



# HOUSTON OAKS

FAMILY SPORTS RETREAT

MEMBER NEWSLETTER



## SHOOTING CLUBHOUSE

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**Marci Alvis**  
CEO

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Members,

Many of you have seen me running around Houston Oaks for years now. So, I thought I would share with you a little of my personal history with this beautiful property. In 1994, I first discovered our majestic oak trees when I drove down Hegar Road on my way to the Oil Ranch with my two boys. My husband, Steve Alvis, and I, along with our friends, the Haven's and the Watson's, were lucky enough many years later to purchase Houston Oaks. In 2007, Steve and I bought a house in the Estates at Houston Oaks. I took an active role working with various departments at the club early on. Then, on December 5, 2008 we were shocked to learn that the clubhouse was burning down. The next day we still had golfers and we set up a "makeshift" clubhouse in the administration building that we use today.

As we began the rebuilding process, the owner's and I visited many other clubs looking for their best member amenities. We were creating a new vision for Houston Oaks that was family oriented. This evolved into a relaxing, fun getaway for our member families to share experiences, build memories and make traditions together...a family sports retreat.

Over the years, as we have built on this theme, I have worked alongside Ryan Street, our architect, and Tom Byer, our builder, on the design and the interiors of each building project. We have completed the Pavilion, the Park House, the Fish Camp, the Legacy Lodge, the Clubhouse, 4 cottages, a treehouse, a ranch house, the Hotel, and this month our Gun Club will be finished.

And now that projects are slowing down, it seems like a natural fit for me to get into the details of improving the experience you receive when you visit Houston Oaks. So, I have taken on the challenge of leading the club. So what's next for us? Well, we all want Houston Oaks to be a "10" right? Our member survey was clear that the best way to get there is to remodel the golf course and I am happy to announce that will be starting this fall! We are fortunate to have engaged a brilliant golf course designer, Chet Williams, who worked for Jack Nicholas for over 25 years. Chet has become a highly regarded golf course architect and has designed courses around the world such as Whispering Pines, Lochinvar, and The Summit just to name a few. We have unveiled our plan on July 4th and we will be breaking ground in November 2015.

In conclusion, there is no let up in what will be achieved at Houston Oaks! We just finished our first member directory so please make sure you receive yours. I'm hoping this will help you learn more about your fellow members and build relationships with them that will last a lifetime. I know that you have a choice of where to be members and I am so happy that you have chosen to be a part of our extended family at Houston Oaks.

Sincerely, *Marci Alvis*



**Maria McGinity**  
Assistant General Manager

***On the heels of a busy spring we are starting off the summer with additions to our management team.*** They are busy working on new events, programs, offerings and ideas! I encourage you seek out the professionals in each department that we have attracted to join the Houston Oaks management team and share your ideas and feedback with them.

They have all been challenged with delivering the ultimate club experience at all times, so please do not be shy or hold back any comments that may prevent us in delivering the experience you expect to have at your Club. I would like to thank the entire Houston Oaks team and members for their patience and support while we have grown, stretched, opened and activated new facilities, hired new talent, developed long time team members, transitioned through personnel changes and implemented new policies and guidelines. These recent advances have been carefully considered with the one thing that is the

core of all decisions we make here and that is "is it in the best interest of the Club and its members?" As you will see the continued progress in programming and events I look forward to seeing more members bringing guests, family and friends to the Club to enjoy what we have been privileged with developing by way of our owners' vision and commitment to excellence. We are focused on the mastering the fundamentals so we are best suited to build upon a solid foundation for many years and we realize personalized service is a key element in great Clubs. We want to be known for serving you and your family to the best of our ability which is essential for our success. We expect that members will reference the new member directory that will be distributed this summer; it will be a great resource to get familiar with members in order to achieve a closer member community within our Club. As always, if you have anything you would like to share with me be do not hesitate to stop by for a visit, my door is always open!

