



*August - September 2009*

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# Onion Creek Club

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## *Labor Day Golf and Tennis Mixer Buffet*

**Monday, September 7**

**Barbeque Buffet**

**Mixed Garden Salad with Cucumbers, Tomatoes,**

**Croutons and Ranch Salad Dressing**

**Mesquite Smoked Brisket, Sausage and**

**BBQ Chicken with Homemade Sauce**

**Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw**

**Homemade Rolls**


**Cobbler**

**\$15.95pp++**

**Kids under 10 eat free**

**Clubhouse Closed on Tuesday, September 8th**

**Starting September 9th, the pool will only be open on weekends**

*The Dominion*  *Golf Group*

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## From the Manager ...

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*David K. Woods, General Manager*

As we pass the halfway point of 2009 I would like to take a minute and provide you with update of how your Club is doing through the first six months of 2009. As we know the economic strains have caused all of us to reassess our financial decisions and make some decisions that will affect our daily lifestyle. At Onion Creek we too have had difficult decisions in how and when we deploy our available resources, mainly money and manpower. In turn, you as Members have shown through your continued support of the Club that your desire to entertain your family and friends remain strong. With this partnership we are certain we both are in this for the long haul. Please keep in mind how fortunate we are; when private Clubs across the country are closing their doors; the current estimate is 20% of Clubs will be forced to close during the year, Onion Creek has held its own. The Club has weathered these turbulent times better than expected. I am happy and proud, to report that the Club has exceeded our overall financial projections through the first six months of the year. Our Membership, although behind our initial projections, has held its own and is remaining steady. Our aggressive Membership programming has shown some positive results however we still have a ways to go as the current results still have us slightly below projections. Our golf usage has dipped below our prior year performance and presents the biggest opportunity for improvement. With Golf 512 only representing only 4% of our play there remains ample tee time for our Members and their guests. Creative and affordable guest fee specials are available at all times for Members to show off their Club by entertaining their friends and show off their course. Our food and beverage offerings with Chicken Night, Sunset Menu and monthly specials continue to be popular with all age groups. Increased Fitness programming and the addition of a new Tennis Professional complete the full service Private Club experience. Club usage is the best way to offset the ever increasing expenses it has to maintain staffing levels, hours of operation and the daily upkeep of facilities. There is no better time to utilize your Club.

In the past six months the Club has been able to invest over \$420,000 in capital improvements such as new pool furniture, new golf course irrigation pump and main clubhouse HVAC systems in addition to a new 70 car fleet of Yamaha golf carts. These decisions were made with the criteria of maintaining the integrity of the facilities, ensure the safety of our employees, Members and their guests and continue to provide quality services which in turn adds value to your Membership .

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce an initiative designed to compile input regarding Members thoughts and ideas regarding your Club through a formal Club survey. This

survey is in direct response to many Members who have taken the time to forward their thoughts and comments to the Club in all phases of our operation. The survey will be administered through a third party with three goals in mind.

- 1- Contact each Member electronically to obtain accurate feedback regarding current operations, desired programming and how to position the Club for future success
- 2- Utilize the data received to make a choice of judgment based on specific evidence and in turn assign a value to the different choices as to being the most reasonable or appropriate
- 3- Generate relationships based on these decisions that will strengthen the Clubs positioning in the community and ensure long term success.

We are excited about the implementation of this process and encourage each and every one of you to participate in an honest straightforward manner; identifying not only the positives you have with the Club but the realistic opportunities you feel are necessary for success. Our goal is to have this survey available by email by this September. If we do not have your current email address please help us out by calling the Club or dropping the information by the next time you are on site. Keep in mind a survey is only as good as the participation it generates. We are looking forward to this important project; thank you in advance for your preparation in assisting us by your participation and completion of the survey.

