

April, 2008

# THE GUSHER



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Club Members,

The preliminary phase of our Club refurbishment project **“Completing the Task”** has been approved by the Board and will be completed by mid-April. This phase of the project will include a complete make-over of the President’s Room and will showcase the new design style of Moss Home Accessories, which will be featured throughout the Club as additional phases of the project are approved. The cost of all materials and labor to complete this preliminary phase has been donated by the House Committee. Much of the actual work will be completed by the House Committee members, so if there are any Members out there who would like to help out, please contact Jacob or myself. No skills required as we do offer on-the-job training.

Once the President’s Room is completed, I would invite all Members to stop in, take a look, and tell us what you think of the new look that we are planning for your Club. Comment cards will be available, so give us some feedback. Also in mid-April, Moss Home Accessories will reopen their showroom at 2950 King Ave West, where you can see examples of their exciting style of design.

Please contact me directly if you have questions. My email is [rcbalsam@gmail.com](mailto:rcbalsam@gmail.com) and my phone number is 259-1837.

See you at the Club!

Rob Balsam

President

## LETTER FROM THE CHEF

Hello All,

April is upon us as well as warmer days ahead. I would like to thank the entire crew for a job well done for our Easter Brunch as we fed well over 300. This month’s book looks busy as many functions are set practically every business day with up to three events taking

place on the same day. Keep them coming. Its not to early to mention that Mother’s day is coming up and we already have reservations coming in. May we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible to reserve your favorite time slot. Expect an elegant buffet with all the trimmings, sculpted ice and much

more including a long stemmed rose for Mom. Jolene will be busy creating a wonderful array of fine desserts also.

Have a wonderful Month,

Lance Johnson

Executive Chef

## LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

BPC Members,

Last month was highlighted by a packed house and fantastic Easter brunch buffet. Next month look forward to an impressive spread for Mother's Day from Chef Lance and his staff. We expect another large turnout, so I encourage all of you grateful husbands and sons to make your reservations early.

The Club's Membership and House Committees have been busy improving your Club. These committees meet once a month to ensure the Club meets members' needs and preferences.

**The Membership Committee**, chaired by Chad Lippert, attracts new members and engages them in your Club. We've grown with over 70 new members in the last year! This committee is a great way to get involved, especially if you are interested in marketing.

**The House Committee**, chaired by Art Geiger, helps organize the Club's events, décor, improvements, and house rules. We are currently planning for *Completing the Task*, Wine Tastings, and Mother's Day. If you have ideas, experience, or desire for organizing events, decorating, or improving the BPC, join this action-oriented committee.

Contact the committee chair or myself to become a part of the leadership at the BPC—and help make the BPC the club you want it to be!

Jacob Kellert, Manager

## RECIPE FROM JOLENE'S KITCHEN

### MEDITERRANEAN WHITE PIZZA

This Club favorite is featured in the article "A Slice of Heaven" in the March/April Issue of *Yellowstone Valley Woman* available on newsstands and online.

#### Crust

4 cups flour  
¼ cup sugar  
2 Tablespoons yeast  
1¾ cups water

#### Sauce

3 cloves garlic, chopped  
8 oz. cream cheese, soft  
8 oz. Parmesan, grated

#### Toppings

6 broiled chicken breasts, chopped  
1 cup sun dried tomatoes, chopped  
3 cups shredded mozzarella  
(Other great options include prosciutto, capers, and artichoke hearts)

#### Finishing Touches

3 cups fresh spinach, thinly sliced  
1 red pepper, thinly sliced  
1 small red onion, thinly sliced  
½ cup Italian dressing  
½ cup toasted pine nuts  
¼ cup Parmesan

# WELCOME

## the BPC's Newest Members

Al Winegardener - Original Shepherder

Lisa Jensen - D.A. Davidson

Richard Brown - Wyo-Ben, Inc.

Kent Beers - Oasis Petroleum LLC

## Italian Wine Tasting

Friday, April 11th

5 to 6:30pm \$12



Dave Swaboda of **Red White & Blush Wines** will be featuring 6 of his favorite Italian wines. This is a great opportunity to try both traditional and newer style Italian wines.

*At all of our tastings Chef Lance will provide cheeses and light hors d'oeuvres to complement each varietal.*

**Please RSVP 252.6702**

## Administrative Professionals Week

April 22—April 26

Show your appreciation and treat your hard working administrative professionals to lunch or dinner on your account. Call the club, make a reservation, and indicate that it is for your staff and should be charged to your member number.

#### DIRECTIONS

- Using a dough hook, mix crust ingredients thoroughly. Let rise until doubled in size (about 30 minutes), punch down and shape into six 9-inch pizza crusts.
- Bake crust for 5 minutes.
- Mix sauce ingredients thoroughly.
- Apply sauce and toppings to the crusts as desired and bake another 5 to 8 minutes, or until cheeses are melted and golden brown.
- Add spinach to hot pizzas, then red pepper, onion, dressing, pine nuts and sprinkle of Parmesan.

\*Calendar subject to change, call or email the club for the most current information.

