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9:00

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10:00

Shotgun Start

2:30

Lunch and Silent Auction

DETAILS

Cost:

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Deadline:

October 6, 2014

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A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMAN

Hello Walden. Can you believe it, we are in August already? Have you started planning your Christmas and New Year's Eve parties yet? It is time to start thinking about those annual gatherings. Why don't you try having them at the Walden Country Club where they have a great setting, fine food and lots of entertainment. Call Stella Meintzer at (832) 445-2104 and book that party now.

Has the heat bothered you yet? The pool is open and your neighbors have been enjoying the water. Come on up and take a dip, enjoy a light meal or a cold beverage from our snack bar. Check out the summer fun now.

The tennis and golf facilities are operating well and getting great reviews from new members and guests that are visiting our club. The courts and the golf course are getting a lot of play. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to join our tennis club or our golf associations. We all have a lot of fun together and would love to include your family as part of our groups. Did you know that the kiddos can come out and learn how to play tennis or golf? Our pros are eager to book some time and give them the opportunity to learn a sport that will last them a life time. Who knows, maybe one of your children will decide to pursue the sport. It might give them the chance to be on a high school team or maybe even earn a college scholarship. The pros can schedule meetings with some of our children who have already learned their sport here at Walden, and are playing for their school, and let them share firsthand how good the training and the facilities are for learning their sport. Some of our children in Walden have already succeeded in high school, college and beyond.

Your Board of Governors (BOG) continues their efforts to plan improvements throughout all of our facilities. This is a huge task since the club is 30 years old. The BOG approved a project to renovate the stairs to the Pro shop and to repair and update the handicap railings on the north side of the building. As other new improvement plans are approved, we will share the details with you. Until then, if you have suggestions, please write them down and drop them in one of our suggestion boxes located throughout the club. We are happy to entertain any new ideas.

Lastly, as our summer draws to an end, I personally want to take the time to thank all of our Walden summer help; the life guards, the wait staff, the grounds kids, and all that have come for the summer to support our club and members. They have been fun to have around and fun to watch them interact with our members. So, please before these young people head back to school, give them a pat on the back and a thank you. They are special and they are our children.

- Walt Albright

Hey Walden!

Check out the website at waldenncc.com and see what's going on at your club. Like us on Facebook for daily updates.

On Wednesdays we turn the main dining room into Waldino's Cucina Italiano. It's all you can eat salad bar and bread paired with some great pasta dishes or even a steak. Come and join us for one of the best values around.

Need a place to host an event like a birthday bash, wedding shower or a baby shower? How about a rehearsal dinner or a quinceanera? Stella would love to help you out. Call 832-445-2100 to set up an appointment.

The course is in great shape thanks to Bob Cook and his staff. We're ready for any corporate outing or a fundraiser tournament.

Come and check out all of the beers on tap in the 19th Hole along with the new summertime menu.

Friday night is date night and we have you covered with Fine Dining Friday. Chef John prepares an "all specials" menu right here in your own backyard. Be sure to make a reservation. Bar opens at 5:00pm and dinner service is from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Also, don't forget about Sunday brunch served the last Sunday of every month. We'd love to see you!

Lake Houston Ladies Club

Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that meets from September to May on the third Tuesday of the month at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive, in Humble TX. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. They include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club and Tea Time Group. Many of the groups continue throughout the summer months. There are periodic events planned during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club.



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NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Walden is happy to announce that we have a new Membership Director. Her name is Tanna Follis and she is originally from the San Antonio area and is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio! Tanna will begin her tenure as our Membership Director on July 23rd. Please make plans to stop by and welcome her to the Walden Family!



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From the Pro Shop

The SMGA Member/Member was contested this past weekend at the Club. Between the two rounds of golf, the shootout and the putting contest, the weather wasn't the only hot thing on the golf course! The results are as follows (Gross/Net):

Flight 1

Dave Faulkner & Andy Vincent - 136/128 (1st Gross)
 Bill Haefling & David Branham - 147/132 (1st Net)
 Walt Nowicki & Patrick Keith - 155/139 (3rd Gross)
 Ed Nelson & Brian Schroeder - 155/138 (2nd Gross)
 Neal Rohrig & George Gracin - 156/137
 Barry Hall & Jerry Tollefson - 159/137
 Cliff Bodin & Herb Mendelsberg - 160/133 (3rd Net)
 Bob Ledger & Bill Barnett, Sr. - 160/136
 David Harris & Ernest Watson - 160/133 (2nd Net)
 Rick Cade & Mike Marks - 165/141

Flight 2

Bill Roe & Lee Brewer - 151/126 (1st Gross)
 Vince Voytek & Paul Majors - 161/132 (2nd Gross)
 Charlie Kohler & Darrel Cannon - 163/137 (2nd Net)
 Don Blake & Bruce Banta - 164/137 (3rd Gross)
 Victor Hart & Paul Waldmiller - 165/121 (1st Net)
 Larry Tucker & Bob Dandeneau - 168/139
 Walt Albright & Henry Baker - 169/137 (3rd Net)
 Phil Notar & David Carter - 173/142
 Phil Semler & Karl Eggenschwiller - 176/140
 Jerry Lavey & Rod Rodriguez - 198/151

SHOOTOUT RESULTS

Flight 1

Dave Faulkner & Andy Vincent (1st)
 Walt Nowicki & Patrick Keith (2nd)

Flight 2

Victor Hart & Paul Waldmiller (1st)
 Bill Roe & Lee Brewer (2nd)
 Putting/Chipping Contest
 Charlie Kohler & Darrel Cannon - 16' 8" (1st)
 Bill Haefling & David Branham - 26' 9.25" (2nd)
 Barry Hall & Jerry Tollefson - 26' 9.75" (3rd)

