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HOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Circle C neighbors and friends,

I am sad to say that Denise Nordstrom our Circle C Ranch HOA manager has resigned her position to pursue other interests. I want to express my sincerest gratitude for her years of service to our wonderful neighborhood. She started with us back in 1998 and became a permanent employee in 2004. She has become a fixture at Circle C Ranch and has led our growth from a small start-up community to a very large neighborhood of 4600 homes that is still growing to this day. I know her job was not an easy one, and I want to personally thank her for her hard work and her commitment to excellence, something that we have all come to depend on. She will be sorely missed and we all wish her the

best in her future endeavors.

Going forward, I ask all of my fellow neighbors to be patient with the HOA during this challenging transition. We have already begun the process of searching for the right candidate to fill this position and Denise is assisting us in this transition. If you or someone you know has the strong skill set we will need to fill this challenging position, a full job description will be posted on the website.

Again please join me in thanking Denise for all her years of hard work. She will remain a Circle C neighbor and a friend to us all.

Sincerely,

Chris Poynor, CCHOA President

CCHOA 4TH OF JULY PARADE A BIG HIT!

The CCHOA hosted the annual 4th of July Parade last month, and we had about 600-700 residents attend! We would like to thank the following volunteers for their time and help making this event a huge success: *Lisa Williams, Terri Savage, Cherri Nolan, Sheri Gonzalez, Angelika Gonzales, Dominic Lowe, Jason Campbell, John and Niki Ratliff, Kim Garcia, Mickie Hernandez, Jason Horek, Stacy Oliveri, Natalie McClure, Jan Anderson, Shauna Martinich, Cassandra Thompson – THANK YOU!!*

Congratulations to the winners of the "Decorate Your Wheels" Contest! The judges had a very difficult time choosing the winners!!! Winners were Savannah & Wyatt Parker, James Matthews, Kayla & Chloe Graves, Daniela & Nicholas Lezam, Avery Harris, Nickolas Shimkus, Madison & Luke Adams, Grayson Anderson, and Charlie Corbett.

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If you have an article of interest to the community please submit to ashley@circlecranch.info by the 10th of the month. The newsletter can also be viewed online at www.circlecranch.info.

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4TH OF JULY PARADE PHOTOS

Submitted by Sarah Jordan with Miles of Smiles Photography

It was so much fun seeing all the smiles, bikes, and scooters again this year at the Circle C 4th of July Parade! Here are details about where to find and download your pictures for free. The online albums are available through August 8th, 2013. If you need assistance, please email Sarah at milesofsmilesphotography@yahoo.com. Enjoy!

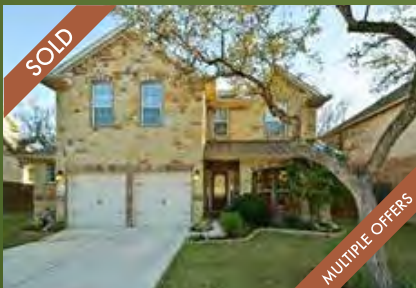
To find your images, visit www.milesofsmilesphotography.com and look under the "Announcements" section on that page. There is a link that will take you to the 4th of July Parade albums.

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

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Features of the Circle C HOA Website:

Resident Directory (names
posted only with resident's
approval)

Current Events and
Announcements

Documents and Forms
(i.e. ACC guidelines, deed
restrictions, financials, etc.)

Amenities Information

Classifieds

And More!



CCHOA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Denise Nordstrom, CCHOA Manager

SCHOOL IS STARTING

With the start of school just right around the corner, we wanted to remind residents to be mindful of all the children in the neighborhood. A lot of the school children walk or bike to school, so be sure to be extra careful while driving during the start and end times of school. And make sure to obey all school zones, speed limits, and crossing guards.

CITY OF AUSTIN RIGHT OF WAY

Please keep all sidewalks cleared of shrubbery and trees limbs. The City recommends that tree limbs are trimmed 14 feet above the right of way to keep sidewalks cleared for pedestrians and to ensure that all street signs are visible with unobstructed views for drivers.

