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...CONTINUED racing-green walls in the Great Room set the tone for an exhilarating evening, while the attentive—and attractive—staff in the Caribou Bar and the DJ rocking the dance floor make every night feel like a special event. **Membership Requirements** \$3,000 initiation, \$2,000 annually, 411 E. Hopkins Ave., caribouclub.com

The mountain outpost of a Miami mainstay **The Club at Casa Tua** serves up sumptuous Italian fare and stunning views from the private portion of the restaurant. A gourmand and a veritable gallerist, Casa Tua owner Miky Grendene ensures a rotating display of museum-quality work graces the walls while the seasonal menu always stays on point. Fashion shows, winemaker dinners and access to special events round out the perks of the membership. **Buonissimo. Membership Requirements** Price upon request, 403 S. Galena St., casatualifestyle.com

Perched in a prime location above the banks of the Roaring Fork River is Club 184 of the **Fraternal Order of Eagles**. Known locally as “The Eagles,” this clubhouse is one of the last bastions of bar gaming in Aspen, where one can always scare up a competitive game of pool, darts, foosball or shuffleboard. Its ingenious snack program consists of frozen Tombstone pizzas, which patrons prepare

themselves in a convection oven by the coat rack. **Membership Requirements** Sponsorship by two current members, \$25 application fee, \$50 annual dues, 700 E. Bleeker St.

The **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** are renowned nationwide for its community service and savvy real estate investments; Elks’ lodges often occupy addresses among the most prestigious in any given city. Lodge 224, established in 1891, is no exception—the funds from the domed building that bears its name at Galena Street and Hyman Avenue fuels many of its philanthropic endeavors. The top-floor location, which underwent a renovation this fall, also boasts some of the best views—and by far the cheapest beer—in Aspen. That’s something to bugle about. **Membership Requirements** By invitation only, with community service requirements, 510 E. Hyman Ave., Ste. 300, elks.org

Breckenridge Distillery’s **Dark Arts Society** sounds like a menacing fraternity from *Harry Potter*, but it is more a magical club for whiskey aficionados. In residence at Rickhouse Social, Dark Arts Society members gain access to chef’s dinners, special reserve whiskies, educational tastings and a private spirit locker. **Membership Requirements** \$5,000 annually, 515 E. Hopkins Ave., rickhousesocial.com ■



Clockwise from top: The Caribou Club has a dining room, bar and lounge so guests can bounce from intimate conversation to dancing; Casa Tua’s upstairs club features an extensive rotating art collection too; the Dark Arts Society membership room in Breckenridge is a literal private club, but its Aspen outpost at Rickhouse features some of the benefits, like whiskey tastings.



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