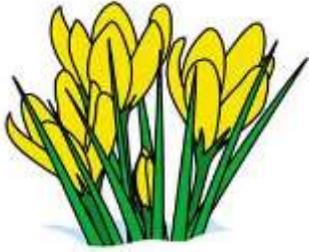


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Spring 2013

Santa Ana Star

SANTA ANA GOLF CLUB, INC.

Roger's Remarks

By Roger Martinez, Director of Golf



Spring Greetings!

Spring always brings mixed emotions for me. I look forward to everything turning green, starting to bloom, and the temperature starting to warm up. I don't, however, look forward to the spring winds, the dust that accompanies them, and the allergies that follow. Nonetheless, I am grateful to live in NM where we don't have to deal with earthquakes, hurricanes or tornadoes. Thank God!

With springtime, comes our annual improvements update. So...here is what you can look forward to in 2012:

Twin Warriors is showing off new EZGO golf cars complete with new GPS systems. The new cars will have stronger, more efficient batteries, and should save us money on charging expenses. You should have already noticed how much quicker they make it some of the hills at Twin.

Twin Warriors now boasts the Twin Warriors Golf School. Construction on this 2-bay teaching center has been completed and it will be in full swing (so to speak) this summer. The new teaching center will be state of the art, complete with custom club fitting centers from TaylorMade, Callaway and others. All of our PGA Professionals are looking forward to getting fitted with your next set of irons or driver. The weather should no longer be a deterrent from taking a lesson. For more information regarding lessons or fittings, please contact Sandy Lemon at 505-570-0442.

Santa Ana completed its final irrigation upgrades. Look for improved turf qualities around all tees and the driving range by this summer.

Santa Ana will also see the introduction of a new tee box for the pros on Hole #6 Cheena. Last year, during the NM Open, over a dozen of the pros drove the green from the back tee that is adjacent to Hole #5 Cheena green. At that time, Matt Williams, Executive Director of the Sun Country Golf House, suggested a particular site for consideration of a new tee. After some discussion, the project was presented to our Board and they approved the new construction. So...this new tee box will most likely make its debut for the 2013 Santa Ana Star NM Open this fall. It will undoubtedly change what

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Alan's Account

Alan Sebesta, Controller

IRS 2012 Tax Changes - Look over these important changes to the tax code before you file your 2012 taxes

Every year the IRS tweaks the tax code at least a little bit: introducing new credits and deductions, discontinuing temporary provisions of the tax code, and adjusting various numbers for inflation. Some years, depending on what happens in Congress, there are really big changes that end up affecting everyone pretty dramatically. But for the 2012 tax year the changes were relatively small. Still, you should be aware of them before you go galivanting off into the tax preparation sunset.

Here, without further ado, are the tax changes for the 2012 year:

Income limits for excluding education savings bond interest increased - Your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) must be less than \$87,850 if you're a single filer or less than \$139,250 if you're married filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er) in order to exclude education savings bond interest.

Foreign earned income exclusion - The maximum exclusion is now \$95,100.

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Derek's Dig

By Derek Gutierrez, Head Golf Professional Twin Warriors Golf Club

This month I am (Zach Hoefel) filling in for Derek's Dig and am looking for the most creative title for this section should I be called upon again to submit an article on behalf of Derek. Please send me your ideas to zach@santaanagolf.com and the chosen submission will win a free half-hour golf lesson with me at TWGC.

Several things come to mind with spring upon us including longer days and better weather. Both of which make our great game of golf more enjoyable. If you played throughout the winter you were definitely braver than I was as we experienced cold and windy weather for much of the season. For those that chose to save their energy for better weather, now is the time to gear up. Either way we have some recommendations before you get started.

