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The September Tempo

Cocktails with the Council

Tuesday, September 27 8:00pm-10:00pm



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 Phil Stika, general manager and members of the Ambassador Council.

Don't forget to wear your favorite School Jersey to this months CWC.

2011 Balcones Labor Day Classic

Friday, September 2nd -

Shotgun Start @ 1:00PM

Saturday, September 3rd -

8:00 Tee Times

Sunday, September 4th -

8:00 Tee Times

Member-Member/Member-Guests-

\$225.00 per player

Guest-Guest Teams-

\$250.00 per player

Includes Prizes, Lunch, Contests on course, Dinner & DJ by the Pool Sunday



Labor Pool Party
Monday, September 5th
11:00-5:00pm

Food ~ Fun ~ Entertainment

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

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Balcones CC
**Women's
Association**
Austin

BCC Tempo ~ September 2011
Leah Cox, President

Our first program is Thursday, September 15th. We will host a Fall Fashion Preview Show with Anthropologie! It will be a fabulous night, so be sure to make your reservations and bring a friend!

~ Luncheons/Programs ~

Save the date for the following upcoming programs

September 15th ~ Evening Program 6:30pm
Fall Preview Fashion Show
hosted by

ANTHROPOLOGIE

October 20th ~ Luncheon Program
Mental Toughness by Bill Stern, Ph.D

November 17th ~ Luncheon Program
Women in Philanthropy

December 15th ~ Christmas Luncheon

~ Market Days ~

October 21-22, 2011

Please join the BCCWA for the Preview Party Friday evening, Oct 21st. Saturday is open the public. We have great plans for this year! Raffle prizes include a Green Egg Grill and 40", 40" 3D TV and more! The Pantry will include the popular casseroles again and plan to come enjoy lunch at the Pumpkin Patch Café!

~ Socials ~

October 14th ~ Fall Dance ~ Entertainment by "Texas Crude"

November 4th & 5th ~ Spa Day at The Spa at Plaza Cortez

~ Membership ~

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.

We are excited to announce **3** new weekly “**Value Priced Buffets**” beginning Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 for lunch. These new options are perfect if you want to get in and out of the club for a quick meal. No ordering from the kitchen, no waiting, just come in get seated at a table or in the bar and then you're ready to enjoy a quick and easy meal.

Summer Time Quick Lunch Buffet

11:00am to 2:00pm \$5.99

Every Tuesday - Friday at lunch will be offering a new soup & salad buffet. This daily lunch buffet will be offering a salad bar with great options for building your own salad, cold salads such as chicken, egg salad, tuna salad, pasta salad, a variety of dressings, and a special lunch entree on the buffet.

Sunday Family Omelet Breakfast Buffet 10:30am – 2:00pm \$8.99

Come enjoy your club every Sunday morning beginning Sunday August 7th. Have eggs cooked the way you like them or create your own omelet. Also on the buffet will be bacon, sausage, fruit, breads and chef's choice of one breakfast entrée. Beat the after church rush by coming to the club. Children under the age of 3 are always complimentary.

“New” Prime Rib and Family Buffet

6:00pm – 9:00pm \$17.95

Same good Slow Roasted Prime Rib with the addition of a Chef's choice seafood and poultry offering. Now, prime rib buffet isn't for just the beef eaters. Come enjoy the assortment of our chef's creations every Wednesday evening beginning August 3rd. On Wednesday's we will offer a special children's entrée for \$3.95 for children under the age of 10.

Thank you Balcones!

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors of Texas Advocacy Project, I want to thank you— the members of Balcones Country Club for helping us kick off our Annual Backpacks for Hope campaign. All together you donated 115 backpacks that will enrich the lives of children in need.

Violence in the home is a social epidemic and it needs to stop. In 2010, almost 16,000 children will go to sleep in a domestic violence shelter in Texas. The overwhelming majority will be fleeing abuse with their mothers. Texas Advocacy Project has the legal expertise to help end abuse. At the Project, we provide legal solutions and access to justice to those in need. For example a victim who has a protective order immediately becomes 80% less likely to be re-victimized in the future. The Backpack for Hope campaign allows us to communicate to families who are in crisis, that we are here, that we can help, and that our services are free.