PARKING

The HOA receives quite a few calls and emails from residents who are frustrated with parking scenarios on their street. The BEST place for residents to park is in their garage, not only does this look better, but it's safer in terms of potential vandalism. If you are unable to park in your garage, perhaps it's time to consider clearing out this space and looking for better storage solutions. If you absolutely cannot park in your garage, then the next best place is your driveway. This ensures that the streets are kept clear, which not only looks better, but is also safer in terms of emergency vehicles having the best access. If you have guests over and they must park in the street, ask them to park directly in front of your home. If you are in a cul-de-sac, this is especially true, and cars must not park nose in; cars must park parallel to the curb.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE HOA EMAILS?

The Association communicates with residents via our website email database on important and timely issues that affect residents and the community. If you haven't already, visit www.circlecranch.info and click "Sign Up" and opt in to email.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

As reported in each month's newsletter, the HOA staff drives at least two sections of the neighborhood per month to note violations of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. These commonly include: front yard landscape maintenance (mowing, edging, free of weeds), home maintenance (paint, screens, siding) and recreational vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers) parked in the driveway. The HOA is required by state law to notify owners in writing via certified mail and allow for the homeowner to request a hearing before the board of directors. If you receive a letter, please contact us at the HOA office and let us know your individual situation. We would like to work with you to bring your home into compliance. If you would like to report a violation, you can do so via our website at www.circlecranch.info.

CHANGING YOUR FRONTYARD LANDSCAPE?

If you are re-doing your front yard landscape, please consult the Circle C website to obtain the Water Wise Front Yard Design Guidelines. You need to submit a plan to the Architectural Control Committee if you are significantly changing your front yard landscape.

§25-10-103 SIGNS PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

(A) A person may not cause or authorize a sign to be installed, used, or maintained on or over a public property or public right-of-way, except as authorized by this chapter.

(B) The primary beneficiary of any sign installed in violation of this section is presumed to have authorized or caused the installation, use, or maintenance of the sign in violation of this section and commits an offense.

(C) Proof of a culpable mental state is not required for conviction of an offense under this section.

(D) An offense under this section is punishable by a fine of not less than:

(1) \$50 for a first conviction;

(2) \$200 for a second conviction within any 24-month period; and

(3) \$400 for a third or subsequent conviction within any 24-month period.

(E) To determine the minimum fine under Subsection (D), one or more fines assessed during a 24-hour period beginning at midnight and ending at 11:59 p.m. constitute a single conviction.

(F) A person who commits an offense under Subsection (A) shall remove the object. In addition to other enforcement remedies, a person who fails to remove an object within 48 hours after being notified of the offense in writing by an authorized City representative is subject to a civil penalty of \$200 per day for every day or part of a day the object is in place.

(G) The city manager may remove a sign or other advertising device installed, used, or maintained on or over any public property or public right-of-way in violation of this chapter. Notice is not required to be given to the owner or beneficiary of a sign removed under this section, either before the removal or before the disposition or destruction of the sign.

(H) This section does not prohibit the installation, use, or maintenance in the right-of-way of:

(1) a sidewalk sign;

(2) a projecting sign in the downtown sign district;

(3) a street banner; or

(4) a wall sign that is mounted flat against the building and extends not more than 18 inches from the facade of a building and into right-of-way.

(I) A sign installed, used, or maintained on or over public property or public right-of-way is presumed to be abandoned, unless the sign is authorized by this chapter. Chapter 9-1 (Abandoned Property And Vehicles) does not apply to a sign abandoned under this section.

(J) The remedies authorized under this section are cumulative. If the City files a civil or criminal action, it is not precluded from pursuing any other action or remedy.

Source: Section 13-2-864; Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 031030-11; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 040422-49.

Circle C Swim Center

Submitted by Sammie Surguy

LOTS OF FUN AT CIRCLE C SWIM CENTER!

