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All year the TGA has celebrated a century of Women's Golf in Texas with our Breaking 100 programs. The significance of the centennial anniversary is multi-layered. The milestone, of course, is worth commemorating on its own historical merit. One hundred years is a big deal. But there's so much more to what we're doing with the Breaking 100 campaign. »

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Over the past 100 years, the trailblazing women golfers from Texas, with their accomplishments both on and off the course, proved to be the energy source that helped fuel the meteoric growth of women's golf not only in the United States, but across the world. Three of the original founders of the LPGA - Babe Zaharias, Bettye Danoff and Betty Jameson - are former WTGA State Amateur champions, for example. They cut their teeth in Texas amateur golf and went on to impact the game globally. Many of the all-time greats of the game came from Texas or have strong ties to the Lone Star State. We documented the roles these pioneers played in molding the women's game into what it is today in a video you can [watch here](#).

On Nov. 1 at Houston Country Club, the celebration culminates with our Breaking 100 Gala. Icons of the game Sandra Haynie, Carol Mann, Sandra Palmer, Judy Rankin and Kathy Whitworth will join moderator Deb Vangellow for a unique panel discussion about women's golf and the sentinel role Texas had in piloting the women's game from the earliest days to the modern era. We urge you to attend what is sure to be a memorable night.

It's also important to understand Breaking 100 is not just about honoring the past. We've spent a lot of time highlighting "what was" and "what is," but one of the main thrusts of Breaking 100 is the "*what will be*."

All proceeds from Gala ticket sales will help fund and support the next 100 years of Women's Golf in Texas. The money raised goes directly to the TGA's suite of Women's Initiatives, including the "[Winners' Program](#)" and "[Texas Challenge](#)," two junior golf development enterprises that promote excellence in golf and the classroom.

Our "Golf for Grads," program helps women who want to learn basic golf skills and etiquette so they can use the game as a networking resource in the business world. "[TGA Works](#)," yet another grassroots Foundation program, presents Texas teenagers paid summer internships at TGA Member Clubs and facilities.

We hope you'll attend our Breaking 100 Gala, where we'll celebrate the past with an eye on the future. Tickets for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend an entertaining night with a collection of living legends are available [here](#). On the following pages, we'll introduce you to our VIP guest panelists and moderator for the momentous occasion. ★



Deb Vangellow | Moderator

Breaking 100 Gala, November 1

LPGA Master Professional Deb Vangellow teaches at Riverbend CC in Houston. Previously, she was the longtime Director of Instruction at Sweetwater CC (the former home of the LPGA).

Though golf was not her initial career path - higher education was her first calling before turning to golf instruction - Deb has gone on to become one of the world's most decorated LPGA Teaching Professionals. Among her many achievements include being named 2012 LPGA National Teacher of the Year, serving as President of the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division, and being selected as one of the Lead Instructors in the LPGA Global Education Program.

- Named 2012 LPGA National Teacher Of The Year
- Recognized as one of America's Top 50 Best Women Teachers by *Golf Digest* and *Golf Magazine*
- Lead Instructor in the LPGA Global Education Program
- Serves on the Board of Directors for LPGA and LPGA Foundation



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Sandra Haynie | Panelist

Breaking 100 Gala, November 1

Born in Fort Worth, Sandra Haynie graduated from Austin High School in 1960. Before she did, Haynie won the WTGA State Amateur twice (1958-59), Texas Women's Public Links twice (1957-58) and the 1960 Trans-National Amateur.

Once she was 18, Haynie turned professional and joined the LPGA Tour. Less than a year later, she won her first professional event, the Austin Civitan Open at Austin Country Club. She won 41 more LPGA Tour titles, including four major championships. Haynie was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1977.

- LPGA Championship Champion, 1965 & 1974
- U.S. Women's Open Champion, 1974
- LPGA Player of the Year, 1970
- Texas Golf Hall of Fame, Class of 1984
- Member of the World Golf Hall of Fame

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Carol Mann | Panelist

Breaking 100 Gala, November 1

A resident of the Houston area since 1983, Mann as an amateur won the Western Amateur in 1958 and Chicago Women's Amateur in 1960. Born in upstate New York and raised in Maryland, Mann turned professional in 1960 and joined the LPGA Tour a year later.

