

★ *The Shooting Star* ★

June 2020

1400 Texas Star Parkway, Euless, Texas 76040

Texas Star Update ...

by Glenda Hartsell-Shelton

Texas Star's 23rd anniversary was May 22 and, sadly, our celebration did not include the normal member specials or fanfare as in the past due to our current safety protocols and restrictions. Over the years we have experienced interruption of play and reduced rounds due to acts of nature, construction, and downturns in the economy, but this has been the most unusual May in our history. The current environment required us to change our business practices, our level of customer service, and it has definitely been a learning experience on dealing with change.

We are looking forward to returning to some form of normalcy in July. It is our hope that we will be close to being fully operational on the course and as well as in the clubhouse. If this happens, we will fully open the range/practice area and reinstate all of our membership levels next month. There may still be some programs and events that we will not be able to hold or will have to be rescheduled. If all goes as hoped, you will receive your member newsletter and statement with your dues at the end of June.

Our main goal is still to ensure your safety and the safety of our staff while providing service to our members and guests in what continues to be an ever changing environment. As always, the staff and I are grateful and appreciative of your support and patience during the time.

Father's Day

Father's Day is June 21 and now is time to start thinking about a gift to celebrate Dad. Spend time with him on the course and secure your tee time as early as June 11! Even better, stop by the Golf Shop to purchase that driver he has had his eye on, a stylish golf shirt for those causal business days, or a gift certificate for him to choose. Check with Dan Walden in the Golf Shop to place a special order of personalized golf balls or other items not in the shop.

Raven's Grille will have a few specials to honor dad as well – when you bring your dad to lunch or dinner, buy your entrée and receive 50% off his entrée of the same or lesser value. Your dad will receive 50% off an appetizer as well when accompanied by a family member. Don't forget that Texas Star gift certificates are good in the Golf Shop and in the Raven's Grille!

Raven's Grille Specials

Raven's Grille's main dining room, Garden Room, and patio are open for guests. We are looking forward to seeing you again. This is a great time of year to enjoy our weekend brunch on the patio, have dinner with a view in the Garden Room or enjoy the coziness of the dining room.

As a thank you will be offering a few specials to our members:

Monday – Visit the Raven's Grille after 3pm on to receive 25% off your entrée and dessert.

Wednesday & Thursday – Enjoy one of our appetizers for 25% off with the purchase of a drink or entrée.

Saturday – Come for lunch or dinner and enjoy a dessert at 50% off with purchase of an entrée.



July 4th Hours of Operation:

Raven's Grille Closed ~ Golf Shop 7:00am - 5:00pm





Tips from the Pro... by Dan Walden

At the time I am writing this, the practice areas are closed and with limited space on the golf course it does not leave much room for practicing new techniques or improving skills already learned. So, here are a few tips that can still help you improve and lower your scores:

Improvements in golf can be compared to dieting. For every pound you lose one week, you gain two the next. One foot forward two steps back; it can get frustrating. The reason for this is because you forgot to plan your success. Just going out and stating that you are going to get better is not going to be helpful in most cases. Write down what it is you are wanting to accomplish while at home. If it is more distance off the tee, analyze what it is that contributes to more distance (i.e. club head speed, loft, spin rates, impact). If it is better putting, you have to do the same but analyze grip pressure, stance, alignment, and stroke. If it is better pitching, try to analyze posture, ball position, hand location at impact, and club head speed as it relates to body turn.

By just writing down these tips, you have taken the first steps to improving them and you will gain more understanding of what your limitations are while investigating the criteria for the area of improvement. Once you have a decent grasp on how to improve in the selected area, then you can begin to focus on a specific aspect of your choosing. If you are wanting more club head speed so you can hit the tee shot farther, then you may have to improve flexibility in your back swing. This is not done on the golf course, it is done on the living room floor. Practicing your putting grip and stance can also be done at home along with chipping posture, grip, and balance. Many of the improvements for your golf game are done off the golf course so that once you get to the course have a plan in mind of what you'd like to accomplish. A goal of hitting 10-12 greens in regulation is daunting so maybe try for 5-7 to start. Work your way up from there.

We all look forward to getting back to normal, but that may take some time. Use these days as a good training opportunity for yourself so that when things are back to normal, you are ready to go.

Women's Clinic and Youth Program

Our staff is currently working on planning and rescheduling our youth programs and women's clinics. Look for updates in the next newsletter and on our website. Individual lessons will become available in late June, call the Golf Shop to schedule.



