

The May Tempo

Balcones Country
Club's Newsletter,
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Main Clubhouse: 512.258.1621 • Balcones Pro Shop: 512.258.2775 Spicewood Pro Shop: 512.258.6763



The Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Seminar series

(Complementary for members)

Join fellow member Mickey Powell
and Valerie Maerklin

Wednesday May 5th
from 10:00-11:00.

Come to get current updates and your questions answered about Social Security. Find out how you and your family will be impacted as we see changes in the future.

Please RSVP to Kaye at 258-1621

Gentleman grab your Seersuckers and Ladies
bring your Best Hat for this months

Cocktails with the Council

Friday, May 14th at 6:00

“Kentucky Derby”

Run for the Roses

This Adults only party is a great opportunity to enjoy the club in a fun and relaxing environment, while mixing and mingling with other members and guests.

Enjoy Complimentary Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres with Jim Morgan, general manager and members of the Ambassador Council.



Memorial Day Pool Party
Monday, May 31st
11:00-3:00pm

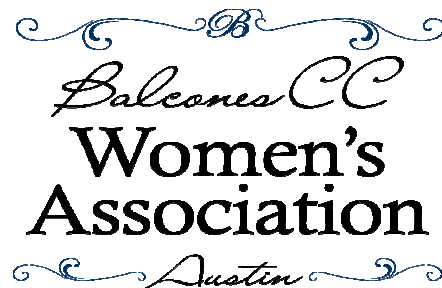
Food ~ Fun ~ Entertainment

It's going to be a great day to spend at
your club with family and friends!!

Balcones Women's Association...

by Janie Williams

BCCWA TEMPO NEWS - MAY 2010 (Any questions -Janie Williams 258-9448)



Our luncheon speaker on April 15, 2010, was Diane Barnet, author of "Inside South Austin: A Guide." Her knowledge of South Austin's history and how it has grown was outstanding. She knew her subject very well. She said it covers some nine square miles, bordered generally on the west by Zilker Park, on the south by Ben White Boulevard and on the east by IH35, with a population close to 45,000. Thanks go to Helen LaFlare, Program Committee, for selecting Diane Barnet to speak at our April luncheon.

Our May 20, 2010, WA meeting will be held in the evening and Carole Bankston, the WA Scholarship Foundation Chairperson will host this event. She will be presenting Scholarships in the amount of \$2500 each to seven deserving students from Westwood High School. They are Christina Barr, Nick Kubala, Doris Li, Lia Palmore, Kaitlyn Rank, Heath Schramm, and Melissa Wu. I would like to thank the Scholarship Foundation Committee for all their work in their selection of our scholarship recipients. The Committee selected the students based on grades, community involvement and need. We want to thank Balcones Country Club members and guests for all they did to help make this possible.

We would like to invite all BCC members and guests to attend the Scholarship Buffet and Program on May 20, 2010. Guest speaker will be Kathy Gregg, Westwood High School Counselor. 6:00 p.m. Social; 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner, followed by our Scholarship Program. Flyers will be sent giving the menu and cost. Please call Kaye Burson (258-1621) to make reservations.

Carole Bankston, WA Scholarship Foundation Chairperson said "Donations made after July 23, 2009, to the BCCWA Women's Association Scholarship Foundation are tax deductible." The IRS has given public charity recognition to the foundation. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we can accept direct donations and are happy to provide an acknowledgment letter to our donors. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Carole Bankston at 512-258-1886.

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee: Phyllis Cram, Chair; Joan Bostic, and Stacie Neall, for their work in nominating candidates for office for the 2010-2011 year. Elections were held on April 15, 2010, with the WA membership approving the following slate:

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| President: | Leah Cox |
| Vice President: | Susan Cooper |
| Recording Secretary: | Rhonda Howard Weegar |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Joy Ashcraft |
| Treasurer: | Sylvia Johnson |
| Parliamentarian: | Midge Norris |
| BCCWASF Chairperson: | Carole Bankston |
| Communications Chairperson: | Sharon Meyer |
| Past President: | Janie Williams |

The new Board will take office effective June 1, 2010.

