

# The Clippings



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## A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMAN

WOW!!!! Have you seen the Golf Course at Walden on Lake Houston? The Bunker Project is complete and what a stunning change it has made to our sand traps. This project has accomplished every objective and then some. The main purpose of the bunker modifications was to eliminate the accumulation of water after severe rain falls that made our old bunkers unplayable. The other key objective was to reduce the manpower required to drain water and prepare bunkers for daily play. I can report, with the addition of new sand, drains in every bunker, less traps, and smaller traps in some cases; the manpower effort to have them ready for daily play is much less time consuming thereby allowing Bob Cook and his staff to work on other areas of the course. Thank you for your patience during the bunker reconstruction.

As I indicated in my past letters, there are other changes that are either in progress or are in the planning stages. The first of these projects is the installation of driving mats on the Driving Range. These mats have the latest mat technology and will provide a place to warm up your golf game even during muddy or unplayable conditions. This is the first step to redesigning the Driving Range. Later in the year we will be reshaping and leveling the rest of the range so that you have a better hitting area and targets. Other projects being planned are the remodeling of the Women's Locker Room, including the wet area, the Men's Locker Room Wet area

and others, as funding and time permits. As you can see your Board of Governors, in conjunction with the Walden management team, is hard at work improving our club using the money created by the new membership and your efforts to find new members. We all prosper with good membership levels.

We invite our social members to come to the club and try the new menus that Tim Canavan and Chef John Quinn have developed. The menu includes many selections suitable for every budget. There is even a separate fine dining menu for Friday night dinners in the Arnold Palmer Room. They have really raised the level of food preparation/cooking for our members.

For those of you that are not Golf or Tennis members, but are interested in learning, we have clinics provided by our resident pros on How to play Golf or How to play Tennis. We even have clinics for our children to teach them the basics of both games. Who knows, you may like these clinics so much that you will want to join either the Golf or Tennis clubs. Note, once you have joined we also have many other fun and interesting activities including the Men's and Women's Golf Associations and even one for Seniors which include daily outings, etc. So come join us and have some fun. Many of your friends have already signed up and are bringing their friends to the club as well.

*-Walt Albright*

### TELL US HOW WE ARE DOING!

Heading up an initiative to help "retain" our existing members, recently appointed board of governors member, Martyn Bates has installed suggestion boxes aimed at soliciting feedback from members on things that they think we can improve upon as well as things that are done well and deserve acknowledgement.

The idea is to allow our members (of all categories) to offer constructive feedback on things they like about the club as well as things they'd like to see changed or improved upon. This will

allow the Board to work with club management to make being a member at Walden something we are all be proud of.

There are 3 suggestion boxes installed; in the main entrance, the 19th hole & the Tennis area. The boxes are locked and will be opened regularly only by the Board. There are forms right there to make suggestion writing really easy. The Board commits to following up in a timely fashion on all suggestions entered, so a phone number and email address will be required.

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Session 3: July 8-14

Session 4: July 22-25

Session 5: August 5-8

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## WALDEN AQUATICS NEWS

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Calling all swimmers.....it's time to get ready for the 2014 Walden Wavez swim season! We are a neighborhood competitive summer league swim team. Our meets run from May 10, 2014 – June 21, 2014. Summer league is fun for the whole family and is a great opportunity to meet new friends. On-line registration for returning swimmers begins Tuesday, April 1, 2014. All swimmers will receive a free Walden Wavez swim cap and t-shirt. Not sure if swim is for you or any other questions, please contact Brock Ratliff at [brock.wavez@gmail.com](mailto:brock.wavez@gmail.com) or check out our website: [www.waldenwavez.com](http://www.waldenwavez.com)

Private Swim Lessons are offered at Walden by Aquatic Solutions. Please contact Dawn Gillespie @713.516.7224 [www.aquaticsolutionscoop.com](http://www.aquaticsolutionscoop.com)

### Summer LifeGuards

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### Walden Summer Pool Season

Our Pool Season Begins Saturday, Memorial Day May 24th  
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*By Craig L. Bobo , Director of Tennis, Athletics, & Aquatics*



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Did you know that there are monthly events like Grape Stompers (our signature wine dinner) and Not a Wine Dinner (a dinner that is something other than wine like Whiskey or Beer)?

Did you know that there are venues for you to host birthdays, baby showers, corporate events, etc?

Did you know that you could join our social committee and have a say in what goes on at your club?

There is a lot going on at your club; new menus, new wine list, Sunday Brunch and much more. Look out for upcoming events like the Crawfish Boil, Mother's Day Brunch, Party on the Patio and Game Night on our calendar at [waldencc.com](http://waldencc.com) or like us on Facebook for daily updates.

Saturdays all summer are Grillin' & Chillin' on the Patio – Come on up and see what the buzz is all about.

Why not stay close to home and enjoy all of the things the club has to offer? Walden is a great community with a great country club. Come on up and see all of the great things going on at your club. Come and say hi to Chef John or me. It will be our pleasure to take care of you.



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### Senior Rack (SMGA membership not required)

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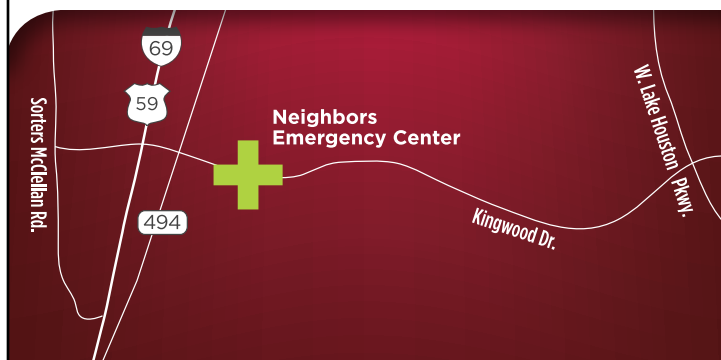
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*By: Brad Kuykendall, Membership Director*

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