



THE GOLF CLUB^{of} AMELIA ISLAND

Jessie & Vernon a wedding story

The Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach
By Lisa Presnell, Professional Wedding Consultant and Catering Sales Director

Jessie and Vernon met at a football game tailgate at UGA while in graduate school. They began dating and soon Jessie followed Vernon to Amelia Island where he was working. "He chose a great place to get a job, so the move wasn't a hard decision!" In December, Vernon proposed to Jessie on the beach where she gladly accepted. "We immediately fell in love with the island and knew we wanted to get married here!" stated Jessie.

After searching a couple of different venues, Jessie and Vernon "hands down" decided on the Golf Club because of its natural beauty and spectacular views of the golf course. They both really wanted an outdoor wedding and preferred not being directly on the sandy beach. The Golf Club offers a very intimate setting both indoors and out. Jessie and Vernon decided that the locations Summer Beach Resort had to offer were perfect for the rehearsal dinner as well as the ceremony and reception.

Jessie and Vernon scheduled a meeting with Lisa Presnell, Professional Wedding Consultant and Catering Sales Director for the Golf Club to finalize their wedding plans. At that time they decided that they wanted Lisa to also assist with coordinating their wedding day events. "I knew that when I met Jessie, her mom BK, and Vernon, that I wanted to do this for them. They were so excited and just glowing. It's exceptionally rewarding to me to be a part of such a wonderful experience in a couple's life. To know that I played even a small role in something so magical, is just amazing. I absolutely love my job...if you can even call it that".

Their wedding weekend celebration began with a poolside rehearsal dinner at the Beach Club at Summer Beach. The location offers a stunning view of the Atlantic Ocean. Catered by Food and Beverage Director, Kevin Krzeminski at the Golf Club of Amelia Island, everyone indulged in Low Country Boil with Blue Crab, Jumbo Shrimp and Crawfish. The menu also consisted of Blackened Chicken, Spicy Grilled Sausage, Jalapeno Corn Bread and Diced Watermelon Stirred with Cognac. The guests were served ice cold beer and Lynchburg Lemonade to quench their thirst.

For the ceremony, Jessie and Vernon were married on the lawn at the Golf Club. An arch decorated with greenery offered the perfect backdrop along with the view of the mossy oak embellished golf course. The weather was wet and dreary early in the day. "We were so glad the clouds gave way and the sun shined just in time for



the wedding. It made the sky gorgeous" Jessie said. Despite the possible weather challenge, Lisa ensured that the ceremony went off without a hitch.

The Golf Club Terrace was adorned with white lights draped through the trees overhead offering just the right ambience as the sun began to set. Frozen Margaritas and hors d'oeuvres including fried calamari and hot crab dip were offered while photographer, Pam Bell took beachside shots of the bride and groom.

Guests repositioned indoors where Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Hiott were introduced to all of their

family and friends by DJ Herman Nazworth with Resort Talent. The couple then led their wedding party through a buffet presenting a variety of cuisine. The menu comprised of Floridian Confetti Pilaf with Scallions and Sundried Tomatoes, Poached Summer Vegetables, Chicken Lauderdale, Grilled Shrimp Kebobs, and Suncoast Style Mahi with Tropical Salsa.

Jessie and Vernon along with their guests danced the night away to an array of different tunes. Herman kept the crowd entertained with his fun-loving approach to the bridal bouquet and garter toss. The party concluded as the guests waved sparklers and bid farewell to the bride and groom. Vernon surprised Jessie by sweeping her off her feet... once again. **WR**

