University Club Connector
March 2016

Painting by Robert Amos

Entertain * Engage * Enjoy
I feel the breath of spring….don’t you (well here in Victoria anyway)? The sun is getting brighter and making an appearance more often… the flowers are popping up and filling the air with their the magnificent scent…oh March we are glad you are here! This month we also get a chance to watch out for the leprechaun and the Easter bunny (and share this holiday with our families).

If you haven’t had a chance yet…please be certain to check out the magnificent artwork by Walter Riedel in the member’s lounge. We are so lucky to be able to celebrate these talented local artists.

You have no doubt noticed some renovations going on in the interior of the building. We appreciate your patience as we undergo a few needed repairs and updates. The Club has purchase new folding doors for both the side rooms and the main dining room. The doors in the side rooms were no longer functioning effectively and the one in the main dining room was deteriorating in appearance. The installation of both sets should be completed by the end of March. With the busier activity coming up in the next few months it was important to complete this work during the slower season.

Good Life Friday Nights continue…different buffets each week provide a chance to relax at a great price. (note: The Club is closed Good Friday, March 25th).

The Galaxy has awakened and the Club is the place to bring the family to seek out the Force and of course to try out some interesting goodies…like Darth Vader’s Brownies and Wookie Cookies. The kids (and adults too) are encouraged to wear costumes to celebrate Star Wars. We are delighted to team up with the Make a Wish foundation in their amazing work in granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

It is time for the wearin o’ the green as Jocelyn Pettit (with the dancing feet) and her band joined by Jennifer Parkinson-Dow help the Club celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on March 19th..your feet will definitely be tapping that night!

Let’s see what else….

• Bingo and Music combine again on April 9th for Pub Night. Our big screen TVs will be set up so you can enjoy the Canucks vs the Oilers Game. The buffet is close by so you can enjoy all the action.

• We have a great new club starting in April. The cocktail club begins April 23rd. More about it in the next newsletter.

Check out The Weekly Events page and the remainder of this newsletter for more details about these and other events. Time to sign off again…

Till next time…see you at the Club! Margaret
In a Club Far Far Away
Family Event
Saturday March 5th 5:00pm-7:00pm
Join us at the Club for this fun Star Wars themed party featuring an appearance by Storm Troopers, Tie Pilots, Boba Fett and more!

We are pleased to welcome the 501st Legion, Outer Rim Garrison. The Legion seeks to promote interest in Star Wars through the building and wearing of quality costumes, and to facilitate the use of these costumes for Star Wars-related events as well as contributions to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work.

The University Club is also teaming up with Make A Wish for this special event. The mission of Make-A-Wish® BC & Yukon is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

If you would be interested in donating to this charity, you can visit their website at makeawishbc.ca/donate

$24.95 per adult & $10.95 per child + tax

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MENU
Storm Trooper Caesar Salad
Skywalker Dogs
Grilled Cheese
Han Solo Sandwiches
Chewbacca’s Chicken
Fingers & Fries
Laser Lasagna
Boba Fett’s Macaroni Casserole
R2 D2’s Vegetable Platter
Darth Vader’s Chocolate Brownies
Jar Jar Binks Jello
Wookie Cookies
Fruit Sabres
Yoda Soda
Coffee & Tea
Good Life Friday Nights
Every Friday Night 5:30pm-7:30pm

Drinking good wine
with good food in good company
is one of life’s most civilized pleasures

Featuring
After Work Specials!!!
Beverages & a Selection of Craft Beers

Buffet Features:

Friday March 4th: Canadian Buffet
West Coast Chowder, Pesto, Spinach, Tomato & Kale Salad, French Canadian Tourtière, Cod & Shrimp Pie, Maple Baked Chicken Wings and Sesame Vegetable Noodles.

