



# Tree Talk



## Pride and Professionalism

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[Praising what is lost](#)  
[Makes the remembrance dear.](#)  
[William Shakespeare \(1564 - 1616\)](#)

I looked thru my last several years of newsletter articles and noticed I have never written anything about “Memorial Day”. I must apologize to everyone.

**Memorial Day** is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. Can you imagine how great a sacrifice one would make for his or her country? Think about it, you have the Civil War, WWI & WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and all the other battles we have fought for freedom.

I goggled how many people have died in wars or other combat over the years. I was not only amazed at the number of conflicts 82, but here is something staggering, 1,354,664+ men and women have died for our freedom.

As I set trying to absorb that last number, I can't help to think that I have never really paid my respects.

To most of us, Memorial Day is the first day of summer. All summer activities start this day, we all have cookouts, pools open, tanning lotion appears on the shelves and all sorts of family fun starts. But how many of us have stopped to reflect on our fallen heroes. Probably not a lot. This Memorial Day if you can't visit the grave of a fallen vet, or thank a family member who has lost someone to war, take 10 minutes of meditation and pay respects to all these brave people.

**TO ALL THE FALLEN  
MEN ,WOMEN AND  
THEIR FAMILIES**  
**Thank you for our Freedom**



## LaneTree Kids Golf Update

It has been an eventful and successful 2016 for the Lane Tree Hannant Kids. Karsyn and Ella both won the US Kids Golf Winter Tours and earned invitations to the State, Regional, and World Championships.

Ella (6 years old) continues winning on the Spring Tour and is now regularly playing with the top 7 year old boys. She just shot her personal best score and kids course record of 33 (9 holes) at Castle Bay Country Club. Ella is in the top position to win the Spring Tour.

Karsyn (newly 10 years old) moved up the 10-11 division and has been adjusting well from the longer tees. She has finished in the top three every week and is in contention to win the Spring Tour.

Zada (4 years old) has started playing practice rounds from the 150 and 100 yard markers and will be competing on next year's Spring Tour when she turns 5 years old.

Thank you LaneTree staff and members for all the support!



Ella, Karsyn, & Zada Hannant

## Golf Trivia

The origin of golf term 'Caddie' comes from Mary Queen of Scots use of French cadets to help her play while she studied there.

By 1900 there were more than 1000 golf clubs in the US.

The first golf club heads were made of beech or the wood of fruit trees such as apples.

Golf club shafts were originally made of hazel or ash wood.

Balls travel significantly further on hot days.

The longest golf course in the world is the International Golf Club in Massachusetts. It is a par 77 course measuring 8325 yards.

