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Hoof Beats

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President's Message

By John Meislahn

Welcome to 2024, Saddle Club Members! I'm not sure how last year went by so fast, but I'm convinced it was mostly due to the fantastic festivities we enjoyed at the club all year long. As I close out my (second) Presidency for Wild Oak Saddle Club, I want to thank Lori, Chef Joe and the entire staff for their contributions to our thriving organization. Thanks also to each of our member families who contributed monetarily to the Christmas bonus fund which goes directly to our staff members; it's an important holiday tradition that shows them how appreciative we are of all their dedication, hard work and extra-mile service.

I hope you will join us on Tuesday, January 16th for the club's annual meeting. Wine and appetizers will be served starting at 5:00pm, with the meeting beginning at 6:00 in the dining room. Proprietary members, please have your Board election ballots turned in no later than 1:00pm on January 16th. That night, we will welcome our new President Keith Hilten, along with our newly-elected Board members. It's always a great time of friends getting together and catching up on club news and happenings. Going into the new year, the club is in an excellent financial position, and there is much to look forward to with another fun-filled 2024 agenda of activities, parties and special events.

One of our first improvement projects in the new year will be to replace the carpets in the Club House, and we have some kitchen updates that will also be done in the first quarter. Our lovely property is aging gracefully, and the Facilities Committee has done a stellar job of keeping the building and grounds in good shape.

Our December 17th Holiday party was a sold-out success with great food, drinks and live music. Everyone was in a festive mood, and the elf aprons that the staff sported were a big hit. Our annual New Year's party sold out once again; it's always quite a party night. I want to thank Bobby Vickers and his band for the great dance music.

In addition to Lori, Chef Joe, and all the kitchen and service staff, we also have many wonderful member volunteers who help the club hum. Heartfelt thanks to our 2023 WOSC Board of Directors, also to Karen Schraga who served yet another year as the Board's Recording Secretary, to all our committee chairs, and of course to our long-time newsletter editor Corinne Byrd for the monthly editions of Hoof Beats! ... Hope to see all of you on January 16th so I can thank you in person.

Social Events for January & February

January 2	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
January 5	Friday Night Dinner
January 7	Sunday Brunch
January 9	Tightwad Tuesday
January 12	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
January 14	Sunday Brunch
January 16	Annual Meeting - Club opens at 5:00pm, Meeting at 6:00 <u>No Tightwad Tuesday Dinner January 16</u>
January 19	Friday Night Dinner
January 21	Sunday Brunch
January 23	Tightwad Tuesday
January 26	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner
January 27	Dinner Evening with Sheriff Eddie Engram (details to follow)
January 28	Sunday Brunch
January 30	Tightwad Tuesday
February 2	Friday Night Dinner
February 4	Sunday Brunch
February 6	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
February 7	Sunday Brunch
February 9	Friday Night Valentine's Dinner
February 11	Sunday Brunch
February 13	Tightwad Tuesday Mardi Gras Night
February 16	Friday Night Dinner
February 18	Sunday Brunch
February 20	Tightwad Tuesday
February 23	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner
February 25	Sunday Brunch
February 27	Tightwad Tuesday

News from GM Lori ... Special Events!

January

- WOSC Annual Meeting January 16
Club Opens 5:00pm, Annual Meeting starts at 6:00pm
- Friday Night Prime Rib Night January 26
- Dinner Evening with Sheriff Eddie Engram January 27
(Jan 27 details to follow)

February

- Friday Night Valentine's Dinner February 9
- Tightwad Tuesday Mardi Gras Night February 13
- Friday Night Prime Rib Night February 23

From Bob Briner, Chair Arts & Entertainment

The Art and Entertainment schedule will close out the year December 31st with the Bobby Vickers Dance Band (aka Bud E. Luv) rocking out for our New Year's Eve blast.

January, February and March are what I term our "DARK" months while the weather moderates and we rest up for the return of our own Bill Noteman band April 26th. Don't miss it!

We have some wonderful new talent as well as the return of a few favorites scheduled for the 2024 season. Please let me know if you have a special group/band in mind to play at the Saddle Club, and I will try to accommodate.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday wishes to these wonderful members!

Our January birthdays are:

Bob Appleby, Burt Schraga, Cheryl Peterson, Dianne Brinson,
Fran Randol, Jamei Haswell, Jan Hathaway, Kathy Langs, Lynn Davis, Marc Alves,
Mark Trione, Michael Moore, Nancy Doyle, Steve Arsenault, Wendy Stephens

Annual General Meeting, January 16th – 6:00pm **Club opens at 5:00 for Bar and Appetizers; Meeting at 6:00**

Complimentary wine+bar & hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:00pm, with the meeting scheduled to start promptly at 6:00. Our outgoing Board will be recognized, with new Board Directors elected and announced. (Proprietary members should have ballots to the club by 1:00pm on January 16th.) Come find out what we've accomplished this past year and what's in store for 2024. This upbeat meeting is always a special time. So, mark your calendars. You surely won't want to miss it.

