

December Tempo

Don't Miss these Upcoming Club Events

Build your Own Gingerbread House with Chef Tony
Sunday, December 5th, 11:00am

Member Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 15, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Brunch with Santa
Sunday, December 19th, 11:00am-2:00pm

Cart Caroling for Cans
Sunday, December 19th, 4:00pm

*More Details Located Inside!



BLACK & WHITE BALL

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 8PM — 1AM

This New Year's Eve is a Friday Night
A party for sure that will reach new heights!
Our theme this year is a Black & White Ball
And this year's dress attire is an easy call!

Dress to impress, in your formal best
Black & White attire please, to match the rest!
Gourmet Buffet Stations and an Open Bar
Will complete the experience that's on Par!

Live sounds of "The Sophisticates" to keep you dancing all night
And maybe a Dance Off experience sure to excite!
So make your reservation now to reserve your spot...
To ensure a seat at a party that's hot!

Call 512.258.1621 for reservations. Space is limited.

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**Women's
Association**
Austin

BCC Tempo ~ December 2010
Leah Cox, President

~ Membership ~

We welcome our newest member, Dorothy Hald! We have a great line-up planned for programs, socials, and community events planned for the fall. We would love for all ladies of Balcones Country Club to join our organization. If you are interested in membership, please contact Dorothy Johnson, Membership Chair, wardorj@austin.rr.com or 331-1140.

~ November Events ~

November 18th Luncheon - "American Heroes"

In honor of Veterans Day, BCCWA hosted a luncheon focused on benefits for Veterans and their family. Thank you to BCC Members, Ryan Zintgraff (Chair of the BCC Veterans Club) and Midge Norris, for putting together a group of presenters to inform our membership of many programs that the Veterans Administration offers as well as information on how to claim financial benefits for Veterans, home care services for Veterans, Eldercare, and free local transportation for seniors.

November 20th Special Event – The 10th Annual Austin Children's Nutcracker was performed by The Austin City Ballet during a Mother/Child brunch. We had an incredible turnout for a fabulous performance. Special Thanks to Carol Feille D'Avila and the performers.

November 29th BCC Clubhouse Christmas Decorating – Thank you to Wendy Dew for coordinating and all the ladies and gentleman who attended to help decorate the clubhouse for the holidays. Special thanks to the club for providing wine and snacks and to the staff for all of their hard work in preparations and supporting our efforts!

~ December Events ~

Christmas Luncheon
December 16th at 11am

All BCCWA ladies are invited to our annual Christmas Luncheon. This year, Wendy Dew has graciously opened her home for a special time to have fellowship with other members of our organization. Feel free to bring an unwrapped toy to support the BCC Blue Santa Toy Drive. Quiche, fruit, and assorted desserts, and wine will be served. Reservations are required by Tuesday, December 14th. Please call or email Kaye Burson: 258-1621 at kburson@balconescountryclub.com.

The Luncheons/Programs are held on the third Thursday of each month, September through May with social hour from 11–11:30 am, followed by lunch and program until 1 pm, with the exception of the September and May meetings which are evening meetings and programs.

~ Special Announcement ~

Nita & Marco Martinez welcome
JOSEPHINE MARISELA MARTINEZ
Born November 10th
2:48 pm
7.5 lbs 20 1/2"

Golf Cart Caroling for Cans

Dec. 19, 2010

We will be collecting cans to benefit the
Capitol Area Food Bank

3:00—Hot Chocolate & Snacks at
BCC Clubhouse

4:00—Hayride & carts depart for caroling
Awards for best decorated carts!!



