



March 2023

Hoof Beats

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## President's Message By John Meislahn

Welcome to March and almost ... spring at Wild Oak Saddle Club. Although it was beautiful to see the dusting of snow on our local hills, the warmer weather and blooms of the new season will be a welcome sight after a cold winter.

February brought us some fabulous club events. The Valentine's Day dinner was a big success complete with after-dinner dancing, and a good time was had by all. The Tuesday night Mardi Gras menu offered outstanding gumbo and catfish, with a few members sporting flashy masks and costumes. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, our own Gaye LeBaron, local celebrity historian, held court at a packed Lunch & Learn, regaling the rapt audience with her colorful knowledge of Sonoma County.

An informational launch party on February 22<sup>nd</sup> was held to inform members about the planned 2023 WOSC cruise, October 19-30, sailing Boston to Montreal on the 656-guest Oceania Cruises *Insignia* ship. The cruise is available to everyone who would like to sign up. Travel advisor Suzanne Burr does a great job with our cruises and is a wonderful hostess as well.

There's more news about upcoming special events in the following pages of Hoof Beats. Burger night is BACK starting March 2<sup>nd</sup>, so you don't want to miss that (or miss out on Chef Joe's ice cream sandwiches!) Be sure to mark your calendar for our St. Patrick's Day dinner which this year falls exactly on the holiday - Friday, March 17. The celebration started in 1631 with a Feast Day to honor the Patron Saint of Ireland who died around the fifth century. It's a long, winding road of history from that original church-established feast to today's parades and green beer celebrations. (At one time, the color blue was associated with St. Patrick.) However, for us revelers at WOSC, the day is mostly just another good reason to get together and enjoy life and one another's company.

Then on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, we're hosting a complimentary reception from 5:30-7:00pm. It's a meet and greet so that you can have a special time to get to know our 2023 Board Directors. There's always something going on at the club! We thank Lori and her staff for consistently going the extra mile to give us a great club experience. Enjoy the month and all its activities!

## Social Activities for March & April

March 2	<b>Burger Night is back!</b>
March 3	Friday Night Dinner
March 5	Sunday Brunch
March 7	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
March 10	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
March 12	Sunday Brunch - Pickleball Demo at 11:00am
March 14	Tightwad Tuesday
March 17	<b>Friday Night St. Patrick's Dinner</b>
March 19	Sunday Brunch
March 21	Tightwad Tuesday
March 24	Friday Night Dinner
March 26	Sunday Brunch
March 28	Tightwad Tuesday
March 30	Meet the Board Complimentary Reception
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner</b>
April 2	Sunday Brunch
April 4	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Burger Night</b>
April 7	Friday Night Dinner
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Easter Brunch (10:00 to 12:30) More details to come.</b>
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 23	Sunday Brunch
April 25	Tightwad Tuesday
April 26	Lunch & Learn with Mark Randol
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner</b>
April 30	Sunday Brunch

## *News from GM Lori ... Special Events*

### **March**

- Burger Night March 2
- Pickleball Demo March 12
- Prime Rib Night March 31

### **April**

- Burger Night April 6
- Easter Brunch April 9
- Lunch & Learn, Mark Randol April 26
- Prime Rib Night April 28

### **May**

- Derby Day Party! May 6
- WOSC Golf Tournament May 19

## **Birthday Wishes!**

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

### **March Birthdays:**

Angie Colombini, Christopher Dinno, Dale Westrom,  
Dennis Verity, Doug Pavese, Georgia Worthen, Jeff Ray,  
Jennifer Ammons, Karen Panting, Leanna Jackson, Marianne Morrissey,  
Mark Radcliffe, Paula Lewis, Sallyan Simmons, Shelly Jeffries,  
Steve Hydrick, and Toodie Dodson.



## A Message from Bob Briner, Chair Arts & Entertainment

The Arts and Entertainment season begins March 31st when we will feature the Taylor Street Stop with Ron & Maryann Sfarzo. Ron is an accordionist, pianist, organist, and composer. Maryann is a singer, actress, v/o talent and lyricist.

Ron and Maryann met through their music and have been performing together for over 25 years. They started in San Francisco and their collaboration has brought them across the US, Canada and Europe. They will bring us a heartwarming and nostalgic play list of 20s and 30s classics presented in the traditional style. Be sure to make your Prime Rib Dinner reservations, as this event will sell out!



**What happens next?** We are not slowing down and will feature the Unauthorized Rolling Stones for the April 28th dinner. Prepare to Rock & Roll to the classic songs of a very memorable era. Rudy Colombini does an awesome Mick Jagger!



