

# Thorntree News

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## Glow Ball!

Join us Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> for the 2010 Glow Ball Golf Tournament!  
BRING A GUEST!

Entry Fee: \$20 per person plus cart fees

Sign up as a 4-person team

Format: Scramble, Handicapped using USGA Formula

Start Time: DARK

Prizes will go to the top 4 teams!

Sign up deadline is Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>. This sign up deadline is very early so that we can properly purchase the Glow Equipment for the event.

## Thorntree Easter Events

### Easter Egg Hunt

Includes Ice Cream Sundae Bar!

Saturday April 3 at 1:00

### Easter Brunch

Easter Sunday

Seating's every half hour starting at 11:00

Reservations are required, seating is limited

Check the Calendar page for other events



## Lunch Included With Guest Fee!

Tuesday–Friday

Every Tuesday–Friday in March and April, Bring your friends to play golf with you and only pay a \$35 guest fee that includes the lunch buffet for the both of you!



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Board Chair**  
Bob Libbey

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**Ambassador Committee  
Co-Chair**  
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**Scholarship Committee**  
Gary Davidson

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Randy Crews

## THORNTREE STAFF

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Joel Bueno

**Service Manager**  
Nestor Sanchez

## Chair's Corner

In last month's article I reported on the current position of Thorntree; and mentioned that the Club's membership level determines how much money is available to fund projects and improvements.

Over the last several years, income from members' dues provided the funds for numerous improvements at the Club including remodeling the 19<sup>th</sup> hole, the lobby, the Club entrance, the upstairs rest rooms, the men's and ladies' locker rooms; as well as renovation of the golf course bunkers and several tee boxes. To continue undertaking improvements of this nature requires restoring our Club's membership level.

One step that has been taken to help grow membership is the introduction of a Corporate Golf Membership category. Designed to provide a business more flexibility on how it uses its membership, it will make it easier for them to bring clients and guests to the Club for golf, meetings, meals, and more. Please inform your clients and business associates of the new Corporate Golf Membership category; and if they're interested, refer them Rhonda Whisenant, Membership Director or Scott Carter, General Manager. Current members who have an interest in seeing if they qualify for converting to a Corporate Golf Membership should also contact Rhonda Whisenant or Scott.

As we've done at this time of the year in previous years, there is a promotional program for new, full-golf members joining now. Be sure to let your friends and neighbors know of this program; and refer potential members to Rhonda Whisenant.

Each of us can help our Club by bringing guests to play our great golf course, use the tennis facilities, join us for a delicious lunch or dinner, or attend one of our many social events. It's a great way to entertain, have fun, and provide your guest exposure to the Club and its amenities.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club and meeting your guest.

*Bob Libbey*



## Thorntree Travel Club



We have a new day trip to "Horse Farms in Denton County" on May 11, 2010 for \$ 90.00 per person including 3 farm tours, motorcoach transportation from our area, lunch and all gratuities.

There are a few seats on a short trip on May 19-21<sup>st</sup> to the Hummer House near San Angelo for \$490.00 per person. Call for details.

There is a new date for the trip offered to Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes now on June 11-18<sup>th</sup> including most meals and gratuities. The trip will spend two nights at the famous Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island \$2799.00 per person, double occupancy including airport transfers to and roundtrip airfare from DFW.

Another great trip on October 19-25<sup>th</sup> 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 972-291-9990 or [dandijohnson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dandijohnson@sbcglobal.net).



# Thorn tree Book Club

by Kathi Ackermann & Doris Whitley

Upcoming selections and meeting places:

- March 4 - Meet at Thorn tree Ladies' Card Room  
Push (Precious) by Sapphire
- April 1 - Joyce Libbey, host  
World Without End (sequel to Pillars of the Earth)  
by Ken Follett
- May 6 - Eileen Sexton, host  
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
- June 3 - Patrizio's Restaurant  
Girl Who Played With Fire by Stieg Larsson  
(sequel to Girl With the Dragon Tattoo)

7-8:30 pm. New ladies are always welcome!

