



November 2023

Hoof Beats

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President's Message

By John Meislahn

Welcome to November! If you're like me, you are probably wondering where the year went ... perhaps a common sentiment, but it certainly has seemed to fly by. The club's usual Tightwad Tuesday fried chicken dinner kicked off the month of October, followed by Burger night in the same week, always fun, well-attended events. Last month, the club also hosted the annual gala and auction for the nonprofit "Loving the Living Room." Many of our members are deeply involved in service to various nonprofits that care for the hungry, ill, or those who are just down and out. Then we have other members who may not serve in a volunteer position, but still open their hearts and wallets at these fundraising events held at WOSC. It's heartwarming to know that our special club is an avenue to help make a positive difference to so many people.

Our Friday, Oct. 27th Prime Rib Dinner was accompanied with live music by Duo Gadjo. Isabelle and Jeff Magidson advertise themselves as jazz with a French twist, and they did not disappoint in entertaining the crowd with their smooth, French Café sound. Our members had a great time, and the Prime Rib Joe prepares always gets rave reviews. Speaking of French music, if you attended the Casablanca party night we held this past July, you'll remember club member Renee Navarro singing the French National Anthem for us. Well, rumor has it she's coming back to sing for us in December ... check out the Arts & Entertainment report in this newsletter!

Lori is still taking reservations for the Thanksgiving Day Feast. This is a great way to enjoy the club, avoid the burnt turkey and stacks of dishes at home, and experience a fabulous meal by our kitchen team. Make your reservations early as this event will definitely be a sellout. Also, remember that Friday Night Prime Rib dinner is being moved to November 17th so our dedicated WOSC staff can enjoy being off on the day after Thanksgiving. Another holiday special treat is the Green Valley Growers Holiday Wreaths event on Sunday, November 26th. Dr. Jerry Bolduan and Paul Gussenhoven will be showcasing their beautiful custom wreaths and garlands and will have them available for purchase starting at 9:30am until the wreaths are sold out.

As the holidays rapidly approach in these last few weeks of the year, I hope you get to enjoy quality time with your family, have safe travels if you're getting out of town, and if here, have the opportunity to take advantage of the fellowship and memorable times we have coming up at the NUMBER ONE CLUB in the North Bay. Wild Oak Saddle Club is truly a unique place, and I look forward to seeing you on the deck.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Social Activities for November & December

November 3	Friday Night Dinner
November 5	Sunday Brunch
November 7	Tightwad Tuesday
November 10	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
November 12	Sunday Brunch
November 14	Tightwad Tuesday
November 17	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner
November 19	Sunday Brunch
November 21	Tightwad Tuesday
November 23	Thanksgiving Day Feast
November 24	Closed for Holiday, No Lunch or Friday Night Dinner Service
November 26	Sunday Brunch Green Vally Growers Holiday Wreaths
November 28	Tightwad Tuesday
December 1	Friday Night Dinner
December 3	Sunday Brunch
December 5	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
December 8	Friday Night Farm to Fork Dinner
December 10	Sunday Brunch
December 12	Tightwad Tuesday
December 15	Friday Night Dinner
December 17	NO Sunday Brunch WOSC Holiday Open House 3:00pm start
December 19	Tightwad Tuesday
December 22	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner with Rebecca Roudman's Dirty Cello Band
December 24	NO Sunday Brunch, Club closed for Holiday
December 26	CLOSED for Lunch, Open for Tightwad Tuesday Dinner only
December 29	Club Closed for Holiday
December 31	NO Sunday Brunch WOSC New Year's Eve Dinner 5:00pm start

News from GM Lori ... Special Events!

November

- Prime Rib Night November 17
- Thanksgiving Day Feast November 23
- Club closed, No Lunch or Dinner November 24
- Green Vally Growers Holiday Wreaths November 26

December

- Friday night dinner w/live entertainment December 1
- **No Sunday Brunch** | Holiday Open House December 17
- Prime Rib Night with Dirty Cello Band December 22
- **No Sunday Brunch**, Club will be closed December 24
- **No Lunch**, but open Tightwad Tues. Dinner December 26
- Club closed for holiday December 29
- **No Brunch** | WOSC New Year's Eve Dinner December 31

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday wishes to these wonderful members!

Our November birthdays are:

Bill Noteman, Bill Salmina, Carol Nast, Corinne Byrd,
Dale Gummer, Dan Galvin, Denise Fitzgerald, Gaye LeBaron,
Gus Shubel, Judy Salmina, Melissa Bowers, Mike Farrell, Molly Buckley,
Paul Archambeau, Scott Bartley, Steve Corriher, Susie Reed, Tom Dunlap, Tom Jackson



Thanksgiving Feast "Food to Go"

Chef Joe can prepare a full meal or single dishes for pick up for your Thanksgiving dinner. Let us help you make the day easy!