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

A year filled with all sorts of activities! Oh my!

Maybe our new name should be: *Camp Saddle Club*. A full schedule for each month can always be found on the WOSC website. Go to Members Area/Activities.

As I said last month, our members are making great use of our club ... inside and out! There is something happening almost every day. On many days, we host multiple activities beyond the magical events and meals presented by Lori and Chef Joe.

In 2024, we hope to host several events for our membership. We will again enjoy a Lunch and Learn in March featuring the Children's Museum of Sonoma County presented by Colette Michaud, CEO and Founder. Such an amazing Sonoma County jewel! Details about the event will be forthcoming.

We are also hoping to tap into the talents, passions and wisdom of our club members and offer short, "one and done" workshops. These would be similar to Lunch and Learn, but much smaller and not as formal. It might be a cooking class, a training session on iPhone photos, etc. Email Kari with your suggestions either as a presenter or a participant. Details coming soon ...

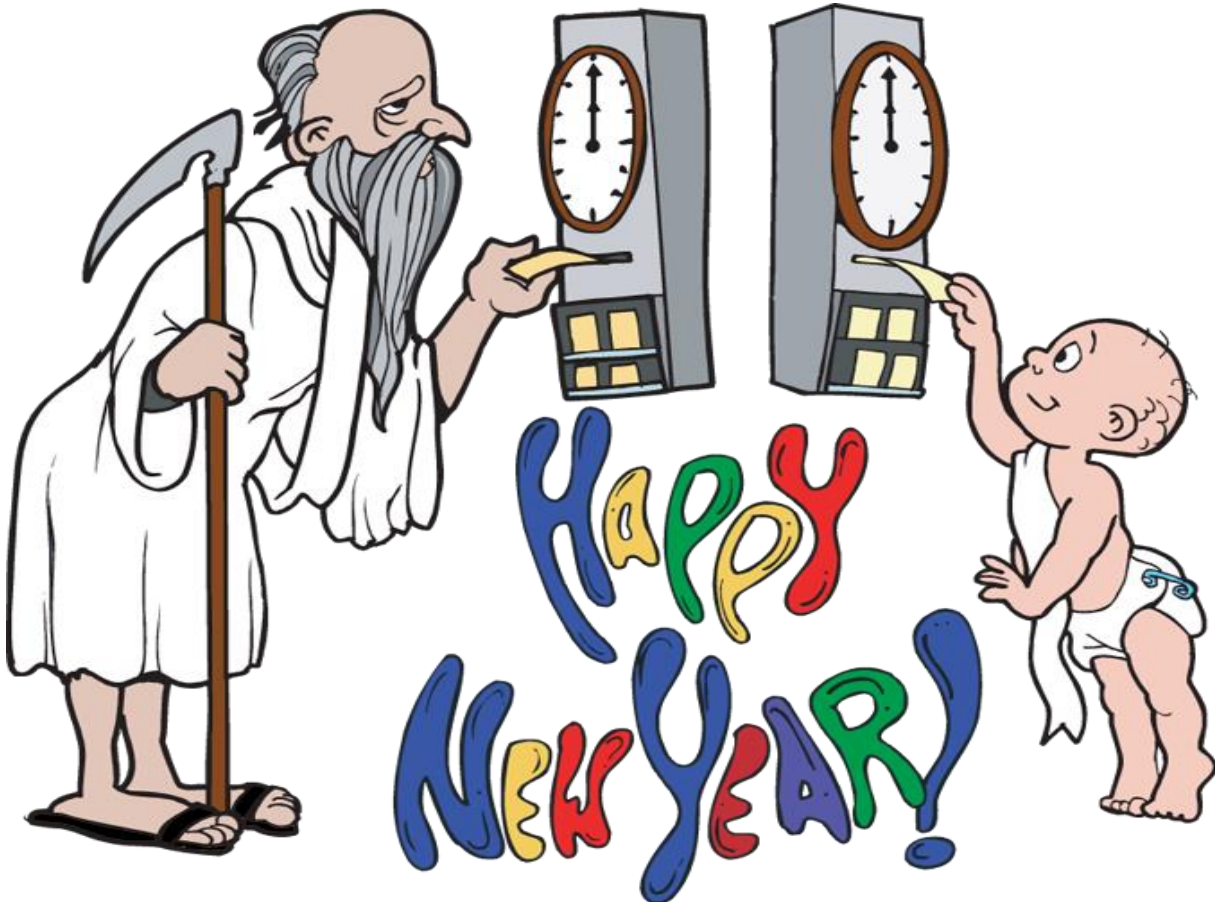
And, as the enthusiasm for pickleball continues to grow, we hope to offer another instructional session once sunny weather becomes more consistent. It was a great success last time, so we look forward to repeating this. Stay tuned.