First off, the golf swing starts with a good grip and now is a great time to ensure that your grips are ready for the season ahead. Cold and dry weather can make your grips brittle and slippery. Please visit the Santa Ana Golf Shop and check out our wide selection of golf grips. Steve, Javier and Pat can usually have them ready for you the very next day. Just like your vehicle needs new tires every 40,000 miles it may also be time for new golf shoes, especially after all of the holes you played last season. Both Twin Warriors and Santa Ana Golf Shops have many styles to choose from and is a great way to use that SAGC or TWGC gift card that is on file. We can also special order golf shoes from your favorite brands including Nike, FootJoy and Adidas. With that, is it time for a new driver, irons, putter or all of the above? New products have been released from the major club manufacturers and our golf professionals are ready to assist with personalized club fittings. We have already hosted two demo days with Callaway and Taylor Made and have many more scheduled on the horizon. I know there are multiple demo days at Santa Ana and Twin Warriors for you to try the new equipment. There will be additional opportunities to demo equipment from all of the major brands throughout the season at both Santa Ana and Twin Warriors. We hope to see you there.

Now that you have the equipment side covered it may be time for a spring lesson tune up. We have qualified PGA and LPGA professionals at both facilities ready to help elevate your game. At Santa Ana Dave Brown, Steve Manning, Pat Murphy, Javier Chavez and Jim Surber are available by appointment for half hour, full hour or a series of lessons.

If you haven't tried *Tee it Forward*, a Golf 2.0 program from the PGA of America that encourages golfers to play their next round from one or more tees forward of their normal tees, I highly recommend it. This creates a more enjoyable golf experience especially for those of you "knocking off the rust." **This will be year three for this initiative and in speaking with our guests** that have tried *Tee it Forward*, they truly enjoyed the experience and said they will try it again. I feel this is a great way to ease into the season as you prepare for recreation-al and/or competitive rounds.

Speaking of competitive rounds, now is the time to join one of our golf associations. At TWGC we have two associations with extensive playing schedules for your fun and competitive enjoyment. The Tournament Series at TWGC (MGA) and Twin Warriors Women's Golf Association along with the Player's Club at Santa Ana and Santa Ana Women's Golf Association offer something for everyone. Please visit our website <http://mynewmexicogolf.com> for more information.

I hope to see you soon at TWGC— Zach

Roger's Remarks Continued was one of the easier par fours to one of the toughest driving hole on the course. Stay tuned...

Both golf courses will have new rental sets. The old rental Nike and TaylorMade clubs are gone and the new TaylorMade 'white headed' drivers are in. Twin Warriors has the TaylorMade RBZ metal woods and irons and Santa Ana has the TaylorMade Superfast Burner metal woods and irons. Taylor-Made really made a splash last year with the introduction of the R11 and Superfast Burner metal woods with new white finishes. It was their most successful year and certainly moved them to the forefront of Driver Tour Counts. TaylorMade should continue their #1 position with the new R1 Drivers, fairways, and rescue hybrids. They have additionally launched a new RocketBallz line of metal woods. I can tell you from personal experience that the RocketBallz fairway metals are the hottest and longest I have ever hit. I can't wait to get out and play. See you on the links!

Brian's Buzz by Brian Hodges, GCSAA, TWGC Superintendent

The Need for Speed! Let's face it, the greens at Twin Warriors are too slow and have been since my arrival as the assistant superintendent in June of 2011. Without going into too much depth, or detail, the greens have excessive thatch, making water, fertility, and ultimately speed difficult to maintain.

During last season, some attempts were made to increase greens speed. The largest effort was lowering the mower height from .120 inches to .110 inches. We saw some stress through the summer at this height with very little gain in green speed. We also made a few attempts at verticutting and topdressing which was effective at adding about 12 inches to a put but only lasted about 24 hrs. We consistently rolled an 8 on the stimpmeter throughout the growing season.

Going into this growing season we have altered our strategy and our plan is as follows:

- Feed aggressively prior to aeration in order to fill the voids and heal up after aeration then lean out on fertility and sustain minimum growth.
- Light and frequent verticut and topdress starting a few weeks before aeration and continuing through the season.
- Frequent rolling in addition to mowing.

