

# November 2024 Newsletter

## BMOOR IN THE KNOW

A Newsletter for the Broadmoor Community

Dear Valued Members,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. As we strive to enhance your experience at Broadmoor Country Club, we are excited to announce an upcoming confidential **Member Survey**, conducted by a third-party organization. Your insights and feedback are invaluable to us, and this survey will play a crucial role in shaping our moves forward at the club.



**Dining Room**  
**Wednesday-Saturday**  
11:00am-8:00pm

**Sunday**  
11:00am-6:00pm

**Golf Shop**  
**Tuesday-Sunday**  
Opens 7:30am

Understanding what is important to our members allows us to tailor our services, events and amenities to better meet your needs and expectations. This survey will cover a variety of topics, from club facilities and events to service quality and overall satisfaction. Your participation will provide us with essential data to make informed decisions that align with our membership's desires.

The survey will be sent to you shortly and will be completely confidential. We encourage you to take a few moments to share your honest thoughts and opinions. Your voice truly matters, and we want to ensure that our club continues to evolve in a way that reflects our members' aspirations. To help us obtain as much data as possible, we need to ensure the primaries of your membership have shared their email address with the club. **If someone is not currently receiving club communications such as this newsletter, please contact me directly ([kclark@broadmoorcc.com](mailto:kclark@broadmoorcc.com)) with the updated contact information.**

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Together, we can create an even more vibrant and enjoyable experience for all members.  
Kind Regards,

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**Upcoming Events**

**Book Club: The Emperor's Soul,**  
11/13

**Game Night: Family Bingo,** 11/15

**Breakfast with Santa,**  
12/15

**Book Club: Catherine House,**  
(tentative 12/18)

**Holiday Party,** 12/20

**Welcome New Members!**

**Premier Members**  
Bill & Jolene Annes

**Junior Members**  
Lucas & Rachel Morrison

## A Message from Our President

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If you were unable to attend our fall **All-Member Meeting** on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we hope you reviewed the Power Point slides that Keith Clark sent out. Unfortunately, those slides do not contain the impactful comments from our Board President, **LuAnn Humphrey**, so we are repeating them here:



I've been President of the Board for about a year now and I frequently get asked how I like the job. I'll tell you my response, but I need to provide some context.

I've spent time at many different clubs locally and across the country. But what I experience here at Broadmoor is something that I don't experience elsewhere. There's something about Broadmoor that makes you feel at home –there's a sense of belonging and a sense of family. And what has been reinforced to me over the past year is that there's an incredible love here not only for the place itself, but among our members for each other.

It's no secret that Broadmoor has faced challenges and risen from the ashes time and again. What I've been told by many of you is that what's been occurring here over the past several years is somehow different. There's a positive vibe and energy that hasn't been here for a long, long time. And being President has given me some inside baseball into how our momentum is growing. What I've seen are so many examples of our very own members stepping up and showing their love for this place we call home. So I want to highlight some of the valuable contributions to this new era of Broadmoor.

- Broadmoor Investments (BMI) is a group of Broadmoor members who stepped up 5 years ago and bought our property. They also renovated our beautiful golf course, our prized asset, and didn't ask any of us for a dime for that. Their commitment to Broadmoor started a chain reaction. Thank you Brad Cooper, Clint Fultz, Steven and Rose Napier and Mann Harris, for your love and support of Broadmoor.

- Over the past 5 years it's hard to find anyone who has done more for Broadmoor than Jan Frazier, Phil Genetos and Dave Jongleux. This group has repeatedly stepped up and spent many, many hours, and in Jan's case, a very large chunk of her own money, putting in place structures, processes and improvements to put Broadmoor on the path for success. Thank you Jan, Phil and Dave for your love and support of Broadmoor.

- We have an incredible staff here at Broadmoor. Many have been here a long time and stood by us even in the toughest of times. Our staff worked through the A/C issues last summer and didn't bat an eye. Thank you to all our staff members for your love and support of Broadmoor.

