



May 2024
Hoof Beats

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President's Message
By Keith Hilen

Derby Day is just around the corner! This venerable Kentucky Derby Day event will be 150 years old this May. At the club, our Derby Day party has evolved over the decades. Not only does it connect with our equestrian heritage, but it's also become an avenue to support the club and provide for its financial security. Our members have been extraordinarily generous over the years, eagerly attending the event and participating by donating items for the auctions, contributing to the wine/spirits lockers, bidding and purchasing items, and raising their paddles to support our staff, as well as critical investments. You, our members, are the reason we thrive. Drop by the bunkhouse and check out all the fabulous silent auction items. I want to give a special thanks to the Derby Day Committee, and especially to Chair Jolene Cortright for making this event such a success year after year. (By the way, there is still time to donate to the wine and liquor lockers to support your club!)

As always, there's so much else going on at WOSC. Our own Bill Noteman and the Rockets nailed it at Prime Rib dinner, opening our entertainment season with amazing energy. It was a showcase of musical abilities that wowed the crowd. We also welcomed back the first burger night of the season. Warm nights on the patio with the grill fired up ... how much better can life get? Then on April 10th, for the animal lovers among us, Certified Pet Loss Grief Coach Cara DeLaRosa shared a moving and impactful presentation on dealing with pet aging and end-of-life care.

On April 18th, we held a special fundraiser dinner for Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. A few days later, a lucky group of members participated in an insider's tour of the de Young Museum as they viewed 175 works in the Irving Penn: Summer of Love Exhibition, a major retrospective of one of the 20th century's leading photographers. It was a unique opportunity because it was a private tour led by the exhibition's curator, Emma Acker, the daughter of club member Jim Acker. Members say they had a ball on the outing!

Coming in May, of course we have the Derby Day excitement, but there's also a May 3rd Friday night Cinco de Mayo celebration. Catholic Charities will host a (now sold out) fundraising event on May 9th. Our traditional Mother's Day Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, May 12th and is always a wonderful gathering filled with family, friends, and a delicious buffet spent over quality time together. It's also a chance to appreciate and remember all the moms in our lives. We'll host a Lunch and Learn on May 16th with Santa Rosa's treasure, historian Gaye LeBaron. Lastly, May 31st Prime Rib night will see the return of A-list entertainment favorites Tim Hockenberry and Billy Valentine.

Good news on the Golf Tournament on June 21st: We had a long waiting list, but we've worked out a way to expand registration for all the demand. Thanks to Lori for finding a solution, and to Joanne Phillips for organizing this event.

I know ... it's a challenge to stay on top of all the activities going on. But try, it'll keep you young!

Social Activities for May & June

May 2	Burger Night
May 3	Friday Night Dinner, Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 4	Derby Day Party! Bar opens 1:15pm
May 5	Sunday Brunch
May 7	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
May 9	Catholic Charities Dinner (sold out) Time- 5:00-8:30pm
May 10	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch
May 14	Tightwad Tuesday
May 16	Lunch & Learn with Gaye LeBaron
May 17	Friday Night Dinner
May 19	Sunday Brunch
May 21	Tightwad Tuesday
May 24	Friday Night Dinner
May 26	Sunday Brunch
May 28	Tightwad Tuesday
May 31	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner ~ Members Only Night
June 2	Sunday Brunch
June 4	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
June 6	Burger Night
June 7	Friday Night Dinner & DISCO Party ~ Members Only Night
June 8	Museum of Sonoma County, Peter Coyote in conversation with Gaye LeBaron
June 9	Sunday Brunch
June 11	Tightwad Tuesday
June 14	Friday Night Dinner
June 16	Father's Day Sunday Brunch
June 18	Tightwad Tuesday
June 21	Friday Night Dinner Spring Golf Social
June 23	Sunday Brunch
June 25	Tightwad Tuesday
June 28	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner
June 30	Sunday Brunch

News from GM Lori ... Special Events!

