

**MARCH 2020** 



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#### **Homestyle Brunch**

Sunday, March 8th 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Reservations Recommended 281-346-1967 Details on page 2

#### Live Music In the Courtyard

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#### St. Patrick's Day

at Waterside Grill Tuesday, March 17th Details on page 5

#### **Fried Chicken Night**

at Waterside Grill Thursday, March 26th 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

#### Waterside Grill Newly Expanded Menu

March 3rd Dine-In / Take-Out 281-346-1969 Call for Catering Services!

Like Weston Lakes Country Club on Facebook for upcoming specials and events!

## From the Club Manager



a s I'm writing this article it's hard for me to believe that spring is right around the corner. I will admit that I'm looking forward to warmer weather, green grass and leaves on the trees.

Thanks to all our members and guests who attended our annual Valentine's Dinner in February and made it another successful event. Congratulations go out to the winners of the MGA's Kickoff tournament and the SMGA's Member-Member tournament that were also held last month. Despite all the rain we've had, the golf course is holding up very well and we're looking forward to more play as the weather continues to improve.

We've got a full calendar at the club in March, starting with Trivia Night on Tuesday the 3rd. On Sunday the 8th we have our Homestyle Brunch in the ballroom, but remember to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour for the beginning of Daylight Savings time. The week of March 9th - 13th will be Spring Break for Lamar CISD, so please watch out for our neighborhood children when driving through the neighborhood or around the club. The LGA's "Pot of Gold" is on the 11th, and the MGA Member-Member is on Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd. On Tuesday, March 17th we will have an Irish lunch, dinner and drink specials in the Waterside Orill on St. Patrick's Day.

Our administration office staff is expanding, so beginning April 1, 2020 the main office will be moved to the Welcome Center at 5646 Weston Dr.

I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Misekia Dabney Club Manager





#### Management Team



### Country Club

(281) 346-1967

Misekia Dabney Club Manager

Jennifer Miles Membership Director

Katelyn Gray F & B Director / Events

> Gonzalo Martinez Executive Chef

Juan Marino Front of House Manager

Miguel Sosol Asst. Front of House Manager

Mary Donaway

Membership/Accounts Receivable

ShaRhonda Hall Accounts Payable / HR

Meagan Surface Quality Control Manager

#### Fitness Center

(281) 346-2266

Ross Kilpatrick Fitness Director

#### Golf Course (281) 346-1227

Keith Simmons Director of Golf

Shannon Donaway Golf Course Superintendent • (281) 346-1007

> Ed Marasigan Teaching Professional

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(281) 533-9108

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Front Gate Non-Visitor Issues (281) 533-0055

#### City of Weston Lakes

Mayor Ramona Neal (281) 346-1235

Barrett Shepherd Emergency Management Coordinator (281) 612-3977

Chris Jarrell Asst. Emergency Management Coordinator (832) 471-7700

## Welcome New Members

## MARCH Specials at . . .



#### **New Members**

Brett Blanchard & Lisa Guidry
Preston & Katelyn Gray
John & Dolores Haynie
Gary & Linda Janik
August & Linda Kuiper
Dante & Mary Marcuccio
Greg & Laura Mills
Jeffrey & Jennifer Murphy
Manu Sharma & Kathleen Geick

#### **New Golf Members**

Curtis Hartin
James Hill
Louis & Jeannie Messina
Austin Spurling
Mark Terry

For information on Membership or for a tour of the club, contact Jennifer Miles at jennifer@westonlakes.net or 281-346-1967 ext. 219

## Waterside Grill



Tuesday Family Night Dinner Special, children eat for \$1.

Children under 12 may order from the children's menu for \$1 with each paid adult entrée.

Wednesday \$2 Margaritas, Mojitos & Mexican Dinner

Enjoy a \$2 Mojito or Margarita on-the-rocks and a Mexican Dinner Special.

