## The COMMODORE CLUB 3700 Boardwalk P.O. Box 576 Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

## November 2024

Another year is behind us and as we start our 21<sup>st</sup> year since the official reopening of the Club in 2004 we continue to have a Club that is financially sound with the best members! As everyone should be aware by now, for the first time, the Club stopped accepting new members this year. This was done because our space can only accommodate so many people at a time and we need to keep the experience a favorable one. We will continue to renew memberships from the prior year and re-visit this policy in early May.

As a result of this new policy we are asking every member to <u>renew no later than April 1, 2025</u> so we can see where our membership count is and make the decision on accepting new members or not. You only get the discount on the cost of the membership until Feb 1, 2025. Prior to Feb 1, 2025 the cost to join is \$70.00 per person. Anything received after that is \$80.00 per person.

The Club has also revised its guest policy this past year allowing each member to have 4 guests at a time. Every Club member has to help enforce this.

- Memberships are per person. You and your spouse or significant other, your kids and/ or your best friend are NOT one person. There are those that chronically misuse the one person/ one membership rule. We do check membership status. Included is a 2025 membership form. Feel free to make as many copies as you need. Two names may appear on a single form if at the same address and the mailing address should be your full time residence. A membership fee must accompany the form for each person. Individuals will receive their own membership card via email that can be downloaded to their phone. Take advantage of the \$10.00 discount per person and rejoin for 2025 prior to Feb 1, 2025! Dating your check in January and a post mark in February does not count.
- As a member, YOU are responsible for the conduct of your guest(s). Guests are always welcome; however, they must respect and adhere to Club rules, which may be found on the back of the membership form.
- YOU must accompany your guest(s) in the Club. It is never acceptable for someone to sign your name and walk in without you.
- It is always unacceptable to be rude. Please respect your fellow members and the Club staff. Rude behavior may result in us asking you and/or your guest(s) to leave the Club.
- You may NOT enter or leave the Club with a drink in your hand.
- Young children must <u>never</u> be left unattended, especially at the bowling machine.
- No shoes no service. MEN: no tank tops after 6PM
   please wear your baseball caps properly.
- No one is allowed in the kitchen other than the servers, cooks and kitchen help. If there is a problem with your food order you should discuss with the server or ask to speak to the kitchen manager or bar manager.

We have a very small kitchen. They can only put out so much food at a time and many times there will be a wait for tables or to get your food order taken. If you are in a rush on a Friday night in the middle of the summer, the Club might not be your best bet for a "quick" dinner. Being discourteous and rude to the servers does not help you get food any faster. Sitting at a table for 6 when you are only 2 people does not work. Please be considerate.

This is a member's only Club. All members are entitled to enjoy their time here. We respectfully ask all members to abide by the Club rules. If you find that you are unwilling or unable to comply, you will be asked to leave. If asked to leave, please do so quietly. Your membership fee will be refunded.

A big part of what makes this a great Club is our commitment to donate to charities. Below is a list of charities to which the Club has contributed to this year. To date, our total for monetary contributions to numerous charities is \$9,000.00. That total will grow as we enter the holiday season. In addition to our monetary support, we offer gifts, memberships, toys, and clothes for a variety of fundraisers, benefits and special events This is all because of your generous support of our Club.

Charities we support: American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, Bishop McHugh School, The Breathing Room Foundation, Bringing Hope Home Cancer Walk, James Bennett, Jr. Scholarship Fund, EHT Soccer, The Branches Food Pantry, Sea Isle United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Catholic Daughters Food Drives, St. Peter's Methodist Church Food Pantry, The Merow Family Food Pantry, Holy Redeemer Food Pantry, Gift of Life (Howie's House), Great Cycle Challenge (Pediatric Cancer Research), Loomis School PJ Drive, Steve Libro Annual Memorial Basketball fundraiser, Love of Linda (breast cancer support), Patriot's Alliance (K9s for Vets), Peyton's Promise, Polar Bear Run/Walk for Autism, Stockings for Soldiers, Sea Isle Volunteer Fire Company, Support Center Child Advocates, Stockton College Soccer, Strathmere Fire Company Truck Fund, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, VFW Auxiliary fundraisers, Villas Elks Lodge(childhood cancer) fundraiser.

## **Upcoming Events:**

We will have our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th (please bring a gift card or <u>unwrapped</u> child's gift for the Mayor's Toy Drive.) After the party the Club will close until Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. This time allows us to do upkeep and repairs as needed to the facility and the equipment. Watch your Commodore Club Updates that you get via email for special Sunday openings for football. There will be no New Year's Day Brunch this year as the holiday is mid- week. It will be back next year as it is always a great day at the Club.

The Board of Directors and Trustees will move forward with Club improvements and enhancements, continue our charitable contributions and, most importantly, keep our Club financially healthy!! We thank you for your support – our members make this happen (we have GREAT members).

We hope you are all as excited about the upcoming year as we are. Hard to believe that the end of 2024 is 2 months away and before you know it the 2025 Season will be here. Hoping everyone has a happy, healthy holiday season.

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