

# LAREDO

NEWSLETTER

May 2024

# COUNTRY CLUB



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### Club Mission Statement:

*"The premier private club experience, Laredo Country Club provides a family-oriented social setting devoted to promoting exceptional sport, dining, social and recreational member experiences. Our club is the place to be in Laredo with a warm friendly atmosphere for our family of members and staff."*

*"Explore the journey with us as we transform our vision into reality."*

Mike Mainhart,  
General Manager  
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*Our Family's Second Home*

# Greetings Members,

I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for your participation in the array of events and activities that graced our Club throughout April. From the spirited competition at the Club Championship Qualifier to the culinary delights and community spirit of our 2nd Annual Paella Competition and Festival, each moment shared with you enriched our Club's vibrant tapestry. Thank you for making April a month to remember.

**New Member Survey Program:** In our commitment to continuously enhance your Club experience, I am delighted to remind you of our new Member Survey Program. Partnering with ClubiQ, we strive to gather your feedback and insights to ensure that our operations align with your preferences. Keep an eye on your inbox for an email from [surveys@laredocountryclub.net](mailto:surveys@laredocountryclub.net) and share your valuable thoughts with us.

**Golf Construction Update:** I am pleased to announce that hole one's shaping and earthwork are now complete. Our focus now shifts to installing drainage and irrigation, followed by final shaping on hole 1 and the driving range. We anticipate commencing turf installation on hole one towards the end of May or early June, with plans to open up the golf course ahead of schedule, weather permitting after the grow in. Additionally, on hole 9, we will soon complete the installation of bunker liner, drainage, sand, and sod to expedite the opening of this area.

Moreover, I'm excited to share that you can now track the progress of our golf course renovations through a historical timeline, interactive maps, and videos available on our website under the Master Plan tab. These resources offer an engaging glimpse into the evolution of our facilities and highlight the meticulous craftsmanship and dedication driving our construction efforts. Explore the journey with us as we transform our vision into reality. Please check out the video update from the Golf Course Architect on Page 5!

**Facility Planning Update:** Progress continues on our journey to enhance the Club's infrastructure. Following our productive session in March, the Construction & Design Committee, along with our esteemed partners, delved deeper into the Schematic Design Phase. Your invaluable feedback continues to guide us as we refine design elements and space planning in the weeks ahead.

**Pool Opening & Memorial Day Weekend:** Get ready to dive into summer fun as we officially open our pool on Friday, May 3rd, at 6 PM, followed by a FREE movie night featuring "Little Mermaid" at 8 PM. On Saturday, May 25th, we will host the Women's City Club Golf Tournament, inviting you to showcase your golf skills. As we honor Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th, please note that the Club will be open, offering a space for reflection and relaxation. We will be closed on Tuesday, May 28th.

**Junior Policies:** With summer on the horizon, it's essential to review our Junior policies outlined on page 6. As we prioritize safety and enjoyment for all members, we kindly ask for your support in adhering to Club rules and ensuring the well-being of unaccompanied children. Together, let's create a welcoming and safe environment for our young members to thrive.

As always, your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share. Thank you for being an essential part of our club, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

# CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS FOR

# May 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3 Pool Season Open Party 6 PM	4 Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Mother's Day Weekend Mother/Child Clinic & Breakfast Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM Mother's Day Edition DJ Brunch 11 AM - 4 PM
12 Mother's Day Brunch 11:30 AM - 3 PM	13	14	15	16	17	18 Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM
19 Club Champ Final Matches	20	21	22	23	24	25 Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM Women's City Club Golf Tournament
26	27 Memorial Day Club Open	28 Club Closed	29	30 Distiller Series with Balcones Distilling Company 7 PM	31	1 Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM
Golf Course Greens Aerification						



**POOL SEASON OPEN PARTY**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 3 | 6:00 PM**  
**OPEN SEATING**  
**RSVP/APP | WEB**  
**MOVIE AT 8:00 PM "THE LITTLE MERMAID"**  
**INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE**  
 Snacks Concession & Poolside Bar & Grille Service  
 Complimentary Cookies for the Kids  
SWIMMING POOL HOURS OF OPERATION:  
 FRIDAY 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.  
 SATURDAY 12:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.  
 SUNDAY 12:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
SUMMER CAMP & SWIM CLASSES  
 REGISTRATION BOOTH