Build your own Gingerbread House with Chef Tony

December 5 @11:00
Reservations Required-258-1621



Member Holiday Party

December 15, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

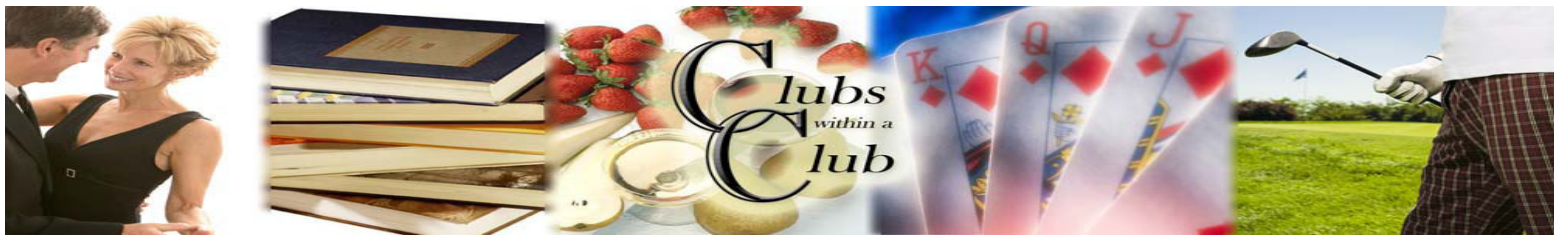
Enjoy some holiday cheer with the BCC Family!!

Come for Appetizers and
Entertainment By: A.K.A

*Also bring an unwrapped Gift for our
Blue Santa Donation Box!



Unwrapped Toys are accepted through December 22nd



Business Club, Sounds interesting right? The Balcones Prosperity Network is being reintroduced to the membership of Balcones Country Club. Five years ago we launched the Balcones Prosperity Network at Balcones Country Club. The group consisted primarily of business people at the club who owned small businesses or were involved in selling or distributing products. Membership does not involve monthly dues or annual fees. We just pay Balcones Country Club for our breakfast buffet, that is the only cost for membership. We do not restrict who may come, for instance we can have more than one person in a similar business.

Doing business is very much a relationship business and we really do business with people we like and respect. Our breakfast meetings give people the opportunity to meet in a casual relaxed environment. Each week every member gives a one minute advertisement for his or her business or idea. The last 15 minutes are devoted to a single member who talks more about themselves and how they got into their current position. This allows us to know about the real person behind the business and allows us to more closely relate and perhaps helps us offer help to each other.

Breakfast is served at 7:30, however networking starts at 7am with coffee and juice. We exchange ideas, ask each other for help or talk about a need we may have or a concern. At 7:30 we begin breakfast and our meeting. We try to end at 8:30 so people know when they are available to clients.

Not all our members are there for business, some are there just to interact and enjoy the camaraderie of being around like minded people. Yes we discuss golf, tennis or politics with each other, but our focus is business and we are looking for ideas from other people's life experiences.

We would like you to join us Tuesday morning, December 7, and see what we are all about. Please let us know if you plan on attending so we can advise staff to be prepared. We assure you that you will enjoy your time at the Balcones Prosperity Network. Check our group out on the web www.balconesprosperitynetwork.com The people you see listed are part of our group. Some are club members and some are not. The site is for those people who are in the group.

Business is a participatory sport, either you do or do not. If you choose not to participate you can not be listed.

This group was started at Balcones and we stay at Balcones.

Send an email to georgeandjune@sbcglobal.net if you want to come and visit us on December 7.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30 January 11th - March 29th
Balcones Country Club

Join us in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials. The first half of the study deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. The second half explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Jesus Christ.

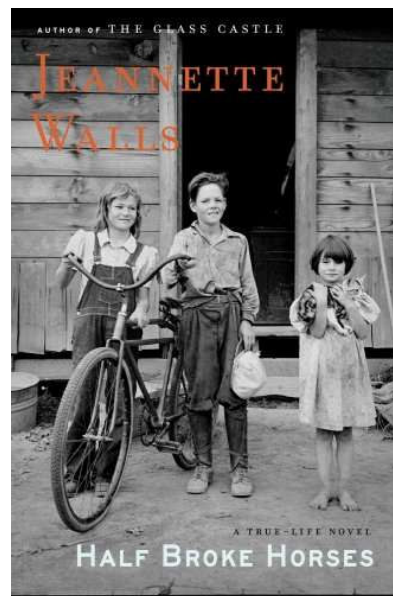
This study comes with a workbook, \$18, which will be available the first day of class. There will be 5 days of homework, about 15-30 minutes per day, for each session, so we will be submerged in the Bible, discovering God's messages for us today.

