Courtside
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Where will you be watching Super Bowl XLVI? If you don’t have an HD big screen TV or are wondering how you are going to feed all your friends and family during the big game I have an idea. How about meeting everybody at Courtside?

The only complete sports complex in the Tri States is located on Holliday Drive on the west side of Dubuque. It is fully equipped and well stocked so you can relax and see the game in comfort. The restaurant seats 145 people and there is room at the bar for another 45. You can see the action from any seat because there are twenty-three TVs on the walls, three 10 foot HDTVs over the bar, a 10 foot high definition screen in the VIP room, and a 15 foot high definition screen in the center.

You can’t get thirsty during the game because you will be at a full bar offering several game day specials and buckets of beer. You won’t go hungry either. The experienced staff will be standing by to serve you pizzas for $5.00 off regular price and all sorts of sandwiches and munchies.

Just to give you an idea of some of the 20 different snacks on the menu there are Nachos, Mini Tacos, Popcorn Chicken, Egg Rolls, Mozzarella Sticks, Pretzel Bites, Cheese Balls, French Fries, Tater Tots and Chicken Wings. All of these treats go really well with beer but especially the Wings. They are fried and dipped in a sauce of your choice. There are 8 to choose from: Mild, Medium, Hot, Jamaican Jerk, Tenyaki, Sweet Chil, BBQ Red Hot and Sweet n’ Sour. I prefer to order a big basket of wings along with something called the Eagle’s Nest Tailgater. This is huge basket combination of popcorn chicken, breaded cauliflower, mini mozzarella sticks, cheese balls, hot pepper bites, onion rings and loaded spudz all on top of nacho chips.

Right around half time you might be thinking you have had enough appetizers and it’s time to get something to eat! Burgers are always a good choice. I like the Full Court Hall Platter. I personalize it with either American, Swiss, Provolone or Pepper Jack cheese, mushrooms, grilled onions and bacon. I also like the Courtside Fowl Philly Chicken and 76er Philly Steak sandwiches. Both of these sandwiches come with Swiss cheese, sautéed onions and peppers. Some other popular entrees are the Upper Deck Reuben, Personal Fowl Chicken Tenders and the Swan Dive Italian Beef with au jus.

Now perhaps you are wondering how to accommodate all the family and friends you invited to join you for the game. For large groups I recommend you simply call up Courtside and order from the Party Menu. You can arrange to have your guests served from your choice of the following hors’ d’oeuvres: Wings, Swedish Meatballs, Veggie Tray, Pinwheels, Little Smokies, Finger Sandwiches, Taco Salad and Nachos.

Each guest receives a plate of either 3, 4 or 5 items and your cost is 7, 8 or 9 dollars per plate respectively. You can order full meals too. Sloppy Joes and chips are $5.50 per plate, Hamburger or Chicken Breast with salad and chips are $7.50 per plate and Seasoned Sliced Beef, Fried Chicken or Ham (choice of two) with potato, salad, vegetable and roll are only $12.75 per plate.

You can rest assured your guests will be waited on correctly and promptly too. Kim Linden, the Kitchen Manager is an expert at serving large groups. She and her proficient staff are skilled in catering to the fans at ball games and to entire teams during tournaments.

You will recall I stated Courtside is a complete sports complex. It was envisioned by Luke David who was an accomplished high school athlete. Then his parents, Kim and Jerry David, who has 32 years experience in retail sales and marketing, made their son’s dream a reality. The facility is 26,000 square feet and in addition to the restaurant and bar there are 3 full size basketball or volleyball courts, 2 outside sand volleyball lots, pool tables, dart boards and a variety of arcade games.

Events Coordinator Kathy Sitman maintains a year round schedule of volleyball, basketball, bean bag, dodge ball and pool tournaments. She plans events with local schools and manages leagues for men, women and coed groups in 3 different skill levels.

All of us Hawkeye fans are well taken care of at Courtside too. The Kinnick Nation Fan Club was established to bring Kinnick Stadium excitement to those who are unable to attend the games. For a $20 annual membership fee you get a T-shirt and hat, reserved seating for all Iowa games, special game day discounts, admission to members only tailgate parties and lifetime discounts on all expenditures at Courtside.

There are music venues at Courtside as well. The next scheduled concert is the Winter Roxks. This is billed as this winter’s largest music event. On Friday, January 27th Wicked Liz and the Bellyswirls, Zero 2 Sixty and the Reddoor will be playing. On Saturday, January 28th rock to the music of Johnny Trash and also Jabber Box. See details on Winter Roxks on page 15.

Would be remiss if I didn’t mention Courtside is open for lunch too. In addition to all of the appetizer and dinner items there is also a complete $4.95 lunch menu. For this low price you can chose a taco or club salad, grilled chicken, ham, turkey or grilled cheese sandwich or 5 wings, tortilla wrap or quesadilla.

There are also weekly lunch specials including Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes on Monday, Pork Tenderloin on Tuesday, Grilled Chicken on Wednesday, Taco Salad on Thursday and Ham and Cheese Melt on Friday.

So if you play team sports, are a sports fan, or just like to eat, Courtside is the place to be. Most of us fit into at least one of these categories so I know I will be seeing you there soon!