

# The Clippings

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## A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMAN

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is hard to believe that 2014 is behind us. Where did the time go? However, I look forward to the New Year, 2015 with the hope that everyone stays healthy, enjoys their families and has more fun at the Walden County Club than they ever experienced.

As you all know, we have a new investment group CBONS that has purchased Walden on Lake Houston Golf and Country Club as well as 21 other golf clubs in the United States. This new investment group brings a fresh outlook on how our club should stand within our community and will bring new initiatives and objectives to our management staff and our members. I have high expectations that they will be successful in revitalizing our club, our membership, our services and our facilities.

As 2015 kicks off the new members of the Board of Governors (BOG) will begin their terms of office and also your newly elected Chairman and Secretary of the BOG will begin their duties as key members of the BOG. An announcement of the new members and the Chairman and Secretary should have been distributed by the time this letter reaches each of

you. Please support the BOG's efforts to work with CBONS and the Walden management team to bring you a successful and wonderful experience here at our club. As a result of the purchase of the Walden Golf and Country Club one of our last projects, the renovation of the Women's locker room and the bathrooms for the Women and the Men has been delayed. Note, the plumbing which seem to be a problem has been investigated and all issues resolved. We all expect the renovation project to kickoff soon once CBONS reviews our plans and provides their input.

As I write this, in early December for publication in January 2015, I want to again thank all of you for your support, your assistance, and your input on the various projects and issues around the club. I look forward to seeing each of you during the next year.

Sincerely,  
Walt Albright  
2014 Chairman,  
WWalden on Lake Houston Board of Governors

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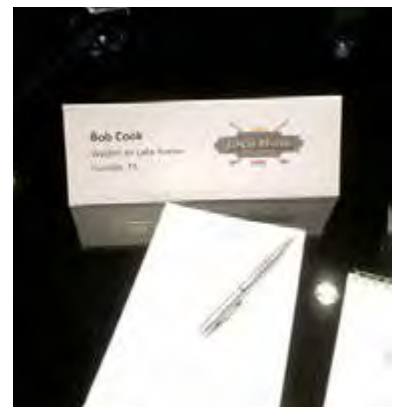




## GOLFDDOM SUMMIT 2014

Bob Cook a member of the STGCSA get's an invite to the 2014 Golfdom Summit. Golfdom magazine has an annual education and focus group event at the Reunion Resort in Orlando Florida. The three day event includes small focus groups, one on one face to face vendor Q&A sessions and network building. 50 superintendents are selected from all over the United States to participate in new ideas, new equipment concepts and chemical/fertilizer product evaluations. Speakers are invited to enhance the overall experiences with short sessions covering a variety on topics. And yes a golf outing is included, scramble format to accommodate all levels of ability or lack thereof. This is an all expense paid opportunity that is very well done from start to finish. I was honored and pleased to be part of the 2014 session. Mr. Seth Jones editor and host of this event should be congratulated for improving and supporting the golf course industry in education, networking and industry support. STGCSA members put this on your bucket list of things to do awesome experience and making new friends.

Bob Cook, CTP



## JANUARY 2015 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>2</b> Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> The Grape Stompers	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>9</b> Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>16</b> Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm Family Movie Night	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Dudes and Divas	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>23</b> Fine Dining Friday 6:00 - 9:00pm	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Sunday Brunch	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Arnie's Chop Shop 6:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>30</b> Martini Madness	<b>31</b>

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## January Meeting and Luncheon Information

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, January 15, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Houston Police Officer, Dwayne Ulrich will be presenting an informative program about "Safety for Women". 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, January 9th before 5:00 p.m.

