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## EASTER CELEBRATION

"Giddy-up, pony!" yelled 4-yr-old James as social chairman Shelly Dodge pulled his Shetland forward around the cul-de-sac!



Abby, 2-yr-old daughter of Katie and David Sommer, was heard squealing in delight as she found egg after egg filled with candy or stickers hiding in the grass. The Easter Bunny posed for photos with

smiling children. Corin enjoyed nibbling on candy that looked like spun cotton on a stick.

Our new basketball court was home for a small zoo of rabbits, chickens, and billy goats while little hands raced to pet them.

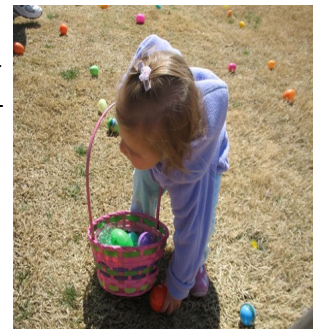


Rubber duckies were racing down our lazy river just a little slower than last year, but

provided a lot of laughs and some tense moments of competition. Ellory Liles modeled the spiffy visor she created in our craft room.



What a magical afternoon it was for all the children of Heritage Lakes who came to our Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 8 from 1-4 pm.



Our next big event will be "Cinco de Mayo" on May 3rd, when our entire community will be celebrating the opening of our Lazy River pool for the summer. Don't miss this great opportunity for family fun and meeting neighbors!

## A BIG THANK YOU !

A big "THANK YOU" goes to Alvin Huerta who has done a great job as our Herald Newsletter editor for the past year. Lesley Rolandt, our wonderful clubhouse director and "jack of all trades" has assumed the editor position for this newsletter. Although she has put together an amazing issue this month, she would appreciate hearing from any of you who might be interested in assisting with or being editor of future issues.

Also, our awesome Heritage Lakes website has been recreated and managed for the past year by Dudley Wilson who has done a fantastic job. He is ready to pass the torch to any of you computer-smart residents who would be interested in keeping our website current. Contact Lesley at the Clubhouse if you would consider assuming this position.

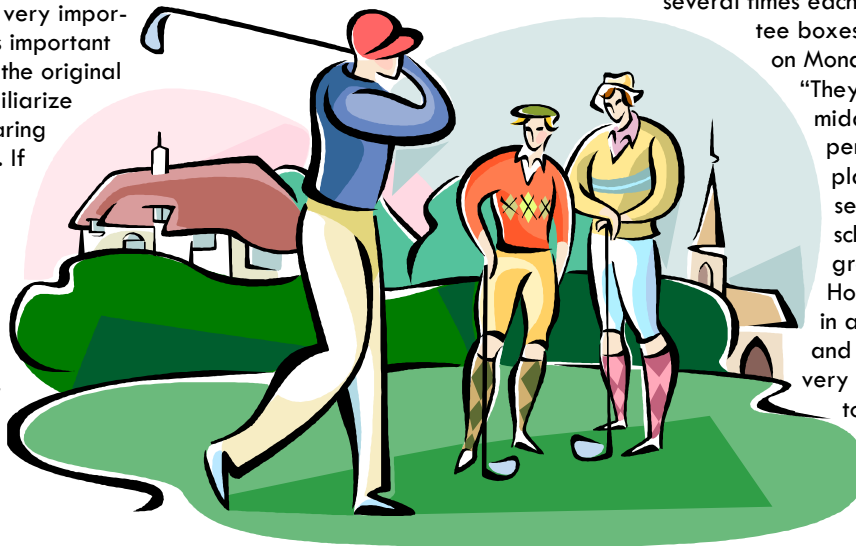
## A Golf Story with a Message - Revisited By Eric Kubera

### The Story

Last July, we published an article regarding the condition of the tee boxes on our golf course. The article began with a story that included my father Bill and my brother-in-law Matt. Dad had visited our neighborhood for the first time and fell in love with it. He bragged to my family back home about how beautiful the community was, with significant emphasis on the golf course. When Matt finally visited, we were completely deflated when we stepped out onto the course to play. The tee boxes were all torn up, and no one seemed inclined to sand their divots.

