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Member's Newsletter

May 2012

TEXAS STAR GOLF COURSE

EULESS, TEXAS, 76040

LET'S CELEBRATE

Texas Star opened for play 15 years ago. Throughout this time, we have had many great moments and enjoyable times. We have been blessed with wonderful members and talented staff, many who have been with us from the 1st year we opened. The loyalty and dedication from both are what makes Texas Star special. We'd like to thank our members, staff and guests for their continued patronage and commitment through the years.

Join us Friday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. for our 15-year celebration. It will be an evening of fun and festivity under the stars in the Bird's Fort Pavilion. The evening will be a great time to reminisce and enjoy visiting with other members and guests. We will have a casual dinner and entertainment for your enjoyment.

Texas Star 15 Year Celebration
Friday, May 18
6:30 P.M.

Please RSVP to ghartsell@eulesstx.gov or call 817-685-1849.
In case of inclement weather, the party will move indoors.



Welcome New Members

Michael Puls Helen Voss

May Birthdays

Ronald Adams
Derek Bennett
William Cashman
Mike Dobbs
Richard Farco
Aaron Fry
Byron Fry
Barbara Gunn
Rick Holley
Jim Lawson
Steve Lee
Mark Levy
Kevin McKinnon
Mike Masters
Mary Lib Saleh
Pat Summerall
James Vetter
Jeff Wilson

Upcoming Events

May 13
Mother's Day Brunch
June 16
MGA US Open
June 24
9 Hole Family
Tournament
July 14
Open Championship



For more information, call 817-685-7888, or e-mail proshop@eulesstx.gov. For Food & Beverage events call 817-685-1843 or ravensgrille@eulesstx.gov.



Memorial Day

May 28

Remember the sacrifices of men and women throughout our nation's history who ensured our freedom.

MAY AT TEXAS STAR

The month of May brings golf's big guns to DFW. This May, both area annual PGA tournaments will be played a week apart. The HP Byron Nelson Classic will be played May 16th thru 20th at the Four Seasons in Las Colinas with Keegan Bradley trying to reclaim his title. Down the road in Fort Worth, the Colonial Crowne Plaza Invitational will be held May 21st thru the 27th at the stately Colonial Country Club. Texas Star Golf Course, in celebrating our 15th Anniversary and to honor these great golf occasions, is offering the following specials for our members:

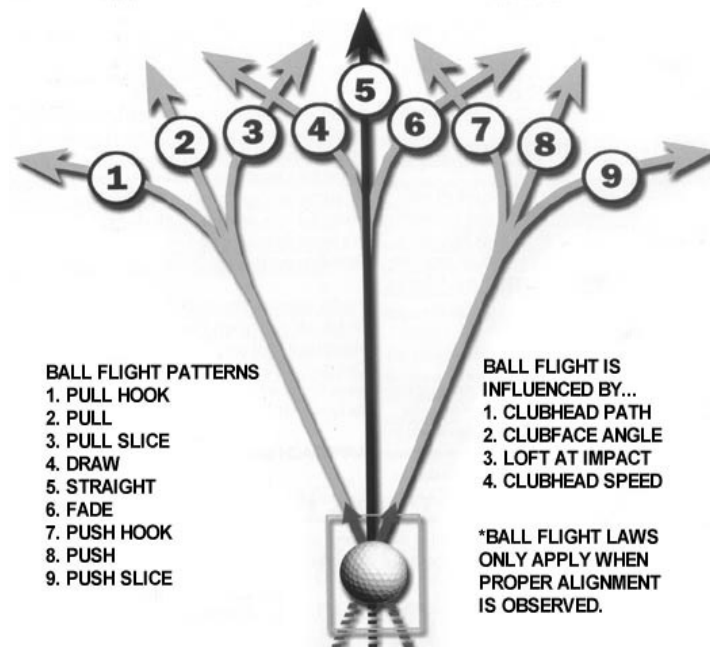


Sundays in May Members and one guest can play for the twilight rate after 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays in May Members and one guest each can play for a cart fee only after 5 p.m.
Saturdays in May Members buy one entrée and receive 1/2 off another at the same price or less in the Raven's Grille after 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15 Members receive a free logo golf ball in the Golf Shop and enjoy 25% off your meal in the Raven's Grille.

Tips from the Pro

By Dan Walden

As an instructor, one of the most important concepts is that of “ball flight” and understanding what happens when striking the ball. We all have a preference of what the ball should do. For most, it’s simple: long and straight. Did you know, however, that the hardest thing in golf to teach and do is hit a straight ball flight? The reality is because we swing on an arc. The chances of hitting a dead straight shot (although not impossible) is very small. In fact, at Jon Sinclair’s studio, he’s only ever recorded two perfectly straight shots -- and not one of those was from a touring pro. Take a look at the following picture and then think about your own ball flight.



