



October 2009

MARTINIS WITH THE MANAGER



Thursday, October 15

COMPLIMENTARY....

Beer, Wine, Martinis &

Hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 ~ 8:30pm

Bring Your Friends, Family & Coworkers For a Great Night Out At The Club!

FREE GOLF GUEST FEES

October Theme: **Costume Party**



Kids Activities For October

Mad Scientist

Friday, October 23

8:00pm

See Page 10 for more details

Monster Mash Bash

Friday, October 31

6:30-8:30pm

See Page 10 for more details

More Friends, More Funds

Nominate. Let's Build Our Club & Our Wish List Fund

Wish List Fund Golf Guest Day

FREE GOLF GUEST FEES

EVERY THURSDAY IN OCTOBER

(Cart Fee Not Included)

Nominate a friend for Membership by contacting

Chelsea Story, our Membership Director, via phone 972.529.6779x202 or email cstory@eldoradocc.com & join your fellow Members in building our Wish List Fund!

Welcome

ELDORADO THANKS OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE CLUB & WELCOMES OUR NEW AUGUST MEMBERS

Jarett Ilardi

Sponsored by

Bettina & MD Smith

Dora & Thomas Hudson

Sponsored by

Ambassadors Club

Danny Powell

Sponsored by

Reinstatement

Christopher & Mередyth Hendrie

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Ambassadors Club

Ben & Rachel Patterson

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Julie & Mile Mabry

Enrique & Josephina Durand

Sponsored by

Nimisha & Sandip Patel

Larry & Sandra Burdine

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Julie & Mike Mabry & Frank & Jean O'Reilly

Robert & Ivette Vasquez

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Ambassadors Club

Joseph & Marjorie Webb

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Reinstatement

Marci & Rod Ferretti

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Clubhouse News

Imagine This.....



Bob Philo
2009 Board President

As we begin the last quarter of the year, I am already thinking about next year and what it will bring for our club. To a very large extent, what occurs is up to us! First, some new Board of Governors ("BOG") members will be elected in December and begin their service in January. So, if you are interested in running for one of the at-large positions, be sure to respond to the E-mailed letter seeking nominations or pick up a copy of the letter and application in one of the boxes around the clubhouse. Deadline is October 29th. Your BOG serves a very important function in determining the direction that are club is going and by acting as a communications conduit between members and staff.

Speaking of communications, we will have a new members-only blog on our web site by the end of this year. My wish is that it will be used, among other things, to respond to rumors that always seem to spread around our club like a wildfire. My suggestion is that if you hear a rumor and want to find out if it is true, post it on the blog as "I heard a rumor that" Doing so will allow staff or the BOG to respond either "that is true", that is not quite true but ..." or "that is not true – here are the facts ...". Of course, you will need a login and password to use the blog. Get yours by clicking on the Imagine link on our main page at www.eldoradocc.com.

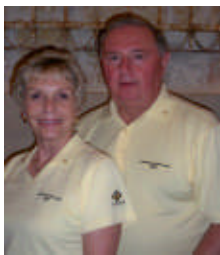
Next year we will begin spending some of the money in our Wish List Fund and we will see the results increase as we add new full-privilege members. To that end, your BOG has appointed Bea Ducatelli, Tom Meeks, Laura Trant and Ron Wagner to serve on the Wish List Committee chaired by Buck Clements that will consider all member Wish List suggestions and make recommendations to the BOG for capital improvements to our club. Turn in your suggestions at the Wishing Well or on-line at the Imagine site.

Finally, make plans to join us at the club on New Year's Eve to kick off a new decade and celebrate the end of 2009 – a trying year for all of us. We all need to be positive that next year will be a great year for our club and for each of us. Attitude is everything. Nominate a qualified new member and watch us grow!

See you around our club.

Bob Philo

Ambassadors News



Ron & Barbara Wagner
Ambassador Club Co-Chair

We recently attended the newly started Senior Night Dinner and enjoyed the evening. It gave us a chance to be with people that we had met but with whom we had never had time for a real conversation. It occurred to us what an interesting group we are. As we talked and found out the history of people it is amazing the differences and the similarities of our stories. The various places we have been in our lives as well as the commonality of our paths. The most interesting part is the fact that without a plan we attended the event and without a plan we meet, share and leave, improved and rejuvenated. Come participate. Who knows how you will be enriched or better yet how much you will contribute to others.