## Membership News

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*Nicole Basey, Membership Director*

I hope everyone is enjoying these great summer months and the activities around the club and are looking forward to our upcoming Ladies Only Night, Steaks & Stogies, Chef Rigo's Cooking Class, the annual Labor Day Celebration, plus our various Golf Tournaments and Tennis Leagues. The Club has so much to offer at all times and I invite all Members to bring friends and neighbors to the Club for a tour of our beautiful facilities. Feel free to show off the Club's lifestyle and its privileges you love best about Onion Creek. While they are here, I would love to be introduced to your friends and neighbors – introducing new people to this great Club is my favorite part of what I do! They may just decide to join the Club and become a part of what we all know to be the best of South Austin! Watch for details of our upcoming referral programs and also upgrade opportunities. If you have someone in mind for Membership, there is no better time than now, and this is a fantastic time to upgrade to a Golf Membership if you have been thinking of doing so.

I look forward to the rest of this fun-filled summer season at the Club with you all!



## Events & Catering

*Darleen Motley, Events & Catering Director*

Now that I have been in the position of Events and Catering Director for over three months, I am excited for all of us going forward. If you have an idea for an event, please feel free to share and I will do my best to make it happen. You can contact me by phone 512-383-2005 or email [dmotley@onioncreekclub.com](mailto:dmotley@onioncreekclub.com). Remember to keep our club in mind for hosting your important events no matter what the size.

With the Fall weather approaching soon (hopefully), we all get excited about outdoor events. My role is to communicate with you on your requests and to organize all aspects.

Remember, chef and staff can create innovative dishes to go along with your event and all of us are committed to your memorable experience.

So, with all of that in mind, be on the look out for all the fun events planned for Labor Day, a Beer Dinner, Jazz Brunch, Style shows, Fall festivities and so much more.

Ideas are always abounding...

## Upcoming Events

**HOT AND TIRED? Join us as we say goodbye to summer!**

### Sunset Menu

*Wednesday's and Thursday's*

*5pm to 7pm*

*Demaret Room*

Member popular, this menu gains in popularity each week. Join us for your choice of Grilled Salmon, Pecan Crusted Chicken, Sunset Beef Medallions and Sunset Pecan Ball all for \$9.00pp++.

## Chicken Night Every Tuesday Night

*Main Dining Room*

*6pm to 9pm*

*\$9.95pp++*

Traditions are hard to break and Chicken Night is no exception, come out to our Ever Member popular event every Tuesday.

## Ladies Only Night- Bringing it Inside

*The first Tuesday of every month*

*Tuesday, August 4th and September 1st*

*5pm to 8pm*

*19th Hole*

August – Meet and Martini, check out the new rave, The Blue Thong Society, move over Red Hat

Society...who is The Blue Thong Society??? Smart and sassy women who have blazed new trails and broken the molds since birth...they are the hottest thing round...come check it out...Blue Martini drink specials and more.



September – Get ahead on Fall's Fashions and Accessories with our own Onion Creek Salon presenting all the new fashions ahead for cooler times.

## Harvest of the Sea - Seafood Buffet

*Saturday, August 8th*

*Main Dining Room*

*6pm to 9pm*

Five composed salads with Romaine House salads (coleslaw, mixed vegetable, mac salad, carrot raisin and mixed fruit salad, sushi rolls) Peel and eat shrimp station with raw oysters and crab claws with lemons, horseradish and cocktail sauce, Cajun rice and steamed baby red potatoes, Corn on the cob, New England clam chowder, Stuffed blue crabs with a Creole cream sauce, blackened salmon chive butter, grilled scallops chipotle mango salsa and fried cod Tabasco tartar, Full dessert bar  
**\$29.95pp++ and \$13.95 Children 5 to 12**





## Night In Tuscany

Friday, August 14th

Main Dining Room

\$13.95pp++

Kids under 10 eat free

6pm to 8pm

Come and enjoy a taste of Italy with personalized pasta dishes and Chef's new Italian features. Sizzling entrees, Pizza and a kid's buffet make this night a fantastic evening out for the entire family.

## Pot O'Gold

Tuesday, August 18th and September 15th

Main Dining Room

\$9.95++ per person

\$5.95++ for children 5-12 years

The Pot is up to \$150.00. Don't miss out on your chance to be the next lucky winner! Remember you must be present to win. Make your reservations today for this month's Chicken Night!

## Steaks and Stogies

Thursday, August 20th and September 24th

6pm to 9pm

\$19.95pp++

Enjoy delicious grilled steaks on the Terrace Patio along with Single Barrel Bourbon for your tasting.

