

Bigwin Tea Room to be Restored

The Bigwin Tea Room is being restored to serve members and property owners of the Bigwin Island Golf Club. This unique octagonal stone building is one of the original structures of the old hotel and features the Arts and Crafts style and beautifully crafted stone fireplaces that signify the classic Bigwin look. Situated just east of where the Rotunda once stood, the Tea Room originally served as a daytime restaurant for light lunches and an ice cream parlour. When the Rotunda was demolished last year, care was taken to preserve several of the stone fireplaces as landscape features within an outdoor area now called the Rotunda Gardens. According to Dave Smith, vice president of Bigwin Island Golf Club, plans are being considered to connect the Tea Room and the Rotunda Gardens with landscaping, creating a new indoor-outdoor venue for special events. The project has required extensive repairs to the roof and interior, but it will be worth it, says Smith. "Preserving this building is a wonderful way to highlight the heritage of the Bigwin facility."



*Work started on the Bigwin Tea Room in late September.
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