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Thorntree News

Thorntrees Got Talent Show

Saturday, February 27, 2010
7:00 PM - ???



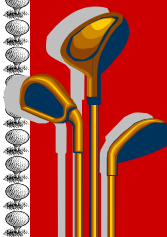
Show everyone your special talent.
\$\$\$\$\$\$ Cash Prizes Awarded \$\$\$\$\$\$
All participants' names entered in drawing
Contact Rhonda @ 972-296-2146 ext 231 or
rwhisenant@thorntreec.com for more info or to sign up.

Bring your sweetheart to Thorntree
For Valentines Dinner
Saturday February 13th
6:10pm

Live entertainment featuring Jeff "The Sawman" Aycock
Reservations Required: 48 Cancellation Required

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 February!



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Chair's Corner

I thought I'd depart from the normal "current news" format of my monthly article and instead provide an overview of the state of affairs at Thorntree Country Club.

For the golf industry as a whole, 2009 was a very challenging year as it continued the downturn that began in 2008. And it was challenging for Thorntree Country Club as well. Discretionary money is what drives the golf industry and with the economic climate, many people have re-evaluated what they're spending their money on. This impacted our club, as it has virtually every country club. I wish I could say otherwise, but 2010 promises to be no less challenging.

The club's membership level drives all aspects of activity at Thorntree; and consequently it determines the revenue and on what, and how much, money we can spend. Here's a comparison of some key figures for year-end '08 to year-end '09:

Monthly dues: down \$155,000 (8.5%)
Golf members: down 120 (26%) from 2008
Golf rounds played: down 4,000 (14%)
Golf Revenue: down \$72,400 (12.5%)
Food & beverage: down \$57,000 (6%)
Total revenue: down \$293,000 (8%)
Total operating income: down \$152,000 (25.25%)

Thorntree has fared better than many clubs, but we need to once again build our membership numbers. I'll be asking your Board of Governors to make membership growth their primary objective; and to develop a plan on how to accomplish this goal. I know we will have the cooperation and full support of club management, but as a "member by invitation only" club, each of us will be an integral part of any plan that is developed. I don't expect it to be easy, but with all of us working together we can, and will, do it.

Of course you don't have to wait for a plan. Isn't there one person you know that would enjoy our social activities, clubs-within-the-club, great food, tennis programs or golf course? Maybe a business associate... a church acquaintance... someone new to the area. **Please bring your member candidates to the club. Do it today!**

I hope to see you at the Club soon -- with a guest -- your prospective member.

Bob Libbey



Thorntree Travel Club

Several of you have asked me about the trip offered to Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes on June 4-11th including most meals and gratuities. The trip will spend two nights at the famous Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island where the "Somewhere in Time" movie starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour was filmed. \$ 2799.00 per person, double occupancy including airport transfers to and roundtrip airfare from DFW.

There is a short trip on May 19-21st to the Hummer House near San Angelo for \$ 490.00 per person

Another great trip on October 19-25th is going to San Francisco with visits to Carmel along the gorgeous 17 mile drive overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Monterey Aquarium, Napa Valley and ending with two nights at fabulous Lake Tahoe. \$ 2459.00 per person including roundtrip airfare from DFW and airport transfers there & back.

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 dandijohnson@sbcglobal.net or call 972-291-9990.



Thorntree Book Club

by Kathi Ackermann & Doris Whitley

Upcoming selections and meeting places:

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).

Thorntree Board Minutes

January 7, 2010

Bob Libbey called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Attending: Sherry Boles, David Fredrikson, Hoyt Sexton, Rob Dunn, Carol Rose, Alice Rana, Glen Smith, Randy Crews, Paula Easter, Scott Carter, Christian Hughes, Blake Loftin, Sondra Swan.

Absent: Gary Davidson, Gulzar Rana, Linda Fredrikson.

The November minutes were approved via e-mail.

Carol Rose, the new TWGA President, was welcomed as an ex-officio member.

Social Committee, Alice Rana.

February's Thirsty Thursday will have a Valentine theme.

There will be a Valentine Dinner the weekend of Valentine's Day.