Come out and join us for Dive-In Movie Night by the pool Saturday, August 10! The water will open for swimming at 8:00 p.m. and the movie will start at dusk. This month we will be showing Despicable Me! Entry is free for all Circle C residents; make sure to bring your membership card. Guests are welcome, standard guest fees and policies do apply. It's guaranteed to be fun for the whole family! The Swim Center will also be offering other events, so be sure to check our website (ccswim.net), Facebook page (facebook.com/ccaquatics) and Twitter (twitter.com/circlecsc) regularly for dates and more information.

SELECT SWIM TEAM

Registration for the Circle C Select Swim Team 2013-2014 season is open for Residents and Non-Residents! Please feel free to check out the team's website: select.ccswim.net, to learn more. You are also more than welcome to stop by and meet Coach Hayley and check out a practice anytime. Send us an email if you are interested in trying out: frontdesk@ccswim.net or give us a call at (512)288-6057!

ADULT MASTERS SWIM PROGRAM

This program is an adult technique and conditioning class taught by Hayley McGregory. This class will teach you how to swim faster with less effort. It is for adults of all abilities. We will incorporate drills for all four strokes into structured practices that will also increase your endurance.

When: Tue., Thurs., & Fri. at 7:00-8:15 a.m.

Price: \$50/month (Residents); \$60/month (Non-Residents)

Registration: Contact the Swim Center at 512.288.6057 to register or for any questions.

WATER AEROBICS

Water exercise is for everyone! Classes combine various formats of water exercise to give you the most complete program possible. Group water aerobics classes are invigorating workouts that are non-competitive and fun. You will see improved flexibility, strength, coordination, and endurance. Regardless of your current fitness level or physical condition, we believe you will find Water Aerobics right for you! Classes are held three times a week, April through October

When: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; 9a-10a

Price: \$45/month (Residents); \$55/month (Non-Residents)

Registration: Contact the Swim Center at 512.288.6057 to register or for any questions.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Circle C Aquatics offers American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification training. The ARC Lifeguard Certification class covers the fundamental skills required of a lifeguard. This certification is required for all lifeguards that are employed by Circle C HOA. Employees, and potential employees, may take this course at no cost (minus registration fees), provided continued employment with Circle C HOA. Email lifeguard@ccswim.net for details on class costs for potential employees.

When: Email lifeguard@ccswim.net for information on the next

class.

Price: \$225 Course Fee (Course Fee waived for potential employees) + \$35 Registration Fee (Non- Refundable) + Additional Equipment Fees may apply

Registration: Contact the Swim Center at 512.288.6057.

TECHNIQUE & FITNESS MINNOWS (AGES 5-7)

This program is mid-way between summer league swimming and year around swimming. The kids will get longer, more fitness oriented workouts with less one on one coaching than summer league, while still keeping it fun and focused on technique. Swimmers must have prior swim team experience on a summer league or year round team. There is a short conditioning workout on land at the beginning of each session.

When: Session 2: July 30 - Aug. 15; Tuesdays/Thursdays; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Price: \$60/session/swimmer (Residents); \$70/session/swimmer (Non-Residents)

Registration: Contact the Swim Center at 512.288.6057 to register or for any questions.

TECHNIQUE & FITNESS CLINIC (AGES 8-18)

This program is mid-way between summer league swimming and year around swimming. The kids will get longer, more fitness oriented workouts with less one on one coaching than summer league, while still keeping it fun and focused on technique. Swimmers must have prior swim team experience on a summer league or year round team.

When: Session 2: July 30 - Aug. 15; Tuesdays/Thursdays; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Price: \$60/session/swimmer (Residents); \$70/session/swimmer (Non-Residents)

Registration: Contact the Swim Center at 512.288.6057 to register or for any questions.

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

The swim lesson season is here! Circle C Aquatics offers child group swim lessons in the Spring and Summer seasons. Sessions are two weeks in duration. Classes meet Tuesdays through Fridays, for a total of 8 classes per session. Each class is 25 minutes long.

Price: \$84 per swimmer per session for residents/\$104 per swimmer per session for non-residents

For more information on class times and registration please contact our front desk at: customerservice@ccswim.net or (512)288-6057.

