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A letter from the Editor:

The 2008 Summer Olympic Games have come to a close; if you watched any of them you witnessed perseverance, commitment, drive and ambition.

We saw first hand long term goals, dedication, unbreakable spirit, and rigorous work. It is no wonder the Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius" which means "Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

Shouldn't that be the motto for the way we all reach for our dreams? Believing we can, having faith that we will and overcoming the odds that we won't, is definitely what hope is all about.

Yes, our dreams are attainable and what we will be tomorrow depends on the choices we make today.

Kelly Rose Pion

for more Olympic trivia:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/olympics>

Latest News:

Lots of Bunco “news” this month. First, we would like to make all of you who are not aware yet, the WBA *will not* be participating with the Bunco at Sea tournament scheduled to depart from Miami October 02, 2008. Unfortunately a situation occurred which forced us to make this decision. The WBA prides itself on conducting ethical business practices at all times. The high standards by which we abide were not ethical and forced us to make this decision. We terminated our participation with all of you in mind & left enough time for you to cancel, if you so desired, and get a full refund. We tried to contact all of you who had made your reservations to sail on the cruise but when we requested the email addresses to do so, we were denied any access to the data. We apologize for the cancellation and hope to organize another cruise in the future.

On another note:

We have restructured our Fundraising policies & endorsements to help you with your Bunco Charity events. We think you will benefit greatly with the *all new* WBA Fundraising Package which will be available to purchase beginning Tuesday September 2nd. Click on the fundraising tab here at www.worldbunco.com to view.

Check out the Army’s MWR Grand Prize winner page (below). The Bunco promotion was so successful they’ve decided to repeat it again in 2009. Stay tuned.....

<http://www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/promotions/bunco.asp>

The “WORLD OF BUNCO” ONLINE GAME will be available for “Beta” testing play by OCT. 01, 2008. Any of you who wish to participate with the Beta Test Phase please send your name, phone number, city, state & of course, your email address to info@worldbunco.com and we will contact you as positions become available. The way Beta testing works is a collective group of players, who volunteer, come together online to test the new Bunco game. They then give us all their feedback, positive & negative, and report any glitch’s or “bugs” they encounter while playing. This enables the WBA to produce the best game product possible. So let us know if you’re ready to play !!!!!



AND..... last but not least, let’s get ready to ROLL!!!

Las Vegas here we come! Do you want to win some money???, would you like to meet new friends, laugh, get a little crazy, and play a WHOLE LOT OF BUNCO? Well here’s your chance. The WBA is heading to Las Vegas this next spring, 2009. The exact date and venue will come to you via email or check the World Bunco Association web site next week for all the details.

The World Bunco Grand Championships are going to be bigger & better than ever before. So watch for the info and if you are not signed up as a member of the WBA, do so as soon as possible so you will be included in the “soon to come” Las Vegas Championship news.

Leslie Crouch

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It's Bunco Time:

Going green tip of the Month:

Close the damper on your fireplace when you are not using it. If left open, heat and air conditioning escape and can add up to \$100.00 a year to your utility bill.



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***Ask Babs:**

For any game questions I can be reached at: babs@worldbunco.com

Hello Babs,

My name is Betty Wood; I live in Bixby Okla. which is near Tulsa Okla. We have a Bunco group of 12 ladies, I have a question hopefully you can help me with.

Our last Bunco game, several had scores that tied, we always have a roll off, this time there was 3or 4 who could have won several different ways.

It got very confusing, is it right to just roll for one thing?

And how do you determine who rolls for what, and if they roll for a certain win and get low roll, do they get to roll again for another tie?

Anything you can help me with will be greatly appreciated. (ANY RULES)!!

Also sounds like you girls have a great time at tournaments, how do you become a member??

Las Vegas sounds wonderful!!!!

Thank you so much,

Betty Wood

Hi Betty,

Thanks for contacting the WBA.

I'm happy to answer your question.

When there is a tie, there is a roll-off. For example, if you tie for most wins and most Bunco's, you are included in both roll-offs. If you win the roll-off for most wins, you get the prize, and if you win the roll-off for the most Bunco's you win that prize as well. What you have to remember is Bunco is a game of luck. Sometimes players are luckier than others on a particular Bunco night.

We'd love for you and /or your group to join us in Las Vegas for the World Bunco Championships, 2009. Please go to www.worldbunco.com , sign in there and we will send you an email with all the info soon. Have each member in your group do the same so you can all keep up with the Bunco happenings.

