

Read about the South African Wine Dinner  
and other fun events inside!

March - April 2011

*The Dominion*



*Country Club*

## *Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch*

**Saturday, April 23rd 10:30am -1pm (*Hunt Begins at Noon*)**

We will hide 1,000 candy-filled eggs for 3 different age groups: 2-4; 5-7 and children 8 and over. Each group hunt will include 3 golden eggs which entitles 9 lucky children to a fabulous Easter prize! Bring friends and family to celebrate the season with an eggs-cellent Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch that will surely be the highlight of everyone's holiday!

Adults \$19.95, Kids 4-11 \$12.95 and 3 and under are free.

Please call 698-3364 for reservations and please note the children's ages when making the reservation.

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## *A Message from Your Board Chair...*

*Don Dolan*



As your new Board of Governors Chair allow me the opportunity to share a little about myself. My wife, Ruth, and I live here in the community and have been Full Golf Members of the Country Club since 1999. We have two grown sons, one who lives in Chicago and the other in Cincinnati and are blessed with three wonderful granddaughters. Professionally, I am the Senior Vice President and General Manager of Retail Channels for Harland Clarke and bring to my appointment seven years of experience as the Owner / Operator of a Private Country Club in Cincinnati Ohio.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Golf Committee and as an at large Member of the Board of Governors for the past six years. I am equally honored to serve as Board Chair to promote what I hold especially important as a Dominion Member: Club Pride and Participation. Ruth and I have had the great pleasure to meet many wonderful and interesting people during our time at The Dominion and during my tenure as Board Chair I look forward to meeting many more.

The Board of Governors consists of many fine individuals serving in different roles, consisting of those representing the interests of Social Members, Golfing Members, Tennis Members as well as our Dominion Women's Forum and the Dominion Home Owners Association. You may recognize many of the names as friends, with whom you golf, socialize or play tennis: Jeff Lewis, Craig New, Mary Bomar, Cynthia Schluter, Mark Kuehl, Judy Costigan, Pam Cage, Bob Dickemper and Mike Faust.

As noted above, I am a proud Dominion Member and I look forward to serving as your Board Chair, promoting pride and participation in our great Club. These are trying times for most businesses and we can be proud that our Club remains on solid ground and continues to be our social and sports "home away from home." We enjoy an immaculate golf course plus 13 beautiful tennis courts which are annually rated as the best in San Antonio. The Club offers varied social events and I encourage you to be an active Member. Enjoy the amenities and the special friends you have at The Dominion.....We have an amazing Club to call our own!

## *News from the General Manager...*

*Erin Dougherty*



A warm welcome to 2011 to you all...

This sounds a little bit like Groundhog Day but I am as happy to see 2010 behind us as I was to bid 2009 a heart-felt goodbye! And although we experienced scattered hints of a recovering economy 2010 was another tough year for the Country Club Industry. Evidenced by the ultra-aggressive membership tactics instituted by many of our local competitors and the continuing national trend of Private Clubs converting to public or semi-private facilities and the ever mounting foreclosures in the Country Club industry, as a whole, is far from out of the woods. Let's once again be thankful we call San Antonio home.

I am equally happy to report that The Dominion, with your help and support, continues to be among the most sought after and financially stable Country Club Communities in the region. As a Membership, you continue to support the Club, our Ala Carte revenues were on par with our expectations, Member and Guest participation in Golf and Tennis events was strong and most of our Member Parties enjoyed a full house. Yet, despite our successes we too have been affected by the difficult economy. New Member Enrollments are down against recent numbers and that downturn directly impacts the amount of money we have available to operate the Club. There is no denying that the Club has been forced to amend our scheduled refurbishments, renovations and improvements and in some cases has realigned schedules and services to better mirror Member usage, all as a consequence of the down market.

Albeit at a slower pace, The Club's facilities continued to improve in 2010 with rebuilt greenside bunkers, wrought-iron doors for the Golf Foyer, continual paint, plaster and roof repairs, rebuilt golf cart bridges and extensive clean-up of the Leon Creek creek-bank. And for the socially minded, Chef Jay Nash added his very popular cooking demonstrations, we have planned several elegant wine dinners for the year, we have ordered 1,000 Easter eggs for the annual Kids Easter Egg Hunt, our Summer Camps promise to be better than ever, we have plans to grow our Dominion Dolphins Swim Team and the 16th Annual Taste of The Dominion will almost double in size this May! Indeed, we have Membership Satisfaction in mind!

As we look forward to what will surely be a better 2011 we look forward to better serving the wants, wishes and desires of you, your Family and Guests. The new year will continue to present us with many challenges and opportunities that we will tackle head-on, always with the best of our Membership in mind.

