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Save the Dates! 2024 📅

*Jan 4, 2024--1st 18 Hole Play Day

*Jan 4, 2024---General Membership Meeting
(after play.)

*January 23, 2024--Social Event

Fun Day--(TBA)

*MAD HATTER-MAY 2

See last page of newsletter for all of your 2024 dates!

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The President's Tee Box

Happy New Year!

We had a great 2023 and we are looking forward to an even better 2024! Our first 18 Hole Play Day is right around the corner on Thursday January 4, 2024 with General Membership Meeting after play.

We are so excited to start 2024 as a part of such an enthusiastic and dedicated Board of Directors. Our goal is to make HMRLGA the very best it can be for everyone. Our ladies have a great year planned for us so get ready to have some fun!

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and got to spend time with your loved ones. We all need a little break at the end of every year to refresh us and get us ready for the next great year of golf activities. If you have not already finished your membership application please have that ready to go or send in early, which you can pay through Venmo. Much thanks to our outgoing President Cathy Douglas for a superb job at leading us so well and will continue to do so as Secretary this year!

Your Board of Directors is always available to help you or answer any questions you may have.

Let's get back into the "swing" of things and I hope to see you in 2024!
Stacie

CLINICS

Monday 10.00 -
Operation 36

Wednesday 9.00 -
Ladies PDP Clinic

Saturday 10.00 - All-
Comers Clinic



Golf Lessons

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Member Spotlight

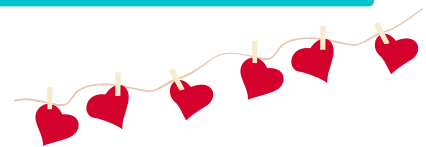


Belinda Shepherd

Hi, y'all! I was born and bred in Arkansas (Go Razorbacks!). After going to Louisiana Tech for college, I moved to Shreveport where I met my husband Paul through mutual friends. We had our two kids, Maegan and Tyler, in Shreveport before we moved to Houston, Ft. Worth, and Midland, where we stayed until our kids graduated. My husband and I moved from Midland to Magnolia in 2008 for his sales job in the oil-and-gas business. My love for golf developed after watching my son play at school and professionally. When we moved to Magnolia, I decided I wanted to learn how to play and would go up to High Meadow Ranch to practice on my own, and my son would give me lessons in the backyard when he was in town. Golf has become one of my favorite things to do, and I've met some of my best friends in Houston while playing. When I'm not golfing, I'm usually watching Texas Tech or Arkansas football, traveling with my friends and family, or currently building a new home in the neighborhood.



Sara Ortwein



I'm a native Houstonian and have spent most of my life in Texas with the exception of a 3-year stint in Virginia as a child and 2 years in New Orleans while I was working. I grew up on the west side of Houston and graduated from Stratford High School where I played varsity tennis. I am a very proud Longhorn (Hook 'em) and enjoyed my college days immensely! I played intramural tennis and flag football and my "claim to fame" is that Earl Campbell coached my flag football team. I met my husband, Randy, on a tennis court after my sophomore year and dated him remotely for 2 years. We have been married for 42 years now and have 2 amazing children, Adam and Megan. Both are married to incredibly special people--Adam to Erin and Megan to Jacob. Our kids and their spouses are all Longhorns too (Hook 'em again!). We have 3 grandchildren, Daphne (4), Phoebe (2) and Shiloh (20 months), who give us so much joy every day. They are fun and funny and full of life! I had a 39 year career with ExxonMobil that took me all over the world where I got to work on exciting projects with great people. From 1992 until 2004, we moved every few years with work. In 2008, when it was clear we were going to stay in the Houston area, we settled in High Meadow Ranch. This has been such a special time. I retired in 2019 and have been finding all kinds of things to fill my time. We love life in High Meadow. This community is so special. Golf is my latest activity and I joined the HMRLGA this year. I have loved playing with you all and getting to know you! Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Dianne Traynor

