

THE
FOREST CLUB
MONTHLY



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OUR STORY

The Forest Club is a Home Away from Home

Situated on more than six wooded acres, deep in the heart of Houston just off Memorial Drive, the Club is a rare gem in the bustling City of Houston. Founded in 1946, by some of Houston’s oldest and finest families, The Forest Club’s guiding principle has always been to create a comfortable environment where friends and family can gather, dine and enjoy recreational activities; a place where the staff knows your name and greets you warmly each visit.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Members –

The last newsletter we sent was in March which feels like it was years ago. So much has happened since then, and we’re doing our best to find our way back to “normal” operation of the Club. Even that has changed as we follow mandated protocols along with industry recommendations and consider how these changes will affect the Club for the foreseeable future.

I want to say thank you to our membership for its support of the Club. During our time with no in-house dining, our to-go orders were amazingly successful. I’d like to thank Nadia and Chris and their teams for planning and executing so many inventive options during that time. It was a welcomed change of pace for so many of us to have great options beside what we were cooking at home. In fact, to-go revenue was sufficient for us to very quickly return our staff wages back to pre-Covid levels. And an additional piece of good news is that we were able to hire Daniel Hurtado as our new chef. An announcement was sent upon his arrival, and I hope you were able to read about Chef and his accolades to-date. Chef is already making a great impact on the Club, and I’m excited to experience his culinary expertise! In fact, there have already been a few changes made to our menu as Chef experiments with weekly specials.

I’ve been asked about the Club’s financial status by some Members, and I’ll give a brief update. Generally speaking, the Club is in good financial shape. The Board’s primary focus is to ensure that it remains so. The changes we enacted at the beginning of the City-wide shutdown have been central to the Club’s financial well-being. As we plan for the coming year, we are certainly adjusting our forecast to include far fewer events than years past. Events are extremely important to any club’s bottom line, and we are taking a measured approach to this new reality of fewer events. We’re very thankful for the membership growth of recent years that, when coupled with continued, aggressive debt reduction, leaves us in a place where we can withstand the new environment we find ourselves in without resorting to extreme measures.

Finally, as we’ve all learned more about the virus and read of its spread, it is inevitable that people we know will be affected. The Forest Club is no exception. I want to reiterate the update that was sent to all members regarding employees who test positive for Covid-19. On July 16th a letter was sent to our Members reporting the first positive Covid-19 case of an employee at the Club and explaining how we will handle these cases. Should an employee test positive for the virus, we will have a lab service come to the Club to test the employees who were in contact with that person. Certainly, any employee who tests positive, thinks they may have been exposed, or shows symptoms of the virus is instructed not to come to the Club. Those with symptoms or suspected exposure are instructed to seek testing before returning. During the time it takes to achieve a negative test result, the employee will continue to be compensated. When an employee does test positive, we will inform fellow employees and any Members who have been in close contact. Unless instructed by City or State authorities, or a situation occurs at the Club that affects or may affect numerous people, it is not our intent to close the Club. We will keep Members informed of any relevant Covid-19 information so that you can make an informed decision about how you use the Club.

It is my hope that all of you continue to enjoy the Club and use it to find some break, however brief, from the non-stop deluge of bad news and uncertainty that inundates all of us these days.

Sincerely,

Will Stacy



FROM THE LADIES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



The Forest Club is our home away from home and during this pandemic it has become our oasis in a seemingly never-ending desert. I want to take this opportunity to say an extremely sincere thank you to Nadia, Darryl, the wait staff, Chris and the kitchen staff, Daniel, Garland, Mario, Inmar, Deanna, Chelsi, Jamie, Juan, Luis, the tennis staff, the wonderful cleaning ladies, Tommy and the grounds keepers, and absolutely everyone who works to keep the club running, clean, safe, and open during this time! You are all so very appreciated.

It seems like a very long time since I wrote to you. I would like to thank Elise Detering, Callie Johnson, and Ashley Steward for the amazing job they did with the Heart & Soul party back in February. We also thank Graeme Etzler and Susan Munson for all the work they did for the Family Easter Party. Even though this event did not get held, many hours were spent preparing for it.