Mann's first professional victory was the 1964 Women's Western Open, which was a major championship at the time. She proceeded to win a total of 38 LPGA Tour events. Three times Mann led the tour in most wins in a season (1968, '69, '75) and served as the LPGA Tour's President from 1973-76. Mann was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1977.

- Won the 1968 LPGA Vare Trophy
- Won the 2008 First Lady of Golf Award
- Two-time Major Champion
- Texas Golf Hall of Fame, Class of 2010
- Member of the World Golf Hall of Fame

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Sandra Palmer | Panelist

Breaking 100 Gala, November 1

Another in the long line of famous golfers from Fort Worth, Sandra Palmer won the Women's West Texas Amateur four times. She also won the WTGA State Amateur in 1963. While at North Texas State University, Palmer was runner-up at the 1962 Women's National Intercollegiate Championship.

Palmer turned pro in 1964 and went on to win 19 times on the LPGA Tour, including two major championships. She won at least two LPGA Tour events a year six times from 1971-77, including a career-best four victories in 1973.

- Two-time Major Champion
- U.S. Women's Open Champion, 1975
- North Texas State's Alumnus of the Year, 1977
- National Collegiate Hall of Fame, Class of 1988
- Texas Golf Hall of Fame, Class of 1985

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Judy Rankin | Panelist

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Judy Rankin was only 14 when she won the 1959 Missouri Amateur. A year later she earned Low Amateur honors at the 1960 U.S. Women's Open and was young enough to score semifinalist appearances at the U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur Championships in 1960-61. Rankin was 17 in 1962 when she turned professional and joined the LPGA Tour.

In 1967, she became a Texan when she married Walter "Yippy" Rankin, a former Texas Tech football and baseball player. From 1968-79, Rankin won 26 LPGA Tour events. She's currently the lead Golf Channel analyst for LPGA Tour events and is featured in select PGA Tour broadcasts as an on-course reporter. She was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2000.

- Former Member, LPGA Board of Directors
- Three-time LPGA Vare Trophy Winner
- LPGA Tour Player of the Year, 1976, '77
- Texas Golf Hall of Fame, Class of 1987

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Kathy Whitworth | Panelist

Breaking 100 Gala, November 1

Texas has every right to claim the great Kathy Whitworth. Born in the tiny West Texas town of Monahans, Whitworth grew up in New Mexico. She traveled 900 miles round-trip to take lessons from the incomparable Harvey Penick at Austin Country Club. Whitworth won the New Mexico State Championship in 1957 and '58 before she turned pro the next year.

She went on to become the all-time winningest professional golfer in history and was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1975.

- 88 Professional Victories, most ever for any player
- Six Major Championships
- Seven-time LPGA Tour Player of the Year
- Texas Golf Hall of Fame, Class of 1982
- Member of the World Golf Hall of Fame

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Houston Country Club | Gala Venue

Breaking 100 Gala, November 1

Founded in 1908, Houston Country Club was originally designed by Tom McNamara at its first location southeast of downtown Houston. In 1957, the club re-opened at its current location in Houston's Tanglewood area. In 1956, Robert Trent Jones designed the 7,009-yard, par-72 layout, which lies adjacent to the Buffalo Bayou.

Always a steward of the amateur game, the club has played host to five WTGA State Amateur Championships in addition to numerous other elite amateur events.

- Hosted 2nd WTGA State Amateur Championship in 1917
- Edna Lapham, Betty Jameson, Mary Ann Morrison won WTGA State Ams at HCC and were all inducted into Texas Golf Hall of Fame.
- Home club of 9-time WTGA Champion Mary Ann Morrison
- One of Five Original TGA Member Clubs

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Breaking 100 Gala Preview



PLAY

Top Amateurs to Converge at Champions GC for Shootout

HOUSTON—The Cypress Creek Course at Champions Golf Club will host the 2016 Texas Shootout from Oct. 29-30. The season-ending Texas Shootout is an invitational that features the top 12 players (eight mid-amateurs and four seniors) from North Texas squaring off against their counterparts from South Texas in a Ryder Cup-style competition.

Players earn spots onto their respective teams by accumulating points throughout the year in designated TGA regional and statewide tournaments, as well as USGA national championships. North and South regions are defined as either being above or below the 31' parallel (Salado, Texas).

