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Lakewood's Drama Club

Certain golf courses evoke thrills.

Augusta National springs to mind, of course, with its famous go-for-broke back nine. Ditto for the closing stretches at The Old Course at St Andrews, The Olympic Club and TPC Sawgrass. Pebble Beach belongs on the list, too.

In at least one category, Lakewood Country Club in Dallas, the host club of the 108th Texas Amateur (June 15-18), shares similar traits as the world famous venues listed above. In terms of quality championship courses with penchants for producing drama, Lakewood stands as a paramount example in the state of Texas.

Longtime members can extol countless dramatic events that have occurred on the parkland-style course's fairways and greens. Some of them are legendary.

Like the time Lord Byron Nelson whipped Ben Hogan at Lakewood by 12 shots. Or when a U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier spanned two days after a 12-hole playoff was suspended by darkness. No one at Lakewood forgets when Jordan Spieth was still a pup and dominated the state's top junior tournament there for three straight years.

What is it about Lakewood that

breeds drama? Some say it starts with the fact that the course doesn't favor one style of play. That's true, but it does reward a certain type of *player*. The 6,742-yard, par-71 gem is a thinker's course. Lakewood is a playground for strategy. It must be managed thoughtfully.

Several times in any given round, the bombers, plodders, wedge-play magicians and lights-out putters all must be smart enough to yield and adapt to Lakewood's demanding doglegs and confounding green complexes.

Yet, the course is not impossible to solve. Rewards abound for calculated risks. Shot-making is imperative, but it's not enough to simply hit fairways at Lakewood.

To score in the red, one must place tee shots on correct sides of the short grass relative to hole locations. From there, precise wedge play and a confident putting stroke are vital.

"The golf course is out there to get," said Andy McCabe, a three-time Club Champion. "You can shoot a low number at Lakewood. You just rarely see anyone do it."

The original course was designed in 1912 by Tom Bendelow, a Scottish-American architect. Bendelow in his time was known as the "Johnny Appleseed of American



Water in play off the tee of the par-4 11th hole demands a thoughtful strategy.

Golf." He's credited with more than 600 designs in the early 1900s. Among his most famous creations are East Lake Golf Club and Medinah Country Club.

In 1947 Lakewood was renovated by Ralph Plummer, a Texan who also helped build Colonial Country Club, Champions Golf Club and Memorial Park Golf Course among others. More recently, modern marvels Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw upgraded

Lakewood in 1995 and 2014.

Today, as always, the course is in immaculate condition. The bentgrass greens are as fast as lightning. Lakewood promises to challenge the best amateurs in the state during this week's **108th Texas Amateur**, just as it has tested the best players – amateur or pro – who have stepped onto the property.

Whether the state's oldest and most prestigious amateur championship will provide the

next chapter of major drama at Lakewood remains to be seen. Until then, here's a look back at some of the club's most theatrical moments.

Nelson Thrashes Hogan

Today's AT&T Byron Nelson Championship got its start at Lakewood Country Club during the run-up to the end of World War II. In the spring of 1944, America and her Allies were preparing for an invasion of Western Europe.

Back home, a limited PGA Tour schedule included the inaugural Texas Victory Open. The event was played at Lakewood with proceeds earmarked for the U.S. military's war efforts.

Prior to the event, Fort Worth's Byron Nelson, a four-time major champion at that time, had won six events in 1944. His hometown rival Ben Hogan had 16 career PGA Tour victories, but he had not yet

won his first major championship. Also in the field of 109 amateurs and 79 professionals was Harold "Jug" McSpaden, a 15-time PGA Tour winner at the time.

McSpaden's opening 68 edged Nelson by one stroke to take the lead. Hogan's 76 found him further down the leaderboard. Nelson's second-round 69 pushed him into the lead, which he expanded to four shots with a 70 in the third round.

Hogan, meanwhile, remained several shots back.

In the final round, McSpaden birdied the first and third holes. Nelson responded in typical fashion. He birdied both holes as well. Then he rolled in five more on the back nine. Lord Byron's 34-foot birdie on the 18th green secured a 10-shot romp over McSpaden. Hogan came in a distant 12 shots back and tied for third place with Ray Magnum.

Six months after his victory at Lakewood, Nelson began his epic streak of 11 straight PGA Tour wins, a record that stands today. Hogan won the Dallas Invitational in 1946.

