

**Frequently Asked Questions for Cupid's Caper 2012: Love Under the Big top**  
Saturday February 11, 2012 at Meridian Country Club on Kent's East Hill: 24830 136th SE; Kent WA 98042

**DATES**

**When can we reserve our seats?**

Now -\$65 each

**When were the Save the Date cards mailed?**

Mid November - follow up with your potential guests now. All guests from the past 3 years were included.

**DEADLINES**

**Buying reservations:** we sold out 2 weeks ahead last year so don't wait too long!

**Getting sponsors:** Wednesday January 18

**Bringing auction donations:** Wednesday January 25

**DIRECTIONS**

Directions will be emailed to everyone who registers. Or go to [www.meridianvalleycc.com/directions](http://www.meridianvalleycc.com/directions).

**RESERVATIONS**

**Where do I go to register?**

[www.siauburn.org/cupid](http://www.siauburn.org/cupid)

**How do I pay?**

By credit card or online check via PayPal. You must know your PayPal password if you are already registered with them. If you've forgotten it they will email it to you on request.

**How many people can I register at one time?**

As many as you want. Just keep adding people to your "cart."

**NEW:** you have to pay at registration. (\$65 each)

**Can't I just give someone a check like I always did?**

No, but we can help you register online using a check. The only catch is that if you are already registered with PayPal you have to give us your password.

**Who can help me with reservations?**

Christine Tremain is your go-to gal. If you can't find her try Sarah Miller or Sue Singer.

**Why don't we have tickets to sell?**

We are saving money and streamlining the process. Guests register online and get an automatic response email that can be used as a ticket or physical reminder for them if they print it, but they don't need to bring it with them. They have to pay when they register.

**Why are we ONLY selling online?**

Last year was a nightmare for tracking purposes. We discovered we have to have just one person in charge and one tracking system or we won't know when we are sold out. Also we have had trouble collecting IOU's. This way everyone pays when they register and we get all their contact info, meal choices, etc.

**SPONSORS**

**I have a potential sponsor. What do I do next?**

Go to [www.siauburn.org](http://www.siauburn.org) and click "member resources" in the top banner. You will find:

1. A list of sponsors in the works or already secured
2. Sponsor Opportunity Flyer, showing levels and incentives
3. Sponsor Letter and Information. Most sponsors will need this for their records
4. Sponsor Selling Guidelines - this will give you more information

Save what you need onto your desktop so you can email or print it as needed.

**Where should my sponsor send their money?**

Once you have a commitment for a sponsorship fill out the Sponsor Information form and get it to our club Sponsor Liaison, Julie Venn: [julievenn@customfit4you.net](mailto:julievenn@customfit4you.net). She will invoice them and get them all they need.

**WHAT ARE THE FUN & GAMERS PLANNING THIS YEAR?**

1. Big Top Raffle: another big raffle with a vacation prize
2. Split the Pot - donate to the cash jackpot and split the total with the club if your ticket is drawn.
3. Pop the Cork: a balloon popping game board - toss a dart to win a bottle of wine.
4. The Dare Devil Dash for Dessert

## **AUCTION**

### **What kind of things sell best at the silent auction?**

- One of a kind things like gourmet meals, vacations at your condo or cabin, boat rides, etc.
- Sports-related things like tickets to games, golf stuff, etc.
- Baskets of edible goodies, especially if liquor is involved
- Practical things like car detailing, oil changes
- Our own personal talents. Do you bake? Repair jewelry? Write wills? Organize closets?

### **Can I team up with other members to donate a service or party, etc.?**

Absolutely! Let the club know what you are looking for to complete your package. A good time to do this is during introductions.

## **DONATIONS:**

### **What do we do with our donations?**

Bring them to club **ALONG WITH A CONTRIBUTION FORM** filled out *completely*.

Auction Items: Give them to Kären Lee.

Wine: Give to Beth Byers or Tonya Clark.

Desserts: Radine will circulate a sign-up sheet. Bring the dessert to MVCC the day of the Capers.

Cash: Give to Cheryl along with an Accounting Form (in the blue box at the treasurer table)

### **Are we collecting wine again?**

Yes! Get those bottles of wine to Beth Byers or Tonya Clark for the Fun & Gamers.

### **Where do I get a Contribution Form?**

They should be on the sign-in table at club. If not, see Kären Lee or Sue Singer.

**NEW:** We have new forms this year to comply with the IRS. (It is the one that asks for "fair market value")

Please recycle any old versions you find.

**NEW:** if you are personally donating the item be sure to get a "received" signature from a member of the Auction committee so that the IRS will accept it for tax purposes. They frown on people signing their own receipts. :)

### **What if I need help with the form?**

Contact Kären or Sue (contact info below)

## **CUPID'S CUISINE**

### **Are we doing the Cuisine Board again this year?**

Yes! Ask your favorite restaurant, barista, or grocery store for a gift card. They will be on display in the auction area and sold at face value.

### **Who is collecting the cards?**

Fill out a contribution form and give it along with the gift card to Kären Lee.

## **ATTIRE:**

Some people like to come in costume to fit the theme but most people wear cocktail dresses.

## **CONTACT INFO FOR CAPER COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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Tonya (Fun & Gamers): 253.856.1813; tonyaclark.samsclub@gmail.com

Cheryl Sallee (Money Minders): 206.310.0276; momofcl@comcast.net

Christine Tremain (Marketing Gurus): 206.276.2645; CTremain@wesleyhomes.org