February 27 Thorntree Talent Show

March's Thirsty Thursday will have a St. Patrick's Day theme.

A Murder Mystery dinner is to be scheduled in March.

Membership Report, Blake Loftin.

Currently there are 330 full golf members.

There was a net loss of 18 in December.

It is important to recruit new members.

Cap Fund, Paula Easter.

\$71,000 is due Palmer Golf Management for the Locker Room Renovations.

Thorntree is now receiving 30% of new member dues from Palmer.

Next year the amount received will be 20%.

The carpet covering the step-up in front of the lockers in the Ladies Locker Room still needs to be changed. This was part of the punch list.

Finance Committee, Randy Crews.

November 2009 cart fees were 76% of November 2008 cart fees.

Operating income through November 2009 was down 23% on the year.

Expenses through November 2009 were down \$76,000.

Golf Committee, Rob Dunn.

Jeff Dill, Glen Smith, Gary Davidson, Lorenzo Brown and Christian Hughes put together a new plan for the 2010 Bushwacker to be held June 11-14.

The Bushwacker will be based on a quota system with adjustments made after each days play; and will include a Second Chance Flight. Cost per person will be \$300.

Golf participation was down 40% in December.

GHIN will revise handicaps on the 1st and 15th of every month.

New sand is being put in the bunkers around the front nine greens.

Fairway bunkers on the left side of #'s 3 & 4 should also receive new sand.

Drainage in the traps will be repaired as needed.

Tree trimming and weed control will continue after the bunkers are finished.

The leak near #5 green has been repaired. Jeremy will be checking #13 near the green for a leak.

A 9 Hole Glo Brite Tournament is being planned for the spring.

Scholarship Committee, Glen Smith.

Kaitlyn Johnson used her Thorntree scholarship to help fund an educational trip to Egypt.

General Manager, Scott Carter.

The golf cart lease runs through March 2011. EZ Go changed \$14,000 in Cart batteries and chargers. They were under warranty.

Thorntree's lower membership results in less ability to do new projects around the club.

It is crucial to recruit new members!

New Business

Blake will be checking into bumpers stickers that could be used to advertise Thorntree.

Glen Smith suggested naming rooms at Thorntree in remembrance of members. It was decided that with only a few rooms available that this would not be pursued.

Rob Dunn suggested planting a tree in remembrance of members.

The dress code in the dining room will be discussed at a later meeting.

Bob Libbey reminded everyone of the importance of obtaining new members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Sondra Swan

Welcome Our Newest Members



Thorntree
Country Club

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

Rex Kirkland

Ambassador Committee

Lavarn Holcomb

Bette Moncrief

Lola Russell

Pat Rogers

Bell & Ruby Holland

Corey Maples

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 February 26th

Includes Soup,
Salad &
Dessert
\$17.95



MEXICAN BUFFET

Fridays
February 19th

Includes Soup & Dessert
\$6.95



ITALIAN BUFFET

Friday
February 12th

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.



\$6.95 Dinner Buffets

We want to say Thank You and give you the best value
for your membership. Check the calendar for discounted dinner buffets during the month of January.



Thank You

*Bring you sweetheart to Thorntree
For Valentines Dinner & Live Music
Saturday February 13th*

*Oyster Bar
Shrimp Cocktail
Salad
Choice Of Entrée*

*Filet Mignon With Peppercorn Sauce
Herb & Garlic Lamb Chops
Salmon Stuffed with Shrimp & Crab Meat
and a Lobster Cream Sauce*