- I have the privilege of working with my fellow Board members for a gig that's no

longer a once-a-month commitment. There are many time commitments needed to keep our momentum moving in the right direction. What I absolutely love about our board is that we come from differing backgrounds and experiences, and sometimes have strong differing opinions, but in the end we always reach a decision based on what's best for our community. . . what's best for Broadmoor. Thank you to our board members for your love and support of Broadmoor. There are so many more of you out there who dedicate your time to sit on committees, participate in divot parties or contribute in really important ways to our success.

- GEMCO and the Bates brothers have been so generous and gracious in their business dealings with us.
- Mr. David Lurvey has done so incredibly much for Broadmoor.
- Linda Goeke, Nathaniel Lee and Mann Harris, who bring so many events to Broadmoor.

I could go on and on. All of your efforts are so appreciated and so valuable. Thank you all for your love and support of Broadmoor.

So to circle back, what do I tell people when they ask how I like the job? I tell them that I'm so proud to be the President of the

Board at Broadmoor. Over the past year I've learned that we have an incredible community here dedicated to Broadmoor's success. So much has been accomplished and there's still so much more to be done. And I'm so excited to be a part of this Broadmoor family that is committed to be good stewards of our future.

I'd ask all our members to please give some thought to what it is about this place that brings you joy and a sense of community? Then I'd ask you to think about how you could participate to help keep the momentum going. How best can you give back to this place we call home? We need all of you to help row this ship in the right direction. We need all of you to tell your friends and neighbors about the good things happening here. A lot of people have heard about our past, but not enough have heard about our progress. We need to shout from the rooftops that it's a new era at Broadmoor and we all need to get involved to ensure that our success continues. I have absolutely no doubt that together, as a community and as a family, we can continue on this awesome journey to Broadmoor's future. Thanks for all that you do to love and support Broadmoor.

Sincerely,

*LuAnn Humphrey*

## Member Spotlight: Gunnar Gotschalk

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When we reached out and asked who our members would like to see profiled, the first name that came back was **Gunnar Gotschalk**. As you read his story, you will know why!

Gunnar is originally from New Haven, Connecticut, and growing up he and his family would often take trips to Vermont to ski. From the age of 12, he knew he needed to decide about a sport, so at 14 he went to an alternative high school in Vermont to focus on alpine ski racing. Mount Snow Academy provided one-on-one tutoring and high-performance training, as Gunnar's goal was originally to race on the World Cup Circuit and, maybe one day, the Olympics!



Gunnar took a couple of years off between high school and college to pursue his dream and skied 200 days a year in New Zealand, Chile, South America (their winters are during our summers), Austria, Switzerland and the U. S. Circuit. He also knew that ski racing was considered a NCAA Division 1 sport, and he got a full ride to Sierra Nevada College, now known as the University of Nevada, Reno. The competition was pretty

stiff. Europe doesn't have any major intercollegiate sports organizations, so the skiers come here, and at one point Gunnar decided that maybe the Olympics wasn't the right career path. Fortunately, he had a second choice.



**Once he stopped racing in 2011 he got hooked on helicopter skiing and goes out at 2x per year in Nevada and Alaska.**

Gunnar majored in biology and was pre-med in college. He started to apply to medical schools but discovered that he needed research experience, so he decided to become a paramedic (EMS), working at a fire station. But with a tough economy in 2010 and 2011, the city no longer had the funds to hire him. In the meantime, he met an internal medicine doctor and, knowing Gunnar needed the research experience, he was hired to work on a drug trial. That experience changed the course of Gunnar's career.

With this move, Gunnar gained incredible knowledge and found he loved the research piece. After 4 years, he knew he needed to go to graduate school and

enrolled in Rush University in Chicago, where he met his future wife, Aileen (more on that later). Gunnar spent much of his time in a neuroscience research lab, focusing on Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, ALS, MS, and other devastating neurological diseases, and spent 6 years working on his PhD. He also published multiple papers. Then he graduated. Then COVID came. And he knew he could contribute.

