OUR SPORTING LIFE



A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Houston Oaks Members, Families and Friends,

Summertime is FUN TIME at The Clubs at Houston Oaks, and the busy calendar of warm season events and activities is getting ready to kick-off for your enjoyment! As we look ahead over the next 2+ months, there are several "can't miss" special events and long weekends planned to celebrate Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day – just to name a few. Be on the lookout for more detailed information about each of these holidays – and much more – to be shared via weekly e-mail, printed posters and flyers, on the website and app, etc.



With this May-June issue of Our Sporting Life, we've made a concerted effort to increase photography and minimize text. Our goal was to add more photographs of Members enjoying the Club, coupled with bullet-point-style information, rather than write and print lengthy text copy. I hope you enjoy reliving some of our recent events and holiday activities through the excellent images and memories we've captured at these festive affairs.

As a reminder, I will highlight the dates of several upcoming big events and long weekends at the Club. They include:

- Mother's Day Sunday, May 12.
- Memorial Day Weekend Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 27
- Large-Scale Private Wedding and Related Events* Thursday, June 13 – Monday, June 17
- 2019 Barn Party at the Ranch Saturday, June 22
- Red, White & BOOM! Independence Day Celebration Saturday, July 6

Mark your calendars and save the dates, make your lodging reservations now, and plan to join us for these exciting multiday celebrations and special Club Functions. [*NOTE: The Club will be hosting a private wedding for 500+ guests during

the weekend of June 13-17. Dining venues and facility/amenity availability will be modified during this timeframe to accommodate the set-up, execution and breakdown of this large-scale, multi-day special event].



As always, thank you for your loyal patronage and support of the Club through the first third of 2019! We enjoyed a record-setting Easter Weekend, and it gives us all satisfaction to see Members and their families enjoying the Club and making happy memories! We are committed to continuous improvement at The Clubs at Houston Oaks and hope that each visit and club experience is better than the last. Have a great summer, and I'll look forward to seeing you around the Club!

Bob Gusella, CCM, CCE Chief Executive Officer/General Manager 936-372-4330 / rgusella@houstonoaks.com



From the Assistant General Manager

What an amazing Easter Weekend we had! The weather was perfect and Members and guests turned out in record numbers for both Easter Fun Day and our Grand Easter Buffet. Thanks to all who joined us at the Club over the long holiday weekend. We'll look forward to seeing everyone again at our next big family celebration on May 12th as we celebrate Mother's Day at Houston Oaks!

Looking ahead, we are all gearing up for Memorial Day Weekend and the official kick-off of summer later this month, and we're putting the finishing touches on what promises to be the most amazing Independence Day Weekend celebration ever – Red, White & BOOM 2019! Our fireworks display this year will be even better than last year's and there will be live music, fun and games for the kids, great food and drinks and much more! Please invite your friends and family to join us at the Club for this patriotic, family-friendly celebration - on Saturday, July 6th.

Now that we have entered the patio dining season, I would ask for a huge favor... To assist us in providing you with excellent food and service, please call ahead and make a dining reservation whenever possible. This simple action allows our team to prepare, plan and properly staff to serve you well. Upon arrival at the Club, please check-in with the host or restaurant manager on duty at the podium, so that we know you have arrived and can get you seated and served efficiently. On popular nights, the clubhouse and dining patio tend to be fully reserved; please make your plans and a reservation in advance whenever possible. Now that our new-and-improved Park House has re-opened, we are thrilled to offer you another alternative to clubhouse dining with equally exciting food and beverage selections.

If you have young children please be sure to speak with Sarah Armistead or Madison Pennix about our Acorn Club and Houston Oaks Summer Camp. They can be reached through the Member Services Desk in the clubhouse foyer. Together these two ladies have put together a fun and full schedule of summer and weekend activities to keep your little ones busy and engaged at the club.

The Family Pool has been busy with activity lately as the warm weather of summer is arriving. Please stop by for a refreshing dip in the pool and, soon, enjoy one or two of our amazing signature cocktails at the Pool Bar.

Our team looks forward to seeing you this summer! Travis Dale, Assistant General Manager 936-372-4346 | tdale@houstonoaks.com



Meet the Team: Sarah Armistead

My name is Sarah Armistead, and I moved here from Lexington, KY in January to complete the Assistant Manager in Training internship, the final requirement to earn my college

degree. I am proud to have accomplished both – completion of the training program and receipt of my college diploma – and I am thrilled to be working at the Club full-time now. As the Member Services Supervisor, I will work the front desk, oversee the Member Services operation and supervise children's activities and the Acorn Club, amongst other things!

