



## May 2008

May has arrived. This month is the start of the summer season here. While yes the last few weeks have been gloriously sunny and warm, it's still not really the season. Well May kicks it off with gusto for the lower Russian River area. It's time to break out the sunscreen, dust off (or just buy a new one at that) the swim shorts and get fired up for summer.

### Crab Rolls & Drag Balls

First off I want to talk about the changes they are doing over at Club Yamagata. The new sushi menu is quite nice. Key points I want to touch on are the Craigers Roll; it's a crab, cucumber, avocado with crème cheese; topped with prawn at \$11.00. Another fun one is the River Roll. A marinated tuna roll, with jalapeño, cilantro, sprouts and avocado at \$10.00. And finally I want to mention the Submission Roll. It's all about you pay for it, sit down, shut up and eat it. Also I want to let everyone know about the Russian River Closet Ball (yeah it's true this is the other event with this name this year). This time around it's not just a benefit for the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, but they are also putting on the show. At Club Yamagata on Friday May 23rd. Now this event is the same rules as always; come out and cheer on the boys as they become girls and the girls as they become boys.

### Mz. Alice Dee's Home Away From Home

And of course keeping with food, can we touch on the RRR? I am so excited to see the TIKI bar back up and going. The back pool bar is just the place to get a wonderful drink while soaking up the rays around the pool or just hanging out with your friends.

So I'm sure I'll be seeing you around the bar soon. Also did you know that they are doing brunch? Yes it's true. And it's a lovely brunch buffet Saturday and Sunday starting Memorial Day weekend. Oh and a quick note: they are doing some wonderful pizza every day of the week so you can eat, drink and be merry at the RRR seven days a week during the summer. And with the TIKI Bar, the back BBQ will be returning. Though I do want to say how much I enjoyed the Sunday Comfort Supper, and I look forward to its return in the fall.

### Dropping the Soap

Keeping with the theme of local business, I want to let everyone know that our local soap maker Caz Gal whom you may have seen selling her wonderful hand crafted soaps around town has now started up a little store front business. She is working with Wayne Skala's Jewelry & Gifts offering along with his vintage jewelry and fine gifts a great selection of her soaps. Stop into the store and check out all the new offerings. The store is located just off the plaza next door to the Visitors Center.

### Ladies First

The event weekend that starts things for the season is Women's Weekend. While not an event that I do personally (I'm a drag queen; still just a boy in a dress really), I love the fact that we have this event. And I'm so happy to see the community get involved to make this event a stronger and more inclusive weekend. A few of what I would consider to be key points are as follows in no particular order of importance. We have the talented Marga Gomez, who beyond being a truly funny woman had the pivotal film role as a computer expert and muffin maker in Sphere. Our local Soul Diva Gwen Avery is also on the bill for performing.

Another performer that I'm very excited to announce is Vixen Noir. She is a vision on stage with her own unique mix of a burlesque stage show; including excerpts from her one woman show "Sweet" Deliverance, which will have its first showing at the San Francisco National Queer Arts Festival in June! Also I wanted to let everyone know that one of my personal favorite DJ's Lori Z. will be spinning at the RRR. Along with the talent there are a few great events to talk about. Of course it wouldn't be Women's Weekend with out a Drag King Contest at FAB on Friday the 16th from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. Also on the schedule for Saturday the 17th is Lollies Pleasure Paddle and Treasure Hunt.

Starts at 10 10am - Pre-Registration Required - \$75 per canoe. Meet at Buck's parking lot near the corner of 4th & Mill. This is an eight-mile three to five hour paddle on a quiet class I float on the scenic Russian River. You will receive the Treasure Hunt map which will show where X marks the spot for the many prizes to find along the way. Only \$75 per canoe (seats 2-3). No VIP Passes. Check in for Shuttle at 10am in Guerneville. Please call in advance to reserve and for event details. Hosted by River's Edge Kayak & Canoe Trips (The Most Thorough & Friendly Excursion Service on the Russian River). Call 707-433-7247 to Reserve. Or visit: [www.riversedgekayakandcanoe.com](http://www.riversedgekayakandcanoe.com). I don't have the room to touch on everything here; but do check out [www.russianriverwomensweekend.org](http://www.russianriverwomensweekend.org)

### Tids and Bits

Now the event weekend that I am working on is Memorial Day Weekend. The 24th through the 26th of May. This weekend is always such a powerhouse of fun. The talented Kim Kuzma is going to be keeping with tradition and performing at the RRR.



Kim Kuzma is BACK!

And Gregory (the Summer General Manager who is a dear friend of mine and a great guy) has shown the amazing foresight to hire everyone's favorite trashy drag (yes you guessed it I'm referring to myself) to host the t-dances at the RRR's Pool. So we have Kim Kuzma and drag queens for the weekend. What more could you ask for?

And of course Rainbow Cattle Company is doing their Give Back Tuesdays. Every Tuesday of course they give 10% of the bar sales back to the community. On May 6th we are having a little get together for the local Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwood Empire. It's also the kick off party for the church team for the Human Race. So come out from 6 pm on and have some good food, a drink or just hang out with the friendly folks from the MCCRE.

Speaking of Drag; the Russian River Sisters are doing BINGO on the Saturday May 10th: "101 Damnnations Bingo" benefits Dogs for Diabetics. And just to let everyone know, Coffee Bazaar is bringing back iced coffee for the food service at BINGO. So you can have all the caffeine that is required to keep up with the seniors at BINGO and keep cool at the same time! The games start at 7 with doors opening at 6, so get in line early if you want to get in.

One quick final note; anyone that knows me has seen me I'm sure walking up and down river road for the last few years. I want to publicly thank my friends Leslyn and Doug Dooly of River Plumbing (You can reach them at 707-869-0660 for all your plumbing needs) for giving me the opportunity to purchase a small motorcycle from them. So you may not see me walking as much but as the Russian River Social Director having wheels is a good thing.

So keep an eye out for June events around town, and vote Mz. Alice Dee for Strawberry Queen. (Basically you vote with your donations, so feel free to give me any small or large bills you would like to donate.) It's a benefit for our local radio station KGGV 95.1 L.P. FM which as you know I have a radio show on Sundays at 9 p.m. all but the forth Sunday of the month. As always feel free to send me email at [mzalicedee@gmail.com](mailto:mzalicedee@gmail.com)