

November - December 2011

The Dominion



Country Club

Ring in the New Year at The Dominion!



New Years Eve Celebration Saturday, December 31, 7:30 pm

Celebrate the promise of a New Year with your Dominion friends!

This fabulous evening begins with a sumptuous hors d'oeuvres reception and hosted bar, followed by an elegant three course plated dinner.

Save room for the decadent desserts and coffee station. The very popular Oh So Good Band will entertain and an omelet station will be offered late in the evening so no one begins 2012 with an empty stomach!

\$95 per person

RSVP to 698-3364

**The Club's Thanksgiving "to-go" is a
Great Holiday Dining Option!
See page 3 for all details or call 698-4825**



The Dominion  *Golf Group*

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A Message from Your Board Chair...

Don Dolan

The past year has certainly been memorable around The Dominion. Record heat, wild creatures on our golf course and a drought that seems to never end are just a few of the challenges that made 2011 interesting. I am pleased to report, however, that we enter the holiday season in solid shape. The hard work of Club employees in combination with the many members who volunteer their time and effort has kept The Dominion a special place for us to enjoy our friends and families.

The busy Club schedule of events continues through the holiday season. Please take a few minutes and check out the many functions listed in this newsletter. The cool seasonal weather gives us a chance to really enjoy the outdoor activities and there are also indoor events for members of all ages. Golfers will want to mark their calendars for the Annual Turkey Shoot on November 19, a shotgun start on Thanksgiving day plus the challenging Big Chill scramble on December 17. To get a jump on Christmas shopping, Tony Re and his team will host the annual pro shop sale on December 2, with complementary gift wrapping, wine and cheese. There are also many activities for the kids over the next couple of months. The September Kids Night magician show was so successful that the theme will continue with Magic Science on November 16; followed by the All Things Gingerbread party on December 6. Be sure to join us for the annual Club hosted December 8 holiday social. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails are complementary and it is a terrific chance to visit with fellow Members plus many of the Club managers.

I also wanted to call to your attention a note we sent recently regarding the Employee Holiday Fund. It is a Dominion tradition each holiday season for our members to extend a special "thank you" to the Club employees who work so hard to insure we enjoy our membership throughout the year. Every Club employee, those we see and the behind-the-scenes employees, benefit from the money collected. Please consider participating through in the Employee Holiday Fund contribution noted on your December statement.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season. I will look forward to seeing you at The Dominion in the coming months.

I would like to give a warm welcome to our newest members of the club. I look forward to seeing you at the holiday events and introducing you to new friends at your club!

Sincerely, Jonnie DeCotis

Joe & Frances Benites	JC & Ava Abney
Jorge & Claudia Padres Perez	Hal & Sandra Shrewsbury
Matthew & Rebecca Barchie	Judy Pennington
James & Luanna Scott	Gabor & Stephanie Orsz
Juan & Emelia Carlos Rubalcaba	Stephan & Tanisha Leer
Ricardo Rubalcaba	Nicola & Richard McCarthy
Jesse & Kellie Guerra	Alberto & Monica Martinez
David & Elizabeth Guard	Monica Martinez & Angel Alcalá
	Alberto Martinez S.

News from the General Manager...

Erin Dougherty



Allow me this opportunity to recap the challenges and successes of what has most certainly been an eventful and unique 2011. I would first like to thank our Membership for supporting the Club, the past several months gave us every opportunity to stay within the air-conditioned comfort of your own homes. But despite the extreme weather you have continued to support The Dominion in every aspect of Country Club living and that support is what makes The Dominion a very special place to

call home.

From an Industry point of view 2011 was much like 2010; the national economy continued to be weak which leads to more people holding on to their money and therefore less discretionary spending. New home sales, although slightly stronger than 2010, remain far from healthy levels which limits our access to new Member Prospects and core expenses such as Utilities, Gas & Oil, Food and Health Care costs continue to increase. If there is any good news in all of that it is that we, as have most other businesses, have become better at managing around the obstacles.

No review of 2011 would be complete without mentioning the devastating toll the heat and drought took on our golf course and acknowledging our golf course maintenance team and golfing members for their efforts to ensure our course had the best conditions possible then, now and for seasons to come.

As continuing evidence that The Dominion remains San Antonio's premier Country Club and Residential destination, our Membership, with the exception of the lost Dominion Village Dining Membership, has remained stable; our New Member enrollments are well up over 2010 and unlike some of our competition The Dominion still commands an Initiation Fee at enrollment. These three things added together demonstrate the strength in The Dominion brand and life-style.

Club-wide Member Revenues remain strong and when combined with revenues from Monday Golf Tournaments and Catering Events, Operating Revenues continue to keep pace with Operating Expenses. Although we have not had availability to the level of the capital monies any of us would prefer, we did invest over \$50,000 in necessary water well repairs and have just completed a club-wide retrofit of all light bulbs. The Lighting Project supported by State and local rebates was a very cost effective way for us to reduce our electricity costs for years to come.