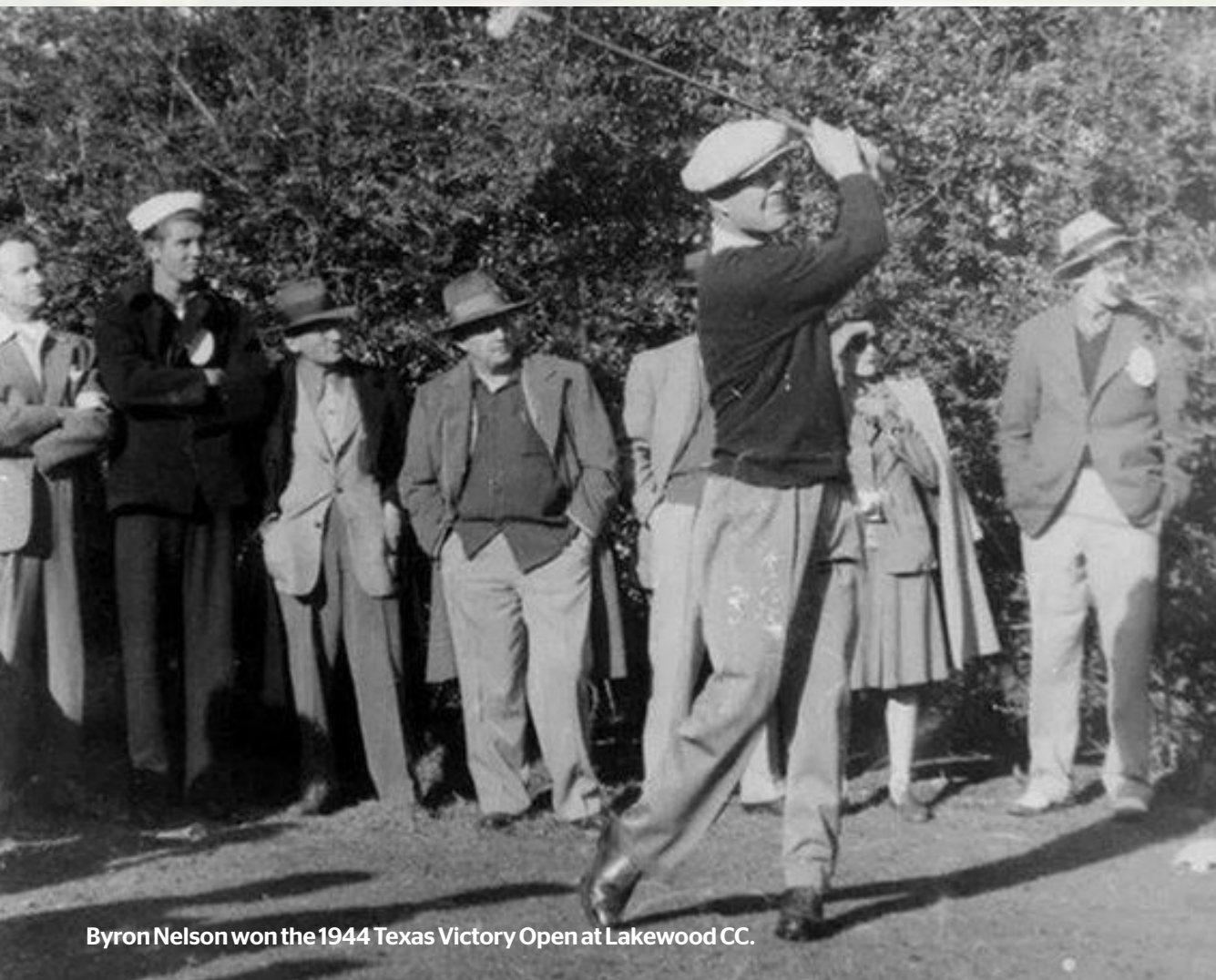
Spieth's Threeppeat

In the summer of 2007, a skinny blond-haired kid named Jordan Spieth lit up Lakewood for the first time. He finished tied for 10th that year at the Byron Nelson Junior

Championship, the state's premier junior event annually played at Lakewood. Spieth's final round 68 vaulted him 30 spots up the leaderboard and earned him an exemption for the following year.

That's when the legend of the "Spieth-peat" began in earnest.

A year older and more in control of his golf ball, Spieth in 2008 blew away the field by nine shots with a 54-hole score of 6-under 207.



Byron Nelson won the 1944 Texas Victory Open at Lakewood CC.



Peggy Nelson and Jordan Spieth

At 14 years old, he was the tournament's youngest winner. And he was just getting started.

Spieth returned in 2009 and upped the ante. In the second round, he put on a clinic with a bogey-free round that saw him birdie half the holes on the course.

His epic 62 broke Lakewood's competitive course record. It came after an opening-round 71 that saw him four-putt the final green.

"He was pretty upset when he got into the tent. He couldn't believe he was only one shot off the lead," said Dave Prinz, the Legends Junior

Tour Director of Operations at the time. "I expected something pretty good the next day, but couldn't imagine he'd shoot 62. It shows you his resiliency at a young age and the ability not to let a bad round affect him."

Spieth fired a 69 in the final

round to post 10-under 203. His closest competitor was future pro Carlos Ortiz, who finished 11 shots behind.

For several years following the 2009 Byron Nelson Junior – well into his professional career – Spieth maintained the 62 at Lakewood

was one of the best competitive rounds of golf he'd ever played.

Spieth concluded his LJT career the next summer at Lakewood. He won the Byron Nelson Junior again, this time with 4-under 209.

