

Chatmass NEWSLETTE

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January/February 2015

CHATMOSS COUNTRY CLUB

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Thoughts from the President

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Thank You!

The employees of Chatmass Country Club would like to thank the members for their contributions to the Employee Christmas Fund. All of us appreciate your kindness not only during the holidays but throughout the year. We hope that 2014 is a happy one for all of you, and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Dear Chatmass members,

It's hard to believe that 2014 is in the history books. The older I get, the faster the time seems to slip by. It seemed like yesterday when I agreed to take on the presidency of our club (almost 2 years ago). Now, I am writing my next to last newsletter (I can hear a collective sigh of relief - ha!). It's been an honor and joy to work with so many fine club members, a dedicated board of governors, great professionals, an excellent staff and a capable and hard-working manager.

As I look back over the year, I'm proud of the many positive accomplishments. We launched our new website. With its interactive features that will allow for better communications with the membership while reinforcing the first class image we want for our club. The improvements made to the infrastructure of our championship golf course. In particular, the bridge repairs and the replacement of the 24th main drain lines on hole #8. The facility upgrades including the family swimming pool and especially the new facelift in the Cabana. Our manager is beginning to hit his stride as he settles in after his first full year with us. Michael's style of professionalism and hospitality coupled with his hands on presence is appreciated and a nice touch of class. His oversight has brought our expenses to the best managed levels in years, maybe ever.

The Board of Governors is committed to maintaining a high level of service and value to our membership. As a premier country club and the only private club in our aread, Chatmass Country Club continues to offer amenities second to none. A truly championship 18 hole golf course designed by Ellis Maples, an excellent tennis facility with 9 tennis courts (6 outdoor composition courts and 3 indoor hartru courts), a well-equipped fitness and work-out facility that offers various trainers and programs, spa services, massage therapy, excellent dining facilities with fine dining, banquet, wedding and large or small party facilities, probably one of the nicest bars in the state of Virginia, a fun family pool with separate food and beverage service are all available to our members. In addition to all of these features, we have golf and tennis professionals to assist you plus a helpful, caring and friendly staff to serve you. Any comparison to similar clubs in any size market quickly show what a great value our club presents.

As 2014 ends and 2015 starts, Chatmass Country Club will continue to face challenges just as all clubs and boards have in the past. I'll guarantee you that the management and board will continue to meet those challenges to the best of our abilities. The very tepid economic recovery continues to plague each of us. As always, our membership continues to be our most important asset. A good healthy, stable membership count, is vital to the sustainability of any club. In order to maintain a strong and growing membership, we need the help of our members. We are going to offer an incentive for each of you to bring in a new member, whether it's a family member, a friend, colleague or business associate. Beginning now through the end of March. we are authorizing each of you the ability to extend an invitation to one person you feel would make a good Chatmass member (they must turn in a completed application with the appropriate check attached and must be approved for membership by the board) at a preferred initiation rate. Please contact Michael in our business office to get the details. We're always looking for good members. We all know good people, past members included, that would fit right in with out membership. Reach out to them. Invite them to join (or come back and rejoin) our Chatmass family. Bring them on board! We'd love to have them.

I'll close by wishing for everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous new year! I hope to see you at the club soon!

Sincerely,
Jahn K. Collins

Thought for the day: When told by a friend that he was embarrassed by how little he had to offer someone in need, he responded, "Give what you have to someone, it may be better than you dare to think." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Upcoming Events 2015

Back in the Saddle

January 9, 2015

From 5pm -7pm receive 1/2 off drinks in the Elmwood Bar if you are wearing a cowboy hat or boots. Chatmoss will also have a new menu to debut as well.

Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Live Piano Music

SPCA Fur Ball

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Main Clubhouse closes at 3pm
for Ala Carte

Carlisle Auction

Saturday, March 7, 2015

St. Patty's Day Celebration

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Live Music by Small Town Orchestra

Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 4, 2015

9am - 11am

Egg Hunt Starts at 11am

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 5, 2015

11:30am - 2pm

Comments from the General Manager



We had a great year at Chatmoss but 2015 can be an even better year. As the ball drops in Times Square on the 31st of December, we ring in a new year, a year filled with opportunity. 2015 will be the year that we make it and possibly the best year at Chatmoss yet.