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Are Group Swim Lessons not fitting in with your schedule? Sign up for Private Lessons today! With Private and Semi-Private Lessons, you can pick the instructor of your choice, and find a flexible time that works for you. These lessons are 30 minutes in duration and are for all abilities. Lessons can be purchased individually, or in packages of 4 or 8 for a discounted rate. Pricing is based on Instructor Type/Level. For more information please contact our front desk at: customerservice@ccswim.net or (512)288-6057.

Summer Hours

SWIM CENTER
June 10 - Aug. 25, 2013

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday
Lap Swim Only
6-10 a.m.

Lap/Recreational Swim
10a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday
Lap Swim Only
7-10 a.m.

Lap/Recreational Swim
10a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday
Lap/Recreational Swim
10a.m.-8 p.m.

COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER
June 10 - Aug. 25, 2013

Wednesday- Monday
11 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday - CLOSED

Fall Hours

SWIM CENTER
Aug. 26 thru Sept. 29, 2013

Monday - Friday
Lap Swim Only
6-10 a.m.

Recreation & Lap Swim
3:30-8 p.m.

Saturday
Lap Swim Only
7-10 a.m.
Recreation & Lap Swim
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday
Recreation & Lap Swim
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER
Aug. 26 thru Sept. 29, 2013

Monday-Friday
CLOSED

Holiday Hours

SWIM CENTER
Labor Day Weekend
Aug. 31. - Sept. 2, 2013

Saturday
Lap Swim Only
7-10 a.m.
Recreation & Lap Swim
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday
Recreation & Lap Swim
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Monday
Lap Swim Only
6 - 10 a.m.
Recreation & Lap Swim
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER
Labor Day Weekend
Aug. 31. - Sept. 2, 2013

12-6 p.m.

All Swim Center hours and detailed information about the Swim Center can now be found online for easy access.

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CIRCLE C LANDSCAPE

Submitted by Susan Hoover

For July and August in Circle C, we endure the VERY HOT temperatures and try to keep the vegetation from completely burning up! When the temperature is about 95 degrees, the flowering perennials and shrubs pretty much go into hiding, and wait for cooler temperatures to resume their flowering cycle. When it gets up to 103 degrees and above (like 108 to 110) it gets pretty crispy out there. The turf areas go into summer dormancy, where they will turn yellow or blond, particularly in the shallow soils where there is no shade. The burr oaks on the commons areas really hate any temperatures over 100 degrees and they shed their leaves very readily. You will see us hand watering trees on the commons areas (this is allowed at any time under City of Austin Stage Two Water Conservation Rules). Our goal is to keep everything moist and soft enough so if and when we get a surprise summer rain, it will soak into the ground and help the plants and grass.

We appreciate each and every person who calls in and lets us know if you see a sprinkler head that is broken (resulting in a tall geyser when the water comes on), or any other leaks and drips that you might notice. The irrigation systems in Circle C are sizeable, and we monitor on a daily basis. However, with over 12,000 irrigation heads and about 45 miles of pipe, things happen all of the time. We can use your eyes, so if you see anything amiss, please give the office a call at 512-288-8663 or send us an email at info@circlec ranch.info.

At the current time (in July) when this newsletter is written, we are under Stage Two Water Conservation measures from the City of Austin. We can water one time per week between the hours of 12:00-5:00 a.m. and 7:00-11:59 p.m. Most of our irrigation waters on either Tuesday or Friday, however, on Escarpment and Slaughter Lane, and some sections of La Crosse, we have a variance from the City of Austin to water a different day, still one time per week. These days are sequenced in the long areas that run from large water meters with looped irrigation. If you have any questions about the

watering, please feel free to contact me, Susan Hoover, at shoover@fastmail.fm.

For maintenance services during the summer we continue with our regular mowing services, and other maintenance such as shrub and hedge trimming, cutting back perennials, updating mulch and keeping everything nice and tidy. We put new plantings on hold, generally to around September 15th, because it is pretty difficult to get plants established in the August heat. For this summer, we are concentrating on converting many areas to drip irrigation, which allows much more efficient watering as well as a flexible watering schedule under City of Austin rules.

