Bella Vista Bar & Grill’s new Chef Jerry James was part of the first graduating class of the CIA (Culinary Institute of America) in Hyde Park, New York. He then went to Chicago where he worked at various private and nonprivate country clubs, chain restaurants, independent restaurants, and worked at Institutional Bankwood commercial food shows for 26 years. James moved to Tennessee where he was a residential corporate chef for 10 years and worked at places similar to the Bella Vista Country Club.

When James was describing the direction of BV Bar and Grill, he said, “The restaurant is moving in a fast-casual direction, the food is placed on the table at a reasonable time, with a reasonable price, between $8 – $15. The dressings are made fresh everyday along with the desserts, and we will use fresh fish, chicken, and beef.” One thing James mentioned was that he wanted his food to be unique and memorable, “If you look on any menu, there will always be a spinach and artichoke dip option. Well, I decided to add Brussel sprouts to my spinach and artichoke dip to make it different.” As the Chef of BV Bar and Grill, James wanted to add a Southern flare to the menu and added things such as fried green tomatoes, a Southern cobb salad, chicken fried steak, and even a fried green tomato BLT.

There are Five P’s that he lives by in the kitchen, “Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance” and he mentioned that attention to detail is what makes the food special and appealing to his customers. His favorite food item on the menu is the London Broil Sandwich which consists of “thin sliced seasoned and roasted beef served on a garlic toasted hoagie bun with lettuce, tomato, provolone cheese and Au jus for dipping.” This is his favorite due to the tender, flavorful piece of meat that is included in this sandwich. There are also gluten free and vegetarian options on the BV Bar and Grill menu which are important selections to include.
Golf Fest - April 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
It’s time to say goodbye to those old clubs and hello to the 2018 golf season. The 2nd Annual Bella Vista Golf Fest is a FREE event open to all golfers throughout the region. The top golf manufacturers (Titleist, FootJoy, TaylorMade, Ping, Golf Buddy, Cobra, and Callaway) will be showcasing their newest equipment. They will have expert fitters along with launch monitors to help fit for the optimal ball or club selection for each individual golfer – ensuring that golfers are playing with the proper equipment.

Along with the golf equipment, the Bella Vista PGA staff will be hosting free golf clinics to improve your swing. Other activities happening during the event: drawing for prizes, opportunity to trade in old clubs towards your new clubs. Don’t miss out on the chance to improve your game and enjoy a great golf experience! For Information: (479) 855-5079, or BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf.

Flipping the Nines at the Bella Vista Country Club
Starting March 1, 2018 we will change the current front nine to the back nine and the current back nine will be the front nine. Flipping the nines will allow the Pro Shop to better monitor the first tee box to ensure a much better flow of golfers.

Country Club to Tanyard Creek Practice Center
Starting March 1, Country Club will allow lease carts to be driven to Tanyard Creek Practice Center. Those taking advantage of this will be requested to be mindful of their tee time. We suggest that you return to the Country Club at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.

The NEW “Bella Vista Open”
Beginning April 7, 2018 and every first Saturday thru October, the revised “Bella Vista Open” (previously the “Bella Vista Senior Open”) will be open to all golfers. The Bella Vista Open will be played on various Bella Vista courses. The first tournament will be April 7th on the Dogwood course. For Information: (479) 855-5079, or BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf.

Golf Expo - March 1
Bella Vista’s Annual Golf Expo is at Riordan Hall from 4 - 6 p.m. with the Group Leaders meeting at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Expo gives information about Bella Vista’s golf groups and the opportunity to register for your favorite golf group for the year as well as a chance to talk with members of the Golf Division’s staff and meet other Bella Vista Members. For Information: (479) 855-5079, or BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf.

Spring 3 Person Scramble - March 17-18
All Golfers Welcome. Kingswood Golf Course & Bella Vista Country Club. For Information: (479) 855-5079, or BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf.

Private Cart Registration Procedures
1. Please go to Member Services to register your private golf cart. Upon paying for your private cart, Member Services will give you a receipt and your Photo ID Membership Card.
2. You will then be required to bring your private golf cart registration receipt and your golf cart to any of Bella Vista’s Pro Shops during the months of January and February. Feel free to coordinate this visit with your next round of golf.
3. The Facility Supervisor, or his/her designee in their absence, at the Pro Shop will adhere a numbered cart decal to the front left corner of your windshield. This decal number will subsequently get linked to your account in our system.
4. On March 1, Member Services will run a report to determine which accounts have paid for a private golf cart, but the decal has not yet been picked up. At this time, private cart privileges on these accounts will be suspended until the decal has been picked up at one of our five Pro Shops.