May

- Burger Night May 2
- Derby Day Lunch & Party May 4 (Bar opens 1:15pm)
- Mother's Day Brunch May 12
- Lunch & Learn with Gaye LeBaron May 16
- Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner May 31 (Members Only Night)

June

- Burger Night June 6
- Friday Night Dinner & Disco Party June 7 (Members Only Night)
- Sonoma County Museum Special Evening June 8
- Father's Day Brunch June 16
- Spring Golf Social June 21
- Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner June 28

Birthdays!

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

May Birthdays:

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

Happy Belated Birthday to Bill and Deneene Arnone, and to Dennis Sabourin!

If anyone is missing having their birthday listed, please contact Cheryl Tolin, lidcmt@gmail.com

Derby Day Live Auction Item added!

Memphis-Style BBQ Lunch for 10 with live C&W music!

Country Music Artist and Chef Extraordinaire **Philip Claypool** will prepare, at his digs, a BBQ Memphis-style Pulled Pork, Ribs and Chicken Lunch with Hot Mustard Slaw, Jack Daniel Beans, and all the Fixins'. Enjoy a scrumptious menu and Tommy's Margaritas at the Redneck Riviera Doublewide on the Napa River Calistoga. Lunch will be followed by an intimate concert of Philip's award-winning Country music. He will top it off with Key Lime pie for dessert!

Donated by Club Member Philip Claypool ~ Minimum bid \$2,500 (*Previously, this WOSC Derby Day auction item went for \$7,800.) No transfers; subject to agreed-upon date (depending on Philip's availability off the road performing). Valid for one year from auction date.

From Bob Briner, Chair Arts & Entertainment

The Arts and Entertainment staff has an over-the-top lineup of talent for May. For our Burger Night, May 2nd, we will be entertained during the cocktail hour (5:15 to 6:15) by a local high school band that has received rave reviews performing all over the North Bay. This is our opportunity to encourage and support local young talent.

Then, for our Prime Rib night May 31st, we have a very special treat for you. We have paired Tim Hockenberry with Billy Valentine for an unforgettable evening of music, song and laughter. I've asked them to include their duet of "America the Beautiful," and I'll bet there will not be a dry eye in the house. You will never see these two artists perform together anywhere outside the Saddle Club. Don't miss it!



Tim gained national fame when he performed and made it to the semi-finals (last singer standing) on America's Got Talent in 2012. He was a favorite of judge Howard Stern.

Tim Hockenberry's voice is reminiscent of Ray Charles, Joe Cocker, and Tom Waits, but you only need to hear a few bars of Hockenberry singing "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" to understand that this is an artist who has a refreshingly authentic approach to great songs.

He has shared the stage with performers such as Bonnie Raitt, Steve Miller, and Robert Cray and has established himself as one of the most compelling and important artists in the Bay Area music scene.

Tim Hockenberry

With the reactivation of the iconic jazz label, Flying Dutchman, veteran singer and songwriter Billy Valentine becomes the perfect artist to reintroduce the imprint with his sensational new album, ***Billy Valentine & The Universal Truth***. Possessing an empathic, lissome voice, Valentine draws upon the soul-jazz legacy of such iconic Flying Dutchman singer and songwriters as Gil Scott-Heron and Leon Thomas as he delivers testifying renditions of message songs originally recorded and written by Curtis Mayfield, Stevie Wonder, Eddie Kendricks, War, Prince – and of course Scott-Heron and Thomas.

Valentine says that he's always been drawn to message songs. He remembers witnessing the civil rights protests through the Deep South in the U.S., the Kent State University shootings in 1970, and the Vietnam War and its devastating aftermath on many military veterans returning to civilian life. "The music on my album speaks to me," Valentine says, "I think this is the most important music that I've done yet in my life."



Billy Valentine

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

Sunday morning pickle ball is thriving! When the weather permits, we have had as many as 12 players “dinking” away! Robin Crawford leads the charge on this, so reach out to her if you would like to receive the pickle ball email notices - rncrawford8@gmail.com. Remember, we have a court reservation system, and you can reserve bocce, pickle ball or tennis courts 30 days in advance. The reservation link is on the “Activities” page of the Club website.