In February of 2020, Gunnar returned to Nevada (Incline Village at Lake Tahoe) and worked with a group that was conducting early COVID testing. They tested 10,000 people over 4 months and found a way to get around the fact that the "plastic" part of swabs were made in China and not getting to the US. A colleague then encouraged Gunnar to partner in a start-up, and their first project ended in a patent for an intra-nasal peptide therapeutic that blocks SARS-COVID entry. This group is still going, and he has now moved into other medical drug development projects, focusing on lethal and neurological diseases, e.g. triple-negative breast cancer.

The lab for all this work is located at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, but the drive back and forth was way too exhausting. And while he was there, Aileen



was here (they married in 2022).

Aileen Hoffman finished medical school and was

matched for a residency at IU, Indianapolis. She is now the Chief Resident of diagnostic radiology, considering a fellowship that would be followed by attending, and her focus is on breast cancer. So when Gunnar shared with member Colin Terry that he was doing a startup and faced with all that driving, Colin found space for him on the IU campus.

Gunnar was a golfer and had been looking at clubs. Now that he was in Indy, in 2021 he joined Broadmoor "sight unseen" because it was close to downtown. Previously, he played often and traveled to different courses but having the Club so close to him is a benefit. He had never belonged to a club before, but once he finally saw the course he knew he made the right choice. This year he has played 76 scored rounds. Primarily a solo golfer, he does play in the Wednesday Night Men's League and participates with a choose-up group. He and Aileen will work with Jon Hoover over the winter (and we hope to see Aileen at Tuesday Night Ladies' League). They are also both tennis players and have participated in our Friday night open tennis events.

The best thing about Broadmoor? The people – have not met anyone mean or stuffy and it's great to meet people at different levels in their lives. Several members have helped him professionally, as our members are inclined to do! Also, James is the best!

What a history! And we are happy that you joined here!



## Employee Spotlight: Eric “Spice” Spicer

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We all know that Chris Groene does an absolutely fabulous job in his role as Course Superintendent, but he couldn't do it without his trusty Assistant Superintendent, Eric Spicer.

“Spice,” as he is called by many, is originally from Greenfield where he grew up with his parents, two brothers, and one sister. He has played golf since he was 6 years old and grew up on the course at Hawk's Trail. After finishing high school, he went to Hillsboro Community College in Tampa, Florida, for the next 3 years, studying business as well as working on a golf course. Eric's brother then talked him into selling computers, so he moved to Broad Ripple and pursued that role for 5 years.

But Eric's passion has always been golf, so after returning from a golf trip to the Dominican Republic in 1989, he moved back to Greenfield and began working at Hawk's Trail. He stayed at Hawk's Trail as Superintendent for 6 years, then went to Eagle Point in Bloomington as Assistant Superintendent followed by a stint at River Glen in Fishers. *So how did he get to Broadmoor?*

As a golfer and golf enthusiast, he came here for the GTE Classic, had caddied here, and then came out for the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation tournament and said to himself, “this is my next job.” He tracked down Chris Groene, introduced himself, and waited for an opportunity. When Chris posted the Assistant Superintendent job, Eric applied and was hired. He celebrates his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary here next March 1<sup>st</sup>. Eric says that Chris Groene is the best friend and boss that anyone could

have. What we have also discovered is Eric's love of and appreciation for a Donald Ross course.

Eric was hard pressed when asked about hobbies – outside of golf – because he spends so much time here. In fact, he now lives within a few minutes of the Club so is here even more!

But we discovered he is a world traveler – in 2013 he backpacked throughout much of Europe, and has been to South Africa, the British Open, and Wimbledon. His ideal vacation? Playing at St. Andrews (that seems to be on many bucket lists!).

Finally, we discovered that he is a tennis player, although not for some time. Even so, we expect to see him at some of our Open Tennis evenings next summer!

Thanks for the great job you do, Eric, in making sure we have the best course in the state!