Looking back on 2014, we have had a banner year in sales. Food and Beverage Revenues have been the highest that we have seen in many years. This impressive revenue is largely due to a record number of weddings in 2014. This year we generated over \$100,000 in weddings alone and I would like to thank all of the members who have brought their events here as well as those who have sponsored events. Large scale events like these are the bread and butter for a country club.

As I look forward into the New Year, 2014 will be a hard act to follow. We do have several weddings booked but we can use your help to make this year another successful one. Events at Chatmoss are spectacular and I have seen the club transform many times into a special event venue. If anyone knows of someone looking for a venue whether wedding or special event, please consider sponsoring the event.

Is improving your health and fitness on your resolution list? What better time to visit the Chatmoss Fitness Facility than after a season of turkey, cookies & treats? Chatmoss offers a wide range of fitness options. Whether its yoga, spinning or weight training, we have the staff at your service to keep up with your New Year's goals.

Tennis anyone? After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, January is the perfect time to take up tennis lessons with Mike or Cordie. Indoor tennis courts are a perk that very few country clubs offer to their membership and 2015 is a great time to start that new game.

It's never too early to talk golf at a Country Club. Take a few minutes in the New Year to stop by our Pro Shop and talk to Robert or PC about golf lessons. In 2014, the ladies of Chatmoss took control of the clubs and Chicks with Sticks was formed. The ladies play golf on Thursday's throughout the season, it's a great time to exercise, play golf and socialize.

There is no longer a need to leave town anymore for spa-like services. Chatmoss offers Massage Therapy Services that specializes in Adult and Children's Massages including deep tissue massages and reflexology.

Also, new to Chatmoss, Licensed Esthetician, Linda Glover will motivate you with botanicals, science and caring intent towards beautiful healthy skin. Linda specializes in Echo 2 plus oxygen treatments and Micro Current. Please call the club to find out more and schedule and appointment for a free consultation today. Please call the tennis center and take advantage of our massage or skin care services.

Membership is still the key to any club's success and despite our successful 2014 we still need new members. As a member of Chatmoss, you are our best advertisement. I challenge all of you to look around to your neighbors, work associates and social circle and add to our Chatmoss Community. Our facilities are second to none but keeping up our first class amenities in today's economic climate is a challenge. With each new member, this challenge becomes easier and enables us to bring even more features to our club.

Before closing, on behalf of the entire staff and myself, I would to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in our annual employee holiday fund.

At your service,

Michael Bummel
General Manager

Member News

Please welcome our newest members and returning members:

Dr. Michael & Phyllia Wenkstern. Dr. Wenkstern is a physician at the Bone & Joint Center. They have two children, Philip and Shelly.

David & Cindy Deal. David is the Dean of Technology for the Patrick Henry Community College. Cindy is the Office Manager for the Martinsville Neuro Association.

Welcome to the Chatmoss family!

Chatmoss Country Club Guest Policy

In order to preserve the private status of Chatmoss Country Club, the following guest policies shall apply to all guest use of the facilities of the Club.

Charging privileges are for members only, therefore any charges throughout the club's facilities must be placed on a member's account.

Guests must be accompanied by a club member at all times unless arrangements are made in advance. The member is responsible for all charges and conduct of the guest.

Golf guest privileges are limited to 5 (five) visits per calendar year with applicable guest fees for that day. Approved Reciprocal Memberships follow the same guidelines.

Tennis guest privileges are limited to 5 (five) visits per calendar year with a \$10.00 guest fee. Golf & Tennis Member/Guest tournaments are exempt from this limit.

Pool guests privileges are limited to 3 (three) visits per month with a \$5.00 guest fee.

Fitness Area guest privileges are limited 12 (twelve) visits per calendar year with a \$10.00 guest fee.

Golf guest must be registered at the Golf Pro Shop. Tennis and Fitness guests must be registered at the Sports Complex. All Swimming Pool guest must be registered with the lifeguard on duty.

