

# THE BULLETIN

*Belterra Community News*

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News for the Residents of Belterra

## *Pruning Guidelines for Prevention of Oak Wilt in Texas*

### NOW IS THE TIME TO PRUNE YOUR OAK TREES

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from tree-to-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring. Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February 1 through June 30). Reasons to prune in the spring include:

- To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance.
- To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
- To remove limbs rubbing on a building or rubbing on other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street.
- On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance.
- Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.

Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30. Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL

School started in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

### Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

## TIME TO SLOW DOWN!



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### Home Buying Mistakes to Avoid

**Not Doing Your Homework** - Consider multiple factors like location, condition, schools, area amenities, shopping, restaurants, etc.

**Not Choosing the Home that Best-Fits Your Family** - Pick a home for your family. Make the choice that fits your lifestyle and not someone else.

**Not Picking A Functional Floorplan** - A home may look great on the outside, but does it flow on the inside. A great layout never hurts value, but a non-functional layout always costs you money when trying to sell.

**Not Making Emotional Decisions** - Buy with your head and not your heart. Be patient when looking, as there is usually another home out there. Always make a sound financial decision with the help of your agent.

**Not Picking A Good Location** - Make sure the home does not back to a highway, airport or landfill and pick a location that helps with your appreciation factor down the road.

**Not Having the Home Inspected** - Whether buying a resale or new home you should always get an inspection and not only of the home, but be sure it includes the foundation, roof, HVAC and septic too.

**Not Making A Purchase At All** - Waiting for a better time or interest rate may cost you thousands in a hot market like metro Austin.

**Not Trusting Your Agent** - Thinking you will remodel yourself to save a little money, well, think again about the costs and talk it over with an experienced agent on your side who has been through the process and already knows the costs. It just may be less expensive in the long run to find or wait for the right home.

**Not Choosing the Right Agent When Time To Sell** - Home sellers often pick a friend or family member as their agent. Selling your home is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make! Base it on sound business sense for best results. Pick the agent or neighborhood expert who is right for you.

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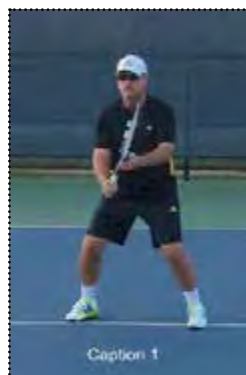




# TENNIS TIPS



By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



## HOW TO EXECUTE THE ONE-HANDED HIGH BACKHAND 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, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, and the two handed high volley approach shot.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the one-handed backhand 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 at the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put into a defensive mode. This will cause the player to hit a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the “killer or placement volley”. In the illustrations, Darin Pleasant, Director of the ATP Academy at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

**Step 1:** The Ready Position and Split Step: When Darin realizes that he is caught in “no-person’s land”, he takes the split step by bending of the knees and staying on his toes. His racket is in the volley position and his feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball. Notice that the left hand is on the throat of the racket.

**Step 2:** The Back Swing: Once Darin realizes that the ball has been directed to his backhand, he will turn his upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand is still on the throat of the racket. He has loaded his weight onto his left foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball. He will make a slight change toward the continental grip on the right hand.

**Step 3:** The Point of Contact: Darin is now ready to step into the ball. He has kept his eye on the ball and his center of gravity now is shifted toward the point of contact. Notice the right toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow him to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow him to hit the ball deep. The control of the ball will be made with the right hand, which is holding the racket tighter. The right hand will keep the face of the racket at a 45 degree angle at the point of contact.

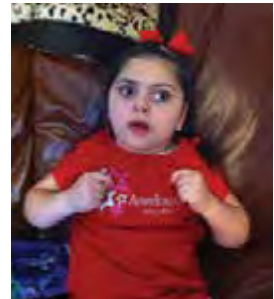
**Step 4:** The Follow Through: Once Darin has made contact with the ball, he finishes the follow through with his left wrist laid back. His left arm is pulling back for better body balance and his eyes are still watching the racket where he made contact with the ball.