Friday & Chef's Special

Saturday From fish to lobster and all in between! Come and try our Seafood Specials!

Dinner Specials are emailed out for evening dining Friday - Saturday. If you would like to be added to our list email Katelyn@westonlakes.net

WATERSIDE GRILL NOTICE Reminder: Please watch kids while dining at the club.

# LIVE MUSIC IN THE COURTYARD

with Bryan Shayne



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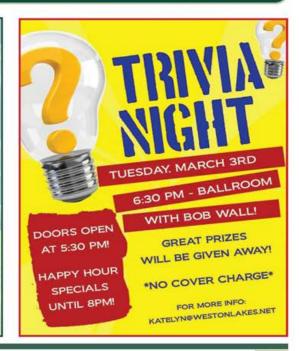
THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

WATERSIDE GRILL COURTYARD, 6:30-9 P.M.

\*HAPPY HOUR EXTENDED UNTIL 8 P.M.\*

TABLES AVAILABLE ON FIRST COME BASIS. NO RESERVATIONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 281-346-1967 OR KATELYN@WESTONLAKES.NET





## Country Club Calendar \*\*\* 2020 \*\*\*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Club Closed	Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.  Mahjong Weston Room / 1 p.m.  TRIVIA NIGHT Ballroom / 6:30 p.m.	<b>Car Club</b> Library / 6 p.m.	Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.  Poker The 19th Hole 6:30 p.m.	Rotary Club Ballroom / 8 a.m.  Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.	7
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  Homestyle Brunch  Ballroom 11 a.m 2 p.m.  *Reservations recommended*	Club Closed	Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.  Mahjong Weston Room / 1 p.m.  Private Party Library	LGA Pot of Gold GT  Bunko Library / 6 p.m.	Live Music Courtyard 6:30 p.m.	Rotary Club Ballroom / 8 a.m.	14
15	16 Club Closed	WLWA Meeting Ballroom / 10 a.m.  Mahjong Weston Room / 1 p.m.	18	Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.  POA Meeting Ballroom / 7 p.m.	Rotary Club Ballroom/8 a.m.  MGA Calcutta	MGA Member-Membe Golf Tournamen
MGA Member-Member Golf Tournament	23 Club Closed	Garden Club 24 Meeting Ballroom / 10:30 a.m. Mahjong Weston Room / 1 p.m. Weston Lakes City Meeting Ballroom / 7 p.m.	25	Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.  Fried Chicken Night Waterside Grill 5-9 p.m.	Rotary Club Ballroom / 8 a.m.  Bridge Library / 9:30 a.m.	Private Party Ballroom
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	Waterside Grill	Golf Shop	19th Hole Men's Lounge	Beverage Cart	Fitness Center	Adult Pool
Monday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Not Available	5 a.m 9 p.m.	Closed
Tuesday	11 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 6 p.m.	11 a.m 6 p.m.	Not Available	5 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 8 p.m.
Wednesday	11 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 6 p.m.	11 a.m 6 p.m.	Not Available	5 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 8 p.m.
Thursday	11 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 6 p.m.	11 a.m 6 p.m.	Not Available	5 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 8 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 6 p.m.	11 a.m 6 p.m.	Starts at 10 a.m.	5 a.m 7 p.m.	7 a.m 8 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m 9 p.m.	7 a.m 6 p.m.	11 a.m 6 p.m.	Starts at 10 a.m.	8 a.m 6 p.m.	7 a.m 8 p.m.
Sunday	7 a.m 7 p.m.	7 a.m 6 p.m.	11 a.m 6 p.m.	Starts at 10 a.m.	8 a.m 5 p.m.	7 a.m 7 p.m.

## Men's Golf Association



reetings (Howdy for Texans) from the Weston Lakes Men's Golf Association. Since I write the monthly missive, I am going to take some space. Here's a picture of my Belgian Sheepdog, Chase, checking out the golf course from her cart.



If you have interesting golf-related photos on the course, please send them to me.

