



# Mira Vista Country Club

*December 2023 Issue*

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*Brunch*  
with Santa and Mrs. Claus

**SUNDAY | DEC 3**  
SEATINGS 11AM AND 1:15PM

WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA AND  
BRING IT TO BRUNCH!

**\$33.00++ PER ADULT**  
**\$20.00++ PER CHILD**

**RSVP at 817-294-6600**



## Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

Clubhouse open until 3pm  
Golf Course / Shop closes at 5pm  
Men and Ladies Locker Room closes at 5pm  
Tennis Shop closes at 4:30pm  
Kids Club Closed

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

All Facilities Closed

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st

Horizon Lounge / Sunset Grill open until 9pm  
Men and Ladies Locker Room open until 5pm  
Golf Course / Shop open until 5pm  
Tennis Shop open until 5:00pm  
Kids Club Closed

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st

All Facilities Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 6PM

## Ladies Holiday Mix & Mingle

Wine & Hors d'oeuvre Tasting

\$45++ per person

Cranberry & Pistachio Crostini  
with Cream Cheese & Honey Drizzle  
Bacon Wrapped Dates with Honey Goat Cheese  
*Pairs well with the Mer Soleil Chardonnay*

Triple Cheese Grilled Cheese  
*Pairs well with Whitehaven Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc*

Caprese Skewers with Balsamic Glaze  
Thai Chili Glazed Shrimp, Avocado Cucumber Bife  
*Pairs well with Mumm Napa Prestige Brut Sparkling*

Caramelized Brown Sugar Pecans  
Chocolate Covered Strawberries  
*Pairs well with Sea Sun Pinot Noir*

RSVP with the Receptionist

## MIRA VISTA HAPPY HOUR

### TACKY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY AND REINDEER GAMES

sponsored by Young Executives

December 7th  
Horizon Lounge  
5:00 - 6:30pm

*Drink Specials*

Kids Club opens at 4:00pm.

## Gingerbread House Decorating

with live Reindeer Photo Ops  
Petting Zoo 10am - 12pm

Saturday, December 9 at 9:00am

Adults & Kids \$22.00++



Come out for breakfast followed by  
decorating gingerbread houses at 10:00am

RSVP at 817-294-6600





# LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

With the Holiday season upon us, our staff is very excited about the opportunity to serve you and your family during this special time of year. We hope that you will consider utilizing the club while entertaining family, friends and relatives visiting you during the holidays.

We have many exciting events happening during December for the entire family to enjoy. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here for Brunch on Sunday, December 3rd, as we will be serving at 11 am and 1:15 pm. If you have young kids or grandkids, we have our annual "Gingerbread House Breakfast" on Saturday, December 9th, beginning at 9 am. Also, we'll have a live petting zoo from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

For New Year's Eve, we will serve our menu along with Chef Uli's special in both the Sunset Grill for families and in the Horizon Lounge for adults only from 5:00 – 9:00pm.

Horizon Lounge seating will be first come, first served.

On Friday, December 1st, the Golf Shop will be hosting the annual sale for all members to participate in. We'll be serving complimentary wine, beer, and light hors d'oeuvres to enjoy while shopping. Afterward, one of our most popular bands, Prime Time Band, will perform in the Horizon Lounge from 7:00pm – 10:30pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I may be of assistance in any way.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Holiday Season. We look forward to serving you during this special time!

Thank you for being a valued Member!



**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  
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Greg Hatch  
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Golf Shop  
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Men's Locker Room  
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Sunset Grill  
817-294-6699

Tennis Shop  
817-294-6690

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



**Shauna Fenn**  
Membership



**Kenny and Shanna  
Brown**

Kenny is Senior Director  
of Business Technology  
for Alcon.

**TEXT  
MVCC  
to 71441**

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



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT AT *Mira Vista*

**Name:** Greg Riley **Position:** Tennis Instructor **Years at MV:** 5 **Hometown:** Fort Worth

**Family members:** Wife- Sofia, Parents- Frank and Janet, Brother- Wes

**College:** University of West Florida **First Job:** Front desk staff at LMRA (now CERA)

**Favorite sports:** Tennis and Hockey **Hobby:** Disc Golf

**When I am not at work,** I spend time with my wife, Sofia, and enjoy the outdoors.

**What makes you enjoy working at MVCC?** The members and my coworkers make my time at MV enjoyable. We have a lot of great people in this community.

**What aspect of your role do you like best?** I enjoy teaching people new things and seeing their progress over time. I was an English teacher before I taught tennis, and the two roles are very similar. The biggest difference is that people learning tennis seem far more excited to be there, and that makes a big difference as an instructor.