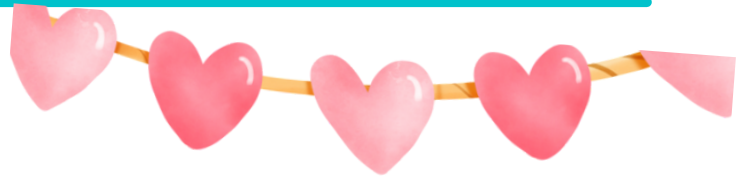
Member Spotlight



After graduating from DePauw University in Indiana, I married and moved to the Chicago area with my husband, Gary. Shortly after marriage, we were transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah, where I got my first teaching job with the outstanding pay of \$7,800 a year! After only a year, Gary's company moved us back to the Chicago area, and Wheaton, IL became our home for almost fifteen years. Our three children, Brittany, Zachary, and Torin, (who between them have given us seven fantastic grandkids) made us a "family". While in Wheaton, we were fortunate to meet a couple who have become life-long friends, and because of their "expat" position in the Middle East, we were able to see a part of the world we would have never thought to visit. The "travel bug" hit hard during that time, and we spent many years exploring the world. After living almost fifteen years in Illinois, we moved to Andover, MA, which is right outside of Boston. We were there for 30 wonderful years! For the first ten years in MA, I played team tennis, golfed, and roller bladed (about 16 miles!) almost daily. But...I broke my wrist in a tennis match, couldn't continue with my sports, and realized my boredom needed to be quelled; I returned to teaching English at the high school level, retired (briefly) after 15 years, and began teaching college English composition for Middlesex College. Tired of maintaining the "big" house as "empty nesters," we moved into Boston where we thrived for the next five years --until Covid hit and nearly closed the city down. Both my husband and I began working "on-line", which opened up new opportunities. We were able to move to Texas to join my daughter's family and continue to work at our same job-jobs we still enjoy today! Gary and I built our home in Woodforest (Bonterra) and are loving Texas life. We have become avid pickleball players and golf as much as we can. Are we happy with our relocation to Texas? Hell yes! We'll take the heat over snow any day!



Tracy Conte



Hi, my name is Tracy Conte and my husband and I had the opportunity a year ago to move to Texas due to a job opportunity/relocate with Parker Hannifin. After the sale of our house in Edmonton Alberta Canada we went to book flights but found out that there was a heat embargo in Texas so dogs could not be put in cargo, and I was not leaving without my dogs. My husband tried all rental cars but none to be had because of COVID, the next best thing was a U-haul! Once we got here, we realized the housing market was nuts so we rented a condo thru Wills work in Woodlands which is where we thought we wanted to live! After several weeks of looking we said the Woodlands is not for us! Our new realtor was amazing but came down with COVID, so we started looking on our own, and found ourselves way out here in Woodtrace never imagining living in the country with a train whistle in the back ground! But it's truly heaven out here. Then our priority was to find a golf course which we again stumbled upon in HMR. We played a round then met these wonderful ladies (you know who you are) having a drink on the patio deck and well the rest is history! I joined the ladies league and can't say enough of how friendly and inviting they made me feel.

When we left Edmonton, I retired as a lab tech after 40 yrs, it was a hard sad goodbye but now I hope to be able to focus on my golf game and just take all of what Texas has to offer! I even tried my hand at a shooting range and as a Canadian I had never held a gun! Our concern, once here was how will we make new friends but the first night we went out for dinner right here in Tomball and met a lovely couple at the bar and we now have a group of 8-12 that meet! We can't say enough about the Southern hospitality here! This summer unfortunately my bloodhound who was turning 16 found the move rather hard and we had to send her over the rainbow bridge! My fur babies are everything to me so I knew I would need another sooner than later especially as Apollo (our Doby) who is a search and rescue dog in training here with Equusearch missed T-Bone. We now have our little bundle of joy "Bugatti", an Italian mastiff who is 10 weeks and already his paws are bigger the Apollo's. So now our home is complete with the fur babies. We are hoping that some of our kids thru marriage on Wills side (I inherited 5,4 boys and 1 girl) will visit as 4 are in Canada and one in California. Our daughter is dying to come see Bugatti! Both hubby and I are big hockey fans coming from Canada, but my oilers are sucking big time! Cheers to everyone and I can't wait for the lady's golf season to start again and bring on that incredible hot summer again! I don't sweat so I love the summer here!