Ideally, we’d like to fit within patterns #3 and #7 -- which are common misconceptions to the fade and draw. Cause and effect, if your club path begins left of your intended target (#5), you must have an open club face to “slice/fade” the ball back. If your club path begins to the right of #5, you must have a club face that “hooks/draws” the ball back to center.

These are great reminders to help you get your ball back to center. If you are unsure of what you do, place a golf club out in front of you about 5 steps of your intended target line. Try pitching the ball about 30 yards. This is a slow enough speed to give you the feedback you need in reference to how your ball is reacting from your club path. As always

MGA Corner Chairman Mike Gearhart

The Men's Golf Association completed the first Major of 2012. The Texas Star version of the Masters featured 36 players challenging a difficult golf course that included new water hazards on six holes plus an additional Par 5. Every player also randomly picked two PGA professionals as partners to determine the final outcome. Event coordinators, Steve Lowke and Pete Flagella, did a masterful job in creating an exciting and competitive tournament. Twenty-five percent of the field was rewarded with Pro Shop credit for their results. The winners were:

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| 1st Place: Mark Channels | 6th Place: Tie: Keith Andreson & Brad Schram |
| 2nd Place: Mike Worst | |
| 3rd Place: Mike Gearhart | 8th Place: Tie: Buddy Burns & Larry Smith |
| 4th Place: Tie: Alan Mason & Larry Helton | |

The Texas Star - US OPEN will be contested on Saturday, June 16th. Co-Chairmen Tom Hogue and Tom Fisher are planning a spectacular tournament. An invitation detailing the event will be forwarded to all MGA members in the future.

As a reminder, membership in the MGA is only \$25. The 2012 Season has only just begun. There are many golf events planned, and the Christmas Gala is worth the membership fee alone. For information, please see the MGA Bulletin Board and the Golf Shop.



Superintendent's Soapbox...

By Scott Boven, Superintendent



Spring Is Here...

Growing season is finally here -- the time of year that the golf course comes back to life and looks and plays the way it was meant to. Although there is plenty of mowing and trimming to do with all the spring rain we have been blessed with this year, the maintenance staff is also preparing for another long Texas summer that we all know will be here soon. One of the most important steps in this is aerification. Greens were completed mid-March and have healed in nicely. We have begun tees, collars, and roughs that will wrap up shortly. But the most time-consuming and labor-intensive area are the fairways that are still to come. Although on the day we actually aerify a fairway, it does seem pretty destructive; the day after, it is VERY playable once again. This is due to the extra work put in by the staff in order to make this process as painless as possible for golfers. These extra steps (that most courses do not add) include picking up every core pulled by the aerifier with a core harvester, then dragging and immediately mowing in order to smooth things out again. We will also only be working on a couple of holes per day as to limit any further inconveniences to golf. With course age and the continued large amount of traffic we receive on a daily basis, fairway aerification is an absolute must for turf health. As mentioned before, these are tremendously labor-intensive maintenance practices; obviously, we would not be doing them if it were not necessary to preserving the quality of golf course we are all accustomed to here at Texas Star. Thank you again for your understanding and patience with these necessary maintenance tasks. Hope to see you all out on the course soon.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



Mother's Day is observed around the world, although the dates and months may vary from country to country. Mother's Day is the occasion to honor the special women in our lives. Texas Star can help make it easy and enjoyable to pamper Mom this year. Make your reservations to attend the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th.

We can accommodate large and small groups.

Call the Grille Managers at 817-685-1847 to save your spot.

Adults (12 years & up) \$19.95 Kids 5-11 \$10.95

Our seating times are available at 10:30, 11:00, 12:15 and 12:45

Raven's Grille May Specials

Monday: Liver & Onions

Soup: Chicken Noodle

Tuesday: \$5.00 Texas Star Burger

Soup: Broccoli Cheese

Wednesday: Chicken stuffed with Brie, Pears and Cranberries

Soup: Tomato Bisque

Thursday: Spicy Muffaletta

Soup: Chicken Gumbo

Friday: Chile Relleno

Soup: Poblano Corn Chowder



Party on the Patio

Happy Hour On the Raven's Grille Patio.

Offering special appetizers and drink pricing.

Monday—Thursday
5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Rock'n Raven Wednesday
on the Patio

Featuring Eddie Herrera
from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., a
great way to celebrate the half
way point of the week.