

THE JULY TEMPO

BALCONES COUNTRY
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Cocktails with the Council

Friday, July 8th at 6 P.M.

“Hawaiian Luau”

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 General Manager, Phil Stika, and members of the Ambassador Council.

**4th of July
Pool Party**
Sunday, July 4th
11 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Food ~ Fun ~
Entertainment**

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

*Please note the Balcones Clubhouse will be closed on Tuesday, July 5th



Tuesday Tunes

Every other Tuesday from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
So Grab your Swim Trunks and the Kids and Enjoy

Tuesday, July 12th – Voices
Tuesday, July 26th – Chris Tondre
Tuesday, August 9th – Pending
Tuesday, August 23rd – Brian Curtis

Board of Directors... by Jimmy Helm

I first attempted to write this note late Tuesday, June 21 and, if you recall, a rain storm blew in late that night. It totally distracted me because I went to the back porch to simply enjoy the smell and feel of the rain. What a great event! Everyone I met the next morning seemed a little livelier and happier. Just 48 hours later it was only 90 degrees, but the weather folks said the temperatures will creep upward and that we aren't in the midst of a typical hot Texas summer, but rather we've got an extreme one on our hands! It's disappointing because the fairways will only get crunchier. But hopefully, the tees and greens will stay green and Spring Lake won't become a beach. With or without rain, I am confident that Kirk will keep us informed as he pulls all possible levers to keep our golf courses in the best shape possible. Perhaps I shouldn't worry about our golf conditions when some folks are experiencing severe and emergency water restrictions, but I just can't help it.

The good news is APGM and the Board of Directors decided several months ago, after experiencing a similar drought in 2009, that a plan to obtain more water was needed. BCC contracted an engineering firm to develop the plan and their report included a primary recommendation to drill a deeper well using the current monitoring well at Spicewood. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, that drilling is in full progress. If the new well produces a good quantity of quality water, then a similar well would be drilled at Balcones. There are no guarantees on the outcome, but we're nonetheless hopeful. If you want to read the full report from the engineering firm it is on the BCC website in the "Members" section. If you don't find it, let me know and we will get you a copy.

We are fortunate that Phil Stika has completed his move to the Austin area and is presently fully-engaged at BCC. I know many of you have met Phil, as you have told me of your positive interactions with him. Very likely you've done what I have, made suggestions to him on what he should do to improve this or that and, by the way, do it in a hurry! I have to watch myself, and encourage him to ignore me because later on my suggestions often prove not be in the best interest of the club! APGM said that Phil is the right choice for BCC because they know and trust him, and that he has exceptional general manager (GM) skills. To me, the best thing he brings to BCC is a fresh perspective, as well as professional GM experience. While our Trigger money has been temporarily delayed, Phil sees ways to improve the club that aren't that expensive and can be done in the short term. I've noticed the outside front wall no longer has a water stain from the dripping window A/C unit. And where is that window unit? Now we have a food server during peak hours, whose responsibility is solely to bring food from the kitchen to the dining room or bar, freeing up the wait staff to better serve members. Phil tells me he will share his insights and plans in a state-of-the-club letter that he will send out in early July. I look forward to having a GM with his experience, and to him making the decisions that are right for us.

Finally, it is good to have APGM in partnership with us. These folks know what they are doing, and have a good plan of action for BCC improvements months and years in advance. Their reasoning led us to the strategy to fund the water plan; and they have made "improvements" that we alone did not have the ability in the past to develop on our own. As an example, it's nice seeing the long lasting high quality fertilizer pellets on the golf course. It's a fertilizer we have because of APGM; with their volume discounts we get twice the amount of high quality fertilizer at the price we used to pay for a low quality product. In conversations with APGM, it is clear they want happy club members, and they will continue to work to make us happy.

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The good news is they like us! They like our location, the two courses, the neighborhood, and the potential we have to grow our membership. Most of all, they like that we are “a club” as they observe our relationships and camaraderie, and they love it since many of their clubs and courses don’t have that. They are not golf investment folks, they are golf business people, and they know to be profitable, happy members are necessary who will then work to bring in new members. APMG will work to find ways to make us happy, and they want us to do our part also.

Next time it rains, and I hope that is very soon, please feel free to come over to the back porch and enjoy it with me.



WINE AND DINE FRIDAY

**ENJOY HALF PRICED
BOTTLES OF WINE!!!**

EVERY FRIDAY WE WILL BE OFFERING HALF PRICED
BOTTLES OF WINE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE DINING ROOM
DURING DINNER SERVICE.



