

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

January 2020



New Years greetings from the Club to you and yours!

As the Club enters its 11th decade, Medford's oldest operating non-profit, 2020 will prove to be a most important year in our history.

We have good things to note.

- ◆ Our Membership remains deeply committed to the Club.
- ◆ We anticipate the successful re-opening of the Holly Theatre which we have every reason to believe will have profound impact upon our future.

We also face important decisions about how to manage the Club's always fragile finances and look forward to a thoughtful, wide-ranging conversation at the Club's Annual Meeting on March 26.

Happy New Year from the Club!

Mark Wisnovsky
Our Speaker
January 9

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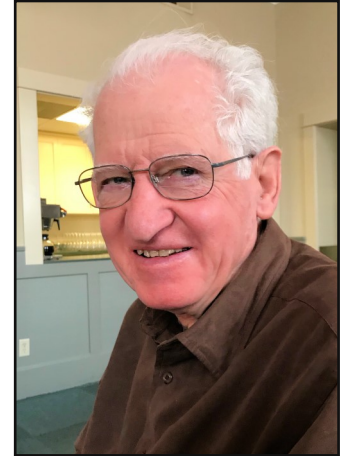
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SPOTLIGHT

Jim James



Club members know Jim James as a retired orthopedic surgeon and active photographer, but he narrowly dodged a bullet in his career choice. He was admitted to dental school at the University of Oregon, attended classes for three days, and then went to the dean to tell him he was quitting. "I just couldn't see myself looking into mouths for the rest of my life," Jim told us.

Jim graduated from Phoenix High School in 1957, and got a scholarship to Oregon State University to play football. He played end in a single wing formation for Phoenix but disappointed the Beavers by going to Willamette instead after receiving the Elks Foundation Scholarship (which was awarded locally to one boy and one girl every year).

He spent the summers of his youth fighting forest fires and building fire trails in the Applegate for the Forest Service. After walking away from dental school, he spent eight months working for the Forest Service while he applied to medical schools, and then attended medical school at the University of Washington.

The draft and the Air Force intersected to send Jim to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska as a General Practitioner Physician after a one-year rotating internship at Hennepin County General Hospital in Minneapolis and 3 months as a country doctor in Montana. In Alaska, he spent a lot of time in orthopedics caring for injured soldiers sent directly from Vietnam with 25-30 weekly air-evacs and 130 casualties on each flight. "It was a bad time. A lot of 17, 18, and 19 year old boys were badly wounded."

He later received a residency in Texas, an assignment he chose because he could stay in the Air Force as a Captain. "The residency paid \$700 a month. The alternative paid \$200 monthly at the University of Washington. I had four kids. It was an easy decision."

So far Jim has been a physician for 52 years having spent 32 of those years practicing orthopedic surgery in Medford at Southern Oregon Orthopedics. He's still doing consulting work for attorneys and insurance companies a couple days a week.

Jim is well-known for shooting animals, doing the shooting with a camera. He said "You're supposed to keep 21 meters distance from gorillas in Uganda, but they come right up to you. They're curious." Orangutans in Borneo are harder to find and photograph as they are shyer and stick to the trees. Brightly colored parrots and macaws fill the jungle but they are 8 hours by canoe up the Amazon headwaters of eastern Peru at the Tambopota Ornithology preserve. "That's a place that should be on everyone's bucket list." There are 126 species of lemurs in Madagascar, and Jim has photos of 28 of them.

He has a grizzly bear story. Jim said he goes to Alaska every couple years to shoot grizzly bears. "I was on the tundra off the trail with my pants around my ankles for the usual reason when I heard a noise. A bear came down the trail and stopped three or four feet from me to look me over, his eyes on all fours level with mine. My first thought wasn't panic. It was to wonder where was my camera when I needed it. I reached up with one hand to wave him away. He just stared at me a while longer, took a few steps toward me, raised on his hind legs towering above me and then dropped down on all fours and left. I don't have a photo of that one."

Jim lives just outside of Jacksonville with Valerie, his wife of 58 years, and has four children and eight grandchildren.



Thursday, January 9

Hemp or Marijuana at Valley View

Mark Wisnovsky

Mark Wisnovsky says: "There are lots of people telling folks to plant, plant, plant. These are people who want growers to flood the market. They are buyers of CBD, not growers. Growing is easy. Selling is extraordinarily difficult. If you don't have connections in the marketplace for selling, don't bother growing."

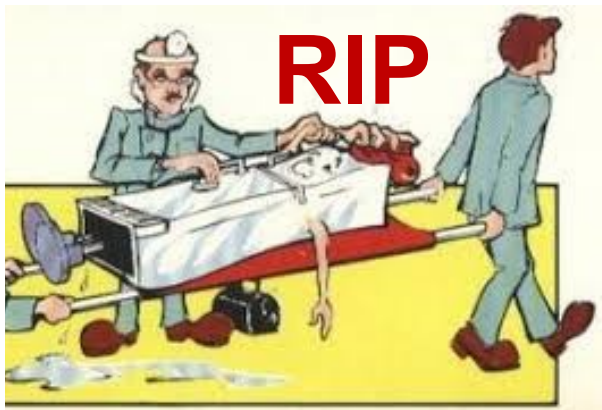
CBD, both in quantity and acreage, is expanding rapidly in Southern Oregon. It may work out to be great for the economy, agriculture and our society. Or it may not.