In the newsletter as well as around the club you will see ads for the first Eldorado Country Club Charity Week. Every organization at Eldorado is participating in this week. It starts November 1st and ends that Saturday with a special event for the entire club. Mark your calendars for a good time and a chance to make a difference. See you around the club.

Thanks for being a member
Barbara and Ron

Message From The Manager



Donny Darville
General Manager

Eldorado Country Club is jumping in to support a good cause really close to Mr. Palmer's heart-finding a cure for Prostate Cancer! On Monday, November 2nd your Eldorado Country Club staff will be playing golf to raise money for Arnie's Army Battles Prostate Cancer Research. The staff will be playing 100 holes of golf in the Employee Golf Marathon to help raise money for this great cause. Like most fundraising marathons our staff will be seeking pledges based on the number of holes played. Pledges can be made for whatever denomination you choose, however suggested amounts are \$.25, \$.50, or \$1.00 per hole. The pledges can be charged to your membership account. Sponsor one of your favorite employees at the club and help Arnold Palmer fight Prostate Cancer!

Thank you for being a member!
Donny Darville

Clubhouse News

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 27 Champagne Brunch 11am-2pm Steam Jet Car Wash 9:00am-4:30pm	September 28 Club Closed Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm	September 29 SMGA Playday 8:30am Shotgun Junior Beginner Tennis 6:00-7:00pm All Star Ankle Biters 4-5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm Rackets & Ritas 7:00-8:30pm	September 30 ENGA Playday 9:00am Shotgun EWTA League 9:00am 50% OFF Food After 5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm Ladies Wednesday Night Tennis Drill 7-8pm	1 EWGA Exchange Preston-wood Girls Giggles & Golf 6:00-8:00pm Woman Tennis League 9:00-11:00am Junior Beginner Tennis 4:00-5:00pm All Star Ankle Biters 4-5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm FREE GOLF GUEST DAY	2 ELDORADO MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT Ladies Friday Morning Bridge 9am Beginners Tennis 9:00-10:30am FREE HORS D'EOVRES \$1.00 Draft Beer \$2.00 House Wine After 5:00-7:00PM	3 ELDORADO MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT \$1.00 Draft Beer \$2.00 House Wine After 5:00pm
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11 Champagne Brunch 11am-2pm Steam Jet Car Wash 9:00am-4:30pm	12 Club Closed Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm	13 SMGA Playday 8:30am Shotgun Junior Beginner Tennis 6:00-7:00pm All Star Ankle Biters 4-5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm Rackets & Ritas 7:00-8:30pm	14 ENGA Member Guest Tournament EWTA League 9:00am 50% OFF Food After 5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm Ladies Wednesday Night Tennis Drill 7-8pm	15 EWGA Playday 9:00am Girls Giggles & Golf 6:00-8:00pm Woman Tennis League 9:00-11:00am Junior Beginner Tennis 4:00-5:00pm All Star Ankle Biters 4-5pm MARTINIS WITH THE MANAGER 6:30-8:30pm FREE GOLF GUEST DAY Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm	16 Ladies Friday Morning Bridge 9am Beginners Tennis 9:00-10:30am FREE HORS D'EOVRES \$1.00 Draft Beer \$2.00 House Wine After 5:00-7:00PM	17 Couples Bridge 7:00pm \$1.00 Draft Beer \$2.00 House Wine After 5:00pm
18 Champagne Brunch 11am-2pm Steam Jet Car Wash 9:00am-4:30pm	19 Club Closed Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm	20 SMGA Playday 8:30am Shotgun Junior Beginner Tennis 6:00-7:00pm All Star Ankle Biters 4-5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm Rackets & Ritas 7:00-8:30pm	21 ENGA Playday 9:00am Shotgun EWTA League 9:00am 50% OFF Food After 5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm Ladies Wednesday Night Tennis Drill 7-8pm	22 EWGA Playday 9:00am Shotgun Woman Tennis League 9:00-11:00am Junior Beginner Tennis 4:00-5:00pm All Star Ankle Biters 4-5pm Junior Tennis Excellence Classes 5-7pm FREE GOLF GUEST DAY	23 Ladies Friday Morning Bridge 9am Beginners Tennis 9:00-10:30am BINGO 7:00pm Mad Scientist 8:00pm BBQ BUFFET 5:30pm FREE HORS D'EOVRES \$1.00 Draft Beer \$2.00 House Wine After 5:00-7:00PM	24 Fall Junior Golf Clinic \$1.00 Draft Beer \$2.00 House Wine After 5:00pm
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Clubhouse News

