



May 2023

Hoof Beats

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President's Message

By John Meislahn

Spring is in full bloom now, and the club is looking fantastic for all our events. Easter Brunch was a huge sell-out success, and everyone enjoyed the nice weather and scrumptious menu selections. Our April 26th Lunch & Learn had a last-minute change in speakers because Mark Randol was ill. Our Santa Rosa City Manager, Maraskeshia Smith, joined us as a quick stand-in; she did an amazing job informing us about the state of affairs in the city. April 28th Prime Rib night saw a packed crowd as we got to hear the Unofficial Rolling Stones tribute band regale us with some fine tunes. Perfect weather, great food and wine, wonderful friends, and old music favorites for die hard Rolling Stones fans. What a terrific evening! It was a memorable flashback in time, as members enjoyed dancing the night away.

May 4th will bring us another popular burger night that's always a big hit with our members. And then on May 6th, we'll have our largest fundraiser of the year: the Derby Day party! Wear your best fancy hat, seersucker suit or other colorful fashion statement and get ready to bet on the Kentucky Derby horses, enjoy the club's famous Mint Juleps, and participate in the silent and live auctions. This event will sell out fast, so get your reservations in early. At our annual golf tournament on May 19th, members will vie for bragging rights at the club as the teams will battle it out, with one foursome to be announced as the big winner.

May will also bring us more outstanding music from the sought-after country band, Streets of Bakersfield, and the big headliner from our New Year's Eve extravaganza coming back into town - Bud E. Luv. Be sure to get your seat for these captivating artists, as they always put on a great performance.

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms. See you at the club!



Social Activities for May & June

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, with Streets of Bakersfield Band
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 24	Loving the Living Room Complimentary Reception 5:00 - 7:00pm
May 26	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner, with music by Bud E. Luv
May 28	Sunday Brunch
May 30	Tightwad Tuesday
June 1	Burger Night
June 2	Friday Night Dinner
June 4	Sunday Brunch
June 6	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
June 7	Lunch & Learn with Mark Randol
June 9	Friday Night Dinner
June 11	Sunday Brunch
June 13	Tightwad Tuesday
June 16	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
June 18	Father's Day Brunch
June 20	Tightwad Tuesday Dinner
June 23	Friday Night Dinner
June 25	Sunday Brunch
June 27	Tightwad Tuesday
June 28	Hydrangea Tour at Green Valley Growers
June 30	Prime Rib Dinner

News from GM Lori ... Special Events!

May

- Burger Night May 4
- Annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon & Auction May 6
- Farm-to-Fork Dinner w/live music by Streets of Bakersfield Band May 12
- Mother's Day Brunch May 14
- Golf Social May 19
- Loving the Living Room Reception May 24
- Prime Rib Night with live music by Bud E. Luv, Vegas lounge act spoof with his amazing dance band trio May 26

June

- Burger Night June 1
- Lunch & Learn with Mark Randol June 7
- Father's Day Brunch June 18
- Green Valley Growers Hydrangea Tour June 28
- Prime Rib Night June 30

Birthdays

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

Here are our May birthdays:

Allen Gummer, Barbara Imrie, Beverly Owen, Bill Kunde, Bill Osterland, Bill Reinking, Blane Henley, Janice Jordan, Jim Mitchell, Jolene Cortright, Judy Harris, Kim Clement, Larry Marianella, Larry Simons, Leslie Henley, Patsy Streckfuss, Phil Trowbridge, Scott Peterson, Sonny Person, Sue Walker, Susie Merrill, Suzanne Fisher, Vicki Hunt.

**Raffle Tickets for the Wine Locker & Spirits Locker Derby Day
Drawing will be on sale at Tuesday and Friday night Dinner
May 2nd and May 5th, and also on Derby Day at the party!**

Auction items are available now for viewing in the Bunk House and on ClickBid.
For additional information, contact Jolene Cortright – bozos@sonic.net

A BIG THANK YOU ...

to those who have donated items for our Derby Day Silent & Live Auction!
Thanks also to Tom and Kim Hinde of Prestige Wine Company for providing wine for the party.

