

October 2012



Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to our next three events:

Belgian Dinner, San Francisco Saturday, November 17th, 7:30pm

This year we will again celebrate Belgium's *King's Day* or *Feast of the Dynasty* in San Francisco. A three course dinner will be served and the BCNC sponsors part of the cost, the restaurant offers you a free draft beer or soft drink.

The choices for the meal are:

Course 1: Seasonal soup / Seasonal salad

Course 2: Paling in 't groen (eel in green herb sauce) / Rabbit stewed leg/ Moules à la Bière (mussels in beer) / Stoofvlees (Carbonade à la Flamande)

Course 3: Liege Waffle / Tiramissu from speculoos / Belgian chocolate mousse cake

When

Saturday, November 17, 7:30pm.

Where

A real Belgian restaurant in North Beach, San Francisco: La Trappe Café (latrappecafe.com). Address: 800 Greenwich Street. Telephone: (415) 440 8727.

Cost

\$40 per BCNC member. This is a members-only event. If you're not a member, you can become one by going to www.bcnc.com/about and following the instructions. Your new membership will count for 2013.

How to get there

The restaurant is in North Beach, at the corners of Mason, Greenwich, and Columbus Street. Parking is on surface streets and can be a bit of a problem. Make sure you have enough time to park/walk to the restaurant. You can even take the Mason Street Cable Car line: it stops in front of the restaurant.

Reservation and payment

Reservation can be made on our website by selecting the Dynasty Day dinner event on the home page and then following the instructions. Payment can be by Paypal or credit card. If you do not have internet access, please call Lieve at (408) 568 5650 or email her at lieve@bcnc.com, mentioning how many people will join and what your food choices are.

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY CHECK OR ON-LINE BY NOVEMBER 1st.

In good tradition, Saint Nicholas will soon be on his way to the Bay Area and promised us a visit.

Visit from Saint Nicholas in Sunnyvale Sunday, December 2, 2:30pm

Where:

Fairbrae Club, 696 Sheraton Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Please note that the clubhouse is located next to a pool, parents are responsible for their child(ren) at all times during this event.

Cost:

Children: \$10 per child.

This is a members-only event. If you consider becoming a member, your membership will be active for the entire year 2013. For more information on how to become a member, please visit www.bcnc.com

Important:

Please do not forget to bring a small gift for your child(ren). The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the full name of your child. After arrival at the clubhouse, please drop off your gift(s) in the kitchen area and put the gift(s) in one of the bags.

Registration:

- Sign up on our website or by writing a check made payable to BCNC, mail the check to Ilse Pollet -1262 Poplar Ave - Sunnyvale, CA 94086 before Monday, November 26.
- Email the name and age of your child(ren) and a brief text for each child that you would like Saint Nicholas to read (what he/she did well, things that need to be improved, etc) to ilse.pollet@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 28. The text can be in Dutch, French or English.
- When payment and email have been received, you will receive a confirmation email.

We would also like to invite you to the next event:

BCNC Movie Night ‘Bullhead’ Sunday, December 2nd, 7:00pm

Bullhead (Dutch: “Rundskop”) is a 2011 Belgian drama film written and directed by Michael R. Roskam.

Perhaps the 2011 most stunning international debut, “Bullhead” is a harrowing tale of revenge, redemption and fate. Domineering Limburgish cattle farmer Jacky Vanmarsenille, (Matthias Schoenaerts in a ferocious breakout performance) constantly pumped on steroids and hormones, initiates a shady deal with a notorious mafioso meat trader. When an investigating federal agent is assassinated and a woman from his traumatic past resurfaces, Jacky must confront his demons and face the far-reaching consequences of his decisions. Acclaimed at festivals worldwide including the Berlin Film Festival, AFI Fest and Fantastic Fest, and nominated for an Academy Award in the category of Best Foreign Language Film earlier this year, “Bullhead” is a visceral thriller bursting with rage.

The movie will be shown with English subtitles.

Where: Fairbrae Clubhouse at 696 Sheraton Dr. in Sunnyvale, email philippe@bcnc.com if you would like to get directions to the Clubhouse.

Cost: \$8 per person payable at the door (includes snacks and drinks).

When: Sunday, December 2, 7:00pm.

Sign-up: email philippe@bcnc.com or call Philippe at (408) 674 0790 before Wednesday, November 28.

Upcoming events:

- All BCNC members are invited to the Saturday, December 8, 2012 meeting of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. The meeting will commemorate the Battle of the Bulge that began on Dec. 16, 1944 and continued until January 25, 1945. The meeting will be at Ft. Miley Medical Center (Veterans Hospital) in San Francisco. The address is 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121, in the Auditorium (2nd floor). (Use side entrance to the right side of the building - near the parking lot. Enter on ground floor and take elevator to Floor 1, there will be signs). Start time: 11:00am. Lunch will be served at 12pm, (suggested contribution for lunch \$10). Our guest speakers will be the Honorary Consul General of Belgium, Mrs. Rita Bral and the Consul General of Luxembourg, George Schmit. Please call Doris at (650) 654-0101 by 5pm on Dec 5th to RSVP (or email doris@dordavis.com). Please let her know how many people and the names of the people in your party.
- The New Years Reception is set for the January 27, 2013 in the International Hall in Berkeley. Keep you calendar open!

Thank You:

- Caroline and Stephen Coney for their generous sponsoring of the wine for the oyster event in Point Reyes.
- All our members who brought some food to share at the oyster event. This made the event even more successful: 40+ Belgians enjoying incredible weather and great food and drinks on the beach!

The board.