



# Mira Vista Country Club

## January 2024 Issue

### December Events

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*MV Happy Hour*  
Cheers to the New Year

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*Friday Night Live*  
Tyler Bond

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Wine Tasting Social

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*Friday Night Live*  
Ben & Bailey Hatton

*Sip, Savor & Stroll with your fellow members at our Wine Social. Heavy hors d'oeuvres included.*

### Wines

*Caymus Cabernet California  
Caymus Suisun Grand Durif  
Caymus The Walking Fool  
Caymus, Napa Valley, Cabernet  
Emmolo Sparkling Wine No.6  
Mer Soleil Reserve Chardonnay  
Sea Sun Pinot Noir  
Red Schooner Transit 3  
Red Schooner Voyage 11  
Bonanza Cabernet Sauvignon*

### Menu

*Stations Include*

*Blistered Tomatoes, Prosciutto and Burrata Flatbread*

*Dill Mousse and Salmon Roe Verrine*

*Kiwi lobster Canapes, Lemon Scallion Aioli*

*Rabbit Cacciatore with Bucatini Noodles*

*Charcuterie Board*

*Wagyu Peppered Ribeye Pretzel Slider, Fig Jam Spread*

*Surf and Turf Oscar*

*Pork Shank, Jumbo Crab Meat, Cajun Hollandaise*

*Espresso Mini Mousse Cake*



# WINE TASTING Social

**Wagner**  
FAMILY of WINE

Featuring

**CAYMUS**  
VINEYARDS

Thursday, January 25  
6:00pm | \$90++ pp

*Thank you to our members  
for the great holiday memories!*



*A big Thank you goes out to the following members  
for their help in decorating the clubhouse  
for the holiday season!*

**Tammy Walton, Gwen Harper, Susie McKenzie,  
Allison Fogle, Andrea Besson, Jean Ann Fisher,  
Becky Moroneso and Susan Idleman.**



*The decorations looked G R E A T!*



# LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! On behalf of our entire staff, thank you for all the support by utilizing the club, sponsoring new members, and contributing to the Employee Holiday Fund. We had another great response from the membership to show their appreciation for our employees, and it was truly appreciated.

The Board of Directors has approved five candidates who will be running for the Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning in February. This year, we'll be sending out the new Board of Directors candidates to the membership via email, as it'll be an online voting system. The ballots will be kicked off on January 9th, with a deadline of February 7th.

On February 13th, at 6:00 pm, we will have our Annual Membership Meeting in the Grand Vista Ballroom. All members are invited to join, announcing the results of the Board of Directors election and reviewing the state of the Club along with a Q&A session. Following, there will be a social gathering for all members attending with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Each year, members have the option to prepay the full year's food minimum. Prepaying the annual amount of \$720

in January allows you to spend the minimum at any time during the calendar year. You can spend it monthly or all at once. If you participated in the 2023 prepaid food minimum, your account was automatically billed in January for the 2024 prepaid food minimum. If you did not participate in the 2023 prepaid food minimum and want to remain on the \$60 monthly spend requirement, no action is necessary. If you desire to change your option in 2024 and prepay the food minimum, please contact Patty at [Billing@MiraVistaCountryClub.com](mailto:Billing@MiraVistaCountryClub.com) or call 817-294-6677.

We look forward to serving you and your family in 2024! Our staff's mission each day is to "make each experience for our members, their families, and their guests a fun and memorable event."

Thank you for being Members of Mira Vista Country Club. It is our greatest hope that you will take every opportunity to join in the fun throughout the New Year by utilizing the Club for all your entertainment needs. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, we wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing you at the club!



