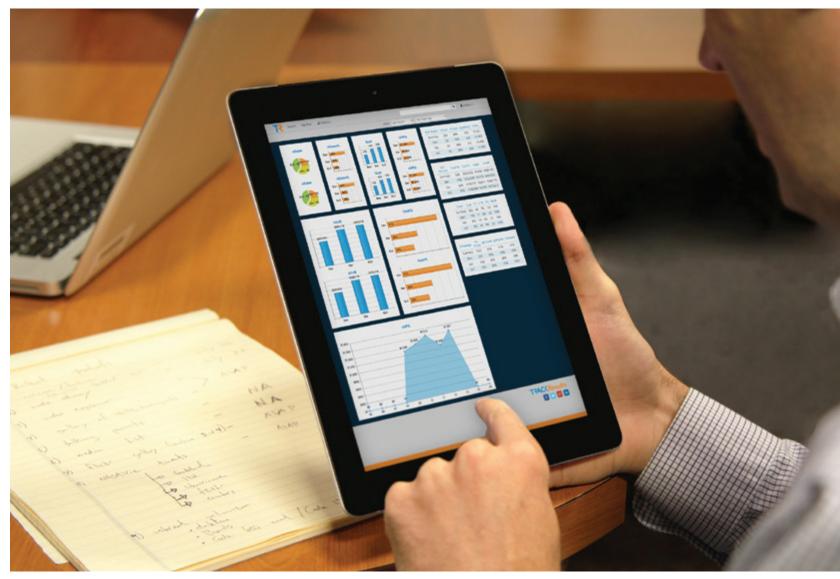


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### Technology

# 3 Ways Big Data Fails with Timeshare Sales & Marketing Efforts (and how to fix it)

By Ryan Williams



ment. Some are referring to this approach as "Do-It-Yourself Analytics" which means you remove IT from the equation. Department heads suddenly become powerful with what they know and they find they can act on ideas in hours compared to the weeks and months it cost previously.

#### Fallacy #3

There is an ROI on Predictive Analytics

Practical Experience Truth: If anyone could predict human behaviour, we

Business news is awash in stories of examples of Big Data transforming individual business and entire industries with experts forecasting a new age of business based on the business intelligence gained from data.

Big Data is an expensive proposition, how does a timeshare resort successfully access and use "big data" in their business? (Success in this case means achieving a desired Return on Investment)

To answer that question, we will draw upon 8 years of practical experience analyzing data for various timeshare companies and examine three statements we often hear. Then, we'll share solutions that stem from our client's successful use of data to make more informed business decisions.

#### Fallacy #1

I should use Big Data in my business.

#### Practical Experience Truth:

A recent question at ARDA was: "What data should I be capturing?" The answer: Use the data you already have! We have yet to see a timeshare resort that is analyzing and benefitting from the data they already capture!

#### Solution:

The first thing a smart manager does is focus on data analytics rather than "Big Data." Analytics allow a manager to find hidden trends, patterns, and opportunities in the data they already have. Smart managers want to look behind the numbers on any single report to see why those numbers exist and what he/she can do to improve them. Analytics allow those managers to see why performance is what it is, and delivers specific ideas to improve it.

#### Fallacy #2

Data Analytics is the responsibility of IT

#### Practical Experience Truth:

1. Asking IT to be in charge of analyzing your data is like asking a medical surgeon to fly a Boeing 747 – each is an expert in their field, but not in each other's! In timeshare, we typically see a surgeon flying a Boeing 747. It is not fair to IT to assign them to analyze data for other departments, as they are not experts in those fields of business!

2. Another reason is time. The purpose of analytics is to be timely. IT departments must juggle priorities created by multiple departments in any organization. For analytics to be truly effective, they need to be done in time to take action and benefit from the knowledge they provide.

#### Solution:

We find true ROI by allowing decision-making managers access to the information they need want to make decisions. Direct access by bootson-the-ground managers to see their data in their own way and time generates the return on investwould be doing it in the stock market right now. The concept of predicting who will buy only adds expense to an already expensive marketing and sales process with little return.

#### Solution:

Allow business experts in their field direct access to the same information and see a trend to more informed decisions in various areas of their department. Access to information creates transparency. Transparency allows tracking. Tracking creates performance improvement. Performance creates results!

#### Summary:

These are the top 3 reasons timeshare companies fail at efforts to use Big Data. Successful companies focus on making the information they already have work harder for them. They give non-technical business experts the tools to make performance transparent which is exactly what a good manager wants to make more informed decisions!



