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LOOKOUT

The University Club Magazine

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A Message from The Commonwealth Companies President:

I'm writing this as blizzard-like conditions swirl outside. And yet, I can feel that spring is coming. That's not just pandemic-generated optimism and resilience. It's reality. Winter is always a challenge in Minnesota, and pandemic winters have felt particularly long. Spring means the return of fresh air and a fresh start.

I love this time of year at the Club. There's a spring (pun absolutely intended) in everyone's step. People are dreaming of meeting up with a friend for a crisp glass of rosé. They're looking forward to dusting off their tennis rackets. They are counting down the days until they can slip into a pool on a warm day. This season is so full of hope.

My hope: That you all feel it. Energy is contagious, and I'm so grateful to each of you for bringing it here.

Whether your spring plan involves a happy hour, a club meeting, a celebratory dinner, a quiet cup of coffee, or finding a sunny window to work or read next to, I know you can find it all here. See you at the Club.

From,

Stephanie Rupp
Commonwealth Companies President



Current Club Hours of Operation

MONDAY
6AM - 4PM

TUESDAY
6AM - 9PM

WEDNESDAY
6AM - 9PM

THURSDAY
6AM - 9PM

FRIDAY
6AM - 10PM

SATURDAY
6AM - 10PM

SUNDAY
8AM - 4PM

Current Dining Hours of Operation

MONDAY
Closed

TUESDAY
Closed

WEDNESDAY
11am - 8pm

THURSDAY
11am - 8pm

FRIDAY
11am - 9pm

SATURDAY
11am - 9pm

SUNDAY
Closed

New Hours of Operation Starting in May 30th, 2022

CLUB HOURS

MONDAY
6am - 8pm

TUESDAY
6am - 8pm

WEDNESDAY
6am - 9pm

THURSDAY
6am - 9pm

FRIDAY
6am - 10pm

SATURDAY
6am - 10pm

SUNDAY
8am - 8pm

DINING HOURS

MONDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Limited Menu

TUESDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Limited Menu

WEDNESDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Full Menu

THURSDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Full Menu

FRIDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Full Menu

SATURDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Full Menu

SUNDAY
11am - hour before club closing
Full Menu

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Bruce Brandt	Steven Wertz	Denise Coon	Peggy Sue
Stephanie Brandt	Erica Lister	Beth Triemert	Than Phyu-Sin
Hannah Gilbertson	Samuel Adams	Thomas Bergen	Ralph Peterson
Paul Dockry	Kenneth Klien	Katy Ratley	Joyce Peterson
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Kastika Bhardnaj	Christine Wahlstrom	Kramer Leon	Christin Smith-Bland
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Robert Eibert	Jennifer Dugan	Krieger Kathleen	Samuel Kalda
Patricia Lacroix	Nancy Shay	Theresa Paulson	Daniel McAlvin
Donald Gardner	David Keinert	Laurel Gamm	Kenny Ornberg
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Boyd Christensen	Deborah Pile	Susan Buckley	Ryan MacLellan
MaryBeth Johnson	John Flynn	Meta Enzo	

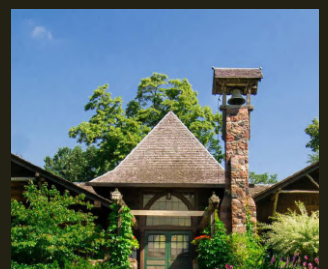
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DRESS CODE

SMART CASUAL

Dress Code

Fireside- Smart casual attire

Member Bar- Smart casual attire

Ramsey- Smart casual attire

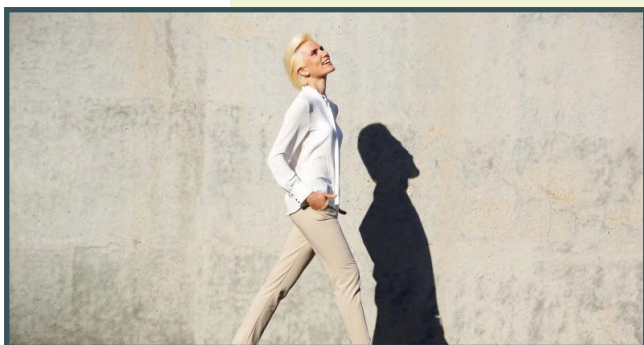
Terrace- Smart casual attire

Summit- Smart casual attire

Lobby- Smart casual attire

Fitness Center- Active attire

Pool Area- Active attire



If there are any questions or concerns regarding dress code at the club, please visit the front desk or call the front desk at (651) 222-1751. Thank you.