In all, Spieth's three straight wins at Lakewood added up to 20-under par and a combined 24-shot margin of victory.

As darkness closed in at Lakewood during the 2013 U.S. Open Sectional, Zack Fischer attempts an approach shot. (USGA/Darren Carroll)



Marathon U.S. Open Sectional

It's known as "Golf's Longest Day" for good reason. Every year on a day in early June, the USGA – with help from State and Regional Golf Associations – simultaneously conducts multiple U.S. Open Sectional Qualifiers.

Those are 36-hole affairs, and the qualifiers advance to the national championship.

On June 3, 2013, Lakewood hosted one of 13 Sectional Qualifiers. When the first ball was put in the air at precisely 7:30 a.m., no one could know what drama would ensue.

More than 13 hours later, Golf's Longest Day simply wouldn't end.

Four spots into the 113th U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club were at stake. Dallas natives Matt Weibring, Ed Loar and Spieth secured the first three tickets when they tied for co-medalists at 8-under 134. Weibring poured in seven birdies in his second round to post 64 and take the clubhouse lead.

In Loar's afternoon round, he eagled the par-5 17th. Then he holed out from the fairway on 18 to go eagle-eagle. Not to be outdone, Spieth birdied 15, 16 and 17 to tie Weibring and Loar.

Those were merely spectacular footnotes in what proved to be one of the most dramatic U.S. Open Sectional Qualifiers in history.

PGA Tour veteran Ryan Palmer and Zack Fischer, a UT-Arlington grad who played on the Web.com Tour, tied for the fourth spot at 7-under 135.

A sudden death playoff followed. It was anything but sudden. Hole for hole, par for par, Palmer and Fischer tied.

When Fischer ran in a birdie from seven feet on the fourth extra hole, Palmer matched it with a six-footer.

Over and again they tied. Eight times. The last two holes of the day were played in near darkness. Still no winner

emerged. Nightfall prevailed. Everyone went home.

Palmer and Fischer returned the next morning to resume the playoff. Finally, on the fourth hole of the day - the 12th overall - Fischer coaxed in a birdie on the 18th green to win the playoff and advance to the U.S. Open.

"It was amazing," Fischer said. "I've never been a part of anything like this."

So it goes at Lakewood. Members have learned to anticipate the unexpected. Will the 108th Texas Amateur have a 12-hole playoff? Will someone finish eagle-eagle on Sunday to win?

No one knows.

But if history is any indication, something dramatic looms on the horizon. To keep you updated on all the theater that unfolds, we'll have live scoring in all four rounds. To access the drama, [click here](#). ★

TGA Major Champions at Lakewood Country Club

★ Ray Kenny

Texas Amateur Champion, 1942

★ Chip Carter

Texas Amateur Champion, 2000

★ Frank Guernsey

Texas Senior Amateur Champion, 1975

★ Rob Couture

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Texas Mid-Amateur Champion, 1997



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Key Holes

Lakewood Club Champions Share Some Local Knowledge

Perhaps Andy McCabe said it best.

The three-time club champion at Lakewood Country Club was waxing poetic on what makes his home course so challenging, thought-provoking and fun to play when he hit upon a perfect description.

“There are so many birdie holes at Lakewood that are also bogey holes,” said McCabe, who won the club title in 2011, ’13 and ’15. “The opportunity to hit a great shot and a not-so-great

shot is so slim. It’s an old, quirky course with a lot of different ways to play it.”

All the best championship courses have a group of critical holes that can determine a competitor’s bottom line. What makes Lakewood such a fascinating test is the ample amount of holes that require calculated plans.

Anyone who has played the 105-year-old, Tom Bendelow-designed gem set in the heart of Dallas knows it takes more

than two hands to count all the holes that mandate deliberate plans of attack.

That said, we chose three “make-or-break” holes that could influence the outcome of the **108th Texas Amateur**.

To help pick the locks on these Key Holes, we enlisted a troika of former Lakewood club champions: Malcolm Holland, Craig Dunlap and McCabe. Special thanks to Lakewood for supplying the flyover footage on the following pages.



Hole 2

Par 4 | 435 yards

By Malcolm Holland

Club Champion, 2000, '06

Senior Club Champion, 2013, '15

The Smart Play

"When Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw did the renovations in 2014, the biggest change came on No. 2. It went from a medium difficulty hole to arguably the most difficult on the course. They put a tree on the left side so you can no longer cut the corner over the street. Then they added two bunkers just at the end of the landing zone. Bill and Ben want you to hit a 230- to 250-yard, right-to-left shot.

"Shape is more important than length because the contour of the ground will give you the required distance.

"If you hit a good shot, it'll leave you 140-

175 yards into a pretty accepting green. It slopes from back to front, so, as with most greens at Lakewood, you don't want to miss long. The miss on this green is always short. You can get up-and-down from in front of the green."

