

# LAREDO

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

# COUNTRY CLUB



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**Mike Mainhart,  
General Manager  
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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.”*

*Our Family's Second Home*

# Greetings Members,

March was truly remarkable at Laredo Country Club, filled with unforgettable events and memorable moments that brought our community together. As we bid farewell to a fantastic month, we eagerly anticipate an equally exciting April ahead, brimming with even more opportunities for camaraderie, recreation, and enjoyment for all our valued members.

**Facility Planning Update:** The Construction & Design Committee convened with the full design team from Chapman Coyle Chapman Architectural & Planning and The Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry on March 21st to initiate the Schematic Design Phase. The productive session fostered collaborative discussions on critical aspects such as site layout, parking, member flow, and operational logistics. The Johnson Studio presented concept narratives for interior and exterior designs, while Chapman explored schematic options for the new central food & beverage building, envisioned as the heart of club operations. The Committee's invaluable feedback will guide the refinement of design elements and space planning in the coming weeks.

**Golf Construction Update:** The driving range project is well underway and progressing according to schedule. Mobilization and demolition have been successfully completed, and shaping and earthwork have commenced, laying the groundwork for further developments. Beginning in the first week of April, our focus will shift to commencing work on hole 1. As we prepare for construction, expect significant changes in turf conditions over the next few weeks. During construction on hole 1, all play will transition to start on hole 10, with the course temporarily limited to 17 holes to accommodate the renovation process.

**Paella Cup:** Get ready to immerse yourself in a feast for the senses at our 2nd Annual Paella Competition and Festival on Saturday, April 6th! We're excited to invite you to a day filled with delectable Paella, live music, Sangria, and the vibrant energy of friendly competition. From sampling delicious dishes to voting for your favorite and the team with the best spirit, there's plenty to enjoy for all. This event isn't just about culinary excellence; it's about celebrating our community's diversity, creativity, and unity. So, bring your family and friends, mark your calendars, and let's make this year's Paella Cup an unforgettable celebration of culture, cuisine, and community spirit!

**Club Championship:** Please join us for the Club Championship Qualifier that will be held on Saturday, April 13th. It will be a 10:00 AM shotgun start with breakfast served prior to play inside the 19th Hole. We will have our Men's Division and Men's Senior Division competition at the same time. Players that are 65 and older will be eligible for the Men's Senior Division. Those that do not attend the qualifier will not be eligible to participate in Match Play. The event will be a 1-day qualifier, in which the top 32 players will qualify for Match Play in their respective Flight. Those that qualify for Match Play will schedule matches at their convenience each week with their opponent. All Championship Matches will play on Sunday, May 19th. If you would like to sign up, please call the Golf Pro Shop at (956) 764-7623.

**New Member Survey Program:** In our commitment to continuously improve and tailor our club experience to your preferences, we have launched our new Member Survey Program. We've partnered with ClubiQ to gather your feedback and insights, ensuring that our operations align with your wants and needs. Please be on the lookout for an email from surveys@laredocountryclub.net.

I would like to take the time to recognize our entire Laredo Country Club team for their extraordinary efforts over the past few weeks and in the weeks ahead to continue to provide exceptional member experiences. This time of year, the Club is bustling with activities and events, and it truly takes an entire team effort to rise to each occasion. Whether it's a week long Laredo Open, brunch on Easter Sunday, a Chefs table, the Paella Fest, or the countless other member events we host in between our daily Club services, the team stands ready to serve our membership. We will be recognizing our staff on Tuesday April 9th with an employee luncheon at the Club as we honor our entire team as the "Employees of the Month."

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!

## Governance

We're thrilled to present our inaugural quarterly governance update in this newsletter, focusing on key membership KPIs crucial to the Club's future enhancements. With strategic emphasis on membership health, particularly during our ongoing construction phase, the Board remains committed to sustaining our club's vitality. The master plan's funding, sourced from both current capital assessments and future initiation fees, underscores our proactive approach. Despite membership adjustments amid recent assessments, we've welcomed a wave of new members from our waitlist.