Friday March 11th: Down Under Buffet
Black Bean & Salsa Soup, Quinoa, Corn & Bean Salad, Madras Curried Lamb, Baked Ziti (macaroni, pasta sauce & lots of cheese), Braised Balsamic Chicken and Spinach & Potato Frittata

Friday March 18: Mexican Buffet
Carrot, Chile & Cilantro Soup, Taco Salad, Pork Carne Asada Tacos, Tequila Lime Chicken Enchilada’s, Corn & Bean Quesadillas, White Fish Tacos and Spicy Mexican Torte

Tonight we will feature the Canucks vs Oilers Game.
3 big screen TV’s in the Main Dining Room.
Puck Drops at 6:00pm

Friday March 25th: Closed Good Friday

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St. Patrick’s Day Ceilidh Dance
Featuring the Jocelyn Pettit Band & Jennifer Parkinson-Dow, Ceilidh Dance Caller
Saturday March 19th Reception 5:30-Dinner 6:30

The Jocelyn Pettit Band
Blazing NEW-TRAD Celtic Band
West Coast Canadian, award-nominated touring group
The Jocelyn Pettit Band, bring their Celtic music to the University Club of Victoria for a lively St. Patrick’s Day Concert & Ceilidh Dance. Led by energetic fiddler, stepdancer, and singer, Jocelyn Pettit, the band has brought their blazing "New-Trad Celtic" music to audiences worldwide.

In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, the band will perform a special concert of Irish tunes and songs, then invite everyone to join for a participatory Ceilidh ("kay-lee") : a social gathering involving dancing and music. Toe-tapping jigs, reels, hornpipes and waltzes will be cause for all to join in the easy-to-learn group dances, directed by exceptional dance caller, Jennifer Parkinson-Dow. With upbeat tunes, dancing, sing-along songs, traditional Irish cuisine, and general merriment, this is sure to be a fun and spirited celebration. Sláinte! Click to Watch a Traditional Ceilidh Dance

Chef’s Irish Buffet
Irish Champ
Beef & Guinness Stew
Chef Carved Beef & Cabbage
Irish Shepherd’s Pie
Irish Bacon & Cabbage Soup
Chicken & Dumplings
Fried Cabbage
Chef’s Sautéed Prawns in Lemon Butter
Irish Soda Bread
Guinness Chocolate Cheesecake
Irish Soda Bread Cookies
Coffee & Tea
$39.95 + tax per person

Beer Features From
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Join us for a fun evening of music bingo, hockey & great food

Our evening will start with a reception from 5:30pm-6:30pm, dinner buffet will be served at 6:30 followed by an evening of bingo and hockey. Prizes will be provided for the big bingo winners of the night. Don’t miss out on Music Bingo night that is sure to be fun for everyone!!!

We will also feature the Vancouver Canucks vs Edmonton Oilers.

3 big screen TV’s in the Main Dining Room. Puck Drops at 7:00pm

Buffet

Caesar Salad
Tossed Salad
Baked Potato Bar
Beef Ribs
Vegetarian Chili
Pizza
Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert Station

$29.95 + tax per person

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Introducing
The Mixer’s Cocktail Club
Saturday April 23rd
5:00pm-7:00pm

Spirits & Cocktails / Light Food Pairings

The Mixers Cocktail Club is an event for connecting with your friends over the best-tasting therapy around—cocktails!

Classic favorites as well as new sips will inspire novices and enthusiasts alike to build up their bar vocabulary and taste outside their comfort zone.

So whether you’ve been curious about absinthe rinses or want to bone up on your bitters, The Mixers Cocktail Club gives you the perfect excuse to pull out your shaker and dip into the art of at-home mixology.