AED’s at all Pro Shops
AED’s will be installed in 5 Pro Shops and Tanyard Creek. All Golf Operations, full time employees have been CPR/AED trained.
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Recreation News & Updates

Easter Egg Hunt
March 31, 10:30 a.m. at Metfield Park. Free to children 12 and under (Members and guests of Members) Easter Egg Hunt in the park by age groups (4 age groups): 3 and under, 4 – 6, 7 – 9, 10 – 12 years. Find the golden egg (one in each age group) and you’ll be awarded a special prize. Get a free photo with the bunny! For Information: (479) 855-5073 or BellaVistaPOA.com

NEW OZ Trails T-shirts & Caps at Blowing Springs
Want to show your support for the amazing trails we have right in our backyard? How about sporting a new OZ Trails t-shirt or cap. OZ Trails is the umbrella term for the miles of single track, soft surface mountain biking and hiking trails in Northwest Arkansas. Blowing Springs Park is one of the exclusive retailers for these cool accessories. T-shirts and caps are available for $30 plus tax and beanies are $25 plus tax. Several t-shirt designs are available in Men’s & Women’s sizes. A portion of these sales help support the trails. Stop by the park office at Blowing Springs Park Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Branchwood Tours
The much anticipated Branchwood Recreation Center expansion and renovation is expected to start soon. Plans include an approximate 2100 square foot expansion and a major remodel of the locker rooms/restrooms and lobby.

Initial work will begin on the foundation for the expanded area. During this phase of the construction, we plan to stay open as much as possible. Once we move past the foundation stage, the building will be closed for several months. During the shutdown, the Fitness Centers at Riordan and Metfield will be available.

Tours will be given the second Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m.

Bella Vista - The Musical
April 6 – 7, Riordan Hall, 3 Riordan Dr. 6 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday. For Information: Carol Roller (479) 876-1324

Spring Bazaar - Crafts and More
April 21, Riordan Hall, 3 Riordan Dr., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Up to 50 local artisans. For Information: (479) 855-5070 or BellaVistaPOA.com

Little Bellas - Mentoring on Mountain Bikes
Blowing Springs Park, Sundays: April 8 – June 10. For Information: LittleBellas.com/Camp/Bentonville-program

Culinary Demo Classes with Chef Erin Rowe
March 20, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Healthy Veggie Cooking Class. Back by popular request – A Taste of the Ozarks culinary demo return. Come sample some ‘good for you food’, learn some interesting stories about our local culinary history and gain tips for creating simple foods with seasonal and farm fresh ingredients. The demo will be taught by Erin Rowe, Chef turned Author. Erin was raised in Siloam Springs and calls the hills of Northwest Arkansas home. She attended Maui Culinary Academy but mostly learned by trial and error, cooking her way through the infamous Joy of Cooking. She first wrote about food, penning restaurant reviews. When not catering house parties and cooking for her adventurous husband Alex, she’s collecting passport stamps, or reading through a British classic over a good cup of coffee. Fee is $20 per person. To register stop by Riordan Hall or call (479) 855-8170.

Junior Tennis Camp – Spring Break Fun
Join Head Tennis Pro, Jake Shoemake, for an awesome, active tennis camp. What better way to spend part of your spring break. The camp is for ages 7 through 17 and will meet Monday and Tuesday, March 19 – 20 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The camp is for all abilities and is $90 per POA Member and $100 for guests. For more information call the Kingsdale Tennis Center at (479) 855-8174.

Cardio Tennis & Other Drills
Calling all Tennis fanatics. Get ready for spring and improve your fitness and tennis with these drills led by Head Tennis Pro, Jake Shoemake. The weekly schedule is as follows:

Cardio Tennis Tuesdays 9 - 10 a.m. & Wednesdays 6 - 7 p.m.
Cost: $11 per POA Member and $15 per guest
Men’s 3.5/4.0 Drill - Mondays 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Men’s 3.0/3.5 Drill - Thursdays 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Ladies 3.0 Drill - Wednesdays 9 – 10:30 a.m.
Ladies 3.5 Drill - Wednesdays 10:30 – noon
Ladies 4.0 Drill - Fridays 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Please call the day before to confirm drill and spot. No drill if weather is below 35 degrees. Cost for all drills other than Cardio Tennis: $15 per POA Member and $20 per guest.
Largemouth Bass Diet Study
As the new year started, the Lake Ecology and Water Quality Lab is conducting a yearlong study of largemouth bass on Lake Windsor. This new project will center on the diets of largemouth bass and their part in the local food web. Once a month, largemouth bass will be sampled during the early morning and measured for length and weight. They will then have their stomachs pumped (gastric lavage) and the gut contents will be identified, counted, and weighed to get an understanding of diet composition. Calculations will then be made that determine how much energy each prey item contributes to largemouth bass diets. Near the end of the study, samples of fish and prey items will be sent for chemical analysis to determine how much each prey item contributes to the long-term muscle growth of largemouth bass.

The goal of this study is to get a better understanding of largemouth bass feeding preferences here in Bella Vista. We hope to gain insights into how the bass population might respond to changes in seasons and food availability and the niche they occupy in our lakes. This may also lead to novel strategies for local fisheries management.

Aquaculture Season at Bella Vista
The fisheries department has been busy planning for the spring aquaculture season. Two golf ponds on the Berksdale Golf Course have been drained and are earmarked to produce black crappie. Two additional ponds will be set up to produce walleye after ice-out. Cold weather is perfect to sterilize dry ponds. All ponds will be refilled in February with fish being added during the month of March.

