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Springtime at Texas Star

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Although it has felt like spring for the past month and a half, April is when spring feels official to me, bringing warmer temperatures, longer days, and the perfect excuse to spend more time outdoors. It's the perfect time to soak in the beauty of the season, enjoy the fresh air, and take full advantage of ideal spring conditions to get out on the course and sharpen your game.

As we celebrate the beauty of spring we start to think about golf and "A Tradition Unlike Any Other", The Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia. Scheduled for April 9–12, this event not only captivates audiences around the world, but starts us thinking about golf's place in our life, stirring up the desire to tee it up and create a little golfing magic of our own.

While our course may not have Augusta's famed Amen Corner or its legendary azaleas, Texas Star offers a beauty all its own. Texas sage and red yuccas line the landscape and are ready to burst into bloom, while our wooded fairways, natural surroundings, and challenging holes provide a memorable experience for golfers of every skill level.

Before heading to the course, be sure to stop by the Golf Shop and browse our newest spring and summer apparel. Whether you are searching for a polished look or performance-driven gear, our latest collection will have you feeling like a pro even on the days your scorecard may suggest otherwise.

And the perks do not stop there. Throughout April, we are pleased to offer our members a variety of exclusive specials designed to make your time at Texas Star even more enjoyable:

Mondays:

Individual Members can enjoy twilight golf for just \$25 after 4:00 p.m. Gold, Silver, and Range Pass Members may also bring a friend to join the fun at the same great value.

Wednesdays:

Stop in at Raven's Grille for a meal or to refuel after your round, and enjoy 25% off your meal.

Sundays:

Make the most of your weekend with our early twilight offer. Individual and Range Pass Members may enjoy twilight rates beginning at 12:00 p.m., while Gold and Silver Pass Members may bring a friend to share in the savings.

Mother's Day Brunch at Raven's Grille

Celebrate Mom this Mother's Day with a delightful brunch at Raven's Grille. Every mom deserves a delicious, stress-free meal on her special day and we're here to make that happen.

Our thoughtfully curated menu offers something for everyone. Enjoy fresh salads and assorted cheeses, a generous breakfast station with all your favorites, and made-to-order omelets prepared just the way Mom likes them. A wide selection of entrées and sides ensures even the pickiest eaters will leave satisfied, and our tempting dessert display is not to be missed.

Let us handle the cooking while you focus on what matters most, spending quality time and creating lasting memories with Mom.

Reservations are required. Please call 817-685-1847 to reserve your table. Large groups are welcome. Reservations for Mother's Day will begin on April 6th.



Tips from the Pro Dan Walden, Head Golf Professional



When Is Free Relief Allowed?

Free relief is permitted when your ball, stance, or intended swing is interfered by an abnormal course condition. Common examples include temporary water, cart paths, ground under repair, or designated protected areas.

When taking relief, you must identify the nearest point of complete relief that is not closer to the hole. From that point, drop the ball within one club-length, and it must come to rest within the defined relief area.

Common Situations Where Free Relief Is Allowed:

- Cart paths or other immovable obstructions
- Temporary water from rain or wet conditions
- Ground under repair (marked or designated by the course)
- Flower beds, landscaped, or garden areas
- Tree wells or newly planted/protected trees

It is important to note that free relief is not granted simply because a lie is difficult. There is no relief from trees, bushes, tall grass, or bare ground unless the area is specifically marked or defined as ground under repair.

Players should always review the course's Local Rules, as additional relief areas may be designated during periods of wet conditions or ongoing maintenance.

Preferred Lies (Lift, Clean, and Place)

Preferred lies may be in effect when course conditions are poor typically after heavy rain or during periods of limited turf growth. When this Local Rule is in place, players are allowed to lift, clean, and place their ball within a specified distance.

Under current Rules of Golf guidelines, that distance is typically one scorecard length (approximately 13 inches) or the length of a club grip, unless otherwise specified by the Committee.



Spring St. Patrick's Day Member/Member Recap

A weekend to remember green, gusty, and glorious.

Twenty-three teams. Two days. Winds gusting to 40 mph. And somehow, a whole lot of birdies.

This year's spring Member/Member was everything we love about this event — competitive golf, great company, and more drama than anyone bargained for.

Day 1 — Traditional Best Ball set the stage for a thriller. After 18 holes, three teams found themselves deadlocked at the top of the leaderboard: Chonich & Klimkosky, Berry & Merchant, and Neal & Stinneford. But with eight teams sitting within just three shots of the lead, nobody in the field could afford a comfortable night's sleep.

The lead was there to be taken eight teams within 3 shots meant Day 2 was anyone's tournament. With a Best Ball Shamble format and Mother Nature about to dial things up, the drama was just getting started.