One of the hallmarks that sets a private club apart is the assurance that certain expectations will be met. Private clubs have always had dress codes and the University Club is no exception. As summer and pool season approach, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the dress codes at the University Club. The intent of a dress code is to maintain an environment that is comfortable for all members and conducive to a fine private club. It is a courtesy to others when attending the club. The dress code applies to members of the club, their guests, and members of the public attending events at The University Club.

Smart Casual Attire

For Men:

Defined as shirt with collar (dress shirt, golf or polo), turtleneck or sweater and dress slacks or khakis.

For Woman:

Defined as shirt with collar, blouse, sweater, and skirt or tailored pants.

Dress denim is the only form of denim allowed throughout the University Club, and must be accompanied by a jacket if dining in the Ramsey Room.

Active Attire for Men and Woman:

Workout shorts, tshirts (with sleeves for men), athletic shoes, yoga pants, sweatshirts and pants, jogging suits, bathing suits, flip-flops, and beach or pool wear. (Flip-flops, beach or pool wear are only permitted in the pool and outdoor play areas.)

Children's Attire:

Children 13 or older, please comply with the adult dress code. Children under the age of 13, please comply with The University Club's standard of acceptable casual dress. Flip flops, beach or pool wear are only permitted in the pool and outdoor play areas.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Kelly Dorow



“I realized I was a Minnesotan at heart.”
-Dorow, Kelly

If you don't already know her, let me introduce, Kelly Dorow, a longtime University Club member. Dorow is the owner of a Property Management and Leasing Company, Kelly Dorow Management Inc, and she loves to work in the neighborhood- representing St. Paul properties. As she grew up in a small town she yearned for beauty and travel. This desire took her to lived in New York and Italy, but Dorow knew there was no place like home. Having moved back to Saint Paul in 1999, she has never looked back, and had lived on Selby Ave up until her move to the Griggs Mansion next to the University Club, this is where her story continues to unfold.



Let's tell your story. If I were to ask you what was your story, where would you begin?

My story begins in Ham Lake, Minnesota. It's where my love for the outdoors began, growing up in a house in the woods, spending summer days hiking, challenging my brothers to swim across our lake, catching frogs and dreaming of far away places. It is where I first learned to appreciate the beauty in my surroundings. A fair amount of my childhood was also spent at a gun club that my dad managed. I am forever grateful to have learned many life skills there. It taught me respect for wildlife and nature.

When did you join the University Club?

I have always loved St. Paul and its history. When my daughter was born, I remember walking by the University Club and seeing all of the neighborhood kids playing tennis and swimming and wanting that for her. We became members in 2012 and it has become our second home. I have met some of my best friends there and have great memories of the pool, the clay tennis court and long nights spent in front of the fire with friends.

When you're at the club, what's your favorite thing to do?

Night swimming and barefoot tennis. I love taking pictures of the pool and the University Club grounds. Snow angels in the winter, projecting movies in the early spring, having coffee in our wellies while the pool drains in the fall and swimming in the summer.

Ms. Dorow, what's your idea of a perfect day?

Sunshine and salt water, preferably in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. It's a little fishing village on the Pacific Coast of Mexico that we visit almost every year.



MEET THE TEAM

JENN BRESEE



Jenn Bresee was raised in Moorhead, Minnesota and Graduated with a bachelor's of Theater and Psychology from the College of Benedict Saint Joseph. She has traveled to eleven countries, her favorites being London and Costa Rica. She's a cat lover and an admirer of patience and dedication.

Slow it Down and Create Your Own Pace.

If you haven't met her yet, let us introduce you to our newest Front of House Manager- Jenn Bresee. Jenn knows how to keep things moving at the appropriate pace. Having worked in the restaurant industry since high school- Jenn definitely knows a thing or two about hospitality and service. You might know her from Sweeney's, but if you don't, don't be shy to say hello, she will enlighten your day with her contagious laughter and personality.

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RECIPROCAL SPOTLIGHT:

EPHING FOREST YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB

Experience more. Live more. See more. Do more. Be more.

That's the line of thinking running through our heads these days, and we're sure we're not the only ones. The pandemic reinvigorated our appreciation for embracing everything that life has to offer. That means spending more time at the club, meeting new people, trying new Clubs within the Club, showing up to a happy hour even if you don't know anyone – just expanding horizons.

One of the ways we help expand horizons is via exclusive partnerships with other world-renowned clubs. We're thrilled to offer reciprocal membership to a number of these travel-worthy institutions. Today we're highlighting one exciting option, the historic Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club.

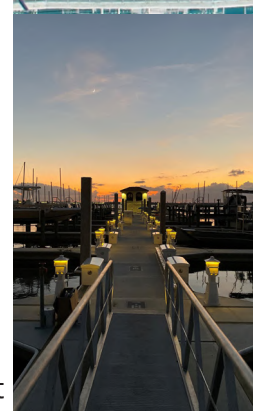
Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club is one of America's legendary private clubs with a storied past.