I am really excited to get to know our Members and families here at Houston Oaks – and to build healthy and positive relationships with you, your children and grandkids. There is so much fun to be had around this amazing property, and we look forward to showing off everything the Club has to offer. My team and I desire to build a trusting relationship with you all, and I invite you to reach out to me directly with any questions, comments or ideas you might have. I can be reached on my cell phone (call or text) at (859) 361-7760 and via e-mail at sarmistead@houstonoaks.com. If you see me around the Club or at the front desk and we've not yet had the opportunity to meet or chat, please feel free to stop me and say hello. I look forward to serving you!





Welcome to Houston Oaks



KIMBERLY & CASE KEENUM

National Member - Joined in March He: NFL Quarterback (Washington Redskins) Friends of the Watson's and the Jones'



COURTNEY & GREY WILKINSON

Sport & Social - Joined in March He: Owner of Triple Crown Enterprises Children: Cooper, Carter Friends of the Walley's



RACHEL SHEPPARD

Young Executive Sport & Social - Joined in April Children: Laney, Ben Daughter of Kristi Harrison



LISA & RALPH EADS

Legacy Member - Joined in April He: Vice Chairman at Jefferies LLC Friends of the Havens' and the Watson's





SPRING MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES JOIN DURING THE MONTH OF MAY AND RECEIVE AN EXCEPTIONAL INCENTIVE GIFT

JOIN AS A LEGACY MEMBER

Join Houston Oaks before May 31st as a Legacy Member, and select one of the following incentive gifts with our compliments:

- » Two (2) sets of custom-fitted PING golf clubs, Houston Oaks golf bag, plus five (5) private golf lessons, or
- » Two (2) shotguns plus five (5) shooting lessons, **or**
- » A \$2500 Houston Oaks gift card redeemable for services or merchandise at the Club (*lodging*, *apparel*, *merchandise*, *wine*, *dining*, *etc.*), **or**
- » A dues credit for your first three (3) months of membership

GOLF YOUR WEEKENDS AWAY

Join Houston Oaks as a Full Golf Member before May 31st, and choose from one of the following incentive gifts with our compliments:

- » One (1) set of custom-fitted golf clubs, Houston Oaks golf bag, plus five (5) private golf lessons, **or**
- » One (1) shotgun plus five (5) shooting lessons, **or**
- » A \$1500 Houston Oaks gift card redeemable for services or merchandise at the Club (*lodging*, *apparel*, *merchandise*, *wine*, *dining*, *etc.*), **or**
- » A dues credit for your first two (2) months of membership

DESIGNED FOR YOUNG EXECUTIVES

Join Houston Oaks before May 31st as a Young Executive Golf Member and choose one of the following incentive gifts with our compliments:

- » One (1) Houston Oaks golf bag, plus five (5) private lessons **or**
- » A \$500 Houston Oaks gift card redeemable for services or merchandise at the Club (*lodging*, *apparel*, *merchandise*, *wine*, *dining*, *etc.*), **or**
- » A dues credit for your first month of membership

REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

Contact our Membership Team today to learn more about The Clubs at Houston Oaks, and schedule a tour of our one-of-a-kind Club and Community!

Lindsey Lehmann, Membership Manager 936-372-4310 | llehmann@houstonoaks.com

Robert J. Gusella, CEO/General Manager 936-372-4330 | rgusella@houstonoaks.com

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*Please Note: All verified referring members will receive the dues credit commensurate with the membership selected.

GOLF CLUB

A Memorable Member-Member:

The Club hosted the Member-Member Championship on April 13th & 14th. After a few weather delays on day one, the weather cooperated on day two with beautiful sunshine and plenty of birdies!

Chris Eckersley and Jeff Rowe managed to stave off the challenge of Billy Shirley and Ryon Herber to take the Hogan flight by less than one shot. In the Nelson flight, Bob Nickles & Dennis Brown eased to victory by seven shots booking their place in the playoff. The Crenshaw flight was won in style by Ewing King and Jim Gibson, showing that steady play in the modified alternate can make all the difference. Dr. Devinder Bhatia & Jim Lee eased to a comfortable victory in the Couples flight: eleven shots separated them and the rest of the pack!

