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Thorntree News

January is Member Appreciation Month!

Enjoy discounted dinner buffets
There will also be Dance Lessons, entertainment by
Doc Gibbs, Dancing and more during January!!

Check the January calendar for more details

\$6.95 Dinner Buffets!
Musical Entertainment!

THANK YOU

Dance Lessons!

THANK YOU

Free Golf Guest Fees on Fridays
Free Golf Lessons!



Free Golf Guests EVERY Friday!

Do you have that friend who has always wanted play golf at your course?
Bring them out for a great day at your club any Friday in January!

Would you like to pay lower dues? YOU CAN!

All you have to do is refer someone you know (friend, relative, coworker, neighbor, your butcher, etc.) and have them join as a golf member and you both receive half off your February dues. Your referrals are the best way for Thorntree to continue to improve as a club.

Contact Blake Loftin or Scott Carter for more information! F618

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New Years Day Hours

2010



Golf Shop Opens at 8am
19th Hole Open
8am-5pm

(Dining Room & Lounge Closed)



Chair's Corner

Party! Party! Party! What a wonderful time December was at your Club!

December at Thorntree Country Club included many Christmas activities: "Spin the Wheel" golf shop discount Christmas sale with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Men's Golf Association's Year End Dinner and Dance featuring entertainment by Stelvis (thank you Steve Byron!) Breakfast with Santa for our children and grandchildren. Thorntree Women's Golf Association Christmas Party. Numerous member sponsored private parties at the Club. The annual New Year's Eve Bash.

After a warmer than normal November, December weather turned the other direction... light snow, morning frost, blustery wind, rain, extra low temperatures... you name it, December had it. Not the greatest weather for golf, but many of us played throughout the month, including 28 brave souls who participated in the MGA Shamble on the 19th. Watch the forecast; I'm sure there'll be some great days for playing in January.

Mark your calendar, January is **MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH!** There will be Free Golf Lessons, Dance Lessons, Entertainment and \$6.95 Dinner Buffets. Also, Pot O' Gold every Wednesday in January and Thirsty Thursday returns on January 14th with free hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine

As you can imagine, December isn't a prime time for adding new members, but YES, WE DID! Since my last month's article, we've had 5 new members join plus two existing members upgraded to full golf membership. But the economy is continuing to take its toll as attrition is exceeding new member additions. Special pricing for golf memberships is being offered to encourage people to join now rather than waiting for the spring. If you know of a potential new member, please give your referral to Blake Loftin, Membership Director. If one of your referrals joins as a golf member, you could pay lower dues!

Happy New Year!

Bob Libbey



Thorntree Travel Club



We told you in the last newsletter that the trips shown in this article will be hosted by Carole Harris. They all include transportation from our area to/from the events and or the airport.

There is a day trip available for the Buddy Holly Show at Casa Manana on Friday, February 13th including lunch at Mimi's Café for \$ 130.00 per person.

Next, it will be off to Ireland from March 19-28, 2010 for a fully escorted tour that includes most meals, gratuities for \$ 2869.00 per person. Another trip offered is Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes on June 4-11th including most meals and gratuities.

There is a short trip on May 19-21st to the Hummer House near San Angelo for \$ 490.00 per person. Finally, you can go to China on October 27th for 14 days including most meals and airfare at \$ 4099.00 per person.

For any of the trips above, contact Carole Harris at 972-230-4500. Watch this newsletter for new opportunities for 2010. To suggest a destination, or get information about the Travel Club, contact Donna Johnson at dandjohnson@sbcglobal.net or call 972-291-9990.



Thorntree Book Club

by Kathi Ackermann & Doris Whitley

Upcoming selections and meeting places:

No meeting in January

February 4, 2010, 7pm - Kathi Ackermann, host

19th Wife (fiction) by David Ebershoff

March 4, 2010, 7 pm - Meet at Patrizio's Restaurant

Push by Sapphire

April 1 - Joyce Libbey, host

World Without End (2007 sequel to Pillars of the Earth) by Ken Follett

We hope to see you there. New ladies are always welcome!

19th Wife (February 4) intertwines two stories (one 19th century historical fiction, one modern day fiction), both dealing with two 19th wives in polygamist marriages: the first, Brigham Young's wife, who broke free and became an outspoken critic of polygamy; and the second, accused of murdering her husband and leaving their polygamist cult. According to a Washington Post review, "... the voices Ebershoff has brought to life here dramatize one of the most remarkable periods of America's religious history, and he's just as discerning about the bizarre descendants that can sprout like toxic weeds from a founder's revelation. The greatest triumph is the way all this material, though it's focused on the peculiarities of Mormonism -- devout and heretical, ancient and modern -- illuminates the larger landscape of faith." Any of you who have watched HBO's Big Love will certainly want to read the novel and attend the discussion!