Nestled on the banks of Florida's St. John's River, Epping Forest has been a Jacksonville landmark for close to a century. The 58-acre estate was built in the 1920s by Alfred I. DuPont, known for the famed DuPont chemical dynasty, and his wife Jessie Ball DuPont. Alfred chose this particular tract of land located on the widest point of the St. John's River for its abundant wildlife and beautiful oak trees, he so dearly loved. This beautiful location provided an excellent area for his favorite pastime, yachting on his beloved Nenemoosha.

Today, Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club is a showplace offering a blend of the elegance of yesterday with the active lifestyle of today. Epping Forest is one of the South's grandest estates blessed by natural beauty. Epping Forest provides a tradition of excellence and a lifetime of memories.

The club offers an abundance of amenities year-round, including a fantastic marina, dining, fitness center, racquet club, children's activities, and multiple swimming pools. Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club is one of the fabulous worldwide clubs to which our members have reciprocal access. Interested in visiting? Please call ahead to check availability and let them know you're coming. Don't hesitate to ask a University Club team member if you'd like to learn more about Epping Forest or any of our other reciprocal partnerships.

As a member of the University Club you have the benefit of enjoying other private clubs around the world. Visit the University Club website to submit a letter of introduction request. Thank you.



CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB

For any questions, stop by or call the front desk at: (651) 222-1751. More information can also be found on the University Club website under "Things to do". Thank you.



Tennis Club

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The Cork Club

Blind tasting a variety of wines from old world wine growing regions.

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Investment Club

A member-driven club that meets to discuss its investment portfolio.

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Gardening Club

Meets for the planting maintaining and cleaning of the University Club plants.

Club Leaders:

Inez Bergquist and
Judy Ferrell

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Great Books Club

Be a part of tradition and join the club that was formed in 1947.

Club Leader:
Margaret King

Email:
kingmuelken@q.com



Cocktails and Conversations

Each member will get to suggest a book- so bring your suggestionists!

Club Leader:
Jean Ryan

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WWII Book Club

To read and discuss books written from about 1933-1945.

Club Leaders:
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Bridge Club

Join to learn, to play, and to socialize! All levels are always welcome. Every Saturday from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Club Leader:
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Travel Club

Share about your journeys, and explore new possibilities.

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Find a community.

Find a group.

Find a friend.

Join the Clubs Within the Club.

CAMP U CLUB

SUMMER 2022



We're beyond thrilled to welcome back our favorite Camp UClub traditions this summer. After two years altered by the pandemic, we plan to be in full swing at the University Club's beloved summer camp.

Generations of children have made lifelong memories as they explore and develop new skills in a summer full of exciting educational, cultural, and recreational activities. What's in store? Warm days splashing in the pool, volleys on the tennis court, sunset weenie roasts, new friends, tons of laughter, and much more. Our campers end the days happily worn out and eager to return!

The highly anticipated summer 2022 season promises to be a fantastic one, with an updated activity roster that brings back camp staples and introduces some special new surprises. For campers entering kindergarten up through 6th grade, Camp UClub is the place to spend an unforgettable summer.



CRUISE FOR LESS:

8 TIPS TO TRIM YOUR BILL AT SEA

By, Todd Walker

Cruises have their diehard fans and, it seems, just as many haters. For travelers set on seeing the world on their own for cheap, it's hard to shake the image of shelling out big bucks just to be stuck on a boat.

But after a recent cruise through the Caribbean, that's what I'm here to do. Think of it like having a personal driver that takes you to different ports while you can hit the gym, maybe get a massage, or have dinner and a cocktail. Cruises have stepped up their game for travelers who crave authentic experiences with cooking classes, pub crawls, market tours, and more.

And whether you're booking your stateroom or heading to port, there are ways to save.

Book Your Excursions at Port

Consider booking your land excursions when you arrive in port. This may take a bit more research in advance, but once you have decided what interests you at each stop on the cruise, start searching for deals. The upside is that you can often save some serious money rather than booking through the cruise itself. The possible downside is that it's up to you to make sure the cruise line doesn't leave you behind. I walked off the ship when we arrived in St. Lucia with some cruise mates in search of savings. We struck a deal with the operator and another group of vacationers to travel to a private beach and tour the caves where *Pirates of The Caribbean* was filmed, followed by a relaxing day at the beach at jet ski rentals. And we got it all for \$75 each. This day package was not offered from the ship's excursion desk, but similar packages were three times the price for what turned out to be a much more adventurous day.

Free Excursions

What's better than cheaper excursions? Free ones. Some cruise operators like Viking offer basic land excursions for free. These are a great way to spend some time off the ship exploring a new place and familiarizing yourself with the location.