Because of your help, we will not only make it a little easier for kiddos in need to navigate the scary waters of a new school, but provide their moms with the information they need to keep their families safe. After all, studies show the best long term solution to domestic violence is legal intervention, and that is exactly the free service Texas Advocacy Project provides.

Your participation in the drive helps makes this work possible.

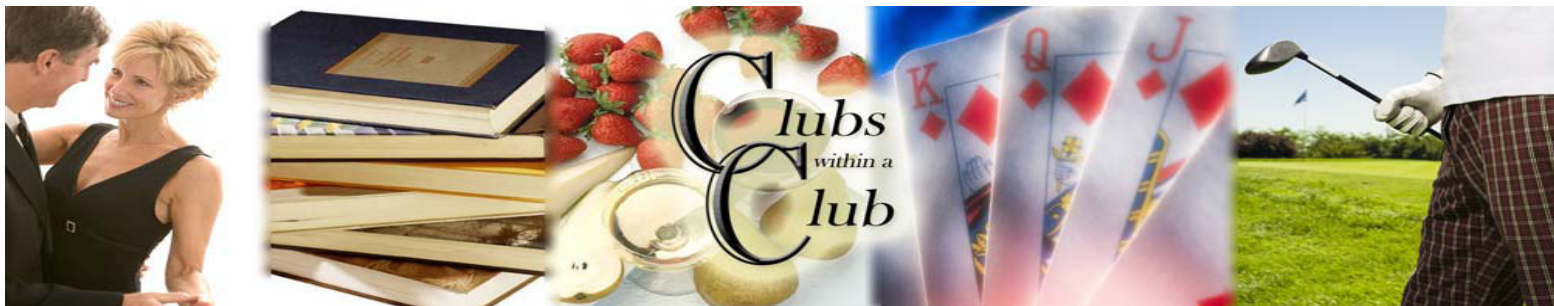
Thank you,

Texas Advocacy Project



www.texasadvocacyproject.org

and set to end on September 6-- we have already collected over 200 bags! For drop off locations and more information on the Backpacks for Hope campaign visit <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/events.php>



PRISCILLA SHIRER'S BIBLE STUDY

"HE SPEAKS TO ME: PREPARING TO HEAR FROM GOD"

**Tuesdays, September 13 - October 25, 2011
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Balcones Country Club**

Ladies, mark your calendars now for Priscilla Shirer's "He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God"

Do you want to develop a more intimate prayer life? Even more, do you want to hear from God in practical ways? Let Priscilla Shirer prepare you by giving you a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. Based on the life of Samuel, who first heard God's voice while still a small boy, and also packed with practical examples from Priscilla's own life. "He Speaks to Me" speaks directly to the need to develop a richer prayer life and deeper, more intimate relationship with God, and to learn how to comfortably share the experience of God with others.

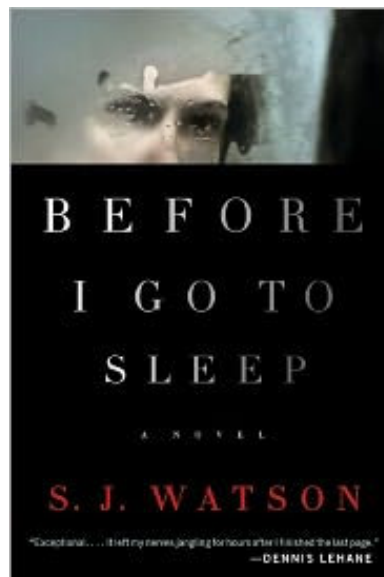
**Workbook (including tip for wait staff): \$14.00
To sign up for this class, or for more information, contact: Carol Lozano - (512-219-6252)
cmlozano2000@aol.com**

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

Balcones Book Club

September 7th at 12:00 in the Balcones Dining Room

***Before I Go to Sleep* by S. J. Watson**



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

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PALMER
PARTNERS
CHAMPIONSHIP

Only 5 more weeks to win a trip to the "The Palmer Partners Championship"

Member Sponsor Leaders for the Trip to PGA National!