**Warmly, Maria**

## FRESH FROM THE HOUSTON OAKS FARM

(27800 Kresdorn - just past Houston Oaks on the left)



**Be sure to check your weekly E-Blasts for the latest news regarding our Houston Oaks Farmer's Market hours. Shop for veggies and aquaponic lettuce grown on-site, plus homemade jellies and pickles.**

**Produce supplies will vary from week to week and will dictate operating hours so check your E-Blasts or the visit the website calendar to see the hours and which Saturdays the Farmer's Market will be open!**



# MEET THE NEWEST HOUSTON OAKS STAFF

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*Houston Oaks is excited about the addition of the following key personnel*



## **Eric Becker - Food and Beverage Outlet Manager**

Eric spent his summers and weekends growing up at Tenwood. After 4 years in the Marines, Eric started working in small kitchens and attended culinary school at Le Cordon Bleu in Dallas. He began working at the 2nd Floor Bistro in the Westin Galleria Dallas under Chef Jay Chastaine and Scott Gottlich. Eric and his wife Catryn lived in Italy while Catryn was attending SDA Bocconi. Eric moved back to Houston and joined The Houstonian where he moved to the front of the house as the Gazebo supervisor. After pool season, Eric was promoted to Assistant Outlets Manager for the Hotel. In this role, he was responsible for the day to day operations and performance of Olivette, The Bar, Room Service and Arbor Grill. He will be working with Paul Ramirez in the restaurant and other areas of the Club pertaining to food and beverage service. He and his wife reside in Montgomery County with their daughter Willow and son James.



## **Whitney Burroughs - Event Manager**

Whitney has a diverse and unique hands-on perspective of the hospitality industry. She joins us after four years of service with the Northwest Forest Event Center in Northwest Houston, initially working with its banquet staff and quickly progressing to Sr. Account Manager & Marketing/Social Media Director. During her tenure, she sold, organized and show-cased Weddings, Galas, Corporate Receptions & Meetings and events of all description. She worked for casual dining establishment while attending the International Culinary School at the Art Institute in Houston, where she earned a degree in Culinary Management—Bachelor of Science—Business and Restaurant Management. Her hard work and academic achievement earned her multiple scholarships. She is a member of the Houston Chapter's National Association of Committee for the International Special Events Society, Chairing for the ISES 2015 Crystal Icon Awards. Her organization skills and creativity accentuate her passion for excellence within the hospitality industry.



## **Samuel Johnston - Recreational and Activities Manager**

Samuel is a Kuyper College graduate in Sports Management with a minor in Communications. Management experience includes supervision of poolside operations at Miramont Country Club for the 2013 summer season and poolside supervision at The Club at Carlton Woods for the 2014 summer season. Other experiences include Director of Public Relations for Grand Rapids Soccer Zone from September 2014 to May 2015, Greater Grand Rapids, Michigan Area. His responsibilities included growing and maintaining interactive social media pages, creating surveys to better understand audience demographics and desires, and introduced innovative marketing techniques. Samuel planned and hosted events to grow public image and followers, and prepared videos using different multimedia to promote business.



## **Jeff Lyons - Wildlife and Lakes Manager**

Jeffrey Lyons grew up on a farm in Campbell New York. In his youth he was a member of the local 4H club. Between the farm and 4H he developed a passion for wildlife, fishing, and being outdoors. His fishing allowed him the opportunity to travel the country from New York to Alaska and multiple states in between, learning different fishing techniques and different species. His nature-centric career path started at age 16 on an Evergreen Farm for 7 years. Throughout his high school years, Jeffrey worked in landscaping with two private companies. He earned his AAS in Environmental Sciences and moved on to Paul Smiths College in the Adirondacks on New York to earn his BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Science. After graduating he moved to Canandaigua New York and worked landscaping for a local company and in January 2015, he and his fiancé Heather moved to Houston where he worked for a national landscaping company before joining the Houston Oaks team.

# Social Events

## July Events

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### **Kids Bingo Night**

Friday, July 3  
4:30-6:00pm  
\$10

### **4th of July Celebration & Fireworks**

Saturday, July 4  
5pm-9pm  
Event Lawn  
\$45 Adults  
\$25 Child

### **Houston Oaks Ladies Night**

Tuesday, July 14  
6:00pm  
Oasis Room (Spa Waiting Area)  
\$15

### **Beer Dinner**

Saturday, July 25  
7:00pm-9:00pm  
The Shooting Clubhouse

### **Music Night with Pete Scafidi**

Thursday, July 23  
8:00pm  
Clubhouse Dining Room

## August Events

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### **Music Night with Angela Gutierrez**

Thursday, August 13  
8:00pm  
Clubhouse Dining Room

### **Houston Oaks Ladies Night**

Tuesday, August 18  
6:00pm  
Surprise Location

### **Senior Club Championship**

August 22-August 23  
The Oaks Course

## September Events

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### **Men's Club Championship**

