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Mike Fery, Kingfish

## From The Kingfish

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

It was a great and productive year for the Arid Club. In 2008, your Executive Committee took on many projects that involved many of you to accomplish these projects:

#### 2008 Accomplishments:

1. **Remodeled the Club** - came in slightly below budget and set aside a reserve for future improvements.
2. **Hired Chef Mac**—Chef Mac was the overall winner and Top Distinguished Chef at the Taste of Idaho Culinary Competition.
3. Extensively updated the **Club's website**.
4. Updated the **Policy Manuals** for the Club.
5. Developed a more extensive **budgeting process**.
6. **Refinanced the Club's debt**.
7. Redeveloped our **Wine List** to include more variety and finer selections.
8. **Added Wine Lockers** for our Members.
9. **Increased Membership** to \_\_\_ members which is the highest level in \_\_\_ years. (NEED TO VERIFY THIS STATEMENT!)

During the **Annual Meeting**, which will be held on **February 5th, 2009 beginning at 5:30 pm** we will share more detailed information on the Club's accomplishments during 2008 and plans for 2009.

#### Thank you:

I wish to thank this year's **Executive Committee**:

Vice Chairman	Alice Hennessey
Secretary	Phil Reberger
Treasurer	Joe DeVera
Membership Chair	Tami Brandstetter
Wine Committee Chair	Bill Drake
Communications Chair	Bill Drake
House Committee Chair	George Iliff
Junior Member At-Large	Brad Wiskirchen
Past Kingfish	Fred Mack

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Kingfish for the Arid Club. We hope that you feel good about the work that has been done this year. I believe that we have finished the year in a great position not only for our current Members to enjoy all that the Club has to offer, but for many generations to come.

May your 2009 be healthy and prosperous.

Whatever brings you to the Club, please enjoy it!



Alvin Charlton

## The Manager's Desk

I hope that you and your families had a terrific holiday season, and that 2009 proves to be prosperous for you. 2008 saw a lot of changes in and around the Club: the Club House remodel, a new Chef and Events Coordinator, and several new member events that will likely become annual events.

We enter the New Year, with the intent to continue to grow and prosper even in this weakened economy. To that end, it is critical that we keep membership up and that you (the members) continue to recruit new members. The Arid Club staff will continue to provide the best food and service in the area.

In 2009, we will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Actual date is May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are planning a gala event for that date, so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

See you around the Club.

### January

#### Coming Events & Club Closures for January

- January 28—  
Wine Dinner
- February 5—  
Annual Meeting
- February 14—  
Valentine's Day Dinner
- March 13—  
Exotic Game Banquet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Club Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Club Night	9	10 Alternate Dining Upstairs
11	12	13	14	15	16 Birthday Night	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Wine Dinner	29	30	31 Club Closed



Janet Weston

## Welcome Janet Weston

The Club would like to welcome Janet Weston to the Arid Club Family as our new Dining Room Manager. Ms. Weston comes to us with a plethora of experience and knowledge. Before coming to the Arid Club, she was the Food and Beverage Director at the Rock Creek Cattle Company, the Director of Operations at the Gowen Field Officer's Club for 11 years, and she owned her own restaurants: Pacific Rim and Singapore Sam's.

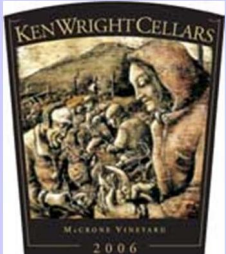
Janet is a born and raised Boise native. She graduated from Boise High School at the age of 17. After graduation, she attended the University of Idaho and Boise State University. During her college years, she got into the restaurant business and found her calling. While managing a bar in McCall, she met her husband, Robert, who was the Chef at the restaurant across the street. They have been married for 25 wonderful years and have 2 boys, Christopher and Sean. Christopher graduated from the Air Force Academy and is currently attending F16 Pilot Training in Del Rio, TX. Sean is currently a Junior at BSU and is working towards a degree in Business Administration.

Outside of work, Janet spends her time gardening, swimming, camping and is a "fishing machine." She also teaches swimming lessons at the downtown YMCA, which she has been doing for 10 years.

We are excited to have Janet as part of the team.

January 28, 2009

Join us at the  
Arid Club for a  
special Wine Dinner.




There will be a Horizontal Pairing of Ken Wright Cellars' award winning Pinots, with Chef Mac's inspired creations.

Cocktails will begin at 6 pm  
and dinner will start at  
6:30 pm.

Cost is \$95 per person  
(plus tax and gratuity).

Call to make your  
reservations early,  
as space is limited.





# Junior Committee



Brad Wiskirchen

The end of my tenure as Chair of the Junior Committee fast approaches. This is fortunate, in that I transitioned into my golden years in November.