That article apparently made an impression with more than a few of our golfers. The divots are being sanded almost all the time, and the tee boxes remain in great shape. There are still a few golfers that I come across that refuse to accept that it is their responsibility to keep the course looking nice. But in general, golfers will talk to one another, pass along the word, and when someone sees a golfer taking a divot without filling it, they feel comfortable asking them to return to the sand box and fill in their mark. It seems like the neighborly thing to do.

The rest of this article contains very important information regarding this important process. Even if you had read the original article last July, please re-familiarize yourself with the benefits of caring for the course as an individual. If you are new to the neighborhood, or new to golf course, "Welcome"! We hope this information will help you understand the concerns of the residents and the golf committee. Good stewardship of the golf course will ensure that it remains beautiful and in great playing shape for everyone to enjoy.



### The Bad News

Divots are the single most detrimental byproduct of the game. They cause the most damage to the course in the shortest amount of time. The scar is evident immediately after the shot is struck, leaving the roots of the GN-1 Bermuda grass exposed, potentially drying them out and preventing the grass from growing back. According to Darrin Ford, Owner and President of Legacy Links Inc., if you're in the growing season, a divot left to repair itself "will take up to three weeks". Even if the grass is successful in growing new blades, the gouge from the club head is still there. This leaves the teeing ground uneven and dimpled, making it diffi-

cult to find a flat surface for your ball or worse, an uneven stance when trying to hit.

A divot left in the winter months when the Bermuda is dormant, cannot repair itself at all. The perennial rye grass that is top seeded during the winter has shallow roots that will almost always be taken out with the divot.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America published a new article on Golf etiquette in 2007. In it, they ask the reader to consider "what a course would look like if patrons were excused from replacing divots or fixing ball marks for just one day. A well managed facility would look

like a battlefield".

When a tee box (marked by the location of the black sand containers and small sandstone markers) gets a lot of use, it is moved to a part of the teeing ground that has fresh grass while the grass in the old tee box grows back. Darrin, who works on our course several times each week, says that our

tee boxes are generally moved on Mondays and Fridays.

"They may be moved in the middle of the week, depending on the amount of play the course has seen." Based on that schedule, a larger teeing ground like the one on Hole #8 can be used up in approximately a month and a half. This leaves very little time for the grass to grow back strong.

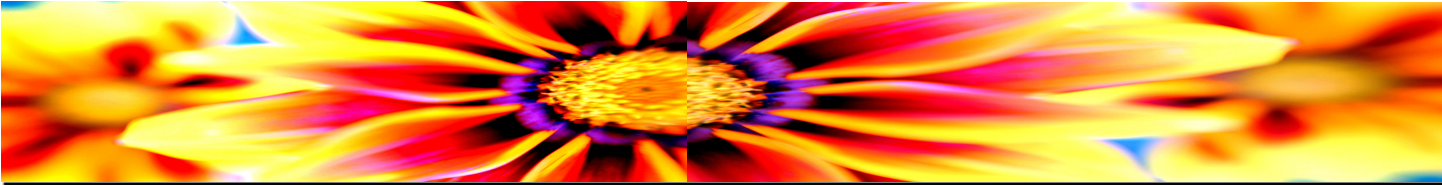
## Attention Parents !

Please remember that Sand Traps are NOT Sand Boxes!

Please keep children from playing in them.

### The Good News

Taking a divot is not just the work of a novice golfer or a sloppy swing. Jim Murphy, head professional at Sugar Creek Country Club in Sugar Land, TX, is one of Golf Magazine's Top 100 Instructors. Jim has seen some monstrous divots while attempting to give swing lessons (a few of them might have been mine). He explains: "A well struck short iron shot will generate a divot, by design. It's part of the shot, and part of the game". Thankfully, we need not be worried about taking a divot from a tee box.



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## Real Estate Report

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### Activity for the month of February

26	Currently on market for sale
2	Closing date pending
2	SOLD!
3	Listing Expired
1	On market for lease

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### Averages of SOLD homes

No. of Bedrooms	No. of Baths	Square Footage	List Price	Sold \$ per SF	Days on market	Selling to Listing Price
4	3	3803	319,600	\$81	68	96%

## HOA Contact Information

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## April Gardening Tips by Resident, Kathy Dorough

**Fertilize:** Feed crape myrtle beneath the branch spread with 1/3 cup complete fertilizer per sq. yd. After second mowing, fertilize lawn with 3-1-2 ratio product; aerate first, if needed. Fertilize all houseplants with complete fertilizer. Mulch trees, shrubs, and flowerbeds (after soil has warmed) with 2-4 inches of mulch.