One month left, top two people will go on the trip. Who will be in the lead at the end of August?

Leaders from September 1st, 2010 through August 31st, 2011

Just listen to what your fellow Members have to say about PGA!!

" Our trip to PPC 2010 was first class. We were treated wonderfully by APMG Partners, staff, and especially Yolanda. They made sure that every moment was very enjoyable and memorable. We met great people from sister clubs from all over the nation. Our Balcones team came in second place which made us proud. We won this trip because we sponsored the most new members last year. We encourage all Balcones CC members to sponsor new members for a chance to go on this trip and grow our club!" Fritz Cox

"Best Golf experience of my life! Incredible!" Pat O'Brien

Every one of our club Members could potentially go on this trip! Our top spots have only brought in 2 Members this year.

Cynthia needs your help! And the only way to fill the club is for you to bring in your friends! Bring them in for Lunch with Cynthia and together we can boost Membership and find our Top winners for PGA. Don't forget the first 25 members who sponsor a member also get a Free trip to Las Vegas!

Call Cynthia anytime at 512-736-9022.

Sponsored 2 Members

Flint Klein
Greg Kamnetz

Sponsored 1 Member

Alex Almquist
Aron Mills
Bill Buckner
C. Bennett Harrington
Charles Anderson
Darryl Polk
Domingo Bustos
Don Schumaker
Ed Nichols
George Gibbons
Greg Weir
James Deese
Joe Mitchell
John Conkling
Ken Melton
Kevin Dahl
Landon Schwausch
Larry Smith
Lewis Nichols
Marco Martinez
Michael Moser
Michael Sandlin
Michael Turner
Mickey Powell
Mike Spann
Monica Juergens
PD Morrison
Paul Marshall
Paul Ott
Rick Fritsch
Roger Holmes
Ron Romonosky
Russell Caver
Sharlann Tvrdik
Steve Kuharski
T. Wayne Gatlin
Tom Suhy
Tim Buckley
Tim Hancock
Tom McCrea
Tommy Reid
Yongsun Yun
Zack Shropshire

From the Courts

by Dan Weger



Tennis Tempo—September 2011

If anyone had told me that this summer was going to be this ridiculously hot and dry, I think I would've opted for a different junior camp schedule...something like 5:00 to 8:00, A.M.!!!! All I can hope for now is that September brings a little break...in both the heat and the dryness.

FALL JUNIOR TENNIS: The after-school fall junior programs will begin on Wednesday, September 7th. The complete schedule and registration is available at www.danwegertennis.com.

The classes are:

- Beginning Elementary: Mon and Thurs 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Beginning and Adv Beg Teens: Mon and Thurs 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Inter Teen and all ages Advanced: Mon and Thurs 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Adv Beg Elementary: Wed and Fri 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Intermediate Pre-Teen: Wed and Fri 4:30-6:00 p.m.

FALL ADULT LEAGUES: The fall adult leagues will begin the week of September 12th. Men will play at 7 p.m. on Mondays, and the women will play at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The leagues will go through the week of December 12th. Anyone interested in playing should register via email to dweger@balconescountryclub.com.

BURGER AND BEER: Our monthly burger and beer will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. This event is open to all members and their guests and is suited for all levels of play. The format will include men's and women's doubles and some mixed. The fee is \$3 per person, plus the cost of your lunch and beverages, which will be applied to your minimum. As usual, we'll have fabulous door prizes during our lunch time drawing. Since Balcones is sponsoring the back pack drive for Project Hope, we're hoping everyone will bring a back pack for donation to the Burger and Beer.