Aggressive Option

"If you can carry it about 260 yards and hit a 30-yard, right-to-left shot, then you can try to bend it around that tree. The problem is the landing area is so small you're going to catch one of those fairway bunkers unless you really bend it. Odds are you're going to have a much better opportunity if you lay back with a hybrid and have the 160-yard shot into the green. Here's the bottom line: If you're really aggressive and feel like you have to do something, this isn't the hole to do it on. It's too early in the round. Take par and get the heck out of there.

"Still, I won't be surprised if some of the younger guys take a shot with driver."

Hole 9

Par 5 | 529 yards

By Craig Dunlap

Club Champion, 2016

The Smart Play

"You want to either bomb a 3-wood off the tee or take something off driver and play a little cut off the left side, which should leave you about 225-240 yards out. Everything kicks left-to-right, and the fairway really bottlenecks with the new bunker on the right. Because so many trees have been removed on that side, a big drive can bound down into the creek if it doesn't find that bunker.

"On the second shot, my club selection is something I know will carry the right-front greenside bunker. That's a deep bunker; avoid it. Going a little long isn't death, but going left of the green is. Anything long or right of the green and at least you have a chance. The key

for me is clearing the front-right bunker. If you hit it solid, you've cleared it. If you come out of it a little, there is a ton of room to the right and it's not the worse place to be. It's a tough up-and-down from there, but it's not the hardest on the course."

Aggressive Option

"If you're really pressing to make something happen, you can step on driver and draw it off the right fairway bunker, leaving you about 200 or 190 yards left. If you make it to the crest of the hill, you're in great shape. You'll have a downhill lie, though, and the ball is going to come out lower. The key on the second shot is club selection and knowing the wind.

"A lot depends on where the pin is set. You don't want to get too aggressive, especially with a front pin. If you leave it on the front-left edge, there's a good chance it will roll back down into the fairway. This is the aggressive play, but you can bring eagle into play."

Hole 17

Par 5 | 487 yards

By Andy McCabe

Club Champion, 2011, '13, '15

The Smart Play

"It's a 3-wood or 4-wood, depending on the wind, up the left side of the fairway. You want to carry the right side of the two fairway bunkers. That leaves about 195 to 215 yards to the green. From there, I play the number into the middle of the green. The way the green is crowned, and with the severity of the bunkers around the green and where the pins will be set, getting up-and-down from around the green isn't guaranteed. If you go long, you're dead. If the pin is on the left and you hit it there with a

4-iron and it doesn't hold, you're short-sided and you're dead.

"There is an aggressive way to play the hole - hitting driver over the trees - but it's much easier to make birdie from the middle of the fairway with the safer tee shot."

Aggressive Option

"The more aggressive you get at Lakewood, the worse it can turn out. But you can go for it if it's downwind. If you really hit it hard - and you get lucky - you can carry the trees and have an 8-iron or 9-iron left into the green. It's so much more of a predictable play if you have 4-iron or 5-iron left compared to trying to hit it over the trees. I've had my share of eagles going over the trees, though. If you're trying to win the tournament on the last day and you're two shots down going into 17, then maybe that's the play." ★

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UH Golfers Seek Spotlight at Women's Stroke Play Championship

KINGWOOD – The University of Houston Women's Golf Team once again will have a strong presence at the third annual Women's Stroke Play Championship. To be played just a few miles up Highway 59 from the UH campus at the Clubs of Kingwood, the state's best amateurs are set to compete June 22-24 on the venerable Island Course for the third event on the 2017 TGA Women's schedule.

Leading the Houston Cougars contingent is senior Megan Thothong, the defending Women's Stroke Play Champion. If any player has dominated the event since its start in 2015, it's Thothong. In addition to her victory last year, she also finished second at the inaugural championship. She said she feels no extra pressure teeing it up as the defending champion.

"I enter every tournament feeling that I have the chance to win," said Thothong, a two-time collegiate winner and All-American Athletic Conference selection in 2015-16. "My goal is to try to beat the course, not the field."

Thothong followed her runner-up finish in 2015 with a victory at Pine Forest Country Club in Houston last year. She carded rounds of 70-67-71 to post 8-under par and defeated Sugar Land's Amber Wang by two strokes.

"It was awesome to be able to win some summer tournaments," Thothong said. "A tournament is a tournament, and you are there to win."

Thothong will be joined by a host of UH teammates at the Island Course. As of our press deadline, seniors Allie Anderson, who finished tied fourth in 2016 and fifth in 2015, and Yuka Kajiki were in the field. Additionally, Houston's assistant Women's Golf coach, Lucy Nunn, is set to compete in the event. Nunn finished eighth in the 2015 Women's Stroke Play Championship. Last year, four Cougars finished in the top-15 at the championship. Nunn said she hopes for similar, if not greater, success this year.

"Our program has had great success playing in all of the TGA Women's events," Nunn said. "I think it is great that our kids can stay relatively close to their second home at the University of Houston and still be able to compete."