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Reuben Vela	4
Bill & Carol Haefling	7
Patrick & Dottie Keith	4
Lee & Margaret Brewer	2
Mike & Connie Ocepek	2
Martyn & Alison Bates	2
Mike & Olga Olsen	2
Kyle Thistle	2
Larry & Alicia Skalnik	2
Roger & Susan Brown	2
Paul & Savannah Compton	2
Bruce & Debbie Banta	3
Andy & Nell Vincent	2

TEXAS STATE PRO-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Every year at Horseshoe Bay Resort, just north of Austin, the Northern Texas PGA and the Southern Texas PGA come together for the Texas State Pro-Assistant Championship. Anyone who has been there knows what a beautiful part of the state this is with Lake LBJ close by and all the elevation changes. Charlie Rudd and I represented Walden on Lake Houston Country Club well as played our hearts out through 2 tough rounds of golf and a putting contest. With rounds of 69 and 71, we ousted the competition to tie for 23rd! However, with the green conditions so good at Walden, practicing our putting seemed to help! We tied for 5th in the putting contest! Thanks to all the Walden members for your support, and Thanks for Being a Member!

STAG NIGHT SKINS GAME

Join the fun every Thursday night at Walden! The format is a 9-hole skins game that shotgun starts at 5:45pm, with both gross and net cumulative skins. The entry fee is \$9 CASH. Players must have a GHIN handicap established to be eligible for net skins. Call or come by the golf shop to sign up!

After play, head back to the patio or locker room for Bistro Filet Cut Steak, Baked Potato and Chef's Choice Vegetables at only \$14.95++ BONUS: Scotch & Stogies from the bar featuring draft specials and Glenmorangie Scotch!

WE NEED GOLF CART KEYS PLEASE!

Please check your golf bags and pockets for any golf cart keys you may have taken with you. We might have to sell more push carts in the shop if we can't get keys back! (Just kidding).

AUGUST 2014 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Fine Dining	2
3	4 Tennis & Fitness Open Main Club Closed	5 1/2 Price Pizza Wine Dinner Summer Junior Golf Camp- 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	6 Waldino's Cucina Italiano 5:00 - 8:00 Summer Junior Golf Camp - 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	7 Prime N Dine Summer Junior Golf Camp - 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	8 Summer Junior Golf Camp - 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM Fine Dining	9 Junior Golf Club Championship
10 Junior Club Championship	11 Main Club Closed Tennis & Fitness Open	12 1/2 Price Pizza Member Mixer	13 Waldino's Cucina Italiano 5:00 - 8:00	14 Prime N Dine	15 Fine Dining	16 MGA 4 - Man Variable Best Ball
17	18 Tennis & Fitness Open Main Club Closed	19 1/2 Price Pizza	20 Waldino's Cucina Italiano 5:00 - 8:00	21 Prime N Dine	22 Fine Dining	23
24	25 Main Club Closed Tennis & Fitness Open	26 1/2 Price Pizza	27 Waldino's Cucina Italiano 5:00 - 8:00	28 Prime N Dine	29 Fine Dining	30
31 SUNDAY BRUNCH 11:00 - 2:00 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM						

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The Modern Game: The Backhand Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing. I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Backhand Approach Shot. This shot is used when an opponent hits a soft shot that has bounced high over the net. The player will take advantage and will charge to the net, thus hitting with top spin high over the net and hit with power. When the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise. This shot can be used as a “winner” or as an “approach shot.”

In the illustrations, Kaylen Combs, one of the top players of the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Kaylen is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant, who is showing her the proper point of contact on step 2. Kaylen plays with her left hand.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Kaylen sees the opportunity, she makes a quick turn of her upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, her shoulders are turned, the right hand gripping the racket and her left

hand relaxed. Her weight is on the front foot as her momentum carries her forward to attack the ball. Her right wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle and accelerating the racket head around the outside of the ball. Kaylen started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. She will be brushing around the outside of the ball as she makes contact with it. Her left shoulder is almost opening and her weight has is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum control and power, Kaylen is keeping her right arm extended through the shot. She has “snapped” her right wrist and has the head of the racket facing down. Her weight is going forward.

Step 4: The Finish: Kaylen’s upper body acceleration forced the head of the racket to “wrap around” her left ear, thus creating the most power and topspin on the ball. Her legs are already in position to move forward the net for a volley. Her right foot should naturally move forward due to her momentum and racket speed. From her looks, she apparently hit a very wide cross court approach shot for a defensive return.

Step 5: The Volley Winner: Once Kaylen hit, she moved to the net for a “winner”. By the smile on her face, her backhand approach shot was successful and she won the point with a backhand volley.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Swinging Forehand Approach Shot”

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BUYER DEMAND HOT - COOLER DAYS AHEAD

Real Estate is HOT, no question about it. With the housing market exceeding forecasts it's hard to imagine things slowing down. Historical trends however provide evidence that the housing market will slow come September. Many factors can influence this trend from year to year. The one factor that never goes away is "Back to School". Most families moving into, or out of an area will make their move prior to the new school year, doing everything they can to minimize the disruption in their kids social life.

In what was a historic year for Real Estate, 2013 provided evidence of this "slowing" in the market. In residential resale we saw 19% fewer home sales in September vs August of that same year. We also saw homes were on the market almost 10% longer in

September vs August. 2012 was also a great year for Real Estate and it provided another similar and more dramatic trend; 30% fewer home sales in September vs. August.

WHAT TO DO

If you're happy where you're at sit tight and enjoy the house that has become your home. If you're considering a move, take advantage of not only a great Real Estate market, but a great month to move in.

August provides more opportunities for both buyers and sellers. If you are considering a move look no further and contact the Tracy Montgomery Team. Our team of professionals are sure to provide you with an unmatched experience and customer service.

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