The Co-Chairs for the WA Market Days Event are Phyllis Janson (250-0516) and Susan Cooper (258-1644). The dates for the Event are October 22 and 23, 2010.

Committee Chairs are Stacie Neall - Vendors; Sandra Adcock - Pantry; Kathryn Davis - Marketing and Advertising; Sue Tatum - Financial; Carole Bankston - Silent Auction; Sharon Meyer - Raffle Tickets; Suzanne Howalt - Decorating; Diane Howard - Signs and Banners; and Nita Martinez - Directory.

There will not be any WA luncheons during June, July, and August 2010, but look forward to an interesting and informative Program and luncheon beginning in September 2010. BCCWA dues are \$25 for the year and are due in June and will be applied to your BCC June statement.

If you are not a member and would like to join the BCC Women's Association, please contact Susan Cooper, Membership Chairperson, at 258-1644. Be sure and check the Tempo for more upcoming events.

Janie Williams

Mother's Day Brunch

May 9th, Seating's at 11:00AM & 1:30 PM

BBQ Habanero and Mandarin Ham
Dijon Herb Roasted Strip Loin
Caramelized Onion and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Austin Vegetables
Homemade Chorizo Hash
Egg scramble with Shredded Cheddar
Bacon and Sausage
Biscuits and Country Gravy
Buttermilk Berry Pancake
Omelets Station
Assorted Salads and Desserts

24.95++ Adults, 6.95++ Kids, Ages 3 and Under are Complimentary

RSVP with Kaye at 258-1621 or kburson@balconescountryclub.com
72 Hour Cancellation Policy

The "Aprons" are off



Join us May 26th at 6:30

**Chef Tony Olesh
Vs.
Fellow Member David Dew**

Risotto Throw Down

***I promise you won't want to miss this!
\$12.00 a person**

**Reservations are Required
Call Kaye at 258-1621**



Development Board... by Mark Riddle

A quick update from the Development Board...

Thanks to all of you that have invited friends to join Balcones!

How would you like to get 25% off your dues FOR LIFE??? It's as simple as bringing in one new member (who will also get that same low rate). This promotion will end once we hit the 576 full member total (we're only 131 away). Watch your mailbox for the full program description from Jim Morgan, but in the meantime if you've got someone who's interested call Ike Lee.

If you're a new member – welcome to the Balcones family! You may wonder how's best to get involved??? Check out the Balcones website (balconescountryclub.com) or become a friend of Balcones on Facebook to keep up with the latest events. You can also send an email to the MGA (balconesmga@gmail.com) or the WGA (balconesccwga@gmail.com) to keep up with the men's and women's events. There are many weekly and monthly events for everyone.

Remember the 2nd Friday of the month is “Cocktails with the Council” – a great event for you to attend with potential members. The Development Board and staff are there to welcome them and answer any questions about membership.

Our partnership with Arnold Palmer Golf Management continues to be a great thing for Balcones. If you've noticed the new sod in a number of areas around the Balcones course, that's new 419 Bermuda courtesy of APGM to get those areas damaged during the drought and winter back to life. All these areas are “Ground Under Repair” – please take your free drop, and do not drive on them so they'll grow in quicker (we're also looking at going “Cart Path Only” for a few months so all of the fairways will grow better.

We've had a lot of great suggestions come into balconesbog@gmail.com. Keep them coming so we can start planning which major renovations we want pay for with the capital fund of over \$1,000,000 once we get to 576 members. Send any suggestions to us at balconesbog@gmail.com.

Anyone who joins after all of the slated improvements have begun will pay a premium for them. No one who's here already will pay for them. There's never been a better time for your friends to join us here at Balcones.

Thanks again to all of you for being members at Balcones! Let's hit the 576 in 2010!!!

Registration is Now Open for Waterloo Swim School



Waterloo Swim School is partnering with Balcones Country Club from June 2nd through September 4th to offer swim classes for all ages 6 months to 106 years old!

Waterloo Swim School promotes lifelong swimming skills, respect for the water in a fun/encouraging environment. Our comprehensive learn to swim program will take place at the Spicewood Club pool (MWF afternoons & Saturday mornings). We are also offering an adult fitness program. If you are considering swim lessons for your children, or perhaps yourself, we would love the opportunity to serve you. If you have a neighbor or friend who might be interested in our program, please forward this information.