The entertainment season is just beginning, and we have many more great acts to come!

## Let the Good Times Roll!

### The Sports & Activities Report from Kari Briner

In the last week of February, Lunch and Learn was revived! Yay! Several of us enjoyed the wisdom of Gaye Le Baron. We all love her insights and stories. Such a treasure! On April 26th, Mark Randol will present a Lunch and Learn talk titled “Insider View of National and Homeland Security.” Sounds fascinating! Sign up to save your spot. Have an idea for a Lunch and Learn speaker? Email Kari at [kvigeland04@gmail.com](mailto:kvigeland04@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to a Pickleball demonstration on Sunday, 3/12 at 11:00. This will be an interactive experience, so dust off your sneakers and come on out and enjoy the fun. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and we have two courts! Many thanks to John Brodey and Fred Merrill for putting the new nets together. You can sign up for the 3/12 demo either in the reservation binder in the Club living room or email Cristie Marcus at [CMarcus@cbnorcal.com](mailto:CMarcus@cbnorcal.com).

We will soon be activating a courts reservation system for bocce, pickleball and tennis. The system is called *Your Courts* and will be on our website, with also a link folks can have on their own devices. We evaluated several options and felt this was the best for our Club. You can also check it out on [www.YourCourts.com](http://www.YourCourts.com). It will allow members to reserve courts for ongoing play and also see if there is a free court when interested in a spontaneous game. Watch for details on this system in future Hoof Beats.

On Friday, May 19, members may enjoy our Wild Oak Saddle Club Golf Social at the Sugarloaf Course in Oakmont( formerly Oakmont East). It will be a Best Ball Scramble and limited to 40 players. It is always great fun and followed by an “adult beverage” social gathering back at the Club. Bright yellow tournament information and registration forms are available in the Club living room and also on our website. Go to Members Area/Activities/Golf. Questions? Contact Doug Pavese at [dougpavese@gmail.com](mailto:dougpavese@gmail.com) or 707-538-3167.

Lots of fun gatherings continue to happen throughout the week: bridge, dominoes, hand and foot (canasta), mah jongg, and book club as well as bocce, pickleball and tennis. We have ongoing games in both the card room and the bunkhouse (which by the way has been spiffed up). BTW, the Thursday men’s bridge group would welcome a few subs so email Herb Donaldson at [barbherb@gmail.com](mailto:barbherb@gmail.com) if interested. Members wishing to have a space for a “pop up” game are scheduling those through Kari. The overall activities schedule with locations is updated each month and can be viewed on the Club website under Members Area/Activities. Please reach out when your group’s schedule changes, or to request a room for a pop up game, email [kvigeland04@gmail.com](mailto:kvigeland04@gmail.com).



Looking forward to more fun times!



## **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 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

**March 7th, 2023**

**Fried Chicken**

**Garden Salad**

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

**Roasted Vegetables**

**Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**

**Buttermilk Biscuits**

**Dessert:**

Oreo Cake

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Beef Stroganoff**

Buttered Noodles

**Garden Salad**

Baby Greens, Butter Lettuce, Radishes,  
Shaved Carrot, Lemon Vinaigrette

**Roasted Vegetables**

**Mashed Red Potatoes**

**Dessert:**

Strawberry Crisp with  
Whipped Cream

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Vegetable Supreme Pizza**

**Pepperoni and Sausage Pizza**

**BBQ Chicken Pizza**

**Caesar Salad**

**Roasted Vegetables**

**Dessert:**

Mocha Cheesecake

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Chicken Enchiladas**

**Taco Salad**

**Spanish Rice**

**Refried Beans**

**Chips, Salsa, Guacamole**

**Dessert:**

Churros

## Friday Night Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

\$50.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Family Style Dinner

#### Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Chicken Breast

Spinach, Roasted Bell Peppers, and Ricotta

#### Pesto Crusted Seabass

Creamy wild Mushroom Risotto

#### Garden Salad

Baby Greens, Butter Lettuce, Shaved Carrots, Dried  
Cherries, Lemon Vinaigrette

Roasted Baby Carrots with Spring Onions

#### Dessert:

Lemon Olive Oil Cake

### March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Family Style Dinner Farm to Fork

Sourcing the Best local ingredients; menu  
will be announced Tuesday, March 7th.