It is my goal to provide a smooth putting surface that is comparable in speed to Santa Ana Golf Club. I am going to utilize every resource at my disposal in doing so and am hopeful that our efforts will prove successful.

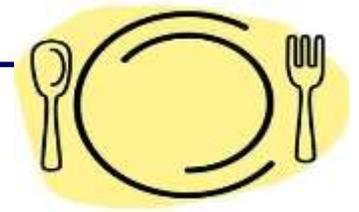
Welcome New Employees! Micaella Brown ~ Stanton Buckhanan (Re-Hire) ~ Devin Carr ~ Ryan Gachupin ~ Adelio Gallegos ~ Kenny Garcia ~ Felix Griego (Re-Hire) ~ James Hansen (Re-Hire) ~ Elisabeth Hernandez (Re-Hire) ~ William Hicks ~ Desiree Jara ~ Robert Kelley ~ Joseph La Rosa ~ Eric Lucero (Re-Hire) ~ Darren Lujan (Re-Hire) ~ Christopher Olsen ~ Jose Pena (Re-Hire) ~ Sara Perkin ~ Arnold Sena ~ Nicholas Swanson ~ Jonathan Tansey ~ Joel Tercero ~ Michael Westervelt ~ Matthew Alcala



From Shane's Plate By Shane Clark, Food & Beverage Director

The beginning of spring brings change to the Prairie Star.

Chef Darren McHale had a wonderful opportunity to move to North Carolina and begin a new job at a restaurant in Wilmington. His time with us was great and we wish him well. We have been on an active search these past few weeks for his replacement and have hired Chris Olsen.



Chris started with us the first week of March and we look forward to a new menu from him soon. In the meantime, you will be seeing him floating around the grill or in the dining room as we begin some menu transitions. I have attached a short bio of him for you to get a glimpse into his own passions.

Chef Chris Olsen was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa, and spent his summers with his grandparents on their rural **Nebraska farm. Raised with an appreciation for the Midwest's staple "meat and potatoes" cuisine, he sought not only an expansion of his food knowledge but also a deepening of his palate when he moved to Albuquerque in 2003.**

Since then, Chef Chris has worked at some of the very best eateries in the city. He joined the Prairie Star team in March 2013, **bringing with him fourteen years of culinary experience. It is Chris's strongly held belief that food is an art that, when properly done, should engage all of the human senses.** This belief is reflected in all of his dishes, from appetizer to dessert.

When he is not planning his next epicurean masterpiece, Chef Chris can be found with his young son, teaching him an appreciation of old cartoons, the skill of hockey, and the art of truly great food.

Bon Appetit

Directly From Dave By Dave Brown, Head Golf Professional, Santa Ana Golf Club

Changes at SAGC

Emilia Pena Armijo, that friendly face that has been at the bag drop for the past seven years has taken a full time position with the Santa Ana Star. We wish her the best and will certainly miss her.

Welcome new volunteers Luis Montero, Tom James, and Bob Stone, who will be helping out with marshaling and drinking water stations on the golf course.

We now have a rack with sand bottles just outside the door of the cart storage facility. These are filled daily and are easy access for golfers that walk with pull carts, or as a refill for the electric carts when making the turn.

The new green tees have been in play for almost a year now. There will be three more additions of green/yellow tees that we were unable to complete last spring, #5 Tamaya, # 8 Cheena, and #2 of Star. The new ratings have already been implemented (last year) into the computer, and the new corresponding scorecards will appear later this spring. You may have noticed that the signs at each tee have been changed, showing the yardages for all tees, including the new green tees. Some of the new tees do not have the stones in the ground that have the designated yardage for the hole from that particular tee, but have been ordered and will be in place by summer. Watch for new yardage indicators to each flag on the driving range, as well. More details in the next edition.