Eighteen Saddle Clubbies enjoyed a field trip to the de Young Museum last week. We chauffeured these lucky art aficionados to San Francisco for a very fun day. Emma Acker, the curator and Jim Acker’s daughter, led the private tour of Irving Penn’s exhibition, “Summer of Love.” A very special experience! Thank you to Barbara Katona for taking on the role of camp counselor that day.



Club Outing to the de Young Museum!

On Thursday, May 16th, we are offering the opportunity to experience the wisdom of Gaye Le Baron at our “Lunch and Learn.” Gaye is a Santa Rosa icon with decades of reporting for the Press Democrat. Make your reservations for this special event.

The annual golf outing on Friday, June 21 is full. Joanne Philips is the coordinator of what is always a fun event. You can email Joanne at tanzielewis@gmail.com to be placed on the waitlist. Thank you to Joanne.

As always, there is lots happening for us all to enjoy! A full calendar of our activities is available on the Activities page of our website.

See you at the Club!
Kari Vigeland-Briner. ~ Kvigeland04@gmail.com

LUNCH

Daily Soup – Cup \$6

Spring Asparagus \$20

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

Lori's Salad \$19

Baby greens and romaine lettuce with house-made applewood smoked bacon, oven roasted turkey breast, grilled shrimp, avocado, grape tomatoes, hard-boiled egg and white balsamic vinaigrette

Grilled Salmon Salad \$22

Grilled salmon, garden greens, capers, olives, cucumber, and pickled red onions with a creamy lemon-dill vinaigrette

Turkey and Cranberry Club \$19

Oven roasted turkey breast with tangerine-cranberry chutney, garden greens, red onion, on toasted whole wheat

Ham and Brie \$19

Sliced ham, green apples, and brie cheese on a warm croissant

Blackened Shrimp Tacos \$19

Blackened shrimp, cabbage, mango salsa, and chipotle cream on local artisan tortillas

Grilled Chicken Pesto Melt \$19

Grilled chicken, mozzarella cheese, roasted tomatoes, basil pesto, house-made applewood smoked bacon, and balsamic glaze on grilled sourdough

Bacon Cheddar Wagyu Burger \$19

House-made applewood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and house-made dill pickles on a grilled bun

Impossible Burger Patty or Impossible Chicken Breast Fillet (plant based) -
available to substitute on any sandwich or salad +\$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

Please inform server of any food allergies

“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

Tightwad Tuesday

May 7th, 2024

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

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

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Vanilla Cake with Chocolate
Frosting

Tightwad Tuesday

May 14th, 2024

Beef and Broccoli

Kung Pao Chicken

Asian Salad

Cabbage, Oranges, Rice Noodles, Crispy Wontons

Fried Rice

Vegetable Chow Mein

Dessert:

Coconut Cake

Tightwad Tuesday

May 21st, 2024

Sausage and Spinach stuffed Cannelloni with Pesto Cream

Caesar Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Garlic Bread

Dessert:

Mocha Cheesecake

Tightwad Tuesday

May 28th, 2024

House-Smoked BBQ Pork Ribs

Garden Salad

Dried Cherries, Beets, Radishes,
Lemon Vinaigrette

Corn on the Cob

Cornbread

Potato Wedges

Dessert:

Three-Berry Crisp
with Whipped Cream

Friday Night Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

\$50.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

Friday Night Dinner

May 3rd, 2024

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

Chorizo Pinto Beans

Spanish Rice

Chips, Salsa, Guacamole

Dessert:

Chocoflan Cake

Friday Night Dinner

May 10th, 2024

Family Style Dinner

Farm to Fork

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

Friday Night Dinner

May 17th, 2024

Mixed Grill Night

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

Mini Wedge Salads

Scalloped Potatoes

Grilled Vegetable Platter

Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie with
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Friday Night Dinner

May 24th, 2024

Family Style Dinner

Crispy Seared Chicken Bruschetta

Grilled Flank Steak with Chimichurri

Melon Salad

Garden Greens, Cherry tomatoes, Cucumbers,
Crispy Pancetta, Pickled Red Onions, Feta,
Arugula, and Mint, White Balsamic Vinaigrette

