

Cheeca Memories

Cheeca Lodge has an amazing 60 year history, full of interesting celebrity guests and great fishing feats. The resort is a home away from home for our Cheeca Club members, so we decided you should know more about the resort's memorable past. Cheeca has an extensive archive of old photos, party invitations and vintage ads. Bill Walsh, keeper of the archives, will provide a little piece of Cheeca's past for each newsletter moving forward.

Would you believe Cheeca once had a restaurant and ballroom on the fourth floor of the Main Lodge? It was called the Top of the Keys Restaurant-Lounge and here is a photograph of it that was taken from a brochure. Cheeca's owners during the 1960s, Carl and Cynthia Twichell, who gave Cheeca its name by combining Cynthia's nickname, Chee, with Carl, used the restaurant to entertain their friends and hotel guests.



This photograph of the pool, which is now the adults-only spa pool, was the only place on property for guests to cool off

during that time. As the vacation spot for the Twichell's high-society friends, Cheeca's guests always sported the latest swimsuit fashions around the pool.

During the 1960s, a newspaper wrote that Cheeca was "elegant, yet simple and refined." Although the resort has changed over the years, it's obvious the Twichell's vision for Cheeca as an elegant getaway for friends and family hasn't changed one bit.

