



## **February 2016**

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### **Golf Shop News**

We are in the process of making a transition with our website service. Unfortunately it will likely be mid-month before our website is back live and we apologize for any inconvenience.

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a 4 player scramble tournament at 1:00pm. Following the event Tee's will be hosting a Super Bowl party with a tailgate style menu. Cash bar will be available. See signup sheet to signup or for further details.

We have begun scheduling golf tournaments for the 2016 calendar year. If you are looking to host a golf tournament for fun or as a fundraiser, please see Joseph in the golf shop right away. Our currently schedule tournaments can be viewed in the clubhouse or on our website. Here is a look at tournaments schedule thus far:

March 19<sup>th</sup> – One Player Scramble

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Birdies for Brazil

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Golden Triangle Homebuilders Assoc

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Carl Hogan Invitational

June 11-12<sup>th</sup> – Palmer Home Ringer Tournament

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Tee's for St. Jude

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Green Aerification

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Swim Columbus

### **It's Back!! 10 Round Punch Pass**

February is the last month so don't miss out on this deal. Before March first you can purchase 10 rounds of golf for 2016 for only \$25 per round. That is a savings of up to \$14 per round or 35%.

In the past these rounds were only valid through June 30, but new this year the rounds can be used anytime in 2016!!

The Elm Lake board and management have decided on and signed a new equipment lease with John Deere for our greens and tee mowers. We have worked with Jacobsen in years past but have decided to try going another route. This new equipment is scheduled to arrive in the second week of March.

### **Practice tip of the Month**

Practice how you play! We see so many golfers who stroke the same 10 foot putt over and over or hit the same 7 iron or driver over and over. Try going on the driving range and playing all 9 or 18 holes envisioning each shot as if you were playing. Example, on hole #1 first you would hit a driver, but what shot shape, high or low. Next you would probably hit a 3 wood or long iron and finally your approach. If you didn't hit a good drive or second shot, perhaps you would be hitting your 3<sup>rd</sup> from behind the trees or from further out than you would like. Doing this will make you slow down and think more about your shots. Ultimately your course management will become better by paying attention to the elements and being ok with laying up and playing the smart shot. If you hit a bad tee shot on the range your not as likely to compound the bad shot. It is easier to be disciplined and "take your medicine" during practice than it is during play.

### **Winter = Soups**

When the cooler weather arrived we introduced homemade soups to our menu. If you have not tried a warm bowl with us yet we invite you to do so. We have heard wonderful responses about our Cheddar Broccoli and Chicken Tortilla soups thus far.

### **From the Course**

Our tree work on #5 is complete and you now have a better line of site to the green from the tee boxes.

We will soon begin the removal of a couple trees that are in close proximity to #13 thirteen green. We believe this will provide more sunlight and air circulation in the summer while also reducing the amount of leaves in the winter.

One of several stages of weed management will take place this month. We will soon be spraying all tee boxes and select areas of rough with round up. This will give us a reduction in weed populations this year and also contribute to a healthier stand of bermudagrass.

We are also going to begin pre-emerge weed control in 2016. This is something that has not been done at Elm Lake in years past. We are beginning this year by spraying 50 acres; all tees, collars, and fairways as well as a few acres of rough around each green. We also hope to spray rough areas with MSMA and round-up this summer to reduce those weed populations.

All of the steps described above will give Elm Lake a much more consistent and clean look. The hope is to be able to keep applying pre-emerge weed control each Spring and Fall to make Elm Lake play and look better every year forward.