## Jazz Brunch

Sunday, August 23rd

10am to 2pm \$21.95pp++

Join us for a very special Sunday Brunch filled with the sounds of Jazz and a fabulous array of breakfast items on our buffet.



## Cooking Class

Wednesday, August 26th

Cajun Cooking Class, Main Dining Room

6pm to 8pm, \$27.95pp++

Get ready for Gumbo weather with Chef Rigo's spicy Cajun recipes, these classes always fill up fast so RSVP soon. Learn some spicy recipes for Crawfish etouffe, Red Fish Ponchatrain, Red Beans and Rice and more...



## Hamburgers All Day Sunday

Throughout the Club

\$5.00

## Prime Rib Night

Saturday, August 29th and September 26th

6pm to 9pm, Demaret Grille

Plated Prime Rib:

10oz Petite Cut - \$14.95++ 16oz Regular Cut - \$18.95++

Join us for these member favorite dining events. Prime Rib Night is held the last Saturday of every month. Includes Prime Rib, topped with Yorkshire pudding, extensive salad bar, bread, potatoes and seasonal veggies. This event fills up fast, so make your reservations today!

## Shiner Bock Beer Dinner

Saturday, September 12th

6pm to 8pm \$28.00pp++

From its earliest time under the Shiner Brewing Association in 1909, to that fateful day in 1914 when Kosmos Spoetzi saw an opportunity to bring classic Bavarian brewing traditions to his fellow immigrants through the "Great Experiment" of Prohibition and Great Depression, the "Little Brewery" has stuck to what they know the best- handcrafting the finest beer! Tucked away in the scenic Texas Hill Country between Houston and San Antonio, Spoetzi Brewery is the heart of Shiner. Join us for a Shiner Bock Dinner where dinner will be coursed and paired with a Beer.



*1st Course:* Garlic Sausage and Provolone Cheese stuffed Portobello Mushroom.

**Beer served:** Shiner Hefeweizen.

*2nd Course:* Grilled Tomato Gazpacho with Micro Arugula.  
**Beer served:** Shiner Smokehouse.

*3rd Course:* Smoked Beef Medallion with Gorgonzola Cream Sauce and Grilled Ratatouille.  
**Beer served:** Shiner 100 Commemorator

*4th Course:* Blueberry Bock Pie with Cornmeal Crust.  
**Beer served:** Shiner Bock

## Fiesta Chicken Night

Tuesday, September 15th

MDR \$9.95pp++

September is National Hispanic Month, come celebrate a special Chicken Night with spice and fun at Fiesta Chicken Night.

## Latin Cuisine Buffet

Saturday, September 19th 6pm to 9pm., MDR

Aztec Salad bar with Roasted corn and peppers, cilantro vinaigrette, Jicama Stuffed Chili Rellenos, Arroz con Pollo, Carne Quesada, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Stewed Squash, Salsa Station, Homemade Corn and Flour Tortillas, Tres Leches cake for dessert

\$19.95pp++ / \$9.95 for children 5 to 10



## *Golf Shop News*

*Kevin Batton, PGA Head Golf Professional*

Summer is halfway through and what a fun but Hot one we have had. There are many exciting activities that go on around the club, so make sure you stay tuned in to the weekly email golf blast "Golfin' at the Onion." Stay Cool and Hit'em straight!

## *Golf Course Maintenance*

*Michael Moore, Golf Course Superintendent*

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, and is finding a way to beat the heat. We are doing the best we can down here in Golf Course Maintenance to beat the heat as well. We have moved up our starting time to 5:00 AM for the rest of the summer, to try and get as much done as possible before it is too hot. I want to apologize to you that live on the course that have to be woken up each morning to the sound of our machines, however we are trying to keep our guys out of the heat as much as possible to avoid any injuries.

On a different note, I would like to follow up with our drought conditions. I hope by the time you receive this letter that we will have received several rains to help these issue out, however it will take quite a bit of rain to pull us out of this. As mentioned in the e-blast I sent out several weeks ago, we have a very low supply of water. We have been forced to limit our watering to greens, tees, and fairways. By now, you will see the rough will be very off color and more than likely dead in several areas on the course. We will be doing all we can to conserve our water and use it as wisely as possible. We do ask you to continue to obey all the cart traffic rules on the course so that we do not add any extra stress to these areas. It is very important that even when we are off the cart path that we avoid driving through any of these dry thin areas. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their support as we fight through these hot dry days.

