

September 2010



Belgian Club of Northern California

Dear Members,

Back by popular demand. Come and join us for:

Oyster Fest at Limantour Beach, Point Reyes Sunday, October 10, 12:30pm

Enjoy an oyster picnic in a most beautiful setting. Limantour Beach is the prettiest of the beaches at Point Reyes National Seashore, a long, wide stretch of sand backed by low cliffs, and is a great place for sand castle building. Because of its south-facing location and the shelter of the Point Reyes peninsula, its waves are calmer than at other beaches nearby, making it a good place for family activities. Wading is okay but no swimming because of the strong undercurrents and sharks.

Oysters, picked up in the morning from Tomales Bay, will be served raw and BBQ-ed, provided we get a fire permit. In case of strong winds, no permits are given out.

On the way up to the beach (or back) a stop at the Bear Valley Visitor Center is recommended to enjoy a nice display with stuffed animals (fox, weasel, badger, bobcat, raccoon, gopher snake, and more).

DIRECTIONS

- Go north on HWY 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge.
- Follow HWY 101 about 9 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge to the Sir Francis Drake-San Anselmo exit (exit 450B).
- Make sure you are in the lane for San Anselmo (second lane from the right) and exit onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. heading west.
- Follow Sir Francis Drake west approximately 21 miles - passing through San Anselmo, Fairfax and Samuel P. Taylor State Park until it intersects with Highway 1 at Olema.
- Turn right on Highway 1 and proceed north about 100 yards.
- Take the first left turn at Bear Valley Road. • Go for about 1.5 miles (from HWY1) on Bear Valley Road.
- Turn left onto Limantour Road, and go all the way to the end, about 8 miles.
- Park your car and walk 8 minutes (leisurely walk) to the beach. We will most likely be on the left. Look for the Belgian flag.

WHAT TO BRING

For the picnic: drinks, and a picnic if you do not eat oysters. You may want to bring other food to accompany the oysters. Oyster condiments will be provided. For the beach: sun hat, beach towel, beach chair, sunscreen, sand toys, but also clothes for cold and windy weather! Point Reyes is notoriously known for its windy, foggy, and cold days!

REGISTRATION FORM

Advance registration with oyster order is required. You can also order to take home. Unopened oysters are good for 2 to 3 days. Make sure to bring a cooler with ice. Send in the form with payment *by Friday, October 1st*. For more information, call Inge Keuppens at 650 704 6532, or email at inge@bcnc.com. If you need to reach us the day of the event, you can try Inge’s cell phone at 650 704 6532, but coverage is not guaranteed.

Write a check made payable to the BCNC and mail together with the registration form to: Inge Keuppens, 1224 Sesame Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Name:

Number of people attending:

Phone Number:

E-mail address:

We are excited to offer you the following choices of Preston Point Oysters and Clams:

	Price each	Number	Total \$
Medium, BBQed	\$1		
Large, BBQed	\$1		
X-small, raw	\$1		
Small, raw	\$1		
Medium, raw	\$1		
Large, raw	\$1		
Cooked Clams in garlic butter, shallots, parsley, and cherry tomatoes served with baguette	\$3.5		
			Total \$:

Jeroen Dewulf, Queen Beatrix Professor in Dutch Studies at the University of California in Berkeley, invites the BCNC members to the following lecture:

Tocqueville Revisited: a Historical Reflection on Religion and Politics

by P.P. Rubens Professor, Patrick Pasture, K.U.Leuven
Sunday, October 17, 3pm – 4pm

Professor Patrick Pasture: “As Ian Buruma recently reminded (Taming the Gods: Religion and Democracy on Three Continents, Princeton 2010), Alexis de Tocqueville in his famous *De l’Amérique* not only expressed himself on the political nature of the young democracy, but also on the relationship between politics and religion. Both Buruma and Tocqueville emphasize the differences between Europe and the new republic. In contrast to Buruma I am not sure though that Tocqueville really captured what was happening in these early days of the USA. In my talk I intend to start with Tocqueville to highlight some of the differences but also similarities in the significance of religion for politics (less the opposite) in North America and in the Low Countries. In some ways their evolution, from the Pilgrim Fathers to George W. Bush and Barak Obama, or from Willem the Silent to Geert Wilders, mirrored each other: so opposite and yet so similar. This is a story beyond the appearances”.

Where:

UC Berkeley
2040 Valley Life Sciences Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VNH Staffing is looking for a native French speaking Marketing Associate for their Client, an online consumer website, located in San Francisco. If interested please contact juliette.adida@vnhstaffing.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 23: Salsa Night, San Francisco
- November 5: SLAC visit, Stanford
- November 13: Belgian Dinner to honor Belgian’s King Day, Café Bastille, San Francisco

The board.