The wildcard fifth spot in the playoff was clinched by Ed Benningfield and Steve Cramer. Their par net birdie on the eighteenth hole saw them join the flight winners in the playoff. After an excellent recovery on the 15th by Jim Lee, followed by a superb fairway bunker shot by Dr. Bhatia, the pair were right in the hunt. Coming to the 18th tee, Chris Eckersley and Jeff Rowe stood in their way with a one shot lead. Chris hit a powerful drive through the fairway leaving Jeff hampered by a tree. After a good recovery, they were on the green in two looking like favorites to take the title. Little did they expect Dr. Bhatia to hold his nerve in front of the crowd, holing a five foot putt, giving them a one under net cumulative total and a one shot victory. Congratulations to all, thank you to everyone who made it such a great Championship, and make sure you enter next year to try to wrestle the Champions' coveted parking spaces away! They will be sure to put up a great defense!



Springing Ahead:

May brings great weather, fun activities and good times at the Club. One exciting event to be involved with is our flagship Member-Guest Tournament which takes place May 16th-18th. Last year's Champion, Graydon Oliver, has entered and is looking to defend his title (and parking spot), attempting to be the first ever Member to achieve this feat! Not only do the men have fun over the Member-Guest Championship, a plethora of Ladies Day activities during the tournament will serve our guests and add to the enjoyment for all. And if you have kids, our amazing Acorn Club activity leaders will be happy to help and allow you to relax and enjoy your Club. Please see the Club calendar for all the information and please feel free to contact the golf shop if you have any questions or to sign up!

Hit em' Straight! Nick Holligan, Head Golf Professional 936-372-4341 | nholligan@houstonoaks.com



Major Tournament Dates for 2019:

May 16th-18th - Member-Guest Championship August 17th-18th - Senior Club Championship September 6th - Legacy Member-Guest September 14th-15th - Club Championship October 10th-13th - Big 12 Championship October 19th-20th - MGA Ryder Cup

MGA (Men's Golf Assocation Events): *June 8th, July 6th, August 10th, September 21st*

Fun Events:

Six@Six Couples Golf: May 8th & 22nd, June 26th, August 14th

Ladies Clinics & Golf: Wednesdays from 9am through June 19th

Junior Coaching: Every Sunday at Noon



VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR BIG 12 MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Preparations are underway to host the 2019 Big 12 Match Play Tournament, to be contested October 10-13 here at The Clubs at Houston Oaks, and we are seeking volunteers to assist with this important collegiate golf event. In addition to coordinating housing and snacks for nearly 80 players, coaches, Big 12 Conference officials, scorers, etc., the Volunteer Committee solicits team and corporate sponsorships, prepares team signs and gift baskets, and works in various capacities during tournament week (shuttle drivers, greeters, scorers and spotters, team ambassadors, etc.). It takes a whole lot of volunteers to execute this event well, and all volunteers who work the tournament will receive a Big 12 Match Play shirt and cap. The Volunteer Committee is led by our "Ladies in Charge," Paula Winter and Elizabeth Nickles, and they've said "the more, the merrier!" All volunteers are welcome. If you're interested in helping with this year's Big 12 Match Play, please send a note to services@houstonoaks.com.

FROM THE LINKS

I hope this update finds everyone doing well. We have just completed some good tournaments to kick off the spring season and have many more coming up. The TGA State Am qualifier went very well and the golf course seemed to hold up again to the test of great golfers. We received a great many compliments on conditioning, which is always nice to hear. Moving forward we have a lot going on. We have completed our spring fertilizer application to the whole golf course and with the warmer weather; the course should start greening up nicely. We are beginning to notice some traffic areas, which we will be utilizing rope and cart signs to help with traffic direction to avoid these areas from getting worse. This is common, as our play has started to pick up. Especially in shaded areas where the grass already has a tougher time to grow. We will not be doping any major cultural practices to the golf course until we close in July. Therefore, I hope everyone comes out and enjoys the beautiful weather and the wonderful golf course.

