



CHISPA NUGGET



March 2023

**MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER
WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

We are continuing to have our monthly member dinner meeting upstairs before the dinner. The meeting will begin about 6:15.

I can't tell you how nice it was to see the much nicer crowd at our member dinner in February. We ended up with 53 paid members. It has been a long time since we had such a nice crowd. I know the weather is going to be miserable on March 1st but I hope the members that showed up for the February dinner also show up for the March member dinner.

As I usually do as I am writing the Nugget I send out a friendly reminder that now is the time to call in and make your reservations. The deadline for calling in is Monday, February 27th at noon. Call the phone number on the back page to make your reservation. I will be at the dinner and hopefully I will be pleased to see a another big group.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MARCH 15TH

We are going to have our executive board meeting and it will take place as always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have **changed the time from 5:00 PM to 6 PM** because one of the officers couldn't make the meeting at 5:00. All officers are expected to attend this meeting so please set this date

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY MARCH 19TH**

We had a record number of guests at the February pancake breakfast. After counting the money we had 181 paid which beat our previous high of 175. The large turnout was probably caused by President's day weekend. We had 11 helpers but it was not enough. On busy weekends like this we could use some more helpers.

Here are the workers that Sunday: Allan Brown, Glenn Berry, Eric Mackintosh, Tony Droubay, Bruce Ross, Louie Clark, Tim Davis, Bert Abreo, Rocky Check, Glenn Plowman, and Ron Rivera. We were so busy we added an extra table so there was no down time.

I have 22 previous volunteers on the list but we can use more. If you haven't helped recently please volunteer in March. March's breakfast will be during Murphys Days weekend so we will probably have another large crowd. Tell all your friends and neighbors about our fabulous breakfast \$10 all you can eat breakfast and if you haven't been to the breakfast please come and try it out. Doors are open from 7:30 to 11:30.

**ANNUAL CIOPPINO FEED
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

It all started at 9:00 in the morning when the following guys showed up for the setup: Urban Gomes, Alan Brown, Bruce Cavestri, Bob Koopmann, Rocky Chick, Tony Droubay, Bruce Ross, and myself. For the dinner people of course show up before 6:00 and found the hors d'oeuvres on the tables. We had 114 guests at our Cioppino feed and the noise level was incredible.

The bar was handled by Skip Hoy and Bruce and with the large crowd they were extremely busy. At about 7:00 or so the servers marched down the ends of each table and filled each and every plate with a large scoop of the cioppino which contained crab, clams, fish, and shrimp. And of course on top of this a crab cluster was put on top. I must say that many of the guests brought a large appetite because they have several helpings of this fabulous meal.

It was absolutely amazing how much we can all eat. I was able to have 3 helpings and I saw that many people had more than I did. I think that describes how good everything was. I think the servers were Bruce Ross, Tony Droubay, Steve Ageno, Rocky Chick, and of course I am sure I missed others that may have served. Our raffle chairman Glenn Berry was busy selling tickets before, during and after the meal. With this large turnout our raffle collected a lot of money.

When everyone was finally finished with their meal Glenn went off to determine the prize money for the winners. We ended up with 5 winners.

Here are the lucky raffle prize winners:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$25	Bobbie Severson	\$25
\$50	Jen Stoicheff	
\$75	Sheryl Stanger	
\$125	Billye Hawluns	\$25
\$150	Paula O'Loughlin	

I want to thank everyone who participated in the raffle and also the 114 guests who attended.

ALL HANDS ON DECK BUSY MARCH

AHEAD: March has the following events: Corned beef social, Murphys Days parade, Murphys Days corned beef sandwiches and bar, Pancake breakfast, and March 24 to March 26 49er Days at our parlor. We will need volunteers for these events. I would like to get the volunteers set up by 10th for each of these events.

For the corned beef social we will need help with the setup. I think 3 or 4 guys for that. As far as the dinner goes I would like to have helpers for the kitchen and helpers for serving. On Saturday, March 18 we would like to have 12 or more volunteers to carry the flag in the parade. We usually meet in the parking lot at the Black Bart theater.

After the parade we will be selling our corned beef sandwiches and libations at the bar. We could probably use 3 or 4 people helping at the bar, 4 people making the sandwiches and selling them and another person or 2 monitoring the front door to make sure people don't leave the hall with their drinks. That is a total of 10 people. If you are in the parade we would like you to volunteer to help out in the hall. And of course for the pancake breakfast on March 19 we will need about 12 people in case we have another big crowd.

As many of you are aware we are holding 49er Days at our parlor on March 24 to March 26. On the evening of the 24th we will be having a meet and greet for the out of town Native Sons who are attending this event. We will be having an initiation on Saturday, March 25h at 11:00 followed by a dedication of a plaque on Tad Folendorf's house in Angels Camp.

