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# The Shooting Star

Texas Star Golf Course & Raven's Grille 1400 Texas Star Parkway Eules, Texas 76040



## *Twenty years of World Class Golf with Texas Hospitality*

Come enjoy an evening of celebrating our 20 year anniversary! Friday, May 12, we will be dining, toasting and enjoying the evening with friends, under the stars in our Birds Fort Pavilion.

Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by entertainment and a chance to catch up with friends, both old and new. Please RSVP to Glenda at [ghartsell@eulesstx.gov](mailto:ghartsell@eulesstx.gov) or call 817-685-1859, by Monday, May 8.

The celebration will continue on Saturday morning, May 13, with an 8:00 am Member Tournament. Reserve your place for this event on or before May 8 by responding to [dwalden@eulesstx.gov](mailto:dwalden@eulesstx.gov) or Glenda at 817-685-1859.

During this month-long celebration, receive 20 % off your entrée in the Raven's Grille on Mondays and Fridays. The Golf Shop will have a special selection of logoed shirts that are an additional 20% off member discount.

On Sundays and Mondays, all Range and Shining Star members can play after 11:30 am for an additional 20% off their regular member discount. Gold and Silver members can bring a friend to play for 20% off their guest rate on these days.

### *Jr. Golf League Highlights*

Our Texas Star junior program has doubled in participation from last year. We will start our PGA Junior League season in late April, with two teams from our course. As of mid-April, we had 8 players on each team, and can accept up to 4 more kids between the ages of 8 – 13. We are currently practicing each Saturday at 5 pm. We encourage any child thinking about taking up the sport to come on out and join in the fun. Participants do not have to be on the Junior League team to practice, we just want to introduce the game to as many kids as we can. Please contact the Golf Shop anytime for information on our growing junior program.



## *Mother's Day Branch*

*Sunday, May 14*

*Make your reservations soon, space is limited. Call 817-685-1847 to reserve your table.*



Playing Hole #11, the secret to shooting par or better.

Start by planning your shot for the hole prior to arriving to the tee box. By doing this, you take out many of the thoughts that can add unwanted stress in your swing. Try going through these thought processes:

- Pin Location—right, middle or left - there really isn't much of a front, middle or back on this green. If the PIN location is LEFT, expect a longer putt than normal because this is a "No Go" zone. The chances of stopping your approach shots on the left side of the green are slim to none, so start the hole by hitting to the top right of the split fairway. This will give you the best chance of "seeing" the whole green and landing spots for your second shot. Make sure to measure your yardages at a must carry distance (3 steps on) and a too much carry distance (4 steps from the back fringe). Choose the correct club and hit to the middle of the green. This approach also works for a middle or right pin position.
- If the PIN location is in the MIDDLE or RIGHT location, feel free to hit as much club as you'd like, trying to get a bit closer to the green. You will then play to the back of green; so again find the measurement that is too much (4 steps from the back). This should work out well for you since the tendency is to come up a bit short because of the uphill incline.
- Green reading- This particular green breaks toward hole #2 and toward the front of the green from the right to middle or back of the green far left. It's a subtle break that drifts versus hard curve.

This can be a great scoring hole if planned out properly. Remember, if the PIN is left, play for the middle of the green with a layup on the right fairway.

MGA Corner

The MGA Masters was played on Saturday, April 8. We had a great group of players participate in this fun event. Mark Channels, along with his close friend and partner, Jordan Speith, shot a combined score of 139. Mark's score of 71 along with Jordan's 68 edged out Steve Vann Oss and his PGA partner Brooks Koepka by one shot. There was tie for 3rd with the team of Bob Steffaro & Master Champ Sergio Garcia and Art Zavala & Ryan Moore. Sergio may have picked up a green jacket in Augusta, but when paired with Bob Steffaro, it only got you to 3rd. Alan Mason took home the hard luck award for his decision to change his PGA player for the event. He drew a PGA player he did not know, so he asked to switch to a player he was more familiar with to help his chance of winning. Unfortunately for Alan, had he stayed with his original choice he would have tied for 2nd instead of finishing farther down in the field. So goes life on the PGA & MGA tours. We would like to thank everyone for making the MGA Masters a great event.



Please remember to sign up for the May event which is The Texas Star 20th Anniversary Golf Classic. This is a 4-person scramble event. Players will be able to make their own teams or be placed on open teams. Contact the golf shop for the details and to sign up for this event.