Of the eight mid-amateurs selected from each region, five come from the TGA Statewide Player of the Year point standings and three from the Regional Player of the Year point standings. The top four North and South senior players are chosen based on the Statewide Senior Player of the Year point standings.

The format for the Shootout includes foursome, four-ball and singles matches. Twenty-four matches are played with a total of 72 available points. Each match is worth three points: one point each for front nine, back nine and 18. The first team to accumulate 36½ points wins.

Designed by Ralph Plummer, the Cypress Creek Course opened in 1959. With more than 70,000 trees, wide fairways and enormous greens, it remains one of America's premier tournament sites. Among the many elite championships that have been contested on Cypress Creek include the 1967 Ryder Cup, 1969 U.S. Open, 1993 U.S. Amateur and 1998 U.S. Women's Amateur and five PGA Tour Championships.

Last year, skippered by playing captain Mike Peck of Irving, the North bested the South, 38-34, at Dallas National Golf Club. The South leads the overall series, 7-6. For more information, [click here](#). ★

Mike Peck (holding trophy) led North Texas to a 38-34 victory against South Texas in the 2015 Texas Shootout.



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Mira Vista to Host Annual Texas Cup Invitational

FORT WORTH—The Legends Junior Tour's 12th Annual Texas Cup Invitational will be held Nov. 5-6 at Mira Vista Country Club. Seventy-eight of the top junior golfers from around the world are scheduled to compete.

Players are extended invitations to the Texas Cup based on their standing in the *Golfweek* Junior Rankings, as well as their performance in Legends Junior Tour events. Last year the elite, boys-only field featured juniors from 10 U.S. states and six countries including Japan, Peru and Thailand.

Started in 2005 as a high school tournament, the Texas Cup Invitational has

blossomed into one of the most prestigious junior events thanks to the dedication of tournament organizers and the generosity and support of event sponsors.

Designed by Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, Mira Vista opened in 1987. The club is known for having a competitive membership. Mira Vista has been the site of numerous high-profile amateur and events over the years, including the 1994 Texas Amateur, 2000 Texas Mid-Amateur, 1997 Southern Amateur and 2004 U.S. Girls' Junior.

Although not overly long – 6,849 yards

from the tips – the course features several sharp doglegs, a couple of split fairways and some undulating green complexes. It makes for a strategically diverse course that will no doubt prove to be a demanding test for today's top young players.

The championship format is 36-hole individual stroke play consisting of one division (age 15-18) and is ranked by the AJGA, *Golfweek* and Junior Golf Scoreboard. Admission is free and spectators are welcome to attend. Live scoring updates will be available once the action gets underway from Mira Vista. For more information, [click here](#). ★

Brendan Powers



Brendan Powers from Mansfield carded a final round 67 to win by one shot at the 2015 Texas Cup Invitational played at Mira Vista Country Club.

PLAY

Women's Texas Pinehurst Promises Competitive Fun for All

THE WOODLANDS—The 2016 Texas Pinehurst will be held Nov. 9-10 on the Palmer Course at The Woodlands Country Club. It's the final event of the year and the last chance to get together with friends and ensure an affectionate send-off to the yearlong celebration of a century of Women's Golf in Texas.

Introduced only three years ago, the Texas Pinehurst is our newest championship and has quickly become one of the most popular. Much of the tournament's appeal stems from the unique Chapman System style of play, which is both fun and inclusive for golfers of all skill levels.

The format for the Texas Pinehurst is two-person teams playing 36-holes of Chapman System Stroke Play (also known as Pinehurst format), with five flights competing for separate titles. Under the

Chapman System, both players on a side tee off, then they switch balls. Player A plays Player B's drive, and vice-versa. They then select the one best ball after the second shot and play alternate shot until the ball is holed. (The player whose second ball was not chosen gets to play the third shot.)

Originally designed by Arnold Palmer, the 27 holes that make up The Woodlands Country Club's Palmer Course have been challenging and entertaining both members and their guests for over a decade. Carved out of the tall Texas pines, the course is a pleasure to play and with a wide variety of holes will most certainly provide a delightful backdrop for this year's championship.

Entries for the 2016 Texas Pinehurst close on Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. A good time is guaranteed, so don't miss out on the fun. For more information, [click here](#). ★

Kelly Contreras (putting) and Allison Howarth scored a nine-shot victory at the 2015 Texas Pinehurst played at Riverhill Country Club.