### *Upcoming Aug. - Sept. Golf Events*

NGA Hooters Tour Event	August 1 and 2
WGA Play Day	August 4, 11, 18, 25 September 1, 9, 22, 29
Sunday Swingers	August 9, 16, 23, 30 September 6, 13, 20, 27
WGA Sat Play	August 8 and 29 September 5 and 26
WGA Onion Creek Cup	August 15 and 16
MGA W. Connolly Team Match Play	August 22 and 23
Labor Day Golf Tournament	September 7
Course Closed	September 8
MGA Fall Classic	September 12
WGA Championship	September 15 thru 18
WGA Sat Championship	September 19 and 20

Don't forget the Golf Shop and take care of all of your golfing needs from merchandise, clubfitting and repair, to fine tuning your golf game with our excellent Teaching Instructor, Lonny Alexander.



## Green Committee

John Nolan

The OCC Green Committee convened its July 14 meeting with members: Becky Marshall, Tom Collins, Bob Baeumel and John Nolan; and Club Manager David Woods, Golf Professional Kevin Bratton and Course Superintendent Michael Moore in attendance. Needless to say, the initial focus of the discussion concerned water, the lack thereof and its many consequences affecting course management. The job that Michael has done in keeping our 27 holes in the condition they enjoy in spite of record heat and drought has been extraordinary and merits congratulations from all Club members. As if Mother Nature's neglect of precipitation has not been bad enough, our Club also suffered the loss and consequent need for replacement of one of the pumps at the Aquifer well, the rupture of a water line twenty feet below the surface and other water line problems around the courses!

As usual, bunkers' conditions, particularly the condition of the sand or its absence, made for lively discussion with probably the sagest comment offered by one of the attendees who noted that bunkers are meant to penalize those whose errant shots find their way therein. One saving grace from the drought, though, is that during the past several weeks Michael's crew has been able to use the time to work on a few bunkers, now that there's not as much grass to be mowed. That's really making lemonade out of the lemon.

A very positive discussion and, hopefully perhaps a productive one, addressed the issue of the number of trees that have been lost on the Original Course over the Club's lifetime and the consequent effect that has had on the character of those holes. Also, the character of some other Original holes could be compromised if certain trees still standing were lost to disease, lightning et cetera. A subcommittee chaired by Bob Baeumel and including Kevin Batton and Michael Moore will be studying this issue and reporting their findings to the full Committee at its September meeting.

In the meantime, keep praying or tribal dancing or whatever else you can do to get us some rain. We would even take a flood, provided it's a very little flood!

## MGA News

David Boyle

It's the halfway point of the MGA season and we have completed six of our tournaments. The highlights of the Tournament season, to-date, are the following:

- Leaders of the "hard-core" golfers of the year are the following 10 golfers who have played in every Tournament so far:

- Jim Alston
- Brice Custer
- Andy Devilling
- Gary Gant
- Hank Lewandowski
- Rob Marchese
- Mike O'Brien
- Paul Romero
- Peter Viliesis
- Steve Zoromsky

- Another 23 golfers have participated in 5 of the 6 Tournaments so congratulations and thanks to these 33 who have been continuous supporters of the MGA Tournament program

- The leaders of the Golfer of the Year Competition at the halfway point (including the results of the recent Club Championship) are:

- Brice Custer – 38 points
- Andy Devilling - 35 points
- Rob Marchese – 32 points
- Peter Viliesis – 32 points
- Todd Kernaghan – 30 points
- Another 15 golfers are just behind these top 5 with GOY point totals in the 20's

- We have 6 more Tournaments to play this year so there are plenty more opportunities to have a good time, get some great competition, and earn GOY points to move up the GOY leader board.

The upcoming Tournament schedule includes: Legends Tournament on July 25-includes breakfast, Willard Connolly Team Match Play on August 22 & 23, and Fall Classic on September 12 (looks like an MGA/WGA Tournament event)- includes lunch.