Call 817-685-1860 to schedule a lesson or to inquire about events or pricing for any clinic.

Superintendent's Soapbox... by Scott Boven



Although we did not have much of a winter this year and temperatures were above normal in very early spring, the last two months have been seeing below normal nighttime temperatures and many sunless days which has been very similar to what we saw in 2017. The course has loved the moisture, but the cool cloudy days have slowed growth and set back greens speeds a little due to our staff not having been able to aggressively groom them just yet due to the potential harm it could cause without active growth. As we all well know, these mild conditions will come to an abrupt halt soon. This does not make an afternoon on the course any more comfortable, but the turfgrass will sure love it and will allow us to begin verticutting and rolling on a much more frequent basis in order to improve ball roll and get the speeds of greens up a little more.

On a positive note, and as mentioned in last month's article, there will be no obtrusive aerifications to greens, tees, or fairways this summer due to the fact that we took advantage of the down time in April while we were closed to complete these tasks while not disrupting golf. Once again, thank you all in advance for your continued support and compliments on course conditions during a somewhat trying early growing season.



MGA Corner

We are looking forward to having our monthly MGA events back once restrictions are lifted. If everything goes according to plan, our first event will be the Red, White, and Blue MGA tournament event held on July 11. This is an individual golf event using 100% of handicap utilizing the red, white, and blue teeing grounds rotating throughout the golf course. For those that would like to sign up, we will be starting a sign-up sheet in the Golf Shop sometime in the middle of June.



For those that are on the fence or would like to sign up, we usually hold MGA events the 2nd Saturday morning of each month with a different format each time. It only costs \$25.00 to sign up for the MGA for the year and a dinner party at the end of the year is also included. Payment is billed to your membership, so a phone call to sign up is all that is needed. Again, this is all based on whether restrictions will be lifted by July and memberships have resumed. We are looking forward to seeing you on the course!

Call 817-685-1860 to inquire about signing up for the MGA program .



June Member Birthdays



Neil Anthony	Linda Martin
Dillon Dillard	Robert Matthys
Falk Eambovornchai	Gary McKamie
Steven Farco	Mike Neal
Tom Fisher	Tim Nietert
David Hamacher	Flavio Ronzani
Cary Hise	Kelly Roberts
Van Holbrook	Jeff Sawlan
Tom Jeter	Russell Smith
Robert Keohane	Leslie Taylor
Kenneth Kilpatrick	Chad Van Oss
Mark Kundysek	Helen Voss
	Mike Worst



Upcoming Events

<u>June 21</u>	<u>July 11</u>
Father's Day	Red, White, & Blue
Specials in Grille	<u>July 18</u>
	Senior Club
	Championship
<u>July 4</u>	
Raven's Grille Closed	
Golf Shop Open	

For more information on upcoming events, call Kenzie at 817-685-1849 or the Golf Shop at 817-685-7888.

Helpful Numbers Tee Times, Golf Shop & Lessons

817-685-7888



Glenda Hartsell-Shelton General Manager	685-1859
<u>Golf Shop & Lessons</u>	685-7888
Dan Walden Head Golf Professional	685-1841
Jeff Langas Assistant Golf Pro	685-1840
<u>Course Maintenance</u>	685-1658
Scott Boven Golf Superintendent	
Patrick Voss Asst. Superintendent	
<u>Conference Center</u>	685-1845
Leslie Conley Conference Manager	
<u>Raven's Grill</u>	685-1843
John Aritua Chef	685-1852
Scott Foster Food & Bev. Manager	685-1847
Stephanie Kennemer Asst. F&B Manager	
Jon Whitlock Asst. F&B Manager	
<u>Member Relations</u>	685-1849
Kenzie Kino admintxstar@eulesstx.gov	

Raven's Grille June Specials

Monday - \$8.95 Jumbo Texas Spud OR
\$6.95 Garden Spud
Soup: Chicken Noodle

Tuesday - \$5.00 Texas Star Burger
Soup: Southwest Black Bean

Wednesday - \$8.95 8oz Chopped Steak
Soup: Broccoli Cheese

Thursday - \$9.95 Buffalo Chicken Flatbread
Soup: Tuscan White Bean

Friday - \$11.95 10oz Pork "Porterhouse" Chop
Soup: French Onion

Veggie of the Month - Braised Cabbage
Dessert of the Month - Chocolate Cheesecake