**Memorial Day**  
**Hours of Operation**  
 Golf 7 A.M.-7:30 P.M.  
 Tennis 7 A.M.-10:30 P.M.  
 Fitness Center 5 A.M.-10 P.M.  
 Magnolia Grille 11 A.M.-3 P.M.  
 19th Hole 7 A.M.-10 P.M.  
 Curbside 11 A.M.-9:30 P.M.  
 Swimming Pool 8 A.M.-10 P.M.  
 Poolside Bar & Grille 7 A.M.- 10 P.M.



## Tennis Program Expansion



Mike Welnetz, USPTA  
Director of Sports

New and Expanded Tennis program to get your child to play higher level tennis! Build more confidence, more discipline, and more grit on and off the tennis courts! Open to juniors 8 years and older with pro approval!

I am excited to announce an exciting and expanding program of our High-Performance HP Elite Tournament Training program for HP 1+2+3+4. Our HP Elite program is Tuesday through Friday 11 AM – 1 PM and 4:30 – 6 PM (excluding Friday afternoon) for Middle School and High School players. Elite focuses on drills, skills, techniques, footwork, consistency and control, team-building, time-management and tournament play. Fitness training will now be added to the Elite Program! Starts June 4th and sign up is by the week. Players must be approved by our staff. Cledson Carvalho, PTR, Wagner Nascimento, Mateus Campos, PTR, and Homer Jimenez, USPTA are leading this program. Contact Cledson Carvalho, Head Pro at [cleypaddle.com](http://cleypaddle.com)

Peter Alvarez, PTR, will direct and Orange Ball Elite Tournament Training Program 11 AM – 1 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Orange Ball Elite, will focus on the same concept as HP Elite but for kids 8-10 years of age. Sign-up by the week. Contact Cledson or Peter for sign up with Orange Ball Elite. The Elite Tennis Program is the most exciting developmental idea and will get your child to the next level! Both on and off the tennis court!

### Mother's Day Weekend Mother/Child Clinic/Breakfast

May 11th | Clinic play: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Breakfast 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Another great all levels family event coming up! Families participating in free clinic will join in on a breakfast buffet afterwards. Kids age 4 and up. Red Ball, Orange Ball and all levels will be included. Mother/Child pictures and more will be included.  
Sign-up at <https://app.utrsports.net/events/230240>

### Pickleball Adult Clinic Saturdays 11-12 PM

Open to all adults, join in for a fun instructional clinic, directed by Cledson Carvalho, PTR and Mateus Campos, PTR. Fee: \$15/hour  
Sign up by texting Cledson at (956) 229-4730.

### Summer Tennis Clinics and Tournament Training: Starts June 4

<b>Tuesday</b>	10 - 11 AM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)	<b>Thursday</b>	10 - 11 AM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)
11 AM - 1 PM Orange Ball Elite & HP Elite Tournament Training		11 AM - 1 PM Orange Ball Elite & HP Elite Tournament Training	
4:30 - 6 PM HP 1+2+3   HP Elite Tournament Training		4:30 - 6 PM HP 1+2+3   HP Elite Tournament Training	
6 - 7 PM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)   Orange Ball (8-11 years of age)		6 - 7 PM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)   Orange Ball (8-11 years of age)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 - 11 AM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)	<b>Friday</b>	10 - 11 AM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)
11 AM - 1 PM Orange Ball Elite & HP Elite Tournament Training		11 AM - 1 PM Orange Ball Elite & HP Elite Tournament Training	
4:30 - 6 PM HP 1+2+3   HP Elite Tournament Training		<b>Saturday</b>	10 - 11 AM Red Ball (4-8 years of age)
6 - 7 PM Red Ball (4-8 years old)   Orange Ball (8-11 years old)		11 AM - 12:30 PM Orange Ball (8-11 years of age)   HP 1+2+3	

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## Masters Par 3 and Club Championship Winners



Richey Rubio, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

April was filled with two-member golf events and I am excited to share the results for both competitions. We had a great time during our **Masters Par 3** contest with 82 players in the field for a 17-hole Individual Stroke Play event. Congratulations to all of our Flight winners.