For the month of January, we had very full and brilliant playdays, especially for those who won. It was just plain fun for the rest of us losers. Here are the winners:

On January 4, we held a Team Stableford event. Secret Agent Man Brad Boydston and Terry (Teradactyl) placed first with 49 points. Gary-Gary Owens and Mike (Tiny) Davenport came in second with 47 points.

The following Saturday, January 11, the game was individual stroke play and skins. Brent (B-Rent) Mattison, our illustrious MGA president, Nick (Mr. Smooth) Carlson, and Jack (Jackson) Taylor tied for first with net-74 rounds. Trent Oglesby won the most skins with three on holes 1, 3 and 16.

**January 18**, we held a four-man team game where one gross and two net scores were used. Bruce (Marlboro Man) Whitney, Dale (Dolback) Hildebrandt, Steve-o Cox and Todd (The Todd-father) Segmond won first with 8 under. Gene (Happy Camper) Cain and Richard (The Tiger) Koob had two skins apiece.

**January 25**: Individual stroke play with white and gold tee divisions and skins. Vance (Hey Ref!) Duncan won the gold tee division with a net-67. Bill Stevens and Happy Camper Cain came in second and third, respectively. Over on the white tees, Tiger Koob won first with a 67-net (and still had to go to the ATM). Gary-Gary Owens and Ray-Ray Hanagriff came in second and third, respectively. Billy Baloo Norris and Hey Ref! Duncan won two skins apiece.

Commentary – What I appreciate about the MGA: a good group of men competing against the course, their fellow members and themselves while having fun. I have learned a great deal about rules of golf, course management and better play by being a member. I have also learned the MGA is a very generous group with great members. I am honored to be a member.

If you are interested in joining the MGA, you have a couple choices: contact the MGA westonlakesMGA@gmail.com and show up at our meeting February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the club.

Jonathan Henson Secretary, WLMGA





The Country Club offices will move to the Welcome Center on April 1, 2020



## **Book Club**

Monday, March 2nd at 2 p.m. at the home of Carla Hammock • 5318 Waterbeck • (832) 278-7024

Furios Hours-Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee

by Casey Cep

Any questions about book club feel free to call Jo Gilbert 281-533-9062

### Ladies' Golf Association



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#### ope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day!

February LGA golf days have been interrupted by wet and cold weather. We are off to a slow start. We had to cancel our "beginning of the month scramble" twice. Maybe third time will be a charm!

Hopefully March will bring us better golf playing conditions especially on March 11th, when we hold our Weston Lakes Pot of Gold Invitational Tournament. We have a full playing field of 80 lady golfers. This is always a successful tournament due to the wonderful volunteers. If you are not playing and would like to help with the tournament, please contact Paula Britt. More on the success of this tournament will be in the April article.

WLLGA Match Play is underway as of February 1st. The goal is to have a winner by May 31st! Refer to the Challenge website for match information and schedule your match within two weeks or earlier. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Britt.

The 2020 Roadrunner's Interclub season is upon us. Suzanne Whitzel is our Interclub Representative. You will be receiving e-mails from her to request your participation to represent the Weston Lakes Team in the Interclub tournaments. The format of the tournament is Stableford. We would like to get 15 players each month to sign up for Team Weston Lakes. The more players we have, the greater the chance we have in placing and earning team points. Tournaments shotgun start at 9am on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning with April. Your entry fee includes breakfast, lunch, range balls, golf cart, and prizes. What a great way to play other courses, meet new ladies, and have fun.



Golf is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get... an eagle, a birdie, a par, or a miracle putt

#### The 2020 Roadrunner's Schedule is:

Pecan Grove	April 23rd
Weston Lakes	May 28th
Willow Fork	June 25th
Quail Valley	July 23rd
OPEN	August 27th
Hearthstone	September 24th
Falcon Point	October 22nd

The MGA Member/Guest tournament will be April 24th through April 26th. They will need volunteers, especially on the 26th, please let me know if you are interested.