### March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 St. Patty's Day Family Style

#### Corned Beef

#### Irish Whiskey Glazed Salmon

#### Garden Salad

Strawberries, Blackberries, Shaved Carrots,  
Radish, and Lemon Vinaigrette

Green Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots

#### Dessert:

Baileys Chocolate Poke Cake

### March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Mixed Grill Night

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

#### Salad Bar

Creamed Spinach

Potato Wedges

#### Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie with Vanilla Bean Ice  
Cream

### March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Family Style Dinner

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus*

Pistachio Crusted Black Cod

#### Red Romaine Salad

Pickled Red Onions, Shaved Beets, Feta Cheese,  
Strawberries, Sliced Almonds, and  
Lemon-Poppy Seed Vinaigrette

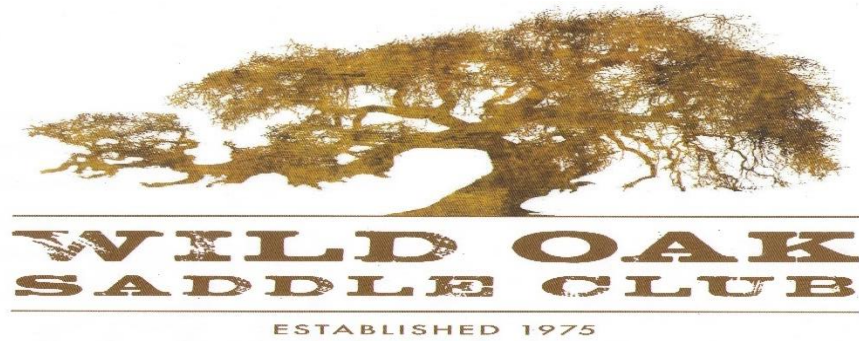
Grilled Asparagus and Roasted  
Baby Carrots

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

#### Dessert:

Strawberry Chocolate Mousse Cake





# Burger Night

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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

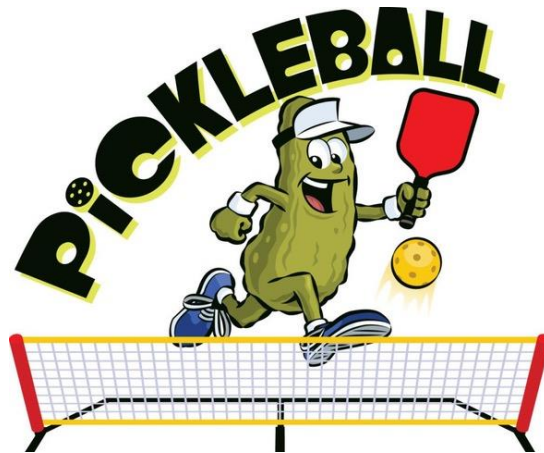
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**COME JOIN THE FUN ...  
PICKLEBALL DEMO DAY!**

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:cjoymarcus@sbcglobal.net)  
with any questions and / or sign-ups



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

**\*The back-up date in case of rain  
will be Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**



## **Burger Night**

**Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**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

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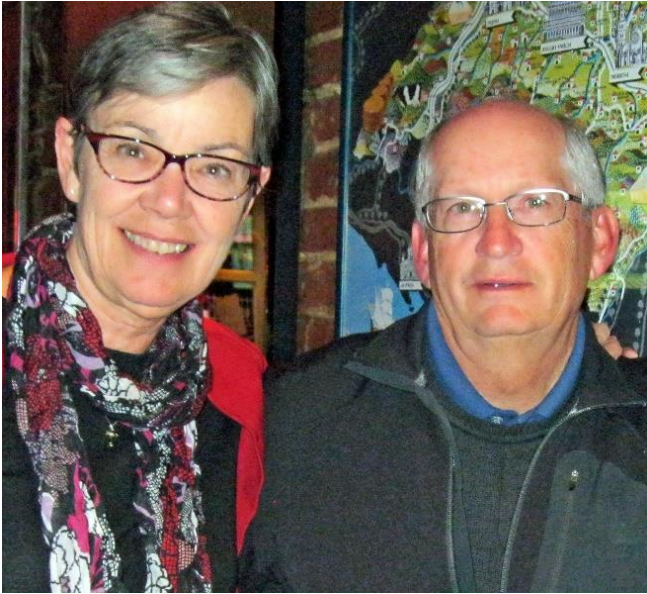
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## I Love Our Club Because ...