#### Club Championship Winners

- Senior Flight - Jorge Martinez**
- Championship Flight – Oscar E. Hinojosa**
- AA Flight – Ricardo Salinas**
- A Flight – Salvador Rosas Jr.**
- B Flight – Dinesh Moorjani**
- C Flight – Juventino Fernandez**
- D Flight – Pedro Encinas**

#### Masters Par 3 Winners

- Championship Flight – Kristina Gutierrez**
- AA Flight – Richard Gutierrez**
- A Flight – Gustavo Elizondo**
- B Flight – Emiliano Cruz**
- C Flight – Greg Kahn**
- D Flight – Alex Gonzalez**

Our **Club Championship** seeding tournament had 97 players in the field and the course conditions were extremely tough with high winds and fast greens. We held this event for our regular Men's Division and our Senior Men's division. The winners of the Medalist round will become the #2 seed within their respective Flight. All Championship Final matches will be played on Sunday, May 19th, we hope you may join us at our Awards Ceremony. Good luck to all players in Match Play and great job to all of our Medalist Champions.

Our Junior Club Championship will be held on June 21st and 22nd. This event will be open for all junior golfers in High School and below. If you would like to sign, please call Zach Petter at 956-764-7623.

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# Golf Course Renovation Update

## Course Aerification



Rafael Barajas, CGCS  
Director of Agronomy

Golf on TV and social media has put a lot of pressure on golf course superintendents across the globe to provide better conditioned golf courses. A lot more resources are required to maintain golf course conditions and there is no doubt that expectations will continue to increase moving forward. There are many factors and several agronomic processes required to maintain a golf course in great condition, and one of the most vital agronomic processes is aerification.

First, let us understand why the golf course and greens need to be aerified. "The greens are the best they have ever been in a long time, why do you have to aerify the now?" There are many reasons "why." Here are a few of them: to alleviate compaction, to improve drainage, to increase roots mass and depth so the turf will remain healthy and survives during extreme weather, to increase oxygen levels at the roots and to remove organic matter plus other benefits important to turf health. Think of it like a car. While it is inconvenient to get the car serviced if you don't do the regular maintenance in a car, it will eventually break down and cost a lot of money to repair. It is important to core aerate and sand topdress the greens at least two to three times per year depending on many factors, like the amount of play during the year and the age of the greens. Also, the weather in different regions will play a factor in how often you need to aerify. It is also important to use the right type of sand to

topdress after the aerification. It is recommended to use the same type of sand the greens were built with, or at least a sand with similar characteristics to avoid creating layers that will dramatically impact the drainage and turf health.

There are many different types of greens aerification, such as core aeration (pulling plugs), aerating with solid tines, spiking, slicing, Dryject (blowing sand) with air, water pressure or water jets, but the important aerifications should always be removing cores and topdressing and replacing soil removed with sand. Other aerification methods are also effective and could be less disruptive with a faster healing process and should be use as needed throughout the year depending on the compaction and amount of play. The core aerification and sand topdressing will recover in 10 to 20 days depending on how healthy the greens are. And that is why golf courses aerate.

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## Summer Junior Golf Programming



Rudy Gonzalez  
Director of Instruction

The Junior Golf Summer Camp schedule has been released. We will host camp from Tuesday through Friday starting at 9:00am. We will offer two separate camps during each week with ages 6 to 12 and ages 13 to 18 years old will be eligible to participate. If you are interested in signing up for the High School class, please contact me at 956-229-7660.

### Junior Golf Camp Dates:

- June 25th – 28th
- July 2nd – 5th
- August 6th – 9th

956-764-7623 | rudy@rggolfinstruction.com

# Fitness in May



Aaron Garza  
Fitness & Aquatics Director

**SUMMER ALL-SPORTS CAMPS** The Fitness & Aquatics department is excited to announce all the upcoming event for the summer! We have partnered up with Florida Prime, a full-service sports management organization based out of Jacksonville, Florida to co-host our all-sport summer camps. A wide variety of fun sports will be offered from soccer, wiffle ball, volleyball, swimming, golf, flag football just to name a few! We will be offering two camp sessions running from June 10-13 and June 17-20.

