

# LAREDO

NEWSLETTER

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# COUNTRY CLUB



Master Plan Driving Range Rendering

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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,

We trust this message finds you in great spirits. First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Your valuable feedback continues to shape the future of our cherished club.

We are thrilled to provide you with an exciting update on our Master Plan, a testament to our commitment to delivering an exceptional private club experience.

The Board of Governors is proud to share that we have enlisted the expertise of the following top-notch firms with extensive Club experience to make our vision a reality:

Owners Representative:	Travis West Development	<a href="http://www.TravisWestDevelopment.com">www.TravisWestDevelopment.com</a>
Architect of Record:	Chapman, Coyle, Chapman	<a href="http://www.ccc-ap.com">www.ccc-ap.com</a>
Design & Interior Design:	Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry	<a href="http://www.JohnsonStudio.com">www.JohnsonStudio.com</a>
Golf Course Architect:	Bowman Golf Design	<a href="mailto:@BowmanGolfDesign">@BowmanGolfDesign</a>
Civil Engineer:	Howland Engineering	<a href="http://www.HowlandCompanies.com">www.HowlandCompanies.com</a>
Facility Planning Consultant:	The McMahon Group	<a href="http://www.McMahonGroup.com">www.McMahonGroup.com</a>

Rest assured, we remain dedicated to keeping you informed every step of the way. Your input has been instrumental in guiding our journey, and your ideas will continue to shape this transformation.

Your voices have been heard, and your Club has listened. Through extensive member feedback, our Golf Master Plan Committee collaborated with our Golf Course Architect to enhance our Phase I plan. After careful consideration, the Architect has redesigned Hole 1 and the tee complex to add additional yardage while retaining it as a Par 5 for member play.

Project construction commences on Monday, March 4th, 2024, starting at the driving range. In the days ahead, we'll finalize the project timeline and corresponding operations timeline for golf construction, sharing updates with the membership shortly.

Furthermore, our architecture and design team will work closely with our Construction & Design Committee over the next 8 weeks to develop a comprehensive schematic plan and sequence of delivery for the remaining scope of the project, estimated to commence at the end of the year.

Your support and loyalty are the heart and soul of the Laredo Country Club. We can't wait to witness the remarkable enhancements that await us together. Thank you for being an integral part of our club family.

Stay tuned for the remarkable changes on the horizon! The future of Laredo Country Club is bright, and we're thrilled to embark on this journey with you.

# CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS FOR February 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Boys & Girls Club CLUB CLOSURE
4 Jack Brown Golf Tournament	5 Jack Brown Golf Tournament	6 Jack Brown Golf Tournament	7	8	9	10 HP 1+2+3+4 Doubles 4 PM
11	12	13 Valentine's Dinner Magnolia Grille  REGISTRATION OPENS: Tennis Laredo Open	14 Valentine's Dinner Magnolia Grille	15 Valentine's Dinner Magnolia Grille	16	17 Orange Ball Singles 3:30 PM  HP1+2+3+4 Singles 5 PM
18 Border Olympics Golf Tournament  College-Am Golf Tournament	19 Border Olympics Golf Tournament	20 Border Olympics Golf Tournament	21	22	23	24 Mixed Doubles Tournament
25 Mixed Doubles Tournament	26	27	28	29	1	2

# Get Ready for the Tennis Laredo Open



Mike Welnetz, USPTA  
Director of Sports

## Laredo Open

Registration Opens February 13, 2024

Get ready to register for our premiere tennis tournament event of the year: Laredo Open! This year's tournament will start Thursday morning. March 21-24, 2024 | Doubles and Mixed Doubles

All levels are combined;  
Ladies' 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and up.  
Men's 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and up.  
Mixed Doubles 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0

Sign up online: <https://app.utrsports/events/215633>

## Mixed Doubles Tournament

February 24-25, 2024

Starts Saturday 1 PM and continues on Sunday morning.