Thank you, Babs

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Babs:

What is traveling Bunco? My group has been playing for two years now and we play the very basic Bunco game. There are so many different ways to play Bunco.

Thanks,

Bonnie

Dear Bonnie,

Some groups play with a traveling Bunco and others do not. It just depends on how you started out originally. Traveling adds a little spice to the game. The boxed game of Bunco "It's Bunco Time" comes with a big fuzzy die. The fuzzy die is positioned at the "head" table at the start of the game. As Bunco's are rolled, the fuzzy die is passed from player to player. If you roll a Bunco you get the fuzzy die tossed to you and so forth. The player at the end of the game holding the fuzzy die wins a prize. Groups use a variety of items for the traveling Bunco. The fuzzy die is the traditional traveler. Hope this helps answer your question.

Check out our new online Bunco game at www.worldofbunco.com, to be posted shortly and don't forget to sign up at www.worldbunco.com and join us in Las Vegas for the championships.

Best,

Babs

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Let the Good Times Roll:



I look forward to receiving your recipes at:

mac@ebunco.com



RECIPES

Sunrise Smoothie

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup orange juice (not concentrated)
- 1/2 cup non-fat plain yogurt
- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup black raspberries (frozen)
- 1/2 cup mango (frozen)
- 1/2 cup strawberries (frozen)

Directions

1. Pour in orange juice and add yogurt
2. Add in fruit and blend for 2 minutes (until smooth) in blender.



Must-Have Mini Macs

Makes 48

Ingredients

1/2 pound elbow macaroni
1 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, (plus more for brushing)
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3/4 cup milk
4 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded (1 packed cup)
4 ounces deli-sliced American cheese, chopped
1 large egg yolk
1/2 teaspoon smoked Spanish paprika

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the macaroni and boil until al dente, about 5 minutes. Drain, shaking off the excess water.
2. Brush four 12 cup nonstick mini muffin tins with butter. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of the grated Parmigiano-Reggiano; tap out excess.
3. In a large saucepan, melt the 1 1/2 tablespoons of butter. Whisk in the flour over moderate heat; continue whisking for 2 min. Whisk in the milk and cook, whisking until the mixture comes to a boil, about 5 min. add the cheddar and American cheeses and whisk until they are smoothly melted. Take the saucepan off the heat and whisk in the egg yolk and paprika. Fold in the cooked and drained macaroni.
4. Spoon slightly rounded tablespoons of the macaroni and cheese mixture into the prepared muffin cups, packing them gently. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of grated Parmigiano-Reggiano evenly over tops.
5. Bake in the upper and middle thirds of the oven for about 10 min, until golden and sizzling. Let cool for 5 min. Use a small spoon to carefully loosen the mini macs and transfer to a large serving platter.

Fall Fruitcake

Serves 12

Ingredients

1 cup chopped golden raisins
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
1 cup chopped cranberries
1 cup unsweetened crushed pineapple
1/4 cup grated lemon peel
1 cup flaked coconut
1/3 cup orange juice



8 packets artificial sweetener
1 teaspoon ground mace
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Directions

1. Mix sugar substitute with orange juice. Pour over chopped cranberries. Soak 1 hour, mixing often.
2. Mix raisins, nuts, coconut, and lemon rind in flour until well coated. Add cranberries and orange juice mixture. Sprinkle baking soda over mixture, and mix. Mix in spices. Fold in crushed pineapple. Pour batter into a greased and floured 9 inch loaf pan.
3. Bake at 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) for 40 minutes. Cool.

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Featured Bunco Group(s):

Here are pictures of this months Bunco get together...

The theme was THE TACKIEST BRIDESMAID TEA PARTY...

Everyone wore a dress they or some one had worn to a wedding....

I was the bride because you can not have bridesmaids without a bride.....We even had a groom....

The party favor was a tea cup and saucer. I had my sister and daughter from Alabama go to a flea market and mail 20 to me.....The tea of choice for the night was Long Island Ice Tea.....

We had finger foods along with snacks at each table.....

My downstairs was decorated with lights, white table cloths on all tables, white chair covers with gold ribbon bows tied on the backs....The girls could not believe I did all this for them....

When it comes to my Bunco girls the sky is the limit. It's fun to come up with ideas, this time I may have out done myself.....They are always good to go along with my crazy ideas....

Thanks, I wanted to share this with you girls....BUNCO ROCKS!!!!!!

Debra Holt







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