And finally, Herb Donaldson's bridge group that meets twice a month on Thursdays is welcoming substitute players. Please reach out to Herb if you are interested. His email is: barbherb@gmail.com

Questions, comments, concerns? Please email me at kvigeland04@gmail.com



Happy New Year from the WOSC Social Committee!



The WOSC Social Committee will meet for its first 2024 quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 18, at 11:30am in the club Bunk House.

Herbert Inestroza, Chair
Karen Schraga, Co-Chair



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LUNCH

Daily Soup – Cup \$6

Chicken Kale Caesar Salad \$18

Grilled chicken, julienned dino kale, parmesan cheese, sourdough croutons, toasted almonds, and granny smith apples tossed with lemon vinaigrette

Lori's Salad \$18

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 \$21

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

Half Sandwich / Soup / Salad \$18

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

Blackened Shrimp Tacos \$18

Blackened shrimp, cabbage, mango salsa, and chipotle cream on local artisan tortillas

California Turkey Melt \$18

Oven roasted turkey breast on grilled sourdough with cheddar cheese, house-made applewood smoked bacon, grilled onions, avocado, and tomato

Grilled Reuben \$18

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

Bacon Cheddar Burger \$18

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 and Tacos served with fries, garlic fries, truffle fries, fruit cup, or small garden salad

An 18% gratuity will be added to all 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

January 2nd, 2024

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

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

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Chocolate Cake with
Peanut Butter Frosting

January 16th, 2024

Prior to the Annual Meeting:

Complimentary Wine and Appetizers

Burger Sliders

Spring Rolls with Sweet Chili Sauce

January 30th, 2024

Sweet and Sour Pork

Sesame Chicken

Asian Salad

Cabbage, Oranges, Rice Noodles,
Crispy Wontons

Vegetable Chow Mein

Fried Rice

Dessert:

Coconut Cake

January 9th, 2024

Pork Tenderloin Medallions in Mushroom Cream Sauce

Garden Salad

Dried Cherries, Beets, Radishes, Lemon Vinaigrette

Roasted Vegetables

Saffron Rice

Dessert:

Banana Caramel Bread Pudding

January 23rd, 2024

Vegetable Supreme Pizza

Pepperoni and Sausage Pizza

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Hawaiian Pizza

Caesar Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Dessert:

Oreo Cheesecake



Friday Night Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

\$50.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

January 5th, 2024 Family Style Dinner Grilled Flat Iron Steaks

Chimichurri

Pulled BBQ Duck

Smoked Cheddar Polenta

Winter Citrus Salad

Baby Greens, Cara Cara Oranges, Blood Oranges,
Mandarins, Avocado, and Mint-Champagne
Vinaigrette

Braised Turnips and Roasted Broccolini
with Sautéed Spinach

Dessert:

Salted Caramel Crème Brulee

January 19th, 2024 Mixed Grill Night Hand Carved Grilled Steaks, BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Grilled Fish, and Sausages

Butter lettuce Salad

Broccoli and Cauliflower au Gratin

Potato Wedges

Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie
with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

January 12th, 2024 Farm to Fork Family Style Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

Sourcing the Best local ingredients; menu
will be announced Tuesday, January 9th.

January 26th, 2024 Family Style Prime Rib Dinner Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus*

Grilled Branzino Bass with
Lemon Caper sauce

Pear Salad

Heirloom Greens, Baby Spinach, Dried Cranberries,
Candied Walnuts, Blue Cheese, Shaved Radish,
Champagne Vinaigrette

Broccoli Romanesco, Rutabaga,
Butternut Squash

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Dessert:

Mississippi Mud Pie

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol

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Special Valentine's Dinner Friday, February 9, 2024

Join your Sweetheart or WOSC Friends!

Bar opens - 5:30pm
Dinner Call - 6:40pm

WOSC's Social Committee has selected a Frank Sinatra-themed night for our Valentine's dinner, complete with musical guest artist Steve Puleo. Steve has traveled the world as a vocalist, drummer, guitarist, producer and recording artist. His rich, smooth-as-silk voice is reminiscent of singers Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Tony Bennett. Steve has appeared at our club numerous times to great reviews!

- * Plated Dinner, Full Bar + Wine
- * Featuring Steve Puleo & his Band
- * Dancing to Classic Rock After Dinner

Come Join us for a wonderful evening
Dinner, Drinks, Wine, Friends, Fun!



Award-winning Musician Steve Puleo

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol
\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol

Attendance is limited. The event is Members only.

Advance Reservations Required – (707) 539-8624
Or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com



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