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# LONE STAR GOLF

## The Path to Greatness

Years ago, junior golf in Texas was confusing and overwhelming. Parents weren't sure where their children should play or how to achieve long-term goals. That journey became clearer when industry leaders formally partnered in 2011 to create the Texas Junior Golf Alliance.

The TGA's Legends Junior Tour united with the Northern and Southern Texas PGA Junior Tours and the Houston Golf Association Junior Golf Program to promote and grow golf together. The Alliance created a path from junior golf's beginning stages (ages 7 and up) all the way to the national level. The unification of the state's most credible junior tours also helps parents defray travel costs.

Results at regional Alliance events count toward entry in LJT statewide championships. With 15 annual events for boys and girls aged 12-19, the LJT is the place to hone your game and see where you stack up against the state's best. The flagship of the Texas Junior Golf Alliance, the LJT is conducted by a full-time staff and trained volunteers with no conflicts of interest. The professionally run nature of the events is one strength of the LJT. We've highlighted many others on the following pages. »



PLAY



Kaitlyn Papp and Hailee Cooper (USGA/Darren Carroll)

# National Champions

The LJT has produced several USGA National Champions. In terms of level of competition, tour-like set ups and memorable player experiences, the elite nature of LJT tournaments work to groom juniors for appearances in national competitions.

The success at the highest levels of amateur golf – and in some cases, professionally – is based on the foundation those competitors received and developed on regional and statewide tours comprised by the Texas Junior Golf Alliance.

“One of the goals of the LJT is to prepare juniors to compete at the national level,” said Rob Addington, Executive Director of the TGA.

- **Kaitlyn Papp & Hailee Cooper**  
2016 U.S. Women's Four-Ball
- **Phillip Barbaree**  
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- **Will Zalatoris**  
2014 U.S. Junior Amateur
- **Kristen Gillman**  
2014 U.S. Women's Amateur
- **Scottie Scheffler**  
2013 U.S. Junior Amateur
- **Kelly Kraft**  
2011 U.S. Amateur
- **Jordan Spieth**  
2015 U.S. Open  
2009 & 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur »



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# Strongest Competition

The LJT consistently showcases the strongest junior golf fields and highest nationally ranked tournaments in Texas.

“The respect and credibility the Legends Junior Tour championships receive from *Golfweek* and the AJGA put our events in exclusive company from a national perspective,” LJT Director of Operations Kellen Kubasak said. “We’re proud to conduct the most competitive junior tour in Texas.”

In addition to the deepest fields, LJT championships travel to the top golf courses in the state, such as The Woodlands CC, Lakewood CC, Brook Hollow GC, Champions GC and Escondido.

- Only Texas junior tour with 4 or more events ranked in *Golfweek*’s Top 100
- Between Boys and Girls, the LJT has 10 events ranked in *Golfweek*’s Top 100
- The LJT has 3 Boys events ranked in *Golfweek*’s Top 50
- No other Texas junior tour has an event in *Golfweek*’s Top 50
- 7 of the 13 LJT Boys events are ranked in *Golfweek*’s Top 100
- 3 of the 12 LJT Girls events are ranked in *Golfweek*’s Top 100
- Every LJT event awards AJGA Performance Stars »





PLAY

# Professionally Conducted

LJT championships gain national credibility because of the way they are set up and conducted. A true 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the LJT also provides significant support for junior golf programs statewide.

- Full-time professional administrative staff
- Experienced in running college and national amateur events
- Dedicated to help juniors advance to next levels
- USGA-trained Rules Officials
- Experienced, engaged network of volunteers
- No conflicts of interest
- Portions of entry fee proceeds support statewide junior golf programs »





PLAY



Stratton Nolen

# Ready for College & Beyond

The highly competitive and professionally conducted LJT championships are designed to groom players for success at the collegiate level. Many top players also achieve heights in national amateur championships and in the professional ranks.