MEMBERS CORNER



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January BIRTHDAYS

MARY BRACKEN-JANUARY 15

ELIZABETH BURKETT-JAN 20

STACIE STRINE- JANUARY 28

February BIRTHDAYS

CYNDI SVOBODA-FEBRUARY 1

KATHLEEN PENNINGER FEBRUARY 8

March BIRTHDAYS

NATALIE TAYLOR-MARCH 15

LINDA FANKHOUSER-MARCH 22

April Birthdays

JENNY CALKINS-APRIL 5

GAIL PEURIFOY-APRIL 5

COLEEN KAPALSKI-APRIL 21

GAIL PEURIFOY-APRIL 5

ROBIN MENCHEN-APRIL 14

May Birthdays

June Birthdays

CECE BRUCE, TARA DORROH,
LESLIE BAILEY, BETH HOAD, KATIE
STEELE, DEBBIE YAROTSKY



I push myself to be the best I can be. I don't worry about what other people are doing, and I don't think about things I can't control.

— Annika Sorenstam —



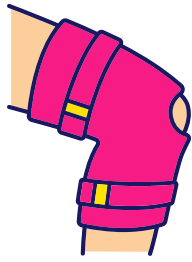
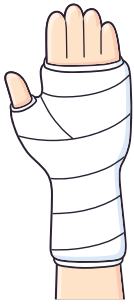
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE



**ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE SO KEEP
TEXTING ALL YOUR PLAYDAY PHOTOS
TO TARA!**

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What a year we have had!!



We have had a challenging year! A multitude of surgeries, loved ones passing, moving, family members health, and hospital stays. However, we forged ahead, held each other up, and offered support because we are a family and that's what families do! May HMRLGA always be a soft space to land in the hard places of life.

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2024 Calendar



January	4th	1st 18-Hole Playday of 2024
	4th	LGA Membership Meeting
	23rd	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
February	15th	18-Hole Valentine's Playday
	20th	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
	21st	Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting
March	12th	9-Hole - 1st Playday of 2024
	12th	9-Hole Luck of the Draw St. Paddy's Playday
	14th	18-Hole - Luck of the Draw St. Paddy's Playday
	20th	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
April	4th	Officers Meeting
	12th	Friday Nine and Dine Social
	17th	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
	18th	LGA Membership Meeting
May	2nd	Mad Hatter Tournament
	8th	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
	10th	Friday Nine & Dine Social
June	4th	9-Hole Summer Eclectic Tournament Starts
	6th	18-Hole Summer Eclectic Tournament Starts
	14th	Friday Nine & Dine Social
	19th	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
	26th	Officers Meeting
July	2nd	9-Hole Patriotic Playday
	3rd	18-Hole Patriotic Playday
	12th	Friday Nine & Dine Social
	18th	LGA Membership Meeting
	24th	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
August	9th	Friday Nine & Dine Social
	21st	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
September	3rd	9-Hole Eclectic Ends
	5th	18-Hole Eclectic Ends
	13th	Friday Nine & Dine Social
	16-18th	Golf Trip - San Antonio
	27th	Officers Meeting
October	1st	9-Hole Pink Out Playday
	3rd	18-Hole Pink Out Playday
	11th	Last Friday Nine & Dine Social for 2024
	16th	LGA Membership Meeting
	22nd	Last 9-Hole Playday for 2024
	23rd	Social Event / Fun Day - TBA
	29th	9-Hole End of Year Tournament
	31st	Halloween 18-Hole Playday
November	7th	Last 18-Hole Playday for 2024
	12th & 14th	2-Day 18-Hole End of Year Tournament
December	5th	Santa Scramble Tournament
	12th	Christmas Party/ Membership Meeting & New Board Elections