VINO AND VOLLEYS: It will be an evening of Vino and tennis on Friday, September 23rd. Bring your favorite beverage and snack and come to the courts for an evening of tasting, tennis and socializing. The fun starts at 7 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

The WTTA is once again hosting a Ladies Night Out on Oct. 25. The fun starts at 6:30 at the Spicewood tennis courts 1-4. So grab your rackets and come and join us for an evening of tennis and laughs, there might even be a snack or two!!

See you on the courts!

Women's Golf Association News... by Pam Green

The WGA had a two person scramble at BCC on Saturday August 6, 2011.

1st place - Ruby Fairchild and Karen Atchley
2nd place - Donna Teets and Rhonda Weegar
3rd place - Pam Greene and Patti Brown

Closed to the Hole went to:

Kate Bennett - #5
Donna Teets - #7
Juanita Brooks - #9
Juanita Brooks - #15
Donna Teets - #17

All seemed to survive with the heat. Thank you all for playing.

Our September Tournament will be held on September 10th at 9:00 am at Balcones hosted by Betty Goodman and Janelle Hudler.

The WGA Championship will be held October 1st at 9:00 a.m. at Spicewood and on October 2nd at Balcones. It will be flighted.

Here's hoping we have some relief from the heat pretty soon.

Input for September 2011 Tempo

Handicap FYI from your BCC Handicap Committee

The Handicap System has two basic premises:

"Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played." You are expected to give each shot your best effort so that your score is representative of your ability." "The Player will post every acceptable round for peer review." You are expected to post every score played regardless of how good or bad it is relative to your handicap. We use the GHIN system to post our scores and to provide peer review.

The Handicap System depends on these basics; it just does not work if they are not followed. Most people understand this and act accordingly. However, there are always the few who want to manipulate the system and work hard to do so. An easy way to slant the system is to post some scores and ignore others; this can result in a handicap index that is either higher or lower than it should be. Unfortunately, once this practice starts it is easy for it to spread. I fear this is happening at Balcones and we must stop it.

The Handicap Committee is preparing a system that will check that a score is posted for every round played at Balcones. The tools are available to implement the system and the details are being worked out. We plan to start the process in September. I believe most will appreciate we have such a system in place.



From the Course

2011 Balcones Country Club Palmer Partners Championship "BIG FINALE"



Congratulations to Terry Wilson and David Roon for earning a spot on this year's Partners Championship Team. These players will be representing Balcones at PGA National in a team competition playing against all the other clubs in the Arnold Palmer Golf Management portfolio. We would like to wish them the best of luck and let's show them how good we are at Balcones.

There is still (2) spots available. Flint Klein and Greg Kamnetz have both sponsored 2 members so far and there is around 20 to 30 members right behind them that have sponsored 1 member this year. It is still anyone's trip to take so who wants to go the most. All of you that have only 1 member sponsor this year, get out there and get a couple of more. You all have until the 15th of September to get them signed up and make it count towards this trip.

"August Junior Tournament results"

Congratulations to all of the Juniors that won and to the rest of you Thank You for your participation.



8 to 11 Division

- 1st Place – Jace Lyne
- 2nd Place – Landry Caver
- 3rd Place – Brannan Cox



12 to 14 Division

- 1st Place – Aaron Marshall
- 2nd Place – Major Gammill
- 3rd Place – Ryan Lawton



15 to 17 Division

- 1st Place – James Bethke
- 2nd Place – Hayden Juergens
- 3rd Place – Cameron Blockhus

September Junior Tournament will be held on the 18th and it will be a Member/Guest.
Get signed up today!

Wine of the Month...by Adam Martinez

2009 the girls in the vineyard sauvignon blanc

Lake County, California

A new edition to the Balcones wine list, this has quickly become a summer favorite. The color is a pale straw yellow that reminds me of sunflowers or the mustard that brightens the valleys of California's wine country every spring. The nose is like a bowl of July's freshest fruit with a touch of minerality. On the palate citrus and the crispness of fresh cut pineapple that finishes with a bit of lemongrass and fig. When it comes to romancing food, think crab cakes, smoked salmon, stuffed oysters or lightly sauced chicken. You could even try some Caribbean with a little Bob Marley. Whether in your home, poolside, or perched on a cafe table downtown, you'll find that the girls in the vineyard are very flexible and ready to animate any occasion.