Push (March 4) is the 1996 novel upon which the currently released, award-winning film Precious is based. Set in 1980's Harlem, American author Sapphire writes about a 16-year-old girl who faces horrific situations that could seem foreign to (and will indeed raise the consciousness of) readers who have enjoyed the good fortune of a sheltered and secure life in America. The author, a former adult-literacy teacher in urban New York uses stream-of-consciousness style, as narrated by protagonist Claireece "Precious" Jones, to heart-wrenchingly illuminate the social issues reflective of inner-city poverty during the 1980's. Barbara Bush, praising the story says that "...what saves [Precious] from a life of despair is a teacher who helps her learn to read and write."

Either Kathi, Doris, or the host will email directions (along with a reminder to RSVP) before each meeting, so if you wish to be on the mailing list, send your information to Doris (dwhitley2005@yahoo.com) or Kathi (kmackermann@tx.rr.com).

Welcome Our Newest Members



Thorntree would like to welcome our newest Members and also thank our current Members for referring their friends, neighbors or business associates to your Club!

MEMBER NAME	SPONSOR
Clark & Cathy Rachesky	Ambassador Committee
Clinton & Phyllis Bittick	Tennis Committee
Don & Susan Hijeck	Joe & Vickey Dancy
Wanda White	Warren & Cynthia Adams
Todd & Natalie Nickerson	John & Brenda Davis
Tim LeRoy	Ambassador Committee
David & Deanne Gaither	Ambassador Committee
Wayne & Kimberley Carey	Ambassador Committee



Tennis News



Tennis, the sport for a lifetime, was evident on the Thorntree Tennis Courts on November 27th. The annual parent/child tournament was a great success, with 24 participants competing in Divisions A,B and C. The winners for each division are pictured below. Congratulations to all.



Year around tennis activities at Thorntree include: Mens and Womens Leagues, Open Drills, Mens and Ladies Drills, Junior Development, Pee Wee Tennis and Competitive teams competing city wide. There is an activity for every skill level and interest. Please visit the Thorntree tennis web site at www.thorntreectennis.com for more information or call the tennis pro shop (972-298-0117). Come join the fun and have a great new year!

In The Clubhouse

DINING

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Every Sunday
from 11:00 – 2:00

Adults \$17.95
Seniors (65) \$13.00
Kids (5-11) \$9.95

Kids 4 & Under Complimentary

Reservations Requested

POT-O-GOLD



Every
Wednesday

Buffet at 5:30 \$11.95
Drawing at 7:00

SEAFOOD BUFFET

Friday January 8th

Includes Soup,
Salad &
Dessert

\$17.95



MEXICAN BUFFET

Fridays

January 15th & 22nd

Includes Soup & Dessert
\$6.95



ITALIAN BUFFET

Friday

January 29th

Includes Soup & Dessert
\$16.95



PRIME RIB BUFFET

Friday February 5th

Includes Soup, Salad
& Dessert

\$17.95



Reservations are not required
but are requested, so we can
serve you the best.

Dining



We want to say Thank You!

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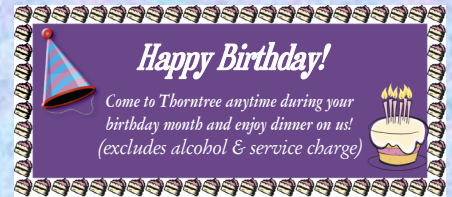
Good Times at Thorntree Country Club!





















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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p align="center">Short Game Golf Clinic</p> <p>Saturday, January 30th 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm \$15 per person, Limited to 6 students We will cover the proper grip, stance, setup, and motion of putting, chipping, and pitching. Learn the hinge and hold method of chipping, the move made famous by Phil Mickelson. A29</p>						<p align="center">Happy New year! January 2010</p> <p>Golf Shop Open 8am 19th Hole Open 8am-5pm (limited Menu)</p>	2
<p>3 Sunday Brunch Adults \$17.95 Seniors (65)\$13.00 Kids (5-11) \$9.95 4 & Under Free J60</p>	<p>4 <i>Club Closed</i></p>	<p>G5 BINGO! Please Reserve Early</p>	<p>6 Pot-O-Gold  MGA Golf</p>	7	<p>8 Seafood Buffet  Free Golf Guests</p>	<p>9  GOLF JR Play Day</p>	
<p>10 Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>11 <i>Club Closed</i></p>	<p>12 Dance Lessons!  \$6.95 DINNER BUFFETS</p>	<p>13 Pot-O-Gold  MGA Golf</p>	<p>14 Thirsty Thursday!  6:00-8:00pm</p>	<p>15 Mexican Buffet  Doc Gibbs! \$6.95 DINNER</p>	<p>16  Free Golf Lessons 10am-3pm</p>	
<p>17 Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>18 <i>Club Closed</i></p>	<p>19 Dance Lessons!  \$6.95 DINNER BUFFETS</p>	<p>20 Pot-O-Gold  MGA Golf</p>	<p>21 Breakfast For Dinner </p>	<p>22 Mexican Buffet  Doc Gibbs!</p>	23	
<p>24 Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>25 <i>Club Closed</i></p>	26	<p>27 Pot-O-Gold  MGA Golf</p>	28	<p>29 Italian Buffet  Free Golf Guests</p>	<p>30  Golf: Short Game Clinic 2-3:15pm</p>	
<p>31 Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>February 1st <i>Club Closed</i></p>	<p>2 BINGO! Please Reserve Early \$195</p>	<p>3 Pot-O-Gold  MGA Golf</p>	4	<p>5 Prime Rib Buffet </p>	6	

