

A BRIEF TIMELINE OF THE HARTFORD CLUB

- 1873 First meeting of "Gentlemen who had agreed to form an Association for the promotion of social intercourse, art and literature" held August 8th. The "Trumbull House" at 53 Prospect Street leased for the Clubhouse and Club opens for business with 60 Members.
- 1874 Connecticut General Assembly approves the incorporation of The Hartford Club.
- 1875 Incandescent electric lights installed in the Clubhouse.
- 1881 Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) accepted as a Member. Club has 78 Members including Cadwell Colt of Colt Firearms and Richard L. Gatting, inventor of the Gatling Gun.
- 1882 Club moves to the Wadsworth Mansion at the corner of Prospect and Atheneum Streets. \$10,000 spent to refurbish the new Clubhouse.
- 1885 Members hold party for visiting entertainer Buffalo "Wild" Bill Cody
- 1901 Club has 179 Members and merges with nearby Colonial Club, adding an additional 240 Members. Club authorizes purchase of land, architectural design and expenditures for a new Clubhouse at 46 Prospect Street — cost estimate \$200,000.
- 1904 New Clubhouse opens and 400 Members attend opening ceremonies.
- 1912 Board votes to build an addition to include a ballroom with a stage and 30-foot ceilings, bowling alleys, squash courts, locker room and showers.
- 1913 New Ballroom completed and dedicated at a gala attended by 435 Members served by 70 waiters.
- 1915 Club offers the Ballroom for use as an accounting center for the manufacturing efforts to aid in World War I.
- 1926 Kitchen fire prompts employees to carry out valuable paintings while Members playing billiards resist evacuation. \$130,000 worth of damage is incurred to the first floor lounge, second floor dining rooms, and third floor bedrooms.
- 1931 132 Members resign due to the Great Depression.
- 1938 Former President Herbert Hoover addresses Board meeting. Dinner included Oysters, Filet Mignon and Lobster for \$1.50.
- 1963 First time a woman is allowed to lunch in the Main Dining Room
- 1968 Travelers Company acquires back property of the Club for 2 million dollars; over sees million dollar renovation of Clubhouse.
- 1972 Laura Johnson becomes first full-fledged woman Member.
- 1983 Margaret Lawson becomes first woman President of the Club
- 1998 Club celebrates 125th anniversary with over 1300 Members
- 1999 Richard Weaver-Bey becomes the first African-American President of the Club.
- 2004 Severe Winter weather damage closes the club for several months; the possible sale of the clubhouse to the Wadsworth Atheneum is voted down by the members; and the newly decorated and refurbished Hartford Club holds a Gala re-opening in June.

HOUSE MADE OATMEAL

Brown Sugar / Fruit Compote
Served with a Toasted Bagel

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FRUIT AND YOGURT

Seasonal Fruit and your choice of Low Fat Yogurt
Served with Granola

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FRENCH TOAST

Thick Sliced Hearty White Bread
Smoked Apple Wood Bacon / Country Sausage or Ham
Warm Vermont Maple Syrup / Seasonal Berries

6

TWO EGGS ANY STYLE

Smoked Apple Wood Bacon / Country Sausage or Ham
Toast and Home Fried Potatoes

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OMELET

Choice of
Cheese / Spinach / Peppers / Onions / Tomatoes
Bacon / Sausage / Smoked Salmon
Served with Toast and Home Fried Potatoes
(Egg Beaters available upon request)

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SMOKED SALMON PLATE

Toasted Bagel / Cream Cheese
Bermuda Onion / Tomato / Capers

7

EGGS BENEDICT

Two Poached Eggs / English Muffin / Ham
Hollandaise

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