Eldorado Lake Project Update

In June of 2008, the City of McKinney contracted with Turner Environmental Inc. to remove sediment from Eldorado Lake and adjacent bodies of water. The contractor was given 180 calendar days to complete the project. However, the contract time ran out before the project was complete. Turner Environmental was declared in default of the contract and was removed from the project.

The City had a performance bond on the project that ensures completion. The project has been recently re-bid to a new contractor to complete the work. Shirley and Sons will complete the remainder of the project starting in late September. The scope of the project includes completing the removal of the remaining sediment from the lakes and completing the grading plan.

The landscape around the lakes will be restored to its original condition prior to the start of construction. The project completion is estimated to take around 90 calendar days, depending on the weather. Shirley and Sons recently completed the Mallard Lake project, which came in under the time and budget allotted, and we are confident in their ability to complete this project in the same efficient and professional manner.

The City of McKinney is appreciative of the patience displayed by the Eldorado Homeowners Association, the Eldorado Golf Course, and the Village of Eldorado Homeowner's Association.

Wellness Center Contacts

Cindy Durham Group Exercise Coordinator	214-289-0248 Cindy_durham@sbcglobal.net
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Cindy Keil Certified Nutritionist, Obesity & Exercise Instructor	Cindy.keil@babybootcamp.com
Jackie Reyes Massage Therapist & Personal Training	469-235-5882 jackiereyes@yahoo.com

Massage Therapy and Bodywork

Massage modalities include: Swedish (relaxing massage), Cranial Sacral Therapy (very gentle, deep relaxation of nervous system), Manual Lymphatic Drainage (aids the body to remove swelling, promotes healing from injuries or surgery, diminishes cellulite and improves the immune system); Deep Tissue (deeper sustained pressure releases chronically tight muscles), Sports Massage (promotes the healing injuries through joint mobilization and stretching) and Medical Massage (speeds the healing from illness or surgery).
License #MT107605

50 minute session any modality
\$65.00
Packages of 4, 50 min Massages
\$230 (\$30.00 savings)

Personal training at Eldorado.
Get your fitness program going or
give you some new ideas on getting
you to the next level.

80 minute session \$90.00
Packages of 4, 80 min Massages
\$320 (\$40.00 savings)

50 minute session \$55
Package of 10 for \$500 (\$50.00
savings)

Contact Jackie for massage or
personal training 469-235-5882 or
e-mail: jackiereyes@yahoo.com

25 minute sessions \$30
Package of 10 for \$275 (\$25.00
savings)

Get Started Package: 3 sessions to
include assessment, exercise and
stretching program for \$150.00
(\$15.00 savings)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cardio Salsa/ Core 8:30-9:45am Instructor Deann	Cardio Conditioning/Weights/Abs 8:30-9:45am Instructor Carla Evening Yoga 7:00-8:15pm Instructor Brandie	Sculpt & Tone with Weights 8:30-9:30am Instructor Deborah	Cardio Kickboxing/Core 8:30-9:45am Instructor Carla Strength/Core/ Flexibility 5:45-6:15pm Instructor Cindy K.	No Classes	Cardio Challenge/Weights/ Abs/Stretching 8:15-9:45am Instructor Carla Yoga 10:00-11:15am Instructor Tina

Tennis News

On The Courts With Grady



Grady McKee
Tennis Director

Tennis Enthusiasts,

Mark your Calendars for the **ELDORADO CHARITY EVENT WEEK**. Karen Williamson, the EWTA, and all the other associations have decided to team up this year and create a big charity event for 2009. This charity event will host a tennis fight night on Friday November 6th, 2009. We will host a mixed double mixer, Junior tourney/fun night, and a fight night all in one! It will be a great time and is all for charity!