The Ladies' Board met through June and has been working to move things around and adapt

and change for as many activities as possible to continue. Thank you to Farrell Saunders and Kris Maclay for getting gifts to the graduating high school seniors instead of the brunch that had been planned. Linda West, Shari Lakenmacher, Laurie Wolf, and Harriet Latimer moved the Spring Luncheon to fall and it will happen on September 23. It is sure to be an exciting Broadway event so make plans to attend socially distanced. Lauren Brindley and Kelly Murphy have been booking vendors and making plans for the Bazaar to go forward on October 4 & 5. We hope to see you there. Cathy Brown, Meryl Gregory, and Linda Elmer worked to find another date for our Walk Around with Tommy to learn all about the grounds and the plants at the club. This is set to happen on October 15, Try Something New!

It is my prayer that each of you and your families stay safe and healthy and that you get to the club as frequently as your personal comfort level allows.

Hope to see you soon!
Kathryn Johnson

MEET OUR HOUSE SERVICE STAFF



Darryl Parnell
Club House Manager



Garland McClure
Sommelier



Mario Letchuga
Captain



Inmar Escobar
Captain



Juan Arriola



Chris Atkins



Elijah Boyd



Jerry Hines



Ivan Mideros



Michael Parnell



Donal Quinteros



Seth Reedy



Oscar Roman



Jason Uruski



Martha Walker



Thomas Williams

YOGA | MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & SATURDAYS



Forest Club Yoga

Mondays at 8:30am
Wednesdays at 8:30am & Slow Flow at 9:40am
Saturdays at 9am

Join us on the Sports Court to:

- GET A GREAT FULL BODY WORKOUT
- FOCUS ON BREATHING
- IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY
- FEEL AMAZING

\$20/Class
Bring your own yoga mat

Contact Kathryn Johnson with questions.
kathrynmjohnson@comcast.net

PICKLEBALL | THURSDAYS, 6:30PM

OPEN PICKLEBALL PLAY



What are you waiting for? Show up with your partner & meet other members at the club for a pick-up pickleball match.

Every Thursday at 6:30pm - until you are pickled out!

Demos will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Please RSVP to bethanne.cooper@forestclub.org



FOREST CLUB EVENTS

SHRIMP NIGHT | TUESDAYS

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

SHRIMP NIGHT IS BACK

STARTING AUGUST 4TH

INCLUDES
SOUP AND SALAD
ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP
1 SIDE OF YOUR CHOICE

\$35 ADULTS
\$20 KIDS

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



FOREST CLUB EVENTS

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION | SEPTEMBER 7, 11AM

Take a break!

IT'S LABOR DAY!

Monday, September 7th

11am - 3pm
Club closes at 4pm

**SNOWCONES, INNERTUBE RACES
& MORE!**

Adults \$30
Kids \$20

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

LADIES' ASSOCIATION FALL LUNCHEON | SEPTEMBER 23, 11:30 AM



NOW SHOWING

LADIES' ASSOCIATION FALL LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 11:30AM

