



Easter Egg Hunt

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Showdown Before Shutdown



Showdown Before Shutdown was a huge success with a total of 132 players participating. This three man scramble format proved to be a fun two day event all while raising money to help fund the completion of the Men's Locker Room. Tournament Coordinator, Patrick Day, stated "Once again our members showed their support for not only our men's locker room but for our club as a whole". Day also thanked the staff for their hard work beginning with club manager, Angie Reece along with her dedicated food and beverage team, golf course superintendent, Clayton and his crew who worked hard getting the course "tournament ready". A big shout out to Ben Burns and Cory Ryan for all of their hard work before, during and after the tournament. Although he could not play this year John Kennedy "showed up" on tournament day to host a contest which involved paying \$10 to hit one of his vintage irons across the water onto #4. The club thanks Ricky Worrell for his unwavering commitment to bringing our Men's Locker Room back to one of the lifelines of our club. His willingness to commit to this project will be remembered and appreciated for years to come. Thank you Gary Ivins for serving as auctioneer at the Calcutta the night before the tournament. We are fortunate to have his talent and auctioneer experience at all of our Calcuttas. Speaking of talent we so appreciate and enjoyed Devin Baize providing entertainment after the bidding process was over. Patrick concluded his comments with "We can't wait to see everyone back on our beautiful course when it reopens in October". Flight winners were:

FIRST FLIGHT:

- First Place: Michael Haney, Trey Hensley and Chase Greening
- Second Place: Chad Roberts, Jeff Havard and Justin Morehead
- Tied Third Place: Austin Hughes, Grady Hughes and Patrick Hughes
- Tied Third Place: Patrick Day, Gary Ivins and Jeff Todd
- Tied Third Place: Jack Kennedy, Ryan Self and Jim Barrett, Jr.

SECOND FLIGHT:

- First Place: Brandon Ater, Mark Wiedenfeld and Wes Welch
- Second Place: Michael Webster, Sean Fletcher and Stefan Guest
- Tied Third Place: Bobby McDonald, Garry Attunes and Steve Long
- Tied Third Place: Dillon Griffith, Jacob Urueta, and Caden Walker

THIRD FLIGHT:

- First Place: Jaylon Mark, Tyler Abney, and David Griffin
- Second Place: David Glenn, Len Phillips and Tommy Billingsley
- Tied Third Place: Cragg Todd, Austin Brown and Josh Zeleskey
- Tied Third Place: Patrick Haney, Matt John's and Brannon Easterling

(photos on page 8)



**Thanks to all our members
for your support**



Saturday Breakfast Buffet

7 am - 11 am
Grill Dining Room

FEATURING:

- Omelets
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Scrambled Eggs
- Grits
- Hash Browns
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Waffles
- Danish & Fresh Fruit
- Coffee
- Orange Juice

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Shutdown is starting April 1st. This is our last week to play golf at Crown Colony. Many of you have been asking what courses we will be able to play. Listed below are the courses I have contacted to help you. I need to make sure everyone understands that if you want to play these courses you have to contact the Crown Pro Shop to make the tee time for you. You will not be able to call these courses on your own.

Cascades, Eagles Bluff, Hollytree, Rayburn and Willowbrook will all be doing cart fees for our members. The fee is from \$25 to \$40 depending on the course. The only one that is done differently is Lumberjack National. The least expensive way to play Lumberjack National is by going on Golfnow.com. They are doing a \$25 fee through Golfnow. If we make the tee time for you it will be \$50 to \$75. This is Lumberjack National's request for you to play their course.

Driving Range: During the shutdown we have planned out a new way to use the driving range. The range will be closing at different times every day based on the programs we are wanting you to take advantage of. Then starting at that time, we will have a short course laid out to play. It will be great for our juniors and any of our other members that would like to like to come do some work on your game. Following is a picture of our weekly planner. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday night fun competition will start at 6PM. Each one of these is a cash entry of \$5 per player. Payouts will be based on the number of participants we receive. Thursday's at 5PM will be Cory's main practice for his juniors. All of this will not start until the week of April 16 to the 21st. There will be more information as we get closer to this time.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
CLOSED			START YOUR DAY WITH BREAKFAST AND A GOLF TIP. SWING BY FOR A BITE AND SOME GOLF ADVICE!		START YOUR DAY WITH BREAKFAST AND A GOLF TIP. SWING BY FOR A BITE AND SOME GOLF ADVICE!	REGULAR RANGE HOURS
	TUESDAY NIGHT COME PLAY BULLSEYE CASH PRIZES	WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLOSEST TO PIN CASH PRIZES	THURSDAY NIGHT JUNIOR NIGHT	FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES AND COCKTAILS CASH PRIZES	REGULAR RANGE HOURS	

Ladies Free Clinics: Ben and Cory will each be teaching one of these classes from each clinic. You will be able to see below who will be teaching each clinic.