## Update on Patio Project

Thank you again to those who so generously contributed to our Patio Project. We've seen the poster design, beginnings of moving sprinklers and laying out the footprint . . . *but where is it?*

Everything is all lined up and ready to go – except for permitting from the City of Indianapolis! We have found that the wheels of local government move very slowly, and we have been waiting for our permits for several weeks. Our concern is that colder weather is coming and before too long we won't be able to pour concrete (temperatures need to be above 32 degrees so the concrete can set).



We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can get this project started soon; otherwise, we will be forced to delay until spring. But in the meantime . . . the Adirondack chairs came in 😊.

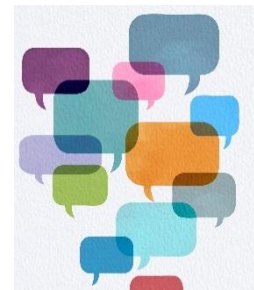
## All Member Survey

At our All-Member Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> we shared that you will soon be asked to complete a **CONFIDENTIAL** member survey. The survey is being administered by a third party, so **NO ONE** from Broadmoor will see individual responses. Since this is an electronic survey, it will be sent to your email on file. **Since we want to hear from all our members, please make sure we have the email of all adult members in your household.** If an adult in your household has not been receiving our emails or texts, please check with Keith Clark.

The survey will begin asking some demographic information so that we can identify the preferences of our different audiences: gender, age, years of membership, geographic county, and family with children under 18. This data will

help us better understand the different perspectives of our members in developing programming.

The survey has been set up so that you will respond to a number of statements in terms of agreement or disagreement: Strong Agree (SA), Agree (A), Disagree (D), Strongly Disagree (SD) or NR/NA (no responsible or not applicable). There will also be several “open ended” questions for your input. They survey should only take approximately 10-15 minutes.



If you have any questions about this survey and/or our process, please contact Jan Frazier ([jfrazier@planningplusllc.com](mailto:jfrazier@planningplusllc.com)).

## Golf Updates by James Gilbert

### Inaugural Champions' Dinner a Success!

On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we held our **Inaugural Champions' Dinner**. Attended by 50+ members, we took this time to honor the winners of our member golf tournaments held during the year.



As each champion was introduced, they joined our own JG for a "fireside" chat with questions such as "how do you keep motivated? How do you prepare for the challenge? What is your favorite hole"? The answers were illuminating -- favorite holes included 3, 10, 11 and 15!



Thanks to **Keith Clark** for this great idea and **James** for his role as emcee. It was a memorable event, to be repeated annually!

Once again, staff (led by Bernie) provided a beautiful set up.



