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STARBURST JUNIOR GOLF CLASSIC MOVING OUTSIDE OF WACO AND MCLENNAN COUNTY

Local Course Owners Up in Arms over Loss of Revenue

Waco, Texas – The Starburst Junior Golf Classic and Waco golf courses, like Lake Country Club, have had a long-standing relationship. This year, neither the Lake Country Club, nor another Starburst staple, James Connally Municipal Golf Course, is hosting the junior golfers from this tournament traditionally set in the city of Waco.

This revelation comes much to the ire of Lake Country Club Owner, Ray Lamb. He says they have hosted the tournament since its inception in 1999. “The whole thing is a travesty,” Lamb said. Except for last year and this one, the club has been a host of the tournament since its inception.

This year, Lamb had a verbal agreement with the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, the creators of the Starburst Classic, that his course would be one of those chosen to host the junior golfers this year. “We were even featured on their website,” he said.

18 days before the tournament, Lamb was informed that Lake Country Club would no longer be one of Starburst’s hosts. The Chamber of Commerce said that the course did not look good enough in light of the growing golfer demand for nicer courses.

Lamb says that statement is absolutely false, and that it is perfectly natural for the course not to look its best several weeks before the actual tournament. He is extremely concerned that the Waco Chamber of Commerce is moving the tournament not only to courses outside of the city, but to courses outside of the county. This year five of the eight courses used will be outside of McLennan County.

Lamb claims the taxpayers are the real losers. “They pay to support the chamber, which is supposed to encourage local business. The chamber repays them by using outside country clubs, even driving tournament fans and participants to stay in hotels outside of Waco.”

The Lorenzana Law Firm, P.C., is currently representing Ray Lamb in a lawsuit against the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce. Lamb estimates his losses from the Chamber’s abrupt decision to forego use of his venue at around \$15,000.

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