

Dear Members,

Happy March and April! As I am drafting this article it is four degrees outside and there is more snow forecasted this week. After a record-breaking wintery January, this southern boy is making lemonade out of lemons when I say, "The next two months are going to be fantastic!" We got some fun in over the first couple of months of 2019. We will be reopening soon, and it will be spring before you know it! Just like March we will be coming in like a lion with Family Fish Fry Fridays and St. Patrick's Day Sunday Brunch! In April brunch will be on Easter Sunday so make your reservations now as the brunch normally sells out!

The club is excited to host the Robert Mondavi Wine Dinner. We will have Michel Krevenas with Tru Estates and Vineyards here Friday Night, March 22nd. This is our second wine event of 2019 which we are focusing on legendary Napa Winery's. The Mondavi winery has sculpted many industry icons. Even myself, fresh out of college, 24 years ago as an assistant manager, I planned and developed my first ever event in the club industry with Mondavi Wines. April 6th we are planning a family night with Prime Rib and Wine for the adults and a theme based on the Hasbro game "Clue". Teams will be selected from the attendees and then each team will need to walk the clubhouse searching rooms for characters and clues. Each team will then return with their conclusion of "who done it."

If you were not able to attend the annual meeting in February, we had 50 in attendance for the one-hour meeting. In the meeting Mr. Sweeney reviewed the 2019 financials which he stated that the club had a very good year as the operation posted a gain of \$74,969 although its struggle with cash flow continues, as the net gain needs to be \$180,000 to cover the amenities we all enjoy. The club continues to grow as do the expenses. Mr. Sweeney also reviewed that the club's debt continues to be paid down, as well as the balance sheet and cash flow. Mr. Sweeney heads the expense task force whose job is to review the club's overhead, from professional fees to benefits as well as explore options to curb the club's expenditures. With our election process complete, our new board for 2019-2020 will be led by Mrs. Amy Trimble as President and our newly elected directors Jay Hays and Paul Neuharth. Returning for another term on the board is Miss Katie Spain. Our outgoing President, Mr. Brock Earnhardt wanted to express his appreciation and how honored he felt to be a part of such a fantastic group of people, and to work with a talented team. I reported on the pool desk sign in numbers and we saw 12,057 check-ins in 2018! The meals enjoyed inside the clubhouse continued to increase, totaling 35,880. Mrs. Tribble concluded the meeting expressing appreciation for the Outing Club staff and stressing the need to continue the growth of our membership!

Anne and her team of trainers will be wrapping up the Big Loser program for 2019 at the end of March. Thank you to all that have participated. Come and join us on the 21st of March as Chef will be featuring a great menu and the winning team will be announced. The three teams and trainers have been diligently working out, doing group exercise, and trying to eat clean. It will be a photo finish, down to the wire! If you are interested in any programs at the Wellness Center do not hesitate to let us know.

The Mixology Class at the Outing Club is back in 2019. This is offered through Scott Community College's continuing education program. The class will be starting March 12th and will be every Tuesday evening for four weeks from 6:00 – 8:30 PM.

I would like to wrap up this issue of my letter by saying, don't forget to tell your friends and family that the half off initiation fee membership special will end April 30th. Have a great spring and I will see you at the club!

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THE *Outing* CLUB

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MARCH AND APRIL 2019

Easter Brunch

SUNDAY APRIL 21ST, 2019 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Shrimp Cocktail, Chilled Alaskan Crab Legs

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter

Hard Rolls, Outing Club Rolls, Mini Muffins

Outing Club Salad, Mixed Greens Salad

Carving Station of Beef Tenderloin, Rack of Lamb,
and Smoked Turkey Breast

Apricot Baked Ham, Honey Butter Baby Carrots

Lemon Broiled Salmon, Chardonnay Dill Cream

Petite Green Beans Amandine

Rosemary-Garlic Fingerling Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs

Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Country Style Sausage Links

Cheese Blintz, Mixed Berry Melba

Belgium Style Waffles, Chef's Dessert Display

\$36 per person, \$14 ages 6-11,

Ages 5 & under complimentary

Reservations Required

NEW MENU TASTING BUFFET

Thursday March 7th, 2019 5:30 PM

SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT

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Herbed Buttermilk Dressing, Crispy Prosciutto, Radish, Tomato, Cucumber, Grilled French Bread

