Hello and welcome back!

I don’t know about you, but Christmas is my favorite time of the year! Take it from a professional, it’s never too early to start planning for the holiday season. Whether you’re buying matching pajamas for you and your furry friend (or for the family), or trying to spice up your Christmas tree, we have some holiday inspo just for you. If you couldn’t already tell, this issue is all about the most wonderful time of the year. Read through these pages to get in the holiday spirit and be sure to give me a call and book your holiday party at MacGregor Downs Country Club.

Ho, Ho, Ho,

Nicole Moore, Catering Director

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CRANBERRY APEROL SPRITZ

Prepare this festive drink at your own Christmas party or request it as your signature spirit at your next MacGregor event.

**INGREDIENTS**

1/2 Cup of Fresh Cranberries
1 Orange — Juice and Peel for Garnish
4oz of Aperol
6oz of Prosecco
2oz of Club Soda
Several Ice Cubes

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Place the cranberries and juice from the orange in a shaker and smash the cranberries with a muddler until they’ve broken into pieces.

Add ice cubes and Aperol, cover and shake until combined.

Take two glasses and fill with ice cubes. Strain the mixture into the glasses. Top each with 3 ounces of Prosecco and 1 ounce each of soda.

Stir and taste. Adjust the proportions as desired. Garnish with whole cranberries and orange slices or zest.
Holiday Trends

Use these decor ideas to begin planning your next holiday soirée and decorate your home for the upcoming season!

BLACK IS THE NEW GREEN

Make a statement this year by choosing a sleek, elegant black Christmas tree. This sophisticated choice will set you apart.

CANDY CANE CRAFTS

This red and white staple isn’t just a sweet treat anymore! Bring these delectable items into your tablescape.

MAD ABOUT PLAID

At MacGregor Downs, Tartan is near and dear to our hearts. Include this cozy print in your holiday decor to evoke a sense of warmth.

COTTON EVERYWHERE

Call it the Joanna Gaines effect — incorporate these snow-like fibers in your wreaths, garlands, and arrangements.

COLOR OF THE SEASON

Move over red and green! From deep jewel-toned hues to light turquoise, blue is going to steal the show this holiday season!

NATURAL ELEMENTS

Bring the outdoors in by adding wood slices, pine cones, and even acorns to vignettes around your home.

Follow us on Instagram for more inspiration!
Thanks to the MacGregor Downs Garden Club, our Club is the perfect backdrop for your holiday memories. Garden Club members work tirelessly year after year to set the tone for the entire season at MacGregor Downs. We cannot wait to see what they have in store for 2019!

#deckthehalls

Turn the page and mark your calendars for our fantastic Club events!

Print out this issue and use this checklist to prepare for the holiday season!

☐ Today – Book your event at MacGregor Downs
☐ October 1 – Update your Holiday Card List
☐ October 25 – Make a Master Gift List
☐ November 15 — Take Your Holiday Pictures
☐ November 29 – Black Friday Shopping
☐ November 30 – Deck the Halls
☐ December 2 – Cyber Monday Shopping
☐ December 4 – Send out your Holiday Cards
☐ December 18 – Grocery Shopping
☐ December 21 – Finish Wrapping
☐ December 22 – Set the table
☐ December 23 – Cook! Cook! Cook!
☐ December 24 – Cookies for Santa...

Sit back and relax, you are prepared!
BOOK YOUR EVENT TODAY
Remember, room rental fees are waived for all members!

Three Private Meeting Spaces
Extensive Catering Menus
Accommodations for 3 to 300 People

Contact Catering Director Nicole Moore at nmoore@macgregordowns.org or 919-653-0175.

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CLUB EVENTS
Do not forget all of the holiday fun we have at the Club!

Polar Express — Sunday, December 1
Gingerbread Workshop — Tuesday, December 3
Santa Brunch — Sunday, December 8
Kid’s Christmas Workshop — Saturday, December 14
Charles Dickens Wine Dinner — Thursday, December 19
Feast of the Seven Fishes — Tuesday, December 24

Stay tuned for more information and register online to secure your spot!