Please check out our website www.waterlooswimschool.com. Through the end of April, we are offering half off the family registration fee. Call Gwyn to sign up and register for your classes (512) 921-9893.





Home & Garden Club

May 18 at 6:30

This month's topic

landscape/ gardens tour of some of our homeowner's gardens or (if no one gardens except me) a tour of the local nurseries.

For more information contact Karen Choate at kchoate@cbunited.com

Duplicate Bridge

Monday's at 8:45– Spicewood Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 11 @ 6:30– Balcones Clubhouse

For more information contact Pat Zigrossi at 258-5361 or Zigrossi@swbell.net

New Women's Bible Study

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David

When: Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30, April 20–May 25

Where: Balcones Country Club

How: To learn more and to sign up, Contact Gail Buckley at 250-5276 or buckleyg@austin.rr.com

Cost: \$16.00 for the workbook

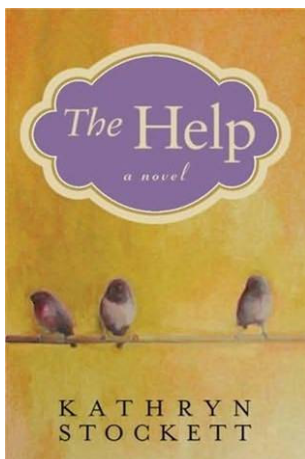
You are invited to join us in studying the life of David. Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur explored their lives and the life of David in this six-session DVD Bible study. The messages presented by these beloved authors are divided into three segments, two lessons from each author. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (sessions one and two by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (sessions three and four by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (sessions five and six by Kay Arthur). You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them. Come be apart of this study group!

We are Ready to Jump Start the

Poker Club

This monthly club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday (May 4th and 18th) of the month at 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in being a part of a this poker club, please contact Rachel Gill at rgill@balconescountryclub.com or 512-258-1621



Balcones Book Club

May 11, 2010 at 12:00

The Help

A novel by Kathryn Stockett

For more information contact Rachel Gill, rgill@balconescountryclub.com
Or check out the balconescountryclub.com for a brief synopsis

From the Courts

by Dan Weger



A TASTE OF TENNIS: Join us for an evening of social tennis, wine and hors d'oeuvres on Friday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to all members and their guests. The tennis will be a mixer format separated by levels of play, thus EVERYONE can play. Reservations are not needed. There is no cost for the event, however, we ask that everyone bring wine (or their choice of beverage) and/or an hors d'oeuve. Hope you can make it out.

SUMMER ADULT LEAGUES: The summer adult leagues will begin the week of June 7th. We will be offering both men's doubles and women's doubles leagues. Men will play on Monday evenings and women on Tuesday evenings. To sign up, please email me at dweger@balconescountryclub.com. The league season will go into late August.

SUMMER JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS: We are accepting signups for the 2010 Junior Summer Tennis Camp. There will be five sessions this year, the first starting June 7th. Classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for two weeks. The schedule of classes and fees can be found at www.danwegertennis.com. Look on the "Young Guns" page.



WTTA SPRING DINNER

"April prepares her green traffic light, and the world thinks Go."
Christopher Morley, John Mistletoe

Ladies it is nearly time to Go to the WTTA Spring Dinner.
Come meet with your friends and make new ones!

Place: Balcones Country Club

Date: Tuesday, May 4th

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails, Dinner 7:00pm

Cost: \$18 (applies to your monthly minimum)

Select your dinner entree of
Grilled Pork Loin with Cherry Bourbon Demi-glace
or
Grilled Salmon with Sweet & Spicy orange glaze

Ready, set.....Go make your reservation!
Contact Nancy or Chris by Thursday, April 29th
Nancy Ring 331-8015 or email nfring2@yahoo.com
Chris Bauer at christine.bauer@sbcglobal.net

Membership... by Ike Lee

It's that time of year!!!!!! The golf course is greening up from the harsh winter, tennis programs are starting, & it's almost pool time!!