Lastly, congratulations to the Overall Winners in the Club Championships:

- Overall Men's Champion      Todd Kernaghan
- Overall Senior Champion      Jeff Opheim
- Overall Women's Champion      Becky Marshall

And don't forget to volunteer, watch and enjoy the upcoming Hooter's Tournament at OCC...July 30, 31 and August 1,2!



## OCCLA News

Ramona Schiraldi

### Board Meeting

August 5 @ 9:30 am, LLR  
September 2 @9:30 am, LLR

### Ladies Bunko

6:45 pm – 19th Hole  
August 12  
September 9  
Bring 10 one dollar bills.



### Evening Book Club

6:45 pm @ 19th Hole  
August 26 - THE ZOO KEEPER'S WIFE by Diane Ackerman  
September 30

### Luncheon and Fashion Show

Thursday, September 17, 11:30 am, \$14.95++

The 2009-2010 year will begin with a fashion show by Two P's and Callie's Boutique from San Marcos.



Lunch Menu: French onion soup with parmesan baguette; fire grilled beef medallions on a bed of fall mixed greens with roasted garlic balsamic dressing; artichoke pita bread; vanilla ice cream ball rolled in nuts topped with chocolate sauce.

The Club does not take reservations or cancellations for OCCLA Luncheons. Reservations are required and must be made or cancelled by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, September 15. Please call Carmen Chesney 282-3687, Marion Locke 280-6538; or Ginny McCandless 282-4342.

Those who wish to be on the Permanent Reservations List, add a guest or cancel should call Gloria Hunter 282-6333 or Rita Romero 350-0260. Reservations made but not kept or cancelled will be charged to the member.

*Mark your calendar now for the Artisan's Showcase on October 15.*

## Bridge Association News

Suzanne Schoeppe

### Event Winners

#### May 7 -Day Party

- 1st Eloise Godfrey
- 2nd Monna Straw
- 3rd Mary Boren

#### May 28- Day Party

- 1st Eloise Godfrey
- 2nd Madeleine Houze

#### June 4-Day Party

- 1st Loma Warren
- 2nd Andy Brown
- 3rd Madeleine Houze

#### June 25- Day Party

- 1st Andy Brown
- 2nd Kay Zunker

#### July 2- Day Party

- 1st Andy Brown
- 2nd Anita Ross

#### May 12- Evening Party

- 1st Shirley Holland and Loma Warren
- 2nd David Boyle and Logan Jenkins

#### May 19- Evening Duplicate

- Tied  
Shirley Holland and Loma Warren  
Carolyn Gary and Myrna Longenecker

#### June 16- Evening Duplicate

- 3 way tie  
Gail Gant, Madeleine Houze and Myrna Longenecker

#### July 9-Day Duplicate

- 1st Andy Brown and Sue Powers
- 2nd Ruth Stark and Carolyn Gary ties with Shirley Holland and Loma Warren

The great news this summer is that you can always play bridge in the heat. We still have room for more players so please come out on the 2nd Thursday for Day Duplicate, 3rd Tuesday for Evening Duplicate, Evening Party is 2nd Tuesday and Day Party is 1st and 4th Thursdays. The organizers for these groups would like to make sure they have full tables so check your Bridge Directory if you have any questions give them a call. They'd love to hear from you.

We do have a new member please welcome Richard (Dick) Matteson, call and ask him to play at 282-9898.

Our next Bridge Event is July 30th at 11:30 reservations to be called into Pat Uhls 282-4544 or Sally Vaughn 292-0982.



## Court Report

Tres Davis, Director of Tennis

Hello Onion Creek Members! I am excited to be your new Director of Tennis and looking forward to getting to know all of you. During my first week at the club we had over 100 members out for Meet the Pro Night and our Fourth of July Mixer. It is very encouraging and exciting to see so many people having a blast out at the tennis courts.

As I write this our July League is in full swing with about 16 players for both Tuesday and Wednesday evening. That is a pretty solid number considering how hot it has been this summer. The August League sessions will start August 4th and 5th and I am expecting to have a full 24 players on both nights! The fee for the three week summer league sessions is \$25 which includes new balls and a free drink every night that you play. The winners will also have an awesome selection of prizes to choose from! The first 16 players that sign up for the August League will be entered into a drawing with a chance to win a free league session and some free clinics!

