



Gerry No. 5 VFA

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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

TRIAL REOPENING

Dear Gerry Members,

We hope that this message finds you safe and healthy. We are in unprecedented times.

On March 17th we were ordered to close by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the pandemic. The Governor has directed the reopening of businesses with a 4-phase plan. Clubs are in Phase 4. The recent opening of restaurants has given us an opportunity to reopen in this current phase (3). The Board of Directors has decided that we can try to open under the Mass COVID Restaurant reopening guidelines. We are not a restaurant, but if we follow the guidelines provided by the Commonwealth, we can reopen on a limited basis. Our first goal will be providing a safe environment. The rules and regulations directed by the Commonwealth will be followed to the best of our ability and understanding. We also have a financial obligation to our members. We will weigh out the financial ramifications of opening under these guidelines.

Our Gerry Phase 1 reopening will follow the Commonwealth guidelines which can be found online at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/restaurants-checklist-english/download>. Some of what will be required is:

- Masks must be worn at all times unless seated at a table.
- Social Distancing will be required at all times while on the premises.
- Sanitizing and hand-washing will be done on a regular basis. Products will be available to our employees and members.
- Cooperation and patience may ensure that we continue to provide our members with a safe experience.
- No pool or Golf can be played.
- No Sunday pools or dice.
- No Keno (for now)
- Smoking will be done outside the building and distancing will be maintained both inside and out. No smoking on the deck.
- A simple menu will be provided in the short-term to gauge the response, the financial ramifications, and cooperation of our members.
- Hours of operation will be limited.

- We are limiting availability to our Members and spouses only. No guests or children at this time.
- Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis, Spacing restrictions will dictate how many people we can accommodate. We will be utilizing both the Clubroom and Function Hall.
- Cash Only sales for the time being
- Members should enter through the Function Hall door and exit through the front door.

As we reopen during this trying time, we ask for your cooperation and patience. This is new to us as well.

Please address questions or concerns to the Manager and/or the Board of Directors.

Thank you.

Chris Husband
President

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Thursday and Friday, July 9th and 10th

4 – 8 p.m.

Doors open at 4 and close at 8 p.m.

Kitchen closes at 7 p.m.

Limited Menu (see website or Facebook for details)