September 5-September 6  
The Oaks Course

### **Sunday Brunch**

Sunday, September 6  
Clubhouse Dining Room

### **Labor Day Party & Shooting Club**

#### **Grand Opening**

Monday, September 7  
Shooting Clubhouse

### **Houston Oaks Ladies Night**

Tuesday, September 15  
6:00pm  
The Shooting Club

### **Farm to Table Cooking Class**

Thursday, September 24  
6:30pm  
Legacy Lodge  
\$75

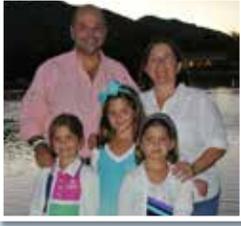
### **Shooting Member-Guest Tournament**

Saturday, September 26 – Sunday, September 27  
Houston Oaks Shooting Club

### **Second Annual Houston Oaks Songwriters' Concert Series**

Coming in October – Dean Dillon will be joined by five Nashville singer/songwriters. Details forthcoming!

## New Members of the Quarter



### Christopher Artzer & Marissa Reuter Family Golf

He: President, Kior, Inc.  
She: Senior Manager, BHP Billiton  
Children: Isabell (9), Pia (8), Tess (8)



### Michael and Carol Linn Legacy

He: President, MCL Ventures, LLC.  
Referred By: Kolja and Roxanne Rockov



### AJ and Katie Brass Legacy

He: President, Gulf Coast Asphalt  
Children: Hallie (11), Joycie (10)



### Andrew and Raquel Segal Legacy

He: CEO, Boxer Properties  
Children: Samuel (15), Henry (11), Elizabeth (11)



### Brandon and Christi Bridwell Family Golf

He: Owner, BBC Quality Construction  
Children: Mallory (13), Hailey (13), Jackson (9), Jake (7)



### Bartlett and Kasandra Sequeira Family Golf

He: Owner, Quadvest Construction  
She: Vice President, Sequeira Equipment  
Children: Brooke (12), Taylor (7)



### Todd and Diana Brock Legacy

He: President, The Brock Group  
Children: Braedon (23), Bryce (21)



### Joanna and Billy Shirley Junior Family Golf

He: Division President, Perry Homes  
Children: Parker (4)



### Ernie and Stephanie Cockrell Legacy

He: Managing Partner, Pinto Realty Partners  
Children: Ernest Harris (9), Edith Ellie (11)



### Robbie and Annette Smith Need Membership type

He: Vice President, NS Equipment  
She: Owner, Kiddie Keeper Station  
Children: Audrey (11), Ava (8), Luke (8), Bo (6)  
Referred By: John and Belinda Howard & Doug and Cindy McCullough



### Neil and Dana Kelly Sport & Social Family

He: Partner, Andrews-Kurth, LLP  
Children: Josie (7), Collin (5)  
Referred By: George and Christie Vlahakos





**Jeffery Baker**  
*Executive Chef*

Wow, I can't believe it has been a year since I have embarked on what I will hope to be long and mutually beneficial relationship with Houston Oaks Family Sports Retreat. I have never been a part of a place that has such a clear vision of who it is and what it wants to become. I am very pleased to be a part of what promises to be a very bright future.

I strongly believe members want to know where their food comes from and they want it to be nearby. We are happy to oblige. A growing number of club and resort chefs are rolling up their sleeves and digging in the dirt just outside or near their kitchen doors. When I arrived last year, I started seeing oversize squash (gourds) being delivered through the back door and was told that we have a garden. Boy did we! On my first trip, I found a jungle where the weeds outnumbered the plants and were taller too. I knew that this was going to be my project. I love everything about gardening from the garden design, planting, to the harvest and of course finding the simplest way to serve it to you. I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from the entire process. I knew we had to come up with a better way to plant, water and manage the space if we were going to be successful. I enlisted the help of longtime local farmer/gardener/neighbor Mike Atkinson of Atkinson Farms. I spent hours with him in his garden gleaning all of his secrets that I could absorb. The first step was to purchase a rowing system that forms the rows and simultaneously lays a layer of mulching plastic and drip line that allows us to not only control weeds, but also allows us to water 850 feet of plants with one faucet 2 hours every other day. Hyper-local sourcing is the sixth hottest trend this year and I am sure that many would be jealous of what we are becoming. Mother Nature put us a little behind this year with the 3 weeks of rain in April. Our garden is now in full bloom! I'd like to mention that we have over 20 varieties of tomatoes, okra, melons, peppers, and a variety of squashes, cucumbers, 20 different herbs and more. My staff and I have made over 100 jars of pickles so far; bread and butter, hamburger dills, pickled Asian peppers, we are working on a batch of chow chow and more.

