

April 2023

Hoof Beats

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President's Message

By John Meislahn

Let us hope most of the recent showers we've had are over and done, and we'll now be able to enjoy some lovely meals on our new deck during April. March seems to have passed very quickly, with the Club celebrating the month in typical Wild Oak fashion. The first Burger night of the year was a roaring success; we all look forward to this fun Thursday night event! The St. Patrick's Day dinner also did not disappoint as the corned beef was spectacular and the members' stylish, flamboyant green outfits added to the merriment. March 31st Prime rib night entertainment was Taylor Street Stop with Ron & Maryann Sfarzo where we stepped back in time with the marvelous melodies and tunes of the 30's and 40's.

Easter Brunch is wildly popular, and Lori says the seating schedule is full. We're hoping for a beautiful day! You'll want to sign up early for the April 28th Prime Rib night dinner as we will enjoy the band, the Unauthorized Rolling Stones. ... Be prepared to rock out and enjoy this tribute band, which is billed as "*The greatest tribute to the world's greatest rock n roll band.*"

At our March WOSC Board meeting, Scott Bartley, Chair of the Long Range Planning/Grounds Committee, gave us his list of capital improvements needed for the 2023 year. The epoxy floor in the kitchen will need to be replaced, and hopefully will be a straightforward fix with no hidden surprises underneath. We will be strategic on calendaring this repair as we'll need to shut down the kitchen for a few days. We'll also be replacing the kitchen cabinets to modern stainless steel, so they will be easier to clean. The dry rot underneath the lounge bar also needs to be replaced, with the club once again shut down for a period of time, and hopefully not an extensive fix ... but we won't know for sure until we pull up the floor. The plans also include painting the outside of the Clubhouse and Bunkhouse and cleaning out the creek rock buildup from underneath the deck. The good news is that our cash reserve is \$526K so we have the funds to complete this roughly \$116,000 estimate for the items mentioned above.

Thanks to the Activities Committee for setting up a Monthly Activity calendar on the new website, and we've also implemented a new Courts Reservation System online to sign up for tennis, pickleball and bocce so your time slot can be reserved before you show up. As the sun shines more, please use the new reservation system to lock in your court time in plenty of time ahead of your planned use.

Michelle and I wish everyone a very Happy Easter holiday!

Social Activities for April & May

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| April 2 | Sunday Brunch |
| April 4 | Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner |
| April 5 | Silk Egg Dyeing Workshop |
| April 6 | Burger Night |
| April 7 | Friday Night Dinner |
| April 9 | Easter Brunch |
| April 11 | Tightwad Tuesday |
| April 14 | Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner |
| April 16 | Sunday Brunch |
| April 18 | Tightwad Tuesday |
| April 21 | Friday Night Dinner |
| April 22 | Children's Museum of Sonoma County 13th Annual Gala Event |
| April 23 | Sunday Brunch |
| April 25 | Tightwad Tuesday |
| April 26 | Lunch & Learn with Mark Randol |
| April 28 | Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner |
| April 30 | Sunday Brunch Pickleball Demo at 11:00am |
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| May 2 | Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner |
| May 4 | Burger Night |
| May 5 | Friday Night Cinco de Mayo Dinner |
| May 6 | Annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon and Auction |
| May 7 | Sunday Brunch |
| May 9 | Tightwad Tuesday |
| May 12 | Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner |
| May 14 | Mother's Day Brunch |
| May 16 | Tightwad Tuesday |
| May 19 | Friday Night Dinner Golf Social Event |
| May 21 | Sunday Brunch |
| May 23 | Tightwad Tuesday |
| May 26 | Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner |
| May 28 | Sunday Brunch |
| May 30 | Tightwad Tuesday |

News from GM Lori ... Special Events

April

- Silk Egg Dyeing Workshop April 5
- Burger Night April 6
- Easter Brunch April 9
- Children's Museum 13th Annual Gala April 22
- Lunch & Learn w/ Mark Randol April 26
- Prime Rib Night, w/live entertainment April 28
- Pickleball Demo April 30