- **Stratton Nolen**, Oklahoma State  
2016 Big 12 Champion
- **Scottie Scheffler**, University of Texas  
2015 National Freshman of the Year
- **Will Zalatoris**, Wake Forest University  
Two Collegiate Victories
- **Cheyenne Knight**, University of Alabama  
2016 National Freshman of the Year
- **Michael Perras**, University of Houston  
Two Collegiate Victories
- **Megan Thothong**, University of Houston  
Two Collegiate Victories
- **Max McGreevy**, University of Oklahoma  
17 Top 20s; One Collegiate Victory
- **Brad Dalke**, University of Oklahoma  
Five Top-20s in Freshman Year
- **Sam Burns**, Louisiana State University  
T13 at 2016 NCAA Championships
- **Lakareber Abe**, University of Alabama  
One Collegiate Victory
- **Maddie Szeryk**, Texas A&M  
Two-time All-SEC Selection
- **Matt Gilchrest**, Auburn University  
12 Top-5 finishes ★



State Junior Championship Moves to The Woodlands

After an extended run at Horseshoe Bay Resort, the Texas State Junior Championship presented by Merrill Lynch this year moves southeast to another nationally acclaimed facility, The Woodlands Country Club.

Conducted by the Legends Junior Tour, the 90th playing of the Texas State Junior will be held July 25-29 on The Woodlands Country Club’s Tournament and Panther Trail Courses.

“Horseshoe Bay has been a great host the past six years,” LJT Director of Operations Kellen Kubasak said. “We felt it was time, though, to move the event to a different part of the state and challenge the players with a different venue. The Woodlands Country Club and its collection of outstanding courses will be a great host for the state’s best junior golfers.”

There will be four separate divisions competing at The Woodlands CC: Boys 15-18; Girls 15-18; and Boys and Girls 14 & Under.

The Boys and Girls 15-18 Divisions will play 54 holes of stroke play, with a cut following the second round in both divisions. The Boys and Girls 14 & Under Divisions will each play 36 holes of stroke play.

Boys and Girls 14 & Under will play July 25-26, Girls 15-18 from July 25-27 and Boys 15-18 from July 27-29. The Tournament Course at The Woodlands CC will be the host site for Boys 15-18, while all other divisions will be contested on the Panther Trail Course.

At last year’s championship, Mason Greenberg of Southlake, bolstered by a sizzling 7-under-par 64 in the second round, cruised to a 7-shot victory in the Boys 15-18 Division. Hailey Jones of Dallas claimed the Girls 15-18 crown on the second playoff hole over Hanna Alberto of Kingwood. Jenson Rogenes of Frisco and Valerie Routzong of Richmond won respective titles in the Boys and Girls 14 & Under Divisions.

The Texas State Junior is one of the country’s oldest and largest state junior competitions. First held in 1927, the championship repeatedly attracts more than 300 contestants each year. A number of past champions have gone on to enjoy considerable success in the professional ranks, including such well-known names as Ben Crenshaw, Bruce Lietzke, Jeff Maggert, Angela Stanford and Scott Verplank. For more information, [click here](#). ★



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FUN

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recreational golfer, Fun Golf events are exactly what they purport to be.

Come join the TGA for these laid-back outings. It's a chance to play new courses – sometimes private clubs with exclusive access for Fun Golf participants – and enjoy the game for nothing else but the sake of having fun.

Between now and the end of August there are six Fun Golf events on the schedule.

The list of events is highlighted by the [Bogeys and Brews](#) nine-hole event at Tenison Park Golf Club's Highlands Course in Dallas on July 27 and the [2-Person Scramble](#) at Bentwater Country Club's Weiskopf Course in Montgomery (north of Houston) on July 30.

For the complete 2016 Fun Golf Calendar, [click here](#). ★





# Stableford Offers Unique Format

If a buddy golf trip to the scenic town of Kerrville in the heart of the Texas Hill Country sounds like your idea of a good time, then grab a partner and sign up for the Texas Stableford Handicap to be held July 29-31 at Riverhill Country Club.

Eligibility is open to male amateur golfers at least 21 years old by July 29, have a current GHIN Handicap Index of 20.0 or better and belong to a TGA Member Club. July 20 is the deadline to enter.

The starting field consists of two-man teams pre-flighted based on the players' combined handicap indexes. The handicap indexes used for the competition will come from the "Effective Revision Date" of July 15, 2016.