<b>One-Time Assessment Income Collected (Phase I Master Plan)</b>	<b>\$1,637,753</b>
<b>Initiation Fee Income (Past 12 Mos.)</b>	<b>\$829,719</b>
<b>New Members vs Resigned Members (Past 12 Mos.)</b>	<b>59 vs. 44 (+15)</b>
<b>Member Acquisition</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
<b>Member Attrition</b>	<b>5.35%</b>
<b>Current Member Count</b>	<b>816</b>

# CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS FOR April 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5 Senior Men's Game 9:30 AM Shotgun	6 Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM Paella Fest
7	8	9 Master's Par 3 Contest 5 PM Shotgun	10	11 Wine Event: Llamas Family Wines	12	13 Club Championship Qualifier 10 AM Shotgun Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM
14	15	16 Sign Up Deadline: Men's & Ladies' Flex Singles League / Mixed Doubles Flex League	17	18	19	20 Father/Son/Daughter Fun Tournament 3:30 - 10 PM Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26 Men's Friday Game 3 PM Shotgun	27 Tennis Tejas Cup 9 AM - 4 PM Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Pickleball Adult Clinic 11 AM - 12 PM

# Laredo Open Winners and Tennis Family Fun in April



Mike Welnetz, USPTA  
Director of Sports

April and May are family months at The Laredo Country Club! Thank you all for making “The Laredo Country Club your family’s second home!” Tennis Court Bookings (Appointments) are made through the app. You may only book one day in advance. Booking may only be 1 ½ hours for your court.

## Men and Ladies’ Flex Singles League and Mixed Doubles Flex League

Our flex league is where you set up the time and the day for your match and get a can of tennis balls from the pro shop. After the match send Mike a text with your scores. This session we will have an added flex mixed doubles league. Sign up for singles and mixed doubles both, or just one. Sign-up deadline: April 16th. Sign up at <https://app.utrsports.net/events/230220>



## 2024 Deutsch & Deutsch Laredo Open

A big thank you to all of sponsors and players for making this the best country club tennis tournament in Texas! Over 250 players played awesome tennis over the weekend.

### Congratulations to our Champions:

- Ladies’ 5.0 | Pravina Mulchand/Sarah Castillo
- Ladies’ 6.0 | Xandra Minarro/Caroline Werstak
- Ladies’ 7.0 | Claudette Soto/Xochitl Mendoza
- Ladies’ 8.0 & Up | Pamela Ramos/Rosana Casellas
- Men’s 6.0 | Miguel Sanmiguel/Wayo Martinez
- Men’s 7.0 | Ernest Bruni/Rod Gamboa
- Men’s 8.0 | Ian Jaimes/Alfredo Rameriz
- Men’s 9.0 & Up | Bernie Clemente/Marco Rodriguez
- Mixed Doubles 5.5 | Gerardo Gonzalez/Cassandra Gonzalez
- Mixed Doubles 6.0 | Oscar Marroquin/Monica Marroquin
- Mixed Doubles 7.0 | Matt Barto/Amanda Barto
- Mixed Doubles 8.0 & Up | Manny Espinoza/Xochitl Mendoza
- Men’s Open Pro | Lucas Gomez, Mexico/Manuel Sanchez, Mexico**



## Annual Father/Son/Daughter Fun Tournament

**April 20, Saturday 3:30-10:00 PM**

3:30 - 8:00 PM Tournament Play | 8:30 - 10:30 PM Dinner (Mandatory for all players, guests are welcome)

This tournament is a fun event, where we play one set. All kids must be able to serve and be able to play a set. Dad with more than one child, may bring two kids and split time playing with both. A celebration of family will happen after the play, with a meal and special recognition for all the dads and kids participating. Sign-up deadline is April 13th.

Sign up online at <https://app.utrsports.net/events/230232>

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

May 11th | 8:30 - 10:00 AM Clinic Play | 10:15 AM - 12:30 PM Breakfast  
You won’t want to miss this! Moms play in a clinic with your child or children. After the clinic have a delicious breakfast celebrating your big weekend with your kids. Moms must play in clinic with your kids, if you have more than one, split clinics with during the 1 ½ hour of clinic play. Clinic is free and breakfast is with individual tickets. Let us know if you are inviting other family members. Deadline is May 7th to sign up.

Sign-up at <https://app.utrsports.net/events/230240>

## Tennis Tejas Cup April 27th | 9 AM - 4 PM

Tennis Tejas Cup is a dual meet with our tennis members. Texas A+M vs Texas! The Tejas Cup is a one day event. The Laredo Country Club tennis professional staff will be coaches for the two respective teams. It is a fun, competitive match, where the primary purpose is to raise scholarship \$\$ for needy students from Laredo. All tennis courts will be reserved that day for this special tennis event. Last year the Aggies defeated the Longhorns! This year I know Texas is looking to take the Cup home! All of you are welcome to cheer on your favorite team!! If you are interested in playing contact Mike Welnetz, USPTA, Director of Sports at [mike@laredocountryclub.net](mailto:mike@laredocountryclub.net).

