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Sabine District Transportation Club

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NTW Spring Golf Outing May 11, 2010



Recognize anyone???

Please make note of the change in the Golf Course: We will be playing at Iron Oaks on May 11, 2010.

Event information:

What: *Sabine District Transportation Club NTW Spring Golf Outing*

When: May 11, 2010

Where: Iron Oaks Golf Course
4654 Iron Oaks Drive,
Beaumont, TX 77713
(409) 866-9191

Time: Tee time 1 pm- 4 man scramble

Cost: \$65/golfer

Directions: From Beaumont: IH-10W, at exit 847 take ramp right for Major Drive/Brooks Rd., Turn left, Turn right on Brooks Road, turn right onto Oaks Drive.

We are planning a dinner that evening immediately following the golf outing. At that time we have the golf awards dinner, announcement of our Person of the Year and the raffle prize drawings from the NTW raffle.

Get your teams together and be ready for some fun! Keep in mind that this will be the *only* golf outing we have planned for 2010.

No cancellations can be made after May 7, 2010 at 3 pm.

Reservation Form for May 11, 2010 Golf Outing

Please make reservations for _____ persons at \$65/ea.

Check is attached (___)

Bill me (___)

Will pay at the door (___)

Signed _____

Date _____

Firm _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Clip and mail to S.D.T.C., PO Box 20103, Beaumont, TX. 77720, fax (409) 842-5154, Ph 350-7017 Gene Landry, or Sherry Eckerle (409) 791-3259, Or Joe Ochoa (409) 791-3255

You can also e-mail your reservations to:
Sherry.Eckerle@sbcglobal.net

National Transportation Week Raffle



Drawing: **May 11, 2010**

Cost: **\$2/ea. or 3 for \$5**

Need not be present to win!

4- Astros tickets and parking pass – Sponsor: Clark Freight Lines

Golf packages at:

Kosatti Pines – Sponsor: -Coushatta Casino

Bayou Din – Sponsor: Bayou Din

Brentwood Country Club- Sponsor: Brentwood Country Club

Sam Rayburn Country Club – Sponsor: Sam Rayburn Country Club

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Sam Rayburn golf course



Bayou Din golf course



Kosati Pines
Golf course



Brentwood golf course



National Transportation Person of the Year: Each year our club recognizes one of our members who have made outstanding contributions in the field of transportation. This year our committee consists of Joe Ochoa, Sherry Eckerle and Gene Landry. Should you have a nominee, please get in touch with this committee or fill out the form below & submit it to one of these committee members

Please fill in the name of a current member of the Sabine District Transportation Club that you feel has made significant contributions towards transportation, logistics and our club. This nomination will be kept confidential and the winner will be announced at the awards dinner on May 11, 2010.

Please fax this form to 842-5154, e-mail Sherry.Eckerle@sbcglobal.net, or phone 350-7017 Gene Landry or 791-3255-Joe Ochoa or 791-3259- Sherry Eckerle.

Celebrate *National Transportation Week, May 16-22, 2010*

Sabine District Transportation Club:

Local Events: Beaumont Mayoral Proclamation, May 4, 2010 at 1:30 pm
NTW Spring Golf Outing, May 11, 2010 at Iron Oaks
NTW Raffle tickets drawing May 11, 2010
NTW Person of the year May 11, 2010

May 17, 2010: Houston Air Cargo Association – Golf tournament

May 20, 2010: Transportation Club of Houston – “Back to Basics” Workshop
Houston Transportation Professionals Association – 3rd Annual NTW All-Clubs Luncheon

May 21, 2010: Women’s Transportation Club – Houston Astros Baseball night

May 22, 2010: NDTA-The Association for Global Logistics & Transportation-SCI CME Tour
International Transportation Management Association – ITMA Volleyball Tournament

Keep informed!

Visit the regional web site: www.ntwhouston.org

To see events scheduled throughout the week in the region,

Shrimp Boil 2010 – many thanks to Allan Ritter for being our guest speaker!

A great time was had by all that attended. The food was great. A big thanks goes to Sam Serio who trained our up and coming members to get ready to take his place when he retires at the end of this month. After many, many years he will be passing his cooking spoon to Joe Ochoa and crew! They did a great job this year so I don't think we have anything to worry about!



Serving crew preparing in the kitchen!



Our guest speaker – Allan Ritter &
President – Gene Landry

The Elks Lodge was a perfect fit for this event and was a beautiful place inside and out. They also were very gracious hosts for this event. We hope to see them again next year!



Did we mention cake????

