



## February 2008

February has such the allure doesn't it? All right it may just be me, but I love this month on the River. It may be warm, it may be a bit not so warm and perhaps wet; but it's still so lovely. Just a hint of spring in the air, knowing that it's just around the corner. Though it still may be a touch off season (hint you can get some great rates at many of the resorts around town if you are looking for a room), it's a great time to visit. But let's just jump into the great things going on around town.

### Anyone a Poet and Know It?

The first thing I want to let you all know about is the poetry contest titled "Love on the River" sponsored by Hemp and Chocolate. It's about love and the river in any way you chose to express such. Write a one page poem in this topic and drop it off with your name, address and phone number to the store (Located at 16222 Main Street and while you are there pick up some truly amazing truffles or perhaps some new clothes) and enter the contest. The only thing to keep in mind is that you may only enter once. It's open to all ages, with prizes to the following groups: Children ages 1 to 11, Young Adults 12 to 18 and Adults 18 and over. Entries must be turned in by the 8th of February. The next part of the contest is going to be on Friday the 15th at Coffee Bazaar from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To hear live performances of some of the best poetry entries and share in the excitement of awarding prizes to the entire contest winners. It will be a fun event, and hey - have some coffee while you are in attendance. And as a final bonus the winners will have a chance to read their work on our local radio station KGGV though the air time at press time is yet to be announced.

### Sing Out Louise

On other news of the night life around town, Club Yamagata has started every Wednesday night open mic. If you have had the chance to make it to the last couple that they were doing monthly I'm sure you will be just as excited as I am about this change. While on the subject of Yamagata lets talk about another monthly event. Every third Thursday of the month the Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are hosting a Bad Movie Salon starting at 7 p.m. With a different fun, fabulous film that shows the extreme lack of taste that we have come to know and love about those Sisters. It's a small suggested donation of \$5.00 for an entire evening of fun, cocktails, food and friends.

Oh and just for fun, did you know that the Rainbow offers a text message service? You can sign up by sending a text with the word RAINBOW to 41411. The service is free, and standard text messaging rates apply. You can unsubscribe at any time. For those who sign up for this service, they do send special deals ever so often. For instance, you may receive a 2-for-1 drink coupon as a text alert. Show it to the bartender, and receive your 2-for-1.

### Get Cookin'

So you can't cook you say? Well let me tell you about some great classes for cooking at the lovely Charisma Wine Lounge. ([www.charizmwinelounge.com](http://www.charizmwinelounge.com), 16337 Main Street in Guerneville, 869-0909). On February 13th they are hosting Mexican Cooking. Helena and Marisol will teach you how to make authentic Mexican dishes. The 20th is a perfect class if you are vegan, vegetarian, health conscious or just looking for a healthy diet. The class is all about Raw and Vegan Dishes. The final class for the month is on the 27th. Soups, sauces and Dressings; learn how to make yummy healthy soups, easy sauces and creative dressings. All classes are from 6-9 p.m. Prices are \$40 per person, \$30 for seniors and students. They also offer package deals; four classes for \$120. The classes do fill up so call in advance and make your reservations.

**11th Annual Roger Gibson Hump Nite Potluck**

Every Wednesday 7 - 9pm from Jan 9th - Mar 12th  
Two winners every week (main dish and dessert)  
Weekly winners will compete in the Mar 12th Finale

Jan 9: South of the Border  
Jan 16: Italian  
Jan 23: Americana  
Jan 30: Soups & Stews  
Feb 6: Comfort Food

Feb 13: Chicken & Chocolate  
Feb 20: German & French  
Feb 27: Vegetarian  
Mar 5: Asian  
Mar 12: Finale

### Good (Pot) Luck

Speaking of food, fun and friends, let's touch on the 11th Annual Roger Gibson Hump Nights at the Rainbow Cattle Company ([www.queersteer.com](http://www.queersteer.com), 16220 Main St in, 869-0206). On February 6th it's all about Comfort Food. The 13th is for Chicken and Chocolate. The 20th is German and French foods. The 27th it is all about Vegetarian food. Into March we have the 5th Asian and the Grand Finale on the 12th. So whip up something yummy, either an entrée or dessert. The first spin on the Wheel is at 8 p.m., with a new addition of a travel package prize, and the food starts at 7 p.m.

All I can say about these would be oh my goddess are they good. There's the new Pesto Farfalle, with bowtie pasta, mushrooms, onion, garlic, sun dried tomato, pine nuts in a pesto cream sauce. It's a truly divine vegetarian experience; though if you are a meat eater it's fabulous with grilled chicken. Now my personal favorite of the new offerings is the Chicken Carbonara Pizza (grilled chicken with mozzarella, mushrooms, bacon and a white cream sauce. And it is just as good as it sounds. And just for your information, on Valentines Day the Restaurant is having an Amazing preset menu for you and your special someone.

So the end of the month has my personal favorite event of the season. With the Russian River Resort on Sunday February 24th I am hosting my annual Oscars Party. It's a wonderful night of the glitz and glamour of the awards. Even if something happens and we don't have a live broadcast the party will go on. For a \$5.00 donation you get a ballot to vote on which films and actors you think will get the awards, with the person who scores the highest winning our grand prize package. Also there is going to be a separate raffle though out the evening. So even if you aren't good at picking movies, you still have the chance to be a winner. The benefit is again for the LGBT Guild and Positive Images, the Sonoma County LGBTQ Youth Group. They are an inspiration and vital part of our community. I'm honored to host this event for them. You can find them online at [www.posimages.org](http://www.posimages.org) if you would like more information about them. And of course since it's a Sunday night, you know Country Dan is doing karaoke after the party.

And oh just to finish this month. The Sisters are doing the BINGO on the 9th. Doors open at 6 with fun nibbles and such. With the games starting at 7 p.m. Price is as usual \$15 for one card \$20 for two. And when you get there, please let Sister Vanna T. Fair know what a wonderful job she is doing as BINGO Chair Nun.

So should you have any questions about the river, prophetic thoughts to share or just want to ask a drag queen out on a date feel free to send a message to [mzalicadee@gmail.com](mailto:mzalicadee@gmail.com) You may also want to tune into Owen's show on KGGV 95.1 L.P. F.M. The Bridge all but the fourth Sunday of the month from 9 to 10 p.m. or streaming live at [www.kggvfm.org](http://www.kggvfm.org) for all things dishy and swishy on the river.



Charisma Wine Lounge

### Tired of Cookin'?

Keeping on with food. Have you had the chance to try the new offerings at the RRR Bar and Grill (at the corner of 4th and Mill just in case you didn't know)? Well, let me tell you about how fabulous they are. Starting on the starters menu, the Poached Pears - goat cheese, candied pecans, arugula, pickled onion with brown sugar balsamic.