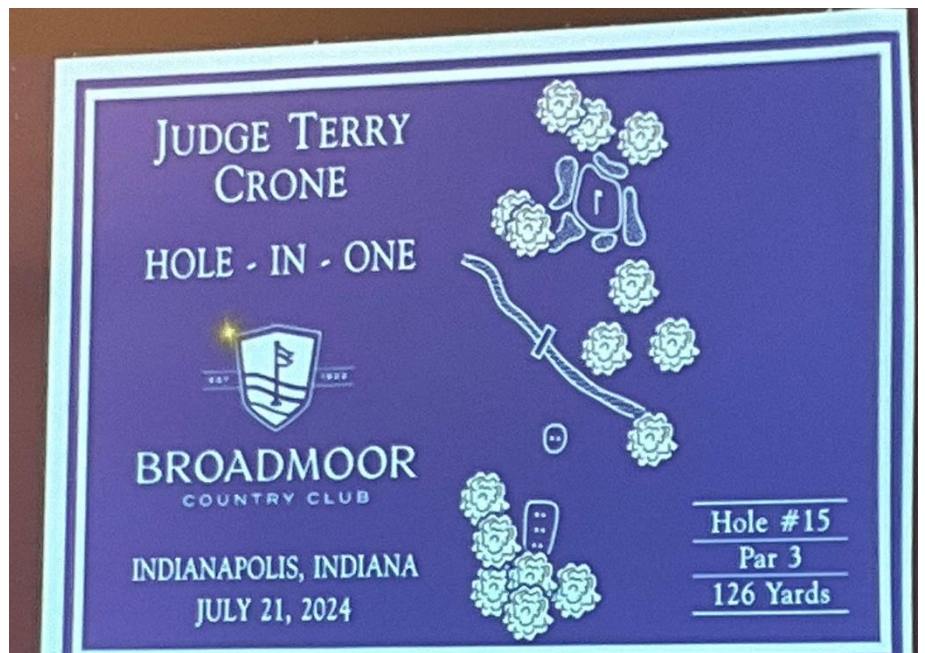




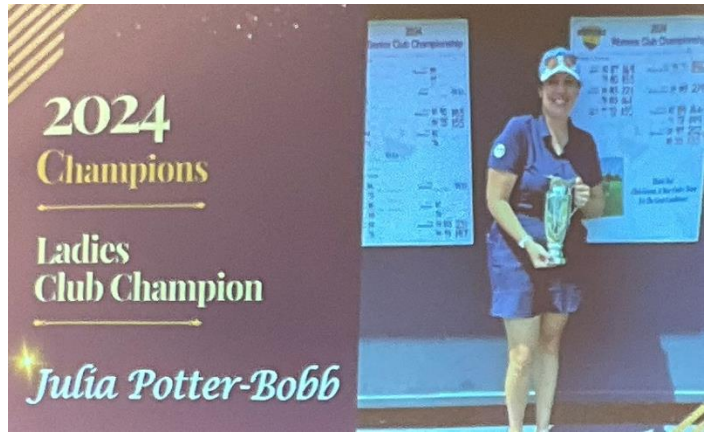
Austin was the first "guest" of the show!



Judge Crone checking out his award.







After Austin broke the ice, Terry and Julia had a fun time with their interviews!







**Mordoh Cup** winners **Bear Hamman** and **Alex Drake** were unable to make the festivities.



**Three-time Men's Club Champion Kevin Dore** broke the previous run of **Aaron Monson!**



The final recognition of the evening was for **David Lurvey**. James gave a beautiful introduction, which was a complete surprise to David:

*"This member is a true gem of our country club, whose remarkable generosity and dedication have profoundly impacted our Club. Their selfless contributions and passion embodies the spirit of our club through their unwavering commitment to enhancing our shared experience. A true ambassador and an even better friend, please stand and help me give Mr. David Lurvey a round of applause as a token of our appreciation."*

# Our Great Appreciation To David Lurvey

Humble as ever, David was overcome with emotion! **Flora** and **David Lurvey**, **Don Katz** and **Lynda Goeke Katz** enjoyed the celebration!



We want to congratulate not only the winners of these events, but all the golfers who came out, warmed up and left it all on the course during this season. Looking forward to next year!



## Grounds Report by Chris Groene

October was another busy month on the golf course. We hosted several tournaments and events through the first half of the month. These activities were followed by the successful deep-tine aerification of **4 acres of greens** on the 17<sup>th</sup> and over **44 acres** of solid tine aerification of tees, fairways, and collars on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. With the overall warmer than average temperature this year and smooth aerification processes, we saw significant recovery and very playable conditions within the first week. We have already seen the benefits of this aerification as the majority of "localized dry spots" and weaker turf areas have started to recover.

Now our focus will shift to daily leaf cleanup throughout the fall. Leaves are blown off greens, tees, and fairways every day and then mulched into the bluegrass surrounds. Our bunker complexes like to "catch" a lot of leaves and those are blown out at least twice a week during this time. We will do our best over the next several weeks to keep the course as clean and free from leaves as possible.

