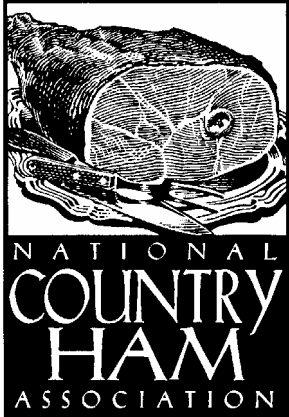


The Real Squeal

An Affiliate of The American Association of Meat Processors

Taste the Tradition



National Country Ham Association 17th Annual Meeting

The officers and Board of Directors of NCHA are committed to making NCHA an active and successful organization. Keep in mind that the Association is not a part of any state University, nor is it a part of FSIS/USDA. The association is for each of you, whether you are processors, wholesalers, distributors, or retailers. The Associations' purpose is to represent your viewpoint and to assist you in securing answers to the questions and problems you have in your daily country cured meats business.

Additional rules forms for the Country Ham competition are available at the NCHA office. Please request your copy if needed.

If you are currently a member, GREAT! If not, NCHA's annual membership is a small investment to make, assisting you to continue in your survival and success in your cured-meats operation. When you, NCHA members, have contact with your fellow meat processors and suppliers, please pass along the enclosed membership application and encourage them to join YOUR association. Supplier members (associates) receive free advertisement space in "The Real Squeal", and as always feel free to contact the NCHA office for membership information to be forwarded to any prospective members.

We are excited about our upcoming meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 3-5, 2009 at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa Grande Dunes. It is our intent to provide you with an informative array of speakers, topics, and activities at a very reasonable fee. Education is truly a life-long process; and as owners and managers, being informed becomes more critical each year. An added benefit will be the enjoyable fellowship with people in similar businesses. If you have never attended or seldom attend our meetings, I encourage you to be present April 3-5 in Myrtle Beach. It will be money well invested. Don't forget to bring your spouse. Spouse's can enjoy the areas endless outlet mall shopping, and a relaxing weekend oceanfront. I look forward to seeing each of you in Myrtle Beach on April 3rd.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please complete a separate form for each registrant - photocopies acceptable)

Full Name _____
 (to appear on namebadge) First Middle Last

Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone# _____ **Fax#** _____ **Email:** _____

Spouse/Guest _____
 (to appear on namebadge) First Middle Last

Child (please list each name followed by age) _____

Event	Registration Fees	Number Attending	Amount Enclosed
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Friday Welcome Reception & *Dinner* *(includes open bar)*

_____ ***grilled center cut new york strip steak***, yukon gold potatoes, asparagus and baby carrots & ultimate chocolate cake

OR

_____ ***rosemary and black pepper crusted sliced pork loin***, with wild mushroom marsala sauce, rosemary roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables & key lime pie

Total Dinners ordered from above # _____ @\$75 per person \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast Buffet # _____ @\$20 per person \$ _____

Saturday Meeting # _____ @\$125 per person \$ _____
(includes lunch)

TOTAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Saturday Evening

Dinner: Location to be Announced # _____ **Attending** Dutch Treat

Please make hotel reservations by March 16, 2009 to ensure the guaranteed group rate.

If you have any questions, please contact Candace Cansler at the NCHA office at (828)466-2770.
 Make checks payable to: NCHA and mail with registration form to:

National Country Ham Association, Post Office Box 948, Conover, NC 28613

National Country Ham Association

Tentative Agenda

April 3-5, 2009

Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa Grande Dunes

Myrtle Beach, SC

Reservations: 800-644-2881

FRIDAY, April 3

- 12:00 pm Board of Directors meeting
LUNCH (provided for Board members)
- 12:00 pm Register Hams for competition
(Hams for the competition must be onsite by 12:00 p.m.)
- 5:30 Registration Open
- 6:00 Welcome Reception
Dinner on Your Own



2007—Ham Docs in Brownsville, Tennessee

SATURDAY, April 4

- 7:00 am Country Ham Breakfast (ticket required)
- 8:20 Welcome
- 8:30 Dr. Benji Mikel, Mississippi State U
“Methyl Bromide Update”
- 9:15 Jeff Chilton, Chilton Consulting Services
“Regulatory Update”
- 10:00 BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS
- 10:15 Dr. Estes Reynolds, Chilton Consulting Services
“Listeria Monitoring & Control Program”
- 11:15 George Routen, Partner, Southeastern Insurance Consultants
“The Future of Healthcare in the United States”
- 12:15 pm LUNCH (SPONSORED BY EXHIBITORS)
- 1:15 University of Kentucky Graduate Students
“Characterization of Bacterial Growth in Bone Marrow”
- 2:00 BREAK
- 2:10 Dr. Gregg Rentfrow, University of Kentucky
“How to Lose Weight & Improve Health”
- 3:15 Judges Discussion of Ham Class, Awards for the Winner – Dr. Norm Marriott
- 4:00 Membership Meeting
- 4:15 Follow-up Board Meeting (Install Officers)
- 6:00 Depart for group dinner at destination to be determined
- 6:30 Dinner (*Dutch Treat*)