It has been a great honor to serve as Chair of the Junior Committee. And I have enjoyed getting to know many of you much better over the course of this year. We have accomplished a lot this year—the first Junior v. Regular Member Golf Tournament, a revamp of the Club’s web site, numerous Junior nights (the Club is not likely to soon forget our Wine 101 night), and as of last week, we have again, filled the ranks of the Juniors to capacity (and there is a waiting list). But there is much more that we can do together as a group, and I am confident that Troy Wheeler, the incoming Chair, will take the Junior Committee to the “next level”.

Although Junior members do not enjoy general Club voting rights, we do have one opportunity to vote each year. We each have the right and responsibility to elect the Chair-Elect of the Junior Committee during the Annual Meeting. After that meeting, Troy Wheeler will assume the role of Junior Committee Chair, and the Chair-Elect will serve at his side throughout 2009. So please mark your calendars, and plan on attending the Annual Meeting on February 5, 2009.

Happy New Year to everyone, and as William Porcher Miles said in a speech to the House of Representatives in 1858 “vote early and vote often”.

Brad Wiskirchen

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Ed Johnson's granddaughter telling



Busy at work at the Gingerbread House Station



Jeremy Chou's sons with Santa.



Rhea Allen's son in complete awe of Santa.



Luis sharing his magic with Mr. Oaas and his grandson.



Story time with Santa.



Al Hutchins' Grandchildren with their reindeer antlers.



Troy Wheeler with his family.



The completed Gingerbread Houses.



Chef Mac

## Chef's Corner

Happy New Year Arid Club!

I hope everyone had a delightful holiday season. Mine was quite busy, but very fulfilling. The culinary team, that I get to lead, is full of talent and energy. In the kitchen, we are excited about all the wonderful dining opportunities we have planned this coming year for the membership. 2009 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Arid Club. With this in mind, we look forward to bringing the membership a blend of traditional and contemporary refined cuisine. If there are any favorites that you remember from previous years that you would like to see again, please let me know. I would love to put some nostalgic favorites on the menu from time to time.

There are some events coming this year that you may want to pencil into your calendar. In January, we are planning a Wine Dinner. If you haven't attended a dinner like this before, I highly recommend you think about it. I find them educational as well as an epicurean indulgence. In February, don't forget to make a reservation for you and your sweetheart for our Valentine's Day dinner. This year, we are also planning an exotic game dinner in March. For our more adventurous members this could be a lot of fun. If it is received well we may consider making it an annual event.

Last but not least, I'd like to welcome Janet Weston to the Arid Club as our new Dining Room Manager. I have had the good fortune of working with Ms. Weston previously and she has my complete confidence and faith. I look forward to working with her in the service of the membership.

Chris "Mac" McDonald, C.C.C.  
Executive Chef



## Early Bird Specials

Early Bird dining begins at 5:00 p.m. and extends to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For **\$15.25**, you get a salad or cup of soup, entrée and dessert. This price also includes sales tax and gratuity. Orders must be placed with the kitchen prior to 6:00 p.m. Ask your server for further details

### *Week 1 January 5th—January 10th*

Panko Salmon with Sweet Chili Butter  
Beef Medallions with Peppercorn Sauce  
Chicken Strips  
Meat Lasagna

### *Week 3 January 19th— January 24th*

Grilled Salmon with Tomato Basil Relish  
Finger Steaks with Barbecue Sauce  
Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Fettucine Alfredo with Bay Shrimp

### *Week 2 January 12th—January 17th*

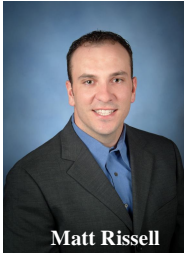
Catch of the Day  
Salisbury Steak  
Maryland Chicken  
Smoked Chicken Linguini

### *Week 4 January 26th—January 31st*

Catch of the Day  
Petite Steak with Worcestershire Butter  
Maryland Chicken  
Angel Hair Primavera



## New Members



Matt Rissell

### Matt Rissell

Matt Rissell is one of our new member at the Arid Club. Mr. Rissell is the CEO and co-founder of TSheets. TSheets is a time tracking tool designed to give business owners controls over their labor expenses. Before TSheets, Mr. Rissell built and owned Cartridge World before selling it in May 2007. Mr. Rissell brings along his wife, Robin, and his two children. When not at work, he enjoys being outdoors with his family and dog. Mr. Rissell is an avid hunter of upland game, water fowl, and big game. Just this last season, he got a “7x8 bull elk”.



Ephraim Greenwall

### Ephraim Greenwall

Ephraim Greenwall is our newest Non-Resident to join the Arid Club. Mr. Greenwall resides in Piedmont, CA where he works for Talcott Holdings, Ltd (THL) and has been with them for 25 years. THL develops and operates commercial real estate in California and Idaho. In Boise, THL owns and operates 8<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace at BoDo.

Outside of work, Mr. Greenwall has served and continues to serve on the Boards of a number of local and national charitable organizations, such as: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, New York Metropolitan Opera, Museum of Natural History (New York), San Francisco Jewish Community Federation, UJA Leadership Cabinet, etc.