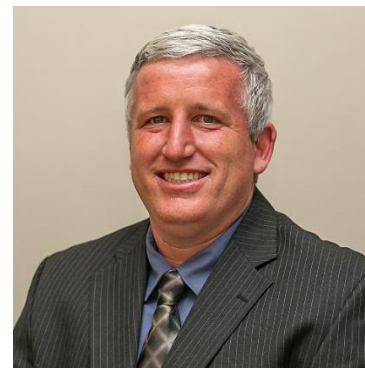
***Did you know an average mature tree produces 100,000 – 200,000 leaves depending on species? A mature oak tree with a canopy width of 50 feet has an estimated 250,000 leaves!***

### **#7 Tee Sink Hole Update:**

An update was provided at the recent annual member meeting but, for those who were unable to attend, here is a current project update:

When the sink hole on #7 tee first appeared this spring, a committee was formed to investigate the extent of the problem as well as propose drainage improvement ideas to

alleviate flooding and improve the low laying areas in #12 and #17 fairway. The culvert under #7 tee was scoped and found to have a compromised culvert that was causing the washout under the tee after heavy rain events. Expert golf course drainage consultants were brought in to offer their solutions and bid the project.



Based on the consultant's and committee's recommendations, the board approved a full-scale comprehensive drainage improvement project that currently includes replacing and upgrading our current system of a single run of 24" metal culverts and 100-year-old clay tiles to two runs of 24" HDPE culverts which will significantly reduce flooding with the increased capacity.

The connector line from the ditch in front of #13 tee, which is the main outflow drain for the northern portion of the course (Holes #1,2,8,9, and 18 all end up there) was also found to be not draining effectively and will be replaced and tied into the new 24" lines. In addition, a new 2" micro slit drainage system will be installed throughout the lower portions of #12 and #17 fairways.

Overall, this project addresses several significant issues where we will see the benefit for many years to come:

1. #7 tee sink hole issue resolved
2. Significant reduction in flooding potential at #4 Green, #5 Tee, #7 Tee, #17 Fairway, and #12 Fairway/Approach

- Improvement to fairway drainage in #12 and #17 low areas which will yield better playing conditions and lessen the amount of cart restrictions after rain events

We are currently in the permitting process with the goal of completing this project over the off-season, causing little to no impact on the start of the 2025 season.

## The Social Scene

November	December	January
<b>Mystery Dinner</b> , 11/2	<b>Breakfast with Santa</b> , 12/15	<b>Game Night</b> , 1/31
<b>Book Club: The Emperor's Soul</b> , 11/13	<b>Book Club: Catherine House</b> , (tentative 12/18)	
<b>Game Night: Family Bingo</b> , 11/15	<b>Holiday Party</b> , 12/20	

## The Women of Broadmoor

In our last newsletter we shared that the Women of Broadmoor is back! **Lynda Goeke Katz** is heading this up, and plans include:

### **December 2: Deck the Broadmoor Halls**

We invite you to help "decorate the halls" for the upcoming holidays. Come anytime beginning at noon and anytime after . . . it's an all day job! Bernie will supervise with complimentary appetizers and mimosas to start the day.

**February: My My Mahjong.** Ever wanted to learn to play? It's becoming a country club staple and we want you to get in on it!

**March: Cocktails and Cabi.** See the latest spring fashions from a Cabi representative – racks of clothes to try on and mix and match. A special cocktail will be featured.

**April: Spring Delights in the Kitchen.** Our own pastry chef Marla has been waiting for an opportunity for a cooking class – what are some delightful spring dishes she can show us how to whip up?

**Other ideas?** Broadmoor Scavenger Hunt? You might be surprised at what we can uncover. Speakers or a Panel? Could be thought proving!

We need your ideas! Please send them to Jan Frazier ([jfrazier@planningplusllc.com](mailto:jfrazier@planningplusllc.com)).



## Game Night Resumes

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we resumed our popular Game Night with our favorite, **Euchre!**



This season we started a ladder so teams could accumulate points. We had 3 tables of players with the Jungels capping the evening with a perfect score!



**\$15 covers appetizers and first drink free!**



**Terry and Mary Ellen Jungels played Rick and Robin Weiss – and kept up their winning streak!**

Euchre nights are becoming so popular here that we may start weekly games throughout the winter. Stay tuned!