Levels: 6.0 and under, 7.0 and under, 8.0 and up.  
Open to all adults and high school age.  
Members only. Register online at

<https://app.utrsports/events/212404>

## Dates that Rate

Saturday, February 10 | 4:00 PM HP 1+2+3+4 Doubles  
<https://app.utrsports/events/215296>

Saturday, February 17 | 5:00 PM HP 1+2+3+4 Singles  
<https://app.utrsports/events/215298>

Saturday, February 17 | 3:30 PM Orange Ball Singles  
<https://app.utrsports/events/215297>

Please use your LCC APP to make court bookings.

Friendly reminder: Please visit the Laredo Country Club website for junior and adult clinic schedules:  
[https://laredocc.com/Club\\_Amenities\\_\(1\)/Tennis/Tennis\\_Clinics.aspx](https://laredocc.com/Club_Amenities_(1)/Tennis/Tennis_Clinics.aspx)

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Richey Rubio, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

# College Golf Tournaments & More

The Professional staff took three teams to play in the Las Vegas Pro-Member golf tournament that was hosted by the Southern Texas PGA. It was a fun time to engage with our membership, showcase new golf facilities and travel. The weather in Las Vegas was slightly on the colder side, but all of us had a great experience at Las Vegas Country Club and TPC Las Vegas. Please enjoy a few photos from our recent trip. We look forward to our next member golf outing. For more information, please be sure to connect with me on my cell phone or email.

Laredo Country Club is excited to welcome back our two upcoming collegiate events. We encourage our young junior golfers to stop by and visit if they have a chance. It is an opportunity to watch the game of golf played at a very high level. Please see the information below regarding our two events.

The **Jack Brown Memorial Invitational** is scheduled to be played February 4th to 6th. Please see the following golf course closures for the event:

**Sunday, February 4th** – The golf course will have open tee times for members to book from 7:00 to 11:00AM. Practice rounds for the event will be played on Sunday afternoon. Practice facilities will remain open for member use all day.

**Monday, February 5th** – Golf course and practice facility closed for the event.

**Tuesday, February 6th** – Tee times will be available for members to book after 2:00PM. The practice facility will be open for member use at 10:00AM.

The **Border Olympics Golf Tournament** is the longest continuous event in NCAA Division I history. Many players who have played this event have gone on to become professional golfers, win on the biggest stages and become a part of PGA Tour history. We invite you to participate in our annual College-Arm golf tournament that is hosted on Sunday, February 18th. If you are interested in playing, please call me on my cell phone at (210) 993-1388.

Please see the information below regarding the Border Olympics:

**Sunday, February 18th** – The golf course is closed all day with no available tee times. The practice facility will be open all day for member use.

**Monday, February 19th** – Golf course and practice facility closed for the event.

**Tuesday, February 20th** – Tee times will be available for members to book after 2:00PM. The practice facility will be open for member use at 10:00AM.

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## Golf Course Happenings



Rafael Barajas, CGCS  
Director of Agronomy

The chilly conditions have temporarily turned our golf course a shade of brown, but as temperatures and soil conditions improve, the Bermuda grass will begin its natural revival and greening process, typical for this season.

Our deliberate overseeding with winter rye has been successful, creating a visually striking contrast between the treated and untreated sections. While the aesthetic appeal is undeniable, whether this enhances playability is open to personal interpretation. We invite you to experience and evaluate it for yourself.

Our course stands ready to offer a rewarding challenge, especially with the upcoming collegiate Jack Brown and Border Olympics tournaments. Scheduled early this season, these events promise exciting competition, particularly from the young, skilled participants. In addition, we are excited to announce the upcoming renovation of our practice facilities. Further details have been shared through our official master plan club communication. We're grateful for your continued support as we execute agronomic strategies aimed at maintaining superior, consistent playing conditions throughout the winter.



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## On Course Training



Rudy Gonzalez  
Director of Instruction

Exciting times as we begin renovations in the near future on all our practice facilities and driving range. This will obviously cause some concern to how you work on your game or continue to improve absent of range work most are accustomed to. As a golf instructor I feel this will be a blessing in disguise! Often times we get too deep in the mechanical grind on the range. Swing mechanics is a small part of the scoring game. I actually see many of my students strike it really well and it doesn't necessarily mean they shoot lower scores. I think being limited to working on our games on the course will surprise many of you in the scoring department.