To sign up for this class, or for more information, contact Gail Buckley at 250-5276 or buckleyg@austinrr.com.

Balcones Book Club

December 14 at 12:00

Half Broke Horses



For more information contact Rachel Gill,
rgill@balconescountryclub.com



Brunch with Santa

December 19, 2010

11:00am ~ 2:00pm

Adults \$16.95+ +pp

Kids \$6.95 + +pp

Breakfast

Buttermilk Biscuits and white Gravy

Country Potatoes

Apple wood Bacon

Pork breakfast Sausage

Omelet station

Cheddar and chive scramble

Entrees

Herb crusted Prime Rib with Au Jus and

Creamed Horseradish

Five Cheese Lasagna

Chicken Tenders

Vegetables and Starch

Country style green beans with rendered bacon and crispy

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Whipped Yukon gold potatoes

Macaroni and Cheese

Salads

Mixed green salad

Pasta salad with marinated vegetables

Fruit Salad

See Special Dessert Table

Development Board... by Mark Riddle

We did it!!! Thanks to everyone who has brought in new members to help us reach our trigger goal of 576 total Golf members. What a far cry from two years ago, when we as a club were exploring some very unappealing options just to keep the doors open. In this tough economy we are one of the few private clubs actually increasing their membership.

Most importantly, don't stop recruiting once we hit 576. Every member over 576 increases the dollars that are put into the capital improvement fund. We're continuing to take suggestions at balconesbog@gmail.com and have begun prioritizing the major renovations we want paid for with the capital fund.

Now that we've hit trigger, we'll be mapping out plans for transitioning from a Development Board to holding elections for the Board of Governors (which will replace the currently appointed Development Board).

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 (balconescwga@gmail.com) to keep up with the men's and women's events. There are many weekly and monthly events for everyone.

Remember this month's CWC is being replaced with the Member Holiday Party which will take place on, Wednesday, December 15th – 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.

Thanks again to all of you for being members at Balcones – and thanks to everyone who's brought members in! Get ready for the biggest party APGM has ever thrown (their words, not mine)!!!

From the Courts

by Dax Weger



Tennis Tempo—December 2010

What a great month. We got our courts resurfaced and the club hit Trigger. Now that's what I call a great Christmas present. We will stop all normal programming on Sunday, December 19th. We will restart our clinics and leagues beginning Saturday, January 8th.

ANNUAL TENNIS HOLIDAY PARTY: My annual holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 5th at Spice-wood. The party will begin at 7 p.m. I'll have plenty of food, wine and beer for everyone. All that I ask is that each person bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the exchange. This is my way of saying thanks to all of you for another great year here at Balcones. Hope you can make it out.

WTA HOLIDAY BANQUET: The WTA is holding their annual holiday banquet on Tuesday, December 7th at the main clubhouse. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Karen Horn, president of the WTA, at kljhorn@aol.com, or me at dweger@balconescountryclub.com. We'll make sure you get all the information.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and the happiest of New Years. See you next year!!!!.

BLACK & WHITE BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 8PM — 1AM

DINNER BUFFET 8PM — 10PM

PRIME RIB WITH AU JUS
ROASTED DUCK
GRILLED CHICKEN

GARLIC MASHED
POTATOES

ROASTED JALAPENO &
CHEESE GRITS

CAULIFLOWER GRATIN
ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

SALAD WITH VARIOUS
DRESSINGS

\$50/PERSON FOR FOOD
\$50/PERSON FOR BAR
CALL 512.258.1621 FOR RESERVATIONS

HORS D'OEUVRES 8PM — 1AM

PORK WONTON
SPANAKOPITA
ARTICHOKE & SPINACH DIP
SALSA
FRUIT PLATTER
CHEESE PLATTER
FINGER SANDWICHES

DESSERTS 8PM — 1AM

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
LEMON BAR
BERRY TARTS

72 HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY IN EFFECT, RESERVATIONS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.