Ladies weekday AM (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) – at 9:00AM

April 23 – Ben: Putting and Short Game

24 – Cory: Basic Fundamentals: Grip, setup and alignment

25 – Ben: Swing

You are welcome to any clinic and bring a friend.

Don't forget if you want all of the current info going on at the club there are several ways you can keep up with us: leisure online www.crown-colony.com, you can follow us on Twitter @Nikeproben, Instagram is nikeproben and on Facebook you can like us at Crown Colony Golf & Pro Shop. Last way is to go to www.benburns-pga.com; this is my personal website that has all of the current golf info you need. All you have to do is go to this website and sign up. If you ever have any questions or need any help you can email at benburns@crown-colony.com.

Thanks for your support,
Ben Burns,
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Junior GOLF FORE KIDS NEWS

by Cory Ryan



Crown Junior Golf is up and running again. This past March we had our annual Junior Golf Kick Off Party and Awards ceremony. This year we started a new tradition of awarding individuals for their year's success. We gave out Players of Year, Upcoming Junior and Most Improve.

2023 Player of Year for Boys – Andrew Bird and for Girls – Delaney Neal

Upcoming Junior for Boys – Gio Mijares and for Girls – Taylor Day

Most Improve Boy – Hudson Harrell and for Girl- Ashlyn Clack

F.O.R.E. Scholarship winners this year were Grace Bostwick and Lucas Riggs. They won the Ace Scholarship of \$1000 each. For the Eagle winners they were Dyllon Griffith, Ethan Branch and Cordell Knox. They will receive \$750 each.

We would like to give a special thank you to Habitat for Humanity of East Texas for helping with the Kick Off Party and our Adult/ Junior scramble as well the Haney Family (Max and Betty) for helping us too.

All junior leagues are now open for registration. Under Armour of East Texas- Deadline is April 10th Season Starts April 13th. Link to register is uagolftour.com PGA Junior League- Deadline is May 10th Season Start May 21st. Link to register is pgajrleague.com NEW Practice format for this year. We are launching our Operation 36 program. How Op 36 will work for Crown Junior League:

1. Parents/Juniors will download the OP 36 App.
2. Parents/Juniors can start logging in practices, drills and training time.
3. Coach Cory will organize practice rounds for each level. Most these will be on Thursday nights.
4. Once Juniors our ready Coach Cory will organize when they can test for level

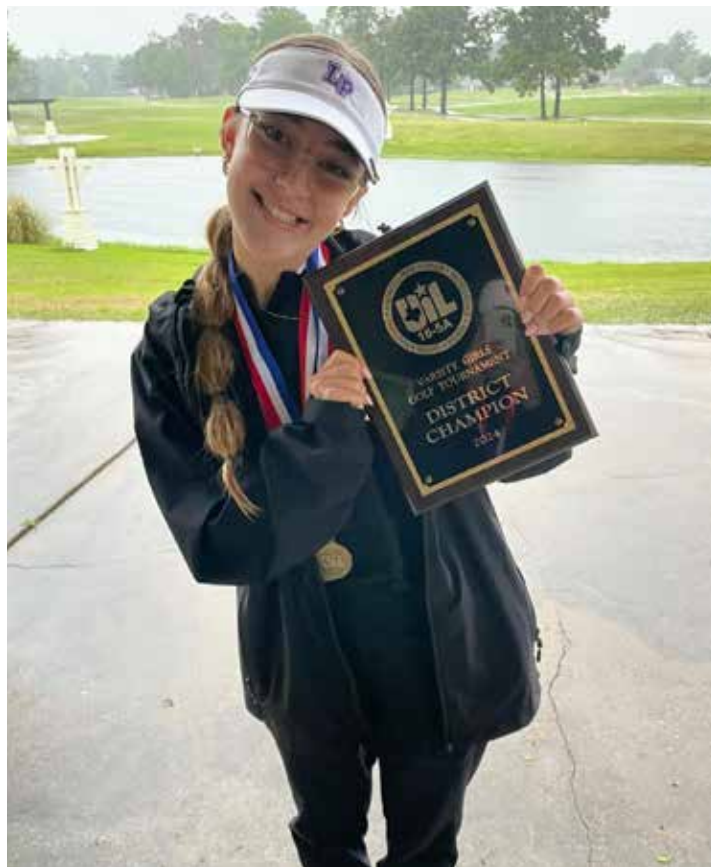
First 3 levels will be tested in the simulator.