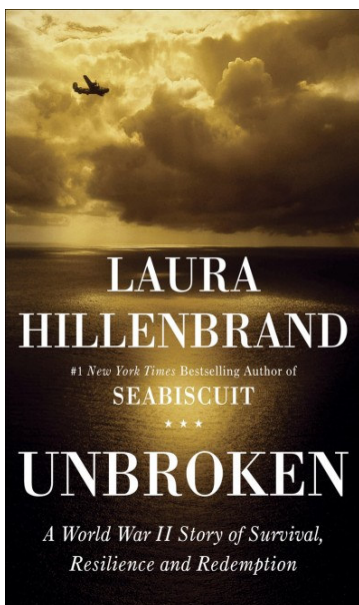


The Balcones Prosperity Network is a business networking group that meets at the Balcones Country Club. Most of our group members are also members of Balcones Country Club or live in the area. The meetings are bimonthly, held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Our group meets to exchange ideas, look for advice and to assist others who may need our help. Some businesses work with homeowners and some work with businesses. Each week one of members has the floor for 10-15 minutes so we can get to know them as a person. We do this because doing business is still a very personal thing and we really would rather do business with someone we know, like and trust. This 15 minutes gives us that opportunity.

Each Tuesday we have the opportunity to learn a little something which might benefit our lives. Participation is necessary to drive the group. Most of our time is dedicated to helping others rather than a “look-at-me.”

We do enjoy a buffet breakfast and pay Balcones for that, there are no other costs associated with our group. Check our website www.balconesprosperitynetwork.com and see the type of people who are members of our group. There are no monthly fees or annual dues, we just pay for breakfast.

Balcones Book Club
July 13th at Noon in the Balcones
Dining Room
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand



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

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY
“Esther”

Tuesdays, June 14, 2011— August 16, 2011
 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Balcones Country Club
 8600 Balcones Club Drive
 Austin, TX 78750

Join us for Beth Moore’s study of Esther. This is a very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance as Beth Moore peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives today. If you have ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into a situation that seemed overpowering, this Bible study is for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther’s day, it is tough today. This portion of God’s Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried and pressured lives.

Charge for the class is \$18, which covers the booklet and the tip for the wait staff.

To sign up for this class, or for more information, contact
 Janie Williams - (512) 258-9448; janielw@swbell.net
 or
 Carol Lozano - (512) 219-6252; cmlozano2000@aol.com

Feel free to stop in to visit for a lesson,
 or join us for the rest of the study.

It may feel like 150° outside...



...Just remember you're only 150 days away from the "cool" Holidays!

It's never too early to make your Holiday Party plans.

PRIME DATES ARE GOING FAST!

Contact Rachel Gill in the Catering Department
to book your event!!

512-258-1621 or rgill@balconescountryclub.com

It's all at Balcones

Wedding Ceremonies, Receptions, Business Meetings,
Bridal Showers,

School Banquets, Golf Outings and more!

Golf Cart Rules during Drought!

We have had no rain to speak of. This being the case, we ask all players to please keep your carts off the fairways. You may drive in the rough on the Par 4's and Par 5's and as always, please keep your carts on the cart paths on the Par 3's and around tees and greens. The "Cart Path Only" sign will remain up until we have some relief from Mother Nature. It will be posted as a reminder to follow the rules previously stated. This will help out the fairways more than you realize.

Thank You for your Help and Understanding!



June 2011 has definitely been a month to remember!

It all started with the Club Championship on the 10th, 11th, and 12th, what a fun weekend this turned out to be. We have repeats on both the Ladies and Men's Champions. Donna Teets won the Ladies Club Championship for the second year in a row and Deron Zinnecker won the Men's Club Championship for the fourth year in a row.



Men's Championship

Deron Zinnecker over Dillon Hamm 2 & 1

Ladies Championship

Donna Teets over Juanita Brooks 4 & 3

Men's Senior Championship

Pat O'Brien over Kevin Dahl 1 Up

Ladies Senior Championship

Betty Goodman over Pam Greene 4 & 3

Men's Super Senior Championship

*Scotty Duvall shot Gross 77 and 86
for a total of 163*

Junior Club Champion

*Clark McCollum shot Gross 78 and 74
for a total of 152*

Men's Presidents Championship

Darrell Griffin over Bill Roberson 4 & 2

Ladies Presidents Championship

Karen Winrich over Mary Fran Pena 2 & 1

Men's Senior Presidents Championship

Terry Wilson over Eloy Rodriguez 1 Up

Ladies Senior Presidents Championship

Eleanor Hurst over Karen Thorson 6 & 5

Men's Super Senior Presidents Championship

Joe Ratcliff shot Net 66 and 72 for a total of 138

Congratulations go out to the Golf Committee for a well organized event. Thanks also goes to the Food and Beverage Staff and the Maintenance Crew for all their hard work and finally to my staff for the time spent making this a very successful event!!!