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# **Resales and Transfer Companies**

By Wesley Kogelman, President & CEO, BuyaTimeshare.com

The discussion regarding transfer companies has reached a fever pitch within the industry, as resorts and HOAs continue to grapple with this issue. Increased regulation on the state level has helped to slow down the problem, but there are still companies which continue to offer illegitimate transfer services and resorts need to take a more proactive stance to provide their owners with resale options if they want to protect them from rogue operators.

These companies are soliciting timeshare owners, claiming to be able to release them from their ownership obligations for a fee – which can range from \$3,000 through to \$10,000 in some cases. Thankfully, my company does not participate in these activities, and has not over the 14 years I have been in business. Because of my position as the CEO of a resale advertising company, I have heard many of these scenarios and have been asked to discuss this situation in light of the current state of the resale market.

#### **Resorts Need To Provide Options**

According to the AIF State of the Vacation Timeshare Industry: United States Study 2013, only "31% of resorts have programs that provide assistance to HOA's and/or owners who want to sell their timeshare intervals on the secondary market."

I was asked to be a table leader at the Resort Management Forum during the ARDA Convention in Las Vegas in April and I was amazed at the comments I heard from resort personnel. Time after time, they explained what they told their owners not to do when it came to resales. But when I asked them what they told owners to do, most of the time they couldn't answer me. To help with this situation, here are some tips that resorts can share with their owners:

- Cold calls owners should never do business with a resale company that initiates contact with them.
- Contact Information always ask for a phone number and a street address from a company before considering them. A P.O. Box isn't good enough.
- Beware the "have a buyer waiting" pitch owners must avoid companies using this tactic if they want a legitimate chance at selling their timeshare.
- Marketing Visibility ask the company how they market timeshares to buyers and to verify their claims. If an owner cannot find the company, say in a Google search for a general buyer-related term, then neither can a buyer.
- Registered Business is the company registered to do business in the state in which it operates?
- Contracts does the company have a written contract that an owner would sign before agreeing to do business with them? Florida law mandates this as a legal requirement.
- Credit Card Numbers how, and when, does the company process a credit card number and is this information protected?

#### Always Be In Sales Mode

How does a resort see itself when it comes to sales? The mindset of a resort no longer being in active sales is obsolete and needs to change. Every resort



needs to see itself in sales and can use resale and rental programs as ways to attract new buyers into the fold. The goal is to gain a happy, maintenance fee-paying owner who can be an advocate for the resort as well as the timeshare industry in general.

Once the resort has decided to become involved in resales, it needs to choose the mechanism to provide options to owners, whether it's an in-house or referral program. The average age of a new timeshare buyer has dropped to the mid-40s so, because of technological advancements, utilizing resale partners who understand new technology to be an "active sales center" can create opportunity at no cost to the resort.

Remember, this is not only about generating revenue and new owners, but protecting current owners from the unscrupulous operators in the market. Otherwise, resorts leave their owners no choice but to look for options on their own and run the risk of their owners ending up with a transfer company.

#### Solving the Problem

The difficulties for resorts when it comes to resales are resources and expertise – and they can lack both. With everything they are asked to do, from running the resort to managing bookings and customer service, there just isn't the time or money to create a new program.

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ARDA is another good place to start. There are several legitimate, professional operators in the resale industry and a search of the ARDA membership list can give resorts some possible companies to contact.



Wesley Kogelman is the President and CEO of BuyaTimeshare.com, one of the leading Internet advertising and marketing companies for timeshare owners who seek to sell or rent their timeshare by owner. Wes was an online pioneer for the timeshare secondary market, developing one of the first industrydedicated platforms in 2000

which allowed owners to interact on the Internet to buy, sell and rent timeshares. BuyaTimeshare.com was listed as one of BusinessNH Magazine's Top 10 Companies to Watch in 2009 and Inc. Magazine has ranked it as one of the fastest-growing, privately held companies in the U.S., making the prestigious Inc. 5000 list in 2010 and 2011. Wes has a Bachelor Degree in Management from the University of Tampa, an MBA from Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire, and makes his home in Nashua.