Friday Night Live Presents

**PRIME  
TIME  
BAND**

7:00-10:30PM

ROCK N' ROLL &  
COUNTRY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

*Debbie's songs, much like her life,  
are rooted in faith*




**DEBBIE BYRD**


Americana / Singer/Songwriter / Christian

**Friday, December 8th**  
**Horizon Lounge**  
**7:00 - 10:30pm**

# Friday Night Live



**A Country Christmas**



**JOLIE HOLLIDAY BURGESS**  
**BROCK STEVENS**  
**SONNY BURGESS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**HORIZON LOUNGE**  
**7:00 - 10:30PM**

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

**MATT HILLYER**  
*Country Singer*



**Friday, December 29**  
**Horizon Lounge**  
**7:00 - 10:30pm**



# Golf

*Congratulations*  
to **Sam Demel**  
for his Hole in One  
on hole #7 with a 7 iron  
from 159 yards!



**REMINDER!**  
**Golf Shop Credit**  
**must be used**  
**before**  
**12/31/23**



**Courtney Connell**  
PGA Golf  
Professional

**QUANTIX**  
**TOUR EXPERIENCE BALL FITTING**

**MIRA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB**  
Saturday December 16th  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



**Mira Vista Junior**  
**WINTER**  
**break**  
**Camp!**

<b><u>Week 1</u></b> December 26th-29th Time 12:00pm-3:00pm Ages- 5-up Cost- \$195 Limited Space Available	<b><u>Week 2</u></b> January 2nd-5th Time 12:00pm-3:00pm Ages- 5-up Cost- \$195 Limited Space Available
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To sign-up email Coach Lyndsey at: [ladams@miravistacountryclub.com](mailto:ladams@miravistacountryclub.com)  
or call/text 417-483-4962

## 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](mailto:ladams@miravistacountryclub.com)  
or text/call 417-483-4962

# New Year's Eve SPECIALS

*Black Eyed Pea Soup  
and*

**BEEF WELLINGTON**

*1oz Prime Wellington  
Served with Twice-Baked  
Yukon Potato  
and Cream of Collard Greens  
\$54.00++*

A LA CARTE MENU AVAILABLE

Sunset Grill will be open for families  
from 5:00 - 9:00pm.  
Adults only in the Horizon Lounge.

RSVP with the Receptionist at 817-294-6600

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## REMINDER: 2024 Food Minimum

For those members enrolled in  
the Prepaid Food Minimum,  
your account will be charged \$720  
on the December statement.  
If you would like to make a change  
to your Food Minimum setup,  
please contact Patty  
in the billing office  
before Friday, 12/29/2023.

Billing@MiraVistaCountryClub.com  
or 817-294-6677

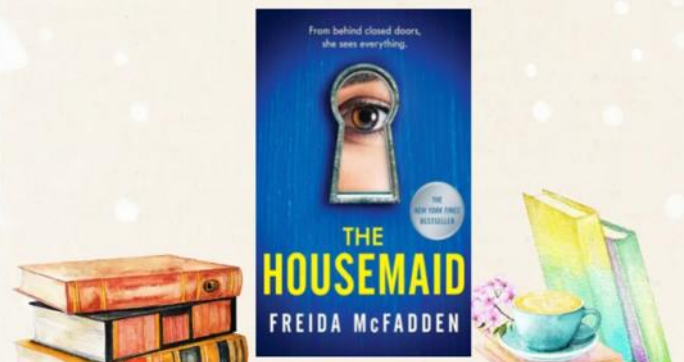


## MV LADIES BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, December 20th  
Magnolia Room | 5:30pm

THIS MONTH'S PICK IS:

***The Housemaid***  
by Freida McFadden





# Tennis

## Congratulations to Member / Member Winners:



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Megan Toups / Tandra Langford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Julia Brothers / Stacey Mund  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stacey Mund / Dominke Mund



**Brad Ibbott**  
Director of Tennis



*Malea Pringle,  
Christy Jacob's,  
Tandra Langford,  
Megan Toups*



*Christine Hooper, Beth Beckwith,  
Julia Brothers and Tricia Spann*



*Dominke Mund,  
Stacey Mund,  
Mahan Wright,  
Angela Murphy*



*Holiday Hours*

Christmas Eve:  
Tennis Pro Shop closes 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day:  
Tennis Pro Shop closed all day

Tuesday, December 26:  
Tennis Pro Shop open normal hours

New Years Eve:  
Tennis Pro Shop close 4:30 p.m.

New Years Day:  
Tennis Pro Shop closed all day

Tuesday, January 2:  
Tennis Pro Shop open normal hours

*Christmas Shopping*

Can't think of anything to get your tennis player for the holidays?  
Come see the great selection of new items arriving weekly.  
If you don't find just the right thing, I will do my best to find  
the perfect tennis gift for your special tennis player.  
We have lots of rackets and accessories for sale.  
As always with any purchase from the Tennis Shop  
I will gift-wrap or gift-bag it at no charge.