When Mr. Greenwall is at home with his wife, Donna, and 3 children, he enjoys skiing, cooking, wine collecting, and coaching soccer and basketball.



Kate Warner

### Kate Warner

The Club would like to welcome Kate Warner as one of its new members. Ms. Warner is currently in the commercial real estate business and has been for 15 years. Currently she works for Colliers International where she has worked for 3 years.

Ms. Warner has lived in Boise with her husband, Mark, for 20 years. She has two daughters and two step-daughters. Outside of work, she enjoys skiing, mountain biking, and hiking.



David McCune

### David McCune

A special welcome to David McCune. Mr. McCune currently works for Wells Fargo Bank. He has only been with the bank for 1 ½ months, but he previously worked for them for 11 years.

Before moving to Boise, Mr. McCune lived in San Francisco and San Antonio. He and his wife, Nancy, have 5 children and 8 ½ grandchildren. Outside of work, Mr. McCune enjoys skiing, backpacking, hiking and leather tooling.



Darrell Calton

### Darrell Calton

Darrell Calton is one of our new Corporate Members. Mr. Calton is the Market General Manager of Impact Radio Group, who is responsible for great radio stations, such as 99.1 True Oldies and Wild 101.1 FM. Although he is new to this particular company (hired in August of 2008), he has been in the radio business for 26 years. In 2002 he was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Radio is so much a part of his life, that he met his wife, Mona, there. She was the drive time DJ and he the News Director. They have been married for 26 years and have 3 children together. Off air, meaning at home, he enjoys fishing, boating, being outdoors and spending time with his family.



Greg Lowe

### Greg Lowe

Another new member to the Club is Greg Lowe. Mr. Lowe currently works for Syringa Networks which is a broadband telecommunications service provider for southern Idaho.

Before moving to Idaho, Mr. Lowe lived in Dallas, Texas. He has been married to his wife, Marjie, for 9 years. Mr. Lowe enjoys wine collecting, home remodeling, collecting Hudson River School Art, motor-cycling, and recently added horses to the list



**Jerry Frank**

The Arid Club would like to welcome Jerry Frank as one of its new members. Mr. Frank has worked for and owned Petra Inc. for 15 years. Petra Inc. specializes in general contracting. Before moving to Boise 16 years ago, Mr. Frank lived in Las Angeles, CA. A special congratulations to Mr. Frank, as he is a newlywed. He married his wife, Lori, less than two months ago. Together they have 5 children, one who is 8 years old, two who are 13, and a pair of twins who are 20 years old. When he has free time, he enjoys water and snow skiing, hunting, flying (he owns his own plane), golfing, mountain biking, and Harley riding.

**Len Williams**

The Arid Club welcomes Len Williams as one of its new members. Mr. Williams currently works for Home Federal Bank, where he has been for 2 years. For the past two years, Mr. Williams has been a resident of Boise, but before that he resided in Cincinnati OH with his wife of 30 years, Laura. Together they have 4 grown children and 1 grandchild. With his free time, Mr. Williams enjoys golfing, Motorcycling (Touring and dirt), hunting, traveling, and having family activities.

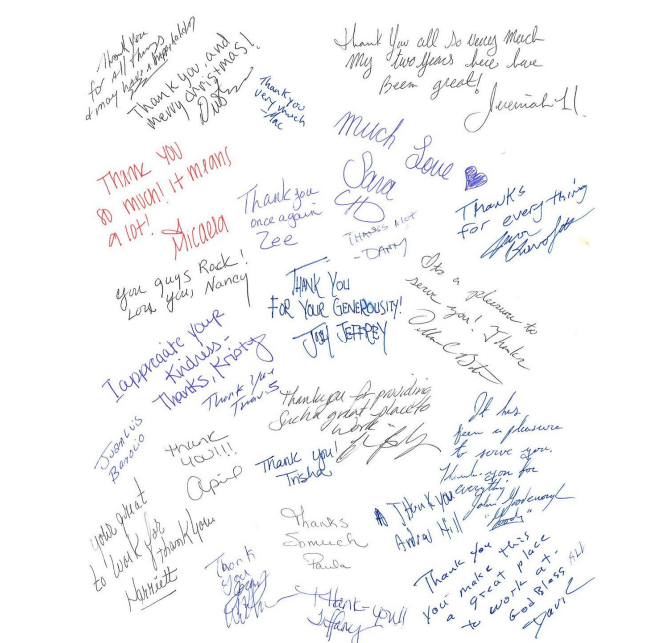
# Thank You From The Club's Staff.



*Valentine's Day is coming soon!*

Call the Club to make reservations for you and that special someone.

Dinner service will start at 6 pm. Space is limited.  
(208) 343-4631





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# Club Contacts

## 2008 Board of Directors

Michael Fery - Chairman of the Board  
Alice Hennessey - Vice-Chairman  
Phil Reberger - Secretary  
Joe DeVera - Treasurer  
Bill Drake - Communications  
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Tami Brandstetter - Membership Committee  
Fred Mack - Ex Officio

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