Members and Friends of White Bluff Resort,

After a very calm early winter, we spent the last two weeks enduring the hardest winter in a generation. Our golf course maintenance team kept the greens covered during that time and that should have protected them to the point of having excellent greens again as soon as the temperatures rise enough to allow growing. They also spent much of the fall and winter removing dead trees and others that were affecting turf quality around the greens and fairways. This project was done with extensive thought and guidance from turf and tree specialists without disturbing or changing the integrity of the golf course. This program will bring much needed light and air to areas that needed more turf growth, and we should see results this year. The courses are in the best shape I've seen them in over twenty years, and our early bookings of outings and tournament for this coming year are a testament to that.

As we prepare for spring and summer merchandise arrivals, we will be closing out last year's apparel. Please take time to stop in the New Course golf shop and check out the 25% off sale! We have a select group of shirts, shoes and outerwear now discounted as we prepare for our spring arrivals. Coming this spring are shoes from Callaway and Puma, and shirts from Callaway, Greg Norman, and Puma. We have accounts with all major club and apparel manufacturers, so if you don't see what you want, just ask for a quote. We will again have Callaway Mavrik and this year the new Apex clubs for demo. Please see the golf shop staff to try these clubs.

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, the golf shops will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Once the sun gets up earlier and the days are longer, the shops will open at 7:00am. We will inform you when we make that change. The Old Course will be open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday The New Course will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

A new weekly event will begin this year at White Bluff. A Tuesday Night 3 Person Scramble (Ladies are encouraged and welcomed) will be held at the Old Course each Tuesday night beginning in late March. You will make your own teams and we will play a 9 hole tournament. Scoring will be done using a modified Peoria system. There will be cash prizes for both gross and net teams, closest to the pins and a perpetual skins pot for pro shop merchandise and hole-in-ones. I hosted this event with much success in Bastrop for 6 years with 60-80 players every Tuesday with many players coming from 30 miles away. More details will be posted in early March.

Daylight savings begins on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, so remember to move your clocks up one hour on Saturday night, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Tournaments and Outings ----

We will be hosting several large tournaments in March and April along with many outings. Here is the current March schedule.

| Saturday | March 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>New Course</b> | 10:00 Shotgun     | MGA – 2 Man Best |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Ball     | 60 Players             |                   |                   |                  |
| Thursday | March 11 <sup>th</sup> | <b>New Course</b> | 1:00pm Tee Times  | John             |
| O'Hagan  | 12                     | 2 Players         |                   |                  |
| Friday   | March 12 <sup>th</sup> | Old Course        | 11:00am Tee Times | John             |
| O'Hagan  | 12                     | 2 Players         |                   |                  |
| Saturday | March 13 <sup>th</sup> | Old Course        | 8:30am Tee Times  | John             |
| O'Hagan  | 12                     | 2 Players         |                   |                  |

| Saturday | March 20 <sup>th</sup> | Old Course        | 10:00 Shotgun    | MGA – 2 Man           |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Scramble | 60 Players             |                   |                  |                       |
| Monday   | March 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>New Course</b> | 8:00am Shotgun   | Whitney High          |
| School   | 80 Players             |                   |                  |                       |
| Tuesday  | March 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Old Course        | 5:00pm Shotgun   | 3 Person              |
| Scramble | 45 play                | ers               |                  |                       |
| Saturday | March 27 <sup>th</sup> | New Course        | 9:00am Tee Times | Ricky                 |
| Watkins  | 28                     | Players           |                  |                       |
| Sunday   | March 28 <sup>th</sup> | Old Course        | 1:00pm Tee Times | Ricky                 |
| Watkins  | 28                     | Players           |                  |                       |
| Monday   | March 29 <sup>th</sup> | New Course        | 8:30am Shotgun   | District 17-3A Boys & |
| Girls    | 100 Players            |                   |                  |                       |

## New for 2021 ----

Walking push/pull carts are now allowed for POA Members only, Monday – Friday and after 12:00pm on weekends. We do not rent push carts, but we do offer them for sale in the golf shop.

Members are responsible for their guests and also there attire. Please be sure you pass along that information to them before they arrive at the course.

Range balls are no longer included with any golf round. Small buckets are \$3 and a larger bucket is \$5. A yearly range plan is \$350 for a single or \$500 for a family.

All cart fees are for a shared cart. If you must take a cart by yourself there is an additional fee of \$8. Private lesson fee is \$30 for 30 minutes for POA members, and \$40 for guests.

Have a great month and hope to see you on the courses soon!

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