Smooth Rolling, Kevin Borowski, Director of Agronomy & Grounds 936-372-4320 | kborowski@houstonoaks.com



UPCOMING WINE EVENTS



First Friday Tastings:

May 3rd - The Kings of Italy June 7th - Summer Whites

Taste du Vin:

May 18th - Burgundy Part Tre - The Lesser Known Areas June 22nd - The Crazy World of Chardonnay

The Art of Collecting Series

May 25th - Exotic & Sports Car Show August 22nd - Watches & Timepieces November 9th - Fine Jewelry





The Wine Shop & General Store 936-372-4338 | wineshop@houstonoaks.com



UPCOMING CULINARY EXPERIENCES



Upcoming Events:

May 11th - Prime Rib & Wine May 12th - Mother's Day Brunch May 26th - Memorial Day Barbecue May 30th - Titos & Tacos June 8th - Prime Rib & Wine June 16th - Father's Day Cookout June 27th - Fajitas & Ritas June 30th - Kevin's Fried Chicken

FISHING CLUB

Now that summer is here and the water temps in our lakes have reached the 70's and will continue to climb, fishing tactics need to be altered just a little bit. When you come out in the morning hours before the sun is overhead, I would throw top water lures: buzz baits, poppers, torpedo bodies etc. The bigger bass will be up in the shallow areas of the lake looking for food, and water temp doesn't affect them. As the day moves on and the water temps start to climb, I would recommend throwing soft plastic crawfish or worms (Wacky, Texas Rig, and Jig etc.) and target the shaded areas of water, or areas that have deeper water (5'-7'). I would also recommend using swim baits or any hard plastic lure that resembles a shad. Then work those baits in deeper water (5'-7') working at a fairly quick speed. The best lakes right now to fish; Fish Camp, Houston Oaks Lake, Gun Club, Muller Lake.

Upcoming events:

May 25th - Princess Pole Tournament Jr. Fishing Clinic - May 18th Jr. Fishing Clinic - June 15th

Please feel free to stop by Fish Camp for any questions about the lakes or what the fish are biting on. If you need any assistance when you are on property, we will be more than happy to help out with gear, bait, tackle, guide or a lesson. Also, to enjoy fishing on our premier lakes on the golf course please contact me for a guide.

Happy Fishing, Jeff Lyons, Director of Fishing 607-973-0574 | jlyons@houstonoaks.com

GUN CLUB

Mother's Day Weekend Shooting Tournament

Friday, May 10 - Sunday, May 12 Reserve a shoot online or by calling Member Services Mother & Child (10 years or older) \$40 Per Team

Father's Day Weekend Shooting Tournament

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16
Reserve a shoot online or by calling Member Services
Father & Child (10 years or older)
\$40 Per Team

Be Safe! Phil Bankston, Director of Security & Shooting 936-372-4319 | pbankston@houstonoaks.com



INAUGURAL PINS & FINS TOURNAMENT

The first annual Pins & Fins Tournament was held on Saturday, March 23 and everyone who was involved had a great time. The weather was perfect and every group caught at least one fish. The participants started with 9 holes of golf (scramble format) and fishing for 15 minutes on #5 and #9. The two-person teams then progressed to Fish Camp after golf and had one hour to fish. The 6 heaviest fish counted toward the deduction from the golf score and the team with the lowest total was declared the winner. When the fishing concluded, the team of Terry Andrus and Jason Grimsley took home the trophy. They were truly a team when it came to golf and fishing, as both had their moments of brilliance. Garrett Clayton claimed the trophy for the biggest fish caught!

Congratulations to the winners and Thank You to all who participated!



Winners: Terry Andrus & Jason Grimsley



Largest Fish: Garrett Clayton (4lb bass)



Date	Member	Guest	*CIT	*Guest CIT
Week 1 June 17 - June 21	\$399	\$449	\$199	\$225
Week 2 June 24 - June 28	\$399	\$449	\$199	\$225
July 1 - July 5	NO CAMP			
Week 4 July 9 - July 12	\$399	\$449	\$199	\$225
Week 5 July 15 - July 19	\$399	\$449	\$199	\$225
Week 6 July 22 - July 26	\$399	\$449	\$199	\$225

*CIT is a Camp counselor in training, this program is for children ages 12 to 14 For more inforamtion, contact Madison Pennix, Camp Director, at mpennix@houstonaoks.com

TENNIS CLUB

As we near the summer season, I hope you have all enjoyed a Happy Mother's and Father's Day to all! successful start to 2019. I would like to use this opportunity to announce the exciting events we have coming up in the next few months here at the Tennis Club. They're not to be missed!

First of all, we invite you to join us for Matchplay & Margaritas on Sunday May 19th! As the name suggests, once we have completed our tennis matches we will sip on margaritas and socialize on the patio of the newly refurbished Park House grill.

Saturday June 1st brings the return of a great event, as we once again hold our French Open Mixer. This will feature games and matches on the tennis courts, before we move down to the Wine Shop for tastings of select French wines, whilst also enjoying cheese and charcuterie boards.

Finally, join us on Saturday June 22nd for a day filled with tennis, golf, food and fun, as we host our first Couples Tennis & Golf event.