In late March, walleye will be spawned and hatched in a portion of the heated Avalon fishing dock that has been converted to a hatchery. Walleye fry will be placed in ponds at three days of age. Hatching walleye will feed on plankton until late May when they naturally transition from a diet of zooplankton to other fish. Then they will be seined and placed in Lakes Ann, Avalon, Norwood, and Windsor. Holding them longer would result in heavy losses due to cannibalism. Channel catfish will then be grown in those same ponds between June and October and stocked in all Bella Vista lakes.

Black crappie broodstock were placed in two ponds in February and allowed to spawn naturally. Their offspring will occupy ponds between March and October. Once spawning has occurred, the broodstock will be trapped and removed to prevent them from consuming their young.

Yearly stocking is required to maintain walleye populations in our lakes. Crappie populations benefit from supplemental stocking because of their popularity as food fish and consumption by predatory fish. Using our existing infrastructure to produce fish saves money and allows for a superior product.

Fishing Tournaments
This time of year, we get calls regarding how our Members can join a fishing tournament. Most of our existing tournaments are full. To create open slots, we need Members to organize, step forward, and register with the Lakes Department by calling (479) 855-5068 so we can secure dates. This year, we have amended our regulations to allow for kayak tournaments. Please be aware that tournament participants have been observed discarding dead fish in the woods after tournaments. The wanton waste of game fish is a violation of Arkansas Game & Fish laws. Dead fish should be consumed or given to someone else to consume. Anyone caught doing this will be barred from future tournaments.

Meet and Greet
On Saturday, March 10th there will be an opportunity for new residents to attend a Meet and Greet Coffee at the Bella Vista Country Club from 9 – 11 a.m. New home owners and renters in the past 6 – 9 months are invited to join us. This will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourselves and to meet other new residents of Bella Vista and learn about the amenities in Bella Vista. If interested in attending (or wish to help) please contact Debbie Sorensen at bwelcomesu@gmail.com who will contact you with details. Space is limited so please sign up at your earliest convenience.

Flood Study
Join the Valley Task Force as they present the Valley Flood Study at Riordan Hall. Residents will be given an opportunity to make comments. Coffee and water will be provided.

Tuesday, March 13 at 10 a.m.
Thursday, March 15 at 4 p.m.

Judicial Auction
The Benton County Circuit Clerk plans to offer 30 Bella Vista properties at a judicial sale at 10 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2018, on the 2nd floor of the Benton County Courthouse in Bentonville.

The new lot owner, upon completion of the purchase of the lot, is entitled to membership privileges and has access to all of the amenities Bella Vista has to offer. POA amenities include: 108 holes of golf spread among seven golf courses, a golf range/practice center, seven scenic lakes, swimming pools, tennis, racquetball and basketball courts, miniature golf and playgrounds, walking trails, a gun range, an RV park and fitness and recreation centers. There are lots available at Judicial Sales throughout the year. To keep updated on these sales, sign-up for our weekly POA Update and keep an eye on our calendar at BellaVistaPOA.com/Calendar.
**Golf Assurance Program**
The Golf Assurance Program (GAP) is an option that may be purchased with your Annual Golf Green Fees (AGGF) at a flat rate of $145. When you purchase an AGGF and elect the GAP option, if you become injured or ill, you can suspend your AGGF and corresponding Seat Lease or Private Cart Registration for up to six months. As soon as you are able to play golf again or after six months, whichever comes first, your AGGF and corresponding Seat Lease or Private Cart Registration will be reinstated. Program good until used.

For more information, go to BellaVistaPOA.com/Gap. To sign-up, go to Express Golf Registration at BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf or stop by Member Services.

**Kid’s First Golf Bundle**
This program allows up to three kids or grandkids to play golf free any time after 12 noon, on any course, on any day. The Bundle is good for 12 months and can be purchased through the Member Services office. AGGF Plan Members can add this bundle for $100 and Bella Vista Photo ID Members can add it for $200. Kids ages of 6 – 18 must be accompanied by the primary or secondary card holder.

**Play More, Pay Less**
Each Member can purchase one annual membership and receive half off their additional memberships in different categories.

Pay full price on the highest priced annual membership, but pay just half price for all additional (per Member).

The following activity categories apply: Annual Golf Green Fees, Fitness, Pool, Tennis and the Gun Range. If you’ve already purchased an annual membership, you can still take advantage of this offer by calling Member Services.

**Boat Registration Renewals**
Renewals are due each year by January 1st, but a renewal grace period is granted until March 31. Renewals of boat registration after March 31 are subject to a late penalty fee equal to 10 percent of the cost of their boat registration or $5 per month, whichever is higher. Boat registration renewals are not prorated. First-time boat registrations are prorated.

Annual POA boat registrations are available at the Member Services Department, 3 Euston Road or 51 Huntley Lane. Temporary boat permits (weekly) are available at the Member Services Department, and the Loch Lomond Marina.
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