Featuring
Kristen Hertenberg

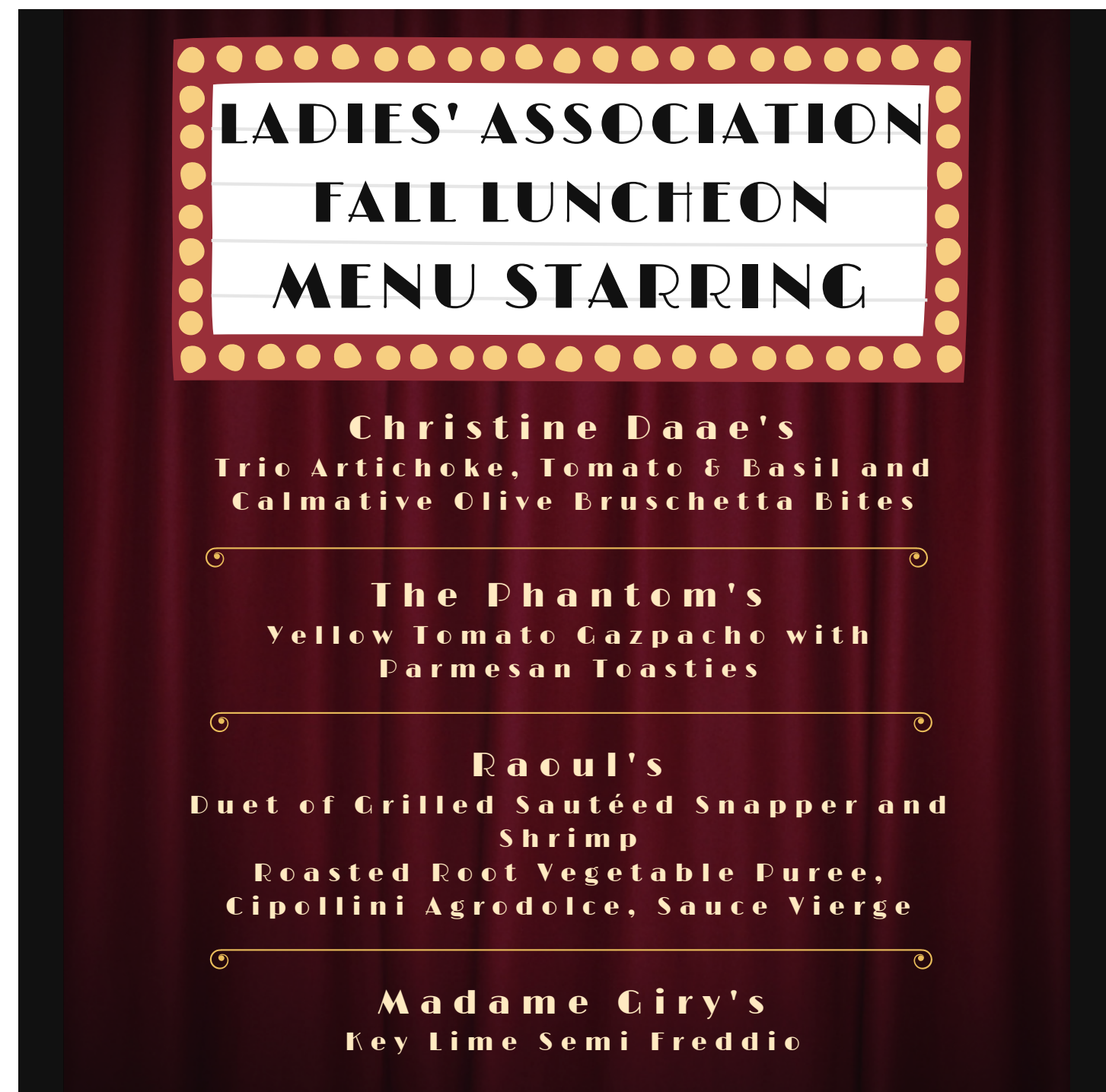
Kristen is best known for her role as Christine in the Las Vegas production of The Phantom of the Opera. A Nevada Magazine - Desert Companion - named her Best Torch Singer in Las Vegas.

\$40

GUESTS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KRISTEN HERTZENBERG
GO TO WWW.KRISTENHERTZENBERG.COM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



**LADIES' ASSOCIATION
FALL LUNCHEON
MENU STARRING**

Christine Daae's
Trio Artichoke, Tomato & Basil and
Calmative Olive Bruschetta Bites

The Phantom's
Yellow Tomato Gazpacho with
Parmesan Toasties

Raoul's
Duet of Grilled Sautéed Snapper and
Shrimp
Roasted Root Vegetable Puree,
Cipollini Agrodolce, Sauce Vierge

Madame Ciry's
Key Lime Semi Freddio

FOREST CLUB EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR | OCTOBER 4 AND 5

THE FOREST CLUB

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
"SANGRIA SUNDAY"
6PM - 9PM
\$70

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
"OLE! ROSE!" BRUNCH
9:30AM - 1PM
\$40

"MARGARITA MONDAY" HAPPY HOUR
3PM - 6PM
\$30

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

FOREST CLUB EVENTS

GARDENING 101 | OCTOBER 15, 11AM

THE LADIES ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

GARDENING 101

WITH TOMMY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
11AM

Walk around The Forest Club grounds with Tommy Chingos. He will show us what to plant when, how to prune and answer any gardening questions you may have.



RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, GUESTS WELCOME



FOREST CLUB EVENTS

JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM

JUNIOR TENNIS BEGINS AUGUST 30TH

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

4-4:30PM RED BALL (AGES 5-8)

1 DAY A WEEK \$60 MEMBER/\$75 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH
2 DAYS A WEEK \$100 MEMBER/\$120 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH

4:30-6PM COMPETITIVE (AGES 10 & UP)

1 DAY A WEEK \$160 MEMBER/\$185 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH
2 DAYS A WEEK \$300 MEMBER/\$340 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH

TUESDAY/THURSDAY

4-5PM ORANGE BALL (AGES 8-10)

5-6PM GREEN BALL (AGES 11 & UP)

1 DAY A WEEK \$120 MEMBER/\$140 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH
2 DAYS A WEEK \$200 MEMBER/\$230 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH

SUNDAY

9-9:30AM RED BALL (AGES 5-8)

1 DAY A WEEK \$60 MEMBER/\$75 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH

9:30-10:30AM ORANGE BALL (AGES 8-10)

1 DAY A WEEK \$120 MEMBER/\$140 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH

10:30AM-12PM GREEN BALL & COMPETITIVE (AGES 10 & UP)

1 DAY A WEEK \$160 MEMBER/\$140 NON-MEMBER PER MONTH

DIRECTED BY STACY AGUIRRE, DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR TENNIS

STACY.AGUIRRE@FORESTCLUB.ORG

TO REGISTER GO TO [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/FCJUNIOR](http://tinyurl.com/FCJUNIOR)



FOREST CLUB EVENTS

BBQ COOK OFF | NOVEMBER 7

SAVE THE DATE THE FOREST CLUB 3RD ANNUAL

BBQ COOK OFF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH



\$480 PER TEAM

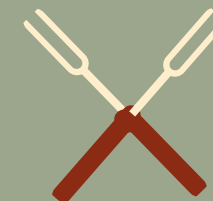
SET UP WILL BE NOVEMBER 6TH

INTERESTED TEAMS -

CONTACT CHELSI CHEZEM AT

CHELSI.CHEZEM@FORESTCLUB.ORG OR 713-686-3728

FOR MORE INFORMATION





Hello Forest Club Family!

The world is a different place than the last time I wrote a tennis article in February. I was doing my usual research on tennis topics, but I found it hard to focus on tips on how to improve your game.

Instead, my mind was wandering towards everyone's bigger than life smiles on the tennis court. After the mandatory shutdown, I emerged from my couch and began teaching again in early May. As coaches, we rely on our intuition for how people feel; there was a noticeable shift in mine and fellow tennis players' attitude on the court. There was a sense of freedom, freedom of space, and freedom of movement that inched everyone's grin a little wider.