For the fall, we will be making improvements in Circle C North. From the Circle C North post office on the west side up to Slaughter Lane, along the new wall area, we will be installing a native palette with drip irrigation to soften out the wall. This area is part of the developer improvements required of the developer by the Circle C HOA. In addition, the CCHOA Board of Directors has approved funds for a renovation in the Circle C North area which will include converting all of the irrigation to drip irrigation, renovating the planting beds, enhancing the corner entries at Slaughter, and planting along the newly installed fence. In the fall we will also be renovating some areas along LaCrosse to provide more efficient irrigation, and more drought tolerant plantings.

So, for your own yard, we encourage you to follow the City of Austin Water Restrictions and take advantage of the great information that they have on the City's Grow Green site. You can also get information from the City on how to take care of mature trees. We would also like to remind everyone in a new home area to hand water their newly planted trees. You probably need to do this about twice a week during the hot weather. The trees should not dry out, but you don't want to drown them either!!! You can access the City's Grow Green site at <http://austintexas.gov/departments/grow-green>

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August 29: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>
September 8: 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>
October 19: Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, www.sharkfestswim.com



ALERT: 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year.
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A Letter From Your Neighbor

Submitted by Kevin Denmark

Dear Neighbor,

I live at 9301 Manipari Lane in the Circle C Park Place. On March 26, 2013, my neighbor, while out walking, found our cat in the front yard cut cleanly in half with an extremely sharp object. No blood present, we never found the front half, and specific parts were placed next to the house. Hoping it was a one-time incident performed at random; I reported it to the police and only told a few neighbors due to the uncomfortable nature of discussing the subject.

On June 22, 2013, while returning from an early morning walk, my wife found our other cat in the exact same spot in the front yard (within inches), with all parts positioned in the same way.

The Austin Police Department believes this was an act done by coyote's in our area. I have shared pictures and spoken with animal cruelty experts at the Humane Society in Washington D.C. and they are opening their own case. Coyotes would not duplicate a scene this exactly. Furthermore, a quick Google Search shows

similar half cat incidences happening in 2009 and 2011 in our area.

I write this letter for two reasons. First, those who I have told appreciated the information so they could take their own precautions and help look out for each other. I am told by the authorities that someone with the capacity to perform acts like this only becomes bolder and more dangerous with time.

Second, is to offer a reward of \$1000 for any information that directly leads to the arrest and filing of felony charges on the person who did this. A dollar amount for information may seem unneeded to many of us who want to keep our neighborhood safe but I assure you, having an award tends to work better than not having one.

Please email me at Kevinmdenmark@yahoo.com if you have any information or questions I can help answer. I have already heard from two people in our community who have had the same thing happen to them.

*Thank you,
Kevin Denmark, 7/7/2013*



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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Submitted by Whitney Myers

The MOMS Club of Austin/Circle C-NW is coordinating a back-to-school supply drive benefiting SafePlace (a 501c3 nonprofit assisting victims of domestic or sexual abuse). Certain times of the year can add extra strain on families struggling to lead violence-free lives. One such time is when kids go back-to-school. Compounded by the violence they have suffered, issues of homelessness and lack of resources, it can be exceedingly difficult for a parent to provide all the necessary school supplies for his or her children. We need donations from Circle C residents to ensure that children in grades K-12 get the fresh start that they need to succeed in their education. Can you pick-up a couple of extra items from the list on your next shopping trip? There will be a drop-off box located inside the Circle C Community Center now through Monday, August 5. Questions? Email: swaustinmomsclub@gmail.com

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Submitted by Jackie Rollins



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Submitted by Joan Reed

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Arik Suez - Boys' 10 Singles Winner
and Logan Lewis - Boy's 10 Singles
Finalist - Green



Colby Lewis - Boy's 10 Singles Winner
Round Robin and Rohan Bhavsar - Boy's 10
Singles 3rd place Round Robin - Orange



Frank Wei - Boys' 10 Singles 2nd
place Round Robin and Tristan Stine
- Boys' 10 Singles 4th place Round
Robin - Orange



