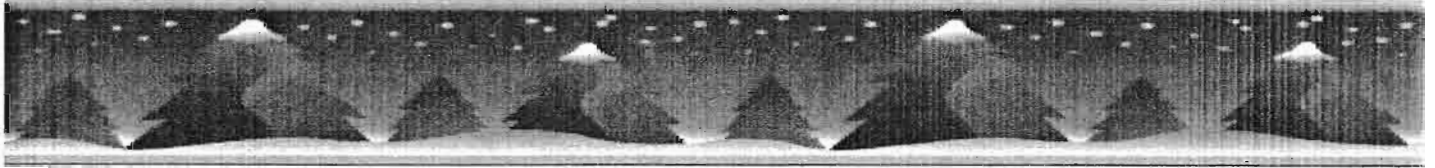


# Bracken Bits

Lake Bracken Country Club

December, 2009

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## Restaurant/Bar Hours for December

Bar		Restaurant	
Monday	5-?	Monday	closed
Tuesday	closed	Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	12-9	Wednesday	5-8
Thursday	3-8:30	Thursday	5-8
Friday	1-10	Friday	5-9
Saturday	12-8:30	Saturday	5-8
Sunday	12-5	Sunday	closed

*Please check the December calendar for dates when the Dining Room is closed for private parties.*

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*Join Mark and fellow members in the Bar on Thursday, December 24 from 12 pm to 4 pm for his annual ice cream drinks and hors d'oeuvres party.*

### Welcome New Members

Matthew Berntson—Full

### • Phone Numbers:

- Office 342-4431
- Rest/Bar 343-5912
- Pro Shop 343-5915
- Maint. 342-4341



## Craig's Corner



The Holidays are upon us again. Which means another year is coming to a close. Wow!!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to work for you here at Lake Bracken. It has been fun at times, trying at times, but most of all an enjoyable experience. Hopefully, your visits to the Clubhouse have been enjoyable also. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff here at Lake Bracken.

They are one of the hardest working groups of people that I have had the pleasure to work with. We have one of the best Chef's in the area. If you are in the Clubhouse some time and see some of the staff, just let them know that you appreciate what they do. Also, if there are any suggestions, please feel free to let me know. Thanks again, and have a great holiday season.

Thanks,  
Craig

## Mike's News

Winter is approaching and snow plowing is just around the corner. As a reminder, gravel roads will not be plowed unless they are frozen. Happy Holidays from the Ground's Crew.

*Thank you,  
Mike*

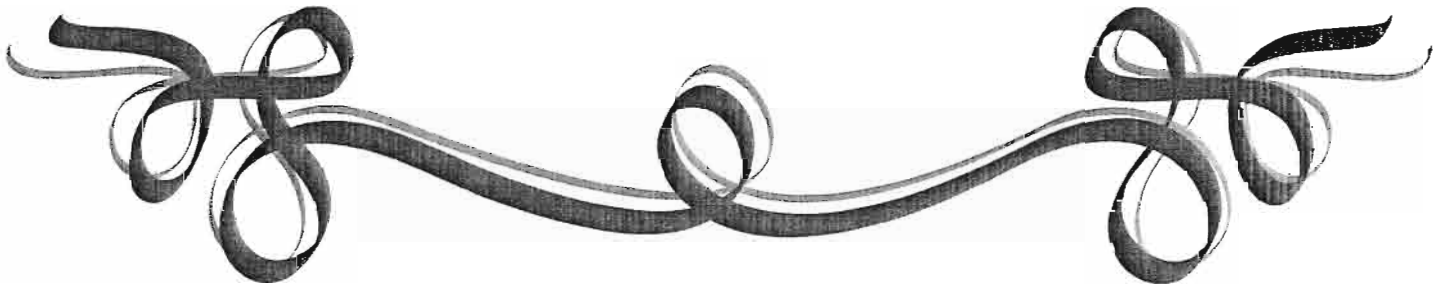
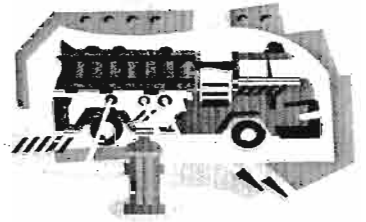


Santa will be here during  
the Holiday Brunch on  
December 20, 2009 at  
1:00 p.m.

# Message from Chief Howard

It is that time of year again. Let's make sure our homes are ready for winter. Check your space heaters for safe and proper operation. Check the cords also. For that matter check all your electrical cords for cracks or frays. Ex. Lamps, radios, refrigerators, etc. Replace any that are questionable. Also check your fireplace chimneys. The buildup of creosote can cause

chimney fires. Believe me I have seen this first hand. Don't forget to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors too. Happy holidays from all of your Lake Bracken firefighters.