**Jim Wispinski and Sheila Watson played with new members Jenny and Rick Dayton.**



**Vera and George McAdoo and Sarah Dusman also played, here with Game Night Amabassadors Andrew and Jenna Rutherford.**

***Watch for more game night news!***



## Scary Mary – is it golf? Is it social? It's both!!!!

Our traditional **Scary Mary** took place on Saturday, October 26th. Twenty-one players came out to enjoy a beautiful day of golf!



Blake set down the rules: the format was a scramble but you **could only take 3 clubs to play the entire time!** That inspired a lot of strategic discussions – everyone needs to take a putter, who takes a driver, what woods or irons should we take? At the end of the day, we gathered for a chili lunch.

Blake, Corey Neuman and Andrew and Jenna Rutherford were geared up! Corey's IU outfit was a fan favorite!



Cowgirl Vanessa Lopez brought a furry friend!

Jan Frazier and Rhonda Trammel escaped from the zoo!







**Jurassic Park opened in Broadmoor! Aaron Monson begged Tasha not to eat him, while Kyle Phelan stood in Ashley's way!**



**Oh, no ..... too late! Kyle is still thinking about it and Ashley approves!**



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**Gotta check this out!**



**Staff got into it and Tim was quite the ghoul!**



**Are you kidding me? Didn't you see that? Don't you see my black eye? Amy and Todd Sermersheim were a fan favorite!**



## Murder Mystery Dinner: Who Done It?

Our **Member Engagement Committee** sponsored our first "Murder Mystery Dinner" on Saturday, November 2nd, suggested by **Larry Dorfman**. The theme was 1930's Hollywood and . . . well, you just have to see the pictures . . .



### ACT ONE: The Stage is Set



Specialty cocktails at the bar!



The guests gathered . . . (and they all looked pretty suspicious to me!)





The Red Carpet (sort of)



Detective Ness (it's important later)





## The Dinner Hour

The buffet featured flank steak with Marla's apple cobbler for dessert.







During dinner, the suspects had a chance to learn their roles!

### **The Play Begins!**

Eight teams were instructed to investigate and find the murderer!





**Bribery was acceptable but lying was not!**



**Cherry Bomb and Professor Plum hear from Warren Peace (or is he?)**



**Warren Peace directed the re-enactment of the murder of Miss Peacock!**



**Oh, no! Mr. Greenspan was poisoned and pronounced dead by Dr. Sarah Dipitty!**



**Two murders – and then it was revealed the REAL Warren Peace was Detective Ness in disguise!**



**Finally, the crime was solved!  
Cherry Bomb was handcuffed and Taken Away!**





## Our Broadmoor Suspects!



Played by: Lynn Jongleux, Donna\*, Jenna Rutherford, Larry Dorfman, Bart Calvin, Brookley Calvin, Tracey\*, Adam Shepard, Becky VanDenburgh Marchuk, Tory Patterson and Nick Marchuk. Thanks for being such good sports! \*the actors

By all accounts, this was a very successful event – 28 signed up and 28 showed up! Seems like we may need to do this again next year!

## SAVE THE DATE:

BROADMOOR  
COUNTRY CLUB

# Holiday Party

20 DEC | FRIDAY 5:30 - 9:00PM

TROUBADOUR  
LIVE MUSIC  
Start @ 6:00pm

Join Us For An Adult Only Evening to Jingle, Mingle, Enjoy Fine Food, Friends Celebrate The Holidays

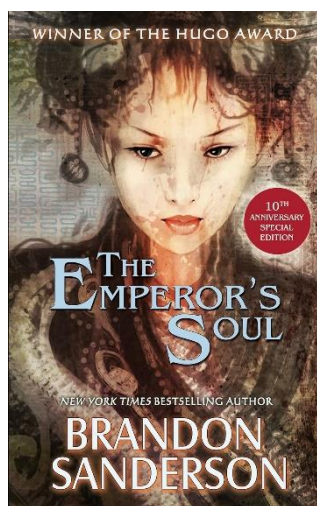
- Drink Specials All Night
- Fabulous Live Music / Dancing
- INVITE GUEST
- Major Prize Raffles



## Book Club

### November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30: The Emperor's Soul by Brandon Sanderson

"When Shai is caught replacing the Moon Scepter with her nearly flawless forgery, she must bargain for her life. An assassin has left the Emperor Ashrahan comatose, a circumstance concealed only by the death of his wife. If the emperor does not emerge after his hundred-day mourning period, the rule of the Heritage Faction will be forfeit and the empire will fall into chaos.