Contact joe@wildoaksaddleclub.com

to order food to go.

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

Our membership continues to enjoy all sorts of games and activities inside and outside of our clubhouse. A full schedule of Saddle Club activities can be found on the Activities page of the WOSC website. Yes, I say this every month, but the good news is ... It is true!

The most frequent question asked of me lately while wearing the Activities Liaison hat is usually this, "I would love to try pickleball, but don't know where to begin?" So, I would like to offer some guidance... First, it is a well-known fact that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country! Folks of all sizes, shapes, ages and athletic prowess are learning to play and are becoming "Picklers"! (Someone who is obsessed with the game) Tennis courts all over are being converted for pickleball and new pickleball courts are being built everywhere. It is quite fun, active and social.

WOSC hosted a clinic with a great pro, Adam McKinnon a few months ago, and we hope to repeat this opportunity again in the spring. Adam is a very respected and popular pro. He has a Facebook page and is also on LinkedIn if you would like to try to connect with him. He has all sorts of YouTube pickleball videos online. There is a plethora (love that word!) of websites with basic instruction, videos, court layout, diagrams, rules, scoring and general guidance for the novice. Here are a few:

<https://pickleballkitchen.com/get-started-pickleball-beginners-guide/>
<https://www.pickleheads.com/guides/how-to-play-pickleball>

There was also a great article in the Sebastopol Times in August about instruction for beginners. <https://www.sebastopoltimes.com/p/lets-play-pickleball>. The Finley Center, part of Santa Rosa Parks and Rec, is a great resource. Apparently, folks gather every morning at 8:00 and on Wednesdays and Fridays, the focus is instruction for beginners. There are also regular pickleball classes at Finley. The current session is just wrapping up now, but will resume again in the spring.

At our club, we have Sunday mornings to welcome Picklers. Robin Crawford has an email list and welcomes folks to sign up for Open Play on Sundays at 10:00. All you need to do is reach out to Robin to be added to the list: rcrawford8@gmail.com. (Thank you, Robin!) It seems like the Sunday morning groups are very welcoming and there is usually a veteran Pickler to offer tips. I often suggest members grab a cup of coffee and come on out just to watch the fun and get a sense of what it is all about. We do have some extra paddles stored on the court and so all you need are court shoes (very important for safety), comfy clothes and your enthusiasm! Of course, actual instruction is always the best way to begin. So, a fun activity awaits!! You just might become a Pickler! Questions, comments, concerns? Please email me at kvigeland04@gmail.com



**From Herbert Inestroza, Social Committee Chair,
& Karen Schraga, Co-Chair**

Social Committee Members, November 16th Meeting Reminder

Please join us for the 2023-year-end upcoming Social Committee meeting on Thursday, November 16, at 11:30am in the WOSC Bunkhouse.

To request a lunch reservation, email: herbertinestroza@comcast.net

**From Bob Briner, Chair
Arts & Entertainment**

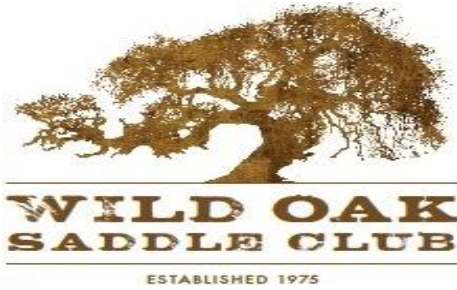
November will be a DARK month for the Saddle Club with no entertainment scheduled (sniff 😬). But we have a special treat for you on Friday, December 1st, when our own Renee Navarro and her twin sister Michelle will team up with the fabulous TJ Carter to bring us a new dimension in 3-part harmony. This will be such great fun!

Then on December 22nd, you can laugh and groove to the entertainment of Dirty Cello, the high energy group with a spin on blues, rock, and Americana. Cellist Rebecca Roudman and husband, guitarist Jason Eckl are simply amazing. This will be their third appearance at the Saddle Club, and they are always a HUGE hit.

On New Year's Eve, we are bringing back the Bobby Vickers Band for a repeat appearance. Last New Year Bobby's band packed the dance floor until our self-imposed 9:00pm finale.

In closing, I am compelled to point out that our audience for the Duo Gadjoo performance October 27th was frankly quite rude. This was the first thing the performers mentioned as they finished their set. Of course, the music genres cannot possibly light up everyone. With several musical acts on the horizon, 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!