Our garden will continue to evolve during the fall as well as a harvest style "table to farm dinner" that will feature items that we have put up during the summer and fall produce in a rustic format. As I write this article, we have harvested 40 pounds of blueberries and 50 pounds of blackberries that we have used in cobbler of course, I have also made a wonderful blackberry and prickly pear jam and blueberry orange jam and will put up the remaining berries for special use throughout the year.



Our menus will reflect the variety of vegetables and herbs grown on property. We will focus on trying to utilize all of our harvest in the dining room. Some of our regular offerings will be displaced for a few months.

The buzz has it! We have 60 beehives that are working as we speak to create a sustainable honey that will be offered at the club for sale and in many items that we offer on the menu. I will keep you posted. As always the menus are just a guide if you can think of it we can probably do it.

### Inspiring Through Food, *Chef Jeffrey*



## SMALL BITES

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**T**he pool is open!! With a better understanding of what you wanted, we are proud to introduce our new pool side menu and cocktail list. It's not just hamburgers and hot dogs this year, chef Jeff Baker has really out done himself. From lite bites like Basil Pesto Hummus to delicate Cobb and Tomato Caprese Salads. We have something for everyone to enjoy pool side this year. Handhelds and the kids menu round out the menu with club favorites like grilled hamburgers, chicken breast sandwiches and a build your own sandwich section.

For those hot summer days we have created hand crafted cocktails made with the freshest ingredients try our "Get the Skinny" made with Patron Silver, Fresh Squeezed Lime Juice, Splenda or Agave Nectar only 103.5 calories or our Frozen Mojito a cool twist on a classic cocktail. Come down and let Darold Frederick our pool supervisor and his staff take care of you and your family and enjoy a new pool experience because remember, "every summer has a story". Start yours with us!

*At Your Service, Paul, Eric and CC*





Dear Houston Oaks Member,

As we strive to grow Houston Oaks into the ultimate private family retreat, we are constantly analyzing opportunities to add meaningful, unique and memorable experiences for our members and their families. Through the vision of the owners, the Club has become a special private retreat that generations to come will experience and enjoy, while maintaining the historical past and beauty of the property. Houston Oaks is a very special getaway retreat, with all of the traditional country club values that members wish to embrace.

As such, we would like to begin the age-old tradition of hosting an annual Debutante Presentation for daughters and granddaughters of members. A committee, made up of members, will be formed to plan and coordinate how to best serve the members through this very special ritual of presentation and ball. The Club has secured the date with the appropriate social group who governs all the Greater Houston area debutante ball dates. Houston Oaks' official 2015 Ball date is Wednesday, December 23, which will remain the Wednesday before Christmas every year thereafter.

As with any event, the appropriate level of participation is critical for its success. We are requesting your input and interest level by emailing your comments to us. Furthermore, we would like to know what members would be interested and willing to present their daughter or granddaughter (during the 2015 Debutante season, the eligible ladies must be 21 years of age in the presenting year before December 31). Please send your comments to [presentationball@houstonoaks.com](mailto:presentationball@houstonoaks.com)

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you and your families as we grow Houston Oaks into a private retreat that will create memorable experiences for future generations.

Very sincerely,  
Presentation Committee

# SUMMER POOL REMINDERS

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Summer is here and Houston Oaks wants to ensure that members, their families and guests enjoy our pools and lake while keeping safety in mind. Proper supervision of our younger members is of key importance when enjoying the vast number of water activities available at Houston Oaks. Houston Oaks makes every effort to have lifeguards on duty during peak operating hours, however all swimmers swim at their own risk. As parents, we ask that you please be aware of and take the time to communicate the following rules of conduct and safety guidelines to your children and teens. We want Houston Oaks to be your family's favorite place to enjoy Summer while keeping it as safe as possible and enjoyable for all members:

1. Effective June 6, 2015 there will be a Guest Fee of \$6.00 per person per day.
2. Personal Coolers as well as outside food and beverage items are not permitted.
3. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children and their guests in all areas of the club at all times.
4. The pool and hot tub by the Clubhouse are for Adult Use Only. Children under the age of 18 are not permitted to use these facilities at any time. The Family Pool by the Pavilion is provided for swimmers of all ages.
5. Appropriate attire (shirts, shorts/pants, and shoes) must be worn when accessing the Clubhouse Dining Room.

Bathing suits and Cover ups are not allowed inside the Clubhouse Dining Room.

6. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult while at the "Family Pool" or beach at all times. Those age 10 and over must be able to swim the length of the pool in order to swim on their own without parent supervision.
7. Showers are required before entering pool.
8. Radios, televisions and similar electronic devices may be utilized around the pool area with use of headphones or ear buds only, so as not to disturb others.
9. Glass bottles, drinking glasses, china and/or sharp objects are not permitted in the pool area.
10. Smoking is not allowed in or around the pool or beach areas.
11. Animals, bicycles and skateboards are restricted from the pool areas.
12. Life jackets must be worn at all times by children and adults while using the beach craft on the lakes.
13. Swimming is strictly prohibited from all lakes except during supervised "open water swimming classes". This is due to the varying depths of the lakes and our inability to monitor all of them continuously.

## A MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTING

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**Jeff Martin**  
*Controller*

With the owners' continuing commitment to not assess our members for the many ongoing improvements to Houston Oaks, we are ever striving to be as cost efficient as possible. Due to the high cost of credit card processing fees, starting September 1, 2015 there will be a 3.5% convenience fee on monthly bills paid by credit card. As an option, you will be able to pay your bill online by ACH through your bank account. There will be no fee associated with this option. Checks will continue to be a welcome method of payment as well. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at [accounting@houstonoaks.com](mailto:accounting@houstonoaks.com).



**Darren Howard**  
Director of Golf

## GOLF AT HOUSTON OAKS

I cannot even begin to express to all of our members how excited I am about our new golf course renovation and the future of Houston Oaks Family Sports Retreat. When most people think of golf course renovations, the first thought is; "Oh no, the course is going to become more difficult". I can promise everyone that this renovation will not be that way. The new renovation will provide overall variety and balance relative to playing the course for all skill levels. From a playing perspective, varying shot values means golfers will have a more enjoyable experience. Tee lengths will be suitable for all golf levels of golfers and many of the revisions will incorporate challenges for the best players and safer alternative routes for less-skilled players.

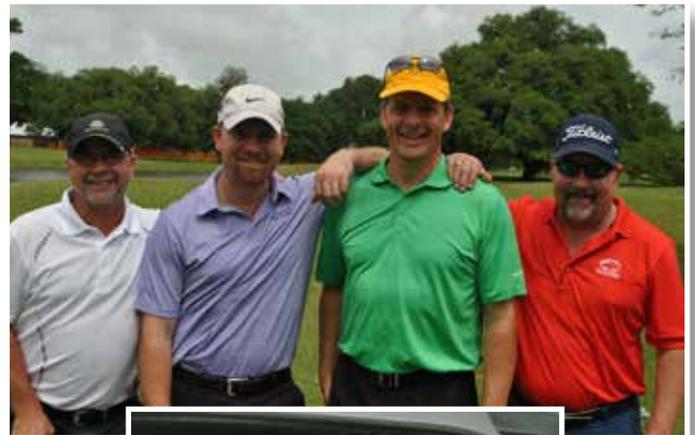
Everyone can expect better putting surfaces, enhanced drainage, quality hitting surfaces and an overall more enjoyable experience. The oak trees will be more enhanced and noticeable as well. Finally, something I think will be quite unique is that we will incorporate into the design real junior tee boxes, so now juniors can experience the same course as the adults without just throwing a ball out in the fairway.

I hope everyone is as excited about the future of Houston Oaks Family Sports Retreat as I am. I'm confident that we will have a course that every member will be proud to bring their families, guests, and their business associates as well.

Tee it up! *Darren*

### **2015 Member-Guest Golf Tournament**

The 2015 Member-Guest started out with very wet weather and actually caused the Putting tournament to be delayed on Thursday. Days leading into the event saw upwards of 6-9 inches of rain so, everyone was anxious to see if we could even get started. Friday came and we were able to get in all 3 matches, as well as the Putting tournament. Saturday the final 2 matches were played and once the flight winners were determined it was off to a shoot-out of all the flight winners starting on hole 16. Once we got to hole 18 only two teams remained: Bob Killinger and his guest, Michael Flanagan and Chris Kolkhorst and his guest Gary Kolkhorst. When play was completed on the 18th hole, Bob Killinger and Michael Flanagan emerged victorious with a very well-played total of net even par. Congratulations to Bob Killinger and Michael Flanagan for winning the overall title and also congratulations to all the flight winners and flight runner-ups. Below is a list of all the flight winners and runner-ups.