A Temporary Guest Card may be obtained by any member for guests residing in their household on a short term basis, not to exceed 30 days. In order to receive a Temporary Guest Card, the guest's contact information must be turned into the business office in advance. The Temporary Guest Card will be granted for a defined period and the member will be charged all appropriate guest fees. The Temporary Guest Card carries unlimited privileges of service during the defined period.

A Child Care Provider is also eligible for a Guest Card and it may be obtained from the office with the approval of the General Manager. Time frame on this card will be determined on an individual basis.

"Significant other" is an individual residing in the same household, with the same mailing address as the member. Any special circumstances must approved by the Board of Governors. The significant other will be extended the courtesies of a spouse in all areas of the club.

The member is responsible for all charges made by the significant other. A document, which will remain on file, must be signed by the member acknowledging that any charges incurred by the significant other will be paid for by the member on his/her account. Should the member want to discontinue the significant other privileges, the member must come to the office and sign a document directing such discontinuance.

Membership Directories

2015 Membership Directories are available in the Business Office. Please drop-by, call, or email your request.

Download a current copy of the membership roster and by-laws from the Web page, just click on the member only section, put in your last name and member number and there it is!
www.chatmosscc.org

Business Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Questions about your bill, call Judy Chaney, at 632-1857 or email at judy@chatmosscc.org

Congratulations!

To the winners of our
"Sunday Brunch for Two"

Page and Ben Beeler

Sherry and Geoff Schafield

The winners were selected from over 100 comment cards. All feedback from members is important to us. Please take time to complete the comment cards.



Tournament Schedule 2015

(Course closed on tournament dates.)

April 4th-5th: Chatmoss Invitational

May 8th: Carlisle Tournament

June 9th-10th: Henry County Juniors

June 13th-14th: Club Championship President's Cup

Member Member

August 1st-2nd: Member Guest Weekend

October 12th: PHCC

October 29th: Pumpkin Open

November 7th-8th: Fall Four Ball

December 18th: Christmas Tournament

The questions I have been asked most lately have concerned overseeding. I know there is confusion concerning this winter's overseeding results thus far so let me explain where we are in terms of the fairways this winter and where we should be as we go into spring.

First of all, contrary to what you may have heard, we did in fact overseed the fairways this fall. The only exception is number three fairway. Secondly, the seed actually germinated well and appeared to be off to a great start due to really good weather and rainfall amounts right after overseeding before hitting a visual decline. Third, in spite of the visual appearance this fall, the ryegrass is expected to improve going into the spring and should be fine for the time when we really rely on it for a hitting surface.

The reason for the poor quality right now is the result of a weed control application made prior to overseeding. One particular weed that we have a very difficult time controlling is green kyllinga. Dr. Yelverton made note of this in his report and gave the recommendation to spray it when he saw it during his visit in August. The chemical he recommended, Monument is similar to another chemical we use called Revolver. Both are in the same chemical class called sulfonylureas. Both are primarily absorbed by the leaves of the plant. Both are good for actually removing ryegrass overseeding in the spring. Both however can also be used to control poa annua prior to overseeding in the fall. For several years I have used Revolver in the fall for this purpose with no ill effects to the overseeding transition. Unfortunately Revolver is not effective against green kyllinga.

On the other hand, Monument is good for controlling both green kyllinga as well as clumpy ryegrass that results from incomplete control of last year's ryegrass. Both of these weeds compete aggressively with the bermudagrass and will result in thinning of the desirable turf in the fairways. Both weeds are a huge problem for us. Therefore it is recommended that we try to eliminate them.

I did talk with our chemical sales rep. before applying the Monument to verify the rate, and I was cautioned to expect "some" stunting of the ryegrass based on his experience. Others he knew that have used it in the past to control poa annua in fairways prior to overseeding, have seen similar stunting in the fall but as the chemical breaks down in the soil, the ryegrass rebounds for the spring season. He explained to me there is some root uptake of the chemical and the label does state it should be applied three weeks prior to overseeding, which was not a problem. So even though both Revolver and Monument are similar, there are some difference. Like I mentioned I have used Revolver less than one week prior to overseeding with no bad results.

