



Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 14th
5pm - 9pm

Amuse

Pan-Fried Crab Cake with a Passion Fruit Salsa and Cilantro Micro Greens

First Course

New England Clam Chowder with a Sweet Tomato Relish

-or-

Truffled Yukon Potato Bisque with Crispy Prociutto and Smoked Gouda Cheese

Second Course

Caprese Stack

Young Field Greens, Balsamic Beet, Tomato, Fresh Mozzarella, Red Onion, Basil Leaf and an Avocado Oil

-or-

Bleu Bibb Salad

Bibb Lettuce with Bacon, Tomatoes, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Shaved Red Onions and Meyer Lemon

Third Course

Chilean Sea Bass with a Creamy Mushroom Risotto and a Shrimp/Blood Orange Hollandaise

-or-

Achiote Roast Quail with Sticky Basmati with Pinenuts and an Andouille/Smoked Paprika Gravy

-or-

Pink Peppercorn Crusted Beef Tenderloin with Caramelized Onion and Whipped Yukon Potatoes, Garnished with a Butter Poached Petite Lobster Tail

Dessert Trio

*Chocolate Dipped Strawberry, Bailey's Milk Chocolate Mousse Cup
and a Raspberry Tart with Vanilla Pastry Creme*



Long Stemmed Roses for the Ladies ♥ Romantic Live Music ♥ Unlimited Sparkling Wine

*Please RSVP at 258-1621
with your Course Selections*

\$100++ per Couple

Any Cancellations made within 24 hours will be charged

BALCONES
COUNTRY CLUB

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Super Bowl Scramble and Party

Sign up with the Pro Shop to play in the
SUPER BOWL SCRAMBLE before the big game!

\$10,000 BLOCK POOL

\$100 for 1 square on the \$10,000 board

- Admits two
- All you can eat buffet
- Unlimited bar*

The Lucky winner whose square matches the final score will keep the remaining money after the food and drink tab is paid (up to \$5,000).

To sign up please see Greg, Chris, or Jim

* Unlimited well drinks, domestic, beer, house wine (upgrade to premium drinks for \$1/each)

Balcones Country Club Women's Association

Our membership continues to grow in January we had 2 new members join BCCWA, making our total membership 101, this is great news!! We are planning another membership party for the BCC Arnold Palmer members who will be coming on board very soon.

Our next luncheon will be February 19th, 11:00 social, 11:30 lunch. Our program for the February luncheon is Fran Chibib one of our own members. Fran is a very talented and gifted artist who has graciously agreed to share with us her talents.

We continue to pursue our 501 (c) 3 status. This change will require some by law changes. We hope to be able to have our first reading of these changes at the March luncheon. Obtaining this status will help tremendously in getting greater participation in our Market Days event, which in turn means more money for our scholarship program. We are very excited to be able at this time to actively pursue this endeavor.

Look forward to seeing you at the February luncheon. Be sure to check your emails for further information about the luncheon. Call Kaye, 258-1621, to make your reservation.

Phyllis J.

From Jim Morgan, General Manager



They're here!! The day we have been waiting for has arrived. The Arnold Palmer Golf Management Company (APGM) has officially taken over the day-to-day management of Balcones Country Club. The lease was signed by your Board President, Kristi Browder, and your Board Secretary, Somer Zinnecker on Tuesday, December 13th.

APGM begins operations on Wednesday, January 28th and the transition should be seamless to the Balcones membership. What you will start to notice is a change in the culture of the way we have been doing business, at least since I have been here (May 1, 2005). The emphasis from APGM will be to thank everyone for being a member of the club and to make sure your time spent at the club is enjoyable to you, your family, and your guests.

Improvements will come to the club by adding new members to the membership roster. We will accomplish that through referrals from current members. For you to want to refer a friend to the club you, as a member, need to be very happy with your club experience. That is our goal and we will achieve our goal.