*Interview & Article by Laura Whiting*

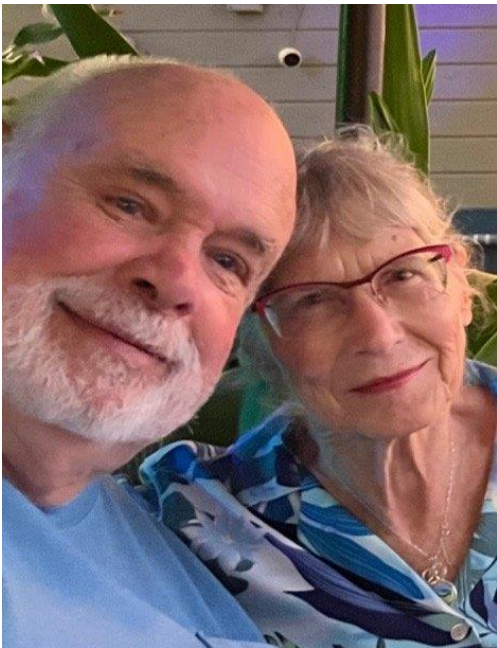


### **Susan and George Bisbee**

#### **PEOPLE AND FAMILY**

The best thing about Wild Oak Saddle Club is the people - meeting and socializing with friends old and new. We also love the facility and the view! We have enjoyed many family occasions at the club, from a large 70-person family reunion to a Father's Day brunch for 12. We love the intimate and quiet lunches and sharing thoughts and ideas with Book

Club members once a month. Wild Oak is a friendly and welcoming place!



### **Sallyan and Gary Simmons**

#### **WELCOMING MEMBERS, ENTERTAINMENT, STAFF, MOONRISE**

Once upon a time, a Wild Oak Saddle Club member invited us as guests for dinner; Gary & I arrived before our friends. When we entered the living room, other members greeted us and welcomed us into their conversation. That was the first and most important glimpse into the heart of the WOSC...the people.

After that as members, we continued to discover all the elements that make the WOSC a wonderful addition to our life. So many opportunities to enjoy food, entertainment, dancing, and travel with friends. All this, served to us by leadership and staff that always go above and beyond to make our Club fabulous.

WOSC sits on a very special piece of property.... We always love the full moon that rises from behind Hood Mountain over our Valley of The Moon.



## I Love Our Club Because ...

*by Laura Whiting*

### **Glen Smith and BJ Patnode**



#### **VIEW, WINE, FOOD AND PEOPLE**

We love the energy of the Club on Prime Rib Night, especially when there is music and dancing!

Glen and BJ learned about WOSC in 2017 when they lost their home in the Nuns Fire and rented a house in Wild Oak. Their landlord thought WOSC was an HOA benefit and invited them to visit the Club.

Lori clarified that it was a private club and encouraged them to join. Unrelated, they found a 'Welcome to the Neighborhood' bottle of wine on their doorstep from their new next-door neighbors - Jolene and Sean Cortright! How nice is that?

In addition to Friday Night Dinners, Brunch on the sunny summer deck has made BJ's 13-year-old nephew a fan of polo, and he is reaching out to players to learn the sport.

Glen and BJ talked about having made a lovely group of friends already, but the time spent on the WOSC Mediterranean Cruise allowed them to meet even more interesting and fun club members. "It was a wonderful way to expand our friendships," said BJ.

Look for BJ Thursday, March 2nd, at Burger Night, pouring Avinodos Wines!

<https://avinodos.com/>

*Empowering our Youth*

# TIME to WONDER

*2023 Gala*



**13th Annual  
Gala Event**

benefiting the



**children's  
museum**  
of SONOMA COUNTY

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 | 4:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Wild Oak Saddle Club**

**550 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409**



# Empowering our Youth TIME to WONDER

13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA  
Saturday, April 22, 2023  
4:30 - 8:00 PM  
Wild Oak Saddle Club

**4:30-6:00 PM: Welcome Reception**

Music by Gabriel Pereira  
Wine Tastings and Hands-on Activities

**6:00-7:00 PM: Time to Wonder Gala & Auction**

Appetizers, Dinner, and Dessert by Wild Oak Saddle Club  
Remarks by CEO, Collette Michaud, and Board President, Greg Steele  
Raffle, Live Auction, and FUNd-a-Need  
*Special Guest and Auctioneer Senator Mike McGuire*

**7:00-8:00 PM: Music and Entertainment**

by DJ Techni

**Featured Vintners:**

Flambeaux Wines, Marine Layer Winery, Lando Wines,  
Ramey Wines, Williamson Wines

~ Casual dress ~

**Tickets \$150** (Seating is limited)  
*Early bird pricing (\$125) before March 16th*



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# **Lunch & Learn**

## **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com)





# 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dougpavese@gmail.com) ~ 707-538-3167 ~

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