**Greg Hatch**  
General Manager



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General Manager

HEY GREG!  
Members,  
Do you have questions,  
comments  
or suggestions  
for your Club?  
If so, please click  
[HERE](#) to directly  
email Greg Hatch,  
General Manager



Accounts Receivable Patty Villavicencio 817-294-6677	General Manager Greg Hatch 817-294-6642	Membership Shauna Fenn 817-294-6654	Men's Locker Room 817-294-6644	Security 817-294-6627
Controller Francie Walker 817-294-6633	Golf Maintenance 817-294-6615	Member Relations / & Event Director MaryEllen Ford 817-294-6640	Receptionist 817-294-6600	Sunset Grill 817-294-6699
	Golf Shop 817-294-6666		Pointe 817-294-6606	Tennis Shop 817-294-6690

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kim Dignum | President  
Mark Walton | Vice President

Gary Miller | Treasurer  
Tim McKenzie | Secretary

Sam Demel  
Tom Idleman

Paul Janiak  
Gene Lamis

Matt Rodger

*Please join Mira Vista in extending  
a warm welcome to our new Members*



**Shauna Fenn**  
Membership



**Drew and Sarah  
Mize**

Drew and Sarah are  
Co-owners of City  
Love List, LLC.

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to sign up for Mira Vista  
Country Club's mobile alerts



## **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT AT** *Mira Vista*



Judy Gedzyk has been a member of our Administrative team for one year. Originally from Lodi, WI, and Crystal Lake, IL, she relocated to Texas two years ago. When not at work, Judy enjoys lounging at the pool, socializing, playing bingo, bunco, and pokeno. She enjoys traveling to see grandchildren and looks forward to an upcoming cruise to Honduras and Belize. Judy says she “Has the best coworkers. The members are all so very nice and made her feel welcome from day one.”

*Friday Night Live*

# CAMERON HAVENS

*Country Artist and Songwriter*



FRIDAY  
**5**  
JANUARY

HORIZON LOUNGE  
7:00 - 10:30PM

# Tempting Disaster



CLASSIC ROCK TRIO

Friday, January 12th  
Horizon Lounge  
7:00 - 10:30pm

# Friday Night Live

# Tyler Bond



**19**  
JAN

Mix of country and rock  
with influences from Aaron Lewis,  
Luke Combs, Dave Matthews Band  
and Prince.

**7**  
PM

# BEN & BAILEY HATTON

*Country vocals*



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26  
HORIZON LOUNGE  
7:00 - 10:30PM

# Golf

Thank you to the Members of Mira Vista.  
2023 was an amazing year for both golf and the club.  
We are looking forward to 2024 as we provide the best services  
to you and your guests to help create memories that last a life  
time. Thank you for a great year!  
We can't wait to see what the future holds!



Courtney Connell  
PGA Golf  
Professional

## *Congratulations*

to **Gary Hardin** for winning the 2023 Golfweek Tournament of Champions. Gary won the Super Legends division. The tournament was held at The Forest Golf & Country Club in Ft. Myers, Florida.



## *Congratulations to:*



Henry Ellis



Pete LaNasa



Brody Self



# MIRA VISTA HAPPY HOUR

SPONSORED BY THE YOUNG EXECUTIVES

## CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR

# 2024

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH  
HORIZON LOUNGE  
5:00 - 6:30PM

KIDS CLUB OPENS AT 4PM

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# OPERATION 36® GOLF

Mira Vista's Year Round Junior Golf Program

### Beginner Class

Tuesday 4:00-5:15

Wednesday 4:00-5:15

Thursday 4:00-5:15

Friday 4:00-5:15

### Ages

5-Up

### Intermediate Class

Tuesday 4:15-5:30

Thursday 4:15-5:30

### Ages

Based on skill level

For more information please contact coach Lyndsey at

ladams@miravistacountryclub.com

or text/call 417-483-4962

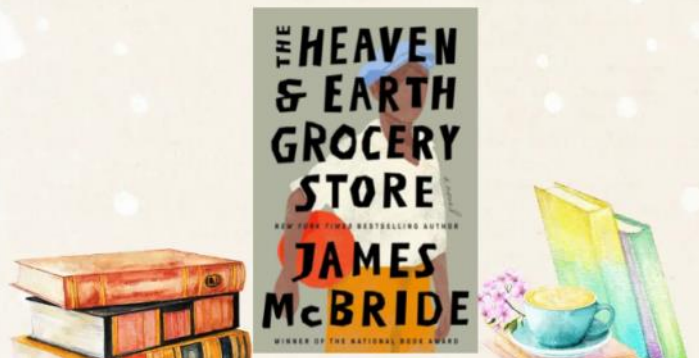


## MV LADIES BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 24th  
Magnolia Room | 5:30pm

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THIS MONTH'S PICK IS:

*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*  
by James McBride



# Tennis

**JANUARY** **2024**  
*Highlights* **TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL**

<b>JAN 09</b>	New Leagues begin this week: Men's & Junior Tennis begins New Leagues begin this week: Ladies
<b>JAN 12</b>	Pickleball Mixer 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Outdoors or indoors if need be)
<b>JAN 19</b>	Kids' Tennis Pizza Night 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<b>JAN 26</b>	Kids' Tennis Pizza Night 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<b>JAN 30</b>	MVLTA "Free Tennis Play Day" 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

*Thank you  
to the following:*

**OUT GOING OFFICERS FOR 2023**

PRESIDENT: SHAWN FERSHTAND  
 FIRST VP-SOCIAL: EMILY STOLZ  
 SECOND VP-COMMUNICATION:  
 KIRSTEN BESCHER  
 TREASURER: DONNA VALLANCE



**Brad Ibbott**  
 Director of Racket  
 Sports

**IN COMING OFFICERS FOR 2024**

PRESIDENT: SHAWN FERSHTAND  
 FIRST VP - SOCIAL: EMILY STOLZ  
 SECOND VP - COMMUNICATION:  
 KIRSTEN BESCHER  
 TREASURER: DONNA VALLANCE



**KIDS' TENNIS PIZZA NIGHT**  
 (AGES 5 TO 14)

DATE: Friday, January 19 & 26  
 TIME: 5:30-8:30pm or 9:30pm  
 FORMAT: Tennis Clinic 5:30-6:30pm  
 Supervised match play and games from 6:30-7:15pm.  
 Pizza and drinks served at 7:15pm. More games after pizza.  
 Pick up at 8:30pm or 9:30pm (pizza and play)  
 PRICE: \$24.00 for Tennis Clinic  
 \$7.00 for each additional hour  
 RSVP: Scott (817-294-6690) at least 3 days prior  
 (must cancel 24 hours before Kids' Pizza Night or will be charged)

**SEASONAL INDOOR COURT  
 TIMES AVAILABLE**

Seasonal Indoor court times are available for the first 16 weeks in the year 2024. If you have a group of players that you normally play with on a regular basis, you may book the indoor courts on our seasonal court reservation system. This is how it works:

**A seasonal, court time may be booked for a period of sixteen weeks (Beginning the week of January 2).** All you pay is **\$147.22 per person** (based on four people), and the court is **guaranteed at that time for 16 weeks.** After the 16 weeks, you may rehire under the seasonal court time or let that time go to someone else. **If you enjoy playing tennis at the same time each week and don't want the possibility of inclement weather, please call Brad at the Tennis Shop at 817-294-6690.**



## 2024 FAMILY BALL MACHINE CLUB

The Mira Vista Tennis Program is excited to announce the continuation of the “Ball Machine Club” program. The one “Sam” ball machine and the two “Playmate” ball machines Mira Vista tennis players and the Simon X PB Ball Machine should have plenty of opportunity to get a good workout and improve their game.

**\*If you or your family belong to the Ball Machine Club then there will be no indoor fee charged ANYTIME indoors if you are on the “CLUB” and using the ball machines.**

**Note:** The Ball Machine Club may use the membership the following way. Book the ball machine – use it and re-book the Ball Machine. In consideration for everyone on the Ball Machine Club, multiple bookings are not allowed. Also Ball Machine Club members should be using the ball machine the entire time and **NOT** putting the machine to the side just hitting on the indoor court ( **if that is the case you will be billed for the indoor court time used**) – **free indoor court time is ONLY for Ball Machine Club members while using the Ball Machines.**

**Non Ball Machine Club** members will be charged for the Ball Machine time and also the indoor court rental if used inside.