World Without End (April 1): "In 1327, in a forest outside the cathedral city of Kingsbridge, two men are killed and a potentially devastating letter is hidden. Its contents would turn England upside down. In World Without End, Ken Follett makes us wait for more than 1000 pages before the letter's secret is confided. This is historical fiction-making in the grand manner, although the novel is composed in an essentially conventional mode. Follett's book begins two centuries after The Pillars of the Earth (in which the building of the cathedral was related). Since this chronicle of the later Middle Ages encompasses the most terrible European century before the 20th - with strife, death, pestilence, the Hundred Years War and the Black Death - a very large cast of characters is assembled, for their attrition rate is bound to be high." (Taken from The Sydney Morning Herald)

Outliers: The Story of Success (May 6). Malcolm Gladwell examines the factors contributing to high levels of success. He presents, through anecdotal examples, his thesis that it is often not the most highly talented or brilliant who achieve phenomenal success. As one critic said, "Gladwell demonstrates that bands like the Beatles... chess prodigies like Bobby Fisher, and billionaire software gurus like Bill Gates didn't achieve success because they were talented. They achieved success because they were talented and willing to apply 10,000 hours of practice to their respective crafts and trades." Along with Gladwell's "10,000-Hour Rule" of persistence and practice, he shows that societal factors and opportunity - as well as the influence of culture, family and friends - contribute to success or lack thereof. Nothing new there! Nevertheless, the anecdotal material and the manner in which the author presents it make for an interesting non-fiction book.

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](mailto:dwhitley2005@yahoo.com)) or Kathi ([kmackermann@tx.rr.com](mailto:kmackermann@tx.rr.com)).

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



## Thorn tree Board Minutes February 9, 2010

Bob Libbey called the meeting to order at 6:35.

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

The January minutes were approved via e-mail.

### Social Committee, Alice Rana.

- 2/11 Thirsty Thursday will have a Valentine Theme
- 2/27 Talent Show
- Thirsty Thursday in March will have a St. Patrick's Day Theme.
- 3/19 Doc Gibbs

### Membership, Blake Loftin

- Golf membership is down 5 for January.
- In 2009 tennis memberships remained constant, social memberships declined by 15; and golf memberships declined by 53. Golf memberships are 120 below the highest level reached in 2008.
- Management is working on a corporate membership package and on including a certificate advertising Thorn tree in local HOA packets.
- New memberships will include no dues through March 31st and half-price food and beverage from April through June.
- Linda Fredrikson suggested that members should be informed of the new membership programs via the monthly newsletter and by e-mail blast.

### Finance Committee, Randy Crews.

- Monthly Dues for the year 2009 were down 9% compared to 2008. Total Revenue was down 8%.
- Although Total Expenses were cut 5% from 2008 to 2009; there was a 25% decline in Operating Income for the year.
- Note: above based on preliminary December/year-end numbers

### Golf Committee, Rob Dunn.

- Rounds of golf were down 40% in January due to the bad weather.
- Rally for the Cure is May 8.
- A Palmer Qualifying Committee is being formed to improve communication on the rules and format of the qualifying events.
- Sand Traps on the front nine have been completed. As the sand compacts plugging of balls in the trap will improve.
- Tree trimming and creek side clean up will continue for the next 2 months.
- Flower bed clean up will be completed in a few weeks.
- Sod will be planted in the spring on the right side of number 4 by the fairway sand trap.
- A Divot Sanding party is to be held in April.
- A Glow Ball event will be March 27.
- The TWGA will be working with Jeremy to place memorial stones near the bench on number 7.

### General Manager, Scott Carter.

- Drainage is the most likely problem causing the buckling of the lower tennis courts.
- Recruiting new members is important for the health of the club. Consider inviting friends, relatives, neighbors, kids and kids friends to be part of the club.

### Old Business.

Bumper or window sticker possibilities are being presented to Scott.

### New Business.

- Gary Davidson said the spigot at the Gate House is leaking and needs a new seal.
- Board of Governors election material should be out in March.

The next meeting is March 9 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Sondra Swan

# 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

Fridays March 19th

And April 2nd

Includes Soup,  
Salad &  
Dessert  
\$17.95



### MEXICAN BUFFET

Fridays

March 26th

Includes Soup & Dessert  
\$6.95



### ITALIAN BUFFET

Friday

March 12th

Includes Soup & Dessert  
\$16.95



### PRIME RIB BUFFET

Friday March 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.