May

- Burger Night May 4
- Annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon & Auction May 6
- Mother's Day Brunch May 14
- Golf Social May 19
- Prime Rib Night, w/live entertainment May 26

Derby Day Donation Request

Members, please think about what you could donate for our club's annual Kentucky Derby Day party fundraiser ... perhaps a bottle of nice wine for the Wine Locker, or spirits for the Spirits Locker: Vodka, Gin, Rum, Whiskey, Tequila or Brandy. We also are requesting Silent and Live Auction items—artwork, dinners, limo service, wine flights, crystal, or other luxury or designer goods. Contact Jolene Cortright – jolene@century21.com or see me (Lori) if you have a donation.

We would appreciate receiving donations by April 15th. Thank you!

Birthdays!

We send warmest wishes for a Happy Birthday to these wonderful members!

April Birthdays:

Barbara Lowell, Darlene Bath, Debbie Lane, Kari Briner, Mimi May, Dave Myers, Barbara Leder, Carol Ling, Cathy Trione, Connie Marianella, Heather McLintock, Jan Hufford, Jan Watters, Jeanne Dinno, Jim Berger, Judy Farrell, Judy Poremba
Mike Davis, Mike Watters, Nick Anton, Laura Colgate and Ty Visscher.

Chef Joe also has a birthday this month!



A Message from Arts & Entertainment Bob Briner, Committee Chair

The coming acts in the near term are:

April 28th ... Unauthorized Rolling Stones - Prepare to Rock & Roll

May 12th ... Streets of Bakersfield - Line dancing and cowboy hats are encouraged!

May 26th ... Bud E Love Show - A Vegas lounge act spoof!

June 30th ... Alpha Rhythm Kings - The best-dressed band and tightest harmonies

I also have a few Surprises in store to be revealed in subsequent issues of Hoof Beats! I try to bring a spectrum of entertainment choices to our Club. Of course, the music genres cannot possibly light up everyone. With several musical acts on the horizon this summer, the Arts and Entertainment Committee asks you to consider the following...

If the music is not to your taste, please take your conversation to an area of the Club that will allow you to enjoy your evening and speak freely while not interfering with the experience of other members. Let's be respectful to the entertainers as well as fellow members who are trying to enjoy this experience. We want these entertainers to want to come back to the Saddle Club!

Looking forward to many delightful summer evenings together....

Coming up in April we have Rudy Colombini & the Unauthorized Rolling Stones:



Since their beginning in 2001, Rudy Colombini & The Unauthorized Rolling Stones have brought the excitement, energy, and all the hits of a live Rolling Stones show to stages across the country. Their show holds in reverence many legends of the classic rock years while maintaining their Rolling Stones core.

Colombini's staggering, Jaggeresque showmanship is hands down the best salute to Mick. Colombini, who has seen the Rolling Stones live 20 times said. "It's been a deep drill into little nuances and movement. Frankly, it's nearly impossible to find a better mentor than Mick Jagger for a performer. He's an incredible entity."



I Love Our Club Because ... *Interview & Article by Laura Whiting*



Kay Marquet

Special Place, Old and New Friends, Interesting Conversation, Enhances Life and Well Being

Wild Oak Saddle Club is a special place. I have been a member for eight years. I joined with a small group of friends, and that was just the beginning! I wanted to have dinner with people and as a single person, I was tired of eating at home, alone. The Club was the answer.

What a joy it is to go to the Club, join friends, make new friends, have interesting conversations and enjoy the hospitality. Thanks to Chef Joe, we have wonderful food. There are so many dinners that I love to eat: fish & chips, burgers, farm to table, mixed grill, etc. We are all very lucky.

One of the very best parts is spending time with friends and meeting new ones. Many of the “new ones” are now best friends.

It's the little things that make a difference. The really beautiful flowers on special occasions or the ones left over from a big event or wedding. I was an apprentice floral designer in 1960 when I graduated from high school, so I have enjoyed flowers and arrangements all my life. During Covid I posted a flower picture every day for 2 years on Facebook. Many of my Club friends looked forward to the pictures to cheer them up every day!

