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JUNE 2007

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Petroleum Club Members,

I'd like to share with you this month a couple items of good news. First, I am delighted to report that Club membership continues to grow. Over the last month five new members have joined the Club. We welcome our newest members Peter Schoonmaker, Justin Mills, Stephen Sorich, Don Sterhan, and Russell Nemetz. Our membership currently stands at 469 and planning is underway in the Membership Committee for another membership party in September to hopefully take us over 500. If you would like to get involved with the Committee, or just provide input, please let me know.

Second, I am delighted to report that the Board has recently approved new hours of operation for the Club. Beginning immediately after Memorial Day and running through Labor Day, summer hours will be in effect. As has been the case for many years, "summer hours" has the Club closed for dinner Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 2, the Club will be open for dinner Tuesday thru Saturday and for lunch Monday thru Friday. Thank you all for your patience and understanding these past few months while the Club has been operating on reduced dinner hours.

Finally, my appreciation goes to all who have taken the time to write me with your concerns and suggestions. Your comments are taken very seriously and in fact are reviewed in our monthly Board meetings. Please keep your suggestions

coming. Member input is essential to a vibrant club.

David Brown, President



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHEF

Hello Everyone,

June has arrived and with it brings a wide range of summer activities. Expect to see new menus for both lunch and dinner around mid-month with the lunch menu focusing on fresh whole meal salads while retaining club favorites. The dinner menu will be exciting with wide range of ethnic varieties as well as choice hand cut steaks, wonderful homemade desserts ala Jolene and much more.

It was wonderful to see a well attended Mother's Day as well as Easter. Everything went without a hitch and compliments were abundant. It takes teamwork to put together functions, or any event, for that matter. Thanks to my kitchen staff for a job well done, as well as Jacob, Jenny, Sue and the entire front of the house.

Please come out and join us for lunch or dinner as we are looking forward to seeing you.

Have a Wonderful Summer,

Lance Johnson, Executive Chef





The House Committee is requesting sponsors of \$100 for fresh flowers each month during 2007. The following is a list of sponsors:

- June Richard Cox Family in memory of Winston & Helen Cox
 - July
 - Aug Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lucien
 - Sep
 - Oct Barbara Frielinghausen in memory of Bill Frielinghausen
 - Nov
 - Dec
- Thank you all for your support of the Club.

Coming Events

- June 13 - House Committee Meeting
- June 13 - Open for Dinner Service
- June 17 - Father's Day
- June 19 - Board of Directors Meeting
- June 22 - New Member Meet & Greet
- June 23 - Dinner Dance featuring Doc McBride & his Dixieland Band
- July 4 - Independence Day



Please Welcome New Members:

- Peter Schoonmaker – Pinnacle Gas**
- Justin Mills – N.I.L.E.**
- Stephen Sorich – UBS**
- Don Sterhan – Mountain Plains Equity Group, Inc.**
- Russell Nemetz – Northern AG Network**



GET ACQUAINTED COCKTAIL PARTY

Stop in on Friday, June 22nd, 4:30 – 6 pm to Meet & Greet some of our New Members. We'll have a no-host bar with the Club providing the appetizers.

LETTER FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

The idea of holding a Dinner Dance every month throughout the year is catching on. A brand new member of the House Committee has graciously offered \$1000 to establish a Dinner Dance Fund, if and only if, another Petroleum Club Member would step forward and also contribute \$1000. Once the Dinner Dance Fund is established, and assuming that the Dinner Dances are profitable for the Club, this Fund could be maintained to allow the House Committee to plan ahead, set dates and make arrangements for dance bands for the entire year and for years to come. Prior to this concept, we have limped along from month to month hoping to get \$400 in sponsorship before we could book a band. Now, maybe we can get this thing rolling. So if you like to dance or just listen to music while enjoying a great meal at your Club, step up and support the idea of a Dinner Dance every month. For more information or to join the House Committee, please contact Jacob Kellert or Rob Balsam.

Rob Balsam



The Billings Petroleum Club will be **open to all members for dinner service on Wednesday, June 13th** in honor of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation meetings to be held on Wednesday and Thursday of that week. A free drink up to \$10 in value will accompany each dinner entree ordered.



Here's a special "thank you" to our retiring House Committee members who have spent many, many volunteered hours over the past several years planning all club functions, decorating for all seasons and parties, arranging flowers and giving the Club that special touch.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CHS Inc. Cocktail Party	2
3 Club Closed	4 Chef & Cook's Assoc Meeting Club Closed	5 Walburn & Assoc MT Petrol. Assoc Billings Clinic Dinner Club Closed for Dinner Service	6 MT Petrol. Assoc Club Closed for Dinner Service	7	8	9
10 Club Closed	11 Club Closed	12 UGLY Lunch Club Closed for Dinner Service	13 House Comm Meeting Board of Oil & Gas Club OPEN for Dinner Service	14 FLAG DAY Board of Oil & Gas	15	16
17 FATHER'S DAY Club Closed	18 Club Closed	19 BOD meeting Club Closed for Dinner Service	20 Club Closed for Dinner Service	21 State Farm Dinner	22 4:30 – 6 PM New Member Meet & Greet Party	23 7 – 10 PM Dinner Dance
24 Club Closed	25 Club Closed	26 UGLY Lunch Club Closed for Dinner Service	27 Club Closed for Dinner Service	28 Yellowstone Pathology Dinner	29 Sorrell Rehearsal Dinner	30 Lynch Wedding

◆◆Diamond Club Donors (\$5000)

**Tom Hauptman
Tony & Robyn Koessler**



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House Committee

Rob Balsam, Deanna Enrich, Marcy Pease,
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If your member number is 1 - 1040, your quarter ends on June 30th.
If you have not been to the club in the last three months, come and
enjoy an evening of fine dining while using up your quarterly
minimum. If you have questions, feel free to call the club.



In Memoriam

**Robert Holmes Scott “Scotty”
August 9, 1923 -April 25, 2007**

BPC Summer Hours

June - August

Tuesday thru Friday – Serving Lunch
Thursday thru Saturday – Serving Dinner
Sunday & Monday – Club Closed