Other notable players in the field include Brooke McDougald, a TCU junior who finished 18th last year, and high school sisters Chandler and Calynne Rosholt. Chandler tied for fifth place in 2015 and has three top-5 finishes on the Legends Junior Tour dating back to 2016. Calynne took

runner-up honors at the LJT's 2017 Spring Preview and 2016 Flodder Financial Shootout.

The 54-hole stroke play tournament is one of two major championships on the TGA Women's schedule. The WTGA State Amateur in July and the Women's Stroke Play Championship receive the most Player of the Year points of all the events on the Women's schedule.

"It is a privilege to be able to play in these TGA events because the competition is so good in the field that we play," Thothong said. "It would be awesome to be at the top, especially with how competitive Texas golf is."

Also at stake are double points for spots on the 2017 USGA Women's State Team Championship. This is the final year for the national team event.

The Island Course is one of five courses associated with The Clubs of Kingwood, located just northeast of Houston. The par-72 track features one of the toughest closing holes in the state. The par-5 18th hole features a split fairway with trees down the right side. Water skirts the left and leads to a daunting island green.

"We are certain the Island Course will provide a great venue for the championship and

a challenging test of golf for all competitors," said Scott Rosnagle, Clubs of Kingwood tournament director.

"Our members and staff are excited and proud to showcase

our wonderful club and to host the 2017 Women's Stroke Play Championship."

For more information on the Women's Stroke Play Championship, [click here](#). ★



Megan Thothong

Future Collegiate Stars to Shine at Byron Nelson Junior

The Byron Nelson Junior returns to Lakewood Country Club on June 27-29. Another stellar field will be on hand for the Legends Junior Tour's first major championship of the year.

Byron Nelson once said, "Winners are different. They're a different breed of cat." The Byron Nelson Junior has seen its fair share of winners, many of whom have gone on to enjoy great success at both the collegiate and professional level.

Three-time champion Jordan Spieth

(2008-10) played at the University of Texas and has since risen to the upper echelon of professional golf, winning the 2015 Masters Tournament

and U.S. Open Championship. Cody Gribble (2007) also went on to play collegiately at the University of Texas and won his first PGA Tour event in 2016 at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Hunter Shattuck (2013) helped Baylor University climb to No. 1 in the *Golfweek* rankings in 2017 and its first No. 1 ranking in the Big 12 tournament. Chandler Phillips (2014) is in his second year at Texas A&M

and was named the Aggies' Most Valuable Player and Newcomer of the Year in 2016.

Other past champions include Alex Moon (2006), Benjamin Arnett (2012) and Vincent Martino (2011). All three players went on to play golf at the collegiate level.

Last year's champion, Levi Valadez of San Antonio, is finishing up his first season at Kansas State University. Valadez won in a playoff in 2016, edging Parker Coody with a par on the first playoff hole. His rounds of 69-66-72 got him to 6-under overall.

The 78-player field will play 54 holes of stroke play competition. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 30 players and ties for the final round. The Byron Nelson Junior is an officially ranked tournament by World Amateur Golf, *Golfweek* and Junior Golf Scoreboard. Numerous AJGA performance stars will be awarded to top finishers, including "Fully Exempt" status.

Players earned exemptions into the 2017 championship based on their current junior ranking or performance in various Texas Junior Golf Alliance tournaments. The Texas Junior Golf Alliance is a partnership formed between the LJT, North and South Texas PGA and the Houston Golf Association to give junior golfers greater access to top-tier competition statewide and ease the burden of travel expense.

Lakewood Country Club is hosting this boys-only event for the 16th time. For more information, [click here](#). ★



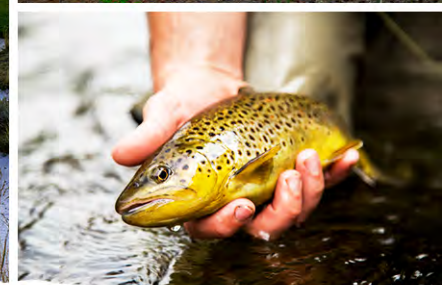
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Traditions Club To Host 96th WTGA State Amateur



BRYAN – The normally raucous Kyle Field at Texas A&M is typically silent during the dog days of summer. This year, though, cheers will be heard echoing through the mammoth stadium when nearby Traditions Club welcomes the 96th WTGA State Amateur Championship from July 18-21.

This will be the first WTGA State Amateur and third overall TGA championship to be held at the club.

“We are delighted to add Traditions Club as a championship site and are excited to bring the state’s premier women’s championship to the Bryan-College Station area for the first time,” said Katie O’Donnell, Director of Women’s Operations. “We have no doubt that the course will provide a comprehensive examination for competitors, and that the club will be a terrific host for players, volunteers and spectators at this year’s championship.”

Home to the Texas A&M Men’s and Women’s Golf Teams, Traditions Club opened for play in 2004 and was co-

designed by Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus II. Nestled hard against the banks of Turkey Creek, the Nicklaus duo seamlessly incorporated the native hardwoods, rolling hillsides and natural water features into a stunning layout, one that demands precision tee shots and approaches, as well as a steady hand on the quick, undulating greens. Registration opened Wednesday, May 24 at 9 a.m. and closes Wednesday, June 28 at 5 p.m.

