

WINNING WITH WALDORF A TEXAS-SIZE SUCCESS

Austin, Texas — PGA Touring Golf Professional Duffy Waldorf was the featured player at the Winning with Waldorf Golf Tournament on November 12 at Barton Creek Lakeside. Hosted by Austin Waldorf School, this national annual fundraiser in support of Waldorf education included a glamorous ‘Taste of Texas’ Dinner and Auction at the Salt Lick Pavilion the night before the tournament.

A California native and wine connoisseur, Duffy Waldorf is known on the golf circuit for his colorful Hawaiian print shirts and tournament-play golf balls artistically illustrated by his wife Vicky and their children. All four are Waldorf students attending the Highland Hall Waldorf School in Northridge, CA. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Highland Hall, as well as the Austin Waldorf School, and the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

The second annual event drew avid golfers and supporters for Waldorf education from around the country. Golf champion Duffy Waldorf received a trophy from the Austin Waldorf School, handmade in the blacksmith shop, of an iron barbeque fork, simply and beautifully designed. Other winners in the tournament also received handsome and highly unusual golf trophies of wood and wrought iron.

An Austin Waldorf School graduate from eighth grade, now in his senior year and considering full scholarships to fine colleges for his talent as a golfer, also joined in. Duffy called him forward during his clinic and gave young Adam Wennerstrom a chance to show us his considerable skill.

The whole event was full of the big hearted good will of Texas and the dedication to Waldorf Education shared by all the participants. The "Taste 'o Texas" gala included a delicious genuine Texas barbeque. The dinner guests danced to the rollicking rhythms of the "Two Tons of Steel" band. The accompanying glamorous silent auction featured over 100 items. Duffy Waldorf purchased a guitar owned and signed by Jimmie Vaughan (Stevie Ray's brother) in the live auction.

One fishing trip for four went for \$7,000 and the man who donated it offered another one if would go for \$7,000 and someone bought it.

Vicky Waldorf, Duffy's lovely wife, had hoped to come, but family commitments precluded this. However, she was with us in spirit and sent a set of her charming "Gogi Girl" hats to be auctioned at the Taste of Texas Gala. Plus all women involved in the golfing day received a "Gogi Girl" hat as a gift from Vicky.

Duffy Waldorf's dinner companions, Chaddie and Patrick Hughes, Joanne Andruscavage, Richard Caro, Gayle Griffiths from Mercurius, and Patrice Maynard enjoyed Duffy's other, avocational skill as a sommelier, as he selected the perfect wines to go with our dinners. According to Patrice, “Duffy is a sparkling a dinner companion, even after a long day of teaching and golfing, as he is a pro on the golf course. Even with all these superior skills, Duffy is at his eloquent best when he speaks and helps from his heart for children and Waldorf Education. He speaks very well about how much he finds satisfying in the Waldorf school of his children.”

Monday's golfing event was spectacular. The weather was perfect (75 degrees, with a gentle breeze) as was the Barton Creek Golf Course and all the excellent planning of the event. The careening golf cart tours were especially thrilling as the hills and hairpin turns around the ravines were steep and sudden.

Waterfalls, magnificent homes, clusters of trees, ponds, winding ways, an enthusiastic and warm-hearted community from the Austin Waldorf School, from the Waldorf School of Garden City, Board members from AWSNA, business friends from Austin and Connecticut, and good wishes from beyond all that, were all part of the successful scene.

Waldorf education uses a holistic and developmental approach to teaching that integrates academic, practical, and artistic elements as it addresses the changing needs of the growing child and maturing adolescent. The 27-year-old Austin Waldorf School serves 400 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Many thanks for all your good will that made this success possible!

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