

Mountain Singles Newsletter

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Events & Dates

(Subject to change)

Sat	Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
Tue	Jan 03	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Jan 04	Papagayos
Fri	Jan 06	Bowling
Tue	Jan 10	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Jan 11	Woody's Boathouse
Fri	Jan 13	Game Night
Sat	Jan 14	Private Movie Screening
Tue	Jan 17	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Jan 18	Arturo's
Fri	Jan 20	Bowling
Sat	Jan 21	Piano Bar
Tue	Jan 24	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Jan 25	California Thai
Fri	Jan 27	Game Night
Tue	Jan 31	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Feb 01	Bin 189
Fri	Feb 03	Bowling
Sun	Feb 05	Super Bowl Party
Tue	Feb 07	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Feb 08	Woody's Boathouse
Fri	Feb 10	Game Night
Sat	Feb 11	Private Movie Screening
Tue	Feb 14	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Feb 15	Arturo's
Fri	Feb 17	Bowling
Sat	Feb 18	Piano Bar
Tue	Feb 21	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Feb 22	California Thai
Fri	Feb 24	Game Night
Tue	Feb 28	Tuesday Movie Group
Wed	Feb 29	Sports Grille

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Planned events for January through February, (and the New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31) are shown to the left. News is below.

New Year's Eve Party

Another year is about to start, and we are alive to see it. The traditional thing to do is party, and watch the world celebrate as midnight rolls around it. Please join us on Saturday, December 31, to ring in the Year of the Dragon, 2012.

Place: Jerry's Condo in Lake Arrowhead

Time: 8 pm to 1 am.

Bring: snacks, drinks, games, noise makers

Jerry's condo is at Edgewater Shores, 180 S Hwy 173, Lake Arrowhead, Unit 50. It's between the Village and Cedar Glen. From the 4 way in Lake Arrowhead by 7-11 and the fire station go North on 173 just past (north of) Kuffel Canyon on the left side of the road. It is long before you get to Jensen's in Cedar Glen.

Where to park: Parking can be in the turnouts just outside the gate of Edgewater Shores complex including across the highway just North of the gate. There is parking inside the complex but we do not currently know how the snow removal will be for the event, but if there is access to the top of the parking structure you can park anywhere there and the stairs go down toward the front door of the unit.

How to find the condo: Unit 50 is near the corner of the parking structure as you come straight in the gate and down the gentle slope.

Phone: 909-336-5942, 760-267-3393 (cell).

Address List

Arturo's Restaurant

27159 Hwy 189, Blue Jay CA 92317
In the Rite Aid center. (909) 337-5500

Bin 189 Restaurant

27984 Hwy 189, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
In the Lake Arrowhead Resort. (909) 744-3056

Blue Jay Cinema (Tuesday Movie Group)

27315 North Bay Road, Blue Jay, CA 92317
(909) 337-8404

California Thai Cuisine

At Lake Arrowhead Village near Center Stage
(909) 337-0111

Don's Place (Game Night, Super Bowl Party)

28146 North Bay Road, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
(909) 744-8561

Jerry's Condo (New Year's Eve)

Edgewater Shores, Unit 50
180 S Hwy 173, Lake Arrowhead
909-336-5942, 760-267-3393 (cell)

Papagayos

At Lake Arrowhead Village near Center Stage
(909) 337-9529

Prime Properties (Private Movies)

26816 Hwy 189, Lake Arrowhead, CA. 92352
(909) 337-7653
From Hwy 18, take Daley Canyon to the stop sign.

Rim Bowling and Entertainment Center

23991 Lake Drive, Crestline, CA 92325
(909) 338-5550

Royal Oak (Piano Bar)

27187 Hwy. 189, Blue Jay, CA 92317
(909) 337-6018
In the Rite Aid center.

Sports Grille

27200 Hwy 18, Blue Jay, CA 92317
(909) 744-8785
Across the street from Royal Oak and Arturo's.

Woody's Boathouse Restaurant

On the water front at Lake Arrowhead Village
(909) 337-2628

Super Bowl Party

Come join us at Don's place as we watch Super Bowl XLVI, on Sunday February 5, 2012.

The house will be open from 2 pm til 10 pm.
Kick-off time is approximately 3:25 Pacific.

Don and Carol will provide popcorn, hot dogs, beer, wine, margaritas, a big-screen TV, and a warm fireplace. Bring whatever snacks and drinks you like.

Members and friends just show up. Others RSVP at (909) 744-8561.

Restaurant Vote

We spent a year returning to the same four restaurants. That probably errs on the side of too little variety. So to shake it up, we set out to tour all suitable restaurants in our mountain communities, and then vote on a favorite new four.

