
New Years Day Brunch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, SEATING FROM 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Enjoy a wonderful brunch buffet complete with breads, pastries, fruits, carving and omelet stations, mimosas and bloody Mary's, too. One complimentary beverage per person. Adults \$25, kids 6-12 \$12, under 6 complimentary.

Reservations a MUST, seating is limited.

Breakfast Selections

Selection of Fruit with Berries, Club-Made Muffins, Danish, Croissants, Bagels with Cream Cheese and Sweet Butter

Chef Prepared Omelets *Choice of Fillings*

**Pecan-Crusted Challah French Toast, Warm Maple Syrup
Applewood Bacon**

Turkey Sausage

**Poached Eggs, Spinach, Tomato, English Muffin, Hollandaise
Home Fried Potatoes**

Assortment of Chilled Salads

**Chicken Liver Truffle Mousse, Vegetable Terrine with Accompaniments
Smoked Salmon with Capers, Onions, Dill Crème Fraîche and Potato Pancakes**

Entrées

Carved Prime Rib of Beef and Ham

Salmon

Scallop and Crab Risotto, Garlic Beurre Blanc

Porcini Ravioli

Sun Dried Tomatoes, Herbed Parmesan Sauce

Vegetable Medley

Dessert Display

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Grill Room Reopens

The Grill Room will reopen for all meals on Tuesday, January 10.

On select evenings to be determined, we will have a keyboard player in the bar area to relieve those post-holiday blues. We are trying to help you spend your food and beverage minimum, so come on by and enjoy the Grill!

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President's Message

Happy New Year! I don't know about you, but I'm through with New Year's resolutions. I mean, it's pointless, if not masochistic, to set yourself up for failure year after year. But if you feel compelled to do it anyway, for God's sake don't tell anyone. Why would you voluntarily create more witnesses than those who already know you have no discipline? If you do, you'll have no one to blame but yourself for your inevitable humiliation. Oscar Wilde, who surely had experience, observed: "Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account." Comic Joey Adams turned this well-known failure into a comforting greeting: "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

We can do without resolutions for the New Year, but we can't do without a plan. That plan includes an analysis of our anticipated financial needs and where the money is going to come from if we are to continue to provide the rich experience our members and Catering guests have come to expect. We have done the analysis, and as a result the Board has voted to increase dues and capital assessment in 2012 by just 4-1/2% and to impose an additional monthly capital assessment of \$20 per family membership and \$10 per individual membership. These modest changes will be effective January 1, 2012, and reflected in your January bill.

Let me tell you why these increases are necessary.

In the President's Report I gave at the Annual Meeting in November (most of which was reproduced in the President's Message in December's *Clippings*), I talked about the Club's investment in the talented people who run our many programs and have improved them to a new level of excellence and member satisfaction. I also talked about our commitment—and my own personal priority—to do whatever it takes to bring the Grill Room to that same level of excellence and member satisfaction and to support our new Grill Room manager Michelle Chadwick with whatever she needs to achieve that goal. With the hiring of Michelle and our new Membership Director Kayleigh Murphy, we believe that the Club is now, finally, fully staffed in all of our programs with the right people in the right places.

In addition to investing in our excellent staff, in the past three years we have spent almost \$900 thousand on deferred maintenance and improvements to our property, including this past year \$192 thousand for bathroom renovations, air conditioning the squash courts, lighting tennis courts 1 and 2, replacing the dumbwaiter between the Grill Room and the kitchen, new computers, paddle tennis tile cover for kid's tennis camp, swimming pool cover, a new flagpole, and complete replacement of the water pipes on the second floor. Our Club building is beautiful, but it just eats money. If we want to maintain and attract members and remain the venue of choice for Catering customers, we have to continue to maintain and improve our facilities. This costs money—a lot of money. Our capital projects include \$1.5 million for brick and chimney repointing, \$200 thousand for resurfacing the parking lot, \$89 thousand for replacing the 25-year-old and past-useful-life HVAC in the Ballroom and Main Dining Room, \$25 thousand for a pickup truck with snow plow (we spent \$40 thousand last year for snow removal), \$25 thousand for replacing the roof on the pool locker room, \$80 thousand for new ladies and mens restrooms in the lower rotunda, \$40 thousand for third floor HVAC (currently we have to heat or air condition the entire floor if one guest room is occupied), \$20 thousand for phone system and computer server, \$20 thousand for kitchen equipment, \$50 thousand for alarm, fire and security cameras, and \$60 thousand on the wish lists of tennis, pool, kids and membership committees. That's probably more information than you want or need, but if we're asking you for more money, you deserve to know why. What we don't want to do is return to the unhappy days of large special assessments that drove many members away.