The format for the WTGA State Amateur consists of an 18-hole stroke play qualifier, with the 32 lowest scores moving into a match play bracket in the Championship flight. The remaining players are placed into flights according to their GHIN Handicap Index as of June 15.

At the 2016 championship held at historic Brook Hollow Golf Club, Grace Choi of Dallas, who recently graduated from the University of Michigan, defeated Julie Houston of Allen, 3 & 2, to win the title. In addition to her WTGA State Amateur triumph, Choi, a 2016 All-Big 10 First Team honoree, also went on to capture the inaugural Women’s Player of the Year trophy.

In its long and storied history, the WTGA State Amateur has produced a notable list of winners. Thirteen past champions are enshrined in the Texas Golf Hall of Fame, including three of the founding members of the LPGA Tour. ★

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Summit Rock to Host State Junior for First Time

The Legends Junior Tour returns to Horseshoe Bay Resort for the 91st playing of the Texas State Junior Championship on July 24-28. The tournament features 240 players competing in four divisions: Boys 15-18, Girls 15-18, Boys 14 & Under and Girls 14 & Under.

Horseshoe Bay Resort has hosted the Texas State Junior Championship in seven of the last eight years. After spending 2016 at The Woodlands Country Club, the event returns to compete on Summit Rock and Slick Rock at Horseshoe Bay.

This will be the first year that Summit Rock has hosted the Boys 15-18 Division, while the other three divisions will be decided on the recently renovated Slick Rock Course.

Summit Rock is a Jack Nicklaus Signature Course and opened in October 2012. The Hill Country-style venue features a rocky terrain surrounded by native grass on each hole. The course has Bermuda fairways and bentgrass greens, which will provide a stern test to all the golfers in the Boys 15-18 field.

“Horseshoe Bay Resort is a great venue to host one of the oldest state championships,” said Kellen Kubasak, LJT Director of

Operations. “Moving the Boys 15-18 Division to Summit Rock, which is one of the best courses in the state, was a no-brainer and will challenge the best players in Texas.”

Slick Rock was built in 1971 and designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. The course is known as a “hard par, easy bogey” and features 71 bunkers and a dozen water hazards strategically placed throughout the scenic layout. The par-4 14th at

Slick Rock is a picturesque hole that has golfers tee off over a stunning waterfall and onto the fairway. The course was renovated in 2016 and updated with bentgrass greens.

Past champions of this event include Ben Crenshaw, Bruce Lietzke, Jeff Maggert, Stratton Nolen, Will Griffin, Angela Stanford, Annika Clark, Courtney Dow, Kaitlyn Papp and Jordan Spieth.

The Boys 15-18 Division and the

Girls 15-18 Division will each play 54 holes with a cut after the first 36 holes. The Boys 15-18 Division’s first round will begin on Monday, July 24, while the Girls 15-18 Division’s first round will begin on Wednesday, July 26. The Boys and Girls 14 & Under Divisions will play 36 holes starting on Wednesday, July 26.

The Texas State Junior Championship is *Golfweek* and

Junior Golf Scoreboard ranked, while the older Boys and Girls Divisions are recognized by the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Exemptions into future LJT Invitational Tournaments will be up for grabs along with AJGA Performance Stars. For more information on the Boys Divisions, click [here](#) and [here](#). To learn more about the Girls Divisions, click [here](#) and [here](#). ★



Summer Heats Up with TGA Championships

This is the time on the calendar when TGA competitions are in full swing. In June and July alone, this year there are 14 multi-day tournaments. As always, there is something for all competitive amateurs, including men, women, seniors and juniors.

To keep informed on all our playing opportunities, including recreational Fun Golf outings, visit our Competitions Calendar under the “Play” tab at TXGA.org. Presented here are snapshots of four of our most popular Men’s Championships. ★



Texas Father-Son July 7-9

Moody Gardens GC, Galveston

Architects: Carlton Gipson (1989);
Jacobsen Hardy Design (2008)

2016 Champions: Mark and
Andrew Lindberg

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,816

Entries Close: June 28

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West Texas Amateur July 14-16

Lubbock CC

Architects: Warren D. Cantrell (1955);
George Williams (1995);
Craig Schreiner (2008)

2016 Champions: Andrew Wyatt (Open);
Lee Sandlin (Senior);
Michael Hastings (Super Senior)

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,183

Entries Close: July 10

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Texas Mid-Am Match Play July 20-23

San Antonio CC

Architects: Alexander Findlay (1907);
A.W. Tillinghast (1922);
Joe Finger, Jay Morrish (1985);
Brian Silva (2005)

2016 Champion: Zach Atkinson

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,833

Entries Close: July 12

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Texas Stableford Handicap July 28-30

Riverhill CC, Kerrville

Architects: Byron Nelson and
Joe Finger (1974)

2016 Champions: John Lamey and
Kurt Cunov (Overall)

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,470

Entries Close: July 19

[Click here for more information](#)



Member Club Spotlight: Tenison Park GC - Highlands



A look down the par-4 10th at Tenison Highlands.