Come out & enjoy your club!! This summer is going to be packed with fun activities for you & your family. Bring your friends & let them share in your club. Now is the time to expose them to everything we offer. We want your friends & neighbors as members!! Let me know of any names you would like for me to reach out to on your behalf!!

Let's get to trigger!!!!!!!!!!



Balcones
COUNTRY CLUB

SAVE 25% ON YOUR DUES FOREVER!

You can get 25% off your dues for the lifetime of your membership by bringing a friend into the club as an associate.

Together, instead of each of you paying full monthly dues, as Associates you will each pay $\frac{3}{4}$ dues. Instead of the current \$315-\$325 per month, you will be paying \$246 per month. That's a 25% reduction, and it will be for the life of your membership here at Balcones.

Do you know what the savings is over the average lifetime of a Golf Member?

It's about \$ 15,000!

APGM has authorized this membership offering until we reach trigger!

Nominate a new Member Today!

Contact Ike Lee at 512.258.6672 or ilee@balconescountryclub.com

Men's Golf Association News... by Jim Goreham

The premier MGA event of the year, The Spring Fiesta, was held on April 9th, 10th and 11th at the Balcones course. The event was a modified stableford format which awards points for bogeys, pars, birdies, eagles and subtracts points for any score higher than a double bogey. Each player has a "quota" based on their individual handicap. The tournament features two man teams and both scores count to the point total. As in past years, a positive score (averaging shooting your handicap each day) will mean a high finish in the tournament.

Reid's Cleaners was again the major sponsor for the program and enables the MGA to provide a quality event each year. When you see any of the Reids at the course please be sure to thank them for their assistance in making this event a success. In addition, please thank any of the 18 hole sponsors for the year as well as supporting their business or group. Their sponsorship signs will be on various holes at MGA tournaments throughout the year.

After Friday's round, hors d'oeuvres were served followed by a players auction. Thanks to Steve Rose, our auctioneer, who always makes this a fun evening. Following Saturday's play, dinner was held at the BCC ballroom for Players and guests with an Italian menu. Entertainment was provided with a DJ. Following Sunday's concluding round, a putting tournament was held on the BCC practice putting green with \$500 in prizes. This year's putting contest was extremely challenging.

2010 Spring Fiesta Winners

1st Flight

- 1st Place - Kevin Dahl & Richard Clarke
- 2nd Place - Marco Martinez & Richard Wyche
- 3rd Place - Dan Treager & Pat O'Brien

2nd Flight

- 1st Place - Bill Cormack & Paul Ott
- 2nd Place - Mark Riddle & Tony Macaluso
- 3rd Place - Jack Sauer & Dave Williams

Each Flight paid the top seven teams pro shop credit. As mentioned above, Kevin and Richard were the only team in the first flight with a positive score, while all three teams in the second flight achieved this. The same number of teams in the 2009 event had positive scores ... history repeats itself.



Solid form from Aaron !!



Tom faces a difficult challenge.

May MGA
May's MGA Event is the always popular 'Shamble' which will be held at the Spicewood Course on Saturday May 15th.

Event

Women's Golf Association News... by Shari Riddle

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Themed Saturday Tournament held on April 3! Our game was AB/CD Best Ball. It was a fun format, and very competitive. We had 4 teams of competition, and the scores were all within 3 shots! The winners were:

1st place: Mary Fran Pena, Janelle Hudler, Kristi Browder, Sue Rodriguez

2nd place: Donna Teets, Pam Greene, Patti Brown, Annette Bingham

Thanks to all who participated in **all** of the events this past month!

I would like to extend a special **Thank You** to all of the members of our WGA that participated in our WGA/MGA fundraiser. We made **\$515.00** for the three day weekend. If you see any MGA members, please let them know we appreciate being invited to participate in their weekend fun.

And now on to May!

As usual, we have our Wednesday playdays, the first and the last Wednesdays are held at Balcones, and the middle dates are at Spicewood. Also as usual, start times are 9:00 for 18 holes, and 10:30 for nine holes. Your May hostesses will be Ann Smith, Annette Bingham, and Denise Wilkinson.