## Clubhouse News

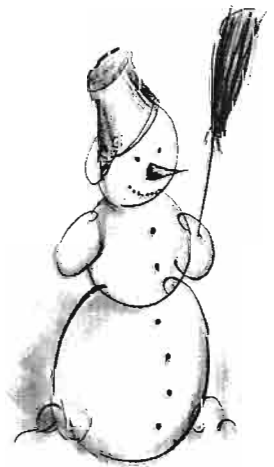
Murder Mystery/Guest Chef was a huge success. We have been asked to do another one next year, so we will definitely schedule one again. Thank you to all who participated in the Murder Mystery. It was a fun evening.

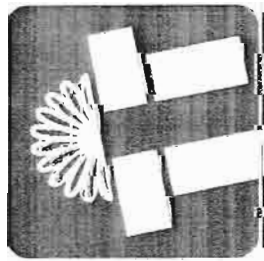
With December here, we have quiet a few Christmas Parties so keep an eye on the Calendar or check the online calendar. The Dining Room will not be closed as often as you might think. We hope to see some of you out for the Holiday Brunch and New Year's Eve Dinner! Look for the flyers later in the Bits. It will be good food, good friends, and lots of fun!

It's time for Carriage Rides again! They will be on Dec. 11. The local businesses are listed later in the bits, who have been very generous and supported this fun event and we thank them for their help.

Also, a **BIG THANKS** to Mike and his crew for the fine job they have done all year.

Happy Holidays!





# Restaurant Specials December 2009



Specials are subject to change without notice.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Private Event <b>DR Closed</b>	7 <b>DR Closed</b>	8 Private Event <b>Bar &amp; DR Closed</b>	9 Private Event <b>DR Closed</b>	10 Chef's Choice Pizza Limited Menu	11 Special—Ribeye Buffet—Swiss Steak, Wall- eye, Catfish Strips <b>Carriage Rides</b> <b>Guest Bartender</b> Valet Parking	12 Prime Rib for 2 Private Party East Side DR
13 <b>DR Closed</b>	14 <b>DR Closed</b>	15 <b>Bar &amp; DR Closed</b>	16 Fried Chicken Private Party East Side DR	17 Limited Menu Chef's Choice, Pizza Private Party West Side DR	18 Special—Baby Back Ribs Buffet—Fried Chicken, Roast Beef	19 Prime Rib for 2
20 Holiday Brunch <b>Reservations Only!</b>	21 <b>DR Closed</b>	22 <b>Bar &amp; DR Closed</b>	23 Fried Chicken	24 Ice Cream Drinks in the Bar 12-4 <b>DR Closed</b>	25 <b>Clubhouse Closed</b>	26 <b>Clubhouse Closed</b>
27 <b>DR Closed</b>	28 <b>DR Closed</b>	29 <b>Bar &amp; DR Closed</b>	30 Limited Menu Fried Chicken	31 New Year's Eve Dinner <b>Reservations Only!</b> Valet Parking		

# December

## Holiday Brunch

Sunday, December 20, 2009

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*Chef Carved Roast Beef & Baked Ham*

*Smoked Norwegian Salmon*

*Omelet Bar*

*Apple Cider Bacon*

*French Toast Casserole w/ Caramel Sauce*

*Chicken Strips*

*Shrimp Cocktail*

*Key Largo Vegetable*

*Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy*

*Salad Bar and Assorted Cold Salads*

*Assorted Breads and Desserts*

*Adults - \$14.95*

*Kids 12 to 4 - \$7.95*

*Kids 3 & under Free*

*Reservations by Wednesday, December 16th at Noon*

*Call 342-4431 or 343-5912*

*Tax & Tip is not included in these prices.*

## Message from the Assistant!

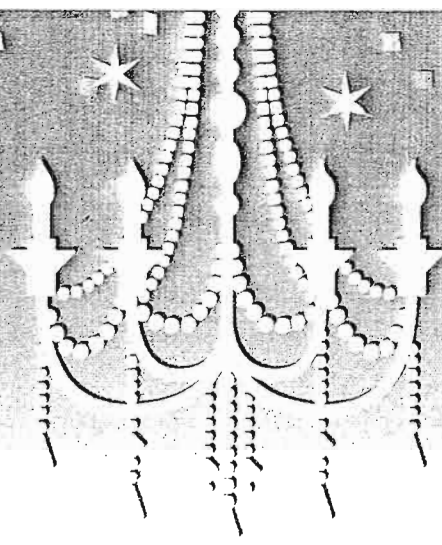
I just wanted to say thank you for another great year being your Assistant Golf Pro. As you all know by now I have also become the head golf coach for the Carl Sandburg College Men and Women programs which kept me very busy!! The team and I would like to thank you immensely for all of the support and being very encouraging to us. We are very proud to have Lake Bracken C.C. as our home course. Finally, I want to sincerely thank you all for the help you provided me on my fundraiser to help offset my back surgery!

I also just got a call from Santa and he claims that many Lake Bracken members are wishing for lessons for this coming golf season, so with that being said I will be offering a Christmas Special on lesson series. I will be offering a series of 4 lessons for \$100 instead of \$140. I will have printable gift certificates that you will be able to put in your stocking. If you just wish to purchase the series for yourself, I will just put your lessons in my book! Thanks again for another great year and I hope you all have a great Christmas and holiday season!!

