



## WOSC ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA January 16, 2024

- I. 6:00 p.m. Start of Meeting & WELCOME Message - *President John Meislahn*
- II. Summary of Committee Reports
  - Finance Report - *Kathie Leader, CPA / WOSC Accountant*
  - In-House Activities Liaison - *Kari Vigeland Briner*
  - Long Range Planning / Grounds - *Scott Bartley, Chair*
  - Arts & Entertainment - *Bob Briner, Chair*
  - Membership - *Marnie Goldschlag, Chair*
    - Written Report
  - Social Committee - *Herbert Inestroza, Chair & Karen Schraga, Co-Chair*
    - Written Report
- III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTING RESULTS
  - Tabulation Process by *Tellers Dan McMahon & Scott Bartley*
  - Election Results announced by *Scott Bartley, Board Secretary*
- IV. Outgoing President's Remarks - *John Meislahn*
- V. Incoming President's Remarks - *Keith Hilen*
- VI. Adjournment - *Keith Hilen*



## SUMMARY of COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance Report** - *Kathie Leader, CPA / WOSC Accountant*  
Written Report; separate handout

**In-House Activities Liaison** - *Kari Vigeland-Briner*

It has been over a year since I began serving as the Saddle Club Activities Liaison ... aka your Saddle Club Camp Counselor! We have had a very busy year with our membership enthusiastically engaged in a host of activities beyond enjoying the magical moments created by Lori and Chef Joe. On any given week, it is entirely possible that at least 12 inside and outside groups would be enjoying the Club in a variety of ways ... bocce, book club, bridge groups, slide butt, dominoes, canasta, pickleball and tennis. The overall monthly activity schedule can be viewed on our website. Additionally, groups have scheduled extra games and meetings from time to time beyond the regularly scheduled ones. We now have a reservation system for the card room and bunkhouse that seems to be working for everyone. There is always some fun-filled activity going on here!

In February, we revived Lunch and Learn. We enjoyed the wisdom of Gaye Le Baron ... always a treat. Then in April, Santa Rosa's new city manager Maraskeshia Smith jumped in with a two-hour notice to share her insightful story when our scheduled speaker became ill. In June, Mark Randol presented on Homeland Security, and we finished the year with a talk on Renewable Energy by Joe Pundyk. All very diverse topics and fascinating. Thank you everyone! Our next Lunch and Learn will be in March with Collette Michaud presenting on the Children's Museum of Sonoma County.

In the sports arena, we were able to implement a court reservation system which is working well. Folks can reserve a bocce, pickleball or tennis court within a 30-day period. This can all be done online. With the efforts of Melissa Bowers and Cristie Marcus, we hosted a very successful pickleball instructional morning and are planning on repeating this in the spring. Saddle Club pickleball is growing, just like everywhere, and we now offer a drop-in type play format on Sunday mornings with Robin Crawford as the organizer.

In May, we again hosted the Wild Oak Club Golf Outing organized by Doug Pavese. Forty players enjoyed a great afternoon followed by a social gathering. We appreciate that Doug has organized this event for five years. He will be passing the baton to Joanne Phillips who is

very active in the Oakmont golfing community, and she welcomes folks who would like to volunteer. The next golf outing will be Friday, May 17, 2024 at Sugarloaf Course in Oakmont.

Lastly, we are hoping to tap into the skills of our membership and offer some informal, one time workshops. Topics might include iPhone photo tips, art, whatever, so we welcome both your interests and your willingness to share your wisdom with our membership. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

So, it is obvious why our members love the Saddle Club. Beyond the social gatherings and gastronomical delights, there is a myriad of options for members to enjoy the many Saddle Club activities. Always lots going on ... what's not to love?!

### **Long Range Planning Committee / Grounds Committee** - *Scott Bartley, Chair*

In March we presented a modest budget to the Board for 2023 given the money expended for the deck in the previous year. We held back on a large capital budget for the 2023 year except for what we felt was essential to allow for reserves to rebuild. Scheduling impacted the timing for those modest items. The one item which will be the most visible will be the replacement of the carpet next month. We have gotten 8 years of hard use out of the current carpet, but while the body of it has been able to withstand the endless cocktail and wine spills, and monthly shampooing, the seams are starting to fail.

We will go over briefly during the annual meeting some of the things we are having to budget for the '24 year. When you look at our cash balance, don't be deceived. We have significant costs coming up for the facility this year to keep it appearing and operating at the level we expect. The updated 3-year Long Term Plan will be presented to the Board in March of this year.

### **Arts & Entertainment Committee** - *Bob Briner, Chair*

We did it again, gang! With your generous support the Wild Oak Saddle Club is once again the Sonoma County entertainment and dining venue of choice.

