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President's Message

By Jolene Cortright

Happy 2023 Wild Oak Saddle Club! As I write this, my last Hoof Beats message as your board President, I bid our members a fond adieu. Your club is in great hands with a board that is a combination of seasoned board members and some new board members whose names will be announced during our very informative general meeting on January 17th.

As December wound down, I found myself reflecting on the approximately 18 seasonal get-togethers Sean and I enjoyed that were mostly with Saddle Club friends! I invite you all to make an extra effort to make more connections with people you don't know at the club, even guests. You never know when you'll meet a new cherished friend. As the inspiring notable Camilla Eyring Kimball said, "You do not find the happy life. You make it."

The New Year's Eve party was a huge success. Approximately 120 attendees enjoyed a crisp winter evening donning tuxedos, suits, high heels, gowns and sparkling bling. Chef Joe prepared a wonderful feast including a shrimp and oyster station, and a served, family-style dinner of beef wellington and luscious lobster tails. A first-time attendee remarked how beautifully the club was decorated. The band was fantastic, and members happily danced till the last song. Smiles abounded, and the sense of community was palpable! I've included a few pictures of the evening. The party night was even more treasured as we could hear the water gurgling under the deck. Some of my most memorable dinners at WOSC have featured the soundtrack of the culvert water rushing under the deck. Welcome, rain!

By the way, what is the song Auld Lang Syne about? The lyrics were recorded in a poem by Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1788. The title, translated into standard English, is "Old Long Since." The words can be interpreted in practice as "old times, especially times fondly remembered" or an "old or long friendship," since long ago or for old times' sake. The lyrics are also about old friends having a drink and recalling adventures they had long ago.

Let's all have a great 2023 at our special Wild Oak Saddle Club with old friends and new. Where would you rather be? Thank you for the honor of being your 2022 WOSC President!
~ Jolene

Social Activities for January & February

January 3	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
January 6	Friday Night Dinner
January 8	Sunday Brunch
January 10	Tightwad Tuesday
January 13	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
January 15	Sunday Brunch
January 17	Annual Meeting - Club opens at 5:00pm, Meeting at 6:00 <u>No Tightwad Tuesday Dinner Jan 17</u>
January 20	Friday Night Dinner
January 22	Sunday Brunch
January 24	Tightwad Tuesday
January 27	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner
January 29	Sunday Brunch
January 31	Tightwad Tuesday
February 3	Friday Night Dinner
February 5	Sunday Brunch
February 7	Tightwad Tuesday
February 10	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
February 12	Sunday Brunch
February 14	Tightwad Tuesday Valentine's Dinner
February 17	Friday Night Dinner
February 19	Sunday Brunch
February 21	Tightwad Tuesday
February 24	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner
February 26	Sunday Brunch
February 28	Tightwad Tuesday

News from GM Lori ... Special Events

January

- Annual Club Meeting January 17
Club Opens at 5:00pm, Annual Meeting starts at 6:00pm
- Prime Rib Night January 27

February

- Tightwad Tuesday Valentine's Dinner February 14
- Prime Rib Night February 24

A Big THANK YOU to Members!

This past month, our membership graciously and generously participated in the "Holiday Bonus" for all the WOSC staff.

We are pleased to report that the total amount received from members this year was even greater than last year, and that's greatly appreciated since we have five additional team members presently. Thank you SO much for recognizing and valuing the extraordinary work and efforts of our staff!

Notice of Annual General Meeting, January 17th – 6:00pm

The Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th, 2023

Club opens at 5:00 for Bar and Appetizers; Meeting at 6:00

Complimentary wine+bar & hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:00, 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 noon on January 17th.) Come find out what we've accomplished this past year and what's in store for 2023. This upbeat meeting is always a special time of camaraderie and fun. So, mark your calendars. You surely won't want to miss it.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday wishes to these wonderful members!

Our January birthdays are:

Betty Jemail, Burt Schraga, Cheryl Peterson, Dianne Brinson,
Fran Randol, Jamei Haswell, Jan Hathaway, Kathy Langs, Lynn Davis,
Mark Alves, Mark Trione, Nancy Doyle, Wendy Stephens

No Book Club Meeting in January

The WOSC Book Club will not be meeting in the month of January.

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

There are lots of items to update y'all regarding activities at the Saddle Club. First of all, take a look at the Saddle Club website. When you enter the Members Area, you will now see the heading "Activities." Within that link, you can access the weekly schedule of ongoing activities. Thank you to Keith Hilen for making all that work on our website. There are also printed copies of the weekly schedule available in the clubhouse.

Folks have been inside enjoying gathering for bridge, dominos, mah-jongg and other card games and continuing to play bocce, tennis and pickleball even in the cold weather! Inside, players can now enjoy coffee in both the bunkhouse and the card room. There is also a hot/cold water dispenser installed in the bunkhouse for water and tea. Beyond the ongoing games, members have enjoyed spontaneous inside activities by contacting Kari Briner for space availability. All it takes is an email or phone call: kvigeland04@gmail.com or 707-481-3378. All inside activities need to take place when we have staff on site (insurance requirement), and please remember that if you also want to stay for lunch or dinner, you'll need to make those reservations on your own. Additionally, Barb Katona would like to initiate a "Pedro" card group so please reach out to her if you are interested: barbara_katona@comcast.net or 650-245-5582.