JD SCHEDULE BEGINNING

All Star Ankle Biters

Tuesday and Thursday afternoon
4-5 pm
Sign up in the Tennis Shop.

Pre Tourney, Tourney, and Excellence Classes

Monday thru Thursday
5-7pm

Junior Tournament Results

Dallas ZAT	DPTA CH/S Challenger @ Lakes	Junior Circuit Masters-Bent Tree	Arlington Tennis Center ZAT
Christopher Maher Qualifying as a CHAMP	Mitchell Knauf Consolation Finals	John Edwards Quarter Finals B12	Christopher Maher Round of 16's B14
Ellen Waters Champ Junior Major Zone	Katherine Knauf Consultation Quarters Finals G12	Christopher Maher Semi Finals	DPTA CH/S Challenger @ Village Tennis Center
Mitchell Knauf Consultation Quarters	Village DPTA Tourney	Hackberry DPTA Tourney	Katherine Knauf Quarters
Katherine Knauf Consultation Quarters	John Edwards Semi Finals	Christopher Maher Finals	Mitchell Knauf RO 16

October Drills

NEW LADIES WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRILL (Open Drop In) 7:00-8:00pm

CONTINUING THIS FALL FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!!

THURSDAY MORNING LEAGUE
(TCD Off-Season)
9:00-11:00am

FRIDAY MORNING BEGINNERS DRILL
(Open Drop In)
9:00-10:30am

Charity Gala

6:00-10:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

All ELDORADO Associations hosting a charity auction

NEW!!!!

Rackets and Ritas

Tuesday Nights from 7-8:30
BEGINNER PLAYERS DRILL AND PLAY

Learn how to play tennis in a short amount of time! This Drill is designed with the beginner players in mind—Sign up today!
Also good in coordination with the Beginner drill on Friday Mornings from 9-10:30



www.geocities.com/ewtanews

EWTA FALL LEAGUES

Wednesday Morning League
SEPTEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 9
9:00 a.m.

Sign up as a regular, \$25
Tennis Shop will find a sub for you
Sign up a week at a time,
\$5/week

Contact Sandi Murray for more information
972-569-8369
sandrasmurray@aol.com

Thursday NIGHT League
SEPTEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 19
7:00 p.m.

Sign up as a regular \$20, or as a sub
Contact Julie Krug for more information
972-562-5098
jakrug@campbellvillagevet.com

North vs. South Annual Tournament
Saturday, October 3
4:00 p.m.

The fun begins on the court when the net becomes the Mason Dixon Line and Yankees compete with Southerners for a roaring good time!
We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer League Winners

Day League	Night League
1st Place: Teresa Hanson	1st Place: Patty Phelps
2nd Place: Torry Stover	2nd Place: Roberta Kayatta
3rd Place: Betty Edwards	3rd Place: Stacy Edwards

EWTA Charity Event
FIGHT NIGHT MIXER & JUNIOR FUN NIGHT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Mixer 6:30-8:30pm
Fight Night 8:30-10:30pm

Mixer: \$15 per player
Includes Draft Beer

\$1.00 Draft Beer for all other Viewers
Fight Night: Tips for the Pro's Appreciated

Golf News

Eldorado Nine Hole Golf Association

The ENGA hosted our Monopoly themed Member/Guest Tournament on September 16, and a great time was had by all.

October means it's time for our ENGA championship. This two week event will be held October 21 and 28. Check the November newsletter for the winners.

We only have nine more weeks in our season, so if you are interested in trying out the ENGA please join us for nine holes of golf any Wednesday morning thru November 25. We have a 9:00 AM shotgun start. Please call the pro shop by 1:00 PM on Tuesday to sign up to play or contact Cindy Sander at 972-618-2794 or cindy.sander@gmail.com with questions.

Eldorado Woman's Golf Association

Cooler weather is here and the EWGA is enjoying every minute. We have a very busy month beginning with our EWGA Championship Event October 7, 8 & 9. October 15 EWGA will host ENGA. Finally, our Eclectic Tournament kicks off on October 29.

If you are not yet a member of the EWGA, we would love to talk to you about membership. You can find out more on the Eldorado website or contact Eva Bazan at evabazan@sbcglobal.net.