Tips on Tipping

Check to see if gratuities are covered in the cost of your reservation. Many cruise lines include the cost





of gratuities in the base cost of your ticket. And you can always negotiate if you feel like you want to tip separately to different areas of the ship – or in some cases reduce the size of your gratuities.

Book at the Right Time

Just as with flights and hotels, booking early and watching the fares can save you money and provide you with more options. Some cruise lines also offer “book early/no frills/no refund” fares. If you are flexible with your travel dates, consider traveling during shoulder season, which is generally late summer and early fall. If you're heading to Europe, however, it's typically April and October. And Alaskan cruise deals tend to be in May and September. You may also want to keep your eyes open for deals during what the cruise industry calls “Wave Season,” a stretch between January and March that's the peak season for cruise bookings. Many cruise lines offer special deals and incentives. You could also live on the edge a bit and keep your eye on deals around hurricane season, generally between summer and early fall.

Use Credit Card Points to Cut Your Costs


We're all about using points and miles to save on flights and hotels. With the right credit cards, that can extend to your cruise bill, too. One easy option is the Capital One Venture Rewards Credit Card, which offers a 50,000-point welcome bonus after spending \$3,000 within the first three months. That's good to cover \$500 of your cruise costs.

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And using Capital One's purchase eraser function, you can simply charge the cruise to your Venture card, then go back and cover part of the cost with points! Two other great options are the Chase Sapphire Reserve and Chase Sapphire Preferred cards. These top travel credit cards are currently offering 50,000 points and 60,000, respectively, after spending \$4,000 within the first three months.

But thanks to the bonus you get when booking with points through Chase, these points are worth more. With either card, the bonus alone could cover up to \$750 of your cruise. Just beware that you'll need to call Chase at 1-855-234-2542 to use your points to book a cruise.

Watch out for Packages

You will likely be hit up to purchase a drink package, with different levels depending on how many adult beverages you plan to consume. But look hard at your itinerary before making this decision. If you'll be spending a bulk of your time on the ship, this may be worth the purchase. That was the case for me when I visited the French Riviera, so it made sense. But while recently cruising the British Virgin Isles, we were on shore every day from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., so a drink package didn't help me hit up the local taverns on land.

Childcare Costs ... Or Not?

If you are traveling with children, look at the cost for onboard childcare. Some cruise lines like Princess offer "Camp Discovery" at no additional cost. So if you want to hit some museums or have some drinks in Barcelona while cruising Europe, your kids can stay onboard for some free fun.

Beware, Solo Travelers

Many cruise lines charge a "single supplement fee," extra costs for those without a travel companion. To avoid this fee, look for a cruise line like Norwegian. On some of their ships, they have small staterooms in the middle of the ship for solo travelers. The area also has a common area for you to relax and perhaps meet other solo travelers while providing a respite from the smaller cabin quarters.

Bottom Line

Hopping on a cruise doesn't have to be stuffy, leave you feeling stuck at sea, or spendy. From the moment you start looking for deals until you step on land, there are great ways to save and make the most of the private driver behind the wheel of a 200,000-ton ship.

Keep up with Todd by visiting his website:
<https://toddpwalker.com/>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER:

KELLI MCDONALD

For many of us, the world has grown a bit smaller over the past couple of years. Perhaps a lot smaller. We're seeing fewer people, going fewer places, doing fewer things.

It would be easy to let this shift become permanent. I'm not speaking of the pandemic itself, but simply the reduction of our lives, our networks, our world. It would be easy to get used to that.

But what if we didn't? What if we embraced this new season as an opportunity to expand (safely, of course)?

Maybe this is the time to try something new. Learn something new. Meet someone new. We'd love to help you start. Our calendar is full of events, happy hours, and 'club within the Club' meetings. If you've been looking for a sign that it's time to venture out and spread your wings a bit, consider this your sign.

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Member's Happy Hour

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From,

Kelli McDonald
General Manager



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May 7th, 2022



MOTHER DAY BRUNCH

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Sunday
May 8th, 2022



MEMORIAL DAY BBQ AND GRAND POOL OPENING

Monday, May 30th, 2022



We hear you, and we can't wait either- the pool will be opening on Memorial Day 2022! Bring your towels, bathsuits, shades, and sunscreens.



Kick off summer at the pool at one of our oldest and most beloved traditions, the annual Memorial Day Pig Roast Picnic and Pool Opener. Be the first to jump into the pool and enjoy a poolside picnic with family and fellow members. Reservations required.



CAMP UCLUB

Days of fun for the kiddos to come! Camp U Club will begin on June 13th 2022. Registering can be done through the member portal.

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June 13th, 2022





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