## Pickleball Adult Clinic Saturday 11 AM - 12 PM

Learn to play pickleball with Cledson and Mateus every Saturday. Contact Cledson at 956-229-4730!

# Club Championship Qualifier and Master's Par 3



Richey Rubio, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

As we continue into the new year, we are looking forward to hosting our next member events. We begin with our Master's Par 3 Contest on Tuesday, April 9th. This will be an 18-hole format with our shotgun start at 5:00pm. The format is Individual Stroke Play and will be flighted by handicap index. Members are permitted to invite one guest. The entry fee will be \$60, with an optional \$40 Games Package. The Games Package will include raffle prizes, closest to the pins and overall competition payouts. Food will be served following tournament play.

The Club Championship Qualifier will be held on Saturday, April 13th with a shotgun start at 10:00 AM. The qualifier will include our Men's Division and Senior Men's Division. Members will be flighted by their handicap index and play a Stableford format. The 2023 Club Champions will automatically earn the #1 seed in their respective Flight. The top 31 qualifiers in each Flight will move onto the Match Play. Contestants will be able to schedule matches on their own each week, but all Championship Final matches will be contested on Sunday, May 19th. The entry fee will be \$125 per player and will include breakfast prior to the shotgun start and heavy appetizers following play.

## 2023 Champions

**Championship Flight – Mauricio Mendez**

**AA Flight – Enrique Volkmer**

**A Flight – Juan Solis**

**B Flight – Cesar Rodriguez**

**C Flight – Jose Luis Caballero**

**D Flight – Jorge Guerrero**

## Upcoming Golf Events

Senior Men's Game – Friday, April 5th – 9:30 AM Shotgun – 1/2/3

Master's Par 3 Contest – Tuesday, April 9th – 5:00 PM Shotgun

Club Championship Seeding Tournament – Saturday, April 13th

Men's Friday Game – Friday, April 26th – Yellow Ball – 3:00 PM Shotgun

Senior Men's Game – Tuesday, May 14th – 9:30 AM Shotgun – Play with the Pro

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# Golf Course Happenings



Rafael Barajas, CGCS  
Director of Agronomy

Spring is here, with the warmer weather the golf course is shaping up nicely. The irrigation system is performing as expected with most of the bare spots in the roughs are starting to fill in, we expect to have those areas fully recover by the end of the summer. The longer days will afford players the opportunity to play more golf, it also gives the golf course a better chance to recover and heal faster from the normal wear and tear from the daily play. We have implemented the pre-emergence programs to keep weeds at bay the goal is to keep the golf course weed free and playing more consistent daily. The transition process has started in the overseeding areas i.e. green, collars, tees, approaches and some fairways. Expect to see some weak areas during the transition time which should last around 30 days but we shouldn't have any major loss of turf during this process. Transition issues from winter grass to warm season are normal however the agronomic practices implemented will aid with the transition process and minimize turf loss. As you go out and enjoy the golf course, don't forget to fix your ball mark and one more, fill in your divot and one more and if you are like me and hit many errant golf shots that happen to land in the bunkers, do rake the bunker and leave it as you would like me to find it for those playing behind you. If you have any questions regarding the items mentioned in this notice or any golf course conditions questions don't hesitate to reach out to me. Hit them long and straight!

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# Trust the Process



Rudy Gonzalez  
Director of Instruction

The very best immerse themselves in the Process that goes into a well-executed shot rather than any outcome-oriented thoughts or mechanical thoughts that creep in the moments before a shot. Therefore, what elements of the above-mentioned process are of most importance? How do we organize ourselves to stay in that process mindset and not slip into outcome-oriented thinking? In my experience, and the routine I share with all my students involve a few things that "keeps my players busy" or "distracted" in being present for the shot right in front of them. Here is the order of our Process Routine:

1. **Assess the Lie** (make adjustments)
2. **Distance to target** (Range finder)
3. **Environmental** (wind, elevation, temperature and how it will affect carry distance)
4. **Strategy** (what areas or zone do we want ball to end up)
5. **Execute**

These concepts keep us very busy in the process and keeps us away from unnecessary or unhealthy swing thoughts or wander into outcome-oriented thoughts that create fear and anxiety. Be patient. Initially it will feel like a lot of things to process but you will get better at it and efficiently move through it and execute shots with the better end results. Please contact me with any questions or for your next on course session.

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# Fitness in April



Aaron Garza  
Fitness & Aquatics Director

**PERSONAL TRAINING** The Fitness Center has four Highly motivated Personal Trainers ready and willing to guide you into starting healthier, strong, high-energy lifestyle. We are available at all hours, Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). Please ask for rates.