**A Note from the Social Committee:
Herbert Inestroza, Chair, and Karen Schraga, Co-Chair
Presenting the Social Committee's Annual Event, July 14th**

When? Friday, July 14, 2023

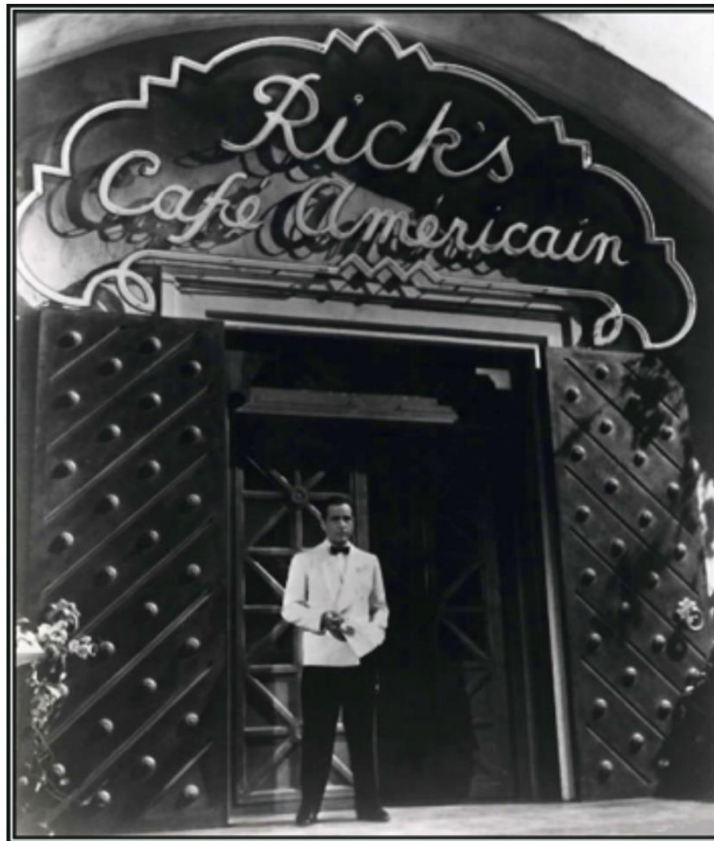
Where? WOSC "aka Rick's Cafe Americain."

What? Think the movie *Casablanca*

"Here's Looking at You, Kid."

Celebrate the Social Committee's Event of the Year!

To start the evening, our expert bartender Devon will offer a specialty cocktail from that era. Chef Joe will create a fabulous French dinner where sparkling Champagne will flow. And a 1940's inspired dance band will perform with dancing to follow. We encourage everyone to get into the spirit by creating your look inspired by the movie, *Casablanca*. Mark your calendars!



"Play it once, Sam, for old times' sake."

**From Herbert Inestroza, Social Committee Chair
May 18th Meeting Reminder**

Please join us for the upcoming Social Committee Meeting
on Thursday, May 18th at 11:30am in the WOSC Trione Club House.
To request a lunch reservation, email: herbertinestroza@comcast.net



I Love Our Club Because ...



Interview & Article by Laura Whiting



Otis & Phyllis Orsburn

Who says aging has to be boring?

Engagement and Entrepreneurship

We have lived in Oakmont for 13 years now. Otis is President of Hybrid Prefab Homes, a design and prefab company that serves Sonoma and surrounding counties. Their homes range from tiny homes, up to 6,000 square foot models. Right now, the going trend is “accessory dwelling units” up to 1,200 square feet that can be placed in backyards. Otis is a professional member of the American Institute of Building Design, and also an Army veteran.

Granddaughters; Monthly Get-A-Ways; Camaraderie with Members; WOSC, Hidden Treasure

Phyllis is an avid reader and grandmother (Nani) that enjoys her Facebook chats with her granddaughters, 3-year-old Hannah and 6-year-old Maya almost every day. They support the Junior Polo group as well as other philanthropic organizations throughout Sonoma and Napa. Otis and Phyllis enjoy taking short trips to moderate climates, trips that last 3 to 5 days, practically every month. Having a place like the Saddle Club close by is a hidden treasure that’s very convenient. Otis jokingly says an advantage is there are no sobriety check points between the club and home. Humor aside, they say they enjoy the camaraderie of the members as well as the entire WOSC staff, led by our fearless leader, General Manager Lori Darling.