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

WGA NEWS

November was a fun month for the WGA, and also our last month of competition for the season.

Our November tournament was held at Spicewood on November 6th. The format was Orange Ball, and we had a great turnout!! We didn't have a camera that day, so there are no pictures of the winners.

HOWEVER, Please congratulate Donna Teets on shooting a very nice 75 at Spicewood that day! Great Round Donna!! (I know your winning team was excited!)

We'd also like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to J.J. Jennings for providing beer and also 2 closest to the pin prizes to our ladies. The lucky winners were treated to a shirt of their choice from the Pro Shop. J.J. also purchased new balls for us to play with. J.J., YOU ROCK!!! Thank you!!

We had our final General Meeting of the year after play. Our main focus was to begin voting on our new proposed Executive Board slate for 2011.

I'm thrilled to report the slate passed with flying colors!

Please help me congratulate the following ladies:

President: Pam Greene

1st Vice President: Sue Cawood

2nd Vice President: Mary Fran Pena

Secretary: Karen Thorson

Treasurer: Star Clark

Our WGA Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 16th at Balcones from 6pm – 9pm. We will be having dinner, a special entertaining skit from Karen Thorson and Friends, and also a white

elephant gift exchange. The maximum cost for the gift exchange will be \$15.00, or bring something you already have!! Annual awards will also be handed out that night as well.

Much more information will follow. Please keep an eye out for details through Email.

I've enjoyed being your President this year, and am looking forward to next year's season which promises to be once again filled with lots more Golf, Friends and FUN at OUR Club!!

Happy Holidays!

Shari



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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

Ennis Bogle 512-506-8523

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From the Course

BALCONES COUNTRY CLUB WELL REPRESENTED AT THE 2010 PALMER PARTNERS CHAMPIONSHIP AT PGA NATIONAL!



We had a fabulous time...and they carried me all week. The Balcones Team played very well during the event and wound up finishing 2nd out of 24 teams. Please take the time to ask any of the players or spouses about their adventures at PGA National. I promise that you will want to be part of this event next year! I would like to "Thank", Rodney Threet, Kelly and Bill Buckner, Jon Sutherland, Pat O'Brien, and Fritz and Leah Cox for Being a Member and for representing Balcones Country Club.
YOU ARE THE BEST!

SHOP AT HOME...T*BAM PRICING IS UNBEATABLE!

The Holiday Season is upon us and you know you need to buy that special someone something that they need or may not need. It's a great time of year for shopping and finding great deals. T*BAM Pricing is one of the benefits of your membership so take advantage of it this year. We offer Adidas, Ashworth, Monterey Club, and Cutter & Buck Shirts and we still carry Oakley Sunglasses and the savings is unbelievable. If you are looking for the newest in Clubs, come by and check out the New Titleist 910 and Callaway Diablo Octane Drivers.

Come see what we have to offer for the golfer on your list.



ALL SHOP CREDIT MUST BE USED BY DECEMBER 31, 2010!

ORDER BY DECEMBER 10th TO RECEIVE BY CHRISTMAS!

Get your Christmas shopping done early for the golfer in your family. Titleist is again offering FREE personalization of your favorite Titleist Golf Balls, one dozen minimum. Stop by the Golf Shop and place your order today.

- ***Personalized ProV1 & ProV1x - \$42.00 per Dozen***
- ***Personalized NXT Tour & Extreme - \$27.00 per Dozen***
- ***Personalized DT Carry & Role - \$21.00 per Dozen***



2010 Balcones Cup!

The Teams have been selected and they are now getting ready for play. We would like to invite all of you to come out and pull for your favorite team or player during this event. The Balcones Cup event is scheduled for December 3rd, 4th and 5th.
Hope to see you there!