Our May Tournament will be on Saturday, May 1st. The format this month will be A/B and C/D 666. There will be 6 holes of Best Ball, 6 holes of Scramble, and 6 holes of Alternate Shot per 2some per team. We will be at Balcones, and our tee times will start at 10:00. The cost is \$10.00 and the payouts will be in CASH!!! Please plan on joining us! Sign up in the Balcones Pro Shop by Friday, April 30th.

Our Saturday Playday will be on May 22 at Spicewood, and the cost is free. The Game will be announced soon. Your May Saturday Play Day Hostesses are Mary Sue Lucas and June Kissinger.

Don't forget, the Memorial Day Classic will be held on May 28, 29, and 30th. It is always a fun tournament, held all three days at Balcones, and is a two person team Best Ball format event.

We are hoping for a great turnout, and I'd love to see lots of us represented! See you on the course!!



Handicap FYI from your BCC Handicap Committee

Why is it difficult to play to your handicap? Other sports like bowling seem easier so what is the problem? The answer is in the details. In bowling, all games rolled during a year contribute to your bowling average, so, after a few games, you would expect to roll your average or better 50% of the time. However, in Golf your handicap is determined by averaging the best 10 of your last 20 games and then multiplied by 0.96; this results in a difficult task to play to your handicap. **In fact, the USGA estimates that a golfer will play to their handicap only 20 to 25 percent of the time!**

This is our system and it applies to everyone.



From the Course

2010 Memorial Day Invitational is around the Corner!

It's time to start getting your teams ready for this year's Memorial Day Invitational golf tournament. This year's event will be held on May 28th, 29th, & 30th. The entry fee is \$450.00 per team for Member-Member or Member-Guest's and \$500.00 for Guest-Guest teams. If you have a Guest-Guest team that would like to play in any flight and you would like to invite them, they must be sponsored by you and have a verifiable handicap.

Attention! It only cost you \$60 for 3 days of fun and to play in this event with everything that is included. You will get food during the event, including the party on Sunday Night for you and a guest, and the Titleist Concept Shop will be setup here on Friday. All this being the case why aren't you signed up yet!

You know that last year's Champions Randy Petri and Steve Trafton will be getting their games in shape so you better get your game ready if you want to beat these guys this year. Sign ups have already begun so come by the golf shop and get registered today. Get your team together and let's get ready for the Party!!!

Summer Junior Golf Camps & Sports Camps

Summer is just around the corner and its time to start planning your schedules for the kids. Sign-up sheets and schedules are available at the golf shop and on the web page. Please fill it out and return them to the golf shop.

Looking for Something to do in the evenings!!!

MoonLighters!

Wednesday Nights – 5:30SG
Lady Golf Members Only
\$5.00 Entry Fee – Cash Only

Sundowners!

Thursday Nights – 5:30SG
Men Golf Members Only
\$10.00 Entry Fee – Cash Only

HoneyMooners!

Friday Nights – 5:30SG
Couples Golf Members Only
\$10.00 Entry Fee per Couple – Cash Only

~T*BAM~ Thanks for Being A Member!

CLASSIC CARD GAME
JEU DE CARTES CLASSIQUE

CANASTA

Join the BCC Ladies Racehorse Canasta group they meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. We start play at 9:30am play 2 rounds break for lunch and then play 2 more rounds. All are welcome... please contact Pat Dubois at 258-5968 or Betty Webster at 257-5787

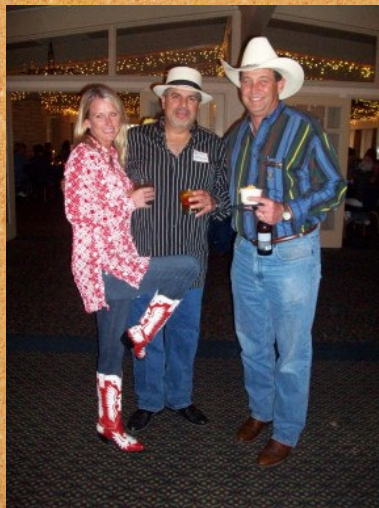
Prime Rib Buffet

Wednesdays

5-9pm

Reservations Required

Priceless Pics



Balcones CC Women's Association Austin




The Balcones Country Club Women's Association would like to cordially invite you to attend there annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

Thursday evening, May 20th, 2010
Balcones Country Club

Reception Begins at 6:00 p.m. Followed by a Buffet Dinner: and Scholarship Presentations. On behalf of past and future scholarship recipients, Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Please RSVP to 258-1621 by Friday, May 14th.