Level 4 above will be on the range or golf course.

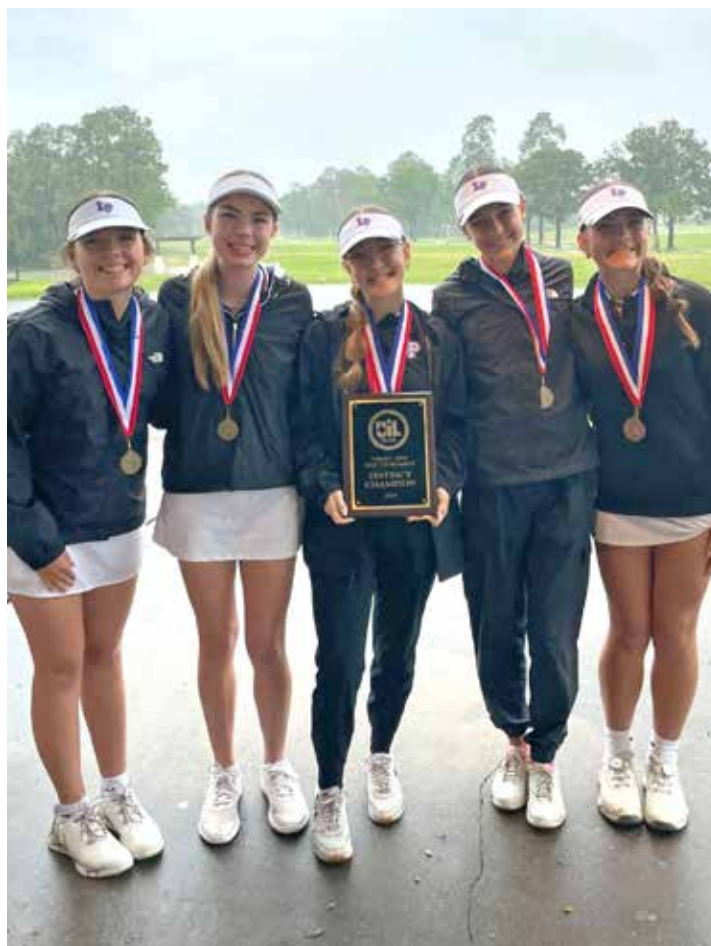
* while the course is close we will have a mini course set up on the range to work on course management

Also, will be introducing club speed training and combine training with trackman.

For one-on-one help Junior golf packages are available Mutli Sports and Golf Camps are back this summer. You can go to crownamps.golfgenius.com to see dates, prices and register your junior this summer.



Delaney Neal, Medalist



Girls Won District!

First Tee Frolic

The First Tee Frolic has always been our 'kick-off' event. The day began with breakfast, a presentation of our Course Renovation Project by Stephen Greak and Wes Danner, followed by golf and lunch.



The men explained the upcoming changes from the ladies' point of view. Many questions were asked, Wes and Stephen did an outstanding job explaining any hole we wanted to discuss.



Lynda Langston, Julie Zeagler, Dolly Wolf, Angie Crisp, Elaine Hunter, Elisa Clinkscales, Mary Russell, Mary Virginia Casper, Melissa Abelt, Joan Meyer, Gayle Brent, Abbey Ater, Susie Shands, and Fran Glenn



Then the fun and frolicking began, Elisa Clinkscales, Abbey Ater, and Mary Russell chaired this event. The game was a two-woman scramble. Perfect game with no pressure on any one person to perform.



Memorial Net Championship

This three-day event tests our golf skills and endurance. Tee it up and putt it out! No Max score, no gimmies! Funny how those short 'easy' putts can be missed. Connie and Abbey never gave up even after several challenging holes. These are two very deserving winners! Congratulations!!!