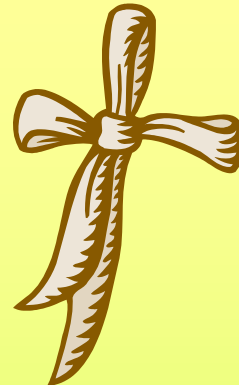


*Thank You*

### Easter Brunch Menu



Salad Bar  
Chicken Salad  
Tuna Salad  
Waldorf Salad  
Potato Salad  
Peel & Eat Shrimp



Omelet and Waffle Bar  
Breakfast Potatoes  
Bacon and Sausage  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Muffins and Danish  
Bagels and Cream Cheese

Pecan Encrusted Chicken Breast  
With Roasted Red Pepper Cream Sauce  
Grilled Salmon in Lemon Caper Sauce  
Carved Prime Rib and Honey Baked Ham  
Chefs Vegetables  
Mashed Potatoes

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Desserts

#### Just For The Children

French Toast Sticks  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mini Corn Dogs

Adults \$22.95

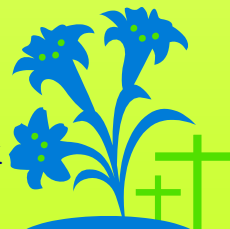
Senior \$19.95

Children 5-11 \$11.95

Children 4 and Under Free



Seatings every 1/2 hour starting at 11:00am  
Reservations Required, Seating is Limited  
48 hour cancellation required

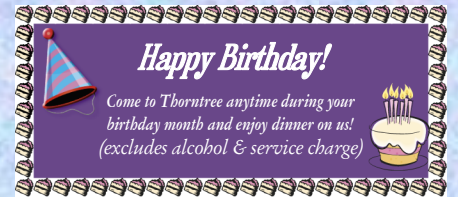


Everyone Loved Valentines Dinner!



# March 2010

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 Golf Shop: 972-296-7317  
 Tennis Shop: 972-298-0117  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Brunch</b> Adults \$17.95 Seniors (65)\$13.00 Kids (5-11) \$9.95 4 & Under Free b122	1 <i>Club Closed</i>	2 <b>BINGO!</b> Please Reserve Early \$9.95 Dinner Buffet	3 Pot-O-Gold <i>MGA Golf</i>	4	5 Prime Rib Buffet 	6  GOLF Hackers Group 1:00
7 Sunday Brunch	8 <i>Club Closed</i>	9	10 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	11 <b>Thirsty Thursday!</b> 6:00-8:00pm 	12 Italian Buffet 	13  GOLF MGA
14 Sunday Brunch 	15 <i>Club Closed</i>	16 Fried Chicken!  \$6.95 Dinner Buffet	17 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	18 Mexican Buffet  \$6.95 Dinner Buffet	19 Seafood Buffet 	20  Couples GOLF
21 Sunday Brunch	22 <i>Club Closed</i>	23	24 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	25 Breakfast For Dinner  \$6.95 DINNER BUFFETS	26 Mexican Buffet  Doc Gibbs!	27 Full Swing Golf Clinic 2-3:15 PM 
28 Sunday Brunch	29 <i>Club Closed</i>	30	31 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	April 1st Ladies Presidents Cup Starts	2 Seafood Buffet 	3 Easter Egg Hunt  Golf: MGA
4 Easter Brunch  Reservations Required	5 <i>Club Closed</i>	6 <b>BINGO!</b> Please Reserve Early \$9.95 Dinner Buffet	7 Pot-O-Gold  <i>MGA Golf</i>	8	9 Prime Rib Buffet 	10  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

## Dallas Seniors Interclub

Do You Play Golf?  
Are You at Least 50 Years Old?

If so, signup and help Thorntree defend its championship of the Dallas Seniors Interclub league. Events are held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 12 country clubs around the metroplex. You do not have to play in all 12 events, as the makeup of our 10 player team can vary for each match.

The first match is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brookhaven Country Club, followed by Prestonwood Country Club on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and Gleneagles Country Club on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you'd like more information or want to participate, please contact Thorntree's DSI coordinator, Jack Easter on his cell at 972-977-7399 or by email at jackystar@aol.com.



## Golf Special

### Weekday Guest Fee with Lunch

**\$35 Guest Fee: Tuesday - Friday**

Includes Cart Fee, and Buffet Lunch from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm for both member and guest

**\$29 Guest Fee Saturday and Sunday after 12:00**  
**\$40 Before 12:00**

There will be a **Weekly Raffle** for all Members and Guests (two separate raffles)

Member wins: **Dinner for 2**  
Guest wins: **1 Thorntree golf shirt**

There will also be a **Proudest Member** contest  
Who ever brings the most guests during the month will win **1 months free carts!**

Also be on the lookout for closest to the pin contests on the weekends!