I don't like to begin the New Year by asking you for more money, but we believe that this modest increase in dues and capital assessments is necessary for the continued health of the Club. We hope you will see it the same way.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send them to me at wm.j.doyle@comcast.net

Bill

General Manager's Message

December was a terrific month for our members' Holiday parties. The Hanukah Party was a fun affair with more than 70 guests enjoying delicious food, music and crafts for the children. Congratulations to **Zachary Macey** for winning the first ever dreidel contest! The Christmas party was also a great event with Santa, gingerbread houses and gifts for the children. Perhaps next year our children can bring a gift for "Toys for Tots", as there are sadly too many children in Connecticut who go without gifts for the holidays.

December was also a very busy month for our Catering staff, beginning with the decorating that began the day after Thanksgiving, and ended four 12-hour days later. Dozens of members and nonmembers of all ages, have complimented us: "The place has never looked better" was the overwhelming and almost unanimous response. As for December Catering business, we were very busy. In 18 days we held 55 events and had more than 2,900 guests in the building. It was an all around Herculean effort by the entire staff.

The ice rink will be installed after we remove the lighted Christmas tree in early January. The Annual Tree Lighting was another great event that will become a yearly endeavor.

Food and beverage minimums must be used by February 29, 2012. Please do not wait until the last minute to enjoy the Grill Room.

Thank you to all of our members who gave so generously to the Employee Holiday Fund; your gift was very much appreciated.

Wishing all of our members and staff a happy and healthy New Year!

Chet Chicosky

News from the Executive Chef

Happy New Year from the Executive Chef and Kitchen Staff!

Reflecting on December, it was wonderful to see the high level of attendance at all of the events: the Holiday Party, the Third Annual Hanukah Party, and the end-of-year Frolic.

Moving into the New Year, we look forward to resuming member dining services on Tuesday, January 10. During dinner service, we will be offering various game preparations in a prix fixe as well as á la carte options.

We hope you will also take part in the many events we have scheduled for February. We will hold our annual Super Bowl Party on February 5. Enjoy the game with friends as well as fantastic food and beverages. Also, on Saturday, February 11, we will offer a special Valentine's Day menu during dinner service. We will keep you posted on the offerings for this event.

The entire kitchen staff would like to thank you for your patronage and wish you health, happiness and prosperity in 2012.

Adam Soliwoda

News from the Membership Director

Happy New Year!

Thanks to everyone who has joined us in celebrating this holiday season! Our First Annual Tree Lighting was a big hit with more than 100 members in attendance. Thanks again to the University Glee Club of New Haven for bringing us some holiday cheer! The Christmas party continues to be one of the best traditions here at the Club with approximately 170 members who came out to see Santa and get their hands sticky while creating amazing gingerbread houses! Our Hanukah Party seems to be a growing event with 60 present for an evening of traditional music, dancing and games. Lastly, the Frolic was a spectacular night filled with laughter, dancing and many traditional games. I hope everyone has enjoyed the holiday season as much as I did here at the Club, and I hope to see you all at the New Year's Day Brunch!

Save These February Dates:

Super Bowl Bonanza

Sunday, February 5

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 11

Come have romantic dinner with your special someone and celebrate Valentine's Day here at the Club. A special menu will be posted in next month's *Clippings*.

Swing into Spring Mini Golf Event

Friday, February 24, from 6-9 pm

Mark your calendars and bring the family out for an evening that will remind you the warm months aren't too far away! The evening includes indoor mini golf, sand castle building and spin art in the Ballroom!

Kayleigh Murphy

News from the Squash Pro

Happy 2012! What is your New Year's resolution? If getting in shape is a part of your plan, playing more squash just might help you achieve your goal. Our new Adult Box League has been quite popular, with a total of 27 players ranging from beginner to advanced actively participating. So if you are interested in some fun competition, definitely join our box league. I update the box league and Club rankings monthly and will continue until the end of May.

A reminder: our Club championship will be held in March, just before private school spring break. Now is the time to start picking up the pace on the court to compete for bragging rights at the end of season.

On a separate note, Sarah Baird and I will be hosting the Squash Haven charity squash night again this year. Date is still tentative, but it will be some time in February. If you participated in last year's event, we (as members) managed to raise over \$6000 for this great local charity. Everyone who attended had fun, and better yet, it was for a good cause. This year's events and format will be similar to last year. We will make sure that everyone has a good time!