With the fast start, good germination I really didn't expect to see much in the way of problems. I initially envisioned maybe a slower start to the seed popping out so I was caught a little by surprise once the decline in quality became apparent. With good germination I thought any stunting would be minimal so I never even mentioned it in the last newsletter. My idea of some stunting was probably a little less than what I would call what we are seeing. After thinking about it and discussing it again with my sales representative and showing him the results it does make more sense to me. The slight root uptake which is the reason for the stunting is independent of the initial burst of the seed as it germinates. The stunting occurs during the initial growth and development as the root system develops. When the seed first germinates its initial growth spurt comes from energy stored in the seed and is not very dependent on the root for obtaining nutrients.

The colder than normal November probably contributed to a more severe reduction in quality as well. I have been watching closely and can see the ryegrass is there just very weak looking. As time goes by I have seen areas starting to turn darker green as the chemical is breaking down in the soil. You can even see now the strips in the direction I sprayed where the worn nozzles are not putting down a perfect spray pattern. The areas in between the nozzle overlap where there is less chemical are starting to rebound so I feel confident the fairways will do ok once spring and warmer weather returns.

Going forward I would want to make any applications of Monument earlier in the season if needed to reduce the chance for what we saw this fall. Hopefully there will be much less need for it this summer after hitting the weeds this fall.



Marcia & John Collins with Tami & Scott Stone at the Holiday Tournament

Jody Reece

Golf Course Superintendent

Tennis



Another year has flown by, and we are in the middle of another school year of activity. This fall has been full of events. Our junior clinic this year is going great. We have around 15 juniors, ranging in age from 5 to 10 years old, coming out on Tuesdays. Happy New Year to everyone. We are looking forward to a new year at the tennis complex in 2015. The past two months were busy with member play, tournaments, clinics, and round robins for both the men and ladies. We crowned a few champions in our winter tournament in November. The Men's Singles winner was Eric Collier from Lynchburg. Men's Doubles winner was Bradford Aron and Scot Harrison. The Mixed doubles champion was Jennifer Wade and Barry Barker. We congratulate everyone who played and thank all those who came out and watched. It was a great weekend and we are looking forward to next time.

The New Year brings new logo gear to the pro shop. We are featuring ¼ zip pullovers for men and women. They are a great addition to your wardrobe for playing tennis or just everyday wear. They feature the new club logo and are available in men's and women's cut in various colors. Drop by and get yours today.

We will be continuing our Men's and Ladies round robins indoors for the remainder of the winter. Please check our calendar below for the specific dates. We are going to be doing two new things coming up. We are adding a mixed doubles round robin on Thursday January 22. You will sign up as a team and there will be a 6 team max for this event. February will feature a new club championship with a flexible format. The indoor club championship will be played throughout the month. We will play a round robin format and you will play your matches as you are able to schedule them. Deadline for the club championship will be Thursday January 29th. Call the pro shop for details on any of these events.

Calendar of Events

January 7th — Ladies Round Robin 9:00am

January 15th — Men's Round Robin 6:30pm

January 22nd — Mixed Round Robin 6:30pm

February 1-28 — Indoor Club Championship

February 4th — Ladies Round Robin 9:00am

February 12th — Men's Round Robin 6:30pm

Junior Clinics

Ages 5-7 Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:15

Ages 8-11 Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30

If you have any questions about tennis at Chatmoss Country Club give the pro shop a call and we will be happy to help you. See you on the courts.

Mike Weidl
Director of Tennis

Fitness Center

The turning of the calendar brings us to 2015. The New Year brings new energy and new resolutions. If you are new or a long time user of the fitness facility this is a great time to come join your friends working out. When arriving at the gym please sign in yourself and any guest you have. Guest fee is \$10.00. In this busy time be mindful of your fellow members. Please return weights to their racks and wipe down equipment following use. Please remember there is a new code for the fitness center. If you have not gotten these yet please call or stop by the tennis pro shop for it.

We have a full calendar of group classes going on each week. Class schedules are listed online and in print in the fitness center. We send out the upcoming class schedule for the week on Sundays. If you are not receiving this email please call the pro shop to add your email address. If 2015 brings thoughts of getting some personal help with our fitness trainers give us a call to set up your personal training appointment.

