

Walden

on lake houston
Golf & Country Club

JUNE 2009

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 Membership Sales 832-445-2105

HOURS OF OPERATION

Administrative Office

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am till 5:00pm

Golf Shop

Tuesday – Sunday 7:00am till 6:00pm

Range Hours

Tuesday – Sunday 7:00am till 5:00pm

Fitness & Tennis Shop

Tuesday – Saturday 6:00am till 9:30pm

Sunday 7:00am till 7:00pm

19th Hole

Tuesday – Thursday 10:00am till 9:00pm

Friday 10:00am till 10:00pm

Saturday 7:00am till 9:00pm

Sunday 7:00am till 7:00pm

Lobster Night

Friday, June 5th from 6 to 9pm

Enjoy a plated lobster dinner, live music, & more!

(All you can eat!)

Dinner includes:

House salad • Whole Maine lobster

Corn on the cob • Creamed spinach

Fingerling potatoes • Warm rolls with butter

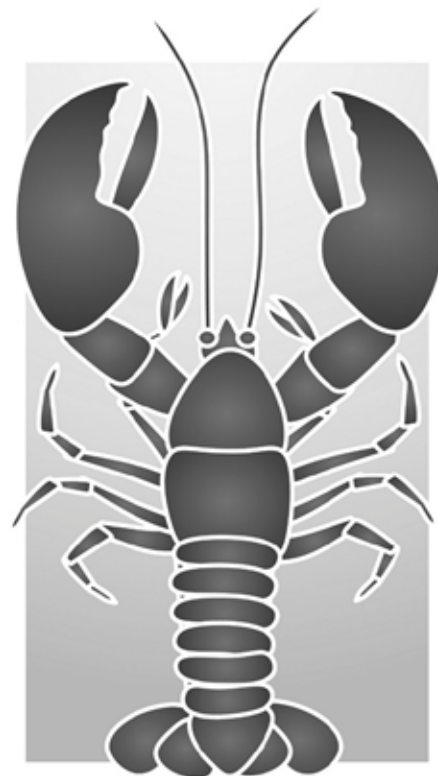
Key lime pie for dessert!

\$29.95

Bring the kids to the bunker room while you dine and dance! \$5.95 per child includes:

Kid's mini buffet with chicken tenders, mini corn dogs, and mac & cheese.

Featuring "Finding Nemo" and many other activities!



Disney Princess Night: Dinner with Ariel "Under the Sea"

5:30-7:30

Thursday, June 18th

Come meet princess Ariel and enjoy our under the sea buffet including:

Shrimp Cocktail, crab cakes, black and red fish with mango salsa

Includes salad bar and dessert station with assorted parfaits

Kids buffet: Chicken tenders, fries, and catfish fingers

Adults: \$12.95 + Kids: \$6.50 (6-12)

Complimentary for 5 & under

IN HONOR OF WALDEN COUNTRY CLUB CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The Board of Governors would like to invite you to become part of the 2009 Anniversary Club.

Become part of a select group of members that share the same commitment, drive and passion for their Club's success.

The first 25 members that sponsor a new Full Golf Member will become part of the 2009 Anniversary Club!

In appreciation for your sponsorship of a new member you will receive the following during the following three months:

- *Complimentary Cart or Trail Fees*
- *50% off Guest Green Fees*
- *50% off Food and Beverage Purchases*
- *Entered into a drawing to win a 3 day, 2 night golf trip for two to PGA National*
- *Special Recognition in the Clubhouse*

Plus you and your new Member(s) will be invited to a **Four Star Dining Experience with Chef Kurt Plankenhorn.**

Special Thanks to this month's sponsors:

Susan Brown • Harold Low • Leo Salinas • Brad Lee
Tom Eveler • Bill Haefling • Jim & Debbie Boatman
Ken McKissick • Patrick LeBlanc • Les Everts



Burgers, Beer and Baseball Member Mixer



Wednesday, June 3rd
6-8PM

Join us for a little BBB!

Enjoy Beer & Wine, Hamburger Sliders
and appetizers plus
enter to win some Astros baseball tickets
Mix and mingle with your neighbors!

\$10 per person

Bring a prospective member and get in free!