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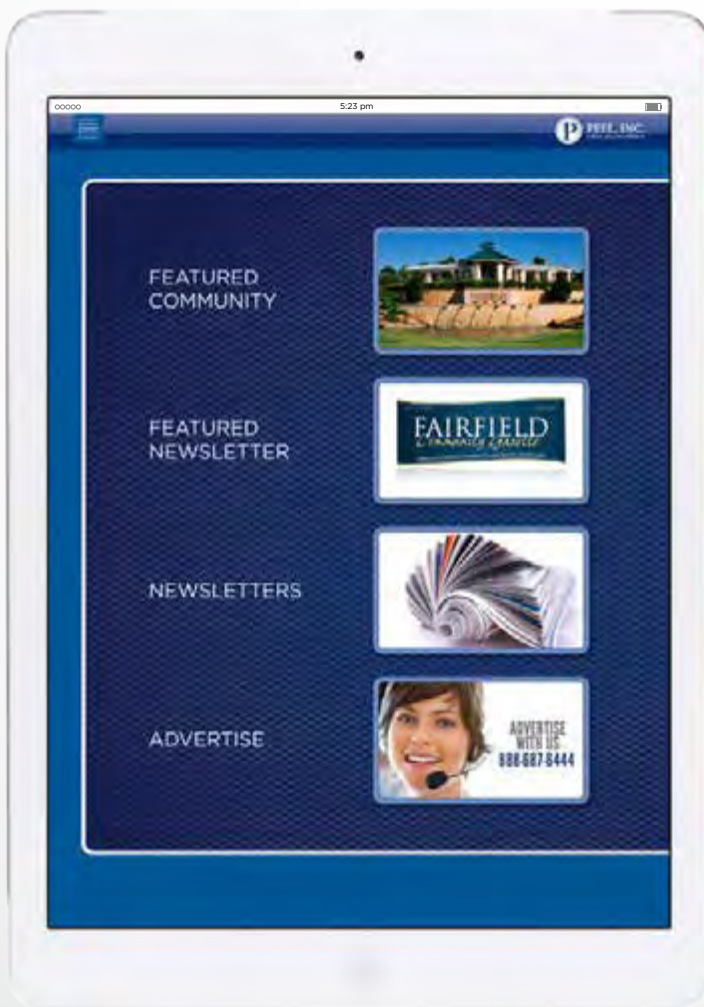


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## TENNIS TIPS

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



### The Modern Game: “The Forehand Return Serve Drop Shot”

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may already be playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute “The Return Serve Drop Shot.” This shot is used when an opponent is expecting a deep service return and the player “surprises” the opponent with a short angle drop shot. It can be used in both singles and doubles play.

In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Director of Tennis and teacher at of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Velasco is presently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in the USTA Men’s 70 Division in Texas, and #13 in Singles

and #8 and #10 in Doubles in the US.

**Step 1: The Back Swing:** When Fernando sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the incoming ball.

**Step 2: The Point of Contact:** The success of the drop shot is to “cup” under the ball with the strings. The grip is relaxed and ready to push the ball forward and under the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

**Step 3: The Follow Through:** In order to get maximum underspin, Fernando is keeping the right hand extended as long as possible. His weight is going forward. The left hand is left leaning forward for better balance.

As the shot goes over the net, and it was successful, Fernando will run towards the net, expecting his opponent to either lift the ball short, or try to drop shot his drop shot.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Backhand Return Drop Shot”*





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## 2015 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Our hope is that 2014 was a wonderful year for you and your loved ones. It's hard to believe that 2015 is already here.*

*With the New Year, many of us have set new goals ranging from weight loss to finding a new career. These goals will likely be tough and require a good deal of effort to accomplish them. With a strong supportive group of friends and family you'll be on your way to achieve your most ambitious dreams.*

*Just as we're focused on personal achievements, the beginning of a New Year provides us the opportunity to get the exterior of our homes FIT as well. These improvements don't have to be expensive or too difficult. It's amazing the positive impact a few projects can have on your home. Following are a few ideas to get you started.*

### **Your Homes Roofline**

*If you have tall pine trees around your property you likely have a roof topped in pine needles and gutters overflowing with gunk. This is a good opportunity to use that 20' ladder you purchased. If you're like me however and don't feel too comfortable that high there are many local service providers that will do this dirty work for you.*

### **Tree Trimming**

*Speaking of those tall trees. The trimming of your trees will not only improve your curb appeal, but can have a significantly positive impact*

*on your trees health. Trees with damaged or dead limbs should be removed as quickly as possible to protect your home, your cars, and improve the core health of the trees.*

### **Paint**

*Between the heat, the rain, the humidity, and sometimes frigid temperatures we reach our homes exteriors take a real beating. As advanced as today's paints are, they simply lose their luster over time. Your home builder should have left you with sufficient paint to match. If not, take a piece of the paint with you to the paint store and they'll match it for you. Few things have as significant an impact on the overall beauty of your home than a new coat of paint.*

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