Kids Eat Free! Every Thursday Night.



With the Purchase of an adult meal, kids eat free from the kids menu.



GOLF ACTIVITIES

A Bridge Over Troubled Water

While being fleeced by a few of our most valued members recently, a rules question was brought up. A ball lay on the bridge on hole #4 within the margins of the hazard. May a free drop be granted to the player because his ball lie on the cart path which is marked within the margins of a hazard?

No. Margins of a hazard extend vertically. Even though the ball lie on a suspended surface, it is in the hazard. You must follow normal procedures for a ball which lie in a hazard.

However, a bridge is an obstruction. In a hazard, the club may touch an obstruction at address or in the backward movement for the stroke. Touching the bridge prior to the stroke is also permissible, since an obstruction in a hazard is not "ground in the hazard".

I also learned that I need to play golf more than once a month

*Head Golf Professional
Christian Hughes*

January Golf Special



There is no such thing as winter golf in Texas, shoot, we saw 70° days in December. Sure, you are going to have the occasional cold spell of freezing temps but for the most part temperatures are in the 40's and 50's. This is great golf weather. If any of you have ever been snow skiing you know that when the sun is out 20° can feel like 65°.

We also have some awesome specials to entice you to come play your golf course this January.

- **Free Guest Fees Fridays every week** - guests pay only a cart fee
- Receive "Free" **Hot Chocolate** when you play W140 every Tuesday – Thursday
- **Get a Free Golf Lesson on Saturday, January 16th** quality instruction is guaranteed
- Hand Warmers will be given to every golfer when the high temperature for the day is under 45°

Make your tee time today. Remember, tee times can be made one week in advance for the Weekdays and the lottery is drawn every Thursday morning for the Weekend tee times.



Tournament Results



The last MGA event of the year was held on December 19th. 28 dedicated men competed on a gorgeous winter day. Teams of 4 players shambled their way around the course counting 2 low net balls for the team score.

The winners are as follows.

1st place

Bruce Benson
Bob Libbey
Robbie Tedder
Dave Fredrikson

2nd place

Jeff Bolton
Chuck Luke
Gary Davidson
Mike Manning

3rd place

Terry Stinson
Dave Thomas
Clay Briggs
Scott Darragh



On The Range

We have new rubber tees on the driving range mats. These new tees allow you to adjust the height of the tee by inserting a standard tee into the top of the rubber tee. This will create a more enjoyable practice experience for our members as everyone seems to have a different preference for tee height. We ask that when the practice range is set up on mats only, all practice is from the mats. Drivers and woods may no longer be hit on the grass in front of the mats. Our hope is to improve the condition of the turf in front of the mats.

\$29 Winter Guest Fee

Winter Guest Fees are here. Greens are fast, the sky is full of sun, and the weather is cool. Bring a buddy and play golf.

\$29 Guest Fee EVERY Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
Includes Guest Fee and Cart Fee

Guest Fee Schedule:

\$29 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
\$35 Friday
\$50 Saturday; \$35 after Noon
\$50 Sunday; \$35 after Noon

(a guest may play one time per month and a total of six times a year)

Have a Group of Golfers you want to bring out?
Inquire about our group rates and opportunities with
Head Golf Professional, Christian Hughes.



TWGA News

Thorn tree Women's Golf Association closed 2009 with the annual Christmas Party of dinner and dancing on December 11th. The new slate of officers for 2010 was presented: Carol Rose - President; Kaye Askew - First Vice President; Kathy Smith - Second Vice President, Joyce Libbey - Secretary; Ann Cavender - Treasurer, and Jamie Head - Parliamentarian (Past President).