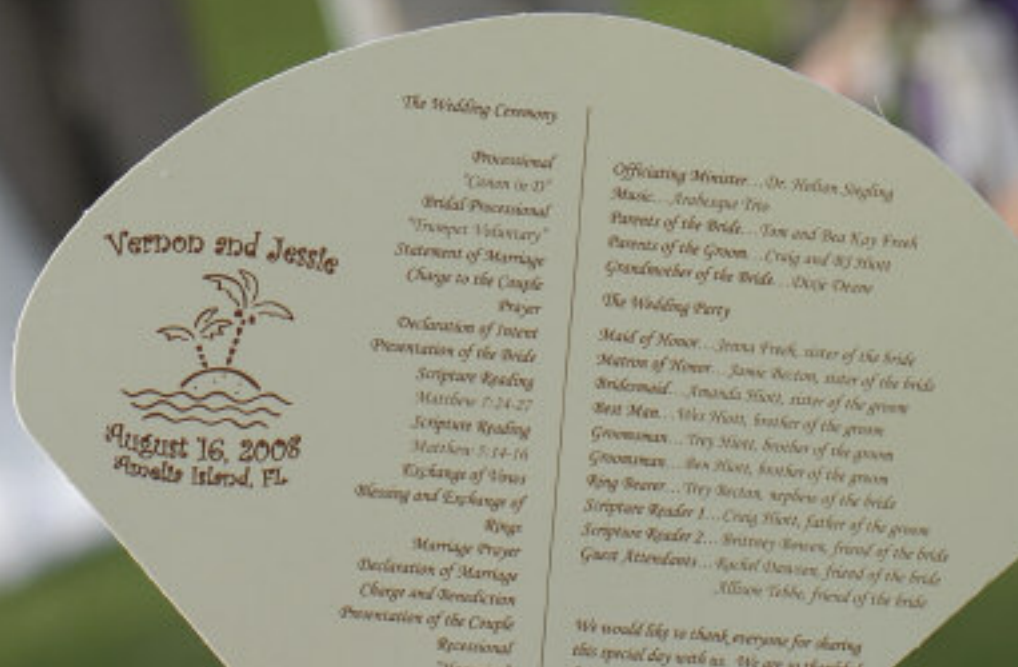


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Make Exceptional Memories with Personal Touches!

Lisa Presnell, Professional Wedding Consultant

Personalize your special occasion. Whether it's a birthday celebration, anniversary, reunion or "The Big Day," there are various ways to enhance your affair and add that unique something to make it your own.

Begin by sending your out-of-town guests a special greeting upon arrival to welcome them and express your gratitude for their traveling such a distance to share your special occasion. A coastal themed suggestion would be a beach pail filled with items such as a visor, sun block, a disposable camera, bottled water, and snacks. For something a bit less casual, design a bottle of wine with a private label of your choice, and perhaps add some gourmet cheese and crackers. Don't forget



any children that may be invited. They are sure to enjoy the delivery of a plate of cookies and milk just for them.

Should your guests be arriving a few days prior to the occasion, maybe a sunset cocktail cruise is just the launch everyone needs to sail into the big weekend. Pair a gorgeous afternoon along with some delicious appetizers and your guests will be surprised at your attention to detail. Jazz it up with a little live entertainment to get your guests energized. Conclude your fabulous voyage with a local pub crawl to familiarize your group with the area. Just a thought...you may wish to arrange transportation for you and your guests to keep it safe. Check the availability of a neighborhood trolley. This is a fun way to transport you and your visitors.

Everyone loves a little friendly competition. If you are celebrating near the ocean, commence the festivities with your favorite beachside games. Invite everyone for an afternoon of volleyball, horseshoes, and bocce ball or even arrange a beach Olympics. Add even more excitement with surf or wind surfing lessons for the group. The kids are certain to have a blast building sandcastles and hunting for seashells and sharks teeth. Maybe even bury a treasure chest full of surprises for the little ones. How entertaining would that be? Close the fun-filled evening with a relaxing beach bonfire including yummy warm sticky chocolaty s'mores. During the summer months, offer refreshing ice-cold lemonade and sweet iced tea; and for the cooler times of the year, include some hot chocolate or apple cider.