**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.

**Early Bird Rate**(expires April 8th): Members \$225 | Non-members \$255

**Standard Rate:** Members \$255 | Non-members \$285. You can sign up early at [allsportscampjax.com](https://allsportscampjax.com)

## NFL YOUTH COMBINE

Time: By Appointment | Price: \$20 per child

The Fitness Center and staff would like to invite all kids ages ranging from 5-18yrs (male or female) to come and take part of the Youth NFL Combine. Youth NFL Combine's purpose is to create an opportunity for our youth to showcase and improve on their skills. Youth Combine gives our youth an idea on what it is to compete at a high level and to get better in their athletic future. This special event is designed just like professional combines are conducted where speed, agility, power and strength are tested. It must be noted that the set-up and conducting this event is scheduled by setting up an appointment with Fitness Director Aaron Garza or Fitness Center staff.

## FIRECRACKER FAMILY 5K WALK/RUN & HEALTH EXPO

July 1 @ 8am PRICE: \$20

Registration and details coming soon

## FITNESS TIPS OF THE MONTH

Getting your beach-body ready and healthy diet tips to achieve your goal.

- Avoid sugary drinks
  - o Avoid sodas, Starbucks drinks, alcohol
  - o Try Zevia sodas, unsweetened (hot or iced) teas or coffees
  - o Lots of water (squeeze natural fruit juice for taste)
- Eat mindfully, moderations are key
- Exercise at least 3 times a week / 30 minutes a day and include some strength training
- Sleep, proper rest
- Emphasize fruits and vegetables
  - o Full of nutrients
  - o Healthy fats
  - o Whole grains
  - o Beans and legumes

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# Paella, Wine and More in April



Miguel Riojas  
Food & Beverage Director

Happy April! We hope you're doing well and enjoying the beginning of this spring season. We're excited for all the wonderful events we have planned this month, starting with our highly anticipated Paella Fest on Saturday, April 6th! We hope you've marked your calendars and are ready to indulge in some delicious Paella while enjoying fun-filled entertainment. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation and support through our events; it means the world to us.

Following the Paella Fest, we have another exciting event in store for you! On Thursday, April 11th, we're bringing Llamas Family Wines all the way from Napa Valley for a night of indulgence as part of our wine maker series. Pair with a sumptuous coursed meal, the Llamas Family Wines is sure to surprise your taste buds with their vast selection of wines.

As always, please feel free to call us at any time for reservations or additional information on our events. We thank you again for your continued support and for being part of our community. We look forward to seeing you all here at the club!

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# Aquatics



Justin Meza  
Aquatics Coordinator

## Swimming Pool Season Open: Party and Staff Introduction and Program | May 3 at 6:00 PM

### Group Junior Swim Lessons

June & July 2024 (Ages 4 - 14 years of age)  
Tuesday through Friday. Sign-up by the week.  
Fee: \$100 Swim cap included.  
June Sessions: June 4 - 7 | 11 - 14 | 18 - 21 | 25 - 28  
July Sessions: July 9 - 12 | 16 - 19  
Stroke Development: 8:00 - 8:45 AM  
Intermediate: 9:00 - 9:45 AM  
Beginner: 10:00 - 10:45 AM

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## Aquatics Private Class with Aquatics Coordinator

Weekends starting on May 4th  
Learning to swim, can build more confidence, self-esteem, endurance, and better health. Classes available from beginner to advance along with specialized swimming programs.  
Saturday-Sundays 8:00 - 10:00 AM  
\*\*24-hour cancellation applies  
(:30 Minute Sessions) Under 12 Fee: \$40  
(:50 Minute Sessions) 12 and over Fee: \$80  
Private class rate may vary depending on Aquatics Professional staff experience.

# Looking Back on Last Month's Fun



Cindy Rangel  
Assistant General Manager

The month of March was exciting and filled with many member activities, the kickoff Movie to Spring Break was so much fun with over 100 people in attendance. The Easter Brunch celebration was such a beautiful event. The families enjoyed the live music, brunch delights and watching their children do activities and the grand egg hunt we all look forward to. The Tennis Laredo Open Event was an all-time fun event for the whole family. We have many activities going on for our members and Laredo Country Club is truly the place to be. Invite your friends and family for membership to make memorable experiences with you.

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# 2024 Tennis Laredo Open



# To Our Employees of the Month...



## Welcome New Members

- Rolando Ortiz
- Anthony Sullivan
- Juan F. Cabrera
- Enrique Noche

# 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

## 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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