Day 2 — Best Ball Shamble brought with it a formidable test: 40 mph gusts howling across the course all day long. But the field rose to the challenge impressively, with 16 teams posting under-par rounds in conditions that would have most golfers reaching for excuses.

And then there was Berry & Merchant who didn't just survive the wind, they thrived. Their 9-under 62 was the low round of the day, and the story behind it is already becoming the stuff of club legend.

Superintendent's Soapbox...by Scott Boven

Springtime on the Course

Spring is officially here, and with it comes the much-anticipated start of golf season. While the turf is beginning to green up and show signs of growth after the winter months, the increased play this time of year can be tough on high-traffic areas of the golf course especially tees and the edges of cart paths.

This makes it more important than ever for all of us, as golfers, to do our part to minimize the impact of our rounds on the turf. A few simple habits can go a long way in maintaining course conditions for everyone:

- When taking practice swings, especially on tees, please avoid making divots. This not only prevents unnecessary turf damage but is also easier on your clubs and your body.
- Fill all fairway and tee divots using the sand provided on your cart.
- Stay out of environmentally sensitive areas. It takes very little foot traffic to damage native grasses and disturb important wildlife habitats.
- Follow all cart rules, and vary your exit and return points to the cart path. Repeated traffic in the same area can quickly create worn "cart trails," particularly on our tree-lined holes where turf receives limited sunlight.
- Be mindful of wet or worn areas and avoid driving carts through these spots whenever possible.
- Most importantly, repair all ball marks on the greens. This is the single most impactful thing each of us can do to improve overall playability.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for helping us maintain the quality of the course. We look forward to seeing you out enjoying the beautiful spring weather at Texas Star.

MGA Continues

The \$20 putter that won a tournament. Nick Berry's bargain-bin flagstick was the unsung hero of the weekend deployed from on and off the green with equal conviction. Putt after putt found the bottom of the cup. It turns out, in golf as in life, you don't always need to spend more to score better. When the scorecards were tallied, here's how the final leaderboard shook out:

Champions: Team Berry & Merchant 11-Under

Runners-up: Team Munoz & Team Lurie & Gomez 9-Under

A huge congratulations to all of our competitors. These events are the heartbeat of our club, and the energy you all bring, rain, wind, or shine, is what makes them so special. We can't wait to do it again.

Our next event will be our annual MGA Masters Event on April 11th, 8am shotgun and the format will be an individual event with full handicaps but with a twist. Please see the shop for the rules and to sign up for this fun event.



Hole-in-One Celebrations

Since reopening in October, we've have been informed of four hole-in-ones at Texas Star.

- Scott HERRINGTON kicked things off on reopening day, acing Hole #16 from 150 yards with an 8-iron.
- Mike LeBlanc followed with a hole-in-one from the Blue Tees on Hole #16, 170 yards, also with an 8-iron.
- Curtis Borland showed us there's more than one way to get it done, holing out on Hole #16 from the White Tees (150 yards) using a driver!
- Logan Brown switched it up on Hole #8, knocking it in from 190 yards from the Blue Tees with an 8-iron.

Congratulations from all of us at Texas Star Golf Course on these incredible achievements!



Congratulations to our 1st Assistant Golf Professional, Logan Merchant, and his wife, Katelyn, on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Hallie. Wishing them all the best as they begin this wonderful new chapter!

Raven's Grille April Specials:

Monday - \$9.95

Liver and Onions
Soup: Tomato Florentine

Tuesday - \$10.95

Baja Chicken Melt
Soup: Chicken Gnocchi

Wednesday - \$13.95

Smoked Salmon Berry Salad
Soup: Navy Bean Soup

Thursday - \$11.95

French Dip
Soup: Caribbean Jerk Chicken

Friday - \$12.95

Lemon Butter Walu Tacos
Soup: Peruvian Chicken Stew

Appetizer of the Month -

Fried Calamari w/ Marinara
\$6.95

Vegetable of the Month

Vegetable Medley

Dessert of the Month

Peeps Tres Leches Cake
\$6.95

April Birthdays:

Mitchell Austin	Reece Gould	Brennan Martin
Peter Bendor-Samuel	Bob Holmok	Harris Michaelides
Brooks Bishop	Enbo Jiang	Bill Polek
Dirk Bundle	Tonya Jones	Danny Renteria
Randy Crim	Robert Kester	Christopher Rudolf
Paul Fannin	Peter Kunkel	Phillippe Tran
Bob Fisherkeller	Steve Lowke	Scott Wagner

Upcoming Events:

April 5:

Easter Brunch

April 11:

MGA Masters Event

May 6:

Live Music on the Patio

May 9:

MGA Stableford

May 10:

Mother's Day Brunch

June 11:

MGA Open

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