Support your Club...Shop at Home!

**Don't Forget to sign up for the
Palmer Advantage Platinum;
the early enrollment deadline is December 31, 2010.**

A promotional banner for Palmer Advantage Platinum and Balcones Country Club. On the left, the text reads 'PALMER ADVANTAGE PLATINUM' and 'BECOME A FOUNDING MEMBER NOW!'. In the center, there are three small images: a golfer on a green, a golfer in mid-swing, and a golfer celebrating. On the right, the 'Balcones COUNTRY CLUB' logo is displayed in a stylized font.

Handicap FYI from your BCC Handicap Committee

This has been a busy year for the Golf Handicap Committee. We started the year with a letter to all BCC Members outlining the purpose and basics of the USGA Handicap System. Our monthly articles in the Tempo have covered subjects including: Course and Slope Ratings; Allocation of Handicap Strokes on our courses; Probability of playing to your Handicap; Equitable Stroke Control; and the rationale for adjusting handicap strokes when competing from different tees. We also played a major role in deriving the new handicap allocations for both courses as reflected on our new score cards.

The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is "**To make the game more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis**". We hope we have given you information to better understand and appreciate the system that governs our golf competition whether it is a daily game or a major tournament event.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all!

Membership... by Ike Lee



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COUNTRY CLUB

SAVE UP TO 25% ON YOUR DUES FOREVER!

We are Currently
Triggered!

Thank you to everyone who nominated and Sponsored a New Member. We could not have Triggered without your help! Spots are filling quickly so Nominate your Friends today for a Membership the Whole Family will Enjoy!



Adam's Wine of the Month... by Adam Martinez

2006 Deerfield Red Rex

Sonoma County

Cabernet Sauvignon (40%), Syrah (23%), Merlot (19%), Sangiovese (7%), Malbec (5%), Cabernet Franc (2%), Petit Verdot (2%)

Heady and deeply aromatic on the nose, lead by dark cherry, blueberry, blackberry and cassis. These mingle with softer tones of smoked meats, candied red cherry, tender cedar and a hint of fresh sage.

Soft and cool on the palate, then plush tannins add a very gradual dryness that spreads throughout from the center – radiating outward. Eventually, the wine takes on a medium-weight feel as a bright, mineral-peppery spice appears. It is very flavorful and bold, but well-balanced, with dark cherry, blackberry, dried cranberry, and smoky blueberry. These are followed, after swallowing, by dark strawberry, cracked pepper, soft green tobacco leaf and flinty minerals. The finish is long and flavor-filled with an initially dark and smoky character that yields to dark fruit, and then goes brighter, with lush red fruit. These tail off, gradually, giving way to dark flint and black pepper as the fruit dwindles. This is a big, bold, delicious, fruit-forward wine that has a very pleasing feel and great aromatics. Robert Rex, the winemaker, painstakingly hand-selected the triple hand-sorted fruit to craft this great red blend. With dark fruit and a bright acidity, this is a wine that would pair beautifully with almost anything you'd want to throw it at. Enjoy now or, if you have the patience (good luck!), cellar this wine for another 5 to 10 years.

You can find this wine at Spec's for about \$23.00.

Cheers,

Adam Martinez- Food and Beverage Director

amartinez@balconescountryclub.com

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

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS

The November tournament was held on Saturday the 20th at the Spicewood course with 68 MGA members participating. The format pitted four man computer draw teams scoring the gross best ball by the A & B players and the net best ball by the C & D players.