Sautéed Green Beans with Bell Peppers

Orzo Risotto with Roasted Mushrooms

Dessert:

Angel Food Cake with Berries
and Whipped Cream

Friday Night Dinner

May 31st, 2024

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

White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes

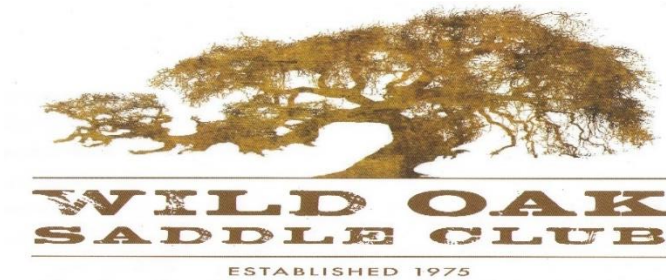
Butter-Blanched Sugar Snap Peas,
Grilled Asparagus and Baby Carrots

Dessert:

Assorted Minis

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol



Burger Night

Thursday May 2nd, 2024

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 - Reservation voicemail
or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com

Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 12th



Brunch Buffet with Omelet Station

Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Spring Vegetable Quiche

Fresh Fruit Salad

Spring Baby Greens Salad

Eggs Benedict

Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese

House Smoked Bacon

Chicken Apple Sausage

Cinnamon Custard 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

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Q&A with Gaye LeBaron

Historian & Celebrity Author



Sonoma County Woman of the Year, 2015

Renowned *Press Democrat* columnist, historian, author, humorist, and Saddle Club member Gaye LeBaron is coming to Lunch & Learn on Thursday, May 16th. After several years as a reporter, Gaye wrote her first column for *The Press Democrat* in 1959 and was the daily columnist until her semi-retirement in 2001. At that time, she continued to contribute a “historical perspective” column twice monthly, fully retiring in 2022. Across an extraordinary 65-year career, Gaye told the stories of Sonoma County.

Gaye is the author, with three other researchers, of a two-volume local history, “Santa Rosa, a 19th Century Town,” and “Santa Rosa a 20th Century Town,” and, with Vermont author Bart Casey, “The Wonder Seekers of Fountaingrove,” which is a history of Santa Rosa’s 19th century Utopia.

She lectured for 35 years on Sonoma County history in SRJC’s Community Education program and has taught several courses for SSU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Gaye’s letters and papers from some 40 years as a daily columnist are archived in Special Collections at the Schulz Library at SSU. What a treasure she is to our club and our community!

Lunch at 11:45, with Q&A to follow

Bring your questions, because you won’t want to miss hearing Gaye’s insights!

Advance Reservations, please (707) 539-8634, reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com
or sign up in the Reservation Book in the Club Living Room



Burger Night

Thursday June 6th, 2024

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 - Reservation voicemail
or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com

Let's Get Down and Boogie

Come Celebrate the Social Committee's Event of the Year!



Save the date, **Friday, June 7, 2024**

The WOSC Social Committee plans an exciting and entertaining evening inspired by the iconic dance craze of the 70's – **DISCO!**

- ◆ **Bar** opens with Specialty Cocktail at 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Dinner** at 6:40 pm with a Fabulous Menu presented by Chef Joe
- ◆ **Disco DJ** with After-Dinner Dancing at the Firepit

Attire: We hope everyone will get into the spirit by creating a fabulous look reminiscent of the 70's **DISCO** era.

Herbert Inestroza, Social Committee Chair, and Karen Schraga, Co-Chair

Pricing: \$85 w/alcohol, \$75 w/out alcohol

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Reservations Required

reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com or (707) 539-8634

You're Invited

Museum of Sonoma County
Special Evening Fundraising Dinner

Featuring

Peter Coyote in Conversation with Gaye LeBaron

Saturday
June 8, 2024
5 PM

Wild Oak Saddle Club
Santa Rosa, CA



Very limited ticket availability

One-of-a-kind experience

Early bird pricing through May 7

Purchase tickets:
museumsc.org/events/?eid=11244

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