Coach Joe has been running the all-sports kids camps and doing a great job! The kids had tons of fun and we are looking forward to getting all of them back out playing tennis in our junior programs this fall! Please call the pro shop for details of our fall junior programs.

We have added a couple of new clinic times to help accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Here is a quick overview of our Weekly Summer Clinic Schedule:

Tuesday:	6pm-7pm	Drop-In Clinic \$15
Wednesday:	6pm- 7pm	Drop-In Clinic \$15
Thursday:	6:30-8:00pm	Drop-In Clinic \$20
Saturday:	9:30-10:30	Cardio Tennis
Saturday:	10:30- 11:30	LiveBall Tennis Clinic

The OCCTA is having multiple meetings this month. I will be working with them on planning August/September mixers and events. We will notify you by email as soon as we lock down all the details.

See you on the courts.

## Fitness News

Dawn Mallory, Fitness Director



**Question:** How does a fish swim without arms or legs?

**Answer:** They use their CORE muscles.

The same holds true in a human muscle structure. Building strength in core muscles increases overall balance, control and coordination in daily functions required of the body. The core should be seen as a three dimensional (3D) part of the body rather than a flat television screen. (Remember the fish!) The lateral sides and back of the core are often overlooked and should get just as much attention as their abdominal *friends* who get all the attention.

To increase strength in the 3D core, it must be challenged to improve and grow strong. Doing exercises such as balancing on one foot or trunk extensions lying on a mat are good ways to get started. To add core challenges to an existing exercise program, incorporate the swiss ball as a bench to engage the core muscles while performing another exercise. A more focused and concentrated form of exercise to increase strength in the core and an option at Onion Creek Club, is Pilates exercises. (Mat work or Pilates Reformers)

Pilates teaches the body to be strong and more efficient from the inside (core) out to the limbs of the body (arms and legs). Connecting mind to muscles and learning how this well defined machine called the human body is suppose to function is fascinating. "Mind to body" will not happen overnight and is quite a process which requires hard work and dedication. Pilates will aid in this process and teach individuals this important connection between the muscles and the mind. (Neuromuscular pathways...)

Always remember muscles are designed to work, learn and perform what they are taught. If a muscle is taught to live a sedentary life, it will. If muscles are taught to swim like a fish, it will. If it is taught to swing a golf club properly, it will, as long as it is taught this movement, *properly*. Whatever choice of core training is used, don't forget to workout the entire core...360 degrees, not just the abdominals with crunches.

For ideas or added instruction, Onion Creek Club offers core and flexibility classes on Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 am as well as Pilates mat classes Thursday at 10:15 am. These classes are taught in the 19th hole in the main clubhouse. Private sessions are also available by appointment.

\*\* Be looking for PILATES GROUP REFORMER classes in the fall at OCC. (3-4 participants/class)



## Arts & Literary Club

Joan Coyle

Friday, September 11, 2009

We begin our 2009-2010 season with guest speaker, **Barbara Youngblood Carr**, a talented Austin lady of many interests and accomplishments. Ms. Carr, an award-winning author, story-teller, humorist, musician, and editor, had her first publication—a book of poetry—at the age of sixteen followed by another twelve books of poetry, prose, and short stories through the years based on her native American Cherokee heritage and Texan, southern and southwestern upbringing. During our meeting she will acquaint us with her sixth book in her Ancestor Series: **Where Rivers Dance Across Stones**.

For fifteen years Ms. Carr has served once a month as host of Borders-on-the-Words poetry venue and facilitated creative writing workshops for bookstores, schools, universities, and retirement centers, as well as serving on the Austin Commission of Arts, and for sixteen years, serving as a board member of the Austin International Poetry Festival which annually occurs in April. In addition, in Washington, D. C. she had the honor of being appointed National Poet Laureate for the Military Order of the Purple Heart in 2005-2008, followed by the Distinguished Service Award from the National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in 2008. Currently, she is working on her seventh book in the Ancestor Series: **Whispers In The Wind**.