Located minutes from downtown Dallas, Tenison Park is where everyone who loves golf comes to play.

It was at Tenison Park where a young Lee Trevino honed his skills that would eventually lead him to six major titles and a spot in the World Golf Hall of Fame. It is where countless others took their first swing and where infamous hustlers like Titanic Thompson

earned their livings and their reputations.

Today, after an extensive renovation of the facility in the mid-1990s, Tenison Park is busier than ever and is the crown jewel of Dallas’ six municipal facilities.

The Highlands Course, which was the old West Course, got a new moniker after an complete remodel by golf architect D. A. Weibring and Associates. With

tree-lined fairways, rolling hills and natural water features, playing the Highlands feels more like an outdoor adventure. It’s hard to believe you’re in the shadows of one of the nation’s largest cities. There are also five sets of tees on each hole so everyone can find a yardage to fit their sweet spot.

The **TGA Fun Golf Series** makes its second trip to Tenison Park Highlands on Aug. 9. Registration

opens on June 30. It’s another USGA-supported “PLAY9” outing, complete with special pricing and tee gifts for participants.

“Everyone had so much fun the first time at Tenison Park,” said Kelly Kilgo, the TGA’s Director

of Fun Golf. “The PLAY9 series is perfect for those who want to get out and have fun without spending four hours on the golf course. The Highlands Course is a great venue for these relaxed outings. We can’t wait to come back in August.” ★

7,078 yards
(73.7/130)

6,610 yards
(71.7/128)

6,242 yards
(69.8/123)

5,930 yards
(68.1/118)

4,883 yards
(63.9/110)

Tenison Highlands

152

Tenison Park Golf Course - Highlands

Dallas, TX

Tenison Highlands

Par: 72

Member Club Since: 2001

Architects: Syd Cooper, Jack Burke (1925);
D.A. Weibring, Steve Wolfard (2001)

Greens: Tiff Eagle Bermuda

Fairways: 419 Bermuda

Head Golf Professional: Randy Beardsley, PGA

Site of **TGA Play Days**, August 9

To register, [click here](#).

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Meet Our Volunteers

The TGA Salutes Our 2016 Volunteers of the Year

Volunteers are the backbone of the TGA. More than 220 tireless men and women from all over Texas comprise our talented and dedicated support staff. Not only are these great people beyond generous with their time, they're also experts in critical areas such as the Rules of Golf and Course Rating. In this issue we're proud to spotlight Ken Anderson and Nick Bramlett, the 2016 North and South Regional Volunteers of the Year, respectively.

Ken Anderson

Lantana

Home Club

(GHIN Index):

Lantana Golf Club
(16.8)

How long have you been a Volunteer?

2 years

Why do you volunteer?

"I attended a PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop in 2016, where I met several TGA volunteers, directors and staff members. They all encouraged me to get involved, especially Rex Aymond. I love the game and its tradition and history, and I get to watch great golf and meet wonderful people."

Favorite event to work?

"My favorite event thus far has been the LJT 2016 Byron Nelson Junior Championship."

Favorite golf course in Texas?

"The Wilderness in Lake Jackson, where I lived before moving to Lantana."



Nick Bramlett

Houston

Home Club

(GHIN Index):

Houston Amateur
Golf Association
(18.8)

How long have you been a Volunteer?

11 years

Why do you volunteer?

"I had joined the HGA in 2007 and John Semander got me interested in learning the Rules of Golf and suggested I join the TGA. I'm so glad I took his advice."

Favorite event to work?

"It's difficult to say, but I love the Texas Amateur Championship. The Legends Junior Tour events run a close second."

Favorite golf course in Texas? "I have had the pleasure of working at some of the best here in the South Texas Region. But my all-time favorite is the Cypress Creek Course at Champions."



Interested in becoming a TGA Volunteer?

[Click here](#) for more information. ★

THE EXPERIENCE ST ANDREWS

TEXAS GOLF ASSOCIATION Second International Travel Program Ireland – June 2018

Join TGA members as we head to South West Ireland, one of the greatest golfing areas in the world! our program includes: six rounds of links golf, including three World Top 100 courses, and seven nights accommodation.

USGA and R&A to Limit Video Replay

In late April, the USGA and R&A issued a new Decision on the Rules of Golf that limits the use of video evidence in the game. The Decision went into effect immediately.

The two organizations also established a working group of LPGA, PGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Ladies European Tour and PGA of America representatives to begin a comprehensive review of broader video issues, including viewer call-ins, which arise in televised competitions.

New Decision 34-3/10 implements two standards for Rules committees to limit the use of video: 1) when video reveals evidence that could not reasonably be seen with the “naked eye,” and 2) when players use their “reasonable judgment” to determine a specific location when applying the Rules. The full language of the Decision [can be found here](#).