Cheers ~ Adam

WELCOME TO STEP INTO AFRICA September 11-18 10:00-8:00 Daily

Step into Africa, created by World Vision, is a museum-quality interactive exhibit that invites visitors to "step into Africa" by hearing, seeing and walking through an African village to personally experience the lives of children affected by poverty and AIDS. The stirring headphone driven tour and captivating photography will transport you into the life of an African child, providing a new perspective on the greatest challenges of our time, while offering inspiring opportunities to make a difference.

It is also the gateway for a bold initiative for the transformation of lives through a long term relationship between the Austin community and the community of **Matete, Kenya**. We will partner with **World Vision** to help the people of Matete find their own path from a life of impoverishment to a life of self-sufficiency. Step into Africa provides the opportunity to begin **personal relationships** with the children of Matete, providing them hope and healing in the midst of their struggles.

The exhibit will be open from Sunday, September 11th through Sunday, September 18th, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily, in the Bethany UMC Fellowship Hall at 10010 Anderson Mill Road.

You may reserve online your **free** tickets to tour Step Into Africa on a day and time which fits your schedule. Tickets are not required, but they will ensure that you won't have to wait in line. Once you reserve your tickets, an email will be sent to you which is your ticket. Get your **free** tickets at www.worldvisionexperience.org/austin.

Other enriching **special events** are also planned for the week. Princess Zulu, author and African AIDS activist, will be speaking Monday night, September 12th, at 6:30. Austin's own Sara Hickman will be singing on Thursday evening, September 15th, at 6:30. On Saturday, September 18th, from 10:00-2:00, fun activities are planned for the children: such as build a mud hut, make a dodge ball out of plastics bags, learn to speak Swahili, play African instruments, cook and taste African foods, learn an African dance, and etc. It should be a fun day for families.

You are invited to come and "Experience Africa" right here in Austin! If you need additional information, contact Gail Buckley at buckleyg@austin.rr.com or 250-5276.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Splash Day	6 Balcones Clubhouse Closed	7 Book Club	8	9	10 WGA Tournament
11	12	13	14	15 BCCWA Dinner	16	17 MGA Tournament
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Tailgate Party	28	29	30	

Social & Dining Events

Mondays, 8:45am.....Duplicate Bridge at Spicewood
 Tuesdays, 2:30pm.....Ladies Bible Group
 Wednesdays, 6:00pm.....Prime Rib Night
 Thursdays, 6:00pm.....Family Night
 Sundays, 10:30-2:00pm.....Ala Cart Sunday Brunch
 Tuesday-Friday, 11:00-2:00pm.....Daily Lunch Buffet
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30am.....Prosperity Networking Group
 2nd & 4th Thursday, 9:30am.....BCC Ladies Canasta

2nd thru 4th.....Labor Day Tournament Begins
 5th, 11:00-5:00.....Labor Day Pool Party
 6th.....Clubhouse Closed
 7th, 12:00.....Balcones Book Club
 15th, 6:30pm.....BCCWA Dinner
 27th, 8:00pm.....Cocktails with the Council

Golf Events

3rd thru 5th.....Labor Day Tournament Begins
 10th.....WGA Tournament
 17th, 9:00am.....MGA Tournament

Wednesdays, 9:00.....WGA Play Day(18 holers)
 Wednesdays, 10:00.....WGA Play Day (9 holers)
 Wednesdays, 5:30PM.....Ladies Moonlighters
 Thursdays, 5:30PM.....Men's Sundowners
 Fridays, 5:30 PM.....Couple's Honeymooners

Call Pro shop for more information about these Great Events 512-258-2775

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