### **Please extend a warm Dominion welcome to our newest Members:**

Dennis and Martie Noll  
Brian and Cindy Tippet  
Nathan and Alana Clark

Chris and Ann Marie Sharp  
Gustavo and Becky Arredondo  
Randon Hayes and Celeste Gonzaba

## Club Events

### Supper Club

*March 3rd and April 7th, 6-9pm*

*\$24.95 per person*

In March you'll enjoy a wee bit o'celebration with the Supper Club Gang! We'll keep your Irish eyes smiling with a wonderful buffet and plenty of Guinness because as the old Irish saying goes, "Good as drink is, it ends in thirst!"

April's get-together is all about Fiesta! Wear your bright Fiesta colors and medals and dine and drink as well as Fiesta Royalty!

\*If you have not yet attended a Supper Club gathering, you will find there is no better way to quickly get acquainted with a great group of your fellow Dominion Members! Supper Club was actually started by a small group of Members for that very reason! Give it a try this month!

### Women's Forum

*Friday, March 4th, 11:30am*

Enjoy fine Spanish and Mexican fashions presented by Marti's.

*Friday, April 1st, 11:30am*

John Bloodsworth presents Fiesta Royalty! Wear your fiesta colors!



### Rotary Club at The Dominion presents Casino Night

*Friday, March 4th, 6-11pm*

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Open Bar, Live Music and Raffle Prizes! \$75 per person can be charged to your Member account.

RSVP to 698-3364

### Chef Jay's Popular Cooking Demonstrations Continue!

#### Mardi Gras - The Fabulous Tastes of the Big Easy!

**Tuesday, March 8th, 6:30pm**

"Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez"

(Let the good times roll) with The Dominion's very own culinary Grand Marshall – Chef Jay Nash!

You'll laugh, you'll sing and you will enjoy every bite of these Mardi Gras morsels!



\$26.95 per person or \$50 per couple includes the fabulous dinner, a recipe packet and the wine pairing  
Please RSVP to 698-3364

#### The Flavors of Mexico

**Tuesday, April 12th, 6:30pm**

Mexico's colorful culinary offerings

will be explored in this month's demonstration. Besides the fun, frivolity and fabulous food, a Mystery Guest Chef will be on hand to lead the night!



\$26.95 per person or \$50 per couple includes the fabulous dinner, a recipe packet and the wine pairing  
Please RSVP to 698-3364

### Camera Club at The Dominion

*Thursday, March 10th, Thursday, April 14th, 6:30pm*

This fun Club within a Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month and is sponsored by our very own Jim Landers of Landers Photography. Each meeting features a different topic or demonstration and includes light refreshments. The fee is \$10 and can be charged to your Member account.

### Shrimp & Prime Rib Buffet

*March 17th, April 21st, 6-9pm*

Always a Member Favorite! Enjoy chilled shrimp, a full soup & salad bar, Slow-Roasted Hand-Carved Prime Rib and more. Our decadent dessert table is tempting too!

\$24.95 for adults

\$12.95 children 4-11,

3 and under are complimentary

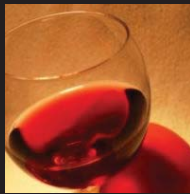
Please RSVP to 698-3364

### South African Wine Dinner

*Wednesday, March 30, 6:30pm*

South African wines are often classed as a 'new world' region; however, wines produced are often nicely poised between the new world and old world styles.

The most famous regions are Stellenbosch, Paarl and Constantia, although cooler regions such as Walker Bay are beginning to attract attention. This elegant dinner will introduce you to some of the best South Africa has to offer! The dining will be fittingly elegant as Chef Jay Nash offers tastes of traditional "Cape Dutch" cookery mixing European cooking with spices like nutmeg, allspice and hot peppers, brought to South Africa from India and Southeast Asia. The wines and the foods will be equally as interesting!



\$65.00 per person

Please RSVP to 698-3364

### Easter Sunday Brunch

*April 24th 10am-3:00pm*

Easter Brunch is the perfect time to celebrate with family and friends at the Club. You will enjoy a grand buffet of delicious delicacies certain to please and indulge each one in your party!

Adults \$34.95, Kids 4-11 \$14.95, 3 and under complimentary.

Please call 698-3364 for reservations



### Administrative Professionals Lunch Buffet

*Wednesday, April 27th 11am-2pm*

Show appreciation for your administrative professional with a fabulous lunch at The Dominion! Your thoughtful gesture will certainly be appreciated!

