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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,

As we step into March, there's an air of excitement at our club with various events and activities lined up for you. Before diving into the upcoming events, I'd like to extend my gratitude to each of you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our club's future.

Construction Update: We want to remind you that project construction is set to commence on Monday March 4, 2024, starting at the driving range. The driving range will be closed until completion to ensure the success of our renovations. We anticipate golf construction completion by the end of June 2024, at which time the grow-in phase for turf will commence. We anticipate opening the golf facilities at the beginning of September 2024. During the closure period, the Club will make several modifications to operations to best accommodate our valued membership. Beginning March 5, 2024, play will start on Hole 10 for all golfers. On the left side of Hole 10 tee, we will install six temporary hitting bays with mats for tee times to warm up prior to starting their round. These bays will be available for members 15 minutes before their tee times.

Deutsch & Deutsch Laredo Open Tennis Tournament: Now, onto some exciting news! Our Deutsch & Deutsch Laredo Open Tennis Tournament is just around the corner, scheduled from Thursday, March 21st to Sunday, March 25th. Registration for this prestigious event closes on March 11th, so be sure to secure your spot. We'll kick off the tournament with a Welcoming Social Mixer at 5 PM on Thursday, where we welcome everyone to join in the festivities. With a stellar lineup of top players, delectable food, and activities for the whole family, it promises to be an unforgettable experience. Keep an eye on your inbox for the full schedule and spectator information, coming your way soon!

Spring Break Movie Night: Looking for some family-friendly fun? Join us for Movie Night on the lawn as we screen Disney's Elemental at 8 PM on Friday, March 8th. It's free for everyone, so bring your blankets for a cozy evening under the stars. It's the perfect way to kick off the spring break with your loved ones.

New Member Survey Program: In our commitment to continuously improve and tailor our club experience to your preferences, we're thrilled to announce 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. The short survey, sent quarterly to members and spouses, will cover all club amenities. Look out for an email from surveys@laredocountryclub.net with more details closer to the launch date.

Introducing Governance Section: In our efforts to enhance communication and transparency, we're thrilled to announce a new addition to our upcoming newsletters - the Governance Section. This section will shed light on key performance indicators (KPIs) relating to membership, finance, and governance, providing you with valuable insights into the management of our club. We believe that fostering open dialogue and sharing relevant information will strengthen our club culture and ensure that we're all moving forward together.

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 March 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4 Driving Range Construction Begins	5	6	7	8 Ladies Golf School 10 AM Greens Reading 5:30 PM Movie Night on the Veranda 8 PM	9 Golfroots Club Trade-In Program 11 AM - 4 PM
10	11 Tennis Laredo Open ENTRY DEADLINE	12 Spring Break Tennis Clinic 11 AM - 12:30 PM Rookie Project Athletic Program 4-5 years old 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM 6-7 years old 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM		13	14	15
17	18	19 Senior Series 9 AM Shotgun	20	21 2024 Deutsch & Deutsch LAREDO OPEN	22 2024 Deutsch & Deutsch LAREDO OPEN	23 2024 Deutsch & Deutsch LAREDO OPEN
24 2024 Deutsch & Deutsch LAREDO OPEN	25	26	27 Chef's Table	28 Las Amigas Golf Tournament 11 AM Shotgun	29	30 DJ Brunch Club Paella Fest Team Registration Closes
31 HAPPY EASTER Brunch Buffet & Easter Egg Hunt		Easter Brunch Reservations Are Open! APP WEB 956-764-7610				

Get Ready for the Tennis Laredo Open



Mike Welnetz, USPTA
Director of Sports

Dear Members: March is our favorite tennis month of the year at The Laredo Country Club! 2024 Deutsch & Deutsch Laredo Open, March 21-24 is our premiere tournament! Great tennis at all levels, Men's Open, great food and drinks throughout the tournament, unbelievable spectators, and this year an awesome band will perform on the last day of the tournament. All of this happens because of our tremendous Sponsors and all participants!