It's the staff members with high standards and who are so well trained by Lori. How do they all know our names? They are responsive and helpful! It is the beautiful place, the gardens with the flowers, shrubs and grass, the polo field, the amazing trees and the white lights that make them more beautiful all year long.

It's your favorite cocktail carefully made and presented by Devon. And, don't forget the fine wine and the occasional wine tastings. It's Lunch and Learn, special presentations and a place to celebrate whatever we want to celebrate, like my recent birthday lunch on the deck.

To sum it up, being a member of the Club is important to my life and well being.

Let the Good Times Roll! The Sports & Activities Report from Kari Briner

Our Bunkhouse ~ The Bunkhouse has been spiffed up! YAY! It has been cleaned out, with blinds and the tired twinkle lights gone. There was a deep cleaning by new staff member, Renee, and a new rug delivered. There have already been special events held in this newly foxed up location. Check it out!

Lunch and Learn ~ Next one is Wednesday, April 26th. Mark Randol will be presenting an “Insider View of National and Homeland Security”. Should be fascinating so sign up!

Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts ~ Disintegrated windscreens have been removed. Landscape cleaned up and storage box for pickleball ball courts was delivered. The Pickle Ball demonstration event was cancelled for 3/12 and rescheduled for Sunday, 4/30. We had a pretty robust sign up so hoping for the same for 4/30. Additional info also in Hoof Beats and flyers in the club house.

We **FINALLY** have an online reservation system called **Your Courts!**

(It was kind of like giving birth! Hallelujah!) Thanks to all the team who helped: Keith Hilen, Fred Merrill, Barb Katona, Melissa Bowers, Paul Simpson and Lori. Members can access the reservation link via our club website Activities page. Bocce, pickleball and tennis courts may now be reserved up to 30 days in advance for two-hour blocks of time. Members can also go to the link to see when the various courts are in use. Members are encouraged to check it out, try making a reservation and then cancel it. We are all learning to use it, so patience and feedback is greatly appreciated.

Spring Golf Outing ~ Scheduled for Friday, May 19th. Sign ups are already happening. Details also in Hoof Beats. Registration form on the website and in the club house. Doug Pavese is the contact person.

Monthly Activity Calendar ~ Is updated at the start of each month and the new version is posted on our website on the Activities Page. Requests for “pop up” games that are not regularly scheduled are made through Kari. Printed copies of the schedule are also available in the club house for members. We continue to have several groups meeting each week for cards, dominoes, mah jongg, and monthly for book club. Please reach out when your group’s schedule changes or to request a room for a pop up game via kvigeland04@gmail.com.

Our club continues to be a fun, happenin’ place with lots going on each week ...



A Message from Kathie Leader, CPA & WOSC Accountant

How do I read my monthly statement?

As a member of the Wild Oak Saddle Club, all expenses incurred by you are recorded on an invoice in our accounting system as of the date that they occur. However, we have found that most members do not wish to receive an invoice every time they have a meal; for some of you this may be daily. Therefore, we send out a monthly statement which lists all the invoices that have occurred during the month. We do this to limit the amount of paperwork you receive and to help maintain an efficient accounting process, keeping costs lower for our members.

You will note that on your statement we include transactions occurring from the 2nd day of the month through the 1st day of the following month. These dates selected for your statement are because we charge Membership Dues in advance. For example, your March 1, 2023 statement includes all invoices dated February 2 through March 1. You'll note that your Dues are shown as of March 1st as they are effective for the month of March.

Unfortunately, our accounting system restricts the transaction description that can be included on the statement (the actual invoices are much more descriptive, but to send these out each time an expense is incurred would be cumbersome to the members and the club, as discussed above). Therefore, we have developed a coding system to hopefully help you to identify the most common occurring expenses:

m- Indicates a meal along with any side dishes

me- Meal with entertainment

bevna- any non-alcoholic drink such as coffee, tea, juice, etc.

b- beer or alcoholic cocktail

w- wine including sparkling

sf- service fee

PMT- payment received

Sometimes you will see numbers following the code indicating the cost, for example b4 is a \$4.00 beer.