The format for the 54-hole tournament is based on the Modified Stableford Scoring System, in which points are awarded for the score a player makes on each hole. Teams have pre-assigned point quotas to earn in each round, with the number adjusted for Days Two and Three to accommodate for a team's surplus or deficit of points. This recalculation of points is done to ensure a level playing field and give every team a reasonable chance of coming out on top. Prizes will be awarded in

each flight, with the Overall Champion being the team with the most plus points or fewest minus points after 54 holes regardless of flight.

For more than 30 years, players from across Texas have looked forward to this three-day event, when they get a chance to tee it up with old friends and share some laughs while enjoying the relaxed surroundings of idyllic Kerrville.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more welcoming host than Riverhill Country Club. From the genial membership and staff to the lively setting of the "Turning Point" to the wonderfully playable course, everything about the Stableford Handicap is geared towards having a good time.

Designed by Byron Nelson and Joe Finger, Riverhill opened for play in 1974. It's one of those classic courses that, unfortunately, are seemingly being outnumbered these days by newer, less charismatic designs. At just over 6,500 yards from the middle tees, Riverhill doesn't require the long ball to score well, but players will need to be on top of their games to successfully navigate the tree-lined fairways and small undulating greens. For more information, [click here](#). ★



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## PLAY

# Justin Kaplan Looks to Defend Match-Play Title

The 2016 Texas Mid-Amateur Match Play will be held July 21-24 at the Northwood Club in Dallas.

This will be the second TGA major championship contested at Northwood in the last four years. In 2013, the club hosted the Texas Shootout, an elite invitation-only event that features the top-ranked amateurs

from North and South Texas squaring off in a Ryder Cup-style competition.

First conducted by the Texas Golf Association in 1999, the Texas Mid-Amateur Match Play is the only individual event on the annual schedule to feature head-to-head competition.

The format is 18 holes of stroke play

qualifying on July 21, with the low 32 scores advancing to match play. First- and second-round matches will be played July 22, quarterfinals and semifinals on July 23, and the final on July 24. All matches are 18 holes.

At the 2015 championship, held at Lakeside Country Club in Houston, Justin Kaplan forged ahead with back-to-back birdies on the 12th and 13th holes to defeat Ted Waldrip, 3 and 1, in the final match.

When Kaplan alights at Northwood, he'll look to become the first person in the event's history to successfully defend his title. In addition to Kaplan, the winners of the two previous Match Play championships, Mike Peck of Irving (2014) and Mike Booker of The Woodlands (2013), are also in the 90-player starting field.

Northwood was originally designed by William H. Diddel and opened for play in 1946. An extensive renovation in 1990 was overseen by the respected architectural team of Jay Morrish and Tom Weiskopf, which greatly enhanced the original design features of Diddel's parkland-style layout. One of the highlights of the club's distinguished history is serving as host for the 1952 U.S. Open won by Julius Boros. It is one of the very few courses in Texas to have staged one of golf's Major Championships.

The 6,868-yard, par-71 layout is and always has been a true shot-maker's delight. With majestic tree-lined fairways, well-protected green complexes and natural water features, Northwood is sure to provide a great stage for this year's Texas Mid-Amateur Match Play. For more information, [click here](#). ★



Justin Kaplan

# West Texas Amateur Returns to Lubbock

This year The Rawls Course in Lubbock will host its second West Texas Amateur Championship from July 15-17. In 2006, the last time the club hosted the event, Tom Doughtie of Amarillo collected his third West Texas title, 16 years after logging back-to-back victories in 1989-90.

Founded in 1925, this year marks the 88th playing of the West Texas Amateur, making it one of the oldest amateur competitions in Texas.

Scheduled for 54 holes of individual stroke play, the West Texas Amateur features three divisions: Open, Senior (55 and older) and Super Senior (65 and older). The starting field limit is 144 players, with 84 spots allotted to

the Open division, 42 in the Senior division and 18 for Super Seniors.

The Rawls Course opened for play in 2003 and was designed by Tom Doak, one of today's most respected and award-winning golf course architects. Carved out of an old cotton farm, Doak moved 1.3 million cubic yards of topsoil to create a challenging parkland course defined by undulating greens, wide fairways, and deep bunkers.