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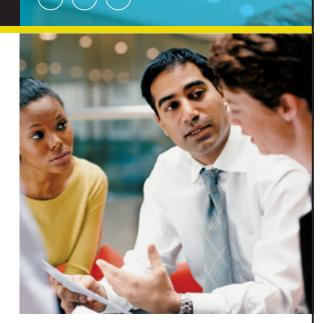


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### Supplier Profile

# Travel To Go: Service on Steroids

By Georgi Bohrod, RRP

Since 1990 Travel To Go has been "Making Dreams Come True" for thousands of travelers by offering countless timeshare and vacation resort accommodations while delivering excellent customer service. It provides some of the largest discounts on resorts, cruises, hotels and ours in the travel industry. The company's goal is to go above and beyond what its members expect from a travel club, and give them an exceptional traveling experience in terms of quality, service and value.

Travel To Go wasn't always this big. Just like Jeff Bezos started Amazon out of his garage, the original founders, Jeanette Bunn and her mother Diane Sharp started building up their member base out of a shoebox containing referrals and business cards. Today the travel club is proud to boast more than 60,000 members and is still growing.

#### All in the Family (almost)

Travel To Go began as a family-owned business and has remained so ever since. President and CEO Jeanette Bunn (a leading finalist in the San Diego Woman of the Year competition) and her close and extended family have all pitched in to make the company successful. Jeanette Bunn believes work and family are the best of both worlds. "I feel privileged and blessed to be able to work among my family. People always ask how we do it. But for us, it's just second nature. We are a close family and we really enjoy spending time together. So working together and helping each other succeed is a very positive experience," says the dynamic leader.

Bunn's mother and co-founder, Diane Sharp, is Chief Financial Officer, and her brother, Troy Nuñez, is Vice President of Operations. Originally he served as Vice President and Director of Marketing from 1990 to 2000. After being successful at pursuing his own dreams, Nuñez was lured back into the business by Jeanette in 2012. He believes that "Travel To Go is on the



Tommy, Jeanette, Troy accepting an award

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bubble of setting the standards of how vacations should happen throughout the entire vacation industry."

Today, Keith Franklin, a longtime friend of the family and former general manager for Travel To Go, has rejoined the company as Co-President to handle internal activities while Jeanette Bunn and Tommy Middaugh will manage external affairs and focus on business development, membership increase, new partnerships and revenue growth.

#### **Travel Industry Champions**

Since the very beginning, Travel To Go has been an active participant in travel industry associations. The company is a longtime member of C.A.R.E. (Cooperative Association of Resort Exchangers), a trade association founded in 1985 by representatives of timeshare resorts who realized that, by exchanging vacation inventory among themselves, they were able to increase vacation opportunities for their owners. The organization has become a powerful networking platform that helps owners of over 2500 vacation properties throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia meet the travel requests of a million members. While Jeanette Bunn served as C.A.R.E.'s Vice President and Board Member for 9 years, she had the opportunity to contribute her expertise to the industry, as well as create new partnerships that have directly benefited Travel To Go's members. As much as she liked her leadership role, Bunn's favorite part of the job probably was to help fund C.A.R.E.'s marketing efforts. Over the years, she helped raise more than \$175,000 through the organization's Silent/Live Auctions and Super Raffles.

Another way Travel To Go is involved in the travel industry is through ARDA (American Resort Development Association). ARDA represents the vacation ownership and resort development industries, with the mission to promote the growth and development of the timeshare industry through advocacy, networking, partnerships, knowledge sharing, and professional development. Tommy Middaugh was recently appointed to serve on two ARDA groups: the Communications Committee, and the Travel Task Force Committee. As in previous years, Middaugh - a regular columnist for this publication--will continue attending meetings at various ARDA conferences and conventions, sharing his deep knowledge of the industry and brainstorming on



ways to attract new customers to the industry and create even more valuable products and services.

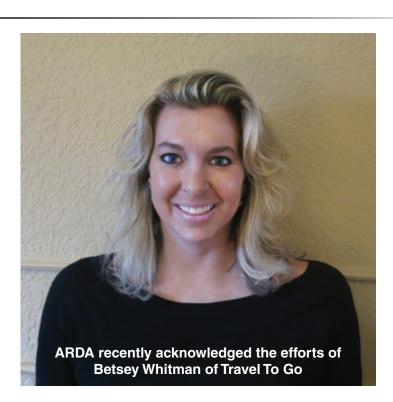
#### **Paying It Forward**

Giving back to the community and making dreams come true has always been very important to the company. Realizing that the foundation for a productive community stems from involvement. Travel To Go proudly supports non-profit organizations and other good causes by participating in local and regional charitable projects and events. Jeanette Bunn first served as Board Co-President and is still involved with Send Me On Vacation, whose goal is to offer a much needed vacations to women with cancer who have undergone treatment and now need a place to rejuvenate and heal their body, mind and spirit. Tommy Middaugh is a strong supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project, whose mission is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, as well as to help injured service members aid and assist each other. Other non-profit organizations and events the company has supported in the past include Royal Family KIDS, Almanac Trail Concert Tour, the San Diego Muscular Dystrophy Association, Memorial Walk at the Bakersfield National Cemetery, and the YWCA. Most recently Travel To Go accepted the prestigious ACE Excellence for Community Service Award at ARDA World 2014, which recognizes the company's ongoing charitable contributions and service to the community.