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> UGLY	<b>2</b> Ed Jones Golden Apple Barristers Town & Gown	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> MGS Luncheon PPL Montana	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Club Closed	<b>7</b> Club Closed	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> House Cmte MGS Luncheon	<b>10</b> ASHRAE	<b>11</b> <u>Italian</u> <u>WINE TASTING</u> 5-6:30pm	<b>12</b> PEO Lunch
<b>13</b> Club Closed	<b>14</b> Club Closed	<b>15</b> BOD UGLY YRCDC Eide Bailey	<b>16</b> SPE YRCDC	<b>17</b> YRCDC St Mary 100yr Ann. <b>Club Closed PM</b> <b>No Dinner Service</b>	<b>18</b> Member Cmte <b>MAMB</b> <b>Dinner Service in</b> <b>Grille Only</b>	<b>19</b> Conoco Anderson Party <b>Dinner Service in</b> <b>Dining Room Only</b>
<b>20</b> Club Closed	<b>21</b> Club Closed	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Crowley Law	<b>24</b> Geiger Dinner Wells Fargo	<b>25</b> Wyo-Ben Jackson Dinner	<b>26</b>
<b>Administrative Professionals Wk- Treat your professionals to a meal on your account</b>						
<b>27</b> Club Closed	<b>28</b> Club Closed	<b>29</b> MGS UGLY	<b>30</b> Wells Fargo	<b>Buy 1 get 1 free bar apps and drinks every Wednesday from 5pm to 6:00pm at the Bar</b>		
<b>MAY</b>				<b>1</b> MGS Rocky Mt College Dietz	<b>2</b> MGS Ratzlaff	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Club Closed	<b>5</b> Club Closed	<b>6</b> UBS Personnel Cmmt	<b>7</b> Barristers UBS Town & Gown Ditzel	<b>8</b> Ditzel	<b>9</b> Ditzel	<b>10</b> Ditzel Cononco Phillips ROA

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 11 9am-1:30pm

Adults \$23.95 Children (under 12) \$11.95

RSVP by Friday, May 9



Featuring : complimentary mimosa, unlimited coffee and juice, fresh pastries, made to order omelet bar, smoked salmon, French toast, eggs Benedict, breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, three carved meats, cheese blintzes with toppings, fresh salads, and more!!



If your member number is from 1041 and 1575, your quarter ends on April 30th!

If you have not been to the club in the last three months, come and enjoy lunch with friends or an evening of fine dining while using up your quarterly minimum. If you have questions, feel free to call the club. 252.6700

If you wish to pay with a credit card and receive credit toward your minimum please let your server know which account to charge it to. You may also pay your bill in full with a credit card each month.

## Member Preview Week April 8 - 12

**Help your club grow and receive 2 for 1 entrees when you host potential BPC members!!**

Simply contact our business office to receive a certificate, make a reservation for lunch or dinner and invite your friends, family, or business associates to join you to preview what the club has to offer. We have a very special place that deserves to be shared with more of the Billings Community. Contact Jacob for more information. 252.6700 Jacob\_bpc@yahoo.com

## CLUB INFORMATION

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**General Manager** Jacob Kellert (jacob\_bpc@yahoo.com)

**Banquet Coordinator** Jenny Woodward (jenny\_bpc@yahoo.com)

## DINING HOURS

For Reservations Call 252.6702

*Sunday & Monday - Club Closed*

LUNCH

*Tuesday thru Friday 11:30-1:30*

DINNER

*Wednesday thru Saturday 5:30 – 9*

BAR

*Wednesday thru Saturday 5 – Close*

Office Hours are 10am-4pm Tuesday - Friday

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

### 2008 Officers and Directors

Rob Balsam - President  
Art Geiger - Vice President  
Bruce Posey - Secretary

Duane Smith - Treasurer  
David Brown - Past President

Patrick Beddow  
Bonnie Daniels  
Gary Hughes  
David Kinnard

Chad Lippert  
Dick Padon  
Jeannine Schalla

### House Committee

Art Geiger (Chair)  
Rob Balsam  
Cyndy Opsal  
Bruce Posey  
Gayle Tadday

Ike Tadday  
Clare Young  
Jenny Woodward-staff  
Jacob Kellert-staff

### Membership Committee

Chad Lippert (Chair)  
Rob Balsam  
Lisa Jensen

Darin Johnson  
Jacob Kellert-staff



The House Committee is requesting sponsors of \$100 each for fresh flowers during 2008. The following is a list of sponsors:

Apr Luci Scott and Family in memory of Bob Scott "Scotty"  
Joel Guthals in memory of Ettie Schmidt

May Rob and Twyla Balsam in memory of Bob and  
Mary Balsam  
Herb Hadley in Memory of Bernice, Patricia, and  
Kevin Hadley

June Richard and Cheri Cox in memory of Winston and  
Helen Cox

July The Padons in memory of Jack Padon

Aug Joseph V. Montalban & Patrick M. Montalban

Sept In Memory of Wally Pfluge from his grandchildren  
Glenn, Juliann, Jason, JoMarie, Eric, Julie, Brian & Amy

Oct *Available for Donations*

## MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED LOANS

Brian Bross & Bonnie Daniels  
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Tom Hauptman

Jack McKee  
Joseph V. Montalban  
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Bob Rhodes

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Mary Waggoner  
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