A list of thanks for all the hard work goes to:

Cooking Crew:

**Sam Serio
Joe Ochoa
Scott Traylor
Jason Brooks
Seth Farris
Gene Landry
Al Anselmo
John Cole
Mike Garza
Bobby Sullivan**

Serving Crew:

**Paul Thorp
Orlando Ciramella
John Cole
Archie Davidson
Lenna Davidson
Bill Fertitta
Ray Mitchell
Willie Buford
Jerry Esterline
Richard LeBlanc
Lane Olson**

As you can see it takes a lot of folks to put this event on & we appreciate each & every one of them!

Calling Committee:

**Sherry Eckerle
Lane Olson
Chris Popjoy**

Raffle Ticket Sales:

Sandra Fife

Door Prize Raffle Donations:

**DJ Rail Services (Dennis Tam)
Clark Freight
Wilson Warehouse Company of Texas, Inc.
ISP Elastomers
Port of Orange
Port of Port Arthur
Port of Beaumont**

Dessert Donations:

**Clark Freight Lines
Wilson Warehouse Company of Texas, Inc.**

Purchasing supplies:

**Mike Garza
Joe Ochoa**

For storing & maintaining all our equipment:

Danny Phillips & Scott Traylor at Burris Bekins

Calendar of Scheduled Events:



May 10, 2010 – National Transportation Week
National Transportation
Person of the year
NTW Spring Golf Outing-Iron
Oaks Golf Course
NTW raffle drawing

June 8, 2010 – **Out for Summer!**
No Meeting

July 13, 2010 – Fish Fry at Rich Courville's



Web Site Update: To reach the web site from the Internet: <http://www.txsdtc.org>

To retrieve the Equalizer from the server:
<http://www.txsdtc.org/equalizer/april/2010/>
or from the web site: txsdtc.org

Board Meeting Announcement:



There will be a Board of Director's meeting in May following the golf outing.

We will vacation in June and resume at a Board Meeting prior to the fish fry in July at Rich Courville's.

Be sure to visit our sponsors listed both in the Equalizer and on the Web Site...

Congratulations to Archie & Lenna Davidson in celebrating their 60th Anniversary on April 1, 2010!



Watch The Equalizer for more information on the July Fish Fry!



Did you know???

Editor: Sherry Eckerle

Everyone knows golf originated in Scotland, right?

Welllllllll ... yes and no.

It's definitely true that *golf as we know it* emerged in Scotland. The Scots were playing golf in its very basic form - take a club, swing it at a ball, move ball from starting point to finishing hole in as few strokes as possible - by at least the mid-15th Century.

In fact, the earliest known reference to golf comes from King James II of Scotland, who, in 1457, issued a ban on the playing of golf and football (soccer). Those games, James complained, were keeping his archers from their practice.

James III in 1471 and James IV in 1491 each re-issued the ban on golf.

But the game continued to develop in Scotland over the decades and centuries, until 1744 when the first-known rules of golf were put down in writing in Edinburgh. Golf as it was then played would be easily recognized by any modern golfer.

But can it be said that the Scots "invented" golf? Not quite, because there's strong evidence that the Scots were influenced themselves by even earlier versions of games that were similar in nature.

Here's what the USGA Museum says about the issue: "While many Scots firmly maintain that golf evolved from a family of stick-and-ball games widely practiced throughout the British Isles during the Middle Ages, considerable evidence suggests that the game derived from stick-and-ball games that were played in France, Germany and the Low Countries."

Part of that evidence is the etymology of the word "golf" itself. "Golf" derives from the Old Scots terms "golfe" or "goff," which themselves evolved from the medieval Dutch term "kolf."

The medieval Dutch term "kolf" meant "club," and the Dutch were playing games (mostly on ice) at least by the 14th Century in which balls were struck by sticks that were curved at the bottom until they were moved from Point A to Point B. Sounds a lot like hockey, doesn't it? Except that it sort of sounds like golf, too (except for that ice part).

The Dutch and Scots were trading partners, and the fact that the word "golf" evolved after being transported by the Dutch to the Scots lends credence to the idea that the game itself may have been adapted by the Scots from the earlier Dutch game.

Something else that lends credence to that idea: Although the Scots played their game on parkland (rather than ice), they (or least some of them) were using balls they acquired in trade from ... Holland.

And the Dutch game wasn't the only similar game of the Middle Ages. Going back even farther, the Romans brought their own stick-and-ball game into the British Isles.

So does that mean that the Dutch (or someone else other than that Scots) invented golf? No, it means that golf grew out of games that were played in different parts of Europe.

But we're not trying to deny the Scots their place in golf history. The Scots made a singular improvement to all the games that came before: They dug a hole in the ground, and made getting the ball into that hole the object of the game.

As we said at the beginning, for golf *as we know it*, we definitely have the Scots to thank.



See you on the course!

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