The Dominion certainly remains on strong footing as 2011 comes to end. Thank you again to our Members and I wish you all a very happy holiday season.



Think Dominion for Holiday Gift-Giving!

How about new golf clubs and personalized golf balls for Dad? A new racket and apparel for Mom? Keep it simple this year and choose The Dominion as your one stop for holiday shopping. You may purchase Gift Certificates for any Club activity or service such as Tennis, Golf, Sunday Brunch or a Manicure and Pedicure! Club Merchandiser, Amy Lester, can work with you on a special order for that special someone! The Dominion truly has it all and we'll wrap your selection beautifully, with our compliments!

Club Events

Supper Club

Thursday, November 3rd, 6:00pm

Enjoy a salute to our military! The Color Guard will be on hand, as well as a TMI student to sing the National Anthem and a former POW as our special guest. Wear your uniform if you are currently serving or did so in the past. Always one of our most popular events!

\$22.95 per person

RSVP to 698-3364

Women's Forum

Friday, November 4th, 11:30 am

San Antonio Ballet Lecture and Brief Ballet Presentation

Menu Options

Warm: Sage Roasted Half Game Hen with Wild Rice Dressing, Petite Green Beans, Sweet Potato Puree and Pan Gravy

Cold: Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken

\$17.50 per person RSVP to 698-3364

Chef Jay's Cooking Demo Series Continues...French Cuisine

Thursday, November 10th, 6:30pm

Shrimp Bisque

Beef Wellington with Foie Gras Duxelle

Chocolate Raspberry Napoleon

\$26.95 per person or \$50 per couple includes the fabulous meal, wine with dinner and a take-home recipe packet.

RSVP to 698-3364



Kids Night

Wednesday, November 16th, 5-8:30pm

Mad Science Night!

Mad Science Special Events are spectacular and captivating, highly interactive, educational and entertaining and perfect for ages 4-12! Buffet dining begins at 5:00pm; Show begins at 6:30pm (dining suspended during the show)

\$12.95 Adults, \$7.95 Children



Happy Birthday Happy Hour

Friday, November 18th, 6-8pm

Gourmet Room

Celebrate with the November Babies with half-priced cocktails, plentiful hors d'oeuvres and a delicious birthday cake! Find out who shares your same birth date!



Thanksgiving Day Dining at the Club

November 24th 11am-3:00 pm

Celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your family at the Club. Our exquisite Thanksgiving Buffet will feature everyone's favorite classics: Roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes and will also include Roasted Prime Rib, a chilled seafood station, a gourmet salad bar and decadent Dominion Desserts! Reservations are required and available 11:00 am-3:00 pm

\$34.95 adults, \$14.95 children ages 4-11

Thanksgiving Dining To-Go

TURKEY FEAST FOR 8-10 PEOPLE

Includes Whole Turkey (22lb. average), Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Traditional Sage Dressing, Cranberry Relish, Cranberry Sauce, Assorted Hearth Rolls and...

Choice of 3 pies: Pecan, Pumpkin, Apple or Sweet Potato

\$175.00 plus tax (Turkey only: \$95)

PRIME RIB W/AU JUS AND MUSHROOMS:

\$250 Half; \$425 Whole

Pick-up:

2pm-6pm Wednesday, November 23rd or

8am-10am Thursday, November 24th

Place your order by Friday, November 18th at 2:00pm at 698-4825

And in December...

Supper Club

Thursday, December 1st, 6:00pm
 Holiday Caroling and Feasting
 \$22.95 per person
 RSVP to 698-3364



Women's Forum

Friday, December 2nd, 11:00am
 Annual Holiday Bazaar

Enjoy an extravagant holiday feast and wrap up your holiday shopping with your choice of many fabulous sales vendors!



\$25.00 per person RSVP to 698-3364

Kids Night



The All Things Gingerbread Party!
 Tuesday, December 6th, 6:00-8:00

Your children will enjoy decorating their own personal size Gingerbread Man, working on two fun Gingerbread crafts and decorating the super-sized Gingerbread House with their Dominion friends and Guests. They'll sip hot chocolate while dining with Mom and Dad on a fun, seasonal buffet. This seasonal event will be fun for all!
 \$12.95 Adults, \$7.95 Children

Member Holiday Social

Thursday, December 8th, 6-8:30pm

Our gift to you – an evening of specialty hors d'oeuvres, complimentary cocktails and the company of your fellow Members! Enjoy the Club at its best – all decked out for the holidays! We will also take this opportunity to celebrate December Birthday Babies with a large, delicious birthday cake! *This complimentary event is Member Exclusive

RSVP not required

Visit the Pro Shop during the social for the Annual Pro Shop Holiday Sale! Find a fantastic gift with a fantastic discount! Gift Wrap Complimentary.



Santa's Sunday Brunch

Sunday, December 12th, 10 am-3 pm

This delightful tradition continues! Children, don't forget your Christmas list and make sure to wear your holiday best for a visit and a picture with Santa Claus! The entire family will certainly enjoy the array of goodies and fine edibles Chef Nash has planned for this special holiday brunch.



