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A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMAN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I don't know about you, but where has the year gone? It is hard to believe that we are in the Christmas season and looking forward to the beginning of a new year. What a great year we have had, and what a great time it has been at the Walden Golf and Country Club.

From all of us on the Board of Governors (BOG), we would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope Santa Claus has wonderful golf or tennis gifts for everyone. Note, if you still need to find a little something to put under the tree, there is still a time to visit the Pro shop at Walden to purchase those special gifts for your special someone.

Those of us that will remain on the BOG look forward to the new year and look forward to working with you and with the Walden management team to make our experience at Walden special for all. Unfortunately, there are a couple of us that

won't be part of the Board next year and I would like to thank each of them for all they have done, Mindy Marules, Karen Benefield, and Kim McKissick. Thank you for being part of our team and thank you for your hard work and support. In addition, our favorite tennis pro, Craig Bobo, will be leaving us for Buckeye country and we all want to wish him the best. He will be missed. Good luck Craig.

Lastly, as my term as Chairman of the Board of Governors comes to an end, I want to thank all of our members for their input, support and for making my year as chairman a wonderful experience. I personally want to wish you all a very blessed and safe holiday season and I look forward to 2015 and all the opportunities that we will be facing together.

Merry Christmas!
Walt Albright



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OUT ON THE COURSE

WALDEN UPDATE BUNKERS GET SOME NEW SAND

To support the recent bunker renovation that has been such a blessing. We are being proactive and adding sand to keep our bunker in the best playing conditions we can. With heavy rains and normal raking most of the sand in bunker faces gets washed and raked down. We have added 2-3 inches of sand to the greens side bunkers. Please remember now this is new sand and they will be soft and fluffy until they pack down (fried eggs) might be a word to the wise. Again this was a big project earlier this year one we are very proud of. Thanks for your continued support in all our golf course projects.



Adding the sand



2-3 inches of new sand added to the bunker faces

Walden on Lake Houston Handicap Committee (HC) Launch Statement

Walden on Lake Houston (WOLH) Golf & country club has established a Handicap Committee (HC) whose purpose is to promote fair competition within the club at all levels and ensure that WOLH conforms to the USGA recommendations for handicap system implementation. The Committee shall perform periodic reviews and audits and corrections for WOLH member handicaps where required. It will also provide and ensure methods for score entry and peer review, educate the members on proper handicap processes and provide handicap oversight, assistance, advice and counsel to organizations within the club with respect to handicaps. The audits will include, among other items, the random review of home, away and Internet scores to verify the proper application of the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) and make adjustments as deemed necessary.

All Committee members are volunteers who will serve a two-year term. Two golf members in good standing from each the Ladies' Golf

Association, the Men's Golf Association and the Senior Men's Golf Association are represented on the HC.

Effective immediately WOLH golf members are asked to adhere to the following requirements:

Scorecard Basics - All scorecards must have:

- First Name & Last Name printed legibly on cards submitted
- Appropriate Tees played (blue, white, green, senior, red) by each player listed on the card with the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) as per the attached USGA ESC table.
- Local and away rounds must be submitted for posting within 72 hours but no later than the end of each posting period which is the 1st and 15th of each month.

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DECEMBER 2014 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Main Club Closed Tennis & Fitness Open	2	3 Waldino's Cucina Italiano 5:00 - 8:00 pm	4 Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	5 Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm	6
7 Breakfast with Santa 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	8 Main Club Closed Tennis & Fitness Open	9	10 Waldino's Cucina Italiano 5:00 - 8:00	11 Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	12 Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm	13
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21	22 Main Club Closed Tennis & Fitness Open	23	24	25 Christmas Club Closed	26 Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm	27
28	29 Main Club Closed Tennis & Fitness Open	30				

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- A player manipulating his/hers handicap index by omission of score cards/scores will be subject to review by the WOLH Handicap Committee.

- Failure to submit/post score cards in accordance with the USGA/ WOLH Handicap Committee above guidelines

Procedure for Submission of a Handicap Review

- If a player has a discrepancy they would like to see addressed by the HC, they can request to attend a meeting and bring a letter/ note, email and/or drop off a letter/note with their issue to the WOLH HC.

- Provide sufficient attested scores for committee to review and make a decision

- All submissions will be addressed only during scheduled handicap committee meetings every 30 days.

- If applicable, submit a doctor's written note to support/verify request

- All request will terminate after 60 days

- The HC Chairman will answer adjustments/modification in writing and/or by email.

To contact the committee please email: WOLHhandicapcommittee@gmail.com



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December Meeting and Luncheon Information

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Christmas music will be provided by Geryl Mounds on the keyboard and Santa will be there. Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Readers Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Tea Time, Lunch and Look, Movie Group, Supper Club, Mah Jongg, and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, December 12th before 5:00 p.m.



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DECEMBER FIT - IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START

It's all too easy to put off our fitness plans when the New Year is around the corner. Why work now when we can put it off for another month, vowing to get "everything fit" in the coming year.

As you start your personal fitness program now you will be on your way to creating good habits. Experts say it takes at least 30 days to form good fitness habits. These positive habits you start forming today will help you to accomplish your goals in the coming year.

The weather outside is beautiful. Following are some tips to help get you on your way:

Take advantage of the crisp air as the next few months provide us a wonderful opportunity to exercise outdoors. Cycling, walking and running are incredible activities this time of year.

Taking the kids and a pet to the park in August is not for the faint of heart. December however is a perfect time to get quality time with the family outside. Take your Frisbee, play on the swing set, challenge someone in a game of Bocce. These activities are not only fun but they'll keep you fit as well.

Integrate exercise into your life - Instead of reading a book while the kids practice soccer, take a jog around the park. Don't panic over a parking spot at your favorite mall. Purposefully park at the

back of the lot. You'll not only relieve yourself of stress but you'll get a few more steps into your day.

Don't let the shortened days get you down. Just because the sun goes down at 6pm doesn't mean you can't play outside. Get a good headlamp, wear reflective clothing, and enjoy the peace and solitude the evenings can offer.

December also provides us with a great opportunity to make our homes look better than ever. Homes show beautifully when decorated for the Holidays. If you are considering the sale of your home, remember that buyers are often more emotional during the Holidays. This can translate to them being more likely to pay your asking price. Additionally, many people are looking to buy before the end of the year for tax reasons.

We'd be remiss if we didn't thank you for yet another wonderful year in Real Estate. We are well aware that many of our readers are clients. It has been a pleasure to serve you and we hope you know that the relationships we have formed are a significant part of our happiness. We wish you a wonderful Holiday season, Merry Christmas and God Bless.

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