These are the most common codes used although there are other codes that may be used as the need arises. We hope this helps to reduce statement confusion and always welcome you to let us know if you have any questions regarding a particular statement and/or charge.



**WILD OAK
SADDLE CLUB**

ESTABLISHED 1975

LUNCH

Daily Soup - Cup \$6

Lori's Salad \$17

Baby greens and romaine lettuce tossed in white balsamic vinaigrette with house-made applewood smoked bacon, oven roasted turkey breast, grilled shrimp, avocado, grape tomatoes, and hard-boiled egg

Grilled Salmon Salad \$18

Grilled salmon, garden greens, capers, olives, cucumber, and pickled red onions with a creamy lemon-dill vinaigrette

Half Sandwich / Soup / Salad \$17

Ham and swiss on grilled artisan sourdough, cup of the daily soup, and a small garden salad

Grilled Chicken Quesadilla \$17

Grilled chicken with sautéed onions and tomatoes with cheddar-jack cheese in a flour tortilla

Turkey and Avocado Melt \$17

Oven roasted turkey breast, house-made applewood smoked bacon, cheddar-jack cheese, avocado, roasted bell pepper mayonnaise on a grilled ciabatta

Blackened Shrimp Tacos \$17

Blackened shrimp, cabbage and cilantro slaw, chipotle cream, on local artisan tortillas

Grilled Reuben \$17

Corned beef brisket, thousand island dressing, house-made cabbage slaw, and Swiss cheese on grilled artisan marbled rye

Bacon Cheddar Burger \$17

Local ground beef patty with house-made applewood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and house-made dill pickles on a grilled bun

Impossible Burger (plant based) available +\$3

Sandwiches, tacos, and quesadilla served with fries, garlic fries, side fruit, or small garden salad

An 18% gratuity will be added to all lunch bills

"Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions."

Tightwad Tuesday

Clubhouse opens at 5:30pm

\$22.00 + tax per person

April 4th, 2023

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

Baby Greens, Radishes, Strawberries, Shaved Carrot,
Lemon Vinaigrette

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Strawberry Cake

April 18th, 2023

**Sausage and Spinach stuffed Cannelloni
with Pesto Cream**

Caesar Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Garlic Bread

Dessert:

Vanilla Bean Cheesecake

April 11th, 2023

Meatloaf with Brown Sugar Glaze

Garden Salad

Dried Cranberries, Baby Greens, Shaved Squash, Pears,
and a Balsamic Vinaigrette

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Red Skin Potatoes

Dessert:

Chocolate Pudding Cake

April 25th, 2023

Beer Battered Fish and Chips

Garden Salad

Baby Greens, Butter Lettuce, Shaved radishes, and
Strawberries, with Champagne Vinaigrette

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Dessert:

Key Lime Pie

Friday Night Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

\$50.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

April 7th, 2023

Good Friday Seafood Night Family Style Dinner

Shrimp, Mussels, Clams, Scallops
Tossed with Fresh Pasta and
Garlic Butter Wine Sauce

Fried Oyster Salad

Romaine, Baby Greens, Avocado, Pickled Red Onions,
Point Reyes Blue Cheese, with a Buttermilk and
Chive Dressing

Spring Vegetable Ratatouille

Miso Glazed Roasted Salmon

Dessert:

Lemon Olive Oil Cake

April 14th, 2023

Family Style Dinner Farm to Fork

Sourcing the Best local ingredients; menu
will be announced Tuesday, April 11th

April 21st, 2023

Mixed Grill Night

Hand Carved Grilled Steaks, Chicken,
Grilled Fish, and Sausages

Mini Wedge Salad

Green Bean Almondine

Potato au Gratin

Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie with
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

April 28th, 2023

Family Style Prime Rib Dinner

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus*
Pacific Snapper Provencal

Butter Lettuce Salad

Sweet Peas and Shoots, Asparagus, Radish,
Crumbled Feta, and a Raspberry Vinaigrette

Spring Vegetable Ratatouille

Caramelized Onions and Truffle Potatoes

Dessert:

Assorted Dessert Minis

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol

JOLENE'S SILK-DYED EGGS WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, April 5th
2:00 – 4:00pm**



**Join past club President Jolene Cortright for an annual
Easter tradition: her Silk-Dyed Egg Workshop**

For the class, each participant should bring 1 dozen raw eggs. All other materials will be provided, although any donations of 100% silk ties or scarves are appreciated for future egg dyeing workshops with Jolene.