Summer McAmis  
Tennis Shop Manager



## 2024 FAMILY BALL MACHINE CLUB

The Mira Vista Racket Program is excited to announce the continuation of the “Ball Machine Club” program. The one “Sam” ball machine and the two “Playmate” ball machines and the Simon PB ball machine Mira Vista tennis & PB players 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.

### MIRA VISTA CC TENNIS & PB JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT Fall/Winter 2023 Program

Monday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Novice / Intermediate PB (ages 5 – 10)  
\$94.00/ month -OUTDOORS

Tues & Thurs 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Novice/ Intermediate (ages 4 – 10)  
\$94.00/month (1 day a week) - INDOORS  
\$188.00/month (2 days a week)

Tues & Thurs 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Tournament Tough (ages 9 – 14)  
\$94.00/month (1 day a week) - INDOORS  
\$188.00/month (2 days a week)

Sunday 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Quick Start (ages 5 – 10)  
\$24.00 drop in rate

Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Quick Start (ages 5 – 10)  
\$24.00 drop in rate

Drop in rates are as follows: \$15.00 per ½ hour,  
\$24.00 per hour, \$34.00 per 1 & ½ hours  
(add \$15.00 per lesson for non-members)



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

**DATE:** Friday, December 1 and 15

**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)



# Food for Thought

## Roasted Poblano Cream Soup



**Ulises Tapia**  
Executive Chef

### INGREDIENTS



#### 6 Servings

- 1 1/2 pounds poblano chilies
- 2 Tbsp (1/4 stick) butter
- 1 1/2 cups chopped white onion
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 5 cups chicken stock  
or canned low-salt chicken broth
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 cup (or more) whipping cream

1. Char the chiles on the stovetop, either over an open flame of a gas stove or very close to the surface of an electric stove, until blackened on all sides. Place in a closed paper bag for 5-10 minutes to steam the skin.
2. Peel, seed, and chop the poblano chilies.
3. Melt butter in a heavy, large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; sauté until onion is tender, about 5 minutes.
4. Add the chilies and sauté for 1 minute. Add stock and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer until chilies are very tender, about 10 minutes.
5. Mix in cilantro, parsley, and mint. Working in batches, puree the soup in a blender. Return soup to the pot. Mix in 1/4 cup of whipping cream.
6. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add more cream if the soup is very spicy.





# Golf Course Maintenance

Dear Members,

As the holidays approach and the cool weather becomes more consistent, we have lots of moving parts behind the scenes! The team has been hard at work, accomplishing a few tasks and preparing for future weather and upcoming projects. We also would like to recognize our November employees of the month.

The projects began with some severe cleanup from our late October 7" rainstorm. The storm brought large amounts of rain, leaving our creeks filled with debris and bunkers that needed a lot of attention. The team was also able to accomplish a complete revamp of our landscape areas, which will continue into December as we finish mulching all beds. In response to the wet weather and future forecast, we have



**Joseph Danton**  
Golf Course  
Superintendent

begun spot aerifying certain vulnerable areas throughout our greens. We hope that allowing more air into the profile in these areas will increase turf vigor throughout winter. The functionality of our makeshift rock drains has been great, and we will continue to implement these in miscellaneous areas throughout the entire course.



*Bunker post rainstorm*



*Rock drain*

Looking down the road into December, we begin preparing for a different scope of work. Our first paint application for the fairways, tees, approaches, and range will be conducted on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be making our final pigment application to ensure maximum efficacy of the paint as we go into our dormant season. With cooler temperatures imminent, the agronomy team will start taking certain precautions on a few of our more vulnerable greens. Members and guests can expect to see tarps on certain greens throughout the evening on Mondays to help protect troubled greens from the cooler temperatures and help turf recovery. We plan to utilize the back 9 more often to avoid continuous post-frost traffic on the first green. Around the clubhouse, we will begin putting up holiday décor.



This month, the agronomy team would like to recognize two employees for their tremendous efforts on the golf course. These two gentlemen work daily to ensure our irrigation system is kept in as good of a condition as possible. Please join me in congratulating Jesus and Gerardo Garcia! Both Jesus and Gerardo have worked at Mira Vista for almost two decades and have the tough task of maintaining our irrigation system. Their work is much appreciated!

Thank you for all the support shown towards the agronomy department. If you have any question, comments or concerns please email me at [jdanton@miravistacountryclub.com](mailto:jdanton@miravistacountryclub.com).

Your Golf Course Superintendent,  
Joseph Danton



# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FNL Prime Time Band	2 
3 	4 Club Closed	5 Ladies Holiday Mix & Mingle 6:00pm	6 Family Night Breakfast	7 Tacky Christmas Sweater Happy Hour 5:00pm	8 FNL Debbie Byrd	9 
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24 Breakfast 8:00am  Sunday Brunch 11:00am—2:00pm	25 	26 Ladies' Night	27 Family Night French	28 	29 FNL Matt Hillyer	30 
31 NYE Dinner 5:00—9:00pm						