Make your hotel reservations NOW

Make your hotel reservations now by calling the **Myrtle Beach Marriott & Spa Grande Dunes: 800-644-2881**. You must mention the group name, National Country Ham Association, to receive the group rate of \$159 single or double. **The group rate will only be available until March 16, 2009.** The group block will be released after March 16th and the group rate will no longer be available.



From the moment you arrive in our bright, Mediterranean-style lobby, you'll notice the effort put into making your vacation serene and relaxing and your meetings productive and enjoyable. The Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa staff and service is not only high quality, it's award winning. We are proud to be the recipients of...

- 2006, 2007 and 2008 AAA Four Diamond Award
- Best of the South, as chosen by the readers of Meeting South Magazine for outstanding facility providing excellence in service, 2005
- Conde Nast Traveler Golf Poll, Best Golf Resort, 2005
- Best of the Beach, as chosen by the readers of Sun News (local newspaper) for Overall Best Hotel and Hotel for Couples, 2005
- Best of the Best from Conde Nast Traveler 2007 Golf Resort
- But that's not all. In addition to providing the best service around, we also offer more amenities than any other destination in the Carolinas, including...
- a concierge desk, to help you find the best dining, shopping and entertainment in Myrtle Beach
- a full-service business center, including high-speed internet access
- complimentary services such as newspapers delivered to your room
- internet access in your guest room for a small daily fee
- guest rooms equipped with coffee and tea, individual climate control, in room safes, hairdryers, robes, and Marriott Revive bedding
- one restaurant and one lounge located directly on the ocean
- swimming options – outside, inside, in the ocean, hot tubs and a water slide
- a full service spa and fitness room
- seasonal pool bar and pool side dining and more!

A couple things to know before your arrival...

- check in time is 4 p.m.
- check out time is 11 a.m.
- we also offer video review billing and video checkout, along with express checkout
- we provide on-site parking at a daily charge of \$8 in addition to valet parking (\$18 daily)
- although we ask that you leave your pets at home, service animals are allowed for persons with disabilities



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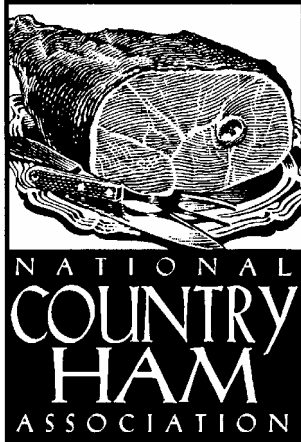
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ASSOCIATE MEMBER SHOWCASE

Taste the Tradition



REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, April 4th, 2009

Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa Grande Dunes
Myrtle Beach, SC

Associate Members wishing to display table top exhibits will be provided a table and signage. The tables will be located adjacent to the main meeting room. Any additional audio/visual requirements, electrical needs or special preparations will be billed at hotel rates. Confirmation and exhibition information will be forwarded upon receipt of registration.

NCHA Member Showcase Registration Fee: \$200.

Non-members Showcase Registration Fee: \$350.

2009 Associate Member Showcase Registration

SATURDAY, April 4, 2009

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Showcase Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Complete and mail or fax to:
NCHA, P.O. Box 948, Conover, NC 28613

Registration Deadline: March 16, 2009

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

*Please see enclosed agenda for Exhibit setup and visit times.
For further information contact NCHA: phone or fax (828)466-2770
Email: eatham@countryham.org*

HOW TO GET TO THE Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes

8400 Costa Verde Drive
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572 USA
Phone: 1-800-644-2881

Parking

- On-site parking \$8 daily
- Valet parking, fee: \$18 daily

Area Airports

Myrtle Beach International Airport - MYR

- 1 843 448 1589
- Hotel direction: 12.0 mi N
- Driving Directions: 1.) Follow airport exit signs to Highway 17 Bypass. 2.) Go North on Highway 17 Bypass to 82nd Parkway and make a Right. 3.) Turn Left at Business 17 (King's Highway). 4.) Turn at first Right onto Grande Dunes Blvd. 5.) Continue straight and turn Right onto Costa Verde Drive and into hotel entrance.