**Water:** Water as needed.

**Transplant:** Divide and transplant late summer-and fall-flowering bulbs. Container-grown plants (almost any kind) can go into the ground now. Plant summer annuals to get their root systems established before the extreme heat arrives.

**Using color:** Set your rules and limits ahead of time. Then you know exactly what you want to use when you're shopping. Try to avoid forcing colors into the landscape without prior thought. You'll get more for your money if you make every color count. However, as the saying goes "rules were made to be broken." So if you're happy with your color schemes, that's what counts. It's better to plant the flowers on this chart in late April to avoid a possible late frost or freeze.

In most of Texas, color areas can be changed out 2-3 times per year. Spring planted annuals are usually set out from late February through the first of June. A second planting of heat tolerant annuals, such as verbena, periwinkle or portulaca, is frequently used from June through the hot summer months. Fall planted annuals, like pansies and dianthus, are generally set out when temperatures begin to cool off in late September-October. Managing color change outs is an important part of keeping plant materials looking their best.



Burgundy Sun Coleus	Plum Parfait Coleus
Texas Gold Columbine	Duranta
Gold Star Esperanza	Firebush
Flare Hibiscus	Lord Baltimore Hibiscus
Moy Grande Hibiscus	Deciduous Holly
New Gold Lantana	Trailing Lantana
Blue Bunny Bloom Larkspur	Satsuma Mandarin
Mari-mum	Phalaenopsis Orchid
Laura Bush Petunia	Tidal Wave™ Petunias
VIP Petunia	Dwarf Mexican Petunia
John Fanick Phlox	Victoria Phlox
Plumbago	Purslane
Belinda's Dream Rose	'Knock Out' Rose
'Marie Daly' Rose	Mexican Bush Sage
'Henry Duelberg' Salvia	New Wonder Scaevola
Variegated Tapioca	Blue Princess Verbena
Texas Lilac Vitex	

## Q&A

**Question:** What about when there's a chance of late frost or freeze in spring?

**Answer:** For a late frost: buds, flowers and tender new foliage are vulnerable to frost, which can form on cold, still nights, particularly if it is clear. Lightweight nursery fabrics will protect against frost damage and can easily be removed and stored for the next event. Secure them against winds that may accompany cold fronts.

**Question:** What if my area experiences prolonged cloudiness and wet conditions?

**Answer:** With rainy weather in late spring or fall, expect fungal diseases to show up. Watch closely, and then treat with an appropriate fungicide at first signs of an outbreak. If you continue to have troubles because of excessively wet soils, consider installing in-ground grates and drains, and perhaps even a French drain to carry the excess water away to a storm sewer or to the curb.

## Homeowners Responsibilities By Association Manager John Vickers

Dear Homeowner,

We hope all residents will understand that when they purchased their home, they agreed to abide by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions by virtue of signing a contract to purchase into a homeowners association.

- You are required to maintain the appearance of your home. Mowing of lawns must be done on a routine basis. All members must do trimming, edging and weeding of lawn and of all flower-beds regularly.
- Any custom landscaping must be submitted to and approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to installation. Violators may be fined and forced to remove the unapproved landscaping if not submitted, reviewed and approved by the ACC.
- All play equipment, patio covers, pools, fencing, or other structures of any type must be submitted and approved by the ACC prior to constructing. This also includes any changes to the color of your home. Violators may be fined and/or forced to remove the unapproved structure or repaint.
- No boats, trailers, or campers can be visible from the front of your home.
- Overnight parking, except for temporary guests, on the streets is against our community's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. Please show your community support and do not park vehicles on the street.
- All trash receptacle bins are to be removed after trash pickup and placed in the appropriate area. Trash bins must not be visible from the street and must be removed from the alley.



The common property, lakes & open space areas belong to all residents. Vandalism and/or neglect of these areas takes money to repair so please note any issues/suspicious activity and report to the management company.

We hope community pride will prevail on all issues that impact the community as a whole. Please do your part now, and keep your community a safe and beautiful place in which to live!

Thank you for your cooperation.

John Vickers, Association Manager

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