Adults \$34.95, Children 4-11 \$14.95

Reservations required. Please call 698-3364 to RSVP.

Holiday Dining "to-go"

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Tennis Events

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings Work Outs

*Starting Tuesday, November 1st
 7pm each evening*

Who is up for great tennis and a great work out with good friends? Any and all levels can play in this clinic. These workouts promise to keep your body in constant motion while maintaining the proper style and technique for your game. It's a great workout!!! Call the tennis centre to sign up. Both clinics modeled after our Saturday Workout.

Sneakers and Cleats

*Saturday, November 5th
 9am-4pm*

For Men only this time. Our team will comprise of 16 men. There will be 4 teams of 4 men. Which group your team plays in will be decided by your USTA rating. The tennis will be followed by 9 holes of Scramble Golf and 3 holes on the putting green. Great competition for all involved. Call Barry for more information on this fun event.

Ladies Member/Member/Guest

*Thursday, November 17th
 6.30pm*

A special event for our Ladies only is our "Annual Ladies Fall Festival Member /Member or Member/Guest" Tournament. This will be a fun evening Thursday, November 17th and promises to spoil everyone involved. You will be treated to fabulous food cooked at various chef stations. Amy Lester will be on hand to showcase The Tennis Shop's latest fashions. The format will be leveled fixed partner doubles.



Elf Louise Day

Wednesday, December 7th

Barry has invited all the top pros in San Antonio to teach an hour-long clinic to all participants. Following the clinic the pros will play some fun doubles with all players. We will finish with a luncheon at the Club. Over the last 8 years this event has donated over 750 gifts and over \$2000 to this very worthy cause. We encourage our men to participate this year.



Junior Club Championships

December 10th

There are divisions for all ages and levels. Please call Dan for more details.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Junior Camps

Our great pros and some returning college players will work with your children in the days preceding the holidays. Call the tennis centre to reserve your child's spot.

November 21st-23rd Monday-Wednesday.

December 19th – 22nd Monday-Thursday.

Tennis Lesson Specials Make Excellent Holiday Gifts!

All the Pros are offering lesson specials! Call Dan, Joe or Tony and arrange this great gift for your friends and family. Buy 5 and get the 6th for free!!

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season from all of us at the Tennis Centre.

Golf News

From Your Director of Golf Anthony Re,
 Fall is upon us and cooler weather has arrived! Stop by the Pro Shop to see the all the new golf gear as well as the latest in men's and women's clothing lines!

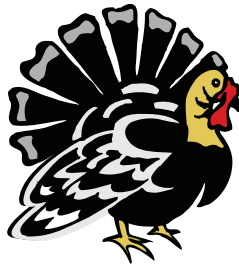
As a reminder, the cooler temperatures result in slower heal time for the turf. Please fill in your divots with sand and repair your ball marks, even if they are not yours. We appreciate your assistance in keeping the golf course in premium condition.

Reminder: With only two month left in the year, please remember that your credit book expires at the end of the 2011 season!

Turkey Shoot Scramble

*Saturday, November 19
 9:00 a.m. shotgun start*

This annual event always creates a lot of excitement as we set the pins hard and speed up the greens (14). Make your own foursome for this four person elimination scramble event. There will be a gross and net division along with gross skins. Entry fee is \$50 per person plus cart and includes lunch and awards. Skins entry fee is \$10 per person cash. Don't forget the winning low team in both gross and net will win the Turkey Trophy!



Golf on Thanksgiving Day!

*Thursday, November 24th
 8 a.m. shotgun*

Get your round of golf in before you settle down to a delicious Turkey Dinner. The golf course will open up for the 8am shotgun and a beverage cart will be available on the golf course. Pro shop will close at 1:00 p.m.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: The Friday after Thanksgiving Day is always a very busy golfing day! Please be sure to call the golf center to schedule a tee time.

WGA November Events – 9:00 a.m. start

3rd – Ace of the Month 10th – Flag Day
 17th – Turkey Day 24th – No Play Day



The Big Chill

Saturday, December 17th, 9:00 am

End the 2011 Golf season with a fun 3 person scramble! Your team may

be made up of all Members or minimum 1 Member and Guests (*teams may consist of both men and women*). The golf course will be set up as tough as we can get it with



impossible pin placements you won't want to see again! There will be both gross & net divisions along with team gross skins. Entry fee is \$65 per person plus cart fee (guest fee is waived) and includes prize pool, team skins, closest to pins, breakfast bar and lunch. Entry Fee must be paid in cash, as all payouts will be in cash.

Last year we had a record breaking 72 players, let's fill the field again this year!

WGA December Events – 9:00 a.m. start

1st - Ace of the Month
 8th - Last Blast Luncheon & 9 Hole Scramble
 15th - Holiday Gifts –3 Free Putts
 22nd & 29th No Ladies Day

