As American As...

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Addison Reserve members were treated to a variety of pies offered from the window of a "home" at the USA-themed end-of-season party.

Addison Reserve Country Club's "Made In USA"-themed end-of-season party was fueled by the contentious 2016 Presidential election.

The patriotic "Made In USA" theme of the end-of-season party at Addison Reserve Country Club in Delray Beach, Fla., took on a new energy last year, given its timing in the early days of the 2016 Presidential election.

"While including many nostalgic elements that make America the amazing country that it is, we had the additional element of an extremely explosive pre-election buzz," the club reports.

In April 2016, the club's staff transformed the clubhouse lobby into the "Oval Office" of the White House, complete with yellow drapery, a large desk, and the presidential seal on the marble floor. A red phone and stack of papers titled "Government Health Insurance Policy" added to the scene.

THE GOAL: Offer a memorable end-of-season event at Addison Reserve CC that captured the energy of 2016.

THE PLAN: Throw a "Made In USA"-themed party, complete with an "Oval Office" replica in the lobby, Presidential candidate impersonators, and baseball-themed centerpieces.

THE PAYOFF: A successful, well-attended event that helped members feel unified, despite a politically divisive year.

"Hail to the Chief" played as members entered, with Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump look-alikes greeting the guests (members were invited to pose for pictures with their favored candidate).

Classic American television shows played during cocktail hour. After receiving seat assignments that were attached to an American flag, members were seated at tables that featured vintage newspaper articles about baseball Hall of Famers on the tabletops, and baseball-themed centerpieces.

Continuing the baseball theme, a popcorn station was provided along with a ballpark kiosk offering foam fingers, Cracker Jack, and American flags. Club staff and the live band were also dressed in baseball shirts and hats.

For dinner, the club offered American favorites, including diner and fish-market fare. For dessert, pies (in many flavors—including, of course, apple) were served from a "homemade" window.



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