Our group welcomes spouses, guests, and prospective members. Monthly meetings, on the second Friday, September through May, are in the Main Dining Room: social hour at 10 a.m. followed by 10:30 a.m. program and optional lunch in the Demaret Grille. Annual dues: \$25 (individual); \$30 (couple). Please call Marion Komnick, 282-7099, for any further information.



## Audubon Project Update

Pete League

We are about ready to begin submitting paperwork to Audubon International stating that we have achieved certain goals and have completed projects pertaining to wildlife and habitat management. These are simple goals and include:

1. **Expanding our knowledge of the plants, wildlife species, and habitats found on our golf course property.** Lynn League has done a great job in identifying the plants, shrubs, trees, and grasses, both native and non-native. Pat Young has developed an inventory of the wildlife that has been reported to her by our members (see the bulletin board in the OCC clubhouse), but this is an ongoing effort and she continues to need your help. While you may think it is redundant, please continue to contact Pat with ANY sightings of wildlife. Tootie Boswell's bird inventory continues to grow with almost 90 species having been sighted on OCC property!!! Keep those sightings coming to Tootie please.
2. **Improving minimally used and landscaped areas to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species.** We will be expanding natural habitat areas on Hole Number 9 Original and Hole #12 North during the coming months. This will have little, if any, effect on play and will provide additional natural habitat acreage. As previously reported, we have built and installed 27 bluebird nesting boxes throughout the property.
3. **Helping to preserve the biological diversity of our property by protecting existing native habitats and species, and landscaping with indigenous (native) plants.** This involves, in part, identifying natural habitat areas with appropriate signage and educational efforts to ensure we don't intrude into those areas.

In addition to our wildlife and habitat management efforts, we are identifying and addressing goals relative to **chemical use reduction and safety**, as well as **water conservation** issues. More on this in the coming months.



## WGA News

Susan Ivy

Summer was in full swing with the first annual Onion Creek "Golf Gals" float. **Diana Barnard, Sheila Mustin, Katie Smith, Phyllis Stolp, Jennifer Duffy, Jill Brown, JoAnn Nettles, Mary Jane Caudill and Carol Kloc** braved the heat to construct and ride down the parade route sending cheers to the fans!

On June 25th the Onion Creek WGA hosted a record number of women for **Austin City Play**. The day was super successful due to the tireless organization of Carol Little. City Play in August is at Balcones-Spicewood Country Club on the 27th and the fee is \$38.00. Sign-up is in the Ladies locker-room.

A reminder to everyone that the **Austin Women's 63rd Annual City Play Championship Tournament** is on September 22-25, 2009. Information will be in the Ladies locker-room.

WGA members came out to host girls from the **First Tee of Austin**. We drove them on the course, added a few pointers and generally had a fun-filled time. The pizza party was a great way to top off the event. Join in next summer!

August and September bring us two of our most popular and challenging tournaments:

The **Onion Creek Cup** is our very own Ryder Cup challenge. It's to be played on Sat. August 15 and Sun. 16, 18 holes each.. The first nine on Saturday is Select Drive and the second is Four Ball Match Play. The first nine holes on Sun. is Alternate Shot and the second nine is Individual Match Play. There's a format to please everyone!

The cost of the two-day event is \$10. Please send your check to Mary Lou Bledsoe or leave it in the Pro-Shop for her. Sign up in the ladies locker room. Fees go to cover the Pairing Party on Friday night at the home of Jody Gratz. At that time you'll find out which team will take you on to victory, Red or Blue! Be there for the fun and the goodies. This is a pre-tournament party you won't want to miss. **GO TEAM!**

The Awards luncheon at the club on Sunday after the tournament is not covered in the tournament fee. We are working for a record number of participants and hope that all WGA players will take part. Please contact Jody Gratz at [jodygratz@gmail.com](mailto:jodygratz@gmail.com) or Mary Lou Bledsoe at [mlbledsoe@austin.rr.com](mailto:mlbledsoe@austin.rr.com) with any questions. It's going to be a great tournament!

Next up, is the **WGA Championship** for the coveted titles and the Onion Creek logo pendants!

The tournament is scheduled for September 15, 16 and 18 for Tuesday players and September 19 and 20 for Saturday players.