Congratulations to the following members winning special awards:

- Thursday Ace of Aces— Paula Easter
- Saturday Ace of Aces— Pam Tedder
- Wednesday Ace of Aces— Sandi Ciarochi
- Most Improved 18 Holes – Collette Diedrich
- Most Improved 9 Holes – Jeanette Davidson
- Flight I Ringer -- Sondra Swan
- Flight I Most Birdies – Hae Shin
- Flight II Ringer – Margie Halloran
- Flight II Most Birdies – Paula Easter
- Flight III Ringer – Collette Diedrich
- Flight III Most Birdies – Ann Cavender
- Flight IV Ringer – Linda Miracle
- Flight IV Most Birdies – Edna Bolinger

TWGA Play days will be off and running in the first week of March 2010. Look for General Meeting dates in the next newsletter and on the bulletin boards in the Ladies' Locker Room. If you are interested in getting involved in TWGA in 2010 and would like to be on a committee or chair a committee contact one of the officers or the new TWGA President, Carol Rose, at jonrobertrose@sbcglobal.net. Leslie Byron is also collecting \$15 from TWGA members who would like to join Suburban Ladies Golf Association. (\$16 to be included in the hole-in-one pot.) You must be a member of TWGA and have a 30 or less Handicap Index. As a member of SLGA you get the opportunity to play on Suburban Play days at courses all over the area for a cart fee. Email or call Leslie by January 7 if you are interested or need more information. You can also leave your check in the proshop in the Ladies Play day notebook.

Happy New Year from TWGA and if you want to join for 2010, mail or give Ann Cavender a check for \$30 + \$10 if you want to be in the pot for Ringer/Birdie for your flight.

Bridge Groups

If you are a bridge player and haven't tried one of our groups yet, please give one of the representatives a call.

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| 2nd and 4th Tuesday Couples
Contact Sharon Schuller |  | 214-942-5551 |
| 1st and 3rd Tuesday Ladies
Contact Pinky Sullivan | | 972-641-4120 |
| 2nd Thursday Evening Ladies Group
Contact Kathi Ackermann | | 972-223-3045 |
| 4th Friday Bring A Partner Bridge
Contact LeiLani Salisbury | | 214-376-7609 |
| Duplicate Bridge
Contact Jimmie Wade about playing in a duplicate bridge group on the 1st Wednesday of the month | | 214-546-9532 |

TWGA Metroplex Interclub Team Wins Low Net in 2009

Thorn tree Country Club Women's Golf Association participated in a Match Play Interclub in 2009 with teams from across the Metroplex including Brookhaven, Rolling Hills, Oak Ridge, and Fire Wheel. Brookhaven took home the trophy for Low Gross while the TWGA ladies won the Low Net trophy. TWGA members participating in the Metroplex Interclub are Kaye Askew, Sherry Boles, Leslie Byron, Kunnie Briggs, Ann Cavender, Denise Chilcutt, Jeanette Davidson, Collette Diedrich, Paula Easter, Linda Fredrikson, Laurie Hale, Jan Hart, Margie Halloran, Jamie Head, Beverly Johnson, Joyce Libbey, Sandra Luke, Gail Monte, Carol Rose, Sharon Schmelzle, Jean Seed, Hae Shin, Kathy Smith, Sondra Swan, Jeannine Wells, and Charlene Wilson



Upcoming Golf Events

Every Available Wednesday MGA Golf 12:30

Saturday, January 9th
Junior Play Day
12:00 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, January 16th
Free Golf Lessons
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, January 30th
Short Game Golf Clinic
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
\$15 per person
Limited to only 6 students!

Saturday, February 13th
Couples Event

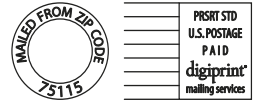




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TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL – DO NOT DELAY

Do you have talent?

Thorntree is having a talent show in February

If you can sing, dance, spin plates, do magic, etc. We want you to show off your talent.

Keep watching club email s for more Information.

Thirsty Thursday



January 14th
6-8pm



Complimentary Beer, Wine and
Hors D'oeuvres!

Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy a
fun night with your friends at



Thorntree Country Club!



BINGO

Tuesday January 5th
7:00pm

\$5 Per Card

PRIZES

Straight Bingo
(5 games) - \$25 Each Game

"T" Bingo
(1 Game) - \$25

"Frame" Bingo
(1 Game) - \$50

"Last Person Standing" Bingo
(1 Game) - \$75

"Blackout" Bingo
(1 Game) - \$100

Buffet Served at 5:30pm
Bingo Starts at 7:00pm

**Do We Have Your
Email Address?**



Each month we send emails to the Thorntree Membership with information about activities at the club. If we don't have your email address then you're missing out!

Send your email address to me at the club and I will add you to our list

iwagone@thorntreecc.com

**Win Sunday Brunch
For 2**

Search this newsletter for your member number. If you find your member number listed anywhere, contact Joyce at the club to claim your gift certificate for a Sunday brunch for two.