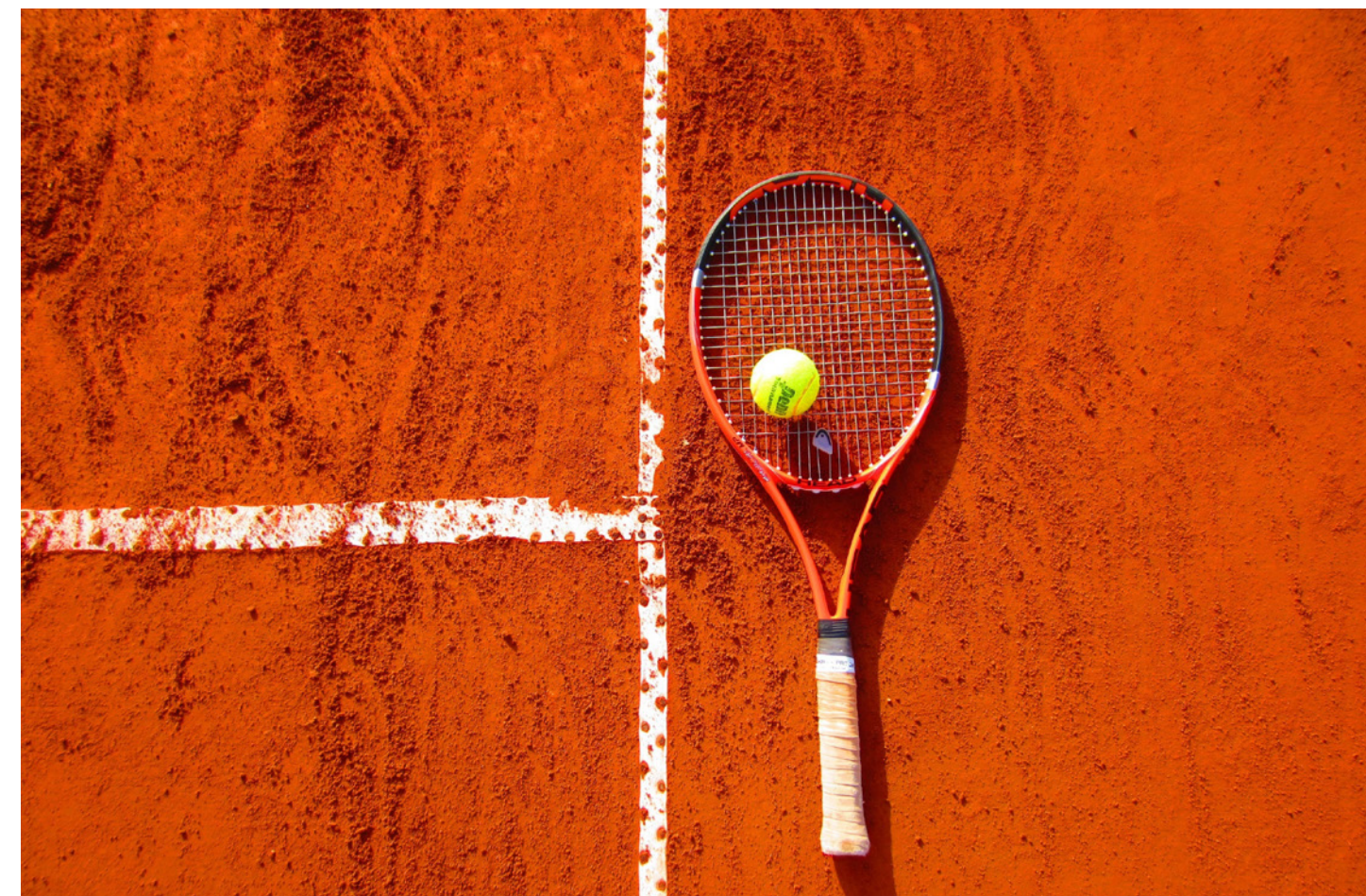
I want to take this time and use this platform to thank you, members, for helping us keep the jobs that we enjoy so much! Juan, Niclas, Luis, Stacy, and I feel lucky to share the tennis court with you.

My tennis advice for this month is to join in on the fun. Don't sit on the sidelines. Regardless if you are a seasoned player or a newbie, now is a great time to return to the tennis court with either a racquet or a pickleball paddle in your hand.

As always, please don't hesitate to call us. We can get you on the tennis court in no time. We are here for you!