The Champion Flight will play a total of 54-holes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The other flights will play a total of 36-holes on Tuesday and Friday of that week.

For the 9-hole players it is an 18-hole event; 9-holes each on Tuesday and Friday.

Prizes will be awarded to the overall Champion and to Low Gross and Low Net Winners in each flight!

There is no tournament entry fee except for your cart costs.

Sign-up **deadline is September 8, 2009.**

Two wonderful awards luncheons are planned following play on Friday for the Tuesday league and on Sunday following the Saturday players' round. Contact tournament chairs Barbara Miles or Pat Uhls with any questions.

A big shout out goes to **Bonnie Cone**, self-proclaimed novice golfer who made a **HOLE in ONE** on the 4th of July, #2 Original. Way to Go!

Be sure to watch for WGA announcements on the ladies locker room bulletin board and in the kiosk in front of the Pro-Shop.

### Are you receiving Email Blast from the Club?

If not, make sure to send your email address to Nicole Basey at [nbasey@onioncreekclub.com](mailto:nbasey@onioncreekclub.com)! Email is a great way to stay connected on Upcoming Events around the Club!

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# AUGUST 2009

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 NGA Hooter Tour Event
2 NGA Hooter Tour Event Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	3 Course Open for All DGG Members	4 Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR Ladies Only Night 5-8 p.m., 19th Hole WGA Play Day	5 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room OCCLA Board Meeting 9:30a.m., LLR	6 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room Day Party Bridge	7	8 Seafood Buffet 6-9 p.m., MDR WGA Sat Play
9 Sunday Swingers Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	10 Course Open for All DGG Members	11 Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR Evening Party Bridge WGA Play Day	12 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room Ladies Bunko 6:45 p.m., 19th Hole	13 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room Day Duplicate Bridge	14 Night in Tuscany 6-8 p.m., MDR	15 WGA Onion Creek Cup
16 Sunday Swingers WGA Onion Creek Cup Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	17 Club Closed	18 Pot O' Gold Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR Evening Duplicate Bridge WGA Play Day	19 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room	20 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room Steaks & Stogies 6-9p.m., Terrace Patio	21	22 MGA W. Connolly Match Play
23 Jazz Brunch 10a.m.-2p.m. Sunday Swingers MGA W. Connolly Match Play Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	24 Club Closed	25 Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR WGA Play Day	26 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room Cajun Cooking Class 6-8 p.m., MDR Evening Book Club 6:45 p.m., 19th Hole	27 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room Day Party Bridge	28	29 Prime Rib Night 6-9 p.m., Demaret Grille WGA Sat Play
30 Sunday Swingers Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	31 Club Closed					

# SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR  Ladies Only Night 5-8 p.m., 19th Hole  WGA Play Day	2 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  OCCLA Board Meeting 9:30 a.m., LLR	3 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  Day Party Bridge	4	5 WGA Sat Play
6 Sunday Swingers  Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	7 Labor Day Golf/Tennis Barbeque Buffet  Labor Day Golf Tournament	8 <i>Club Closed</i>	9 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  Ladies Bunko 6:45 p.m., 19th Hole  WGA Play Day	10 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  Day Duplicate Bridge	11	12 Shiner Bock Beer Dinner 6-8 p.m., MDR  MGA Fall Classic
13 Sunday Swingers  Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	14 <i>Club Closed</i>	15 Pot O'Gold  Fiesta Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR  Evening Duplicate Bridge  WGA Championship	16 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  WGA Championship	17 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  Luncheon & Fashion Show  WGA Championship	18 WGA Championship	19 Latin Cuisine Buffet  WGA Sat Championship
20 Sunday Swingers  WGA Sat Championship  Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	21 <i>Club Closed</i>	22 Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR  WGA Play Day	23 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room	24 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  Day Party Bridge  Steaks & Stogies 6-9 p.m., Terrace Patio	25	26 Prime Rib Night 6-9 p.m., Demaret Grille  WGA Sat Play
27 Sunday Swingers  Hamburger All-Day Sunday for \$5.00	28 <i>Club Closed</i>	29 Chicken Night 6-9 p.m., MDR  WGA Play Day	30 Sunset Menu 5-7 p.m., Demaret Room  Evening Book Club 6:45 p.m., 19th Hole			