1st Place @ 129 (15 under par) - Pat O'Brien, Dale Zinn, Scott Yost, Phil Almquist

2nd Place @ 133 (11 under par) - Dan Treagar, Andy Turner, George Elizondo, David Fuller

Tied for 3rd @ 134 (10 under par) - Tom Wolf, Steve Howard, Donroy Hafner, John Kash

Dave Thomas, Gary Mott, Marc Marroquin, Jamison Gilveli

The MGA's December tournament will be held on Saturday, December 11th at the Balcones course. The format is a computer picked four man team who will play a straight scramble. Preceding the tournament will be a full breakfast and elections for the new MGA Board.



Join the MGA Members on Saturday evening December 11th, for the annual MGA Christmas Party and Awards Dinner. This fun filled event is free to all MGA members and their guest. Music will be provided by Balcones' own Texas Crude.



Priceless Pics

An update on the Green Neighbor/Green Neighborhood

We've delivered over 750 booklets in Balcones Village & Spicewood since we started the Green Neighbor/Green Neighborhood

promotion last spring of 2010. We're well over the half way mark to having delivered 1200 booklets !

"CONGRATULATIONS" to those who have already mailed their postcard in, and received your T-shirt or swimming passes to Barton Springs pool.

Let's get those postcards mailed in today neighbors, so our neighborhood can be certified "Green"!



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- And more



ENJOY THE WORLD FOR **JUST \$10 PER MONTH**. CONTACT YOUR CLUB OFFICE TODAY.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Balcones Cup	3	4
5  Gingerbread House Decorating	6	7 WTA Holiday Party	8	9	10	11 MGA Holiday Party
12 	13	14 Book Club Meeting	15 Member Holiday Party	16 BCCWA Luncheon/ WGA Holiday	17	18
19 Brunch with Santa and Holiday Golf Cart Caroling	20	21	22	23	24 Clubhouse closes at 3:00pm	25 
	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve 	

Social & Dining Events

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

5th, 11:00am.....Gingerbread House Decorating
 7th, 6:30pm.....WTA Holiday Party
 11th, 7:00am.....MGA Breakfast
 11th, 6:00pm.....MGA Holiday Party
 14th, 12:00.....Balcones Book Club
 15th, 7:00 pm.....Member Holiday Party
 16th, 11:00am.....BCCWA Lunch
 16th, 6:30pm.....WGA Holiday Party
 19th, 11:00am-2:00pm.....Brunch with Santa
 19th, 4:00 pm.....Holiday Cart Caroling
 24th, 3:00pm.....Clubhouse Closes at 3:00pm!
 25th.....Clubhouse Closed, Happy Holiday!
 31st, 8:00pm.....New Years Eve Party!

Tennis Events

Monday/Thursday 3:30 p.m.....Beginning Jr. Tennis Elementary (no previous experience)
 Monday/Thursday 4:30 p.m.....Beginning/Adv Beginning Teens
 Monday/Thursday 5:30 p.m.....Teen Intermediate/Advanced Jr. Tennis

Monday 7:00 p.m.Men's Doubles League
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m.....Women's Team Tennis
 Wednesday & Friday 3:30 p.m.....Adv Beginning Elementary Jr. Tennis
 Wednesday & Friday 4:30 p.m.....Intermediate Elementary Jr. Tennis
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.....Free adult intermediate/advanced drill
 Thursday 8:30 a.m.....Women's 3.5 USTA Team
 Thursday 8:30 a.m.....Free intermediate ladies drill
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.....Cardio Tennis and Hardcore Tennis
 Friday 8:30 a.m.....Women's 3.0 USTA Team
 Friday 7:00 p.m.....Adult Mixed Doubles
 Saturday 8:30 a.m.....Free adult beginning clinic
 Saturday 9:30 a.m.....Free adult intermediate/advanced drill
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.....Cardio Tennis
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.....Hardcore Tennis
 Sunday 1:00 p.m.....Men's 4.0 USTA Team
 Sunday 4:00 p.m.....Men's 3.5 USTA Team
 Sunday 4:00 p.m.....Senior Mixed 8.0 USTA Team

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

www.balconescountryclub.com/calendar