Kim Cure (left) and Marian Barker finished second in 2015.



Texas Shamble Returns as a Fan-Favorite Fun Golf Event

BOERNE—As George Strait, country music legend and co-owner of Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort, once sang, “Here for a Good Time.”

Judging by last year’s wildly successfully inaugural event, that song might just be put on continuous loop when the newly renovated resort in Boerne hosts the second edition of the Texas Shamble from Nov. 12-13.

Now, we’re not saying you shouldn’t bring your “A” game, because there certainly will be plenty of prizes up for grabs. But the overriding theme of the two-day event is to have fun, make new friends and play some golf for the sake of having a good time.

“The Texas Shamble was one of the most enjoyable

events we had last year,” said Kelly Kilgo, the TGA’s Senior Director of Membership Services. “This year we plan on making it even bigger and better. There will be lots of prizes, giveaways, food and multiple hole contests each day.”

The Texas Golf Association added the Texas Shamble to the annual schedule in 2015 as a way to engage more of our members in Fun Golf activities. It obviously filled a void because a mere two hours after registration opened last year more than 20 two-person teams had signed up. In all, a total of 40 teams from across Texas were on hand for the first-ever tournament held at Horseshoe Bay Resort.

The starting field for the 2016 Texas Shamble will be limited to 50 teams and includes flights for men, women and mixed teams. Both men and women golfers are encouraged to enter. Partners do not have to be from the same course, but both players must be TGA members.

Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Nov. 2. Those hoping to secure a spot in the starting field are encouraged to sign up now to strengthen their chances of playing.

The tournament format will be a two-person shamble with handicaps, flights and competitive prizes. In a Shamble format, both players hit tee a tee shot, select the better shot and play their own ball from that point until the ball is holed. The team records the better of the two scores as the team score for each hole.

Since purchasing Tapatio Springs in 2011, Strait and longtime friend Tom Cusick were determined to return the resort to its original grandeur and beyond. They immediately started making improvements to the hotel and clubhouse, in addition to adding a new resort pool. In 2014, world-renowned golf course architect, Tripp Davis, was brought in to oversee the \$2 million golf course renovation project.

Unveiled in the summer of 2015, the sparkling new layout at Tapatio Springs is once again popping up on every golfer’s must play list. The course is sure to charm and entertain Texas Shamble contestants with its wide variety of holes, dramatic elevation changes, and panoramic views. For more information, [click here](#). ★



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Zach Atkinson

This month's *Lone Star Golf* Featured Follow is Zach Atkinson (@NotTheFakeZPA) of Colleyville. He is a former Texas Amateur Champion, a USGA State Team Champion, and a must-follow. Learn more about Zach below:

Hometown: Colleyville 2004 Texas Am Champ
Age: 34 2013 TGA North POY

@NotTheFakeZPA

Favorite Course: Lake Course at The Olympic Club

Favorite Golfer: Fred Couples

Favorite Follow on Social Media: @nolayingup

Favorite Hobby: "Coaching my son's baseball team."

Favorite Golf Memory: "Winning the State Am with my dad on the bag for Saturday and Sunday."

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Member Club Logo Spotlight

When The Bandit Golf Club in New Braunfels was under construction in 1997, the original club logo was slated to be a “South of the Border Bandito.” The outlaw character was serious-looking, complete with a menacing handlebar mustache and crisscrossing gun belts across his chest.

Then Dan Pedrotti thought better of it. The president of Foresight Golf, which owns and operates The Bandit, decided the logo could be viewed as offensive. So he went to Plan B. The rest is history.

Golfers who have played the spectacular Keith Foster-designed Hill Country gem instantly associate its rascally logo with one of the best daily fee courses in the state. The unique branding of the raccoon stands out against a sea of mundane golf course logos from all

corners of the state.

“The raccoon is mischievous and charming, but he’s also trouble,” Pedrotti said. “We want our golfers to keep their sense of humor when they’re here. If you lose your sense of humor at The Bandit, you’re going to be in trouble.”

Indigenous throughout Texas, raccoons are inquisitive creatures with dexterous hands. It’s not uncommon for the critters to enter homes in search of food. Like a mentally weak golfer on a difficult course, raccoons can get in your kitchen and wreak havoc.

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