Chocolate Lava Cake

\$100++ per couple

Reservations Starting at 6:00pm

Reservations Required / 48 hour cancellation required



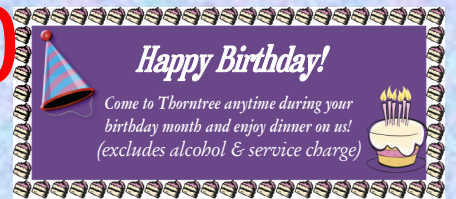
**New Years
Eve Party**





February 2010

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Valentines Dinner

Saturday February 13th

Sunday Brunch Adults \$17.95 Seniors (65)\$13.00 Kids (5-11) \$9.95 4 & Under Free b122	1 <i>Club Closed</i>	BINGO! Please Reserve Early \$9.95 Dinner Buffet	3 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	4	5 Prime Rib Buffet 	6  GOLF Free Lessons 10:00-2:00 Play with the PRO - 2:00pm
7 Sunday Brunch	8 <i>Club Closed</i>	9 \$6.95 DINNER BUFFETS		10 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i> Thirsty Thursday! 6:00-8:00pm	12 Italian Buffet 	13  Valentines Dinner 6-10pm
14 Sunday Brunch	15 <i>Club Closed</i>	16 Special Events Open House 6-9pm	17 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	18 Breakfast For Dinner  Doc Gibbs! \$6.95 DINNER BUFFETS		19 Mexican Buffet  GOLF  MGA
21 Sunday Brunch	22 <i>Club Closed</i>	23	24 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	25	26 Seafood Buffet 	Thorntree Talent Show 7:00pm
28 Sunday Brunch	March 1st <i>Club Closed</i>	2 BINGO! Please Reserve Early \$9.95 Dinner Buffet	3 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	4	5 Prime Rib Buffet 	6  Golf: Hackers Golf 1:00

Kids Eat Free! Every Thursday Night.



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



GOLF ACTIVITIES

Junior Golf

Get ready KIDS! Your Junior Golf Program is coming. This golf season we will be hosting many different activities to appeal to our young golfers. As always, we will be having our All Sports Camps. In these all sports camps, campers will learn the fundamentals of golf as well as etiquette and the rules, learn and play the game of tennis, and enjoy free time playing games at the pool.

We will also be hosting weekly Junior Play Days. These play-days are intended to expose new young golfers to course experiences under the supervision of golf shop staff. So often we limit juniors to hitting balls on the range without allowing them to actually PLAY golf. These play-days will be held on each available Wednesday from June through August. Play will start at 8:30 am and will finish at 10:30 am. Cost is only \$5 per play day and will include a snack and drink.

When season arrives, postings of the most up to date schedules and availability will be located in club newsletters, emails, postings in the club house, and signup sheets in the golf shop. We are very excited about all of these new offerings for our Juniors here at Thorntree Country Club and hope to see our facility filled with Juniors in the future.

*Head Golf Professional
Christian Hughes*



February Golf Special

There is no such thing as winter golf in Texas, shoot, we saw 70° days in January. Sure, you are going to have the occasional cold spell of freezing temps but for the most part temperatures are in the 50's. This is great golf weather!

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

- **Free Guest Fridays every week** – guests pay only a cart fee
- Receive "Free" **Hot Chocolate** when you play every Tuesday – Thursday
- Get a **Free Golf Lesson** on Saturday, February 6th 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.

Upcoming Golf Events

Saturday, February 6th

Free Golf Lessons 10:00am-2:00pm

Play Golf with the Pros

Play 9 holes at 2:00 pm with your club professionals

Saturday, February 13th

Couples Event

Saturday, February 20th

MGA Event

Saturday, February 27th

Full Swing Golf Clinic

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

\$15 per person, Limited to 6 students

We will cover the proper grip, stance, setup, and motion of the full swing. Learn how to make your natural swing tendencies create better results in a comfortable small group environment.

Saturday, March 6th

Hackers Golf

1:00 pm

Saturday, March 13th

MGA Event

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight Savings Starts

Tuesday – Friday, March 16th – 19th

Spring Break Junior Camp

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Saturday, March 20th

Couples Event

Saturday, March 27th

Short Game Golf Clinic

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

TWGA Golf Begins in March!

9:00 am Nine-Holers Every Wednesday

9:00 am Every Thursday

11:30 am Every Friday

Every Available Wednesday

MGA Golf

12:30 pm





TWGA News

The Thorntree Womens Golf Association (TWGA) first general meeting is Thursday, Feb. 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the ladies card room. A membership sign-up table will also be set up that evening during Thirsty Thursday.