While APGM manages the club and I and the executive staff manage the day-to-day operations, you, the members, govern the club through the Board of Governors and various committees. I encourage you to get involved, serve, and take pride in your club. As we all pull together Balcones can and will become what it has always had the potential to become, A GREAT CLUB.

Ladies' Night
Come get primped for your Valentine!
Thursday, Feb. 12 2009
6:30-10:00pm

HOURS OF OPERATION

Balcones Clubhouse and Facilities Closed Monday
 Spicewood Clubhouse and Facilities Closed Tuesday

Balcones Rio Grande Restaurant

Monday & Saturday	Closed
Tuesday	11:00am ~ 3:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	11:00am ~ 9:00pm
Sunday	10:30am ~ 2:00pm

Balcones 19th Hole Bar

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	11:00am ~ 12:00am
Saturday	8:30am ~ 9:00pm
Sunday	8:30am ~ 9:00pm

Spicewood Grill

Tuesday	Closed
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday	10:00am ~ 5:00pm
Friday	10:00am ~ 5:00pm
Saturday	7:30am ~ 6:00pm
Sunday	7:30am ~ 6:00pm

Balcones Golf Shop

Tuesday ~ Sunday	8:00am ~ 6:00pm
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Spicewood Golf Shop

Wednesday ~ Monday	8:00am ~ 6:00pm
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Balcones Driving Range

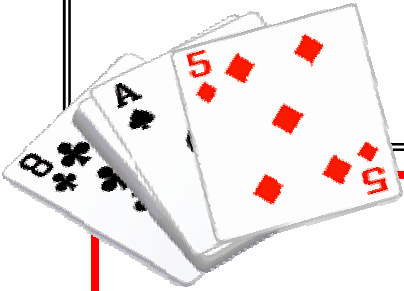
Tuesday ~ Saturday	8:00am ~ 6:00pm
Sunday	7:00am ~ 5:30pm

Spicewood Driving Range

Wednesday ~ Sunday	8:00am ~ 6:00pm
Monday	8:00am ~ 5:30pm

Balcones and Spicewood Pools Closed for Season

Know when to hold 'em no when to fold em
 Join the BCC Ladies' Card Club
 On the 2nd and 4th
 Thursdays of the Month
 9:30 am in Balcones
 Clubhouse



Texas Hold'em
No-Limit
Poker Tournament
Friday, February 6th
7:00-11:00pm
 Please register with Kaye.

From Chef Tony...

Recipe of the Month

Green and Bleu Angus Burger with a classic dijonnaise

Ingredients

2 pounds angus (chuck) ground beef
3 tablespoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons fresh cracked black pepper
½ pound roasted green chilies (ortega)
1 whole white onion (minced)
5 cloves garlic (minced)
2 teaspoon mexican oregano
2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 pound bleu cheese crumbles

Method

-sauté onions, garlic and chiles with a tablespoon of butter till there are soft or translucent, then let cool.

-reserve half of the bleu cheese crumbles for topping burgers

-in a large mixing bowl combine cooled onions, chiles, garlic, ground beef, salt, pepper, Worcestershire, mexican oregano and remaining bleu cheese crumbles

-mix well and form tightly into desired shape and size

-let patties rest 30 minutes before grilling

Dijonnaise

1 cup mayo
1 cup Dijon
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
½ cup chives
salt and pepper to taste

mix all ingredients

Family Brunch Buffet

Sunday, February 22nd

10:30am-2:00pm

Fun for the family!

Please call for reservations!

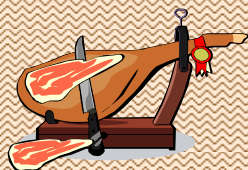


Prime Rib Buffet

Every Wednesday Night

5:00-9:00pm

Please make reservations



Where:

Balcones Country Club - Poolside

When:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
4 weeks: February 9 – March 2
5:45 a.m. – 6:45 a.m.

Cost:

4 weeks/3 days a week: \$200

Who:

Open to BCC members and BCC guests

What to bring:

Energetic & Supportive attitude!
Water bottle, Running Shoes, Hand towel, 5lb weights,
Mat, and Jump Rope.