I would like to welcome new members Jeanna Bure, Renee Cariveau, Mary Kanney, Cindy McNab, and Adri Bormans to the Weston Lakes Ladies Golf Association.

#### **March Birthdays**

Janet Bartek - March 10 Patsy Cruse - March 26 Cindy Mixon - March 27

Pat Rougeau - March 31



Some of the March Birthday Ladies

#### Coming Soon!!



## WESTON LAKERS SWIM TEAM

Returning Families Registration Opens March 2, 2020 General Registration Opens March 9, 2020

Weston Lakers Swim Team is part of the WHALE Swim League and is a Summer team with practices and swim meets throughout May & June.

Please check www.WLSwimTeam.Swimtopia.com for more details and for online registration.

Registration is open to all children ages 4 to 18. Swimmers should already be able to swim 25 meters.

Questions, please contact Amie Boster, Team President at (832) 330-6974 or gracealone6@yahoo.com

## Garden Club



y the time you see this, it will be March; however, as I write this, it's mid-February and the weather is still iffy (a technical term). My husband and I were out and about today on our continued quest for some fruit trees to plant. We are missing the big as Navel oranges Meyer lemons that we enjoyed in such profusion at our first home in Weston Lakes and decided that we needed to plant a lemon tree and throw in a couple of orange trees for good measure. The area nurseries were filled with families enjoying the mild weather and buying up the fresh, colorful offerings. March, April, May and into June are the best time for most outdoor potted plants here in Zone 9, so I like to start early. However, I have been warned by greener thumbs than mine to be patient and wait until we get a week or so into March. Although we haven't seen any real freezes yet this year, Mother Nature has tricked me before. One year I planted all the beds in my front yard with new annuals, a freeze hit, and a few hundred dollars and days of work were lost.



Speaking of the upcoming months, I need to let you know what's happening at the WL Garden Club.

You won't want to miss learning about herbs and edible flowers this month. I've always been a bit hesitant about eating flowers, so I am eager to see which ones won't send me to the emergency room!

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24:** Presentation by Jeanie Dunnihoo from the Herb Society. Jeanie Dunnihoo will give her presentation on Edible Flowers, tasting, and more.

By the time April comes around, we will need a break from learning which will take us off site for a change of scenery. How about a nice drive along a route which takes us through bluebonnet/Indian paintbrush country? Yes, our destination is not far, and it is nestled in gently rolling hills where we will visit a couple of cool venues, eat lunch, and do some antique shopping.

We also have a very different kind of outing planned for May. Not to worry, it's nothing dangerous or illegal! However, it's close by yet many people have never heard of it, much less been there. I hope that I have piqued your curiosity and that you will come and get more details and sign up for our outings at our meeting this month. Our day trips are a great way to get out and enjoy some spring weather and go to interesting places off the beaten path. I love it because I get to know people better in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. You won't want to miss out!

#### Terri Oliver

WLGC Corresponding Secretary

### City of Weston Lakes



#### Mayor's Comments ello Neighbors,

We are all grateful to see the work on 1093 coming to a close. As we see an influx of people moving to this area, transportation and road development will increase to meet the growing needs. Discussions about the expansion of 1093 to the county line are already occurring.

Bowser Road, will be reworked should the bond pass in the November election. It will remain a two-lane road except in places where a turning lane is needed. As well, it will get much needed shoulders for safer passage and striping. It will not have a bridge going over the Brazos River.

Highway 36A will be a 52-mile corridor of SH36 from Port Freeport to Rosenberg with \$383.2 million to the improvements to 36 and proposed 36A corridor. Its purpose is the development of a regional transportation infrastructure from the Brazos port area to Hempstead and beyond, which will provide for improved hurricane evacuation, more efficient mobility and economic development for the region and the state.