**Standard Rate:** Members \$255 | Non-members \$285.

You can sign up early at [allsportscampjax.com](http://allsportscampjax.com)

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## Junior Policy Reminder



Cindy Rangel  
Assistant General Manager

As we are entering the summer season, please speak to your children in regards to the rules and that they follow the staff member's instructions and observe all posted rules and regulations. Ultimately, the member is responsible for their child and guests' behavior and actions. Staff members cannot take the place of a parent or guardian in either supervising or safeguarding your children. The following is the Junior Policy:

### Junior Policy:

- Staff members are not responsible for supervising or safeguarding your child.
- A 9:00 P.M. curfew Tuesday through Thursday and 10:00 P.M. Friday and Saturdays for all unaccompanied minors under 16 years of age.
- Children 12 years and under must be accompanied by their parent when not attending club sponsored activities (lessons, camps, clinic, classes).
- Children 13 and older may be unaccompanied provided that they utilize the designated areas (Sport Court, Family Diner and Tennis area) of the club as per LCC rules and conduct themselves accordingly.
- No minors allowed in Locker Rooms
- No bicycles and/or scooters can be used inside premises. Your child may walk them to the bike rack located in front of the main pool.
- Golf Cart drivers need to have a driver's license to drive on premises.
- Parents are responsible for their child's conduct at all times.
- Children are not allowed to walk-in through the Golf Course
- Register your Junior Guest at the Welcome Center (gate entrance); \$10 guest fee applies.

### The Following will NOT be tolerated for all minors:

- Fighting
- Horseplaying
- Misbehaving
- Bullying
- Foul Language
- Loitering
- Unaccompanied children 12 & Under

### Children & Member Rules of Discipline (depending on severity of the case):

- Written warning. Parent will be contacted, and child asked to leave; or
- Parent will be contacted; \$25 infraction fine per occurrence; or
- The child will be suspended for a period of time. Parent will be contacted; or
- The child and member will be asked to appear before the Board.

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## Mother's Day and More This May



Miguel Riojas  
Food & Beverage Director

We want to start by thanking all of the members who attended the second annual Paella Fest! It was an incredible gathering filled with delicious food, lively entertainment and an abundance of fun. We want to congratulate Team Socarrat for being crowned the grand champion, fan favorite and best team spirit! Spain in the Butt who received the runner-up, and Sazon y Corazon who took third place. All three teams truly showcased their amazing talents and created unforgettable dishes.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up and would like to invite our members to join us for our Mother's Day Edition DJ Brunch on May 11th. Make sure you have your reservations set for our ever popular, sell-out, Signature Mother's Day Brunch on May 12th. Then on May 30th, we will host Texas's own Balcones Distilling company for our "Distiller Series". We will have five of their Texas Whiskeys available to taste. Sign up as soon as possible to avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity!

Finally, school graduations are just around the corner, and we want to invite all of our members to celebrate here at the Magnolia Grille. Be sure to make your reservations sooner than later to secure your table for your graduates' milestone occasion! We want to remind everyone to review our Large Party Dining & Outlet Decor Policies when making a reservation, you can find them on the website under the Member Central tab, Dress Codes & Policies. We want to ensure that we can provide everyone a great experience while dining at the Club. Thanks again for your continued support and involvement in our events. We can't wait to see you soon!

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# Aquatics



Justin Meza  
Aquatics Coordinator

## Swimming Pool Opens May 3, Friday 6:00 PM & Movie Night 8:00 PM "Little Mermaid"

Join for a fun evening of kicking off our aquatic season:

Meet the team, Justin Meza, Aquatics Coordinator and Mando Quiroga, Lead Lifeguard and their team of certified lifeguards will be on board the whole evening. They will be introducing themselves throughout the evening to sign you up for group swim lessons and private classes.

6:00 - 8:00 Fun Swim and sign up for group lessons and private classes and meet the team

8:00 - 10:00 Movie: Little Mermaid

### Private classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday mornings starting May 4th.

Fees: \$40 for under 12 years of age, 30 minutes | Fees: \$80 for 12 years of age and older, 50 minutes

Set up class time with Justin Meza (361) 491-1583

24 hours cancellation applies

### Group Swim Lessons starts June 4th (Ages 4-14 years of age) Sign up by the week.

Fee: \$100 LCC Swim Cap included for first week attending.