Tennis Pro Shop New Apparel and Shoes

Stop by our Tennis Pro Shop and see all the new brands and expanded selection of apparel for ladies, men, and kids! Lulemon, Lacoste, Lucky in Love, IBKUL, Nike and more! Tennis racquets: Head, Babolat, and Yonex tennis racquets, strings and shoes.

2024 Deutsch & Deutsch Laredo Open: March 21-24, 2024

Get signed up for our premiere tournament of the year. Entry deadline is March 11, 2024. Tournament play will begin Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 PM.

Ladies' Doubles 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and up.

Men's Doubles 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Open (Invitational)

Mixed Doubles 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and up

Any questions please contact Cleudson Carvalho, PTR, Head Pro, (956) 229-4730

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

Mixed Doubles Tournament Winners

7.0 1st Dinesh Moorjani/ Elizabeth Estrella
2nd Milo Richer/ Stephanie Ramirez

6.0 1st Horacio Fernandez/ Daniella Torres
2nd Oscar Marroquin/ Monica Marroquin

New Added Adult Pickleball Clinic

Saturdays at 11:00 AM. Don't forget to use the club APP, for court bookings, clinic schedules, and more. Lastly, a big thank you to all of our members and their families!

Pickleball Junior & Adult Weekly Clinics

Friday 7:00 - 8:00 PM | Juniors \$13/hour

Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Adults \$22.50

Spring Break Tennis Clinics

March 12-15, 2024 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | All levels from Orange Ball and up. Orange Ball, HP 1+2+3 Open, Tournament Training Sessions

**All afternoon junior tennis clinics and Saturday morning junior tennis clinics will still be continuing during the Spring Break. All adult clinics will be on also.



Peter Alvarez PTR Tennis Professional

Peter Alvarez has completed his certification training and is now a, Level 1 - Certified Tennis Coach with the Professional Tennis Registry, PTR has over 13,000 members, in 125 different countries. A big congratulations for this high achievement!

Private Class Hourly Rates:

\$60 (1 person) | \$70 (2 people)

\$80 (3 people) | \$90 (4 people)

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Golf Renovations & Las Amigas Golf Tourney



Richey Rubio, PGA
Head Golf Professional

As a golfer, one of my favorite times of the year is the month of March. The golf course conditions seem to be more vibrant, the warmer weather starts to kick in and most importantly, the time change allows us to play more golf!

As you may know, our practice facility will be shut down starting on Monday, March 4th. Our practice facility will be getting renovated and upgraded to be a full-service experience. We expect the renovation on hole number 1 to begin at the start of April. This will cause us to shut down hole number 1 so we may begin moving dirt and making space for our new short game practice area. If you have questions about our upcoming project, I will be happy to answer them in greater detail with you.

A notice will be sent out once we make the transition to begin play each day on hole number 10. We will be installing hitting stations to the left of number 10 tee box for members to warm up prior to the start of their round. During the renovation, we will be a 17-hole golf course.

The golf department is happy to announce our first member events kicking off in March. Please see the following dates for our Ladies Golf School, Play with Pro Senior Series and Men's Friday Game.

The **"Las Amigas" Golf Tournament** is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th at 11:00 AM. This event will be open to all Lady members and their invited guests. The format will be a 9-hole three player scramble. We hope you join us for fun, drinks and prizes!

Upcoming Golf Events

Ladies Golf School

Friday, March 8th at 10 AM

Senior Series: Play with the Pro

Tuesday, March 19th | 9 AM Shotgun start

Las Amigas

Thursday, March 28th | 11 AM Shotgun start

Master's Par 3 Contest

Tuesday, April 9th | 5 PM Shotgun start

Club Championship Seeding Tournament

Saturday, April 13th

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Rafael Barajas, CGCS
Director of Agronomy

Golf Course Happenings

The golf course is currently holding well to the cold weather and holding up to the amount of play as well. We are looking forward to the arrival of the warm weather and the course greening up in the next few weeks. However, turfgrass growth remains minimal due to the normal cold temps this time of the year. Because of this, recovery from cart traffic, ball marks, divots and all biotic and abiotic stressors remains slower than usual. You will also notice some wear and tear on a few areas on some greens i.e. #1, 2, and 14, 1 green and 14 are mainly due to the trees located to the back of the greens which we will address in the coming weeks. The mentioned areas will recover as the weather and soil temperatures warm up.