Mail dues as soon as possible (\$30.00) and Ringer/Birdie (\$10.00--optional) to Ann Cavender, 2006 Augusta Court, DeSoto, TX 75115. Make your checks payable to TWGA. Any changes you have to the TWGA directory, such as your address, phone number, e-mail, etc. should be sent to Joyce Libbey at joyce@jblglobal.com

If you would like to get involved in TWGA or would like more information, contact our Membership Chair, Kunnie Briggs @ kunnie-briggs@sbcglobal.net

Officers and Committee Chairpersons for 2010 are:

President – Carol Rose
1st Vice President – Kaye Askew
2nd Vice President – Kathy Logan
Treasurer – Ann Cavender
Secretary – Joyce Libbey
Parliamentarian – Jamie Head

Committee Chairs:

Christmas Party – Kathi Ackermann & Ann Cavender
Directory – Joyce Libbey

Guest Days: Wednesday – Sandi Ciarochi
Thursday – Jan Hart
Saturday – Gail Monte, Trish Bushart

Historian – Edna Bolinger
Interclubs: Metroplex – Sherry Boles
Tri-Club – Kaye Askew, Collette Diedrich

Playdays: Wednesday 9 hole – Jeanette Davidson
Thursday 18 hole – Sandy Luke
Saturday 18 hole – Gail Monte, Trish Bushart

Sunshine – Leslie Byron
Telephone/E-mail & Membership – Kunnie Briggs
Tournaments – Kathy Logan
Rally for the Cure & Lady Thornbird – Sherry Boles
CTWGA Rep – Laurie Hale
DWGA & WTGA Rep – Sondra Swan
SLGA Rep – Leslie Byron

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.

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



Tennis News



Exercise is a great way to beat the February blues. Tennis is an aerobic and anaerobic exercise, plus it is fun. Come join us for the following upcoming events:

February 12

Mixed doubles mixer

February 16-19

Ladies Boot Camp

Boot camp is a 9:00 AM - Noon

An intense work out focusing on strategy and skills in preparation for the TCD season.

Adult Leagues

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturday

Adult Drills

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturdays

Junior Development

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Thorntree Tennis offers tennis activities for all ages and skill levels.

Please call the tennis pro shop to sign up for these activities and events and come join the fun.

(972) 298-0117

Bushwacker Sponsorships

It is time to get excited about this year's Bushwacker! Our Member-Guest Tournament will be better than ever in 2010. A new format and schedule of events will be released to you soon. In the mean time, I want to make everyone aware of different sponsorship opportunities the event will have. The event is scheduled for June 11th – 13th. Sponsorships will assist in funding the tournament purse and giveaways.

Tee Box Sponsorship:

\$125 per hole

Sponsor will receive full color and full art sign on Tee Box, recognition at Scoreboard each day of the Tournament.

Green Sponsorship:

\$125 per hole

Sponsor will receive full color and full art sign near Green, recognition at Scoreboard each day of the Tournament.

Cart Sponsor:

\$250 per day, Only 3 opportunities are available

Sponsor will receive full color art work logo and recognition on all carts and recognition at the Scoreboard.

Presenting Sponsor:

\$1500, Only 3 opportunities are available

Sponsor will receive art work logo and recognition at all entertainment events each day, on every scorecard each day, recognition at the Scoreboard, as well as name inclusion on event title. (For example "The Bushwacker presented by Methodist Health Systems")

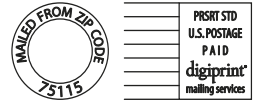
Please contact Christian Hughes with questions and interest.



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TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY



All Occasions/ Special Events Open House

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Join us as we showcase our elegance, prestige and exceptional service. Our breathtaking views and exquisite facility make for a truly spectacular reception

That you and your guests will always remember. A hand selected few

Of our Preferred Vendors will be available to assist you

With simplifying your Special Event Planning.

Call today to reserve your place for this Fantastic event!

RSVPs are requested but not required

Please contact us at 972-296-2146 ext 231

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BINGO

Tuesday February 2nd
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

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

jwagoner@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.