**Save the Date!**

### **Upcoming Golf Events**

**August 22-23 Senior Club Championship**

**September 4 Legacy Tournament**

**September 5-6 Club Championship**

## **St Andrews Flight**

Bob Killinger/Michael Flanagan +4  
 Mat Felts/Tommy Bureson +3

## **Prestwick Flight**

Kirk Folkerts/Guy Cooke +11  
 Scott Hannen/Paul Malesick +7

## **Royal Troon Flight**

Kory McNeill/Jeff Johnston +8  
 Ryan Des Autels/John Nowak +4

## **Carnoustie Flight**

Chris Kolkhorst/Gary Kolkhorst +10 (won in a chip-off)  
 Chuck Watson/Jan Rask +10

## **Putting Champions**

Chris Winn/Jeff Brame

## **Overall Member-Guest Champions**

Bob Killinger/Michael Flanagan



## **MGA Results**

### **Individual Net & Gross • March 7, 2015**

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
1st	Bob Nickels – 78	Mark Cowie – 70
2nd	Dennis Brown – 79*	David Andras – 71
3rd	Bob Killinger – 79*	Jack Long – 72*
4th	Walt Pratorius – 82	Christ Kolkhorst – 72*
5th	Rick Allred – 82	Steve Hattaway – 72*

### **2-Man 6-6-6 • April 4, 2015**

1st	Ed Benningfield / David Andras – 65.1
2nd	Mark Cowie/Dave Peterson – 66.01
3rd	Carl Eckersley/chris Kolkhorst – 66.01
4th	Steve Cramer/Chuck Anders – 66.59
5th	Ray Schomburg/Steve Nabors – 66.67

### **One-Man Scramble • May 9, 2015**

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
1st	Ryon Herber – 60	Ray Schomberg – 59
2nd	Bob Killinger – 64	Chuck Watson – 60
3rd	Dennis Brown – 67	Walt Pratorius – 61*
4th	Rick Allred – 68	Stephen Lack – 61*

### **Two-Man Best Ball • June 6, 2015**

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
1st	Brian Sak/Bob Siegel – 71	Dennis Brown/Rick Toman – 62
2nd	Walt Pratorius/Rick Allred – 72	Chuck Watson/Giovanni Locandro – 64

\*Scorecard playoff



**Jay Leturno**  
Superintendent

**Greetings from your Agronomy Department!** We are happy to announce that decisions have been made to begin the golf course renovation project! Chet Williams will be lead designer here at Houston Oaks. Chet has worked alongside Jack Nicklaus as a Design Associate

for years and is responsible for some extraordinary golf courses, including but not limited to Whispering Pines in Trinity, TX, The Ritz Carlton Golf Course at Dove Mountain, Tuscon, AZ, and Las Campanas in New Mexico. Whispering Pines here in Texas is consistently named the #1 ranked golf course in the state by the Dallas Morning News. Feel free to visit Chet's web site: [chetwilliamsdesign.com](http://chetwilliamsdesign.com)

Chet will have design plans devised by the end of July. We will begin spraying out existing turf with non selective herbicide in September. This will include tees, fairways, approaches and roughs. Greens will not be sprayed to allow continued play until the target start date for renovation. The renovation will include major changes including routing plan, new irrigation layout, updated grass, USGA built greens, contouring, bunkering, and drainage.

We are looking forward to producing a golf course that will be aesthetically pleasing, fun to play for all ages, but yet challenging for the purist golfer. Exciting times ahead!

**See you on the course! Jay**

## RETAIL THERAPY



**Sharie Racine**  
Buyer/Merchandiser

Father's Day is here. For a limited time, the Golf Shop would like to offer Dad a chance to get FootJoy's D.N.A. shoes. D.N.A. or DryJoys Next Advancement are FJ's most progressive golf shoe. These Tour proven shoes come with a 2 year waterproof warranty and will be a treat to his feet for eighteen holes.

MSRP is \$220.00 but for the month of June and July, the golf shop is offering an introductory price of \$175.00. Don't wait get your D.N.A.s today.

Mid-Year is a great time to stock up on FootJoy Crew socks for men. Create your own half dozen with your choice of 8 colors for \$30.00. If purchased separately, they are \$10 each. Clean out those drawers and sock up.

Beat the heat. As our wet spring turns to blazing hot days, be prepared and protect yourself with these helpful items stocked in the golf shop.

Hydro Flask features double wall vacuum insulation, keeping drinks cold up to 24 hours. Offered in many colors with the Houston Oaks logo, these are great for all of your outdoor activities and goes beyond hydration.

IceSkin Gear helps you stay cool and focused and enhances your performance by keeping you cooler. These proprietary microfiber neck towels cool down to 10°F when it comes into contact with water or perspiration. The microfiber pulls moisture away from your body and the jade- the jewel minerals embedded in IceSkin activates the cooling effect. Each towel is anti-bacterial and machine washable. The inherent properties of the jade mineral will not wash out.