- April opened our season with the Unauthorized Rolling Stones. Rudy Colombini was a dead ringer for Mick Jagger!
- May featured the return of the Streets of Bakersfield band ... Hoot & Holler!
- As a bonus for May we brought in the Bud E Love band. Bobby Vickers, Mark Baum & Michael Hatfield are all world class musicians! Dance the night away ...
- June brought the Alpha Rhythm Kings. Best dressed band and incredibly tight arrangements.

- July 14<sup>th</sup> was Casa Blanca Night with the return of the Bud E Love Band.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> featured our own Billy Noteman & The Rockets. There is no finer blues harp!
- August brought Frankie Adel and the 7<sup>th</sup> Sons Band with classic rock from the 60's to 80's.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> - Remember TJ Carter? She's the darling C&W gal that everyone wants to adopt.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - Tommy Thomsen is a Sonoma County legend and we were so fortunate to be able to put on our cowboy hats and get our annual fix of Western Swing.
- October saw the Duo Gadjoo husband and wife team with the French influence, thanks to Mark Randol's suggestion.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> we teamed TJ Carter with our own Renee Navaro and her twin sister Michelle for a delightful evening of fun and harmony.
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dirty Cello entertained with the "other" side of the symphony orchestra players.
- I thought we were all done for the year, but we were fortunate to be able to bring in Bud E Love and his band for our New Year's celebration. The dance floor was never empty, and what a great playlist!

The lineup of entertainers for our 2024 season is well underway, and we've got some terrific new talent booked. If you have a special favorite entertainer or group that you would like to see/hear at our club, please let me know.

The Wild Oak Saddle Club has achieved legendary status among the artists as a highly desired venue for our hospitality, scenic beauty and ambiance. We also have quite a reputation in the Santa Rosa community as a unique and entertaining social club. If the membership continues their generous support, the best is yet to come!

### **Membership Committee** -Marnie Goldschlag, Chair

Our membership at the club continues to THRIVE! This year we had an unprecedented amount of movement in the club with 28 new memberships! That is a lot of new faces, which is exactly why we created the NEW MEMBER banners for the name badges. We wanted to make sure our newest members could be easily spotted allowing us long-timers to easily identify new members and welcome them.

Because the club is so vibrant and fun, attracting new members has not been an issue. Our membership comes from various backgrounds, and it is because of our members we continue to bring in fun and interesting people. While the club has a full membership and a

waitlist, keep on referring your friends and neighbors to WOSC! We need a healthy waitlist to ensure we don't have vacancies when we do lose members.

We appreciate all your referrals and look forward to welcoming new members in 2024.

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

The WOSC Social Committee is a group of club members assisting in an advisory capacity, hands-on planning and implementation of club dinners and events; decisions about theme, menu, decorations, publicity to carry out club events, and providing feedback to our General Manager, Lori Darling.

The committee, which consists of nineteen (19) members, meets quarterly through the year to discuss current and future club events. A few times a year, the committee enjoys getting together away from the club for dinner outings that include spouses/significant others. We are a close-knit group who genuinely enjoy each other's company.

In 2023, the Social Committee helped plan talents to the following events:

- Donation-Contribution to the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Derby Day fund-raiser. We had beautiful gift baskets created by Wendy Stephens, for the silent auction.
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Doug Pavese's Annual WOSC Spring Golf Tournament. The Social Committee hosts volunteered to pour wine for the post-tournament party.
- July 14<sup>th</sup>, "Casablanca" elegant movie-themed party, was a lively and sold out- success and a crowd pleaser. Great memories were made that evening. Our members dressed up to the nines in 1940's fashion. Guests danced to the 1940's inspired band, Bobby Vicker's, "Buddy E Luv." The specialty cocktail, French 75, was fabulous, as was the flowing sparkling wine. Chef Joe created a delicious French-themed plated dinner. We even had a 1939 Hudson Packard installed for photo-shots.

2024 looks to be another fun and promising year for club events. The committee is currently planning them, and more information will ensue in the coming months. So, be on the look-out for them in the future Hoof Beats newsletter. We hope to see you all there and to have "beaucoup" fun.

Social Committee Members:

Herbert Inestroza, Chair

Karen Schraga, Co-Chair

Joan Adelman, Jim Berger, Corinne Byrd, Linda Canar,  
Mandy Haas, Donna Kaiser, Barbara Katona, Kathy Langs, Linda Leedham,  
Renee Navarro, Lynn Olsen, Marie Panza, Judy Miller Poremba, Ingrid Riddell,  
Melinda Scatena, Karen Whissen and Laura Whooley

**Thanks to our 2023 Board of Directors**  
**for their dedicated service to WOSC!**

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