**Step 5:** The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward the opponent and Darin realizes that his shot is deep. He now moves closer to the net for the put away volley. If his shot was not deep, Darin will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over his head. By the look in his eyes and his smile, he just did a “kill volley”.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute “The Lob”*

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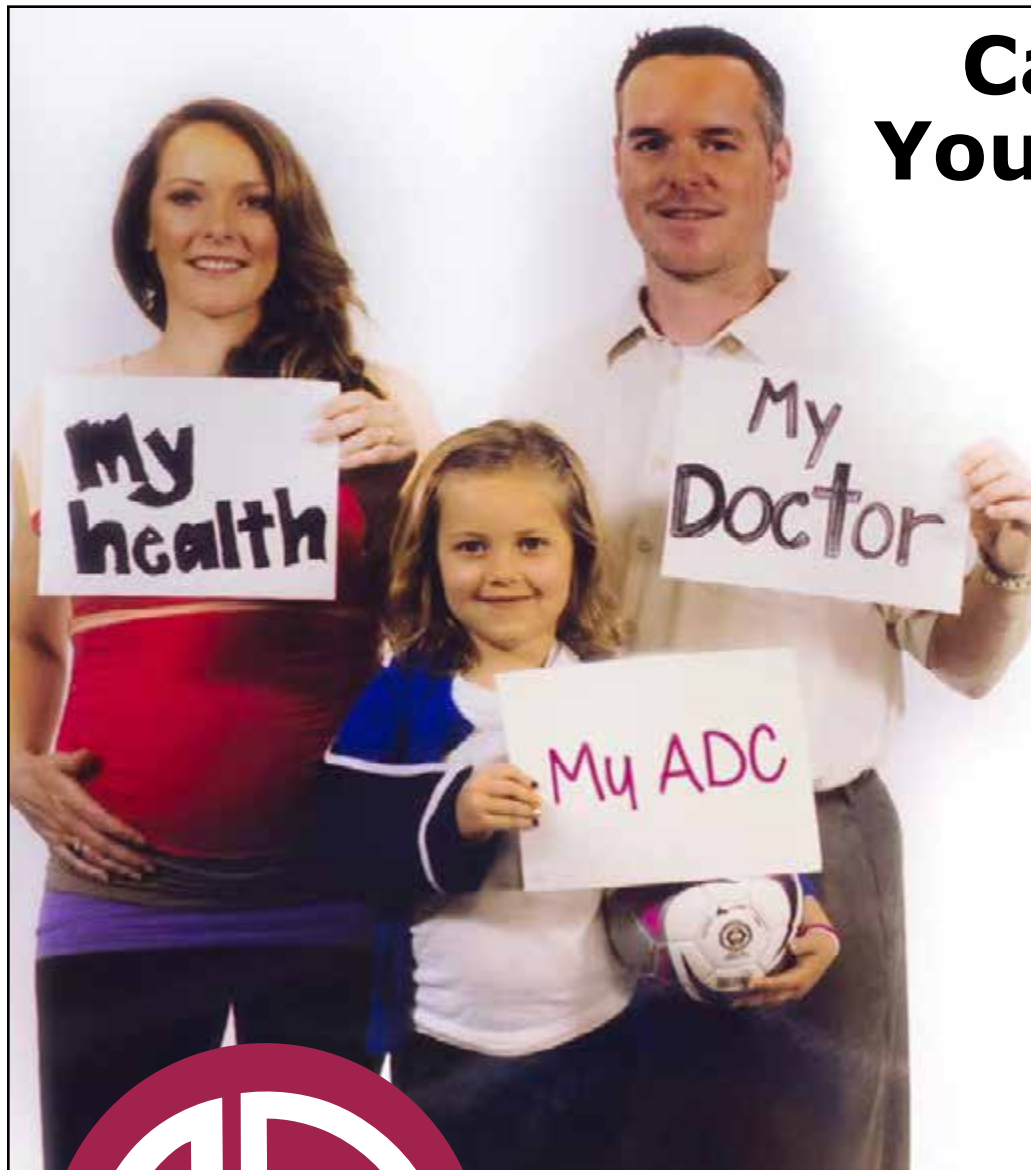


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