## *Superintendent's Soapbox...by Scott Boven*



May is always a very exciting time for golf in North Texas. The mild weather conditions provide us with the delight of being outside. It is also a time to enjoy the fairways and rough turning from brown to an emerald green. With these changes in the course, along with a couple of local PGA events, what golfer wouldn't be excited? This year there is even more to celebrate; your Texas Star's twenty year anniversary! Its times like this we all like to reminisce about the old days.

Although I was not with Texas Star on opening day, I have been here since 1999 and have seen lots of big changes since the course first opened. Almost the entire clubhouse grounds have been revamped and the conference center building itself remodeled and expanded. We have gone from cart path only four days a week to open cart traffic all seven days, which I know every golfer is happy about. I bet many of you don't remember that for several years, the entire course was even closed on Tuesdays to provide a day for maintenance. Foot tall Buffalo grass on berms was mellowed to an inch and quarter Bermuda to improve playability. The majority of Hurricane Creek has been protected with a bag wall in order to reduce slope loss, as well as help reduce flooding occurrences. A four-lane highway was constructed through the middle of the property and a strip of housing now borders two holes that were once wooded areas. Our carts now have GPS, providing you the distances to greens and hazards on the screen instead of having to walk off yardages from limited markers.

One of the biggest changes and improvements was the conversion of our greens from Bentgrass to a more consistent surface of Mini Verde Bermuda grass. Our bunkers were renovated as well; rebuilt with new lining and filled with crushed quartz sand instead of the muck and rocks that we had dealt with for years. These are just the major changes that directly affected the maintenance crew. The one thing that has never changed is our commitment to produce a championship-quality golf course for our members, citizens and other guests. I am very proud to speak for the entire maintenance staff when I say that we feel we have accomplished this for the last twenty years and look forward to many more years.

Thank you again for your continued support of the necessary maintenance practices that are performed in order to produce these results over the years. Hope you come celebrate this milestone with us during this month of celebration.



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Join us for Happy Hour on the Raven's Grille patio, offering special appetizers and drink pricing from 5:00 pm 7:00 pm, on Friday's during the month of May.

Celebrate Cinco Da Mayo on the patio with us. We will have specials on margaritas, Mexican beers and nachos. Come by for the fun from 5:00 pm 7:00 pm.

*Memorial Day, May 29 the Golf Shop and Raven's Grille will close at 6:00pm.*





**Mondays**

California BLT Wrap - \$6.95  
 Soup: Tomato Basil

**Tuesdays**

\$5.00 Texas Star Burger  
 Soup: Broccoli Cheese

**Wednesdays**

Beef Taco Salad – \$7.95  
 Soup: Corn Chowder

**Thursdays**

Enchiladas —\$7.95  
 Soup: Fire Roasted Vegetable

**Fridays**

Fajita Steak Ranchero – \$8.95  
 Soup – Chicken & Wild Rice

**Dessert**

Blackberry Cobbler  
 with Ice Cream

*New Members*

Jan Aderholt  
 Chuck Barnett  
 Gary Breakall  
 Nancy Cole  
 Jason Christian  
 Mike Gaddis  
 Hal Johnson

Johnny Kelly  
 Kenneth Kilpatrick  
 Michael Mutti  
 Israel Riemer  
 Scott Sigman  
 Kyle Tran

*May Member Birthdays*

Ronald Adams  
 Boyd Barnes  
 Michael Brunn  
 Charles Busey  
 Pete Campbell  
 Mike Dobbs  
 Richard Farco  
 Chuck Foust  
 Chris Fry  
 Byron Gotti

Johnny Kelley  
 Mark Levy  
 Todd Phillips  
 Zach Rezentes  
 Kirk Shankle  
 Chad Sullivan  
 Jordy Vetter  
 Jeff Wilson  
 Roland Zarate

**Special Events**

May 12

Texas Star 20th  
 Anniversary Dinner

May 13

Texas Star 20 Yr. Anniversary  
 Member Tournament

May 14

Mother's Day Brunch

June 9

Fin City / Jimmy  
 Buffett Tribute Band

June 10

MGA  
 US Open 2 Man

July 8

TMGA  
 The Open R/W/B

August 12

MGA  
 PGA Championship



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