Alderman Ragle adds, there is an effort underway to preserve an unused rail corridor that runs from Fulshear to Eagle Lake (along the north side of FM 1093, near Weston Lakes) by transforming it into a "rail trail". This long-term project will be funded with grants and donations, and is in the early stages of organization with the assistance from the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and the Rails to Trails Conservancy. The City of Weston Lakes will be one of the founding members of the Local Government Corporation being organized for the purposes of aiding, assisting, and acting on behalf of governmental entities located in Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, and Wharton Counties. In the performance of their governmental functions; namely, the design, planning, development, financing, operation, and maintenance of public recreation uses in the right-of-way of the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority.

We wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and may the Luck of the Irish be with you!

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Mayor Ramona Neal mayor.neal@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov



## **Poker Night**

Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the 19th Hole.

Men & Ladies Welcome!

Questions? Call (281) 346-1967

### **Fitness Center**



e are so incredibly proud of our Fitness Members. The staff and I have loved being able to witness the success members are finding in sticking with their resolutions this year. We encourage members to keep it up and not limit setting goals for a healthier you to just the month of January.

Some of our members that have been most successful at meeting their goals are involved in our Group Fitness program. Members attending not only build great relationships with other participants, but find themselves having fun while meeting their goals! If you are interested in picking up your fitness regimen or setting some new goals, I encourage you to try a number of classes and find your favorites!

If you find it tough to self-motivate or commit to a regular workout

routine, we have a great team of Personal Trainers. We are here to help keep you accountable, push you past what you thought you were capable of, and create a program suited to your individual fitness needs.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or are interested in signing up for upcoming events, please feel free to stop by the front desk today. Call (281) 346-2266, or contact Ross Kilpatrick at ross@westonlakes.net.

When fitness is the outcome, not the goal, that's when the magic really happens -

Ross Kilpatrick, Fitness Director ross@westonlakes.net







### MAKUH Group Fitness Schedule







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5	6	7
NO CLASSES	6:15-6:45am Boot Camp (Ross) 10:30-11:15am Strength & Stability (Cindy) 6-6:30pm Power Pump (Israel)	9:00-9:55am Yoga (Cindy) 10:00-10:30am Body Tone (Atkham)	6:15-6:45am Boot Camp (Ross) 9-9:45am Zumba (Karen) 6-6:30pm Power Pump (Israel)	10:30-11:15am Strength & Stability (Cindy)	FRIDAY HIIT (optional)	10-10:55am Yoga (Cindy)
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## Weston Lakes Women's Association



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reativity doesn't wait for that perfect moment. It fashions its own perfect moments out of ordinary ones."

Bruce Garrabrandt

The ladies of WL are having a great start to the year! We learned all about the BOBS (Babes on Bikes) here in the "hood" from Kathy Smith. The group has been riding together since 2011 and their borders have been extended to various cities, states and even Holland. We then took time to acknowledge the contributions of Dana Sarles and Shirley Cassell.

This year the WLWA's Community Foundation, Inc.will distribute educational scholarships to students graduating from high school, spring 2020. Several one-time scholarships will be awarded to students who are entering post-high school education this fall.

Students who live in the Huggins Elementary attendance zone are eligible to apply. The funds can be used for career/technology school, junior college or 4-year institutions of higher education. Financial need, academic achievement, career objectives and initiative are all considered during the selection process. All applicants are welcomed with regard to race, gender, religion or employment status. Funds were generated from the efforts of the WLWA members/community.

Application forms are available from the college/career counselor at Churchill Fulshear High School and at the information desk of the Bob Lutts Library. Members of the scholarship committee also have the application forms:

Kathy Keim: kathykeim031961@gmail.com

Terri Oliver: tlp0527@gmail.com

Jessica Dawkins: Jessica\_dwkns@yahoo.ca

Be sure to join us on March 17 when we will be harnessing our creative talents to design new focal points of interest in our homes and on April 21 when we will take a field trip to Brookwood which will include lunch. Our meetings are at 10 a.m. in the WL Clubhouse and the club offers lunch options.