PIMENTO MAC & CHEESE BITES

Garlic Dipping Sauce

OLD BAY CHICKEN

Crispy Fried on Toasted Bun with Garlic Dressing

SWEET POTATO LASAGNA

Ground Turkey, Marinara, Sweet Potato, Ricotta, Mozzarella, Kale Salad

GRILLED SALMON

Lemon-Herb Butter, Greens & Veggie Hash with Fingerling Potatoes and Bacon

GRILLED CHICKEN

Mushroom Demi-Glace, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Bacon

VEGAN

Creamy Polenta, 10-Bean Blend with Mushrooms, Tomato & Wilted Greens

\$8 FOR PARTICIPATING BIG LOSER MEMBERS
\$15 FOR NON-PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

Welcome New Members

Jordan and Stephanie Gorsh
David and Phyllis Johnston
Yves and Kathleen Fontaine
Flint Znamenacek and Laura Fontaine
James and LuAnn Harmsen
Dennis and Ann Duffy

Unwind Wednesday

1/2 Price Bottles of Wine
(Excludes Large Events)



TAX RELIEF DINNER BUFFET

FRIDAY APRIL 12TH, 2019 5:30 PM
KID'S CRAFT & FREE BOWLING

Caesar Salad, Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Ricotta Cheese Filled Tortellini
Garlic-Herb Penne Pasta
Meatballs Marinara, Chicken Alfredo
Garlic Shrimp Scampi
Seasonal Vegetables
Garlic Breadsticks
Assorted Desserts Table

\$12.95 FOR ADULTS, \$6 CHILDREN AGES 6-11,
AGES 5 & UNDER COMPLIMENTARY

FAMILY FISH FRY

March 8th, 15th, & 29th & April 5th 2019
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Cole Slaw, Cottage Cheese
Outing Club Salad
Assorted Rolls, Butter
Hand Breaded Cod Filets
Golden French Fries
Cornmeal Hushpuppies, Buttered Corn
Tartar Sauce, Lemon

All-U-Care to Eat Family Style Service
\$15.95 Adults \$6 Children

EMPLOYEE'S OF THE MONTH



We would like to recognize Gregory Crane!

Gregory is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities. He is an avid animal lover and likes to spend time with his pets. His hobbies include music, baking, reading and outdoors. His future plans are to attend culinary school and someday open his own bakery.

Thank you for your service, Gregory!



We would like to recognize Travis Leeson!

Travis has been at the Club for 6 years and has been in the Hospitality Industry for 23 years. Travis is a Quad City native and currently resides in Bettendorf. He is the proud father of three children and enjoys playing Frisbee golf and working out. Travis adds high energy enthusiasm in the kitchen and his passion for food drives the team towards success!

Thank you for your service, Travis!

MEMBERS ONLY POT OF GOLD

March 14th
April 11th

5:30 PM Cocktails
Dinner at your leisure

Membership Special

The one time initiation fee will be half off through April 30th, 2019.

For more information please email Brit at brit@theoutingclub.com or call

563-324-5284

BIG LOSER FINALE

Thursday March 21st, 2019
Dinner 7:00 PM

Ginger Chicken Stir Fry
Szechuan Pepper Beef
Asian Noodle Bar
Sticky Brown Rice
Vegetable Spring Rolls
Pork Potstickers
Crab Rangoons

This event is open to all members - come help us celebrate our Big Loser participants!

\$19 PER PERSON

In Memory Of

Mr. Bradley Crosson
Mrs. Gene Lischer
Mr. R. Richard Bittner

PRIME RIB & FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Saturday April 6th, 2019
6:00 PM Buffet 7:00 PM Game

Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Outing Club Salad
Slow Roasted Prime Rib au jus, Creamy Horseradish
Chicken & Penne Pasta Alfredo
Buffalo Breaded Shrimp,
Loaded Twice Baked Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables, Assorted Desserts

\$28.95 Adults, \$12.95 Children ages 6-11,
Ages 5 & under complimentary

Complimentary glass of wine for adults