The Ball Machine still may be used outside at any time and the tennis ball mower will always be available for player use.

Fees for the ball machine are as follows:  
**\$30.00** for 45 mins. (No free indoor time)  
**\$40.00** for 90 mins. (No free indoor time)  
**\$350.00** family membership for unlimited usage for one full year & limited free indoor court time.

**Note:** If you sign up during the year the ball machine club program will be pro-rated based on the number of months left in the calendar year.

Thanks, Brad Ibbott  
Director of Racket Sports

## Junior Lessons (begin 1/9/24)

### MONDAYS

Intermediate PB Drill 4:30-5:30pm (indoors)

### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Beginner/Novice (Ages 4-10) 4:00-5:00pm (indoors)

Mid-Cities (Ages 9-14) 5:00-6:00pm (indoors)

### SUNDAYS

Quick Start 2:00-3:00pm (indoors)

Quick Start 3:00-4:00pm (indoors)

## Adult Lessons (begin the week of 1/2/24)

### TUESDAYS begins 1/02/24

Interclub Practice 9:00– 10:30am (outdoors)

PB Drill & Play 8:00-9:30am (outdoors)

Cardio 6:30–7:30pm (indoors) with Greg

### WEDNESDAY begins 1/03/24

PB Play Day League 9:00-10:30am (outdoors)

USTA 3.5 Drill (Brad) Practice 9:00–10:30am (indoors)

USTA 3.0 Drill (Colin) Practice 9:00–10:30am (indoors)

USTA 2.5 Drill (Greg) Practice 10:00-11:30pm (outdoors)

USTA 4.0 Drill (Brad) Practice 10:30 am–12:00pm (indoors)

### THURSDAY begins 1/04/24

Ladies’ 4.0/4.5 Drill (Brad) Practice 1:00– 2:30pm (indoors)

PB Mixed Open Play Night 6:30-8:30pm (outdoors)

Drink and Drill Co– Ed (Colin) 7:00–8:30pm (indoors)

### FRIDAY begins 1/05/24

Ladies’ 2.5–3.0 Drill (Scott) Practice 10:30–12:00pm (indoors)

### SATURDAY begins 1/06/24

Men’s drills (Brad & Colin) 9:00–10:30am (indoors)

Saturday Ladies’ drills (Brad & Colin) 10:30 am–12:00 pm (indoors)

## 2024 Winter Indoor Tennis Leagues

### New Leagues:

**Ladies 2.5 – 3.0** Rotating Partner League  
on Tuesday at 9:00a.m. Begins 1/9/24 (8 weeks)

**Men’s 3.5** Rotating Partner Seasonal  
on Tuesdays at 7:30p.m. Ongoing 1/9/24 (8 weeks)

**Ladies 3.0 – 3.5** Rotating Partner League  
on Thursdays at 9:00a.m. Begins 1/11/24 (8 weeks)

**Note: To sign up please call the Tennis Shop at 817-294-6690**

# Food for Thought

## Cheeseburger Soup



**Ulises Tapia**  
Executive Chef

### INGREDIENTS



#### 4 Servings

- 1/2 lb ground beef
- 4 Tbsp butter, divided
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup diced celery
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 Tbsp Fresh parsley
- 1-3/4 lb (about 4 cups) cubed peeled potatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 to 4 cups shredded Velveeta
- 1-1/2 cups whole milk
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream

1. In a large saucepan cook and crumble beef over medium heat, until cooked through. Drain and set aside.
2. In the same saucepan melt 1 Tbsp butter.
3. Sauté onion, carrots, celery, basil, parsley until tender (about 10 mins).
4. Add potatoes, ground beef and broth. Bring to a boil.
5. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are tender .
6. In a small skillet melt remaining butter (3 Tbsp) and add the flour. Cook and stir for 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to the soup and bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low.
7. Stir in the cheese, milk, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from heat and blend in sour cream.



# Golf Course Maintenance

Dear Members,

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish the same for the New Year! The agronomy team would like to provide a few reminders regarding golf course care for all members and guests. As we enter winter, frost delays will become the norm. We will explain delays and how to take care of turf during frost. Lastly, we want to congratulate our employee of the month.

