

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

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About Us

Have you ever wondered about how unique our Club's founding principle -- as a social gathering place for individuals with a higher education background -- remains in 21st century America?

The first university club (unaffiliated with a particular university) was founded in New York City in 1865. Other clubs developed in the late 1800s in a few large eastern cities and Seattle founded a club in 1900. However, our Club remains one of the oldest university clubs in America still in operation.

Well, it turns out that while our Club is smaller than many, we are in good company with other clubs in other communities who remain visible and viable under that banner. University clubs remain active in remain active in Milwaukee, Memphis, Tampa, Rhode Island, Charleston WV, Bethlehem PA, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and a host of other cities. While we don't emblazon our mission on our door, the words of another Club (which does!) seem to reflect what we all value about the RRVUC -- "the premier gathering place for business, civic, professional, and educational leaders featuring fine dining, entertainment



and creative programming to enrich members' lives. To promote networking, and vibrant social exchange in a welcoming and historic environment."



**Speaker Lunches
resume in
September**

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**Summer Party August 15 - Reserve Now at
Summer Party**

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SPOTLIGHT

Bob Dickey



Bob Dickey returned the phone message, asking if he would be the featured Member in this month's Member Spotlight. "I have a massive ego, so sure, what do you want to know?"

Bob said he grew up in Medford, first on Modoc and Windsor Streets, then moving to the second house on Black Oak, one of the houses that back onto the RVCC entrance. "I just walked out my back door to one of the practice holes," he said. "I played a lot. And I caddied a lot, starting at age ten." He was one of four golfers on Medford High's 1971 state championship golf team.

Bob had already shared stories with Club members about his time working on a smudging crew for Dunbar Orchards. Several members of the crew threw mud balls into the open window of the car of crew boss, Tim Root. Tim made them take the car to a car wash and clean it out.

Any other teen misbehavior? "I was one of the hundreds of teenagers who spent Halloween at the S-Curve on Main Street. It started about when I was in the seventh grade at Hedrick. It was Halloween hijinks. Water balloons, eggs, and firecrackers. The S-Curve got slick from all the broken eggs."

Bob studied math at the University of Oregon and loved it, but did well on the LSATs so took that as a sign he should go to law school. He attended the U of O Law School. "I had a job all lined up. I spent summers working with my father in his law practice, and I wanted to return to Medford to practice law alongside my father." After fifteen years he left lawyering for three years to teach high school math. When his father (also a Club member) retired, he came back to the law to help him wind down his practice, then worked for another fifteen years doing family law, in partnership with Club member Dick Thierolf.

Bob said that back on 8-8-88 he was sitting on the hillside at a Britt concert with his new bride. He noticed a red glow coming from downtown Medford. He got up, abandoned her, and drove to Medford for a close-up look at the Medford Hotel fire. He said he remembered talking with somebody at the fire. The next day he got phone calls from his law school friends who were living in Portland. "They told me there were all these quotations by me on page one of the Oregonian. Apparently that guy was a reporter. Well, that is my claim to fame," he said laughing.

What about his new bride? "She was furious. She found her own way home. We still have issues."

Bob has nevertheless been married for 31 years and has three children, age 30, 29, and 26, all of whom are happy and have great careers helping others in medicine and education. "They get that do-gooder compassion from their mother," he said.

We asked if he still played golf. "Well, I compete in golf. I play in tournaments and money games. I don't play for fun, except that for me, competition is fun."

Summer Parties of the Past



Parties from
early 1980 thru
2017

Please consider introducing a friend (and prospective Member)
to the U Club!

Badge Zone!

Wear Your Badge — and Protect Your Badge

The U Club's badge program is now about 18 months old and most Members have been GREAT about wearing them which helps both new Members (and old ones!) keep names straight and elegantly handle introductions for guests.

Yes, we know they are small and — if you're like your editor — you may have forgotten to leave it in the basket on your table and, on at least one occasion, walked out of the Club still wearing it.

BUT — please don't lose your badge! While the Club has supplied each Member with a badge, the Club can't afford to replace lost ones and ordering a single replacement badge runs \$22.50 (including postage). So please don't lose yours!

MEMBERSHIP

Do You Know Someone Who Would Like to Join the Club?

A Personal Membership Application can be
downloaded at:

[Personal Member Application](#)

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