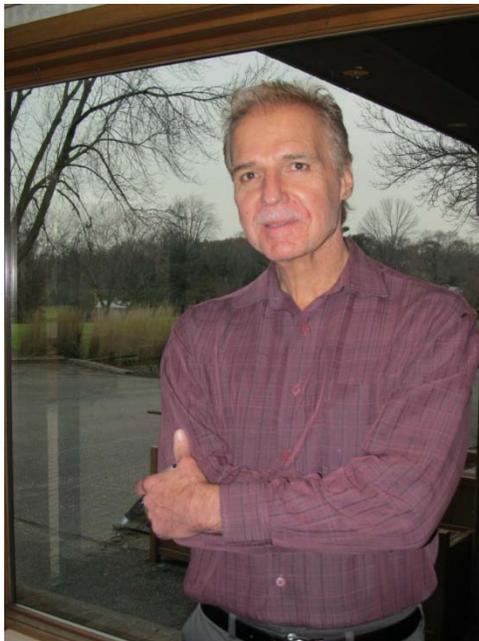

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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New Management at Bonnie Brook Food and Beverage

Waukegan, IL (December 6, 2013) – GolfVisions, the firm contracted to manage the operations of Bonnie Brook for the Waukegan Park District, recently hired Ralph Sabatini to provide leadership to its experienced restaurant and banquet team. Sabatini is a member of a Lake County family with a forty- year history in the restaurant business. The Sabatini family owned restaurants in Long Lake, Waukegan, and Round Lake. Ralph was the Director at the Waukegan Yacht Club, managed the Five Seasons Country Club, and for the last 11 years managed Austin’s in Libertyville.

Sabatini invites the public to dine at Bonnie Brook Dining and Banquets on Wednesday nights. He also suggests trying the new and expanded Friday night menu that includes brisket, ribs, shrimp, and fish dishes. When asked about his vision moving forward, Sabatini said he wants to add a creative flair to the great food and service provided by his chefs and dining room staff. “Bonnie Brook has a long heritage that we plan to build on, but we don’t want to be predictable, we want to be interesting, as well as known and appreciated for our comfort food. Diners can look forward to more themed public events and use of the outdoor patio,” stated Sabatini. For more information, please visit www.waukegangolf.org or call 847-360-4734.



Ralph Sabatini

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 57 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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