

New Executive Chef joins The Bridges Club at Rancho Santa Fe

The Bridges Club at Rancho Santa Fe recently announced the appointment of new Executive Chef Tommy DiMella. As The Bridges Club revitalizes its Food and Beverage operation, Chef DiMella will be responsible for leading the culinary experience for the club's members and guests.

"While I have interviewed

numerous chefs over the past few months, Chef DiMella was clearly the standout candidate," said The Bridges General Manager, Lenny Fisher. "He understands the culture of a private club and members' expectations."

Chef DiMella has a culinary arts degree from the prominent chef school at Johnson and Wales in New England. He interned at the five-star Breakers Resort in West Palm Beach, and then developed his culinary skills at some of the best restaurants in Italy. Chef DiMella moved to San Diego in the '90s and has worked at many fine restaurants, including the Hyatt Regency in La Jolla, Dussini Mediterranean Bistro and Del Mar Country Club. He spent six years as Executive Chef at Pamplemousse Grille in Solana Beach. Most recently he developed and sold his own restaurant in Northern California with the intention of relocating back to San Diego.

"Chef DiMella is a vital component in putting our Food and Beverage operation on the map," explains Fisher.



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Executive Chef Tommy DiMella

To round out its new team, The Bridges has also secured Food and Beverage Director James Barrasso, who was the owner/operator of The Firefly restaurant for over a decade in Encinitas. The new team has already made a big impact on the member experience, with several sold-out events and full eating establishments as shining testaments to the new dining renaissance at The Bridges.

For more information on The Bridges Club at Rancho Santa Fe, visit www.thebridgesrsf.com.