Throughout the year, I have been sharing information with the membership outlining some proper golf course care and etiquette guidelines. I hope you help us in maintaining your golf course in top shape by following the steps mention below. So, I thought it would be beneficial to share a synopsis:

- Repair ball marks on the putting greens. Proper ball mark repair includes inserting the tool at the edges of the ball mark and pushing in from the outside instead of prying up.
- Fill divots with the mix provided in the golf carts. Our divot mix contains organic material utilized to help expedite the recovery process.
- Keep all four golf cart tires on the cart path around tees and greens. Cart traffic is the number one issue working against us in our turfgrass growth efforts this time of the year. Keeping four tires on the path around tees and greens help protect the turfgrass along the edges of the cart path.
- Utilize the 90-degree rule when exiting the cart path after your tee shot as you head toward your ball. Do not follow the cart in front of you and please avoid driving in the rough unnecessarily. Our fairways can withstand cart traffic and stress much better than our rough. This will also help maintain the definition in the fairway-to-rough interface.
- Be careful when removing your ball from the cup once it has been holed. The hole is only 4.25" in diameter, which does not leave much room to retrieve your ball without touching the edge of the cup. The slightest interaction between your hand the edge of the grass around the cup will damage the grass edge, leaving a very unsightly scar.
- Rake all bunkers after use and tap your shoes to clean them of sand before walking on the green. Enter and exit the bunker at the lowest point. After raking, place the rake with the "tines up" into the lowest point of the bunker, with a small portion of the bunker handle remaining on the turf. The handle should be facing down the fairway (parallel to play) to avoid interfering with incoming shots.
- Lastly, always remember to leave the golf course as YOU wish it to be found.

We greatly appreciate your continued attention to these routine golf course care practices, as they greatly help in continuing to provide the high-quality golf course conditions we strive to achieve. 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.

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Learn to Read



Rudy Gonzalez
Director of Instruction

Many of us are decent putters. But to be better than decent the focus is on three areas. Green reading, start line, and speed management. Of the three, green reading to me is the most critical. There is a ton of info and many methods to green reading and often it can be overwhelming. You can hit your line and manage the speed and still miss badly because of green reading.

In our upcoming green reading clinic (Friday March 8, 2024 5:30pm) we will introduce a simple way to understand what goes into reading greens. Also, How to accurately learn to identify slope and to what degree. We will teach you the process and arm you with the tools to read greens correctly.

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Fitness in March



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.

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.

ROOKIE PROJECT

Rookie Project is a fun, multi-sport, athletic program for children as young as 2 years of age. Some of our primary goals is to promote leadership, teamwork, social and confidence skills and an appreciation of sports.

Ages 4-5: Goal is to introduce and enjoying social aspects of sports participation by playing athletic-based games. These games involve agility/coordination, kicking, running, throwing and balancing.

Ages 6-7: Will progress to understanding the use of equipment and its role in the sport. Also, the concept of teamwork and socializing with other kids

Date & Time: March 12-14 (Tuesday-Thursday)
4-5 years old | 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
6-7 years old | 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Fees: \$50 per child for the three days or \$20 for one day

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Brunch, Paella and More in March



Miguel Riojas
Food & Beverage Director

We hope you're enjoying the start of spring as much as we are here at the club. Exciting things are happening this March, and we can't wait to share them with you.

On March 16th, we're bringing back the popular DJ Brunch Club event, featuring groovy beats by our new resident DJ and an array of delicious brunch options. Whether you're in the mood for savory barbacoa benedicts or our new brioche peach cobbler French toast, we've got you covered. Make sure to mark your calendars and come ready to have a great time!