**Introduce your guest to Rhonda for a special treat!**

## Upcoming Golf Events

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Hackers Golf  
1:00 pm

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**MGA Event**

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Daylight Savings Starts

Tuesday – Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Break Junior Camp  
9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Couples Event

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Full Swing Golf Clinic**  
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

**\$15 per person, Limited to 6 students**  
Read too many golf publications; have too many friends telling you how to play golf? A Professional is what you need. Let us help you with your full swing flaws. Swing Laws and Absolutes will be taught so that you can understand the cause and effect relationship between your golf swing and ball flight.

**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**



## \$35 Guest Fee Includes Lunch

Spring is here! Bring your friends to enjoy your club.

**\$35 Guest Fee includes the lunch Buffet**  
**Tuesday through Friday**

**Also \$29 Guest Fee**  
**Saturday and Sunday after 12:00pm**

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



## TWGA News

The TWGA golf season begins the first week in March, when we will be having A, B, C team scrambles with closest to the pin prizes (flighted) on par 3's. These will be a lot of fun, so be sure to call the pro shop to sign up for all the scramble events, whether you are a 9-hole or 18-hole golfer.

If you have not yet paid your TWGA dues (\$30.00), and Ringer/Birdie entry fee (\$10.00-optional), please send to Ann Cavender, 2006 Augusta Court, DeSoto, TX 75115, with checks payable to TWGA.

Membership in TWGA affords you the opportunity to participate in the following. The schedules for each and additional information can be found in your TWGA directory.

- [Thorntree Women's Golf Association](#) - TWGA
- [Metroplex Interclub](#)
- [Dallas Interclub](#)
- [TriClub Interclub](#)
- [Central Texas Women's Golf Association](#) - CTWGA
- [Dallas Women's Golf Association](#) - DWGA
- [Suburban Ladies Golf Association](#) - SLGA
- [Women's Texas Golf Association](#) - WTGA

If you have not yet received your 2010 TWGA Directory, please ask for your copy in the pro shop. A complete golf calendar for the ladies can be found at the back of the directory.

If you'd like more information on TWGA membership, contact our Membership Chair, Kunnie Briggs at [kunnie-briggs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kunnie-briggs@sbcglobal.net)



### Third Annual Rally for the Cure

Thorntree Country Club & TWGA are planning the 3rd Annual Rally for the Cure for **Saturday, May 8, 2010**. The format for golf is a Four Person Shamble @ \$75 per person or \$300 per team. Thorntree tennis members are joining the Rally this year with a special tennis event at \$50 per person. **All checks for both events must be made payable to "TWGA."** Entry fee for each participant in either golf or tennis will include dinner, prizes, goody bags, and both a silent and a live auction. Individuals who would like to join the Rally for Dinner, Auctions, & Entertainment will be able to reserve a seat @ \$30 per person. Again this year there will be multiple opportunities for people to support the cause through hole sponsorships or by remembering loved ones by purchasing special pink and/or blue flags for the field of flags. Invitations will be available in both pro shops and at the front desk the middle of March. For more information please email [sherryboles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sherryboles@sbcglobal.net) or call Sherry Boles the Rally Tournament Chair at 972-296-2270.

## Spring Break Junior Camp

Spring is here and it's time to PLAY. Come on out for our Golf and Tennis Spring Break Junior Camp. Juniors will spend the week learning how to play both Golf and Tennis in an energetic, fun, and safe environment. Camp starts Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the camp is \$150 per junior and is from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm each day. Lunch and drinks are provided daily. Please sign up in the Golf Shop if you plan to attend.



## Full Swing Golf Clinic

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

\$15 per person, Limited to 6 students

Read too many golf publications; have too many friends telling you how to play golf? A Professional is what you need. Let us help you with your full swing flaws. Swing Laws and Absolutes will be taught so that you can under-

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. 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

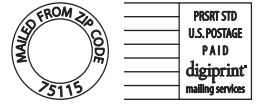
Sponsor will receive art work logo and recognition at all entertainment events each day, on every scorecard each day, recognition at the Scoreboard, as well as name inclusion on event title. (For example "The Bushwacker presented by Methodist Health Systems")



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**TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY**



# Thirsty Thursday

Thursday March 11th  
6-8pm



## Bring a GUEST NIGHT!

Drawing for everyone who brings a guest

Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer

Wear green for St Patrick's Day!

**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

[jwagener@thorntreecc.com](mailto:jwagener@thorntreecc.com)

## BINGO

**\$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

**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.**