Golf Instruction

Jim Surber PGA will again be conducting the Junior Golf Program for Santa Ana in 2013. Jim is also available for personal instruction. To make an appointment, call Jim at 505-670-6613.

Dedication

See to the right- 1st Assistant Professional Steve Manning PGA helping member Dick Lodewick last month with his swing. **The temperature and wind mph were about the same that day (in the 40's), even though they were the only brave souls that afternoon, they managed a smile.**

New Golf Equipment and Demo Days

New 2013 model clubs are starting to make their way into the SAGC Pro Shop. If you have a particular brand in mind, there **will be "Demo days" where you can try the specific club (varying degrees of loft, lie and shaft flex, including right and left hand models)** out on the practice tee. Please pick up the monthly calendar that is available at the Pro Shop, or look on our website: mynewmexicogolf.com, for information on Demo days in the next few months. Next Demo Day: Taylor Made on April 13th from 9am to 3pm. To make room for the new clubs, there are some great deals on 2012 models still in stock!

Employee Fitness Golf Outing Dates for 2013

Remember to mark these dates on your calendar:

Tuesday, April 9th, 3pm @ SAGC
Wednesday, May 22nd, 3pm @ TWGC
Thursday, June 27th, 3pm @ SAGC
Tuesday, July 23rd, 3pm @ TWGC
Wednesday, August 28th, 3pm @ SAGC
Monday, September 16th, 3pm @ SAGC
Thursday, October 17th, 3pm TWGC



We encourage everyone to walk, but riding is allowed. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie!

Star Receptions by Rebecca

Rebecca Chaney, Catering Director



Prairie Star is a well-known destination for weddings, receptions and holiday parties.

But did you know we do corporate dinners, retreats and team building outings?

You name it we can do it!

Anytime of day...
breakfast, lunch or dinner...

Any day of the week...

Please see our new website prairiestarrestaurant.com where you will find a convenient form to request more information for your event.

I hope to hear from you soon!

*At Y our S ervice,
R ebecca Chaney*

The advertisement features a large background image of a mountain range under a cloudy sky, with a palm tree in the foreground on the right. At the top center is the Prairie Star logo. Below the logo, the text "Did you Realize The Possibilities?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath this text is a white box with a black border containing the text "Award Dinners", "Corporate Retreats", and "Conference Space". Three inset photos show different dining areas: a large room with round tables and chairs, a smaller room with a long table, and a close-up of a table setting. At the bottom right, the address "288 Prairie Star Road", "Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico", and phone number "505-867-3327" are listed.



HR Corner

Spring- Workplace Eye Wellness Month and National Nutrition Month!



Get your Eye Exam!

Sadly, less than 50% of Americans get eye exams more frequently than every two years despite the fact that most adults consider vision their most important sense. One in five people are at risk for vision loss, and many of the problems could have been addressed through preventive care.

But annual eye exams not only help correct vision problems; comprehensive eye exams can also reveal the warning signs of more serious undiagnosed health problems such as hypertension, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. No matter what the age, eye exams are important to our productivity and health.

Promotions – Congratulations:
Brian Hodges, TW Superintendent
Kathy Morrow, Finance/Admin
New Baby- Congratulations!
Brian Hodges, TW Superintendent

Let's celebrate National Nutrition Month together!



National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign held annually in Spring by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. To learn more, visit www.eatright.org.