Wish List Fund Golf Guest Day
FREE GOLF GUEST FEES
EVERY THURSDAY IN OCTOBER



Aaron Schick
Golf Course Superintendent
C.G.C.S.

On The Green's With Aaron

In a normal week we spend about 32 man hours maintaining bunkers. It comes to about one hour per bunker weekly. This does not include edging bunkers. Although the club invested in a bunkers renovation a few years ago there are still recurring issues such as firmness and exposed liners that we are dealing with on a day to day basis. In an effort to try and improve these issues we have been adding new sand to some areas to see if it will benefit us. This sand we are using is a white to yellow silica sand that is coarser and more angular than the existing sand. Both of these attributes will help the sand stay on the face of the bunkers and increases overall firmness. One problem is the different color and it tends to stand out until it blends in with the existing sand. During this time your patience is appreciated as we continue to try and improve the playability of the bunkers.

Thank You for being a member!!

Aaron Schick, CGCS

Men's Golf Association

Come out and support the Eldorado Ryder Cup team as we compete against Hurricane Creek October 16 – 18 in our annual match. The matches are at Hurricane Creek on Friday and Sunday and at Eldorado on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS To the 2009 Eldorado Ryder Cup Team

Ken Sipiora
Jim Carney
Tom Currier
Tom Recker
Terry Butler - Captain
Michael Czuwala
David Aboud
Mark Womack
Billy Hyle
Vernard Grimes
Kevin Spann
Kevin Somers
Dave Wildrick
John Beavers
Tommy Brock – Assistant Captain

Fall Junior Golf Clinics

October 10, October 24, November 14

Clinics Times Will Be Determined By Age

6-9yrs 9:00-11:00am 10-14yrs. 11:00-1:00pm

Clinics will be based on the skill level of the child. There are three different levels to be placed into:

Beginner ~ Intermediate ~ Advanced

Clinics will consist of short game and full swing, also drills, competitions, & course management / course etiquette.
\$25 per Student each day (Includes lessons & snack)

Golf News

Raking Bunkers From the Green Committee

We've all stood at the edge of a bunker and looked down on our ball that has rested in an area where a previous golfer rudely decided not to rake his or her footprints or the spot where the shot took place. Either that or a poor job of raking which left worse ruts in the sand than the footprint would have. It's unfortunate, but a previous golfer's lack of consideration can adversely affect your shot, your entire round or even a tournament.

Here at Eldorado we've spent a considerable amount of time and money to ensure that our bunkers are as fair and well maintained as any in the area. Many of our bunkers have sloped edges and it's a constant battle to keep the sand on those slopes and not drained down into the middle of the bunker. Each morning our crews are out before you begin play smoothing out the sand and making the course more playable and enjoyable for you. But we can't be at each bunker all day. This is where the player comes in. It's your responsibility when you have played a shot from a bunker (or for some reason walked in the bunker) to restore it to a good and playable surface as you would like to have the next time you're shot lands in one.

Here are some guidelines from your Green Committee on how to maintain the bunkers and, the age old question, what do I do with the rake.

First of all, find the lowest spot around the edge of the bunker that's near your ball. You will enter and exit here. Stepping in and out near a steep face causes erosion and pushes the sand off the face and into the bottom of the bunker.

Plus, it's easier to rake flat areas of sand.

Step into the bunker... and take the rake with you. Though some believe it's against the rules to take a rake into the bunker, we assure you it is not only perfectly legal, but recommended as it speeds play (see [rule 13-4](#) for more). Just don't test the conditions or improve your lie with the rake. That is a violation of the rules of golf.

Put the rake somewhere behind you or otherwise out of the way. Be careful where you drop the rake: not only do you not want it to interfere with your swing, but you do not want it to help you align your shot or otherwise touch you during your stroke. Both of those could be construed as using the rake to assist in making the shot – another violation of the rules.

After the shot, begin your raking by raking the divot from which you hit your ball, then your footprints. Pull the tines of the rake toward you to smooth over the sand without pulling too much sand. Attempt to restore the average surface of the sand to the proper contours of the bunker. Walk backwards towards your entry point, cleaning up your footprints as you go. Don't just drag the rake in a straight line over your path. Make some effort to move the very top layer of the sand around so that it evenly covers the surface of where you've walked and doesn't leave tine marks in the sand. Use a combination of pushing and pulling in several directions to get an even cover.