With the increased use of our fitness center if something is not working or out of place please bring this to our attention. If it is before or after the tennis pro shop is open let a message at the fitness center desk. Otherwise bring the concern the pro shop desk upstairs and we will do our best to fix the problem. We look forward to seeing all of you in the sports complex whether it is the first time this year or the first time that day. Enjoy your workout.

Gratefully,
Mike Weidl
Fitness Director

Serving It Up From Chef Joe



Hello Chatmoss Members,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. The holiday season went great for us

and thank you for your support. We're kick it off in the New Year with some an exciting new menu selections.

Please join us for Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 14th. Virginia is for Lovers so bring your love out on Valentines for an evening of enchantment!!! I am preparing a special menu just for you! We will have live music that night, so call TODAY and make your reservations. Limited seating and I'm sure we will fill up fast.

Looking forward to my third year at the club serving you! Stop by and see me at the Club!

Chef William "Joe" Lilly

Build Your Own Menu To Go

Chatmoss Signature Packages

(Serves 5-8)

Meatloaf Dinner	\$50
Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy	
Whipped Potatoes	
Rolls/Butter	
Choice of Pie	
Chatmoss Fried Chicken Dinner	\$45
Fried Chicken	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Rolls/Butter	
Choice of Pie	

Chatmoss Signature Dishes

Serves 5-8 (does not include sides)

Mediterranean Chicken Casserole.....	\$32
Chicken Enchilada Casserole	\$28
Chicken & Broccoli Divan Casserole	\$34
Cheese Hash Brown Casserole.....	\$28
Lasagna	\$32
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$34
Beef Tips	\$38

Breads

Miniature Muffins (1 dozen)	\$8
Roll & Butter (5)	\$2.50
Pita Chips (Gallon Bag)	\$4

Side Dishes (Serves 5-8)

Whipped Potatoes	\$18
Buttered Noodles	\$12
Macaroni & Cheese	\$22
Steamed Vegetables	\$18

Sauces (Quart Sized)

Mushroom Gravy	\$10
Burgundy Wine Sauce	\$10
Marinara Sauce	\$10

Desserts (Serves 8-10)

Pecan Pie	\$18
Pumpkin Pie.....	\$18
Sweet Potato	\$18
Apple	\$18

Must have 24 hour notice
(276) 638-2484

Special Events

Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 14, 2015

\$46++ per person

MENU

First Course

Scallops in Pastry With Lump Crab Sauce & Basil Oil

Second Course

Nantucket Lobster Chowder

Or

Baby Spinach Salad With Dried Cherries, Toasted Pistachios, Shaved Red Onion, Mandarin Oranges, Feta Cheese & Roasted Red Pepper Vinaigrette

Third Course

Pan Seared Duck Breast With Fig Risotto, Swiss Char & Blueberry Chutney

Or

Red Snapper

With Lemon Grass & Cilantro Broth, Over Sautéed Shitake Mushrooms, Bamboo Shoots & Sugar Snap Peas

Or

Filet With Boursin Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Asparagus & Chanterelle Mushroom Demi-Glace

Dessert

A Double Chocolate & Cherry Cake with Butter Cream Icing



Pasta Night

Thursday, January 29, 2015

5:30pm

\$16++ for Adults • \$8.50++(4-12)

3 and under free



Beginning at 5:30pm, come to watch one of our amazing attendants prepare a customized pasta dish just for you. There will be a variety of ingredients to choose from. Fresh salad from the garden and accompanied with garlic breads. The Pasta Station also includes either a cup of soup or house salad.

Sunday Brunch

Did you know that Sunday Brunch

Features Two Action Stations:

Made to Order Omelets

A Waffle Bar with a variety of toppings

Let's not forget

Chatmoss's Signature Shrimp Cocktail

plus many more dishes

\$17++ per Adult \$9++per child(4-12)

Make a reservation today by calling 276-638-2484



Special Events

Back in the Saddle

Friday, January 9, 2015
5:00pm - 7:00pm



A great way to KICK OFF the New Year!!

Advance reservations are greatly suggested,
last year we almost ran out of room.