Travel To Go's commitment to helping steer the evolution of the travel club product and its own position within the travel and timeshare industries has resulted in numerous honors and awards. This spring, it received the "Best Membership Program" award at the GNEX 2014 Meeting of the Minds conference. It was also nominated for "Best Overall Company", "Best Team", "Best Customer

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Service", and "Best Consumer Program" at the event. Travel To Go was also a finalist for the 2013 "Most Innovative Marketing Campaign / Concept Award" presented by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the company has worked diligently year after year to maintain its A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau (BBB), the highest rating available with the agency.

#### It's all about the Attitude

Travel To Go works hard at engaging its travel club members with both traditional and social media marketing methods. It recently celebrated 3000 likes on its Facebook page, a milestone it set for itself just a few months ago. While internet friendly,



ARDA recently acknowledged the efforts of Victoria Crittenden of Travel To Go

the company prides itself on the personal relationships it develops with its members. It has designed a personalized conciergestyle customer service standard it calls 5-Star Service that is unique to the travel club industry and well above what most customers are used to when it comes to customer service. Its travel agents are friendly from the moment

they pick up the phone, enthusiastic about the

members' vacation plans and caring about their unique wishes and desires. They are respectful of individual requirements and productive by booking reservations promptly. They always end the call thanking members for their loyalty and perform relentless follow-up to ensure that the customer needs are met. A traveler's greatest luxury is probably their time. By offering 5-Star Service with the right attitude, Travel To Go makes the time its customers spend booking their trip more productive and more enjoyable.

To have employees provide the best customer service, the company has realized it is more important to hire for attitude, rather than experience. With many successful internal training programs in place, it hires people with a positive perspective. Those are people with patience and excellent listening skills, who genuinely like others, enjoy interacting and serving them well, care about their needs, and want to make them happy.

Travel To Go's customer satisfaction standards are paying off by being recognized in the travel industry. ARDA recently acknowledged the efforts of two Travel To Go employees by naming them finalists in the Owner Customer Relations Team Member category and the Administrative Team Member category. Victoria Crittenden and Betsey Whitman made their mark by providing exceptional customer service, not only to travel club



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members but also to their peers and outside vendors. Both generous with their caring attitude and their time, these employees are the reflection of an environment dedicated to quality, service and value.

#### Taking 5-Star Service to the Next Level

Jeanette believes Travel To Go's 5-Star Service is "customer service on steroids" and that is the way it should be. She and her team of travel club professionals realize that exceptional customer satisfaction is the key to the company's success. "Our 5-Star Service has really set the bar for what the traveler's personal experience should be throughout the entire vacation industry. It leads to low cancellation rates, repeat business, longterm commitment, great testimonials, and many referrals," she says.

Customer satisfaction and industry respect are just a few of the reasons that motivate the Travel To Go team to continue making dreams come true in the years to come.



Georgi Bohrod is the founder of GBG & Associates a firm specializing in the seamless integration of multiple marketing and public relations toward the effective fulfillment of client business goals. The company has created and implemented a wealth of strategic marketing, advertising and public relations programs for hotels, timeshare resorts, resort developers, small businesses, service providers and travel industry corporations. Under the leadership of Georgi Bohrod, the company has won countless awards

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Should you self-brand a travel club? Is white labeling the way to go?

By Tommy Middaugh, Travel To Go

#### 1) What is white labeling?

White labeling, also

sometimes called private labeling, allows a company to take a service or product by another company to rebrand and market it as its own. White labeling gives the company complete control on to whom and how to sell that product or service within practical guidelines set within the service entity's abilities. Acting as a distributor of a whitelabeled vacation club membership enables both timeshare developers and owners, resort managers and independent distributors, to use the program at the sales table, or online. With a high closing rate, a flexible commission and customized highend packages that fit the need of their particular audience, more and more developers and distributors are turning to travel club memberships to increase their profits.

#### 2) What are the advantages of white labeling?

a) Ease of implementation and turnkey operation.