For more intimate occasions, such as a bridal luncheon, what better way to greet your guests than with personalized placemats? Hand-paint them yourself with the guests name and one of a kind designs that suit the individual. Your guests will

know the seating assignment and they will have a snazzy keepsake made especially by you. This also works brilliantly if you have a small group of children attending a reception or party. Just gear it toward their age group, include other kid friendly items to keep them entertained and it's sure to be a hit.

Contemplating gifts for your attendants? Treat your bridesmaids to a relaxing day of pampering. Everyone loves a day at the spa. Manicures, Pedicures, Facials, Oh My! Make it extraordinary by presenting personalized slippers or robes for your party. You may even consider customized travel bags filled with spa goodies. Indulge the ladies with champagne, mimosas, chocolate dipped strawberries, gourmet cheeses, and French bread. It will undoubtedly impress them and make your friends feel like the goddesses they are.

The guys are special, too – and there are many ways to spoil his attendants as well. The groom can plan something that his group will love, like a golf outing, sailing or a deep-sea fishing charter. Treat the chaps to ice cold beer, hoagies, and snacks and they will be quite content. Personalized caps, golf balls and tees, or even customized fishing rods will make for distinctive reminders of this very memorable event.

A scavenger hunt between the ladies and gents can be an unforgettable experience. It requires some research and planning on your part but it is well worth it. Make it a race and watch out! Choose some different venues to include. For example have each group begin at different restaurants for lunch. There, they will pick up a clue and determine where they go next. Perhaps it could be a souvenir shop, coffee bar, or wine store. Maybe they could all end for dessert and drinks at the same place. Whoever gets there first wins. The losing team buys the next round of cocktails...or something amusing like that. Again it requires detail and planning but really is very exciting.

Add some enthusiasm to your rehearsal dinner or party and choose a location near a golf course. Include a putting contest before dinner or even a night glow

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competition. It makes for an ideal ice breaker especially if many of your guests have never met. This is just the right pastime for parties of all ages. Incorporate some unique awards for the winners. Everyone loves prizes!

Many party hosts prefer assigned seating, and table numbers have become a bit passé. Spice it up a bit and name your table after your favorite songs or places you've traveled. Your table names can make the perfect conversation starter for your family and friends.

There are also alternatives to your traditional sign in guestbook, which is likely to end up being stored in the bottom of a cedar chest and viewed only once a decade. Consider this: purchase a book about the exotic location you are visiting for your honeymoon. Your guests can sign on the photos while learning about your upcoming honeymoon travels.

Finally, many agree that music is the best way to express your individuality. Take the time to really reflect on the songs that are meaningful to you. Select the perfect song not just for your first dance as husband and wife but for every part of the ceremony and reception. For example, select music for the entry of the groom and his attendants, next the bridesmaids, and finally the bride herself. We of course have the ever traditional melodies such as Canon in D, Trumpet Voluntary, and Here Comes the Bride. It's time to make your own traditions. Don't forget the song for the introduction of the wedding party at the reception, the music in the background for the cutting of the cake, the couples first dance, the father - daughter and mother - son dances, the garter toss, the bouquet toss, and last but not least the departure. All are equally as important and deserving of the perfect song that will remind everyone of your special day when they hear it. For my own personal wedding experience, I chose very special songs. For instance, for my dance with my father the song was most certainly a unique choice and it was a total surprise to him. I selected "Old Time Rock & Roll," because as a child he would hold my hands and let me stand on his feet as we danced. It was a very heartwarming moment for everyone and an unforgettable one for the two of us.

There are so many distinctive ways to create a unique and personalized experience that will fit any budget. If you use your imagination, the possibilities are endless. Whatever you choose, there is no better gift than one that reflects who you are.

Lisa Presnell is Professional Wedding Consultant and the Catering Sales Director for The Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach. She is a resident of Amelia Island, Florida for nearly 22 years. "It's truly the perfect location for a destination wedding. The opportunities are endless on this island. It is an amazing sliver of paradise."

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