May 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Spicewood Cookout With Chef Tony WGA Tournament |
| 2 | 3 | 4 WTA Dinner | 5 Social Security Benefits | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Mother's Day Brunch | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Cocktails with the Council  | 15 MGA Tournament |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 BCCWA Scholarship Dinner | 21 | 22 WGA Tournament  |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Cooking w/Chef Tony | 27 | 28 Memorial Day Tournament Begins | 29 |
| 30 No Sunday Brunch Buffet | 31  Splash Day 11-3 | (1) Clubhouse Closed | | | | |

Social & Dining Events

Mondays, 8:45am.....Duplicate Bridge at Spicewood
 Tuesdays, 7:30am.....Prosperity Networking Group
 Tuesdays, 2:30PM.....Ladies Bible Group
 Wednesday, 5:00pm.....Prime Rib Night
 Sundays, 10:30-2:00.....Ala Cart Sunday Brunch
 2nd & 4th Thursday, 9:30am.....BCC Ladies Canasta

1st, 11:30.....Spicewood Cookout with Chef Tony
 4th, 6:30pm.....Women's Tennis Association Dinner
 4th & 18th, 7:00pm.....Cards & Games Club- Poker
 9th, 11:00 and 1:30 pm.....Mother's Day Brunch
 11th, 12:00pm.....Balcones Book Club
 11th, 6:30pm.....Duplicate Bridge
 15th, 6:30 PM.....Home and Garden Club
 16th, 6:00 PM.....Cocktails with the Council
 20th, 11:00am.....BCCWA Scholarship Dinner
 26th, 6:30pm.....Cooking Class-Risotto Throw down
 28th thru 30th.....Memorial Day Tournament
 31st, 11:00-3:00.....Memorial Day Splash Day
 June 1st.....Clubhouse Closed

Tennis Events

Monday Nights, 7:00pm.....Men's Double Tennis League
 Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30pm.....Beginning Jr. Tennis ages 4-6
 Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30pm.....Teen intermediate & Advanced Tennis
 Tuesdays, 7:00pm.....Hardcore Tennis
 Tuesdays, 9:00am.....Ladies' Team Tennis League
 Wednesdays & Fridays, 3:30pm.....Beginning Jr. Tennis ages 8-11
 Wednesdays & Fridays, 4:30pm.....Jr. Intermediate Tennis Pre-teen
 Wednesdays, 7:00pm.....Intermediate Women's Tennis Clinic
 Wednesdays, 7:00PM.....Men's Clinic
 Thursday Morning.....USTA Ladies' Team
 Thursday's, 8:30am.....Complimentary Ladies' Novice Clinic
 Thursday's, 7:00pm.....Cardio and Hardcore Tennis Class
 Fridays, 7:00pm.....Adult Mixed Doubles
 Saturdays, 8:30am.....Complimentary Adult Beginning Tennis Clinic
 Saturdays, 9:30am.....Complimentary Intermediate/ Advanced Tennis Clinic
 Saturdays, 1:00pm.....JR. League
 Sundays, 9:00am.....Cardio Tennis Class
 Sundays, 9:30am.....Hardcore Tennis
 Sundays, 1:00pm.....Men's USTA 4.0 League
 Sundays, 4:00pm.....Men's USTA 3.5 League

Golf Events

1st, 10:00am.....WGA Tournament at Balcones
 15th.....MGA Tournament at Spicewood
 22nd, 10am.....WGA Tournament at Spicewood
 Wednesdays, 9:00.....WGA Play Day(18 holers)
 Wednesdays, 10:30.....WGA Play Day (9 holers)
 Wednesdays, 5:00PM.....Ladies Moonlighters
 Thursdays, 5:00PM.....Men's Sundowners
 Fridays, 5:00 PM.....Couple's Honeymooners

Don't forget to check the Online Calendar for updates on Monthly Events!

www.balconescountryclub.com/calendar