Sandi McNeil WLWA Corresponding Secretary







## **Bridge Club**

Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the Club Library.

If interested, please contact Margaret Inlow (281) 533-9152 home or (713) 594-3283 cell



## **Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful**

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## andon Bottom Cemetery Receives "TEXAS HISTORICAL CEMETERY" Recognition

Historic Texas Cemetery designations are issued by the Texas Historical Commission to qualified cemeteries and burial sites that are at least 50 years old and worthy of preservation for their history. Weston Lakes is truly fortunate to have such a cemetery.

We are honored that the Randon Bottom Cemetery has been awarded this important distinction and know it could not have been achieved without the due diligence and perseverance of Weston Lakes' late resident Clifton Aldrich.



We thank Weston Lakes resident, the late Clifton Aldrich for his dedication and community pride.

He started pursuing this project in 2010 by contacting the Fort Bend County Historical Commission. It is our understanding, that he and his daughter had done extensive research to identify some of those buried in the cemetery and asked if there was any grants available, veterans organization, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, POA, or the City of Weston Lakes that could coordinate, schedule, raise money and oversee the effort to restore the cemetery. The badly worn split rail fence was in much need of repair and eventually replaced with the beautiful living hedge we now see. But it needed much more.

Fast forward to 2016 when a dedicated group of Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful volunteers picked up the project and worked diligently for the next two years raising money and awareness to see Mr. Aldrich's dream of restoring and honoring this piece of Texas history come to fruition. So, on a picture-perfect December 2nd, 2017 day, a rededication ceremony was held at the Randon Bottom Cemetery, attended by local dignitaries and caring volunteers. Though the cemetery is indeed historical, it was just missing one more element... official Texas State Historical Recognition. Some said it shouldn't and couldn't be done... but the members of Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful and other local residents were committed to building a vibrant future for the cemetery recognition by preserving its past and paying our eternal respect to the history of those buried there.

Every historic place has meaning for those of us who care about the preservation of historic spaces, but there is something about an old cemetery that captures our imaginations and calls us to linger and think.

Often, families are no longer nearby to tend these gravesites. The preservation community has a special role in protecting these sacred spaces.

Among many other things, building community support for important causes is a goal and priority of Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful. We are hopeful, that as more people come to learn about the Randon Bottom Cemetery and its place in our city's history, our residents will respect and consider supporting our efforts in other beautification projects. Cemetery care had once been a touchstone of our Southern Culture. Grave sites and tombstones were regularly tended through these traditions, by relatives and residents, but as children and their descendants relocated, gravesites became neglected. Keep Weston

Lakes Beautiful believes it and our Weston Lakes community has a responsibility to not let such a historical site be so neglected. This is what Cliff Aldridge desired and, in his memory, we all carry the torch for this cause.

Developing a master plan for such a complex undertaking was no easy task and the generous contributions of time from all the volunteers leading up to today and in the future is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to **ALL** who participated in this project of the heart and fulfilling Cliff Aldridge's dream!

#### The History of Randon Bottom Cemetery

After Mexico achieved independence from Spain, Anglo-Americans

started moving into Texas from the east. In 1822, a group of Stephen F. Austin's colonists, headed by William Travis, built a fort at the present site of Richmond. The fort was called "Fort Bend" since it was a fort, built in the Bend of the Brazos River. The rich land along the fertile banks of the Brazos River was sone of the most coveted land bestowed to the settlers that Stephen F. Austin brought to Texas in his role as a land empresario. As part of the "Old Three Hundred," the Randon family was issued a land parcel which was



The Historical Randon Bottom Cemetry in Weston Lakes

known as the John Randon League. The Harris Plantation was part of this league and is thought to have contained the whole of what is now Weston Lakes.