**Speaking of Nutrition,
DO YOU WANT TO "LIVE THE
DREAM"? Coming soon: *hint* APRIL
1ST?**

Did you know... 3 Tax Deductions You Could Be Missing:

Every year, taxpayers leave more than \$1 billion dollars on the table by not claiming all the tax credits and deductions they're entitled to. So, here are a few tax deductions you might be overlooking (see www.irs.gov for more info):

- **Credit for dependent care.** Most people think that only means daycare for your kids if you work outside the home. But you can also deduct expenses for day camp, after-school programs, and babysitting-provided they're necessary to allow you to work.
- **Animal Rescue.** Say, you bottle-feed newborn foster kittens at home, or take in sick older animals whose owners can't care for them anymore. You can deduct your expenses, provided you keep separate the expenses for your rescue animals, and your personal pets. You'll also need to get a letter from an authorized nonprofit confirming that they're overseeing your rescue activities.
- **Job-hunting expenses.** You can deduct any search-related expenses, including postage, parking, and phone bills. But only if you're looking for a job in the same field you already work in. And if you have to move to take a job, you may be able to deduct some of your moving expenses-only if your new job is at least 50 miles farther from home than your old job.

Hearing the buzz about health care reform? To learn more, log onto:

HealthCare.gov

Take health care into your own hands. More Information how it impacts you at SAGC coming soon.

Take a break in the new employee break room! Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm located at SAGC.

Injured on the Job?

If you are injured, notify your supervisor immediately! Instructions are posted in every building location or contact HR.

On course etiquette: It's everyone's responsibility

Presented by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

A famous college basketball coach once said that recruiting was like shaving -- miss just one day and you look bad. It could be said that golf course management personnel, especially superintendents, feel the same way about golfer etiquette on the course.

Golf course etiquette is an all-encompassing term that refers to demeanor, adherence to course maintenance rules, and dress, among other issues. However, most associate golf course etiquette to the concept of ball mark repair, divot replacement and raking bunkers. Take a moment and consider what a course would look like if patrons were excused from any of these activities for just one day. A well-managed facility would look like a battlefield.

Golf course personnel are unanimous in stating that, as a whole, golfers still do not do an adequate job in repairing their ball marks and divots. Despite the presence of posters, notes in newsletters and announcements in meetings to serve as reminders, most facility managers believe the message can never be repeated too much.

This becomes an even bigger issue as the game expands to include more juniors and those who have recently picked up the sport. Instructors and experienced golfers should be diligent in teaching the how and why of golf course etiquette. Failing to teach golfers the proper techniques now creates future problems.

Why it's important

The basis for ball mark repair and divot replacement is for competitive and agronomic reasons. Balls that land in unrepaired divots place a golfer at a disadvantage, just as having to putt over a ball mark. By leaving turf damaged (unrepaired), it becomes susceptible to disease and/or infestation of weeds, resulting in a lower quality of playing surface. This necessitates the need for attention by golf course superintendents and their staffs, thereby taking them away from more pressing duties. As a general rule, a ball mark repaired within 10 minutes will heal with a smooth surface within two to three days. An unrepaired ball mark may take as long as three weeks to heal, but the result will be an uneven surface.

Replacing divots

Because grass varieties differ from course to course, and from fairways to the rough, the best rule to follow in replacing divots is to check with the golf course superintendent for the particular policy. As a general rule, replace any divot on the course unless there is a sand or sand/seed mixture provided in a container on the golf car. Typically, the divot is replaced on any course with bentgrass or bluegrass fairways. If you are playing on a course with bentgrass fairways and bluegrass rough, you must pay particular attention to the materials in the container. If just sand is provided, then fill the divot hole and tamp down the sand with your foot. If a sand/bentgrass seed mixture is provided, divots in the rough would not be replaced so as to not contaminate the bluegrass with bentgrass seed. In bermudagrass fairways, generally sand is just used.

In replacing a divot, the policy is to replace the divot so the grass can send down new roots. If so, replace the turf in the same direction it came out, and tap down firmly so the mower won't pull it back out. If you are walking and no sand is provided, smooth the divot hole with your feet, gently pulling the sides of the divot hole to the center.