The first standard states, “The use of video technology can make it possible to identify things that could not be seen with the naked eye.” An example includes a player who unknowingly touches a few grains of sand in taking a backswing with a club in a bunker when making a stroke.

If the committee concludes that such facts could not reasonably have been seen with the naked eye and the player was not otherwise aware of the potential breach, the player will be deemed not to have breached the Rules, even when video technology shows otherwise. This is an extension of the provision on ball-at-rest-moved cases, which was introduced in 2014.

The second standard applies when a player

determines a spot, point, position, line, area, distance or other location in applying the Rules, and recognizes that a player should not be held to the degree of precision that can sometimes be provided by video technology. Examples include determining the nearest point of relief or replacing a lifted ball.

So long as the player does what can reasonably be expected under the circumstances to make an accurate determination, the player’s reasonable judgment will be accepted, even if later shown to be inaccurate by the use of video evidence.

Both of these standards have been extensively discussed as part of the Rules modernization initiative. The USGA and The R&A enacted this Decision immediately because of the many difficult issues arising from video review in televised golf.

The USGA and The R&A will consider additional modifications recommended by the working group for implementation in advance of January 1, 2019, when the new code resulting from the collaborative work to modernize golf’s Rules takes effect. ★



Tell the USGA what you think about the new rules. Give them your feedback [here](#).

Be on the lookout for more stories and videos about the USGA and R&A Rules of Golf changes in future issues of Lone Star Golf!

Engage with the TGA

A Look at What's Been Happening on Social Media



Happy Father's Day!

We've taken to our social media channels to ask our followers what their favorite golf memory is with their dad or father-figure. Here, we shared some of our favorites so far. Click here to join the conversation and tell us yours!



Scott Beaty

"My first golf memory is at age 7 during a practice round of the 1958 US Open at Southern Hills in Tulsa. My Dad took me and

we followed Ben Hogan during his practice. My Dad has always laughed at how "green" we were....Mr Hogan took a typical divot on a fairway shot and my Dad thought "Oh my gosh, he chunked it".... not knowing it was an integral part of a good swing. I don't remember which hole but Mr Hogan also took practice shots with a long iron and fairway wood on a long par 3. According to my Dad he could hit either club the same distance with a different ball flight. Our last round together was at Pebble Beach.... never regretted the expense once."



Trent Singletary (@tsingles27)

"My all time favorite golfing memory with my dad just happened recently this year. I have been blessed with a golf professional as a father. We both had the honor and blessing to meet President Bush 6 years ago. We have had the honor since

that time to develop a relationship with the President and be apart of the Bush Center and the Warrior Open. I hadn't got to play with them as a full group yet and sure enough earlier this year I was invited to play with the President and my dad. The whole day was amazing from start to finish and I will never forget that day I got to play with the President and my dad. Even though we lost the match it was truly an incredible day we will both cherish. Couldn't ask for a better father in my life. He has taught me what it means to be a gentleman and love the beautiful game of golf and how many lives it can bring together. Love you Dad!"

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FEATURED FOLLOW



Annika Clark

This month's Lone Star Golf Featured Follow is Annika Clark! Annika is the 94th WTGA State Amateur Champion and is currently a sophomore on the golf team at Texas Christian University. Learn more about Annika below:

Hometown: Highlands

Age: 19

2015 WTGA State Amateur Champion

@AnniLexi

Favorite Course: TPC The Woodlands

Favorite Golfer: "All-time, Annika Sorenstam, but I'm also a huge Tiger Woods fan."

Favorite Follow on Social Media: @collegegolfers

Favorite Hobby Outside of Golf: "I really enjoy reading and going to the movies."

Favorite Golf Memory: "Winning our first college event as a team in the Greenville Regional Preview in North Carolina in the fall. My parents surprised me by driving up to watch. It was an awesome experience."

Favorite Quote: "Whether you think you can or you think you can't. You're right."

The Big Number

71

Total number of PGA Tour & Champions Tour victories by former Texas Amateur champions. Part of the lore of the Texas Amateur Championship is the illustrious list of former champions. Two of them went on to win the Masters. Ben Crenshaw, who won the 1972 Texas Amateur, scored green jackets in 1984 & 1995. Charles Coody, the 1959 Texas Amateur champion, won the Masters in 1971.

All told, nine former Texas Amateur champions went on to win PGA Tour and Champions Tour events. Crenshaw amassed 19 PGA Tour wins. Bruce Lietzke, the 1972 Texas Amateur champion, won 13 times on the PGA Tour in addition to seven Champions Tour titles. To see a list of all the former Texas Amateur champions, [click here](#). ★

They Said It

“What I like most about Fun Golf Play Days is the price is extremely reasonable. You have the opportunity to play nice courses, all while having a great time with friends.”

– Jamie Evans, Lake Jackson, Fun Golf Participant

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