New Friends, an Adventure Every Night

The many club members with diverse backgrounds are an adventure for us as we engage in conversation and learn so much, every time we attend a dinner or social function. There are smiles everywhere with people that don’t carry airs about themselves and have no hidden agendas. Such openness is so refreshing.

Professional Entertainment, Dancing and Smiles Everywhere

The entertainment at the club is always very special. The entertainment committee seems to always bring true professionals to awe the crowd. You can’t help but engage with them and watch everyone on the dance floor. We always remark how fortunate we are to have the best food in Sonoma County being prepared right here at the Saddle Club. Chef Joe is the epitome of excellence; the food that he and his staff prepare is absolutely wonderful!

We feel we are in the best stage of life and cherish these times that are shared with such good friends and acquaintances.

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

The fun times continue as we enjoy the many great features of the Wild Oak Saddle Club. Mother Nature has smiled on Sonoma County, and folks are coming out to enjoy the club both inside and out! Cards, dominoes, book club as well as court sports are all in full swing. You can always see the full weekly schedule at our website on the Activities page.

Our second Lunch and Learn was held on 4/26. Mark Randol had to cancel unexpectedly due to illness, but we look forward to his rescheduled presentation on Wednesday, June 7. Our new Santa Rosa City Manager, Maraskeshia Smith, stepped in and delivered a great talk describing issues challenging our city and her proposed solutions. We were all quite appreciative, and we learned a great deal.

The Saddle Club spring golf outing is all set for Friday, May 19. The event is full with 44 participants ready to go! It will be held in Oakmont at the executive course now known as the Sugarloaf Course. Members and guests will enjoy an adult beverage reception at the Saddle Club following the tournament. Doug Pavese is again coordinating this event.

Also in May, we can look forward to the pool opening again. The exact date is unclear at this point, but we will look forward to enjoying that feature of our club again this month. Folks are beginning to use the “Your Courts” reservation system for bocce, pickleball and tennis. The link can be found on our website under Activities. It is pretty simple, and we can always walk you through the process initially. Please remember to get a key from Lori for pickleball and tennis access.

Fred Merrill has been gathering folks to play bocce on Tuesday evenings prior to Tightwad Tuesday. No experience necessary...just your enthusiasm! Reach out to Fred at fred_merrill2@hotmail.com if you're interested. It's great fun and a good way to get to know your fellow members. Remember, you can always use our online reservation system to secure the bocce court for a game.

Our Activities highlight in April was the Pickleball Demonstration held on our courts this past Sunday, 4/30. Who says you “can't teach an old dog new tricks”? About 30 people, who have never played, not played much, or who play a bunch came out to learn how the game is played and scored. All attendees benefited from the wisdom of those who are seasoned players. Thank you to Cristie Marcus, Melissa Bowers and John Brodey for your organizational efforts. Here are some pictures from Pickleball Demo Day.



Remember, use the online reservation system on our website for outside sports and reach out to Kari Vigeland-Briner for activity reservations in the card room or bunkhouse. kvigeland04@gmail.com
Enjoy the many features our Club has waiting for you!



**WILD OAK
SADDLE CLUB**

ESTABLISHED 1975

LUNCH

Daily Soup – Cup \$6

Spring Asparagus \$18

Grilled local asparagus, burrata, and prosciutto with grilled sourdough baguette

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 \$19

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

California Turkey Melt \$17

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

Blackened Shrimp Tacos \$17

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

Grilled Chicken Pesto \$17

Grilled chicken breast on ciabatta roll with pesto, sundried tomatoes, baby spinach, and balsamic glaze

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 and tacos 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

May 2nd, 2023

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

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

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Carrot Cake

May 9th, 2023

Kung Pao Chicken

Sweet and Sour Pork

Asian Salad

Cabbage, Oranges, Rice Noodles, Crispy Wontons

Vegetable Chow Mein

Fried Rice

Dessert:

Coconut Cake

May 16th, 2023

Chicken Cacciatore

Buttered Noodles

Caesar Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Creamy Polenta

Garlic Bread

Dessert:

Strawberry Cheesecake

May 23rd, 2023

Slider Night

Reuben Slider

Turkey Melt

House Smoked BBQ Pulled Pork
with Coleslaw

Garden Salad

Blackberries, Shaved Radish, Rainbow Carrots

Roasted Vegetables

French Fries

Dessert:

Banana Bread Pudding
with Whipped Cream

May 30th, 2023

House-Smoked BBQ Pork Ribs

Garden Salad

Dried Cherries, Beets, Radishes, Lemon Vinaigrette

Corn on the Cob

Potato Wedges

Dessert:

Three-Berry Crisp with Whipped Cream



**WILD OAK
SADDLE CLUB**

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Friday Night Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

\$50.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

May 5th, 2023 Cinco de Mayo Dinner

Fajita Station:

NY Steak, Chicken, Grilled Shrimp, Blackened Cod,
Bell Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes, Tortillas, Salsas

Fiesta Salad

Mixed Baby Greens with Cherry Tomatoes,
Cucumbers, Radishes, Red Onions,
and Cheddar Cheese with Catalina Dressing

Chips, Salsa, Guacamole

Chorizo Pinto Beans

Spanish Rice

Dessert:

Chocoflan Cake

May 12th, 2023 Family Style Dinner Farm to Fork

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

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol

May 19th, 2023 Mixed Grill Night

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

Butter Lettuce Salad

Grilled Asparagus Platter

Twice Baked Potatoes

Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie with
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

May 26th, 2023 Prime Rib Dinner

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus*

**Local Petrale Sole with
Butter-Braised Leeks**

Baby Spinach and Watercress Salad
Local Strawberries, Pea Leaves, Candied Pecans, Shaved
Fennel, Goat Cheese, and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Butter-Blanched Sugar Snap Peas, Grilled
Asparagus and Baby Carrots

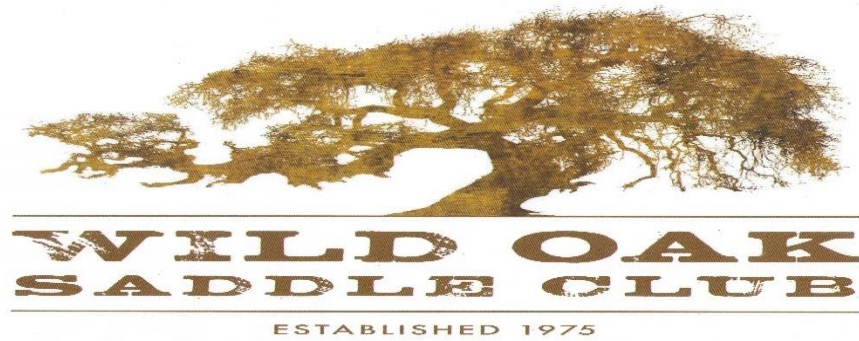
White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes

Dessert:

Assorted Minis

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol



Burger Night

Thursday May 4th, 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

Reservations Required

(707) 539-8634 or

Reservations @wildoaksaddleclub.com

Kentucky Derby Day Party

Saturday, May 6th
Join us for WOSC's
Annual Fundraiser



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

***Wines for Derby Day provided by
Tom & Kim Hinde of Prestige Wine Company**



**\$65+
per
person**

***Donations for the Wine Locker &
Spirits Locker are still appreciated.
Advance Reservations – (707) 539-8634**



Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 14th



Brunch Buffet with Omelet Station

Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Spring Vegetable Quiche

Ham and Swiss Croissant

Fresh Fruit Salad

Spring Baby Greens Salad

Eggs Benedict

Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar

House Smoked Bacon

Chicken Apple Sausage

Cinnamon French Toast

Breakfast Potatoes

Chocolate Croissants

Omelet Station

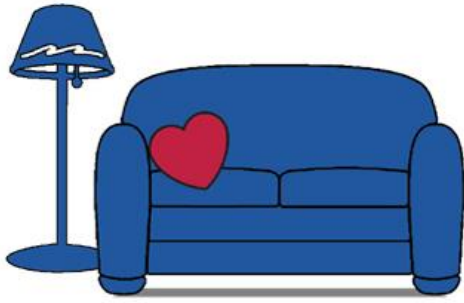
New York Strip Steak with Horseradish Cream