William Ansdell - Boys' 12 Singles 3rd
place Round Robin



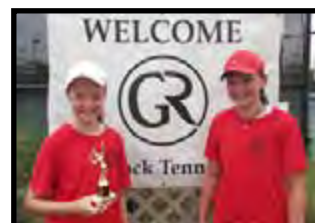
Tom Gilburg - Boys' 14 Singles Finalist



Alec Gorden - Boys' 16 Singles Winner



Gunnar Hooks - Boys' 16 Singles
Consolation Winner



Kayleigh Shumaker - Girls' 12 Singles
3rd place Round Robin and Gabriella
Saidelman - Girls' 12 Singles 4th
place Round Robin



Karissa Libson - Girls' 16 Singles Semis

Not in picture: Shyam Sharma -
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Lauren Blevins - Girls' 16 Singles
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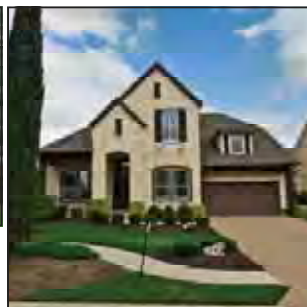
John's "Sell" phone is (512) 970-1970!



10610 Londonshire-John's listing-Gorgeous Scott Felder 1-story with big back yard! No price yet.. :)



10506 Walpole-John's listing-at \$319,000! David Weekley with big back yard. Some updating needed. Hurry!



11616 Hollister Lane-John's listing \$429,000.! Gorgeous David Weekley in gated golf course comm.!



11024 Pairnoy-John's listing- Stunning Streetman on greenbelt with wood floors! \$589,000. **"SOLD!"**



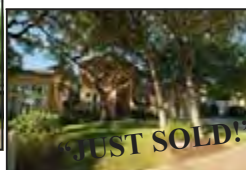
6518 Way Lane-John's listing-Incredible Streetman w/huge back yard, wood floors \$430,000. **"SOLD!"**



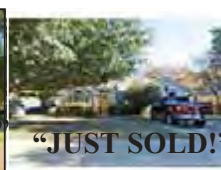
5839 Van Winkle-John's listing. \$489,000. Pool+culdesac **"SOLD!"**



11405 LaFitte Lane-John's buyer- Culdesac and pool! **"SOLD!"** before MLS



6909 Orchard Hill-John's listing- \$359,000. Streetman **"SOLD!"** in 1 week.



6108 Back Bay-Fixer-upper special. \$269,000. **"SOLD!"**



10704 Natick Lane-Relo transfer, Gorgeous Newmark. **"SOLD!"**



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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



How To Execute The High Volley Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead “smash”, the forehand service return and the backhand service return.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the forehand high approach shot. This shot is used when a player is caught in “no-person’s land” (around the service line area) and receives a high ball to volley. The important part of this shot is to be able to hit a deep volley to the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put in a defensive mode and hits a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the “killer or placement volley”. In the illustrations, Kathy Smith, a player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

Step 1: The Ready Position and Split Step: When Kathy realizes that she is caught in “no-person’s land”, she takes the split step by bending the knees and staying on her toes. Her racket is in the volley position and her feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Once Kathy realizes that the ball has been directed to her forehand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: Kathy now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the left toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow her to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow her to hit the ball deep.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Once Kathy has made contact with the ball, she finishes the follow through with her wrist laid back. Her left arm is next to her body and her eyes have shifted toward her target.

Step 5: The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward her opponent and Kathy realizes that her shot is deep, now she moves close to the net for the put away volley. If her shot was not deep, Kathy will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over her head. By the look in her eyes and her smile, she is ready to go for the “kill volley”.

Look in the next Newsletter for: The One Hand Backhand Volley Approach Shot

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Math Pentathlon Club

Submitted by Linda Alvarez

Mathematics Pentathlon is a program of interactive problem-solving games, for students in grades K-7. This motivational program strengthens basic math concepts and skills, aligns with National and State Math Standards, and stimulates creative thinking. A focus on conceptual understanding and the integration of spatial, computational and logical reasoning are key attributes of Mathematics Pentathlon. These games make learning fun for ALL students of varying abilities and learning styles. The kids are motivated to enjoy math, which is critical in improving their performance in this subject.