The Harris Plantation engaged in extensive rice farming as well as pecan harvesting. As with other plantations in the south, black slaves lived and worked on the plantation until the end of the Civil War. After that time, many former slaves remained as sharecroppers. The Randon Bottom Cemetery, located within Weston Lakes, is an inactive cemetery now that was used for locals born from the mid 1800's and deceased up until 1972 and is the final resting place for the descendants of these sharecropping families. Because the cemetery is located in a ravine area, floods have washed away

some of the headstones and markers over the years, making it hard to determine the exact location of all the graves. The earliest birthdate of record belongs to Mr. William Jackson who was born in 1862, and many of the others were born in the 1800's. The cemetery also contains the final resting place of three veterans of the United States Armed Services and Keep Weston Beautiful honors them during each year with flowers and U.S. flags as part of its community program.



Historic Texas Cemetery designation is an official recognition of

family and community graveyards and encourages preservation of historic cemeteries. The designation imposes no restrictions on private owners' use of the land adjacent to the cemetery but provides for the recordation of the cemetery into the county deed records as a historically dedicated property worthy of preservation.

A special marker will be placed at the entrance of the cemetery for this designation in the near future by Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful and a Texas approved highway sign will be placed along FM 1093 to announce the presence of the historical site in our community.



We honor all in our Randon Bottom Cemetery 2019

#### **Cemetery Texas Law**

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and other state agencies do not enforce cemetery laws. However, this responsibility belongs to county and local municipal law enforcement agencies. If you are aware of cemetery vandalism or desecration contact your county sheriff or local police department. Protection of historic cemeteries is, however, a shared responsibility. Notification must be made to protect these irreplaceable cultural resources. Cemetery desecration is a continuing problem in Texas and throughout the United States. Destruction occurs in many ways, including the illegal removal of human remains, damage from roaming livestock, encroaching development and construction, vandalism, and theft of grave goods and funerary objects. If you believe that items offered for sale are former cemetery properties, contact local law enforcement authorities. State laws exist to protect cemeteries from vandalism, theft and desecration. Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful and out Property Owners Association is committed to protecting the Historical Randon Bottom Cemetery.

Section 28.03(f) of the Texas Penal Code, Criminal Mischief, provides that an offense involving damage or destruction inflicted on a human burial site is a Texas state felony punishable by jail.

#### **Keep Weston Lakes Mission Statement:**

Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful is a 501(c)3 volunteer organization whose goal it is to reach into every segment of the City of Weston Lakes. Our volunteers are residents of all ages, youth groups, community clubs, the POA, and civic, public and private sector organizations.

Our goal is to organize, as volunteers, and implement cleanup and educational programs to prevent litter, reduce trash, and beautify our community and natural environment, all to raise the pride level of our community.

Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful is nonpolitical. We are simply a group of caring resident volunteers pulling together to make our community environment even better.

We would love to have you become a part of Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful! Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to volunteer, donate or receive more information on how you can get involved, please email us at: keepwestonlakesbeautiful@gmail.com

### Senior Men's Golf Association



elcome to our new members, Curtis Hartin and Bill Stevens! Our membership is now at 148. Our play days are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. Please arrive and sign in by 8:30. Most play days 40-60 members show up to play. Several members also play on Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m. Please call the pro shop for a tee time if playing with the Saturday afternoon group. Please check your current GHIN handicap in the pro shop prior to play. Annual dues are only \$25.

#### 2020 Tournament Schedule

Date	<b>Tournament Name</b>	Director	
February 22	Member/Member	Benny Bixenman	
April 2nd & 3rd	SMGA Ringer	Rob Yarbrough	
May 9	SMGA Scramble	Eric Fotheringham	
June 20	Member/Partner	Dan Bishop	
July 24	Red Ball	Rodney Bartek	
September 17th&18th	Club Championship	Rodney Bartek	
October 17th&18th	Weston Cup	Benny Bixenman	

#### **Achievements**

January 21st was a great play day. Congratulations to Louis Stoerner for his hole-in-one on No. 7, and to Charles Wisdom for making an eagle on No. 5 and once again shooting his age of 82!