Sincerely,

K.C. Harding

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.C. Harding', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.



## *New Year's Eve 2009*

*Dinner served from  
5:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.*

*Choice of:*

*8 oz. Filet w/ Skewer of Shrimp  
\$19.95*

*OR*

*Honey Pecan Chicken Breasts  
\$16.95*

*Both served with:  
Twice Baked Potato  
Vegetable  
Dinner Salad*

### *Dessert*

*Homemade Cheesecake w/ choice of Strawberry,  
Raspberry, or Chocolate Topping  
\$3.50*

*Reservations required by  
Monday, December 28, 2009 at noon*

*Please call Jessica—342-4431*

*Tax & Tip is not included in these prices.*



# December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bar & DR Closed	2	3	4	5 Private Party A.M. & P.M. West Side DR No Pizzas
6 DR Closed Private Party	7 Monday Night Football	8 Private Party Bar & DR Closed	9 DR Closed Private Party	10 Private Party West Side DR Limited Menu	11 Carriage Rides Guest Bartenders Valet Parking	12 Private Party East Side DR
13	14 Monday Night Football	15 DR Closed	16 Private Party East Side DR	17 Private Party West Side DR Limited Menu	18	19
20 Holiday Brunch Reservations Only! Santa here at 1:00pm	21 Winter Begins Monday Night Football	22 Bar & DR Closed	23 24 Ice Cream Drinks in the Bar 12-4	24 Ice Cream Drinks in the Bar 12-4	25 Christmas	26 Clubhouse Closed
27	28 DR Closed	29 Bar & DR Closed	30 Limited Menu	31 New Year's Eve Dinner Reservations Only!	Clubhouse Closed	Clubhouse Closed



Horse—Drawn Carriage Rides will be December 11, 2008 from 6:00—10:00 p.m. Please make a reservation to take your ride. Bring your family out for a drink with the Guest Bartenders, then dinner and top the night off with a Carriage Ride.

## 2009 Carriage Ride Sponsors

Mrs. Stanlee Way	Way Insurance
Mr. Keith Douglass	Tompkins State Bank
Mrs. Carol Kirkenmeier	McDonalds
Mr. & Mrs. Vic VanUnnik	Furniture Country
Mr. Carl Nixon	Accounting Systems, Inc.
Mr. Joe Mangieri	Mangieri Plumbing & Heating
Mr. John Bicego	John Bicego DDS
Mr. Trent Pearson	Office Specialists
Mr. Norm Underwood	Blucker, Kneer & Assoc.
Mr. Craig Andrews	Delinos' Italian Deli
Mr. Dave Guenther	Wilson Paper Company

A Big Thank you to everyone who sponsored the Carriage Rides!

*On behalf of the entire staff- We Wish You and Yours a very Merry, Healthy and Blessed Holiday Season*

<i>Mike Howard</i> <i>Course Superintendent</i>	<i>Blake Lane</i> <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>	<i>Craig Andrews</i> <i>Clubhouse Manager</i>
<i>Mark Plasters</i> <i>Bar Manager</i>	<i>Mary Tapper</i> <i>Dining Room Manager</i>	<i>Jessica Plasters</i> <i>Event Coordinator</i>
<i>Rebekah Fawcett</i> <i>Office Manager</i>	<i>Jeff Current</i> <i>Chef</i>	
<i>Grounds Crew: Layton Sandall Eric Kraus</i>		

*Wait Staff:*  
*Lyndee Andrews*  
*Johanna Boone*  
*Madison Mangieri*  
*Melissa VonKannon*  
*Megan Holmstrom*

*Kitchen Staff:*  
*Jason Fleming*  
*Madison Current*



# J.R.'s News...

## DECEMBER GOLF SHOP HOURS:



Monday: Closed

Tues. - Sun.: 10 - 5

The golf shop will also be closed Dec. 3rd - 7th for Golf Sale!!

\*\*The last day of operation for the golf shop will be Sun. December 20th!!



## GOLF SHOP BALANCES

Please stop in and pay off any existing balances in the golf shop.  
We will accept Mastercard or Visa for your convenience.



## IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the following year, please feel free to call the golf shop or stop in and let us know. Your input is highly valued and appreciated!

# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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### Ladies Bridge Results:

### Men's Bridge Results:

Oct. 23rd:

1. Irene Allen
2. Rita Sandborg
3. Nancy McWilliams

Nov. 6th:

1. Joyce Goff
2. Carolyn Ray
3. Glenda Wyatt

Oct. 29th:

1. Phil Johnston
2. Jim Anderson
3. Paul Sandborg
4. Wilbur Walck

Nov. 12th:

1. Dave Goff
2. Ken Munson
3. Phil Johnston

Oct. 30th:

1. Bobbi Harrison
2. Peggy Johnston
3. Irene Allen

Nov. 13th:

1. Peggy Johnston
2. Irene Allen
3. Carolyn Ray

Nov. 5th:

1. Ken Munson
2. J.R. Millar
3. Wilbur Walck

Nov. 19th:

1. Bill Tracy
2. Dave Goff
3. Wilbur Walck