Shai is given an impossible task: to create—to Forge—a new soul for the emperor in fewer than one hundred days. But her soul-Forgery is considered an abomination by her captors. She is confined to a tiny, dirty chamber,

guarded by a man who hates her, spied upon by politicians, and trapped behind a door sealed in her own blood. Shai's only possible ally is the emperor's most loyal counselor, Gaotona, who struggles to understand her true talent.

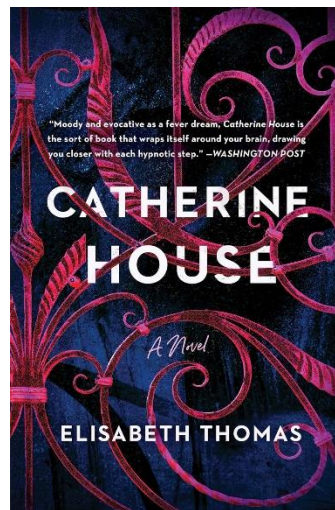
Time is running out for Shai. Forging, while deducing the motivations of her captors, she needs a perfect plan to escape..."

This fantasy novel, recommended by Larry Dorfman, will be quite the change of pace for our Book Club.

### December 18, 6:30: Catherine House by Elisabeth Thomas.

Catherine House is a school of higher learning like no other. Hidden deep in the woods of rural Pennsylvania, this crucible of reformist liberal arts study with its experimental curriculum, wildly selective admissions policy, and formidable endowment, has produced some of the world's best minds: prize-winning authors, artists, inventors, Supreme Court justices, presidents. For those lucky few selected, tuition, room, and board are free. But acceptance comes with a price.

Students are required to give the House three years—summers included—completely removed from the outside world. Family, friends, television, music, even their clothing must be left behind. In return, the school promises a future of sublime power and prestige, and that its graduates can become anything or anyone they desire.



But the House's strange protocols soon make this refuge, with its worn velvet and weathered leather, feel increasingly like a gilded prison. And when tragedy strikes, one student) Ines begins to suspect

that the school—in all its shabby splendor, hallowed history, advanced theories, and controlled decadence—might be hiding a dangerous agenda within the secretive, tightly knit group of students selected to

study its most promising and mysterious curriculum.

Combining the haunting sophistication and dusky, atmospheric style of Sarah Waters with the unsettling isolation of Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, *Catherine House* is a devious, deliciously steamy, and suspenseful page-turner with shocking twists and sharp edges that is sure to leave readers breathless.

**BOOK CLUB DOESN'T REQUIRE A MONTHLY COMMITMENT. IF YOU SEE A BOOK THAT LOOKS INTERESTING, READ IT AND COME TO OUR DISCUSSION! ENTREES 50% OFF!**

**AND DON'T FORGET THAT COPIES OF ALL THE BOOKS WE READ ARE KEPT IN OUR LIBRARY AND YOU ARE FREE TO BORROW THEM!**

### **Reminder about RSVP's and our Cancellation Policy**

Over the last two years we have attached RSVP links to our advertised events. As we continue to keep an eye on operational expenses, including F&B staff and food costs, the RSVP numbers are critical for anticipating both staff schedules and food costs. We appreciate those members who RSVP to our events.

Unfortunately, there are times when members have simply not shown up when plans changed – either theirs or ours.

We know that things happen to get in the way of your plans but **we do ask for a courtesy call or email if you will not attend an event to which you have responded.** In the event of a no show without cancelling, the member will be charged 50% of the advertised cost