By design, the fairway contours and rugged bunkers mimics the eroded features and canyons of the nearby South Plains Caprock region, giving the course an appealing rustic look. For more information, [click here](#). ★



Mark Jones Jr. won the 2015 West Texas Amateur at Odessa CC.



## PLAY

# Stakes Raised for 95th WTGA State Amateur

**DALLAS**—There's more on the line than ever before at the 95th WTGA State Amateur Championship. Not only will the state's oldest women's championship be held at one of its most historic courses, it also will dramatically impact the inaugural Women's Player of the Year race.

Scheduled for July 26-29 at iconic Brook Hollow Golf Club, the winner of the 95th WTGA State Amateur will be awarded 100 Player of the Year points. That's the largest allocation for any statewide event this year. Only a top-five finish or better at the U.S. Women's Open or a semifinals victory in the U.S. Women's Amateur carries more weight.

"We want the person identified as our Player of the Year to be the best player in Texas," said Stacy Dennis, the TGA's Managing Director of Membership Programs and a two-time WTGA State Amateur champion. "Since the Stroke Play and State Am are where we find most of them on the same golf course at the same time, a player wanting to be considered the Player of the Year is required to perform well in that environment against that field of rivals."

Megan Thothong of Dallas earned 60 points for her June victory at the Women's Stroke Play Championship. A two-time collegiate winner at the University of Houston, Thothong shot 8-under-par 208 at Pine Forest Country Club to win the 54-hole championship by two strokes over Amber Wang from Sugar Land.

Last year at the WTGA State Amateur, Annika Clark of Highlands hoisted the trophy after a 3-and-2 victory against Maddy Rayner from Southlake in the Championship Match at Ridgewood Country Club in Waco. Clark, a sophomore at TCU, will be back to defend her title. She recently qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur at Rolling Green Golf Club in Springfield, Pa. The USGA Championship gets underway on Aug. 1, the week after the

WTGA State Amateur. First she'll tackle Brook Hollow, a course Clark said she's always wanted to play.

"I've heard nothing but great things about Brook Hollow, so I'm excited to get to play here," Clark said in early July. "I'm also super excited to get to defend my title. I'm very confident in my golf game right now, and I know that I still have some time to improve. My first year at TCU helped me extremely in my short game, as well as with my mental game. Coach (Angie) Larkin and Coach (Danny) Randolph helped me immensely in those two areas."

The championship's field consists of 88 of the state's best amateurs. The format entails one round of qualifying stroke play to determine the 32 seeds in the Championship Flight for match play. The remaining 56 players are seeded in flights based on GHIN Handicap Indexes. Players in the Championship Flight who lose their first round matches are invited to play in an 18-hole stroke play Consolation Round.

Also in the deep field are Rayner, the 2015 runner-up and a junior at the University of Houston; Allie Anderson, a 2015 quarterfinalist and recent UH transfer; Anna Schultz from Rockwall, the 2007 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur champion; Carolyn Creekmore from Dallas, a Brook Hollow member and the 2004 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur champion and a host of other worthy contenders.

Designed in 1920 by A.W. Tillinghast, Brook Hollow has stood the test of time. Highlighted by tree-lined fairways, bunker-protected greens and contoured putting surfaces, the course demands exactness and thoughtful course management skills. Always a friend to the amateur game, the classic layout once again puts itself front and center for a major championship. The 95th WTGA State Amateur returns to Brook



Annika Clark

**Women's Four-Ball Championship**  
August 15-17 at The Hills CC in Austin  
Entry Deadline: July 20, 5 p.m.  
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Hollow for the third time and the first since 1940.

Brook Hollow also has played host to a record nine Texas Amateur championships, most recently in 2014, as well as the 1987 U.S. Mid-Amateur, the 1928 Southern Amateur

and seven Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championships.