We will start off with breakfast at the Park House, before hitting the courts for mixed doubles matchplay. Lunch will also be served at the Park House, followed by nine holes of golf. We will once again return to the Park House for drinks and snacks, as well as presentation of awards. So get ready to spend the day swinging your way around the tennis courts and golf course with friends and loved ones.

On the Court, Michael Donald, Director of Tennis 936-372-4302 | tennis@houstonoaks.com

LODGING & MEMBER SERVICES

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner! Get ready to put on your shirts, t-shirts and sunscreen and enjoy summer to the fullest.

We've almost reached the mid-year point, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your enthusiastic response to our new seasonal rates and your overall support of our lodging operations. My team and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you personally and to serve you and your families and guests. I hope you will utilize May and June to enjoy some family time, have fun at the Club, and spend some overnights with us as your schedules allow. We have a variety of family-friendly events planned for you this summer!

Remember that the Club is now open on Mondays and closed on Tuesdays. Member Services hours of operation on Mondays and Tuesdays are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Wednesdays through Sundays are 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

If you have not yet made your lodging reservations for the popular holiday weekends over Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day or Independence Day, contact the Member Services team and book today! Call us at (936) 372-4312 or e-mail services@houstonoaks.com. These are popular weekends to stay at the Club and they will sell-out early. Call today to reserve your accommodations!

Creating Memorable Experiences, Ben Romero, Director of Lodging & Member Services 936-372-4333 | bromero@houstonoaks.com

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 - Ladies Golf - Putting - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - An Evening with Doug Shafer	2 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	3 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - First Friday Tasting - Tennis Matchplay	4 - Adult Tennis - Junior Tennis Carnival - Acorn Club
5 - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis	6 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	7 - Club Closed	8 - Ladies Golf - Chipping - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - 6 @ 6 Couples Golf	9 - Junior Tennis - Acorn Club - Adult Tennis - Music Night	10 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay Mother's Day Shooting Tour	11 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Prime Rib & Wine
12 - Mother's Day Service - Mother's Day Brunch - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis	13 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	14 - Club Closed	15 - Ladies Golf - Bunkers - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	16 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis Member - Guest Golf Tourn	17 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay	18 - Adult Tennis - Junior Fishing Clinic - Taste Du Vin - Acorn Club
19 - Margaritas & Matchplay - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis	20 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	21 - Club Closed	22 - Ladies Golf - Full Swing - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - 6 @ 6 Couples Golf	23 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	24 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay	25 - Adult Tennis - Fishing Tournament - Art of Collecting - Table to Farm Dinner - Flick & Float
26 - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis - Memorial Day BBQ - Nashville Unplugged - Acorn Club	27 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	28 - Club Closed Memorial Week - Fun in th	29 - Ladies Golf - On Course Management - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	30 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - Titos & Tacos	31 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay	

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 - Adult Tennis - <i>French Open Mixer</i> - Acorn Club
2 - Sunday Brunch & Bubbles - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis	3 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	4 - Club Closed	5 - Ladies Golf - Full Swing - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	6 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	7 - Adult Tennis - Member Guest Day - Acorn Club - First Friday Tasting - Tennis Matchplay	8 - Adult Tennis - MGA Golf Event - Kids Cooking Class - Acorn Club - Prime Rib & Wine
9 - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis	10 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	11 - Club Closed	12 - Ladies Golf - Short Game - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - 6 @ 6 Couples Golf	13 - Junior Tennis - Acorn Club - Adult Tennis - Music Night	14 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay Father's Day Shooting Tourn	15 - Adult Tennis - Junior Fishing Clinic - Acorn Club
16 - Father's Day Fishing - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis - Father's Day Cookout	17 - Camp Houston Oaks Week 1 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	18 - Club Closed	19 - Ladies Golf - On Course Play - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis	20 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - <i>Wine Dinner</i>	21 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay	22 - Adult Tennis - Tennis & Golf Event - Taste du Vin - Barn Party - Acorn Club
23 - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis	24 - Camp Houston Oaks Week 2 - Ladies Tennis - Monday Music Night	25 - Club Closed	26 - Junior Tennis - 6 @ 6 Couples Golf	27 - Junior Tennis - Adult Tennis - Fajitas & Ritas	28 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club - Tennis Matchplay	29 - Adult Tennis - Acorn Club
30 - Kevin's Fried Chicken - Junior Golf Clinic - Junior Tennis						