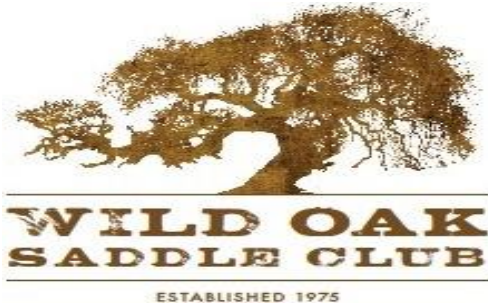
We are continuing to investigate a reservation system that would allow members to make a reservation to use the bocce, pickleball and/or tennis courts. We have looked at a few, but none are right for us yet. The primary purpose here is for folks to be able to plan their fun and not drive cross town only to find the courts occupied. Additionally, with the help of Melissa Bowers and Fred Merrill, we are still looking forward to a pickleball demonstration in the spring. For those of you who are Oakmont residents, you can also get instruction through the OVA. Non-Oakmont residents can get instruction through Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation at the Finley Center. Our two pickleball courts are ready and waiting for your enthusiasm!

And finally, as mentioned last month, we are thrilled to revise the very popular "Lunch and Learn." Gaye LeBaron will start us off in mid-February so be watching for details. Also, if you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please email Kari.

Looking forward to many more fun times at our club in 2023!

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

The WOSC Social Committee wishes you all a
Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year!
Be well, Peace and Love to all.
Happy New Year, 2023!



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 Lunch 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

Dinner at 6:15pm

\$22.00 + tax per person

January 3rd, 2023

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

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

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Red Velvet Cake

January 10th, 2023

Beef and Broccoli

Orange Chicken

Asian Salad

Cabbage, Oranges, Rice Noodles, Crispy Wontons

Vegetable Chow Mein

Fried Rice

Dessert:

Coconut Cake

January 17th, 2023

No Tightwad Tuesday Dinner

Annual Meeting Night

Club opens at 5:00pm, Meeting at 6:00

Complimentary Wine and Appetizers

Burger Sliders

Spring Rolls with Sweet Chili Sauce

January 24th, 2023

Chicken Piccata

Caesar Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes

Garlic Bread

Dessert:

Blackberry Cheesecake

January 31st, 2023

Swedish Meatballs

Buttered Noodles

Garden Salad

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

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Red Potatoes

Dessert:

Vanilla Pudding Cake



**WILD OAK
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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

January 6th, 2023 Family Style Dinner

Fettuccini with Shrimp, Clams,
and Mussels in a Garlic Butter
and Wine Sauce

Stuffed Sonoma County Chicken Breast
Ricotta Cheese, Roasted Bell Peppers, Spinach

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:
Lemon Crème Brulee

January 13th, 2023 Family Style Dinner Farm to Fork

Sourcing the Best local ingredients; menu
will be announced Tuesday, January 10th.

January 20th, 2023 Mixed Grill Night

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

Grilled Gem Lettuce Caesar Salad

Creamed Spinach

Potato Wedges

Dessert:
Kozlowski Farm's Pie with
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

January 27th, 2023 Family Style Prime Rib Dinner

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus*

Pacific Snapper Provencal

Pear Salad

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

Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli Romanesco, Rutabaga,
Butternut Squash

Dessert:
Mississippi Mud Pie



I Love Our Club Because ...



Interview & Article by Kari Briner



Marianne Morrissey ~ Member Since 2016

If the Saddle Club ever wanted to have a cheering squad, Marianne Morrissey would be our head cheerleader! Marianne has been a member since 2016 and attended one of our Academy Award party events before she even joined as a member. She was in the process of retiring from her Marin County-based career in banking and real estate and was in search of a true community. The Wild Oak Saddle Club checked all the important boxes for her, and she loves it! As a lover of all things equestrian, she just wished there were also more horse activities as part of our club. (Of course, we do have the Tuesday riders, as well as exciting polo matches to view from the deck early May to late September.)

The Saddle Club is the essence of Marianne's social life. She attends all sorts of events and feels she has met so many wonderful people. She found the club to be very welcoming and easy to participate in, as a single person. Marianne loves the fact that backgrounds, checkbooks, lineage, etc. do not seem to matter at all, and that members are all treated equally. She has also served as a Saddle Club Board member for three years.

When asked what her favorite aspects of the club were, Marianne answered: the pool and cocktail hour! This self-described extrovert particularly loves circulating throughout the firepit area with her adult beverage and chatting with everyone. Said Marianne, "I couldn't imagine not having the club in my life!"

Thanks to our 2022 Board of Directors
for their dedicated service to WOSC!

Board Officers:

President	Jolene Cortright
1 st Vice President	John Meislahn
2 nd Vice President	Keith Hilen
Treasurer	David Buse
Secretary	Blane Henley
Past President	John Whiting

Board Members:

Jennifer Ammons
Scott Bartley
Pat Biagi
Linda Canar
Marnie Goldschlag
Herbert Inestroza
Dan McMahan
Dale Miller
Carol Nast
Doug Pavese
Recording Secretary: Karen Schraga
Board Ambassador: Tom Hinde

Also, special thanks to Corinne Byrd for serving as Hoof Beats newsletter editor.

New Year's Eve Party at WOSC







**And a good time was had by all!
Happy New Year!**