This exciting, engaging, and effective program has been successfully implemented as a club at Baldwin, Baranoff, Boone, Clayton, Kiker, and Mills Elementary schools, to name a few. Until now, there wasn't a club available for kids at the 6/7 grade levels, or for those kids that weren't attending schools

with an established club. With knowledge of that unserved population, a group of experienced and dedicated parents have formed the SouthWest Austin Math Pentathlon Club (aka SWAMP Club).

This club is a cooperative volunteer organization and families wishing to participate will need to support the weekly team practices and help at the Math Pentathlon tournament held in Austin in the spring. Participating in a Math Pentathlon team is a fun way to learn higher math skills, build self esteem about math, work within a team, learn to stand up for oneself, communicate logically, and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

For more information visit the national website at www.mathpentath.org or contact Linda Alvarez at linda@lindaalvarez.com, or Lenora Stevens, at swampcoordinator@gmail.com.

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Submitted by Saralee Tiede

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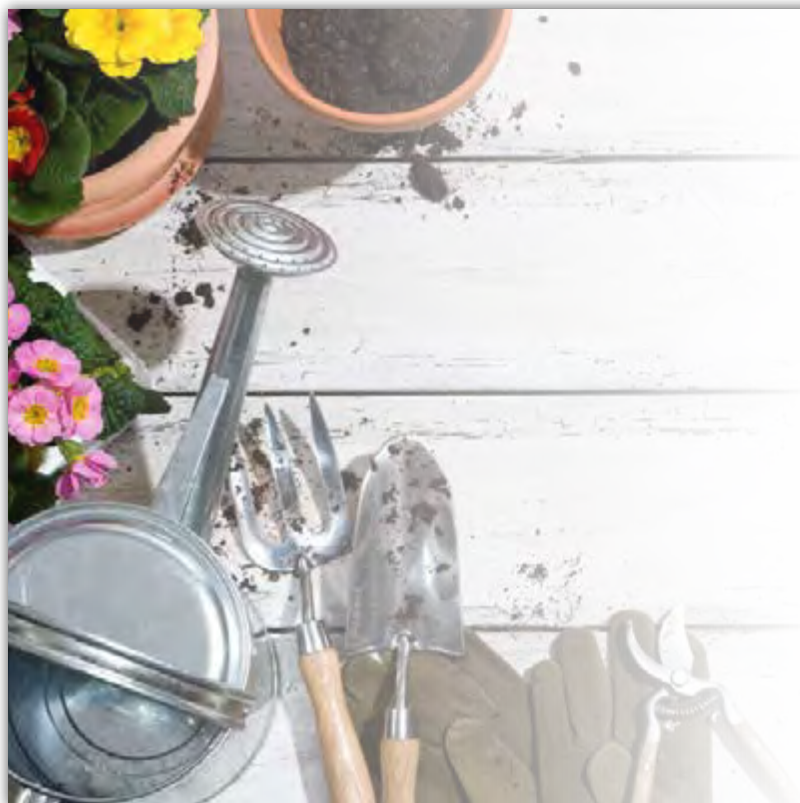
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DEAD SPOTS IN THE LAWN? LOOK FOR CHINCH BUGS....

Submitted by Wizzie Brown

Chinch bugs often appear in Texas lawns during hot, dry conditions. Usually damage starts in sunny locations or near driveways and sidewalk areas. Damage appears as irregular dead patches in the lawn surrounded by yellowing or dying grass. Chinch bug damage can be mistaken for other lawn problems like white grubs or fungal diseases, so confirmation of chinch bug activity is needed before progressing to proper treatment.

So how do you tell if you have chinch bugs? Look for the insects. One way is to cut both ends out of a can, push it into the ground using a twisting motion and then fill the can with water for about 10 minutes and wait for any bugs to float to the top. Another way would be to get down on your hands and knees and part the grass to look for the insects. For both methods, samples should be taken in the damaged (yellowed grass), not dead, grass areas.