8:00 - 8:45 AM Stroke Development | 9:00 - 9:45 AM Intermediate | 10:00 - 10:45 AM Beginner

June 4-7

June 11-14     July 9-12

June 18-21     July 16-19

June 25-28

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## Golf Club Championship Winners



USTA National Tournament in San Diego, California April 19-21, 2024  
Women's 4.0 18+ Doubles 4th Place Nationally

Ladies' 3.5 Co-Captains:  
Laura Benavides and Cha Cha Cavazos



Ladies' 3.0 Captain Melissa Ahumada

## Employee of the Month



**Alyssa Jaime** brings to Laredo country Club exceptional dedication, unwavering commitment, and outstanding contributions to our team, within the Greens and Grounds Department. Alyssa carries a positive attitude and is eager to assist at all times, her meticulous attention to detail ensures that no task is overlooked. Whether it's organizing schedules, coordinating tasks, or managing administrative duties, she consistently goes above and beyond. What truly sets Alyssa apart is her remarkable ability to quickly learn and adapt to new responsibilities, she embraces the challenges with enthusiasm and dedication. Her proactive approach to learning not only benefits her own professional growth but also enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of our entire team.

### Welcome New Members

- Lewis Woodul

# Hours of Operation

## Accounting Office

Monday | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Tuesday - Friday | 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
 Saturday | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## Golf Course / Driving Range

Tuesday - Sunday |  
 6:30 AM - 30 minutes prior to sunset.

## Golf Pro Shop

Tuesday - Saturday | 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM  
 Sunday | 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

## Tennis Courts

Tuesday - Saturday | 7:00 AM - 10:30 PM  
 Sunday | 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

## Tennis Pro Shop

Tuesday - Thursday |  
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 4:30PM - 10:30PM  
 Friday |  
 8:00AM - 1:00PM & 4:30PM - 9:00PM  
 Saturday | 8:00AM - 9:00PM  
 Sunday | 8:00AM - 7:00PM

## Fitness Center

Tuesday - Saturday | 5:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
 Sunday | 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

## Poolside Bar & Grille

Tuesday - Friday |  
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 (Kitchen open 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM)  
 Saturday | 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
 Sunday | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 (Kitchen open 11:00 AM - Close)

## Membership & Catering Offices

Tuesday - Friday | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Saturday | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## The 19th Hole

Tuesday - Friday | 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM  
 (Kitchen closes at 10:00 PM)  
 Saturday | 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM  
 (Kitchen open 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM) Sunday  
 | 6:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
 (Kitchen open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

## The 19th Hole Curbside

Tuesday - Saturday | 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM  
 Sunday | 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
 Breakfast Saturday & Sunday  
 7:00 - 10:00 AM

## Magnolia Grille

Tuesday - Friday | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM &  
 5:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
 (Kitchen closes at 10:00 PM)  
 Saturday | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM &  
 6:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
 (Kitchen closes at 10:00 PM)  
 Sunday | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Live Music every Thursday!  
 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

## Main Bar

Tuesday - Friday | 5:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
 Saturday | 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM  
 (Kitchen closes at 11:00 PM  
 Bar Menu Only)  
 Sunday | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Swimming Pool

Friday | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 Saturday | 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 Sunday | 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 (Lifeguards on duty)

# DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Catering	956-764-7601	956-764-7611
Membership		956-764-7602
Accounting		956-764-7604
Comptroller		956-764-7605
Assistant General Manager		956-764-7606
General Manager		956-764-7607
Marketing		956-764-7608
Administrative Assistant		956-764-7610
Curbside		956-764-7613
Chef		956-764-7615
The Magnolia Grille		956-764-7616
Welcome Center		956-764-7617
The 19th Hole		956-764-7619
Food & Beverage Director		956-764-7622
Golf Pro Shop		956-764-7623
Head Golf Pro		956-764-7625
Poolside Bar & Grille		956-764-7626
Tennis Pro Shop		956-764-7627
Fitness Center		956-764-7629
Greens	956-764-7634	956-764-7635



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