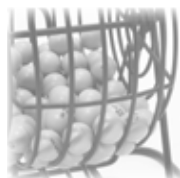
Hosted By Sharon and Ron Mack
Leadership Services

Call 832.445.2100 to reserve your spot



POT OF GOLD

Join your fellow members for a buffet dinner each Wednesday with a chance to win at least \$250.00 in club usage credit. Each Wednesday, we will be drawing a member name and if you are in attendance, you will win the Pot of Gold which will always start at \$250.00. If the name chosen is not present, \$50 each week will be added until someone wins! RSVP with the front desk.



FAMILY NIGHT BINGO

Join other Walden Families for dinner and Family Bingo on the last Thursday of each month. Included with dinner is a bingo card for each member of the family. Prizes to include Golf Shop Merchandise, Gift Cards and more! Priced at \$12.95 for an adult, \$7.95 for children (age 6 to 12) and complimentary for children 5 and younger. RSVP with the front desk.



SUNDAY BURGER SPECIAL

Every Sunday get a burger and your choice of sides for \$5 in the 19th Hole.

SIMPLE RULES FOR CLUB SPECS

by: Tom O'Brien Jr., PGA



This past month Walden has had three demo days with the Taylor Made, Callaway, and Titleist/Cobra golf companies. Demo days really make people aware of the specs of their equipment. Here are some simple truths to remember when trying a new club. Shaft flex has more to do with trajectory than direction. The stiffer the shaft the higher the ball will go because more of the true loft of the club will be on the ball at impact. If a shaft is more flexible it bends more de-lofting the club which would create an initial lower ball flight. This goes against what people traditionally have been told but let me keep explaining. The weight of the club has more to do with trajectory than anything else. The heavier the club the lower the ball will go (or the lighter the club the higher the ball will fly). How high the ball flies directly relates to how fast your swing speed is. Obviously if the club is lighter you can swing it faster and if you swing it faster (assuming

good contact) you will hit it further. Traditionally, stiff and extra stiff shafts tend to be heavier than regular flex, senior flex, and ladies flex shafts which is the real reason why traditionally people felt the more stiff a shaft was the lower the ball flight. Again, this is not because of flex but because of the increased weight of the club. Ben Hogan swung extra-stiff shafts in an effort to help get his ball in the air more, and he revolutionized the equipment industry when his company developed a shaft that was extra-stiff yet extra light (the apex shaft). So if your head is spinning at this point here is the main thing to remember; if you want more distance, particularly if you are a senior or a lady, you want to get the lightest shaft possible. This will increase your swing speed which will help you hit it higher and further!

GRASS CLIPPINGS *with Richard Flores, GCS & Staff*



Edward Stimpson who loved golf and wanted to create fairness and consistency to the putting surfaces of his golf greens invented the stimpmeter. The idea was to give greens keepers, (now superintendents) a way to compare the speed of the 4th green with the 13th and take appropriate steps to make them consistent in their speed and playability. Sometimes great ideas get distorted!

Today the Stimpmeter, is often misused to compare the speed of greens from course to course and unfortunately, to establish a benchmark of putting difficulty. Golfers are sometimes heard to say, "Hey, Hickory Hills is 'stimping' at 13". This essentially means that the greens were as fast as the linoleum on

most kitchen floors.

From a competitive standpoint, that's OK, but the quest, for fast greens, has serious consequences in terms of cost, environmental quality and the long-term health of that ecosystem.

A healthy, vigorous green can be maintained at a very short cutting height for short periods of time without serious consequences if it's been prepared properly and weather conditions are acceptable. Courses hosting tournaments often take months and significant amounts of money to bring greens up to an ultra fast speed. Fast greens are extremely fragile. If you compared them with human beings, it would be fair to say that their immune systems can be very weak. They become susceptible to diseases and pests, and therefore may require more chemical treatments. Weather can also quickly destroy the health of an ultra fast green. High temperatures and lack of moisture in the air are deadly to greens that are maintained at very short cutting heights for any length of time.

During the summer of 1995, even with the best professional management by superintendents golf courses across the eastern United States lost greens during an extended period of drought and high temperatures. Many of the world's best-known courses suffered serious damage and were essentially unplayable for the last half of the year. Many of these had to be reseeded or completely rebuilt at a cost that was high in terms of budget, playability and reputation. Walden has gone through a similar situation during the fall of 2003, and our membership roster has not recovered since.

We should accept the limitations of these delicate ecosystems we call greens, and nurture and protect our putting surface so that it may endure. We will surely enjoy more our perseverance of this great game on a healthy playing surface.

KEEP SWINGING!



Summer Junior Golf Camps at Walden Lake Houston!

with PGA Pro Tom O'Brien Jr.

Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 11:30am;
cost is \$150 per child
and is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 18.

This is a clinic that will cover all aspects of the game concluding with play on the golf course.

After play on Friday there will be a pizza party to celebrate a great week!

So if you're looking to have fun and learn a great deal about golf, this is the camp for you!!

Summer Camp Dates

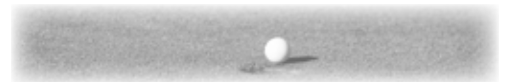
June 16th-19th

June 30th-July 3rd

July 14th-17th

July 21st-24th

Call the golf shop at 832-445-2115 to sign up today!!!



Couples Golf

Every Friday
9-hole format
\$10 per couple

Must be signed up by 5PM Friday.

Join us on the deck afterwards for food, drinks, music and fun!

Contact the golf shop for more info
832.445.2115

TENNIS DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

My name is Julian Lopez, my wife's name is Elisabeth and we have a baby girl named Isabella. I come to Walden on Lake Houston from Willow Fork Country Club where I was the Head Tennis Professional. There I was responsible for training our teaching staff for work in one of the strongest junior development programs in the state of Texas.

I have been a tennis professional for 20 years this summer. I am certified by the United States Professional Tennis Association. I have coached every level of tennis from amateur to professional, college to beginner. I also have directed my own programs at the Bear Creek Tennis Center and Copperfield Racquet Club. Growing up I had the tremendous advantage of being coached by world ranked tennis professionals, John Holladay (top 20 in the world) and Paul Fineman who also had friendships with greats like Bjorn Borg and Billy Jean King, whom we saw play at our club.

It is my hope that I can also bring the same high quality tennis and fun that I have enjoyed as a tennis player to Walden. That is to give my very best and strive to help every player develop to their full potential and enjoy tennis as much as I have all these thirty years that I have played this great sport.

We are introducing new programs to Walden on Lake Houston and I hope everyone will give our sports camps and tennis teaching skills a try.

JUNIOR TENNIS AND SPORTS CAMP

SPORTS CAMP

#1- June 8-12 #2- June 22-26 #3- July 6-10
 #4- July 20-24 #5- July 27-31 #6- August 3-7
 Ages: 6 years and up ~ Times: 9 am- 2:30 pm Monday- Friday
 Walden campers will be exposed to golf, tennis, soccer and swimming.
 T-shirts for camp wear! Lunch Daily!

TENNIS CAMP

#1- June 15-19 #2- June 22-26 #3- July 6-10
 #4- July 13-17 #5- July 20-24 #6- August 3-7
 #7- August 10-14
 Ages: Program for All Ages ~ Times: 10:30am-2PM
 Includes stroke production, drills, games, video play back with instruction from our professional teaching staff. Great way for beginners to get started!

LITTLE STARS TENNIS

#1- June 22-26 #2- June 29-July 3
 #3- July 13-17 #4- July 27-31
 Ages: 6-8 ~ Monday- Friday 8:30-9:30 AM
 Introduction to the basics of Tennis. Learn to forehand and backhand.

JUNE 2009						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

CLUB EVENTS

- 3rd Pot of Gold Buffet
Member Mixer
- 5th Lobster Night
- 8th Sports Camp begins
- 9th Senior Sunrise Golf
- 10th Pot of Gold Buffet
- 13th MGA Match Play
- 14th MGA Match Play
- 15th Tennis Camp Begins
- 16th First Junior Golf Camp Begins
- 17th Pot of Gold Buffet
- 18th Disney Princess Night:
Dinner with Ariel
Senior Interclub
- 20th MGA Match Play
- 21st MGA Match Play
- 22nd Little Stars Tennis
Session 1 begins
- 24th Pot of Gold Buffet
- 25th Family Night Bingo
- 27th Couples Member/Guest
- 29th Little Stars Tennis
Session 2 begins
- 30th Second Junior Golf Camp Begins



Thursday, May 14th – Mad Science Night Included Science Activities, Experiments and Making Slime!



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AND FAMILY!

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Scott Miller • Todd MacDonald • Daniel McRae
George Townsend • Billy Gage • Bruce Brown
Jim Mayes • Steve Urwiller • Sean Sutherland
Ted Metcalf • Mike Szatmary • Paula Shaw
Dimas Lugo • Craig Isaacks • Kendall Hisey
Kui Bi • Jeff Adkins • Debra Gregory
Josh Hogarth

IT'S ALL AT
WALDEN COUNTRY CLUB!

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Golf Outings

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