Cheese & Wine



\$18+ per person

Reservations, please - (707) 539-8634 or
reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com



Burger Night
Thursday, April 6th
Clubhouse opens at 5:00
Burgers at 6:15



Come Join us for Burgers with all the Fixings!

Wine Pour & Full Bar During Cocktail Time 5:00-6:15pm

- Ice Cream Sandwiches
- \$30 + tax per person

Live Music During Cocktail Hour!

Reservations Required

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Reservations @wildoaksaddleclub.com



Easter Brunch

Sunday April 9th

10:00am-12:45pm

Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Pineapple and Maple Glazed House-Made Ham

Lemon and Dill Pan Seared Salmon

House-Made Applewood Smoked Bacon

Chicken Apple Sausages

Vegetable Quiche

Eggs Benedict

Chilaquiles

Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar

Caesar Salad

Fresh Fruit Platter

Cinnamon French Toast

Breakfast Potatoes

Assorted Breakfast Pastries and Desserts

\$50 + (tax) per person with alcohol \$45 + (tax) per person without alcohol,

\$35 + (tax) per person, ages 12-20 \$25 + (tax) per person, kids under the age of 12

Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, April 26th

Presentation by WOSC Board Member Mark Randol

“Insider View of National and Homeland Security”



In a 35-year career in the U.S. Air Force and the Federal government, Mark has served as an intelligence officer at assignments abroad, at the National Security Agency, and at the Pentagon. He also served for 14 years in the field of civil aviation security including as one of the original cadre of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Federal Security Directors after 9/11. He went on to become Director of Counterterrorism Policy at the Department of Homeland Security and concluded his career as the senior specialist in domestic intelligence and counterterrorism at the Congressional Research Service, providing members of Congress and their staffs with non-partisan policy analysis.

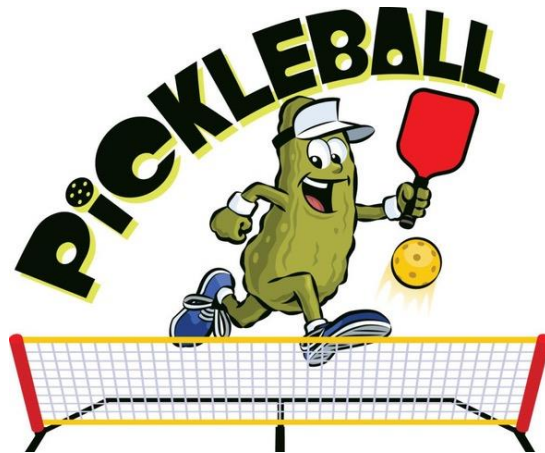
You won't want to miss this!
Lunch at 11:45, with presentation to follow

Advance Reservations, please (707) 539-8634

Or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com

**COME JOIN THE FUN ...
PICKLEBALL DEMO DAY!**

Sunday, April 30th, at 11:00am



Join us on the WOSC Pickleball / Tennis Courts

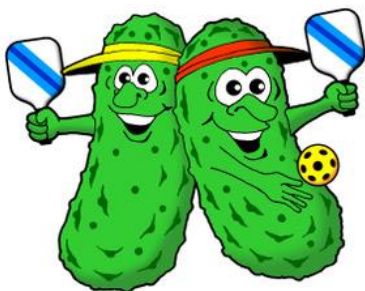
Come learn how to play the fastest growing sport in the world.
Players new to the game are welcome. Pickleball is for everyone!

Paddles, Balls, Instruction and Snacks will be provided.

We have new nets, too.

Just show up (in comfy clothes and sneakers) ready to have a great time!