Wisnovsky is a widely-respected and deeply involved local figure in this discussion. Join us on January 9 and hear more of this thoughts. Registrations are due by January 6. You can register online at [January Speaker](#) or by calling Lori at the Club at 541-772-4707.



Refrigerator - Update

After nobly limping through Founders Dinner, Thanksgiving and the Holiday Party, our 20-year-old-plus (purchased used originally) refrigerator finally required replacement late in December. Jason admirably managed to sell it for \$300 — which left the Club with a net \$3,000 unanticipated cost.



The good news is that the new refrigerator is a wonderful unit whose performance Jason can remotely monitor.

The bad news is, obviously, that the Club was faced with a major, unanticipated cost.

**In Memoriam
Doug Phillips
1934 - 2019**

From the Archives...

Form L 1032.

OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
SALEM, OREGON

Applicant's Copy **LICENSE RECEIPT** No SC 5946 ck

Date January 3, 1950 Amount received \$ 100.00

Name Rogue River Valley University Club

Address 218 W. 6th St.

City Medford

Type of License 1950 GA Endorsed by Medford City Council

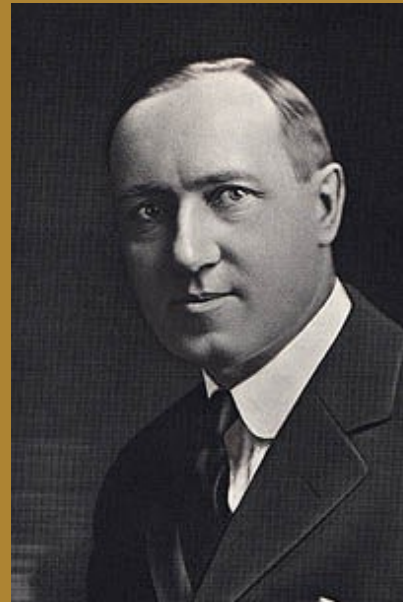
Premises Previously Licensed? Renewal

OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

By [Signature]
Rich Pfau

NOTE—This receipt is merely a statement of fees paid. All applications are accepted subject to final approval by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Internal Revenue Service

Portland, Oreg.

June 15-1918

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find form of return, to cover pool and billiard tables and alleys, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1918, which if you will complete and return, special tax stamp will be issued to you in due course.

The tax is \$5.00 on each table or alley and is payable for the full fiscal year above mentioned. Applications for a less period cannot be accepted.

Please note carefully the instructions on the back of form, as to the time for filing return &c.

Remittance may be made by cash or Portland exchange. I am not permitted to accept personal checks unless certified by the bank on which same are drawn.

The return must be sworn to before a Notary Public or other officer qualified to administer oaths.

A close observance of the above will save delay and inconvenience.

Very respectfully,

MILTON A. MILLER

Collector

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(top left) Club liquor license, 1950. (top right) Reginald Parsons, Charter Member, Club president 1911.

(bottom left) Silver plate given to long-time Member Eugene Thorndike for 41 Years service to PP&L. (bottom right) 1918 tax bill for the Club's billiard and pool tables.



Happy New Year from the RRVUC Foundation!

In 2019, the University Club Foundation distributed nearly \$30,000 to a group of students from North and South Medford High Schools. This was the largest distribution in the Foundation's history. Several years ago we started utilizing Guidance Councilors from each school to help us better select deserving students. These councilors know these students pretty well and their participation seems to have resulted in a better retention rate for our scholarship recipients. The foundation board is very pleased with the results this change has produced.

The Guidance Councilors have also strongly noted the importance of our Foundation's policy of not targeting 4.00 point GPA students but rather seeks to assist 3.00 to 3.50 GPA students who would ordinarily not qualify for an academic scholarship.

Also notable, with a significant weighting in fixed income, our Foundation Endowment has returned nearly 20% in 2019!

You can help as we begin another decade by contributing either to the Foundation's Scholarship Fund or its Historic Building Preservation Fund (which assists in maintaining the U Club's building) Contribute at: [DONATION FORM](#)

Please note that, if you wish to contribute to both funds you will need to click on the link and issue each contribution separately.

Contributions to either the Foundation's Scholarship Fund or its Historic Building Preservation Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Rotary Foundation Benefit Poker Charity Event
At the U Club
Saturday, February 29
U Club Members are Welcome
Full Details Coming in the February 2020 Club Newsletter**



"Let us remember that the University Club has been here since 1910. The culture of the Club may need to change with the times but the tradition and fellowship needs to carry on for future generations."

— President Jack Salter
August 2002

Many Members have previously provided for the Club's future in their estate plans and their generosity has helped create the experience you've enjoyed here.

Please consider helping to strengthen the Club's future by securing a bequest invitation form from [Jerry Jacobson](#) at 541-773-2727.

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Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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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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