Cheers,
Shirley

TENNIS NEWS



The tennis program at the club has really seen a spike in activity since coming back from quarantine! Since outdoor tennis is considered one of the safest sporting activities by medical experts, we are now seeing a lot of new faces out on the courts. We have also seen quite a surge in our lessons and adult clinics, as well as increased participation in our junior tennis program. Stacy Aguirre, our Junior Tennis Director, has done a superb job of promoting the program and making sure everyone is learning and having a great time!

Pickleball has also gained popularity. We have open-play pickleball every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM. Please call or email Beth Anne in the pro shop to sign up.

In addition, please email Beth Anne (bethanne.cooper@forestclub.org) if you would like to be added to our men's and ladies' tennis email lists, which also include pickleball activities.

Juan Ayala, Tennis Director



WINE OF THE MONTH

2019 Knights Bridge Sauvignon Blanc, \$21

Crisp flavors of lemon, chamomile and honeycomb are supported by a vibrant minerality leading into a rich and textured finish.

COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

Kiwi Limeade, \$9

Key Limes and lemon-lime soda over ice. This cool and refreshing beverage is sure to cool us down under the "dog days of summer".

Due to the limited availability of craft brews during the covid/19 pandemic. I will not be able to promote draft beers. I will however keep a few interesting brews around, just ask one of our bartenders to lead the way.

Mark your calendars:

WINE ROOM HAPPY HOUR

Friday, September 16th

Come sip and enjoy a few with Garland

KNIGHTS BRIDGE WINE DINNER

Friday, September 25th

COLGIN/BRYANT FAMILY WINES

VINTER DINNER

Coming in October



LIFEGUARDING

The lifeguards have been working strong and steady since Memorial Day weekend. The pool continues to be open 10am-9pm Tuesday-Sunday. This year's Forest Club lifeguard staff includes over 80% returning guards from last year.

We heard your concerns regarding the early closing of the pool last summer. With the strong possibility of children not returning to school as originally scheduled, and the desire to please our members, we have decided to extend pool hours. This year the pool will be continue to be open Tuesday-Sunday through October 4th. Looking forward to continuing to see everyone at the pool!

GREEN WAVE SWIM TEAM

The Green Wave Swim Team was fortunate enough to be able to hold an abridged version of swim team this year. While there were not any meets against other clubs, coaches were able to focus in on technique during the month of June. It was a very strong showing from The Forest Club kiddos, even seeing the return of some swimmers

who had not been on the team in years. We had 16 practices scheduled and only 1 rainout! So that is a success in itself. More importantly, every swimmer saw an improvement during the month of June and got a workout in at the same time. The coaches are already looking forward to another fun (and hopefully longer!) season next year.

SUMMER CAMP

We had great attendance for the three weeks of summer camp we had scheduled. The kids were busy with activities such as a slip n slide, tennis with Juan, arts & crafts, outdoor games, and pool time. We even had TikTok dance choreography for the older kids! We were put in the difficult situation of having to cancel the third week of summer camp after we had our first COVID scare. However, we are happy to report that no campers reported positive cases of COVID-19. We are already thinking of ideas for camp next year and hope to be able to open the camp to greater numbers.

- Cole, Aquatics & Youth Program Director



CLUB CALENDAR

AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	4 Shrimp Night Every Tuesday	5 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	6 Open Pickleball Play Every Thursday 6:30pm	7	8 Yoga 9am
9	10 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	11	12 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	13	14	15 Yoga 9am
16	17 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	18	19 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	20	21	22 Yoga 9am
23	24 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	25	26 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	27	28	29 Yoga 9am
30	31 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am					

CLUB CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Shrimp Night Every Tuesday	2 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	3 Open Pickleball Play Every Thursday 6:30pm	4	5 Yoga 9am
6 Fried Chicken Buffet Every Sunday	7 Yoga 8:30am Labor Day Celebration	8 Club Closed	9 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	10	11	12 Yoga 9am
13	14 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	15	16 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am	17	18	19 Yoga 9am
20	21 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	22	23 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am Ladies Assn Fall Luncheon	24	25	26 Yoga 9am
27	28 Club Closed Yoga 8:30am	29	30 Yoga 8:30am 9:40am			



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