The yearlong celebration of the 100th year of Women's Golf in Texas - known as Breaking 100 - continues during the 95th WTGA State Amateur. Icons of the game

Sandra Haynie, Kathy Whitworth and Marty Leonard will be on hand at Brook Hollow. For more information on Breaking 100, including how to secure tickets for the Nov. 1 Gala in Houston, [click here](#). For more information on the 95th WTGA State Amateur, [click here](#). ★



ENGAGE

Social Status

Here’s an inside look at what we’ve been doing on Social Media this summer. Be sure to follow us across all channels.



**TexasGolfAssn** @TexasGolfAssn · Jun 2  
We want to know: Which type of player best describes your style of play? #TGAPlayStyle

51%	Grinder (Spith)
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13%	Steady Eddy (Z. Johnson)

83 votes • Final results

**Texas Golf Association**

One of our recent #TGAFunGolf4 winners, Karl Hoffman, putting his new TGA gear into play. Lookin' good Karl! #TexasGolf

**Derek Brown** @DerekBrownGolf · May 26  
Shout out to @TexasGolfAssn for the new gear!

FEATURED FOLLOW



Hailey Jones

For the first time, we are introducing our new social media spotlight “Featured Follow.” This month’s Featured Follow is Hailey Jones (@haileyjjones1) of Dallas. She is a Legend’s Junior Tour standout and a must-follow. Read her bio to learn more:

Hometown: Dallas                      2015 State Junior Champ  
Graduation Year: 2019                      2015 LJT Girls POY

@haileyjjones1

**Favorite Course:** The Broadmoor  
**Favorite Golfer:** Natalie Gulbis  
**Favorite Follow on Social Media:** @totalgolftomove  
**Favorite Hobby:** “Playing basketball with my brother.”  
**Must-Have Item in Golf Bag:** “I have to have my monkey hanging from my bag. It’s been on there since my first tournament!”  
**Favorite Song:** “Capsize” by FRENSHIP

**TexasGolfAssn** @TexasGolfAssn · Jun 9  
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# Hot on the Trail

The story behind Alabama's RTJ Golf Trail

They laughed at Noah when he built the ark. Ben Franklin surely received some curious looks when he was flying a kite in a thunderstorm. Folks wondered why Alexander Graham Bell thought he could talk through a wire, but now the world is going wireless.

Big thinkers with big ideas, for some reason, are often met with the scoffing of skeptics. Such was the case with Dr. David G. Bronner, the CEO of the Retirement Systems

of Alabama, when he decided to reinvent the state with a bunch of golf courses.

So when he announced he was pouring \$100 million and change from the zillion-dollar pension fund he manages into the creation of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, a network of world-class public golf courses along the state's main thoroughfares, most thought he had gone nuts.

Golf? In Alabama? C'mon. »





PLAY

Nearly 25 years after the first tee shots were struck on the Trail, even the harshest critics of this grand plan would have to admit it has achieved and perhaps exceeded its goals.

History will show that Bronner has been successful in drastically changing Alabama’s image, transforming the state into one of the world’s top golf meccas and watching tourism and corporate business grow exponentially.

“I think the success of the Trail has been better than I thought it would be,” Bronner said. “I know it’s frustrated a lot of enemies. I know when we started there were a lot of skeptics. There was a lot of ‘Bronner’s stepped off the edge of reality this time’ kind of talk.”

Two things triggered the novel concept of the Trail – a study showing that 90 percent of corporate leaders played golf and the firestorm of controversy that surrounded the 1990 PGA Championship at Shoal Creek because the club did not have any black members.

A problem that was prevalent throughout golf was brought into fury and focus in Birmingham.

“That story was front page news from Seattle to Stuttgart, Germany, and it was a black eye for Alabama,” Bronner said. “I wanted to change the image of the state and when you are doing something like that you find that good news stays at home and bad news travels fast. That was the big challenge.”

So, Bronner launched the world’s biggest golf course construction project.

The seven original sites included four 54-hole facilities (Magnolia Grove in Mobile, Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham, Grand National in Auburn and Hampton Cove in Huntsville) and three others with 36 holes (Cambrian Ridge in Greenville, Highland Oaks in Dothan and Silver Lakes in Anniston).

The Trail garnered immediate attention for its vision, value and volume of magnificent golf courses. Magazines, newspapers and television stations all over the world reported about the new golf in Alabama and the tourists began to pour in, coming to see Bronner’s playground instead of driving to more costly golf resorts in neighboring Florida or Georgia.