We had a good turnout for the Father Child Tournament on June 19th!

Congratulations to all of the winners in this years event.

Junior Division Ages 8-12

- 1st – Major and Alex Gammill – 30 (Won Playoff)
- 2nd – Cole and Jason Hollen – 30
- 3rd – Davis and Mike Grindle – 32 (Won Playoff)

High School Junior Division Ages 13-17

- 1st – Brandon and Tim Hancock – 37
- 2nd – Zach and Thor Yanko – 40 (Won Playoff)
- 3rd – Aaron and Paul Marshall – 40

Senior Division Ages 18 and Up

- 1st – Ben and Mickey Powell – 33
- 2nd – Caleb Stewart and Mel Daniels – 36
- 3rd – Matt and David Westlund – 38

Last, but not least, the Par Buster Couples Scramble was held on June 25th and 26th!

We had a great turnout and Thank You to everyone who came out to play in this event. Congratulations to all the winners listed below;

First Flight Gross

- 1st – Karen and Ben Winrich - 138
- 2nd – Karin and Ken Moorman - 140

First Flight Net

- 1st – Robin and Terry Wilson – 101.8
- 2nd – Rhonda and Mark Weegar – 109.0

Second Flight Gross

- 1st – Shari and Mark Riddle - 145
- 2nd – Patti and Ken Brown - 149

Second Flight Net

- 1st – Sue and Eloy Rodriguez – 108.6
- 2nd – Christy and Mark Peebles – 109.8

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 2 – WGA Tournament**
- July 4 – Flag Day Tournament**
- July 9 – Balcones Cup Qualifier**
- July 10 – Allendale Pride Baseball Fundraiser**
- July 16 & 17 – MGA Championship**
- June 18 – STPGA Little Linksters and Junior Links Tour**

Mark these dates on your calendars. To sign up or get more information, call or come by the Golf Shop.

Summer Junior Golf Camps & Sports Camps

Summer is here, the kids are out of school, and the camps and clinics are almost half way done. Sign-up sheets and schedules are on the web page at www.balconescountryclub.com or come by the Golf Shop and pick one up.

Please fill it out and return them to the Golf Shop.

From the Courts

by Dan Weger



INDEPENDENCE DAY BREAK: In observance of the July 4th holiday, we will cancel all leagues and member clinics from Sunday, July 3rd through Wednesday, July 6th. We will resume normal programming on Thursday, July 7th, with the exception of the summer junior camp that will not resume until Monday, July 11th. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

BURGER AND BEER: Our July Burger and Beer event will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. This event will feature Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles in a mixer format. It is open to all members and their guests, with all levels of play. Play will start at 9:30 a.m. with lunch served immediately after. The fee is \$3 per person for the tennis and prizes and the cost of lunch, which will be billed to your account and go towards your minimum. We prefer RSVP, however, walk-ons are always welcome. Hope you can make it out.

COURT RESERVATIONS: Our summer schedule is filled with camps, leagues, clinics and team play. Members are always welcome to walk-on any empty court, however, with the amount of play we are experiencing, it is highly recommended that you make reservations, especially in the peak periods of morning and evenings. Members can log on to www.danwegertennis.com and make reservations on the home page or simply email me at dweger@balconescountryclub.com. Each day's court availability is listed on the website.

The WGA had a great tournament in June hosted by Ruby Fairchild and Beverly Merryman. It was a 4 person shamble and was a great and fun tournament.

1st place winners

Were the team of Betty Goodman, Pam Greene, Wanda Frix, Eleanor Hurst and Beverly Terry

2nd place winners

Were Karen Winrich, Karen Atchley, Denise Wilkinson and Eenie Sullivan

3rd place winners

Were Laurie Roon, Trish Butler, Patti Brown, Sue Rodriguez and Robin Wilson

4th place winners

Were Janelle Hudler, Beverly Merryman, Ann Wheeler and Wendy Dew

Closest to the Hole winners were: Beverly Terry - 5th Hole, Ann Wheeler - 7th Hole, Beverly Merryman - 9th Hole, Wanda Frix - 15th hole and Juanita Brooks - 17th hole.

A big thanks to our Hostesses for doing a great job. It was certainly enjoyed by all who played. Sign-up sheets are always at the Balcones Pro Shop for both courses. Don't forget Wednesday Playdays and check your books for upcoming Saturday Tournaments and Playdays.





2011 FLAG TOURNAMENT

\$25.00 per Player

Format: Par for the team members plus the combined handicaps determines the Team Target Score. When the team has reached its Target Score, plant your flag where the last stroke comes to rest. The team that's flag is the farthest wins.