If you have to rake the side of a bunker on a slope try not to pull too much sand down into the low part of the bunker. You might even be better off raking the sloped side from outside the bunker where you can pull the sand smoothly back up onto the slope.

Step out of the bunker (some players also opt to knock the sand off of their cleats with their club, back into the bunker, at this point). Rake your last footsteps and place the rake in the proper position. Ah, but what IS the proper position. The rules of golf don't specify where the rake should lie but rather the USGA leaves it up to the individual clubs to determine their policy. You won't want a rake either inside or outside a bunker to interfere with your shot. A rake outside could deflect your ball into a bunker – a rake inside could stop it from rolling to a flatter position and create a very difficult shot.

Here at Eldorado we've made the decision that bunker rakes should be placed with the head of the rake inside the bunker and the handle resting on the edge of the bunker with about half of the handle extending out of the bunker. See the photographs below for placement. Also, try to keep the rakes distributed around a bunker so that it is more convenient for you, and your fellow club members to retrieve when it is necessary.



Golf News

Strokes From the Handicap Committee

Handicap Committee Members:

Marion Dantzler * Paige LaSalle * Laura Spearman * Jim Staif *
Marilyne Todd * Rich Wright * Scott McClinton, non-voting

*Thought for the month ... The Individual hole handicap rating **does not and is not intended to** rank order the holes from hardest to easiest.*

*This month's thought for the month reflects one of the most common misunderstandings of the handicap methodology of the USGA. Most people assume that the hole rated as number one is the "hardest" hole on the golf course, and conversely, that the eighteenth rated hole is the easiest. While this **might** be true, the handicap rating system was not designed to identify that. What the handicap rating system is designed to do is to rank order the holes based on which hole the higher handicap golfer most needs help to equal the average score of the low handicapper. That might not be the "hardest" hole. For example, if the "hardest" hole causes even the low handicapper to score bogie's or worse much of the time, and the high handicappers can also achieve that much of the time, then the difference between the average scores of these two groups on that hole might not be as high as on an "easier" hole where the low handicapper consistently pars or birdies the hole, but the high handicappers cannot. And that is precisely the methodology used in determining the individual hole handicap ratings. The first step is to define a low handicap group (group A) and a high handicap group (group B). The average scores **by hole** for these two groups is then reviewed and a differential rating is determined. In other words, the hole with the **largest difference** in average scores would, fundamentally, be considered the number one handicap hole. The qualifier word, "fundamentally, was used because there are some other conditions that apply... like the fact that the USGA strongly suggests that all the holes on one nine have odd handicap ratings, and the other nine have even ones, which nearly always requires some adjustment of the rank order. But, the central point remains that its the scoring differential between the low handicappers and the high handicappers that determines a holes handicap rating, and **not** a determination of which is the "hardest" hole by virtue of a simple rank ordering of everyone's average scores. The idea is to satisfy both medal and match play needs. An individual's handicap is intended to "level" the playing field for all medal play contests, and the hole handicap ratings used in conjunction with the individual's handicap is designed to "level" the playing field for all match play contests.*

One more time we would like to remind anyone interested that at the end of this year two of our Handicap Committee members will rotate off of the committee. Preferably, we would like one new male and one new female member for next year's group. So far, two males have expressed an interest, but no females. Anyone interested should contact one of the members of the Handicap Committee within the next month. We will be voting on this issue before the end of the year.

Upcoming Golf Events

CALL THE GOLF SHOP AT
972-529-2770 TO SIGN UP

Eldorado Member Guest

October 2, 3, & 4

NEW FORMAT

More Money Guaranteed

\$1000 FIRST PLACE EACH FLIGHT!

Guys & Dolls....1:00pm Shotgun

Sunday, October 25

\$25 Entry Fee

Drink & Drive AFTER DARK

Friday, November 13

6:30pm Shotgun

\$30 per Person

(Carts Not Included)

- 4 Person Scramble
- 9 Hole Night Golf Tournament
- Includes 2 Drink Tickets Each, Night Golf Balls, & Prizes

64 PEOPLE MAX

Call 972-529-2770 to Sign Up TODAY!