Raking bunkers

Bunkers pose enough trouble themselves. Imagine playing from them when they are left unraked. To avoid leaving a poor playing surface, follow these tips:

- Enter and exit the bunker at the point closest to your ball. This will ensure you do not displace too much sand.
- Alternate between pulling the sand toward you and pushing it away from you to make the surface even. This will make the bunker surface even without sand displacement.
- All holes and footprints should be smoothed over upon exiting the bunker.
- Be sure there are no indentations in the previously disturbed sand.
- After rake completion, the USGA recommends that the bunker rake should be placed outside the bunker laying flat and facing the direction of play.
- **USGA reminds golfers that the proper term is "bunker," and never "trap."**

For more information regarding golf course maintenance and etiquette, contact your local superintendent or the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at 800-472-7878 or www.gcsaa.org.

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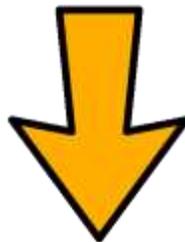
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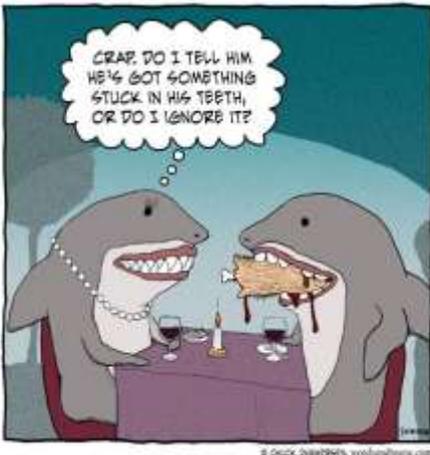
What should you use? A bank issued one is a safe choice, but you can also use a frequently dialed number which is hard to trace back to you, say the pizza shop. Or an old phone number that is no longer in record. Thieves will have a hard time guessing your favorite holiday is Halloween (1031).

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Fifty years ago this month, a computer pioneer said, **“There is no reason to suppose the average boy or girl cannot be the master of a personal computer.”** Soon after, PCs arrived — and now those grownup boys and girls cannot imagine their lives without them.



Alan Sebesta continued..

Standard mileage rates – The deductible costs of using your automobile for business have increased to 55.5 cents/mile and for getting medical care or moving to 23 cents/mile. The rate for charitable use has remained the same at 14 cents/mile.

Personal exemption increased – The personal exemption is now \$3,800.

Standard deduction increased - The standard deduction is now \$5,950 for single filers and \$11,900 for married filing jointly.

Alternative minimum tax (AMT) exemption amount permanently adjusted for inflation - The new AMT exemption amounts are \$50,600 if single, \$78,750 if married filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er), and \$39,375 if married filing separately.

Lifetime learning credit income limits decreased – Your modified adjusted gross income must be less than \$52,000 if single or \$104,000 if married filing jointly in order to claim the lifetime learning credit.

Retirement savings contribution credit income limits increased – Your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) must be less than \$28,750 if single, \$57,500 if married filing jointly, and \$43,125 if head of household in order to claim the retirement savings contribution credit.

Adoption credit or exclusion – The maximum amount of the adoption credit you can receive, or the maximum amount of employer-provided adoption benefits that you can exclude, has decreased to \$12,650. Note that your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) must be less than \$229,710 in order to take advantage of it.

Adoption credit no longer refundable – The adoption credit is no longer refundable starting in 2012.

Earned Income Credit (EIC)- The income thresholds for claiming the EIC have changed slightly for 2012.

If three or more children lived with you, single filers must earn less than \$45,060 and married couples filing jointly less than \$50,270.

If two children lived with you, single filers must earn less than \$41,592 and married couples filing jointly less than \$47,162.

If one child lived with you, single filers must earn less than \$36,920 and married couples filing jointly less than \$42,130.

If a child did not live with you, single filers must earn less than \$13,980 and married couples filing jointly less than \$19,190.

Also note that you cannot have more than \$3,200 in investment income and still claim the credit.

Read more: <http://www.rapidtax.com/blog/irs-2012-tax-changes/#ixzz2Lx6Q7jwD>