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Where can you find live entertainment, 4,000 people, 1,000 pounds of brisket and sausage, 1,600 slices of cheese, 2,000 hot dogs and hamburgers, a petting zoo, games and activities for the kids, auctions, and the largest yard sale west of the Mississippi? Where else but Boys and Girls Country's annual Spring Festival! People from Houston and the surrounding areas will make the annual pilgrimage Sat., May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the Boys and Girls Country main campus in Hockley, TX for fun, food and festivities in support of children.

"All of the dollars raised at Spring Festival enable us to provide a great Home for our 88 children along with supporting 14 young adults in our College and Career program," says John Nesser, Spring Festival co-chair. "This year is going to be our largest and most exciting Spring Festival ever with many new additions for the whole family to enjoy," says Cynthia Nesser, Spring Festival co-chair.

Boys and Girls Country provides a stable Christian home environment for children from families in crisis representing 11 counties in the greater Houston area, raising them to become self-sustaining and contributing adults. Our vision is that every child has a place to grow up and a sense of being home.

WHO

Boys and Girls Country

WHAT

2014 Spring Festival

WHEN

Sat., May 3, 2014, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE

Hockley, TX 77447

COST

Free admission
\$8 for adult lunch plate
\$6 for child (12 and under) lunch plate
\$15 all-day activity pass (ages 12 and under)
\$1 booth tickets

WEBSITE

www.2014springfestival.org

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.



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THE NEW MISS CY-FAIR HOUSTON 2014 IS CROWNED

AND READY TO REPRESENT CY-FAIR AT MISS TEXAS IN JULY!

On Saturday, February 15, 2014, the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Organization held the 5th annual Miss Cy-Fair Houston Pageant. For the 2nd year in a row, the Miss division (ages 18-24) is an official prelim for the Miss America and Miss Texas Organization, and the 2014 Miss Cy-Fair Houston will represent the Cy-Fair community at Miss Texas.

On Saturday night, Callie Thompson captured the crown of Miss Cy-Fair Houston 2014 and earned a \$1000 scholarship from LoneStar College Cy-Fair. She wowed the judges in personal interview, swimsuit & fitness, evening gown, on-stage question, and talent competition. She won each category and performed a lyrical dance to "Via Delarosa" for her talent.

Callie is a Cy-Fair native and graduated from Cy-Springs High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University's Mays Business School and plans to earn a Master of Science in Human Services with a concentration in Organizational Management and Leadership.

Callie's personal platform is "Living without Limitations: Moving Beyond Your Own Challenge". She was diagnosed with asthma at 2 years of age and has struggled both physically and emotionally to overcome and live with her illness. Through her love of dance and her determination, she has not allowed her life-threatening illness to define or limit her possibilities and opportunities. Through her platform, Callie hopes to encourage children in Cy-Fair and throughout Texas to live without limitations and move beyond their own personal challenges in order to pursue their own dreams and passions.

In addition to serving the Cy-Fair community, Callie will compete on the Miss Texas Stage in July. If she becomes Miss Texas, she will represent our community and state at the historic and iconic Miss America Pageant, which will air live on ABC on September 14, 2014. "I couldn't be more thrilled to win the title of Miss Cy-Fair Houston. It is an honor to compete at Miss Texas, and an even bigger honor to do it representing your hometown community. I am looking forward to serving the Cy-Fair community this year and making Cy-Fair proud at Miss Texas," says Callie.

For more information on Miss Cy-Fair Houston 2014, Callie Thompson, or to request an appearance or autographed picture, please visit www.misscyfairhouston.com/meetmisscyfairhouston

Many local Cy-Fair businesses have supported the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Pageant and Callie as she begins her journey to Miss



Texas. Some of these local businesses and organizations include Longoria Dentistry, Lonestar College Cy-Fair, Sweet & Sassy, The Colour Bar: A Cynthia Diersen Salon, The Cypress Academy of Performing Arts, Kids R Kids, Buttercup Tans, Your Community Magazine, Mitchell Alexander Photography, MK Floral Designs, McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC, Queen B's Dowry, Muzzie's Couture, Consolidated Mills, and Chelsea B Cosmetics.

The Miss Cy-Fair Houston Pageant is a not-for-profit organization aimed at raising scholarship for young women. Its mission is to encourage scholarship, service, style, and success, and to empower young women and girls to become positive leaders, mentors, and role models in our community. For more information on the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Organization, please visit www.misscyfairhouston.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MISSTEXAS

An official preliminary to the Miss America Scholarship Pageant, the Miss Texas Pageant, Inc. has a rich history of empowering young women to achieve their dreams and goals. Larger than the young women who have held the title of Miss Texas is the volunteer team and "pageant family" who have dedicated their lives to ensure these young women have every opportunity available to them through this transformational pageant system.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MISS AMERICA

The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance. This assistance is not just for the handful of young women who become Miss America, but is available to the over 12,000 young women who compete in the state and local competitions as well.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kaye Lani Rae Raffko, a young woman from the small town of Monroe, Michigan, entered a Miss America local competition to earn scholarship money to pay her nursing school bills. To her surprise, she captured not only a local and state title, but was ultimately named Miss America 1988. Kaye Lani used the scholarship money she earned as Miss America to pursue an advanced degree and fulfill her dream of opening a hospice for the terminally ill in her hometown.