Personal Carts. Do You Have Yours Yet?

For more information on the personal cart program please contact
Donny at ddarville@eldoradocc.com or
972-529-6779 ext. 203.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ron & Connie Harper

On becoming the new

2009

Couples Club Champions

Clubhouse News

Clubs Within A Club

Bridge Club

Come Polish up your Bridge Skills every Friday at 9:00am in the Ladies Locker Room. If you have any questions, Please contact Shirley Powers at 972-529-9201

Friday Morning Bridge Winners

(August 14) Patti Duit Agatha Donatelli Marcia Behl (August 21) Ginny Smith Marlene Groce Jackie Handspicker (August 28) Shirley Powers Pat Wienstroer	(September 4) Pattie Duit Gloria Erickson Sundra O'Connell (September 11) Shirley Powers *Tie for Second Donna Jones & Marlene Groce
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Girls, Giggles, & Golf

Every Thursday in October
except Martini Thursday
6:00 - 8:00pm

\$15 per Lady Includes Lessons, Cart,
Appetizers,
& 2 Glasses of Wine
Call 972-529-2770 to Sign Up

Book Club

Our book selection for October 13 is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Anne Barrows. This is a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German Occupation.

For our meeting on November 10, we selected two books. The books we decided on were "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan and "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. We will discuss both books in November, so feel free to read either one or both.

If you are interested in Book Club, please contact Charisse Truelove at Charisse.truelove@gmail.com

Couples Bridge Club



Couples Bridge is played every third Saturday of the month. We meet in the Womens locker room and begin play at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in playing is welcomed and can reserve a spot by calling Shirley Powers (972-529-9201) or Denise Harrelson (972-562-2566).

Eldorado Ladies Association

The Eldorado Ladies Association will be enjoying a fashion show featuring clothing and accessories from Cynthia Elliott's on Tuesday, October 6 from 11:30 until 1:30. Reservations must be made by Friday, October, 2. The luncheon is \$15.00 with a membership fee of \$20.00 for the year. Guests are always welcome and membership in Eldorado Country Club is not a requirement.

ECC Rockin' with Care

One Club

Eldorado Country Club

One Charity

Children & Community Health Center

One Week of Fun!

November 3rd - 7th

Please Help! **ECC Rockin' with Care** still needs donations for the Silent Auction! If you have a item to donation please contact Karen Williamson 972-741-4619 krwilliamson@tx.rr.com or Roberta Kayatta 214 989-1054 Roberta.Kayatta@rbc.com Deadline for donations is November 1st. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the **Children & Community Health Center of McKinney.**

Mark your calendars...

for a WEEKLONG charity event starting November 3rd. Each association will have an event that week during the time they normally play to raise money or items for Children's and Community Health Center in McKinney.

Tuesday Nov. 3rd - SMGA Wednesday Nov. 4th - NWGA
Thursday Nov. 5th - EWGA Friday Night Nov. 6th - Tennis Fight Night
Saturday Morning Nov. 7th MGA

* **Silent Auction ***
Saturday Nov. 7th at 6:30pm.
Everyone welcome!!!



Thank you in advance for making this a successful event!

Clubhouse News

Chatter From The Catering Corner



How Would You Like an Extra \$1,000 to Spend During the Holiday Season?!

Book and host an event of \$1,000 or more between October 1 - December 30, 2009, and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1,000!

Remember, Eldorado Country Club is here for your:
Holiday Parties
Year End Strategy Meetings
Motivational Team Building Events
Casual Family Get-Togethers and More!

PRIME DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Call the Catering Department today:
Tracy Richards at 972-529-6779 or email
trichards@eldoradocc.com

*Drawing for \$1,000 CASH will be held at the Member Appreciation Party in December



MONSTER MASH BASH

Friday, October 30 2009
6:30-8:30pm

*Trick or Treat Trail
& Magic Show*

Great Food
Kids & Adults Costume Contest
Picture Pumpkin Patch
Crafts & Games

\$9.95 per Adult
\$7.95 per Child ages 4-12
Children 3 & Under FREE

Reservations Required!
Space is Very Limited So Make Your
Reservations TODAY!
972-529-6779



ONE NIGHT TWICE THE FUN

**** Bingo ****

For the Adults & Kids

BINGO Starts at 7:00pm

BINGO CARDS 50 CENTS

Prizes & Fun for the WHOLE Family!