A private-labeled travel club membership requires very little capital investment and is already a proven, successful business model. The risk is very limited. Most travel club companies offer marketing and financial referrals enabling a quick and financially justifiable start up. Finally, by setting their own commission rates, distributors have full control over the profits they make on each sale.

#### b) Variety of products

A travel club membership like the one Travel To Go offers provides millions of members with deep hotel discounts, low priced condominium rentals and resort stays. Most travel clubs also offer a variety of vacation options such as reduced prices on cruises, tours, entertainment, amusement parks, historic sites, and restaurants. With travel trends changing year after year, distributors find the flexibility of a travel club membership a high-selling point to meet their prospects' desires and needs. It delivers the huge buying power of a myriad of vacation products under a single umbrella, yet using the distributor's own private branded product.

#### c) Additional business revenue

Timeshare developers and managers can benefit from a white-labeled travel club offering in several ways. Travel club members who may not be interested in a timeshare purchase may still help fill rooms, which will provide cash flow to finance further developments and HOA funds with revenue from filling unsold or empty units. Bringing travel club members to resorts can also provide ongoing revenue streams to other profit centers of the resort, such as restaurants, activity centers, entertainment centers, pools, and gift shops.

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3) What should you look for in a travel club partner?

When evaluating travel club companies to partner with, it's important to find the right match for your audience. A travel club company that offers a balanced portfolio of vacation products and services that can serve all age groups and travel types can be you highly attractive to prospects, making the closing process easier with a broad audience. Another factor is performance. The white label will reflect your company brand, it is important to ensure your clients will be traveled when they need to be.

Business credibility and industry recognition are also very important. Travel To Go has an A+ rating from BBB, and has received many industry awards over the years, including the Perspective Magazine Award for Best Membership Program and the 2014 ACE Award in Community Service. The company is also highly involved in industry forums and discussion panels, such as the ARDA's task force for travel clubs.

Finally, strong marketing support is crucial when researching the right white-label partner. A travel club company should give its distributors an opportunity to set their own commissions and profits on every sale, as well as provide branded collateral materials to make it easy to close the deal. At Travel To Go, we offer our distributors a printed exit kit, full customizable kits, posters, weekly printable email campaigns such as Hot Week lists and travel specials, web access, and direct access to someone in our office for instant help. Our B2B newsletter is another way we serve our distributors and vendors, and enhance the transition from sales to fulfillment for our new travel club members. Last but not least, a seamless transition that leaves new travel club members with the feeling of trust in the companies they are doing business with is a great way to ensure long-term membership, as well as future referrals.

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I was originally diagnosed in November of 2010. I went through a bilateral mastectomy in January 2011 and full reconstruction. After chemotherapy I was told I was ok and went back to working and living my life. I was practicing yoga and hurt myself, or so I thought. I began seeing a chiropractor in 06/2012 and continued to do yoga and everything in pain, just thought I pulled something. It was a tumor wrapped around my spine at thoracic vertebrae number 4. I finally went to my PCP, as nothing was improving, and I was in a lot of pain every day. My doctor was very good in the respect he knew something was up and sent me right over to a ultrasound, and I was called within the hour. I was diagnosed with Bone Mets on 9-11-2012. I jumped into fight mode again. I could barely walk

at the time due to tumors on my sacrum causing severe muscle spasms. I began radiation immediately to the spine. I had 11 treatments in a row, straight to the tumor. Luckily, the tumor shrunk, giving me some relief. I then found out I had cancer in my ribs, sacrum, hips, femur neck base of skull, pretty much everywhere in my bones. I also went through a hysterectomy that year when they did the surgery they also found cancer in my uterus. WOW! So I continued treatment and am now doing better. I am on a FDA fast tracked clinical based trial. It is a double blind study. They are having greatsuccess in patients from phase two who are cancer free 6 plus years! It is a daily oral pill and a monthly shot of Faslodex

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**Drew Reynolds of TrackResults** 

ents and eleven sales centers in July 2014. Drew Reynolds, RRP, Co-Founder of TrackResults said "We are pleased that

TrackResults has broken their previous July 2013 record of seven sales centers. This is consistent with the 40 percent annual growth pace we have been sustaining." TRS says that Discover Vacations and Financial Services America – a travel club fulfillment company – has deployed TRS sales analytics software in their new centers. Another new client for TRS, Start to Finish Travel, opened a new sales center and will be using their system. A third new client to be added to TRS' fast-growing network is QUP, a travel club tour generator. A company executive says that QUP is digitally manifesting tours to all of their clients exclusively via TRS and is using the marketing analytics feature internally to increase tour show percentage. For their client, Grupo Vidanta, the software has been deployed in a Cancun sales center as one of the first of six local or "National" sales centers. Vidanta has been using TRS in their seven sales centers marketing to their international tourists across Mexico for many years. Another

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TRS client, EndlessAccess, added the new feature of roadshow tracking and opened their first permanent sales center on the east coast of the United States in July.