Great golfing weather can be hard to come by throughout the winter months; sometimes it's just too cold! On these cold days, the turf has drastically slowed in growth, making it



*Unrepaired ball marks*

vulnerable to traffic and incapable of healing on its own from damage. The agronomy team would like to remind all members and guests about a few “big ticket” golf course care items. Ball mark repair, while small, can have a large negative impact if not repaired. In the summer, the grass is growing, so a scalped ball mark here and there is much less significant due to the quick recovery time. In the winter, it's

a completely different narrative; ball marks left unrepaired do not recover and leave an uneven putting surface that lasts through the winter months. Traffic is another huge factor in winter turf maintenance; dormant turf will struggle to come back from continuous isolated traffic. Please be sure to follow cart arrow signs, stay out of roped areas, and scatter at our entry points. These habits are practices all members should assume when being good stewards of your course.



*Frosted Turf*

Frost delays are already a pain, delaying post-golf plans and altering your morning routine! We understand completely and want to make sure information is relayed to educate members and guests on the “whys” and “whens” of frost delays. Why? Traffic on frosted playing surfaces can be deadly to the plant. As frost forms, the inside of the plant is likely to be frozen to some degree as well. As traffic is applied to a frozen plant, the cells inside the plant burst, leaving the plant severely injured or dead. This is why keeping traffic out of frosted areas is crucial. When? This one can be tricky, as frost can form in temperatures well above 32 degrees.

Additionally, due to our topography, there are many “micro-climates” throughout the Mira Vista grounds, meaning temperatures can vary by 5–10 degrees in different areas on the course (shadows also increase and hold frost). The duration of delay will reflect the severity of frost, which is most accurately evaluated as the sun is rising (the coldest part of the day). The agronomy team needs at least one hour of lead time to prepare for the golf course ahead of play. Meaning if the frost burns off at 8:45, we will begin maintenance and aim for a 9:45 opening. We understand this can be frustrating, as members are typically looking at a beautiful morning and are eager to play. As we work to ensure the golf course is properly maintained, we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding.

Mr. Celso Covarrubias is December's employee of the month! Celso is an absolute pleasure to work with and is well-versed in his abilities. Mr. Covarrubias works at the same pace throughout the day and never complains. He has been a part of the agronomy team for decades, and we are grateful!

Your Golf Course Superintendent,  
Joseph Danton



**Joseph Danton**  
Golf Course  
Superintendent

# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Club Closed	2 <i>Ladies' Night</i>	3 <u>Family Night</u> Fiesta	4 <i>Mira Vista</i> <i>Happy Hour</i> 5:00—6:30pm	5 FNL Cameron Havens	6  Wine, Prime & Pizza Night
7 Breakfast Action 8:00am  Sunday Brunch 11:00am—2:00pm	8 Club Closed	9 <i>Ladies' Night</i>	10 <u>Family Night</u> Italian  FACE PAINTING	11  Burgers & Brew	12 FNL Tempting Disaster	13  Wine, Prime & Pizza Night
14 Breakfast Action 8:00am  Sunday Brunch 11:00am—2:00pm	15 Club Closed	16 <i>Ladies' Night</i>	17 <u>Family Night</u> Breakfast	18  Burgers & Brew	19 FNL Tyler Bond	20  Wine, Prime & Pizza Night
21 Breakfast Action 8:00am  Sunday Brunch 11:00am—2:00pm	22 Club Closed	23 <i>Ladies' Night</i>	24 <u>Family Night</u> French  BOOK CLUB "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride	25 WINE SOCIAL 	26 FNL Ben & Bailey Hatton	27  Wine, Prime & Pizza Night
28 Breakfast Action 8:00am  Sunday Brunch 11:00am—2:00pm	29 Club Closed	30 <i>Ladies' Night</i>	31 <u>Family Night</u> Asian	FOLLOW US  @MIRAVISTACC  @MIRAVISTA COUNTRYCLUB		