That created another problem, albeit a good one, for Bronner to solve. There was a lack of upscale hotels for visitors to stay when they played the Trail. So he continued to add to the Trail’s treasures, building more courses and partnering with Marriott to add a splash of luxury to stay-and-play packages.

Bronner acquired the historic Grand Hotel in Point Clear and renovated the two courses at Lakewood Golf Club. He added Capitol Hill in Prattville, the Trail’s first facility with three championship courses and one that included an onsite hotel and conference center. A hotel and



conference center was also added to the sprawling Grand National.

The RSA continued to grow golf with the addition of The Shoals, a 36-hole facility with a resort and spa in Muscle Shoals that allowed the Trail to stretch from the cliffs overlooking the Tennessee River to the shores of Mobile Bay. Now America's original trail has 26 courses on 11 sites across Alabama. As for lodging, two of the eight properties (Ross Bridge and Grand National) in the RTJ Resort Collection were named Editor’s Choice Resorts by *Golf Digest* in 2016. Another hotel in Florence was the top-ranked Marriott in the Eastern U.S. for 2015. Others blend history with great food and all remain focused on golf.

The Trail has not only attracted golf tourists but has also become home to two major professional tournaments. Prattville's RTJ Capitol Hill is the home of the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic. RTJ Grand National in Auburn/Opelika hosts the PGA Tour’s Barbasol Championship each summer.

No one is laughing now as RTJ approaches its 25th year in 2017 and exceeds its 12 millionth round of golf. Golf. In Alabama. Come on and enjoy.

For a complete listing of RTJ locations, tournaments, accommodations, packages and merchandise, [click here](#). ★



RTJ Golf Trail Sites and Opening Dates

- Hampton Cove -1992 - Huntsville, AL - 54 holes
- Oxmoor Valley - 1992 - Birmingham, AL - 54 holes
- Grand National - 1992 - Opelika, AL - 54 holes
- Magnolia Grove - 1992 - Mobile, AL - 54 holes
- Cambrian Ridge - 1993 - Greenville, AL - 36 holes
- Silver Lakes - 1993 - Anniston/Gadsden, AL - 36 holes
- Highland Oaks - 1993 - Dothan, AL - 36 holes
- Capitol Hill - 1999 - Prattville, AL - 54 holes
- Lakewood - redone - 2004 - Point Clear, AL - 36 holes
- The Shoals - 2004 - Muscle Shoals, AL - 36 holes
- Ross Bridge - 2005 - Hoover, AL - 18 holes



SHINE

# Member Club Logo Spotlight

The Battleground at Deer Park is one of the most aptly named courses in Texas. It also has a very cool logo. Located 25 minutes east of downtown Houston, the public course is less than 10 miles from the historic site of the Battle of San Jacinto.

In a fight that took less time than it takes to play a long par 5, General Sam Houston on April 21, 1836, led his Texas Army and defeated General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna’s Mexican Army. The whole thing lasted 18 minutes. Santa Anna was captured and surrendered, leading to a peace treaty and the birth of the Republic of Texas.

Soon thereafter, Sam Houston became a national celebrity. The victory for the Texas Army was a sweet measure of revenge after Santa Anna’s forces defeated them a month prior. During a 13-day attack, Mexican troops seized the Alamo Mission in San Antonio. The Battle of San Jacinto ended the Mexican Revolution and inspired the legendary rallying cry, “Remember the Alamo!”

The Battleground and Deer Park’s emblem - the rustic cannon and its ammunition - make for a



memorable logo, one that captures the historical significance of the area. Each of the 18 holes is named after elements of the Battle of San Jacinto. The par-4 ninth hole, for example, is called “9 Men” for the Texas Army’s casualties (compared to Mexico’s 630). The

par-3 17th is “Patrick’s Cabin,” named after the site where the treaty of Texas Independence was signed. The Battleground at Deer Park celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Challenging and enjoyable, the course is a delight to play. ★

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Founded in 1906 as the governing body of amateur golf in Texas, the TGA is an official representative



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