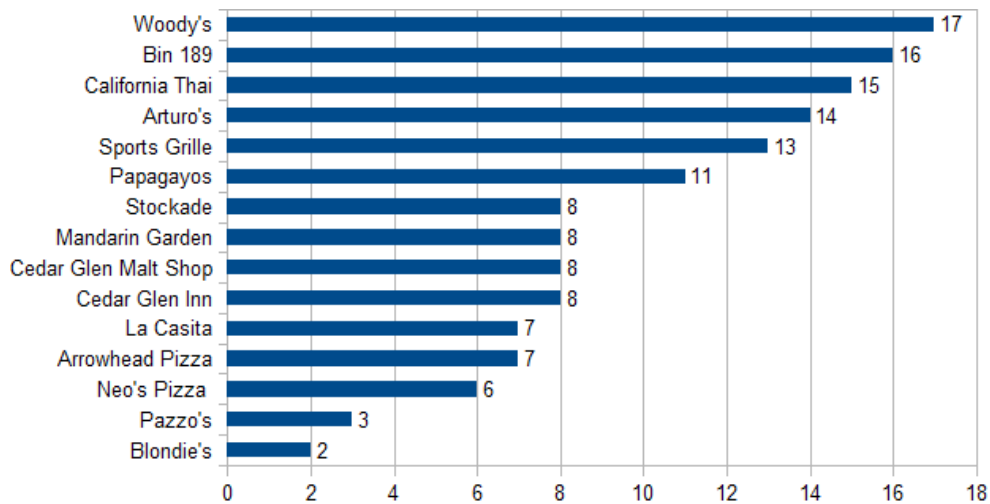
Our tour has 15 restaurants. We've been to all but one. The last is Papagayos, scheduled for Jan 4.

Voting was held on-line in December. Results are shown below. With 36 members voting, the top four restaurants are: Woody's Boathouse, Bin 189, California Thai, and Arturo's. In fifth place, for months with five Wednesdays, is the Sports Grille.

Papagayos

The name sounds Greek, (to me,) but they serve Mexican food. This is a well-established, and popular restaurant, located near Center Stage at Lake Arrowhead Village.

I have not scheduled a dinner there, until now, because it seemed that they could only seat us at



booths, dividing our party into small groups. It turns out that they have a seating area called the "Cubby" that can seat 18 comfortably, and would keep us together.

Our tour of all suitable restaurants would not be complete without a stop at Papagayos, so let's give it a shot. We have the Cubby reserved for us on Wednesday, January 4, at 6:00 pm. See you there!

Woody's Boathouse

We like Woody's Boathouse. Won first place in member voting for favorites. We ate there monthly for a year. There is plenty of space for a large group, both indoors and on a patio. There is a good selection of quality food -- steaks, burgers, sandwiches, seafood, pizza and pasta. The service is good and friendly. They have the best salad bar on the mountain.

Woody's discontinued their locals menu, for the summer of 2011. We left. The local's menu has been reinstated, as of Labor Day, 2011. Most of the meals on the local's menu now cost \$10.95, as before.

Woody's is at the north end of the waterfront, at Lake Arrowhead Village, (the other end from McDonald's.) Phone (909) 337-2628. We have

reservations for Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13. Our server Jose says that we can keep the local's menu through summer 2012.

Bin 189

This is our longest running event, and second most popular restaurant.

It is also our only true mixer. We meet in the lounge area near the fireplace at Bin, where it is easy to mingle. The other Wednesday gatherings are dinners.

The available food and drink consists of appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and well drinks. That doesn't make a hearty meal, so it is advisable to eat before arriving. If you do arrive hungry, there is a hamburger on the menu.

The Bin is a little on the expensive side; expect \$7 for a glass of wine. But it is perfectly acceptable to only order ice water. Also, some of us arrive before 6 pm, while happy hour is still on, and get a 25% discount on appetizers and drinks.

They are expecting us on Feb 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6.

There is a second fireplace out in the resort

lobby. That's not the one. Look for us inside the Bin.

California Thai Cuisine

Our experience with the Thai has been really good. The Thai is the third most popular restaurant, in member voting, as of Dec. 27, 2011. The food, services, and prices have been great.

Watch out for spicy hot food. I can only eat medium spicy, and find that even medium at this restaurant is pushing my limits. Anything on the menu can be ordered mild. Just know that in advance.

The restaurant is just steps away from Center Stage. Phone (909) 337-2111. They are expecting us on Jan 25, Feb 22, March 28, April 25, May 23, and June 27.

Arturo's

We like Arturo's. Been eating there for months. Voted fourth most popular restaurant. Food and service are consistently good. Member turnout is high. That's good enough for me!

They have a burrito special on Wednesdays. All burritos are \$6, even the enormous ones.

Arturo's is in Blue Jay, in the Rite Aid center. Phone (909) 337-5500. They are expecting us on Jan 18, Feb 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20.

Sports Grille

We tried the Sports Grille on October 26, and liked it. 23 showed up! We also ate there on Dec. 21 as a quick substitute when Arturo's couldn't seat us, (my fault for not making reservations in time.)

Members voted the Sports Grille their fifth most popular restaurant. There are months on the calendar that have five Wednesdays, so once in a while, we can include a return trip to the Grille. They are expecting us on Feb 29 and May 30.

The Sports Grille is in Blue Jay, across the street from the Royal Oak and Arturo's. Phone (909) 744-8785.

Where we've been, and where we're going

These are some of our special events in 2011:

- Super Bowl Party
- 50s and 60s Music Party
- Cinco de Mayo Party
- Ambrosia Concert
- July 4 Party
- Art & Wine Festival
- Jensen's Lobster Fest
- Music in the Mountains
- Sawdust Festival and Beach Party
- Wildhaven Tour
- Night Club at the Elks
- Blue Jay Jazz Festival
- Big Bear Field Trip
- Labor Day BBQ
- Dock Party
- Scots v. Big Bear
- Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Blue Jay Parade
- Christmas Party

Add to that our repeating events, like the Game Nights, Bowling, Tuesday Movie Group, hikes, and Piano Bar.

Our momentum is holding steady, and it looks like 2012 will be just as successful. Please join us.