More Details Coming Soon
For our first event, we will be featuring spirits from

De Vine Spirits is reviving the tradition of farm distilling on Vancouver Island. DeVine has been an organically farmed vineyard and winery for seven years, so when we decided to license a distillery it made sense to look close to home and see what we could turn into spirits. Our own wine grapes provided a brilliant base for our Gin, to which we added Wildgathered juniper, lavender, spruce tips and 9 other botanicals. Vineyard... Orchard... Field... Hive... Our labels reflect our philosophy of farm distilling by depicting the ingredients and stories behind each spirit. If it can be fermented, it can be distilled. We’re particularly excited about our Whisky program. The barley for our single malt is not only grown here in Saanich, but malted locally too. We mash and ferment it ourselves, then distill it twice in our vintage German copper potstill Brunhilde. Finally, we age the new make spirit in once used Bourbon barrels, in the style of the finest Scotchwhiskies.

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Weekly Events at The University Club

**Lunch Buffet**
*Every Wednesday* come to your Club to enjoy a lunch buffet prepared by our culinary team. Served from 11:30am-2:00pm for $15.95 plus taxes.

**Good Life Friday Nights**
*Every Friday Night* we will feature a themed buffet and drink specials from 5:30-7:00pm. $18.95 per adult and $10.95 per child + tax.

**Chef’s March Prix Fixe**
$24.95 plus taxes
Camas Dining Room-Three Course Dinner Menu

- **Starter:** Breaded Fantail Prawns
- **Curry Ketchup**
- **Entree:** Grilled Mahi Mahi
- **Pineapple Coulis**
- **Dessert:** Warm Five Spiced Apple & Current Filo Parcel
- **Crème Anglaise**

**Home of the Toronto Blue Jays**
Every Friday Night starting in April we will be featuring Blue Jay games during our Good Life Friday Night Buffets on our 3 big screen TV’s in the Main Dining Room.

- Friday April 1\textsuperscript{st} Jays vs. Red Sox 4pm
- Friday April 8\textsuperscript{th} Jays vs Red Sox 4pm
- Friday April 15\textsuperscript{th} Jays vs. Red Sox 4pm
- Friday April 22\textsuperscript{nd} Jays vs. Athletics 4pm
- Friday April 29\textsuperscript{th} Jays vs. Rays 4pm

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Irish Lamb Stew
Original recipe yields 10 servings

Ingredients
• 1 1/2 pounds thickly sliced bacon, diced
• 6 pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 2 inch pieces
• 1/2 teaspoon salt
• 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
• 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
• 3 cloves garlic, minced
• 1 large onion, chopped
• 1 teaspoon dried thyme
• 2 bay leaves
• 2 cup Dark ale (Guinness)
• 3 cups beef stock
• 4 cups diced carrots
• 2 large onions, cut into bite-size pieces
• 3 potatoes

1. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble, and set aside.
2. Put lamb, salt, pepper, and flour in large mixing bowl. Toss to coat meat evenly. Brown meat in frying pan with bacon fat.
3. Place meat into stock pot (leave 1/4 cup of fat in frying pan). Add the garlic and yellow onion and sauté till onion begins to become golden. Deglaze frying pan with 1/2 cup water and add the garlic-onion mixture to the stock pot with bacon pieces, beef stock, and sugar. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours.
4. Add carrots, onions, potatoes, thyme, bay leaves, and wine to pot. Reduce heat, and simmer covered for 20 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Driftwood Brewery
Fat Tug IPA

Fat Tug is a northwest style India Pale Ale with an intense hop profile with notes of grapefruit, mango melon and passion fruit. Sufficient malt is there to provide support. At 7 % alc/vol and 80+ IBUs this beer delivers on the Promise to satisfy anyone with a thirst for all things hoppy!

Available on tap at the Club

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University Club
Hours of Operation

Please note The University Club will be closed on Friday March 25th, will reopen on Saturday March 26th for Dinner/Lounge service at 5pm, and then will close for Sunday & Monday and reopen on Tuesday March 29th for lunch.

Office Hours
Monday to Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Lunch Service
Monday to Friday 11:30am-2:00pm

Camas Room Dining
Monday to Saturday
5:00pm-8:00pm

Bar & Lounge Hours
Monday to Friday 11:30am-10:00pm
Saturday 5:00pm-10:00pm

Please note the Club is closed on Sundays.

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