This hotel does not provide shuttle service.

Estimated taxi fare: 30.0 USD (one way)

Wilmington - ILM

- 1 910 341 4333
- Hotel direction: 70.0 mi N
- Driving Directions: 1.) West on Airport Blvd. 2.) Turn Right on N. 23rd St. 3.) Turn Left onto Gordon Rd. 4.) Turn Left onto NC-133 South. 5.) Merge onto US-17 South. 6.) Merge onto SC-9 North. 7.) Take US-31 South. 8.) Merge onto SC-31 South. 9.) Merge onto SC-22 East. 10.) Merge onto Kings Hwy/Hwy 17 Business and go South 11.) Continue on Kings Hwy/Hwy 17 Business to Grande Dunes Blvd. 12.) Turn Left onto Grande Dunes Blvd. (Just before 82nd Ave.) 13.) Continue Straight. 14.) Turn Right onto Costa Verde Drive and into hotel entrance.

This hotel does not provide shuttle service.

Estimated taxi fare: 120.0 USD (one way)

**All Marriott Hotels
are now Smoke
Free. Smoking is
only allowed out-
side and in special
designated areas.**

Did You Know?

The name of the city originated from a shrub called the wax myrtle, a common plant in the area. The first people to arrive in Myrtle Beach were a group of Spaniards from Hispaniola in 1526 who established the first European settlement 30 miles south of the beach town called San Miguel de Cauldape; however it was abandoned one year later when the settlers returned to their homeland.

Orientation:

Located on the Atlantic coast, east of Columbia and Sumter, the city is near the North Carolina border. Myrtle Beach is close to the cities of Georgetown and Conway. The area is rich in Civil War history and a magnet for those interested in this vital part of Americana.

What to Wear:

Public Areas/Hotel Lobby: Casual dress and resort-wear are always acceptable in the public areas and lobby. The only dress specifically discouraged is pool attire such as flip-flops, swimsuits and cutoff shorts. Casual dress and resort-wear are perfectly acceptable in our dining areas until 6:00 p.m. However, tee shirts, tank tops, shorts (ladies or gentlemen), jeans, pool attire, and exercise-wear are considered inappropriate.

After 6:00 p.m., casual dress and resort-wear are acceptable in all dining rooms.

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**NATIONAL COUNTRY HAM ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We hereby make application for membership in the National Country Ham Association Inc., a non-profit corporation established to promote and improve the Country Ham Industry across the nation.

We agree to pay annual dues as determined by the board of directors, and to pay quarterly check-off dues as approved by the board of directors. (**Note:** Check-off dues for Processor Members is further explained below).

All dues are used, at the direction of the board of directors, for the benefit of the Country Ham industry across the nation.

In making application for membership, we pledge to support NCHA in its endeavors and activities and will actively participate in its' programs, aims, and goals.

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ FAX Number _____

Website Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Principals of company (name and title) _____

Recommended by _____

Brief description of your companies activities: (to be published in NCHA Membership Directory) _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

___ **\$100 Processor Member** (Membership dues are due each year on October 1)

_____ **Number of hams cured per year. Used to determine quarterly check-off dues.**
 (Held in strictest confidence.) Processor members also pay check - off dues in the amount of \$.0125 per ham. Minimum check-off is \$250 per year and maximum is \$6,250 per year. Check-off dues are billed quarterly. To determine your check-off dues calculate the number of hams cured in the past year; e.g. 50,000 hams cured multiply \$.0125 equals \$625. \$625 divided by four quarterly invoices equals \$156.25 due each quarter. \$625 check-off dues plus \$100 annual dues equals total dues of \$725 per year if you cure 50,000 hams annually.

___ **\$300 Processor Member:** No curing: Further Processor only (Membership dues are due each year on Oct. 1)

___ **\$150 Associate Member**(Vendor)(Membership dues are due each year on October 1)

Signature(required)

Date

Make check payable to NCHA; mail to P.O. Box 948, Conover, NC 28613

**NATIONAL COUNTRY HAM
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**NCHA's Annual Meeting
April 3-April 5, 2009**

*Promotion, development, and improvement of the
business of country ham curers, and to encourage the
sale and use of country cured meats through co-operative
methods of production, promotion, education,
advertisement, and trade shows are primary goals of the
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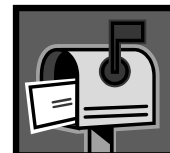
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