- Men will play the BLUE TEES. If your handicap is established from the WHITE TEES, you may play from there.
- Ladies will play the GREEN TEES.
- There is no club limit.

**Prize Winnings Donated to the Charity of Choice
on behalf of the winning teams**

1 st Place	50%
2 nd Place	30%
3 rd Place	20%

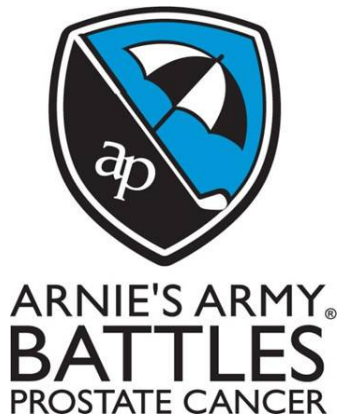
Happy Fourth of July

Board of Governors... by David Westlund

Hey everybody, can you feel the excitement in the air? Our new GM, Phil Stika, is here and many things are changing. The Club house is going through a cleanup makeover. The beautification project has finally started. The A/C window unit in the accounting office has been removed. What a great change this is. A new sign on the front of the Club house tells perspective members who we are and our location. Much of the old landscaping has been removed in preparation for new plants. Things are looking up. It's time to grow membership, so invite your friends and family to visit the Club and see what's happening. I know how hard it is with the dry conditions of the golf course but we need to start talking about all the positives. There are a lot of changes going on.

The Board of Governors and the Board of Directors with APGM have put together a committee for long range planning. Since the CAP Fund isn't growing at the present time, we think we should be better prepared for the spending of these funds in the future. With the new leadership and a better understanding of what needs to take place, we are beginning to plan for our future. I can feel the excitement. What a great place to be, so let's enjoy being members and tell the world we are just at the beginning of great times to come.

Thanks for being a member, David Westlund



SAVE the Dates
November 10th & 12th
PINK & BLUE TOURNAMENT



Join Balcones Country Club on Saturday, November 12th, for a golf and/or tennis tournament to benefit the Susan G. Komen Rally for the Cure and Arnie's Army to battle prostate cancer.

Both events will take place at the Spicewood location.

Also join us Thursday, November 10th, for a Duplicate Bridge tournament, which will be held at the Balcones Clubhouse. Both events are open to Balcones members and guests.

We are seeking sponsors for this event! Advertise your business by sponsoring a golf hole for \$100 or a tennis court for \$75.

*Questions? Contact Ann Wheeler at
pinkandbluetournaments@gmail.com*

Wine of the Month... by Adam Martinez

2009 Viu Manent Reserve Chardonnay
Valle de Colchagua, Chile

This wonderful Chardonnay is greenish-yellow in color. The nose shows an intense and complex combination of aromas of white and exotic fruits, floral notes, hazelnut and toffee. The creamy palate is well balanced, fresh and fruity, with subtle toasted notes that lend complexity that draws out to an intense, elegant, and persistent finish. You can find this at retail wine shops for less than \$20.

Cheers,
Adam

Waterloo Swim School NewsSplash



June has been a busy time over at the Spicewood Pool. Our Adult Fitness class has been working hard on endurance, their strokes and even trying vertical kicking – now that'll burn your leg muscles. Meanwhile, the Waterloo Baby classes have been working on their Bubble Face breath holding and back floats. The

kiddos are learning superman streamlines, kicking, windmill arms and how to cut a pizza (i.e. breast-stroke arms J).

On June 14th, both BCC Sharks and Waterloo participated in the World's Largest Swim Lesson. The program was held to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help drowning prevention. It was a success – We had 103 participants between both pools. Even KVUE came out and did a piece on the program that day. Worldwide, the early count was that over 30,000 people participated in the event in 46 countries. This number will break the old Guinness World Record of 3,971 set last year. Go to the [KVUE](http://www.kvue.com) website to watch their video coverage of the event.

Swim Lessons – there's still room for you and the kiddos! We have two week lesson blitz's and weekly sessions still open. Got the grandkids coming into town? What a great way to help them improve their swimming skills while they are in town.

Visit us at www.waterlooswimschool.com or call 921-9893 find out how we can fit swimming into your summer schedule.

—Waterloo Swim School



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July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 À la carte Sunday Brunch 10:30am-2:00pm	4  Splash Day 11:00-4:00	5 Balcones Clubhouse and Golf Course Closed	6 Prime Rib Night 6:00pm-8:30pm Moonlighters 5:30 pm	7 Family Night Buffet 6:00pm-8:30pm Sundowners 5:30pm	8 Cocktails with the Council 6:00pm-8:00pm Honeymooners 5:30pm (BCC)	9
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