LUNCH

Daily Soup – Cup \$6

Fiesta Salad \$18

Seasoned local ground beef and pico de gallo, cucumbers, tomatoes, red radishes, romaine lettuce, avocado, cilantro lime vinaigrette, cheddar-jack cheese, sour cream, and tortilla crisps

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

Seared Chicken Breast Sandwich \$18

Seared chicken breast, roasted bell pepper mayonnaise, iceberg lettuce, and red onions on a grilled Dutch crunch roll

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

Reuben Sliders \$18

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

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

November 7th, 2023

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

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

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Pumpkin Cake

November 21st, 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:

Triple Berry Crisp with
Whipped Cream

November 14th, 2023

Pasta Night

Pasta with Chicken Alfredo

Pasta with Bolognese

**Cheese Tortellini with
Pesto Cream Sauce**

Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread

Roasted Vegetables

Dessert:

Pumpkin Cheesecake

November 28th, 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

November 3rd, 2023 Farm to Fork Family Style Dinner

Sourcing the Best local ingredients;
menu will be announced Tuesday,
October 31st.

November 10th, 2023 Mixed Grill Night

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

Grilled Caesar Salad

Creamed Spinach

Twice Baked Potatoes

Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie with Vanilla
Bean Ice Cream

November 17th, 2023 Prime Rib Dinner

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus*

Sea Bass with Lemon Caper Sauce

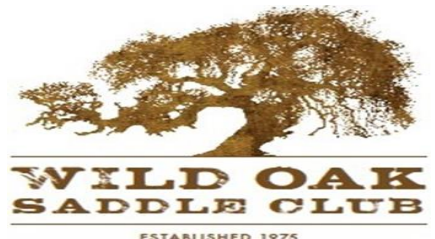
Roasted Kabocha Squash Salad
Honey Roasted Squash with Baby Kale,
Shaved Brussels Sprouts, Medjool Dates,
Pumpkin Seeds, with a
Pomegranate Vinaigrette

Sour Cream and Chive
Mashed Potatoes

Braised Turnips and Butternut
Squash with Sautéed Chard

Dessert:

Flourless Chocolate Cake with
Raspberry Coulis





Thanksgiving Day Buffet Thursday, November 23rd

1:00 – 3:00pm

Harvest Garden Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad

Mashed Potatoes

Herbed Turkey Gravy

Roasted Root Vegetables

Roasted Yams with Maple glaze and Bruleed Marshmallows

Traditional Bread Stuffing

Tangerine-Cranberry Chutney

House Cured and Smoked Ham with Honey-Pineapple Glaze

Roasted Turkey Breast with Braised Leg and Thigh

Potato Dinner Rolls

Assorted Desserts

\$45.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

\$25.00 + tax per person aged under 20

Reservations: (707) 539-8634, club reservation book, or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com

Meals TO GO are also available – Contact Chef Joe, joe@wildoaksaddleclub.com

HOLIDAY WREATHS FROM GREEN VALLEY GROWERS!



Dr. Jerry Bolduan



Paul Gussenhoven

Since the mid-80s, Dr. Jerry Bolduan has been creating the highest-quality custom wreaths and garlands that are fashioned in various sizes, shapes, and textures, all to fit with virtually any decor. Featured on Oprah Winfrey and Martha Stewart Living television, as well as in Martha Stewart Living magazine, Food & Wine, Architectural Digest, and Coastal Living, Green Valley Growers is well known for their beautiful holiday decorations!

**Jerry is coming again to the club,
bringing a wide selection of Wreaths!**

Sunday, November 26th

9:30am - until Wreaths are sold out

Custom orders are welcomed; Limited quantities

Indoor or outdoor wreaths

“Flower Market” pricing on all wreaths



*Members Only WOSC Holiday Party
Sunday, December 17th
Open House 3:00pm - 6:00pm*

*Hors d'oeuvres 🎵 Food Stations 🎵 Live Music
Full Bar 🎵 Chef Joe's Delicious Creations
Reservations Required
\$45.00 per person (+ tax)*

*Reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com - (707) 539-8634 or
sign up in the Reservation book in the club living room*





New Year's Eve Dinner

5:00 – 9:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023

Come celebrate the New Year with an elaborate dinner, fine wines, cocktails, and wonderful friends at WOSC!

Club opens at 5:00pm ♦ Dinner Served at 7:00pm

♦ Hors d'oeuvres ♦ Live Music ♦ Full Bar

Evening Concludes at 9:00pm

\$95 per person + tax with alcohol

\$85 per person + tax, w/out alcohol

Please note: Until Dec. 1, it's a Members-only sign up ... and after that date, Members may add guests to their reservation, provided we are not already sold out.

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or sign up in the Reservation book in the club living room