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THE CHISPA NUGGET

MARCH 2023

Pisces - February 19 - March 20 Pisceans seldom perceive whatever is going on around them in its true light.

Aries- March 21 - April 19 Aries are independent, outgoing and assertive they are also surprisingly trusting.

HONORED BROTHERS The senior brother for March is Angelo Archini who will be 91. Our youngest brother is Kevin Clerico who will be 42 in March. There is only an age difference of 49 years between the ages of our senior brother and our youngest.

All March birthday members can get their free libation at the member dinner.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

9	Doug	Brown
11	Angelo	Archini
11	John	Muller
11	Rick	Darby
11	Walt	Markus
14	Dick	Brockett
16	Lane	Rader
19	Russ	Thomas
20	Art	Alexander
22	Mike	Walsh
22	Steve	Kautz
28	Kevin	Clerico
31	Henry	Petithomme
31	Tad	Folendorf

ALL HANDS ON DECK CONTINUED
 I expect that all initiates and their sponsors will be at the initiation. I think that all of the initiates and their sponsors should plan on attending the 49er Days dinner that evening.

Please call me at 209-743-1701 to volunteer. Let me know which days you want to volunteer by March 13th. I will allocate people for the various days and let everyone know when they are expected to help. This will require more than the 21 people who normally volunteer so as soon as you get the Nugget contact me by phone or email.

**CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE SOCIAL
 FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH**

This event is one of most popular, because everyone who attends officially becomes Irish. This event is just like all our events with the doors open at 6:00 and the dinner served about 7:00. The price for this social is \$20. I always recommend this event to everyone because the cornered beef is the best you will find anywhere. This is another of the meals that our chefs pride themselves on. I'm sure the meal will have cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and maybe a salad.

I know I repeat this a lot but please call in your reservations by the morning of March 14th. The number to call is 209-728-8902. You can also send an e-mail to chispa139@sbcglobal.net.

We can use help setting up for this so if you can show up to help setup please do. We like to setup about 4:00 so call and let us know if you can help. Let's have a great turnout for this event.

BROTHERS YOUR \$72 PAYMENT FOR 2023 DUES SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY NOW

As of Friday February 24th we have received 107 dues payments. Many of these payments came after Steve Ageno sent out dues letters to members who hadn't paid. If you haven't paid please send in your money as soon as possible.

It takes a lot of effort each year on the part of Steve and myself trying to get every one to pay. We have 146 members so we still need to hear from the 39 who haven't paid. Every month in the Nugget I ask for the dues to be paid and now with Steve's mailing everyone has been notified.

One thing that bothers me is the fact we even had to send out letters to remind people to pay. Those who have emails get this notice every month and those who hadn't paid got reminder letters. By the end of March all should have been paid.

Editors note: I am often asked how much we made on our member dinners and our socials. We had 2 very successful meals with the crab feed and the crab cioppino feed. One of the reasons I keep asking for larger crowds at our member dinner because if you look at the costs for the January and February member dinner we ended up with a small profit. We have to remember we pay for the food, electricity, heating, cleanup and other miscellaneous expenses.

An example is the cost per person for the cleanup is \$5.40 when you have 37 and \$5.77 when you have 53 people. Now for some good news about our bank account. I worked through the numbers for the crab feed and the crab cioppino feed and included taxes on the sales, the cleanup, and the food. The income of all these events includes the raffles and any donations. With all the costs included for the crab feed we ended up with a net profit \$1,700.

When everyone else, was charging \$60 and more at \$50 everyone who attended got a real bargain. Even more impressive was the crab cioppino feed where we charged \$60 when everyone was charging \$75 and more. The net profit for this was \$3,600. The bar had a net profit of about \$900. The two pancake breakfast had net profits of \$2,200. I didn't attempt to determine all the other expenses we have on a monthly basis such as electricity, phone costs, heating costs, water, sewage and garbage but with these first two months behind us we did well. If the March events are successful we should make it through the year with some money still in the bank.

February Member Dinner: The large turnout for dinner increased the size of the prizes. Glenn Barry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$25	Rick Deputy	\$25
\$35	Tony McDaniel	\$35
\$45	Dick Terry	\$45
\$55	Tony McDaniel	\$55

All donated their entire winnings to the parlor including the new initiate Rick. Thanks to all who participated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

- Mar 1 NSGW Member dinner
- Mar 12 Daylight savings ends
- Mar 15 NSGW Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 17 Corned Beef Cabbage Social
- Mar 18 Murphys Day Parade
- Mar 19 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30
- Mar 24-26 49er Days at our parlor

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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