Registration

Please make checks payable to Nicole Renna and turn into Kaye by Monday, Feb 2nd to reserve your spot.

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For Reservations: 258-1621

Tennis...

From Dan Weger...

VALENTINE DAY MIXER: It will be all about cupid on Saturday, February 14 as we host a mixed doubles mixer for Valentine's Day. Play will begin at 9:30 a.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres served immediately after play. The format will be mixed doubles with partner changes each round. We will put couples together for the first round. Players without partners will be paired. The deadline for registering will be Thursday, February 12th. Sign up by email at dweger@balconescountryclub.com or calling 258-6672 ext 202.

USTA MEN'S TEAMS BEGIN ACTION: Our USTA men's teams will begin their season this month. Play is held on Sunday afternoons. Due to the team play, open tennis play will be very limited. Please call the pro shop to make sure we have open courts if you would like to play on Sunday afternoons.

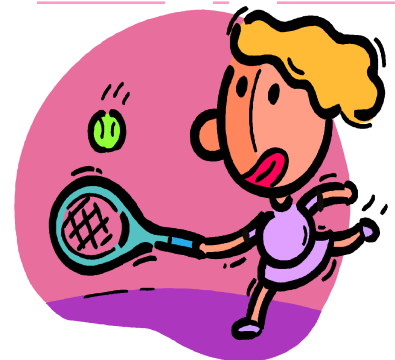
FREE CLINICS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL TENNIS AND FULL MEMBERS: Our weekly free clinics are being held four times each week. The beginning clinic is held on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. on court 8. The intermediate/advanced clinics are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. We also have a doubles instructional novice clinic/playday every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Check with the pro shop for further information.

AFTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM: The Balcones junior program offers classes and group instruction for all ages (6 and up) and levels of juniors. Elementary beginners meet either on Monday and Thursday or Wednesday or Friday at 3:30 p.m. The intermediate elementary kids meet on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Beginning and advanced beginning middle school and high school kids meet on Monday and Thursday at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The intermediate and advanced older juniors meet on Monday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There are immediate openings in all classes. Contact the pro shop for further information.

Women's Valentine Social

They are planning a post Valentine social on Feb 17. at 6:30 p.m. Any women interested in tennis, regardless of whether a beginner or more advanced, are encouraged to come out and enjoy an evening of fun tennis and refreshments. It is a great opportunity to meet other players and learn all about programs and activities available here at Balcones. For further information, contact Petra Moher (219-8903, pmoher@austin.rr.com) or Sylvia Johnson (257-2220, sly_Johnson@yahoo.com).



Golf...

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (MGA) NEWS

Congratulations to the December tournament winners:

1st Place - Richard Wyche, Don Thorson, Daniel Phillips, Nick Sisak

2nd Place - Tom Wolf, Steve Howard, Bill Henline, J K Hall

3rd Place - Pat O'Brien, George Elizondo, Tom Winstead, Mike Montano

The December tournament followed a membership breakfast and that evening the combined MGA/WGA Christmas Dinner Dance was held. The food was terrific and dinner was followed by music from BCC's own Texas Crude.

MGA awards were presented to individual flight winners from the MGA Championship tournament.

Richard Wyche was honored as MGA Champion .

David Dew was honored as Player of the Year.

For all members of the club... You do not have to be an MGA member or a full golf member to participate in an MGA tournament. Come join us for a tournament and enjoy the competition and camaraderie . Tournaments are typically \$35 with \$1 beer on the course as well as a lunch special. There are prizes for low team scores and closest to the pin on all par 3's. Sign up at the Balcones Pro Shop.

February 7th Tournament – Format to be determined.

Let's make 2009 the most successful year for the MGA and BCC.

Women's Golf Association News

Many thanks to our outgoing president, Juanita Brooks, for her enthusiastic leadership the past two years and to outgoing board members Ruby Fairchild and Terry Howarth for their help in making last year so successful.