Email Cristie Marcus: cjoymarcus@sbcglobal.net
with any questions and / or sign-ups



**Sign-ups also available in the
Club Living Room Reservation Book**



Burger Night

Thursday, May 4th

Clubhouse opens at 5:00

Burgers at 6:15



Come Join us for Burgers with all the Fixings!

- Wine Pour & Full Bar During Cocktail Time 5:00-6:15pm
 - Ice Cream Sandwiches
 - \$30 + tax per person

Live Music During Cocktail Hour!

Reservations Required

(707) 539-8634 or

Reservations @wildoaksaddleclub.com



Kentucky Derby Day Party & Lunch

Saturday, May 6th

Join us for WOSC's
Annual Fundraiser



- Open Bar at 1:15pm; Betting with John & Pud
- Mint Juleps & Delicious Chef Joe Menu
- Call to Lunch at 2:30pm
- Wine Locker & Spirits Raffle
- Special Silent & Live Auction Items!
- Jazz Band sponsored by Gordon Blumenfeld
- Big Screen TV for the Race

If you have a special luxury item, vacation home
or other unique donation, please let us know.

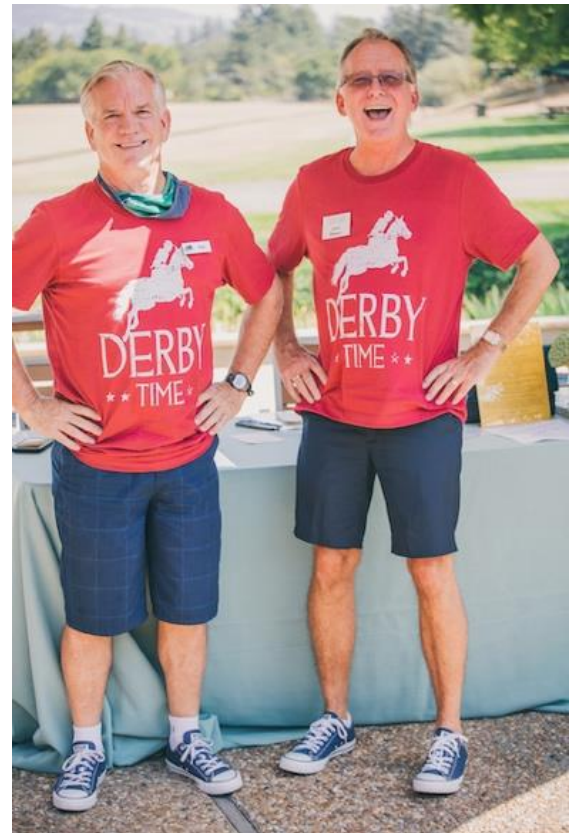
We also would appreciate Wine & Spirits
donations for the Locker collections!

*Please drop off donations to Lori by April 15th



To donate wine,
spirits or auction
items, contact
Jolene Cortright:
bozos@sonic.net

\$65+ per person
Reservations
Required
(707) 539-8634



12th Annual Wild Oak Saddle Club

Spring Golf Social

Friday, May 19, 2023



Where: Sugarloaf Course, Oakmont (formerly Oakmont East)

Format: Best Ball - 18 Hole Scramble. 40 players total.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place Team awards and 2 hole prizes

Time: Registration at 11:30am, Shotgun start at 12:30

Fee: \$60 per player or \$20 to attend the post tourney social
(Cash or check made out to Doug)

Foursomes: Arrange your own or we can help you find players.

Guests welcome!

Registration Forms: Available at the Club or on the WOSC website on the Members Area/Activities page.

Send your form via USPS or email to Doug.

Post Tourney Social: In the Club Bunkhouse at approximately 4:30pm. Sips, snacks & prizes!

Friday Nite Dinner at the Club: Often a favorite option. Members will make their own reservations for themselves and guests.

Volunteers: Welcome in lots of ways. Contact Doug.

For questions and where to send your registration form:

Doug Pavese ~ dougpavese@gmail.com ~ 707-538-3167 ~

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