Chinch bugs are small (about 1/5 of an inch). Adults are black with white wings that have triangular black marks on them. Nymphs, or immatures, are yellowish or pinkish with a light colored band across



their body. Nymphs do not have fully developed wings.

Treatment is usually a liquid or granular formulation. Liquid formulations are often bottles that you can attach to the end of the garden hose or concentrates that you mix into a tank sprayer. Granular formulations are put out with push spreaders and need to be watered in after treatment.

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- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
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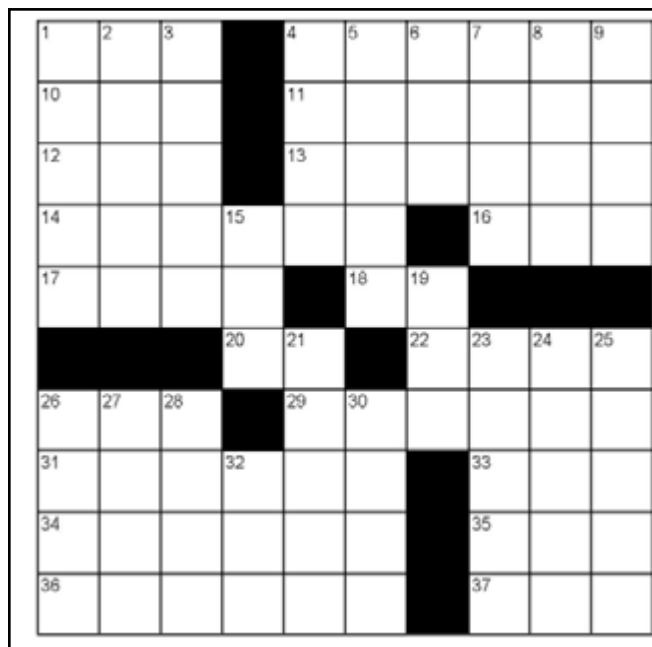
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|--------------------------------|---|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL | AVERAGE | | | | | TOTAL | |
| | Homes Sold | Square Feet | Price / Sq. Foot | Sold Price \$K | Year Built | Days On Market | Available | Pending Sale |
| Circle C Central | 47 | 2,776 | \$ 126 | \$ 351 | 1993 | 22 | 7 | 11 |
| North | 15 | 1,988 | \$ 149 | \$ 295 | 1996 | 14 | 7 | 9 |
| On The Park | 7 | 3,586 | \$ 127 | \$ 456 | 1996 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Wildflower | 9 | 2,325 | \$ 131 | \$ 305 | 2002 | 32 | 0 | 8 |
| Park West | 7 | 2,112 | \$ 164 | \$ 347 | 2001 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Vintage Place | 9 | 3,184 | \$ 116 | \$ 371 | 2004 | 18 | 1 | 1 |
| Hielscher | 25 | 2,909 | \$ 138 | \$ 401 | 2003 | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| West | 24 | 3,534 | \$ 132 | \$ 466 | 2005 | 19 | 5 | 4 |
| Park Place | 3 | 2,383 | \$ 146 | \$ 348 | 2005 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Muirfield | 10 | 3,430 | \$ 149 | \$ 512 | 2006 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| Enclave 1&2 | 7 | 2,930 | \$ 135 | \$ 396 | 2006 | 40 | 1 | 3 |
| Lacrosse | 6 | 2,915 | \$ 131 | \$ 381 | 2007 | 36 | 1 | 1 |
| Alta Mira | 11 | 2,805 | \$ 139 | \$ 390 | 2007 | 28 | 0 | 1 |
| Fairway Estates | 2 | 4,006 | \$ 145 | \$ 583 | 2011 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Enclave Estates | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 | 1 |
| Avana-Esquel | 6 | 2,540 | \$ 148 | \$ 375 | 2012 | 84 | 2 | 1 |
| Barstow Village | 1 | 2,100 | \$ 169 | \$ 355 | 2013 | 77 | 0 | 0 |
| | 189 | 2,873 | \$ 135 | \$ 389 | 2001 | 21 | 34 | 48 |
| % Change Mo/Mo | 13% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 0% | -26% | 21% | -21% |

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