MAD SCIENTIST

For the Kids ONLY

Mad Scientist Starts at 8:00pm

**\$5.00 per Member
(Children's Guest fee \$10)**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

RSVP TODAY! 972-529-6779

Clubhouse News

Gossip From The Grill



Cathy Taylor
Food & Beverage Director

September was a very rainy month, it kept many of our members home. We have planned many exciting nights to bring all your family and friends to the club in the month of October. Friday, October 9, we will have a steak night and live entertainment from 7pm to 10 pm. Tuesday, October 20, we will have a night dedicated to our seniors with all entrée's half price. Reservations will be required and we will set the Hillcrest Room. Friday, October 23, will be Bingo, we noticed the children lose interest about halfway through the night

and we have a solution. Pack your daubers and your children The Mad Scientist will be entertaining the kids in the Governors room from 8:00pm to 9:00pm. We will have a Monster Bash on Friday, October 30 with a magic show, costume contest and other fun activities.

Wednesday, Half Price Night continues to be a great success, please be sure and make reservations. Fridays will have a Happy Hour from 5pm to 7pm with free hors d'oeuvres and \$1.00 Draft Beer and \$2.00 House Wine. The Beer and Wine special continues on Saturdays after 5pm.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club this month.

Sunday Brunch

Every Sunday from 11:00am ~ 2:00pm

Bring the Family Every Sunday For Our Fabulous Champagne Brunch

Enjoy a Complimentary Glass of Champagne!

Omelets & Waffles Made To Order
Soup de jour & Fresh Salads
Chef Carving Station
Peel & Eat Shrimp, Smoked Salmon
Dessert Station

Adults: \$16.95
Seniors (55 & Up): \$12.95
Children (6-12): \$9.95
Children (5 & Under): FREE

Make Your Weekly Reservations
972-529-6779 or bgregory@eldoradocc.com

Please No Denim, Casual Dress is available in the Sports Grill

50% OFF FOOD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN September! AFTER 5PM IN THE GRILL

Sports Grill Friday Night Dinner Specials

BBQ Buffet

Friday, October 235:30-8:30pm

Join Us Before Bingo for this

Finger Lick'n Good Buffet!

\$9.95 per Person

Steak Night & Live Entertainment

Friday, October 95:30-8:30pm

Rib Eye, New York Strip, Filet, Salad Bar,

Baked Potato, & Dessert.

\$19.95 per Person

Friday NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

EVERY FRIDAY IN OCTOBER

5:00-7:00pm In the Sports Grill

FREE HORS D'EOVRES

\$1.00 Draft Beer

\$2.00 House Wine

Call 972-529-6779 to RSVP TODAY!

Saturday NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

EVERY SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

After 5:00pm in the Sports Grill

\$1.00 Draft Beer

\$2.00 House Wine

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ELDORADO
COUNTRY CLUB

2604 Country Club Drive
McKinney, TX 75070

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Ron Wagner | Cindy Sander
Terry Butler

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Club Numbers

Main Line.....972-529-6779
Golf Pro Shop.....972-529-2770
Tennis Shop.....972-529-2775
Mulligan's.....972-529-1343
Course Maintenance.....972-529-2773
Sports Grill.....972-529-6779 ext. 213
Catering972-529-6779 ext. 217
Accounting.....972-529-6779 ext. 206 or 208
Membership.....972-529-6779 ext. 202

Hours Of Operation

Sports Grill
Tuesday-Saturday 7:00am-10:00pm
*Sunday 7:00am-9:00pm
Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm
Golf Shop
Tuesday-Sunday 7:00am-6:00pm
Tennis Shop
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am-9:00pm
Friday-Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm
Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm
Fitness Center
Monday 8:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday-Sunday 6:00am-9:00pm

New Member

9999 street

McKinney, TX 75070

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Brooke Nolte

On Becoming the Southwest Junior Golf Champion



2009

CLUB CHAMPIONS

TERRY BUTLER

&

CONNIE HARPER