\$18.95 per person

Please call 698-3364 for reservations

### LOOK AHEAD:

#### Mother's Day Sunday Brunch

*Sunday, May 8th 10am-3:00pm*

Say Thank You to Mom and all the wonderful ladies in your life at the Club this Mother's Day. Besides a most fabulous brunch, Mom will receive a rose and a complimentary glass of champagne or a mimosa. Just surround her with the people she loves and we'll take care of the rest!

Adults \$34.95; kids 4-11 \$14.95;

3 and under complimentary

Please call 698-3364 for reservations

#### Taste of The Dominion

*Thursday, May 12th 6-10pm*

Join Fellow Members and their guests for the 16th annual Taste of The Dominion – certainly one of the Club's most popular events! Several restaurants are new participants this year, with over 15 competing and preparing their signature dishes for your enjoyment. You will absolutely enjoy the fabulous food, the street-fair atmosphere and wonderful music.

\$35.00 per person

Please call 698-3364 for reservations

### Dominion Members,

Thank you all for your support of referrals the last several months. It's spring time and a golden opportunity to showcase country club living at its finest! If you have someone in mind for Club membership, introduce them to the privileges of a Dominion Membership as they can enjoy a tour of the golf course, as well as tennis or social amenities.

Call Jonnie DeCotis in Membership at 698-4820

## Tennis Events

### 11th Annual High School Invitational

This event has grown every year and features local high school tennis players competing in this 3 day tournament. Members: Three courts will be available for play on Thursday March 10th - Saturday March 12th so please call ahead for reservations.

### New Sunday "Go Big" Tennis Clinic!!!!

Every Sunday continuing through March from 2:30-4:00 pm

This is a great workout for anyone looking to step up their game. We will be teaching not only HIGH PERCENTAGE tennis but also LOW PERCENTAGE tennis! Come learn some of the shots the pros use when they go for it! Please call the shop to register for this new clinic.

### New Tuesday Morning Progressive Doubles League!!!

Alright ladies, who is looking for match play on Tuesday mornings?!! Lunch will be served under the gazebo following the matches. The league started in February and our format will be 3 sets using a no add scoring system. All levels are welcome to join and we begin play at 9.30am. Please call the shop and ask for Tony.



### Quickstart Tennis Program

The Quickstart Tennis program is America's fastest growing tennis program for kids 10 and under. We will have a new Quickstart tennis play day on Sundays starting March 5th from 1-2:30 pm. We will have a mini clinic from 1-1:30pm and then match play will be from 1:30-2:30pm. This program will have two divisions - an 8 and under and a 10 and under division. This is in addition to our regular Future Stars program that occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 pm. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please e-mail [tonyramos@the-dominion.com](mailto:tonyramos@the-dominion.com) anytime or call the shop at 698-2288 and ask for Tony.

### Quickstart Tournament

The Dominion Country Club will host its second Quickstart Tennis Tournament Saturday March 26th at 1:00 pm. Our first tournament attracted 30 participants city wide. Registration forms will be available shortly so please look for them and sign up! We are proud to say that the defending champions in each division are both from our Dominion tennis programs!

### Take a Gamble on the Courts!

Saturday April 16th at 3pm

Tennis and Gambling – what a concept! Start the afternoon off with some fun tennis and then retire to the tables. We'll have Blackjack and Craps available for you with the tables set up on the courts! Everyone will begin with \$1000 and play until 6pm. Those with the most cash will have the best chance to win some great prizes. Call the shop to sign up.



### Interclub versus River Place Country Club

Saturday, April 30th

The Austin Ladies beat us last year and "that won't happen again!" I will need 24 ladies ready to play from 2-6pm on Saturday afternoon. All levels are invited. Please call Barry soon as this event fills up fast.

### Dominion Parents,

Summer is around the corner and we have the ideal destination for your children: Dominion Summer Camp! Coming soon is detailed Summer Camp information will be distributed very soon by way of emails, brochures and the Club website. We hope to show your children the summer of a lifetime!



## Golf Events

### Tournament Results

Our 2011 season opening club golf event, the Two Man Partnership, kicked off the season in a big way its biggest player field in five years - 28 two person teams!

Results: 1st place – **Charles Brightwell & Kevin Steingart**

Couples Sweetheart event results: 1st place **Scott & Traci Lewis, Dr. Clinton & Rena Baisden,**  
2nd place – **Tom & Jackie O'Brien, Jeff & Jacquie Rothe**

### Future's Tour News

We are currently gearing up to host our third annual LPGA Futures Tour event. This year's tournament is sponsored by Syemtra Financial. Our previous events were a major success due in large part to the many Dominion Members who volunteered their time and homes for the tour players. Our generosity always creates a buzz throughout their tour and ensures returning players to The Dominion. Of all the letters I have received from the players, The Dominion is their number one best experience on the LPGA Futures Tour. What an incredible compliment to our facility, our course and to you all!