## Bunko

Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.
At the Club Library

If interested, please contact Leslie Lavigne
at Ilavigne4531@gmail.com

### From the Golf Shop



he golf season is getting back into full swing with the weather helping us out so far and being so nice. We are seeing a great turnout of play, so make sure to call in to make your tee times as early as possible. As Golfing Members, you have the opportunity to make tee times up to seven days in advance and we strongly suggest everyone do so.

The LGA Pot of Gold tournament is coming up on March 11 and we are looking forward to it since this always is a great time for the ladies. The MGA Member Member will be coming up on March the 21 with a Calcutta on Friday night March 20. Play will start with 8 a.m. tee times on both Saturday and Sunday.

One other quick note on golf cart rules: The 90-degree golf cart rule should be used at all times, along with not driving the carts any closer than 30 yards to the green. Also, the course is for golfing only (NO bicycling, jogging, skateboarding, roller-blading, motorcycle's unauthorized carts, etc.)

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. So set your clocks forward one-hour Saturday Night. With the change in time the Pro Shop will be open until 7 p.m.

As always, our goal is to provide a quality experience for all of our members and their guests.

#### Keith Simmons

Director of Golf



### **Golf Course Maintenance**



pring is finally here and the course is starting to green back up. We have finished our pre-emergent herbicide applications and we will be spraying the areas that we could not get with our big sprayer. Starting March 1, we will be designating one hole on the front nine and one hole on the back nine as cart path only for four weeks at a time. We will have signs at the tee so you will know it is cart path only as well as signs in the pro shop. The reason for this is we have had more play than in the past due to the mild winter and the fairways have become compacted. We will be relieving the compaction by aerifying the fairways, which will start in May. Thank you for your help with this and as always please repair your ball marks and sand your divots.

#### Shannon Donaway

Golf Course Superintendent

### Property Owners Association



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#### eston Lakes Property Owners,

As spring is here and we are all aware of our neighbors in the water, please keep the following in mind. Alligators breed once a year. Courtship begins in early spring and reaches a peak during May. During courtship, male alligators can be very aggressive toward other males or toward humans. Mated pairs are frequently seen swimming or sunning together by mid-May; the male is the larger of the two. By the end of June, the pair separates and the female assumes her exclusive duties of nest building and guarding. WARNING: A female alligator will protect her family. Never approach a pile of rotting grass. Never approach a pod of baby alligators. You can refer to the Weston Lakes website under frequently asked questions (Neighborhood FAQ) for more alligator information and prior questions.

On to new things and beginnings, we have signed a contract to develop and manage our new website since our current website company will be closing their program at the end of 2020. With this will come more user friendly interfaces and features. We will send a blast with more information at a later date along with a timeline. This will require a new login and password be provided so please be sure that your current profile is up to date with phone number an email address. Your current profile will be migrated to the new website and will receive an email when you need to register your new password. We are excited to have a new and user friendly platform.

As most of you are aware the basketball and pickle courts are open for everyone's enjoyment and/or entertainment. It is great to see the "kids" of all ages utilizing our new facilities. Who's up for a pick-up game?"

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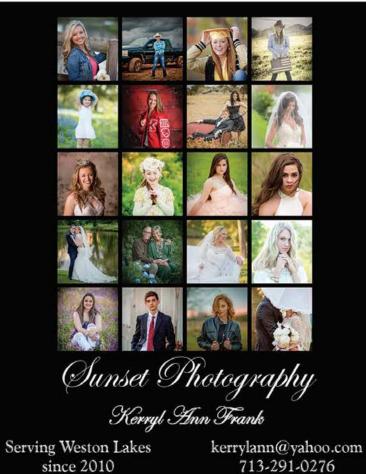
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