1, 2, 3, Come Volunteer With Me! *Interns And Volunteers Welcome*



VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS NEEDED.

Altus Hospice is looking for awesome, loving, and caring volunteers to help with several programs.

PATIENT CARE VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever felt like your calling or passion in life is to work with terminally ill patients? If so we have a volunteer opportunity working with patients and their families . approaching the end of life.

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ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER

The administrative volunteer serves as an integral member of the

Hospice interdisciplinary team in our office in The Woodlands area. Office support volunteers perform duties such as, filing, copying, answering the telephone, mail-outs, and inventory control of medical supplies.

Volunteers are crucial for these programs to succeed! Volunteers must be reliable, motivated, and flexible. Training will be provided. (Qualifies for In Service Credits) Background check will be required. There is no charge for this.

Get involved and be a blessing to someone by taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Please leave your name and telephone number.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

Altus Hospice Leanne Crowe, Volunteer Coordinator 713-382-7934, or email me at lcrowe@altushospicecare.com.



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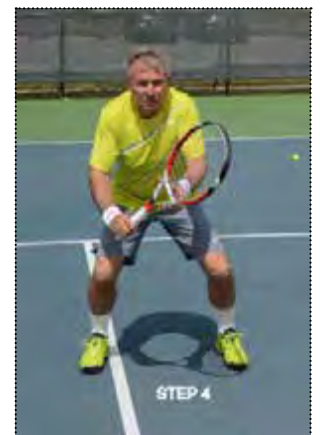


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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



How To Execute The Backhand Drop Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the 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, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, the forehand lob, the two-handed backhand lob, the one-handed backhand lob and the forehand drop shot.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Backhand Drop Shot. This shot is used when a player is deep on the baseline and returns a short soft ball. The player hitting the drop shot is forcing the opponent to run toward the net. This ball should be hit high enough to clear the net and almost bounce back toward the net. If the player running for the shot can get it on the first bounce, he/she will most likely be off balance and will be forced to commit an error or return for an easy put away volley. In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Manager and Director of Tennis at the Grey Rock Tennis Club,

shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the base line when the opponent is expecting a deep return of a serve.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Fernando realizes that the ball will landing short and high, he starts his back swing high and compacted. He is using the continental grip and keeping his eyes focused on the flight of the ball. His left hand is holding the throat of the racket.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Fernando is now ready to perform the drop shot. His eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is angled up to create the underspin on the ball. His goal is to keep his head still. His left hand pulling back to keep the center of gravity in the center and his weight is shifting toward his right foot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a drop shot is to keep the ball on the strings as long as possible. Fernando is almost “cupping” the ball during the follow through. Fernando’s grip is relaxed and the head of the racket is pointing toward the sky. His left shoulder is almost opening backwards and his eyes are following the path of the ball.



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**Northwest Harris County Aggie
Moms to Award Scholarships**

Please join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. You will want to find out which deserving students will be awarded the 2014 scholarship awards and learn how these scholarships impact the Aggie experience. NWHC Aggie Moms Club members will also vote on which Texas A&M student organizations they would like the club to support. All meetings are open to the public and prospective students, current students and Aggie families are always welcome!

Mark Your Calendars!

Parents Weekend- April 11-13th-Parents' Weekend is a cherished Aggie tradition honoring Aggie moms and dads since 1919. Among the many weekend activities is the popular Aggie Moms' Boutique, a gift and craft fair held on April 11 and 12 in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M. Check out our booth! We will be selling our Tradition beads! For more information on the scheduled parents weekend events go to <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/node/38>.

Aggie Muster-April 21st- Aggies around the world will join together for Muster to honor Aggies who are no longer among us. Muster is a day celebrating the camaraderie and the friendships, the triumphs and the defeats, the legacies and the impact that Texas A&M University has made, and continues to make, in all of our lives. This year, the NWHC Aggie Moms will join the CyFair A&M Club at Sterling Golf Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd, Houston, TX 77095 at 5:00 PM for this time-honored tradition. For more information go to <http://www.cyfairags.org/cy-fair-aggie-muster/>

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. Refreshments are available at 6:45! For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres2012@gmail.com.

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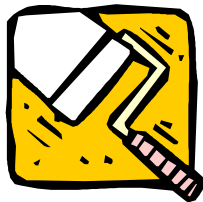
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