Our annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. Please come to find out about upcoming events and to volunteer to serve on committees. If you're interested in joining AWGA ("Austin City Ladies"), bring the \$5 membership fee. New club members are encouraged to come and join the WGA (\$35 for the year), meet the members, and help us kick off the new year.

This year's Meet and Greet Tournament and luncheon will be on February 21. Details will be posted on the bulletin boards and sent by email to WGA members and new club members. Last year's was great fun and, with so many new club members, this year's should also be terrific. Thanks to Julie Ekblad, who will again be the hostess and organizer for this WGA kick-off event.

Trish Butler

From Chris, PGA Golf Professional

Welcome to 2009!

Balcones Dress Code Reminder

GOLF COURSES AND PRACTICE AREAS:

- *Appropriate golf shirt with a collar or mock t-shirt with a collar of at least an inch.
- *Golf shorts or slacks are preferred.
- *Appropriate Golf footwear. Balcones and Spicewood are soft spike facilities. Golf shoes with traditional metal spikes are not allowed on either premises.
- *Tank tops, T-shirts, sleeveless shirts, Halter tops, tube tops, short shorts, cut-offs, and swim suits are not allowed.

Now is the time to start getting your game into shape for this season!

Spend a little time this year to improve your golf game. Everyone needs an extra set of eyes to look at their swing and overall game. Tiger, Phil, Jack, and Arnie all had other people to watch them swing and to help them with their game. Your PGA Golf Professionals are ready and waiting to give you a helping hand this year to improve your game. Give us at 258-2775 call and set up an appointment for your lesson. Clay Darby, PGA Member, or I would be glad to spend some time with you to help you improve. We hope to hear from you soon!

Shop at Home ~ Support Your Club!

Chris Osborne, PGA

Sweetheart Scramble

February 15, 2009

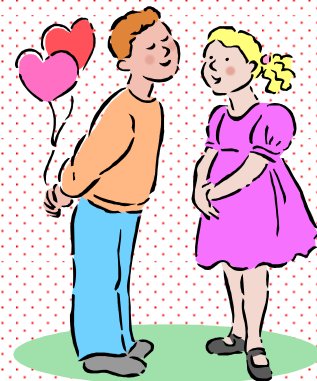
12:00 shotgun

at

Balcones

\$50 per couple includes Golf,
Dinner and Prizes

*sign up in the golf shop today



February 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>Super Bowl Tournament Brunch 10:30-2:00</p>  <p>Super Bowl Party 6:00-11:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Balcones Closed Duplicate Bridge 8:45am at SPWD</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Spicewood Closed Networking Group 7:00am Membership Committee 6:00pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Prime Rib Buffet</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Poker Night 6:30- 11:00 Happy Hour 5:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>MGA Tournament – SPWD</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Brunch 10:30-2:00</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Balcones Closed Duplicate Bridge 8:45am at SPWD</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Spicewood Closed Networking Group 7:00am Golf Committee 6:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Prime Rib Buffet Tennis Committee Meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ladies' Night 6:30-10:00pm BCC Card Club</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Happy Hour 5:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Couples Sweetheart Dinner 5:00-9:00pm</i></p> 
<p>15</p>  <p>Couples Sweetheart Tournament – BCC Brunch 10:30-2:00</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Balcones Closed Duplicate Bridge 8:45am at SPWD</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Spicewood Closed Networking Group 7:00am Finance Committee 6:00pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Prime Rib Buffet</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BCCWA Luncheon 11:00am</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy Hour 5:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>WGA Meet and Greet Tournament – BCC</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Family Brunch Buffet 10:30-2:00</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Balcones Closed Duplicate Bridge 8:45am at SPWD</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Spicewood Closed Networking Group 7:00am Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Prime Rib Buffet</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BCC Card Club</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dawg Bowl Tournament – BCC Happy Hour 5:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Dawg Bowl Tournament – SPWD</p>