Our Junior Squash Program will run on the same schedule up until March 9. We will then have an improvised schedule during private school spring break. I usually run a spring break mini-fitness and squash camp. If you are interested in signing your child up for our spring break program, please let me know. From March 10 through March 30, I will be taking a trip back home to Malaysia. Our squash program will be taken care of by a good colleague of mine, John Rooney. He is the reigning #1 ranked Irish national player and was ranked in the top 40 in the world. He is currently the associate head coach for Yale's squash team. Members will get a chance to meet him this coming month. John and I will be working closely together from March till the end of summer on our squash program. Since my baby is due in July, I will do as much as I can. John will help me by picking up the rest of the slack.

Adult clinics and lessons will continue until the end of May. Adult members should contact me to set up private lessons and/or clinics, or to join the regular Wednesday clinic from 6 to 7pm. I welcome members to sign up for another night, if Wednesday nights do not work out for you. I can help put together a group of 3-4 players, and we can set up a day and time that works well for the group.

For daily schedule and squash information, visit the squash web site: www.pinnaclesquash.com.

Court Reservations Our squash courts require a reservation, especially during peak time Monday-Friday from 3 to 7 pm, and on Saturday 10 am to 12 noon. Members need to reserve their court time using www.reservationtimes.com. If you don't have a login, contact me to obtain one.

Lynn Leong *Head Squash Pro*

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News from the Personal Trainers

Happy New Year!! Wow, can you believe it? 2012. The New Year always brings hope for better things in our lives whether it be better health, better habits or better goals. The gym is certainly a place where all those things can be achieved. It's important to remember a couple of fun facts while bringing those things to fruition. First of all, it takes 21 days to break a habit. However, it takes 6 months to make something a lifestyle. So don't give up and become a statistic when it comes to this year's resolutions, OK?

Now in order for us to stay on course and stay strong in achieving a lifestyle change, we need to address some Gym Etiquette. Here are some simple but serious things to keep in mind:

If you are sick, i.e. sniffing, coughing, feverish etc, please stay at home. Your body is compromised and is telling you it needs rest. The old wives tale of sweating out your sickness does not apply to anything below the chin and includes serious head colds. The gym is #3 on the top 10 germiest places list as it is. Sleep and extra fluids are best. Remember that muscle has memory so you are not going to lose out on anything you've gained.

Wipe down all equipment with sanitizer after each use. This includes the mats. Sweat is not something we need to share. Again, it's a germ issue. And although we have signs posted in the gym, it seems we are still missing the mark.

Be kind to one another. All of us have pet peeves and find things annoying. However, the gym is a shared space. Make adjustments so that things don't annoy you. For example, bring an Ipad if noise is your pet peeve. We have seen members leave the gym never to return because someone has been unkind or inconsiderate.

Children under the age of 13 are not permitted in the gym without a parent. And those 13 and older must be versed in how to use the equipment properly. We don't want anyone to get hurt.

Slamming weights is never permitted. The new equipment is on a cable system that can snap and cause serious injury. The weights should be used with a slow and controlled motion at all times.

We are very excited about the **Winter Meltdown** and hope that you will join in on the fun. We have added Bonus Points to this year's event for those people not necessarily wanting to lose weight but to maintain fitness. The one with the most Bonus Points will also be eligible for a prize. Scott and I want to encourage you to start slowly, stay positive and really put a concerted effort into making lifestyle changes. Not a diet (four letter word!), not a 6-8 week trial, but a lifestyle change of eating healthier, exercising more consistently and living a long, healthy life feeling great. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Here's to your health!

Scott and Michele Tenney *Certified Personal Trainers*

JANUARY 2012

New Haven Lawn Club SOCIAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day Brunch	2 Grill Room closed	3 Grill Room closed	4 Grill Room closed	5 Grill Room closed	6 Grill Room closed	7 Grill Room closed
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Grill Room Hours

Complimentary Continental Breakfast Buffet

Saturday and Sunday
8 to 10 am

Lunch

Tuesday through Saturday
12 noon to 2 pm

Dinner

Tuesday through Thursday
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Friday and Saturday
6 to 8:30 pm

Birthday Bonanza

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

In honor of your birthday, the Club will provide you with a complimentary birthday meal and table decorations. You bring the guests! Reservations are necessary. *Please, members' birthdays only.*

Bridge Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 8 PM IN THE GRILL BAR