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DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL TO HOST “TASTE OF THE WORLD” DINNER COMPETITION ON FEBRUARY 28

Damariscotta, ME – Rick Hirsch and Jean Kerrigan, Owners of the Damariscotta River Grill (www.damariscottarivergrill.com), are giving a new meaning to “healthy competition.” They will kick off a series of cooking competitions between staff teams on February 28, to give each an opportunity to run the restaurant for an evening. Each team is a mix of both kitchen and front-of-house staff, and is charged with designing a special event, developing its many details, and staging the event for the public at the Damariscotta River Grill.

The first event in the series, titled “Taste the World,” will take place **February 28 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**. “One of our teams has chosen to turn the Grill into a setting that will feature food from around the world,” according to Hirsch. “Our guests that night will be able to enjoy wonderful dishes from around the globe. We think the evening will make for a really unique, memorable dinner.”

The February 28 event will showcase fare ranging from sushi and other Asian dishes from China, Thailand and Japan, to flavorful dishes from Italy, France, Spain, Morocco, Australia and New Zealand. At the event, guests will buy a “Damariscotta River Grill Passport” for \$24, and use the passport’s 12 tickets to sample a wide variety of tapas-sized dishes and offerings. Wine and cocktails will also be available for patrons.

In a fun twist, the restaurant will be divided into different regions for the evening, each to represent cuisine from a different area of the globe. Guests will have their passport stamped when they visit a region, and those who visit all of the regions will be automatically entered in a contest to win a variety of prizes – including tickets to major upcoming Grill Wine Dinners or the restaurant’s next staff-planned event in the ongoing competition.

The Damariscotta River Grill has earned a sterling reputation for hosting capacity-crowd special events, including the restaurant’s festive Wine Club dinners and “Dinner and a Movie” evenings. The latter has featured screenings of such classic films as “Babette’s Feast,” after which Chef Hirsch recreated the movie’s entire authentic French menu for guests.

“Our immediate and neighboring communities have always been so supportive and enthusiastic when we’ve offered creative events that have been a bit ‘off the beaten path,’” Hirsch noted. “That level of support speaks volumes to our whole team, and will make our staff competition dinners that much more fun.”

DETAILS:

Taste of the World Dinner Competition at the Damariscotta River Grill

February 28th, 2008 5:00 – 8:00 pm

\$24 per person (excluding tax). For reservations or directions, phone (207) 563-2992.

About the Damariscotta River Grill:

Since its successful launch in late 2003, the Damariscotta River Grill (www.damariscottarivergrill.com) has firmly established itself as a welcome addition to coastal Maine dining. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Rick Hirsch (Executive Chef) and Jean Kerrigan (General Manager), the popular restaurant has been a favorite of locals, summer visitors and vacationing celebrities alike. Guests enjoy the restaurant’s traditional Clam Chowder and its hearty Beef and White Bean Chili as much as its Maine Shrimp Bruschetta, fresh Lobster Cakes and tender Pork Osso Buco. The restaurant is highly regarded for its impressive wine list as well, which features a variety of award-winning New and Old World varietals.

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