Imperial headwear powered by . Coolcore® introduces a cooling hat that boasts a 30% cooler surface temperature. Coolcore® technology is 100% free of chemicals, polymers, gels, crystals or phase changing materials, ensuring all Coolcore® benefits never wash out or degrade.



# FISH ON!



**Jeffrey Lyons**  
Wildlife and Lakes Manager

**JULY 4**  
Fishing at Clubhouse

**JULY 5**  
Fishing at Clubhouse

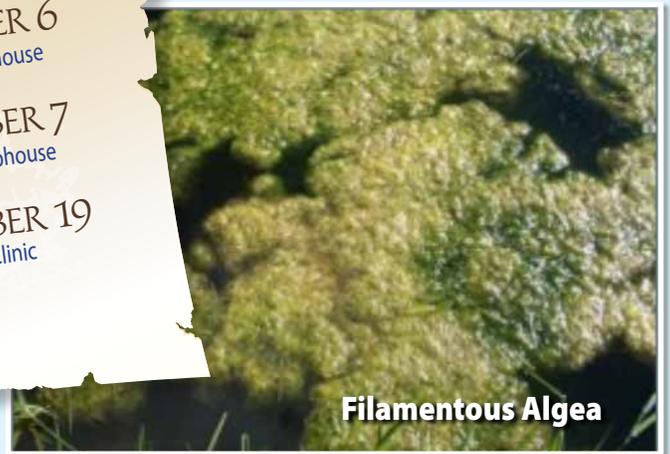
**JULY 18**  
Casting Clinic

**AUGUST 15**  
Casting Clinic

**SEPTEMBER 6**  
Fishing at Clubhouse

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
Fishing at Clubhouse

**SEPTEMBER 19**  
Casting Clinic



**Filamentous Algae**

**H**ello anglers, summer is here and it time to spend time out on the water catching some rays and catching that fish of the summer. I just wanted to take a quick minute to introduce myself, my name is Jeff Lyons, and I just recently started here at your beautiful Houston Oaks Family Sports Retreat as the Wildlife and Lakes manager. You can contact me at [jlyons@houstonoaks.com](mailto:jlyons@houstonoaks.com), direct line (936)372-4308, or by cell (607)973-9574. Feel free to contact me either by phone or email when you plan on coming out to fish so that I can update you on the latest conditions. With that being said I just wanted to remind all the anglers out there of some of the rules and regulations that we have for fishing. Always keep in mind if you are fishing the lakes that are out on the golf course, that all golfers have the right of away. If you are fishing a shore line that interferes with a golfer, we just ask that you reel in as fast as you can and go stand in a location where you are out of the way. You may resume your fishing once the golfer has played by you. We are Barbless fisheries, so we ask that you crimp all barbs on the hooks and lures that you plan on using to fish (if you have any question or need help with this feel free to stop by Fish Camp and ask me). We have beautiful lakes through the property so any litter left by yourself or others please pick up so we keep the lakes and property as beautiful as possible. If you're out fishing and you run into and problems or have questions please contact me and I will be able to help!

I'm sure that many of you have ventured around the property and noticed the current lake conditions and question what is going on. The impressive amount of rain that has fallen in the last few weeks, and the wonderful heat-up that we had following the rain, has resulted in optimal growing conditions for many algae and aquatic



**American Pondweed**



**Chara**



plants. Some of the most common plants that you will see in our lakes are American pond weed (*Potamogeton nodosus*), Pondweed (*Potamogeton pectinatus*), Chara (*Chara globularis*) and Filamentous algae. We are currently working on getting the lake condition back to top notch specs. You should be able to start to see a change lake conditions within the next couple of weeks. Please don't let the top of water fool you. The fish are active and it looks like it will be a great summer for all anglers of any experience level to catch many fish on any given trip you plan out here. One last helpful hint, target your fishing trip to either early in the morning or in the evening. Those times will produce a better result of catching fish.

**Happy Fishing! Jeff**

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## ***The Kolkhorst Family Legacy Members - Joined February 2013***

Chris and Ann Marie Kolkhorst met sometime during their freshman year of high school. If it was up to Chris, they would have started dating then. But Ann Marie thought Chris still had some growing up to do, so she made him wait...for 8 years.

Chris attended Rice University, where he was captain of the baseball team. During his junior year, Chris helped lead the Owls to the school's only National Championship.