Here are the advantages to on course training i am discussing with all my students during our renovation period.

As an instructor, I will be able to assess weaknesses in the actual playing environment. I get a front row seat to how you move, strike, and play the game. Better assessments will lead to better plans of improvement. We will not only analyze from swing mechanics optics but more of an overall look at a persons game

We can begin to improve how you actually play the game. How you play our club. The Strategic is often times overlooked and can lead to faster improvement and lower scores than your typical "range grinding "

Our professional staff will be tailoring our instruction programming to on course improvement plans for individual on course sessions and various group instruction playing sessions. We look forward to switching it up during this period and lowering everyone's scores!

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# Fitness in February



Aaron Garza  
Fitness & Aquatics Director

As we all wind from all the holiday feasts, great food and delicious sweets, let's all start off the 2024 on a good healthy note! The Fitness Center staff wants to challenge all members to start off the new year with a focus on being more active and eating healthy.

Fitness Center Staff is proud to announce the new changes in equipment and construction in order to provide all members a great, memorable place to work out and stay active! Come check out our new, state of the art cardio equipment and new additions to the weight room.

**PERSONAL TRAINING** 4 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. Regardless of your current fitness level, we will create, program and design a routine that will have a great impact on your life.

## FITNESS TIPS OF THE MONTH

### GOLF: Lack of Core Strength

Whether playing a round of golf or on the practice range, core strength and stability is a vital to your overall game because of the phases your core goes through during a swing. If there is a lack of strength in your "core" area, we might experience lower back pains, feel easily fatigued among some issues. A golf swing requires a fundamental movement primarily in the Transverse (horizontal) Plane and by improving your overall stability and strength, your golf game will improve substantially.

#### RECOMMENDED EXERCISES:

- Planks / Side Planks / Dead Bug / Bird Dog
- Dumbbell / Kettlebell Farmer's Walk
- Lower Back Hypers
- Med Ball Side Taps

### TENNIS: Lack of Power on Backhand/Forehand/Serve

In order for a tennis player to produce power and be effective during a swing, the movement requires the body to produce a great amount of force in a short period of time. Upper body Plyometrics is a great training method in order to improve such movement. Plyometric Exercise is a movement that is preformed rapidly where there is loading of the muscle followed by forceful contraction.

#### RECOMMENDED EXERCISES:

- Med Ball Wood Chops
- Med Ball Lateral Wall Toss
- Med Ball/Prone Power Drops
- Med Ball Scoop Toss

## NFL YOUTH COMBINE

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.

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## Valentine's at the Grille



Nelson Eguia  
Executive Chef

Big news! We've spiced things up at The Laredo Country Club! Brace yourselves for some mouthwatering delights with our New fresh menu picks. We're thrilled to announce our upcoming Valentine's Day extravaganza is happening from February 13 to the 15. Indulge in a special four course preset meal perfectly paired with wines. Limited spaces so make sure to reach out to the Magnolia Grille for reservations and more details. Looking forward to celebrating love and good food with you.

We would also like to inform you that the Magnolia Grille, Veranda, and Main Bar, will be closed Saturday, February 3 for a private event. Parking will be scarce throughout the day as well. The Golf, Tennis and Fitness Center departments will not be affected. The 19th Hole will be available for dine in and for curbside orders.

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# Las Vegas Pro-Member Golf Tournament



## Employee of the Month



Huge congratulations to **Mayela Gaytan**, our February employee of the month! Starting as a poolside cabana server in April 2021, Mayela's journey through the 19th hole, beverage cart attendant, hostess, and now Magnolia Grille Maître 'D, showcases her dedication and commitment. Her selflessness, care, and respect for the club shine through. Well done and congratulations!

## Welcome New Members

- Donato Cardenas
- Dr. Amado Garza IV
- Federico Montemayor
- Kristina Gutierrez
- Daniel H. Garcia
- Michael Lezcano
- Steve Su
- Dr. Juan Leon
- Jonathan Arthur
- Andrew Wilson
- Hector Perez Aguilar



# 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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