On March 27th, our very own Chef Nelson and his culinary team are hosting a one-of-a-kind Chef's Table event. Witness the magic as they cut and prepare a whole Bluefin tuna right before your eyes. The eight courses paired with delightful beverages will be a night to remember.

Looking ahead to the end of the month, our annual Easter Brunch Buffet and Easter egg hunt is set for March 31st. Spend quality time with your loved ones while indulging in delicious Easter treats. And don't forget to bring the kids for our beloved Easter egg hunt!

For those of you who are Paella enthusiasts, the highly anticipated 2024 Paella Fest is back! Team registration is now open until March 30th. The fest is happening on Saturday, April 6th, promising to be another unforgettable event. Gather your friends and family and join us for delicious Paella and entertainment.

Lastly, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of the club. We feel privileged to serve our members, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Your Club Aquatics Team



Justin Meza
Aquatics Coordinator

Aquatics Coordinator: Justin Meza | Justin will again lead our Aquatics team. Justin is the Head Swimming and Diving Coach at Alexander High School. His teams have earned 10 district titles and 5 regional championships at the State Meet. He has 17 years of teaching and coaching. He is from Corpus Christi. Justin is a graduate of Texas A+M International with a Bachelor's of Science in Fitness/Sports along with a Master's in Education Administration. Justin and wife, Patricia are the proud parents of two young children, 12 and 8 years old. Justin's certifications are: Early Childhood - Grade 12 Certified Teacher, American Swim Coaches Association Level 4, Certified Swim Official, Certified Diving Official, Certified, Pool Operator, Lifeguard Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, and First Aid and CPR certified.

"Justin brings an expertise to our aquatics program that will bring better swim/water skills and more fun to our entire membership from ages 4 and up to adults. Exciting aquatic programs: Swim Camps, Private Classes, Group Classes, and Family Classes, Water Polo, Movie Night at the Pool, CPR and First Aid Classes. Safety and member experience is a key for Justin and his team!" - Mike Welnetz, USPTA, Director of Sports

Lead Lifeguard: Mando Quiroga | Mando Quiroga will again be our Lead Lifeguard. Mando has been a dynamic force in leading aquatics facilities and programs throughout Laredo. His expertise and his caring attitude will instrumental in further developing The Laredo Country Club Aquatics staff and programs. The importance of a safe and friendly aquatics facility and team will be a key priority for Mando and his team of lifeguards.

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

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.

361-549-1583 | aquatics@laredocountryclub.net

Make Your Reservations for Easter Brunch



Cindy Rangel
Assistant General Manager

Please be sure to join us on Friday March 8th for the Movie Night out on the lawn. We will be watching Elemental. Last year we had over 150 people in attendance. This is a nice family night where the children get to enjoy the start of Spring Break. We will provide seating and feel more than welcome to bring a blanket. Also, we have already started taking reservations for Easter Brunch that will be held Sunday March 31st from 11:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. If you are planning on celebrating with us, please make your reservations as soon as possible as this event tends to sell out quick. As for Membership news, an email will be sent out to the membership asking for your electronic acknowledgement of the amended Bylaws. The Bylaws are posted on the club's website as well for you to review.

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Employee of the Month

Iuliana Cardenas - We are grateful for your drive, hard work and positive and friendly attitude. Laredo County Club is lucky to have you and we appreciate all your hard work and dedication. We'd like to acknowledge your hard work and let you know that we are impressed by your performance. You have impressed us with your friendly attitude and we couldn't be more pleased with your performance as Grill Hostess. You do an amazing job of recognizing members as soon as they walk in the door and greeting them by name. You are reliable and always on time while keeping up with your studies in school and have such a great future ahead of you. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.



Welcome New Members

- Miguel A. Garza
- Mario Garcia
- Laura De La Miyar
- Adolfo Valdez
- Mario J. Peña
- Alejandro de Chapa Salinas
- Lauro Guajardo

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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