Santa and the nice list



Santa helpers,
Catherine and Elizabeth Maxwell

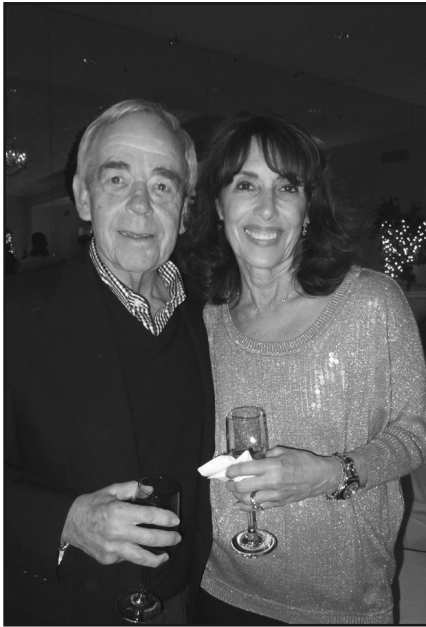
Special Events

Live Music

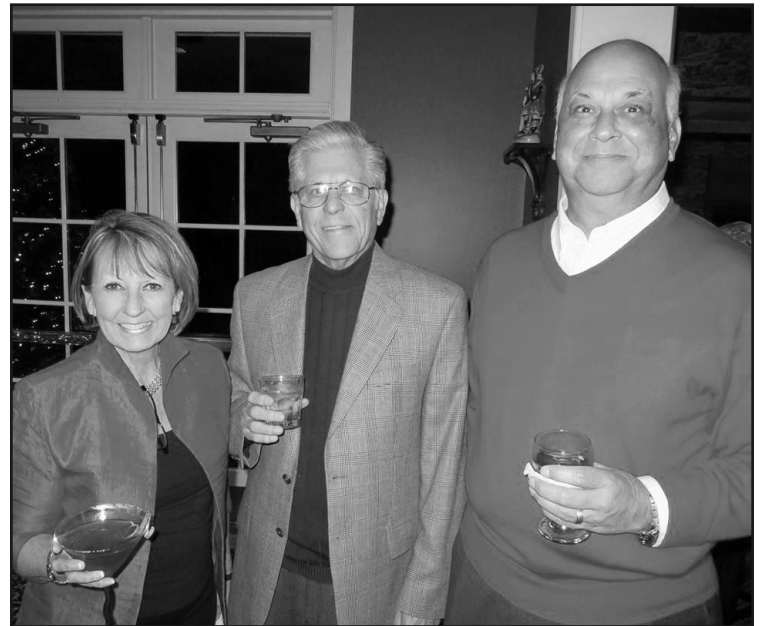
March 17, 2015

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Small Town Orchestra



Esther and Buzz Schilbe



Mary and Ron Haley
with John Mitchell at Open House



Kathy and William F. Stone at Open House

Duplicate Bridge

Welcoming anyone interested in playing bridge at any level. Please call Ann Cardwell at 276-647-4503 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Dates:

Friday, January 16, 2015

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Bridge

Friday, February 13, 2015

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Bridge



Thank you to Ben Rippe and our Fashion Show models!

*Happy Birthday
to You!!!*

The best way
to celebrate
your birthday!

Come celebrate your big
day with Chatmoss and
enjoy a complimentary
birthday dessert.

We wish you a happy
birthday and look
forward to celebrating
it with you at the Club.



Special Events



Martha and Jim Farrell



Stuart and Thomas Webster



Debbie and Ben Rippe at Open House



Myrtle and CJ Robertson

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Boxwood Grille Hours

LUNCH Tuesday-Saturday — Noon-2:30pm
DINNER Tuesday-Thursday — 5:30-9:00pm
Friday & Saturday — 5:30-9:30pm
SUNDAY BUFFET 11:30am-2:00pm

The Clubhouse is closed Sunday after Brunch
and all day Monday for Food and Beverage Service.

Elmwood Bar Hours

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 11:00am-10:30pm last call
Bar closes at 11:00pm
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11:00am-Midnight last call
Bar closes at 12:30am
SUNDAY 11:00am-2:30pm last call
Bar closes at 3:00pm

The Clubhouse is closed Sunday after Brunch
and all day Monday for Food and Beverage Service.

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