As a reminder, the golf course will be closed Monday, April 25th – May 1st. The driving range will be available for hitting balls all day Tuesday and then closed Wednesday through Sunday. Two Complimentary Tour Event Tickets will be available for each Member and may be picked up in the Golf Center.

It takes many people to successfully execute a large event of this nature. Allow me to express sincere appreciation to our executive committee and the committee chairpersons for their dedication and commitment, along with the numerous volunteers. Without everyone's endless hours of hard work this event would not have become what it is today.

Anthony Re  
Regional Director of Golf  
The Dominion Golf Group

### Dominion Cup

**Saturday and Sunday, March 12th & 13th**

**8:30 am Shotgun**

Join us for the team uniform distribution at the pairings party Friday at 6:00 pm. Play takes place on Saturday and Sunday, March 12th & 13th with two teams, each consisting of 32 players playing a "Ryder Cup" format. Saturday's format will be played as a four ball match on the front 9 and as alternate shot on the back 9. Sunday's format will be played as single match play. The entry fee of \$120 per person includes food and drinks at the Friday night pairing party and lunch both days following play and awards.

### Demo Day

**Saturday, March 26th**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

All the top golf vendors will be here displaying the newest technology in woods, irons and wedges for men and women. Also look for the 2011 golf cart display from Mission Golf Carts featuring E-Z-GO, Yamaha and Club Car.

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## March Madness Texas Elimination Scramble

Monday, March 28, 1:00 pm Shotgun  
Format: 3 Person Elimination Scramble

*Teams:* Minimum of One Member in each group, May invite up to two guests and may only have one Pro per team.



*Format:* Elimination Scramble, Players with handicaps of 0–7 will tee from Gold Tees, handicaps of 8–15 will tee from Blue Tees and handicaps of 16 and up will tee from White Tees. All Women will Tee from Red Tees.

Field will be limited to 40 teams

The entry fee of \$65 per person includes lunch, skins & awards

Entry Fee to be paid in cash as awards are cash payout.

## The Dominion DWGA Schedule - March

3rd - Ace of the Month Low Gross – Low Net.

10th - Beat the Pro

16th & 17th - Eclectic Day 1 & Day 2 with luncheon

24th - Tee to Green ½ handicap

31st - Guest Day – Combined Low Net

## “The Master” at The Dominion

April 8 – 11th

Play with the top players in the world as you compete in the 2011 Master Golf Tournament! You pick the five players from the Masters field prior to tee off time Thursday, your top four players’ scores for the four day total will be added to your “1” best net score that you shoot between Thursday and Sunday. Play as many times you want to improve your net score as you help your Master Pro’s for the lowest team total. Entry fee is \$10 which can be billed to your account. The pro shop will have a registration form for you to pick your Master players.



## DWGA Events

### April

7th – Ace of the Month 21st – Hate’em (new)

14th – Tax Day

28th – No DWGA play – Futures Tour

## Margarita Member/Member

Friday & Saturday, April 15th & 16th  
12 pm Shotgun on Friday and  
8 am Shotgun Saturday



The tournament consist of 45 holes of non-elimination four-ball match play with each Individual’s handicap. The field will be divided into equal flights bases on combined handicap total. Friday, we will play 27 holes with lunch prior to tee off and 18 holes on Saturday with an awards luncheon followed by the horserace for the winners in each flight, to determine an overall winner.

Entry fee of \$175 includes food, drinks on the course, favors and awards.

## The “New” Spring Bash – Two Man Scramble Challenge

Friday, April 22nd

Open to Members and Guests – invite as many guests as you want! Each year this event has grown in participation and this year we expect 100 players as we play a two person scramble handicap format. Cash prizes are given out for low front 9, low back 9 and overall in both gross and net.

Big skins game, closest to the pin awards

Guest Price: \$100 includes golf, skins, awards and lunch

*Member Price:* \$50 plus cart includes skins, awards and lunch

## LPGA/ Futures Tour Event Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering for the event please contact Cookie Belinsky (cbelinsky@satx.rr.com) or Tony Re (Anthony@the-dominion.com). We will need many volunteers as well as housing for 100 of the players during the week of April 27 to May 4. If you are interested in housing one or more of the tour players it would be gratefully appreciated.