Oven Roasted Salmon with Lemon Dill Cream

Assorted Mini 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



The Living Room

Complimentary Reception at WOSC
Wednesday, May 24th
5:00 – 7:00pm

**Honoring Women, Supporting
Women & Children**

All Club Members are Invited to Attend

♥ Live Music, Light Appetizers, Tom Hinde Wines ♥

♥ Capital Campaign Launch for our “Dream Big” Goal to Raise
\$1,000,000 to Purchase the Life Center on North Dutton Avenue

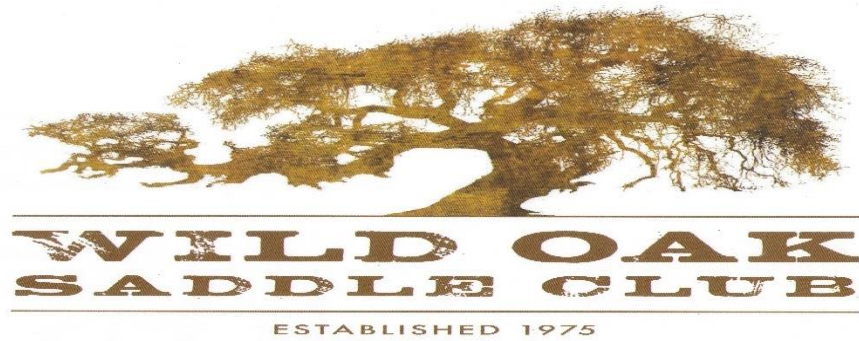
The Living Room’s **Life Center** is the service hub for our participants and is focused on comprehensive support for women facing homelessness. We partner with numerous local organizations to offer mental health services, financial support, parental support, peer specialists, vet care and much more. After overcoming the challenge to find those willing to rent a location to an organization that helps the unsheltered, we now have a place where we can serve the community properly.

We are asking for your help to raise money to buy the Life Center building and ensure a permanent home for our services and programs. We have matched two challenge grants for a total of \$50,000. We have two new challenge grants: \$10,000 from Marion Weinreb and \$50,000 from Nikki and Don King!

Come join us to help make our “Dream Big” \$1,000,000 goal a reality!

Reservations, please
WOSC Voice Mail * (707) 539-8634





Burger Night

Thursday June 1st, 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

Reservations Required

(707) 539-8634 or

Reservations @wildoaksaddleclub.com

Lunch & Learn Re-Scheduled Date

Wednesday, June 7th

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.

Lunch at 11:45, with presentation to follow

Advance Reservations, please (707) 539-8634

Or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com

Green Valley Growers Private Tour!

Dr. Jerry Bolduan's Beautiful Hydrangea Farm

Wednesday, June 28th

Meet at Green Valley Growers at 10:00am



Known for the most extensive collection of hydrangea in the world, Green Valley Growers is located in the lush rolling hills of Sonoma Valley wine country. Jerry Bolduan, renowned floral designer and owner of Green Valley Growers, has been featured on Oprah Winfrey and Martha Stewart Living TV; as well as in Martha Stewart Living Magazine, Food & Wine, Architectural Digest, and Coastal Living.

Dr. Bolduan specializes in hydrangeas, and has thousands of magnificent colorful blooming plants, many of them rare varieties.

This hydrangea tour has become a popular annual event!

**We'll meet up at 10:00am at Green Valley Growers,
10450 Cherry Ridge Road in Sebastopol.**

Besides taking us on a grand tour of his property, Jerry always spoils us with homemade sticky buns and Mimosas. The complimentary tour and social time will conclude at 11:30am.

Advance Reservations Required!

Call (707) 539-8634 or sign up in the living room Reservation Book.