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Raveneaux Country Club seeks raves

Club takes steps to return to its glory days

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Full membership dues are \$430 per month for Raveneaux Country Club.

There was a time when Raveneaux Country Club was regarded as one of the premier private clubs in the state of Texas.

Now, after a couple of years of unrest, owner JP Partners and club manager SAGE Golf Group Worldwide, have vowed to return the country club to its glory days.

"Our goal is to compete with the top clubs in the (Houston) area," said Sandy Davison, who is in charge of golf operations for SAGE and has served as Raveneaux's interim general manager since June.

"I worked at Carlton Woods in 2001. I am familiar with the top-end clubs in the area. We want to compete with all of them."

Davison said the task of revitalizing the course, which is located at 9415 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, was made more difficult by Hurricane Ike in 2008.

"Ike did a number on the community," Davison said. "But the owners have spent \$2 million on renovation. Part of that \$2 million was to bring us in (as managers). Our goal now is to bring it back to what it used to be.

"The most exciting thing is our wonderful golf course. I think it is one of Robert Von Hagge's best layouts. Our (long-time) members have said it is in the best shape it has been in the last 20 years."

Thomas Brinson, 28, was named Raveneaux's new head pro on Aug. 1.

Brinson, who has 13 years of experience in upscale private operations, worked at clubs in North Carolina and Georgia such as Ballantyne Country Club, Charlotte Country Club, Atlanta Athletic Club, White Columns Country Club and Atlanta National Golf Club.

Prior to coming to Raveneaux, Brinson, who graduated from the Dedman School of Hospitality at Florida State, served as the head pro at Brunswick Country Club in Brunswick, Ga.

"I had been to the airport (in Houston) a couple of times," Brinson said of his knowledge of the area before coming to Raveneaux. "But when the position opened up, they contacted me and asked me if I wanted to come sweat it out. I said sure."

Brinson, who replaced Kevin Longpre, said his role is to run a "good golf operation."

"We want to run great tournaments for our members," he said. "We want to be able to compete with the top clubs in Houston."

A face-lift at age 31

Raveneaux's "old course," which was designed by Von Hagge in 1979, has proved to be quite a challenge for all golfers.

"We are doing the most modern things possible (to make this a great golf course)," said Chuck Green, vice-president of agronomy and golf course maintenance operations for SAGE. "We want to give our members the best playing surfaces, tees and greens possible."

May go back to 27 holes

At one time, Raveneaux had 27 holes. The third nine is no longer in operation.

"One of our set of plans we have looked at is to add another nine holes (again)," Davison said. "Now that the extra land issue has been resolved (with the homeowners), we are excited to move forward. We are looking for ways to improve our amenities and facilities to add better value to the club."

Raveneaux offers a variety of venues for dining and entertaining. The club also offers full-service golf and tennis shops, 12 lighted outdoor tennis courts and a junior Olympic-size swimming pool.

"There is a lot of buzz about the club in our community," Brinson said. "We have sold a lot of memberships (30) since the early part of June."

Full membership dues are \$430 per month, Davison said. He said Raveneaux has 380 golfing members and 780 total members.

Chris Freeman will take over as Raveneaux's new general manager in October. He is coming from Lansing, Mich.

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"We are very excited about that," Davison said. "I think our leadership is going in a very positive direction."

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