Also growing their business by leaps and bounds is SPM Resorts, based in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. SPM reports that HOAs in Stony Court in Virginia, Sea Scape Golf & Beach Villas in North Carolina and Oceanique Resort in Florida selected them for professional management. Sea Scape Golf & Beach Villas is located in the Outer Banks in Kitty Hawk, N.C. SPM manages several additional properties in the Outer Banks area including Outer Banks Beach Club I & II, Barrier Island Station and Ocean Pines. In total, SPM now manages eleven properties in North Carolina. Stony Court is located next to Chalet High, another Basye, Va. resort managed by SPM Resorts, Inc. Lastly, Oceanique Resort is located in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. This is the seventh resort in Florida managed by SPM. Others include Blue Tree Resort in Orlando, Vacation Villas at FantasyWorld in Kissimmee, Atlantic Terrace in Daytona Beach Shores, Tropic Sun Towers in Ormond Beach, Hollywood Beach Tower in Hollywood, and La Costa Beach Club in Pompano Beach. Bill Young, SPM Resorts' President and CEO, said, "We are thrilled to expand our management portfolio to include three new timeshare resorts. The growth of our company is a testament to our hardworking team, who

work daily to make each of our resorts a better vacation spot for owners and guests. As a professional timeshare management company, we focus on generating revenue and reducing expenses in order to keep maintenance fees as low as possible for owners and to make improvements to the resorts.'

Sunday, October 5, 2014 will be the occasion of the Virginia Beach, Virginia, annual JT Walk. Resort Trades urges everyone to 'Walk the Walk' to support ALS research and services. Over the last six years more than 30,000 people have gathered at the Virginia Beach oceanfront to participate in what is now known as the JT Walk & Beach Party. It's a good cause and a good time! For more details about the JT Walk, please visit www.jtwalk.org. On the Monday following the walk, the annual Virginia Resort Development Association (VRDA) will be held at the Oceanaire Resort, located at 3401 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA, 23451. Contact gsheperd@merid.com for more information. Also on Monday, VRDA will be holding its 8th Annual VSA Golf Outing at the Red Wing Golf Course. The outing will tee off at 1:00 PM. The rate is \$36.00 per player to be paid to the pro shop at check-in. Please RVSP to Maura Pratt at mpratt@vsaresorts.com by no later than September 29th.

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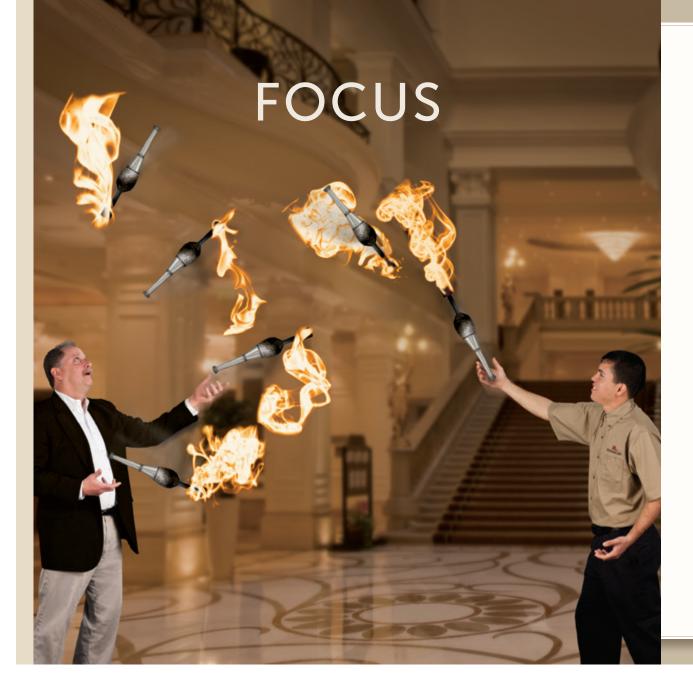
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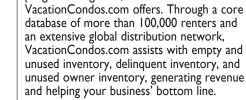
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