The following year, Chris had a break from baseball prior to final exams, so he and some friends went to Austin. It was there that he ran into his old high school crush, Ann Marie, who was finishing up nursing school at the University of Texas. They began dating and were engaged the following February.

Chris was drafted to play for the San Diego Padres in 2004 and the couple was married in 2006. After a few years of professional baseball, injuries and his desire for a family led Chris to the realization that baseball had served its purpose.

Chris embarked on his new career in Insurance, and the young couple was thrilled to learn that they were expecting their first child in 2007. Ann Marie was just 22 weeks pregnant when her water broke. The following week they were introduced to their miracle son, Coy, born weighing only 1 lb. 4 oz. and just over 12 inches long. Coy would spend 4 months in the NICU, and today he is a healthy 7 year old! In 2009, after 3 months of bed rest, Ann Marie gave birth to their daughter, Cydney, at 34 weeks. Those early days of parenthood showed Chris and Ann Marie the true foundation of their family - love and a sense of gratitude for every day shared.

Today, one of the many things the Kolkhorsts are grateful for is Houston Oaks. After selling his agency to Frost Insurance (where he remains as Market President



for Houston) in 2013, they began looking for clubs to join. There were plenty of options available if all Chris wanted was to find a place to golf, but their focus on family made them look for something with more to offer. Ann Marie was initially concerned that Houston Oaks would be just another "boy's club", but after touring the facilities in 2014 she saw that family values were the focus of the Houston Oaks mission.

These days, the Kolkhorsts focus on making family memories. Coy can't get enough of the Super Playground monkey bars and Cydney loves to play disk golf. In addition to taking advantage of all the amenities Houston Oaks has to offer, Ann Marie also enjoys running, photography, shopping, wine and travel.

Fortunately for the rest of us, they aren't shy about spreading the word! In the past year alone, Chris and Ann Marie have referred four families to our Houston Oaks membership!

# A LOOK IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR



**Olivia Hamilton and friends**



**Camellia Watts**



**Grace Higley**



**Jason and Jennifer Mosley**



**Parker Shirley**



**Mindy Flint and the Roux Crew - Gumbo Contest**



**Kirk Hankamer**



**Dustin Hall**



**Cattle Branding at the Ranch**

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOUSTON OAKS

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 WGA Ladies' Golf	3	4 Independence Day Flag Day Golf Fishing at Clubhouse BBQ Picnic & Fireworks
5 Sunday Brunch Fishing at Clubhouse	6	7	8	9 Wine Down WGA Ladies' Golf	10	11 MGA
12	13 Kid's Camp	14 Houston Oaks Ladies' Night Kid's Camp	15 Kid's Camp	16 WGA Ladies' Golf Kid's Camp	17 Family Night Kid's Camp	18 Casting Clinic Kid's Klinik
19	20 Kid's Camp	21 Kid's Camp	22 Kid's Camp	23 WGA Ladies' Golf Kid's Camp	24 Nine & Wine Kid's Camp	25 Beer Dinner
26 Parents' Day	27	28	29 July Birthday Dinner Night	30 WGA Ladies' Golf	31	

## AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Sunday Brunch	3 Kid's Camp	4 Kid's Camp	5 Kid's Camp	6 WGA Ladies' Golf Kid's Camp	7 Kid's Camp	8 Kid's Klinik
9	10	11	12	13 Wine Down WGA Ladies' Golf	14	15 Casting Clinic
16	17	18 Houston Oaks Ladies' Night	19	20 WGA Ladies' Golf	21 Nine & Wine Family Night	22 Sr. Club Championship
23 Sr. Club Championship	24	25	26 August Birthday Dinner Night	27 WGA Ladies' Golf	28	29
30	31					

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOUSTON OAKS

# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 WGA Ladies' Golf	4 Legacy Tournament	5 Men's Club Championship
6 Sunday Brunch Fishing at Clubhouse Men's Club Championship	7 Labor Day Club Open Fishing at Clubhouse	8 Club Closed	9	10 WGA Ladies' Golf	11 Patriot Day	12
13 Grandparents Day Men's Club Championship	14 Rosh Hashanah	15 Houston Oaks Ladies' Night	16	17 Wine Down WGA Ladies' Golf	18 Nine & Wine Family Night	19 Casting Clinic Kids' Clinic
20	21	22	23 Yom Kippur	24 Farm to Table Cooking Classes WGA Ladies' Golf	25	26 Shooting Member-Guest Tournament
27 Shooting Member-Guest Tournament	28	29	30 September Birthday Dinner Night			





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