Fran Glenn, Julie Zeagler, Mary Russell, Mary Virginia Casper, Connie Kennedy, Abbey Ater, Elisa Clinkscales, Elaine Hunter, Joan Meyer, Angie Crisp

Congratulations



2024 Memorial Net Champion, Connie Kennedy

I am especially proud of Elisa Clinkscales, who is new to competition, but she never wavered. You are an inspiration to all golfers. Other winners in the Memorial Net were Elaine Hunter, 2nd Net winner in Championship flight; Angie Crisp, 2nd gross winner in Championship flight. President Flight winners: Mary Russell, low net winner; Mary V. Casper, low gross winner; Elisa Clinkscales, 2nd low net winner. Daily Prizes were won by Julie Zeagler, Joan Meyer, and Fran Glenn. Closest to the hole winners were Abbey Ater, Connie Kennedy, and Julie Zeagler.


















Gross Champion, Abbey Ater



Even though the course will be closed for six months, keep in touch with the Pro Shop for fun events and LGA members for weekly golf outings. 5

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Reminder:</i> TO-GO FOOD ORDERED the 25th through the end of the month does not count toward your food and beverage minimum</p>	1 	2	3	4  7 PM	5	6  Breakfast 7-11am  Springfest Demo Day 10 am
7 Action Station Main Dining 11am-2pm Club closes 6 pm	8 	9 Paint & Pints 6 pm	10	11  7 PM	12	13  Breakfast 7-11am
14 Action Station 11am-2pm Club closes 6 pm	15 	16	17	18  7 PM	19	20  Breakfast 7-11am
21 Action Station Main Dining 11am-2pm Club closes 6 pm	22 	23	24 Administrative Professionals Day Lunch Buffet	25  7 PM	26	27  Breakfast 7-11am
28 Action Station Main Dining 11am-2pm Club closes 6 pm	29 	30	 <p>Play the Game! Come & Play - 7 pm Buy Tickets for \$5 each or 5/\$20 MEMBERS ONLY! CASH ONLY!</p>			



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MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Follow us on:</p>    <p>Instagram</p>			1	2	3	4  Breakfast 7-11am
5 Action Station Main Dining 11am-2pm Club closes 6 pm	6 	7	8	9  7 PM	10	11  Breakfast 7-11am
12 Mother's Day Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm RSVP  Club closes at 3 pm	13 	14	15	16  7 PM	17	18  Breakfast 7-11am
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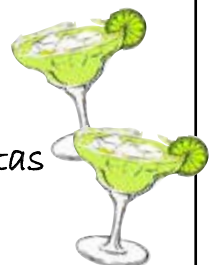
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Showdown Before Shutdown



First Flight Winners



Second Flight Winners



Third Flight Winners



Pickleball Posts

By Connie Kennedy

Spring brought more pickleball play and lots of celebrations on our courts during the month of March. The men continue to expand participation during their Monday night play while the Tuesday night mixed doubles is growing each week. The courts were really “hopping” when the Easter bunny’s came early (ie. Mallory Hughes, Kim Ogden and Julie Barrett) this past Wednesday evening. Bunny ears, prizes and lots of dinks kept the courts full for this fun evening. Happy birthday to our own, Leslie Morales, as we celebrated her last week in grand fashion during the Showdown Before Shutdown Tournament activities. We have a Wednesday morning group that plays at 10 AM if anyone is interested in joining. Please continue to call the Pro Shop at 637 8800 to reserve a court. Ben and

Cory are stocking the pro shop with various pickleball related items so if you need something you might want to check out their inventory. Thank you in advance for remembering NOT to wear dark soled shoes so we don’t mark our beautiful courts. If you have a suggestion or idea that would enhance our pickleball program we want to hear from you so please contact anyone on our pickleball committee or the Pro Shop.

Pickleball Rule: You can’t volley in the kitchen!

The 7 ft zone on each side marks the non-volley zone, or ‘kitchen’. This means you can never hit a volley—a shot hit out of the air—while having any part of your body in the kitchen or even on the kitchen line. And you can’t let your momentum carry you into the kitchen after a volley either.



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By Crystal Goleman, membership director

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Sam Fidone - Junior Member

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