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Why We Give Back

INSIDE: How the TGA Foundation Enriches Lives ★ TGA Fun Golf

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Like thousands of American teenagers, Rakeshia Wines was worried about how her family would afford to send her to college. It was the spring of 2015. The ambitious Lincoln High School senior from Dallas ranked seventh in her class with a 3.3 GPA.

Wines – who goes by “Keshia” to friends and family – was a three-time National Honor Society member. She was class president, captain of the dance team and lead journalist at the LHS radio and television cluster.

She was also majorly stressed about paying for higher education.

Those anxiety clouds cleared for Wines a couple months later when the Texas Golf Association awarded her the 2015 Doris Kallina/’Nez Muhleman Scholarship.

Worth \$25,000 over four years, the TGA Foundation charitable gift erased Wines’ financial apprehensions. With the burden lifted, Wines was free to concentrate on bigger goals, like making the most of her college experience at Stephen F. Austin University.

Two and a half short years later, that has translated into her pursuit of a double-major – Radio/TV and Spanish – and month-long study abroad program in Spain, where

she lived in Madrid with a non-English-speaking host family and took intensive Spanish classes in which English was off limits.

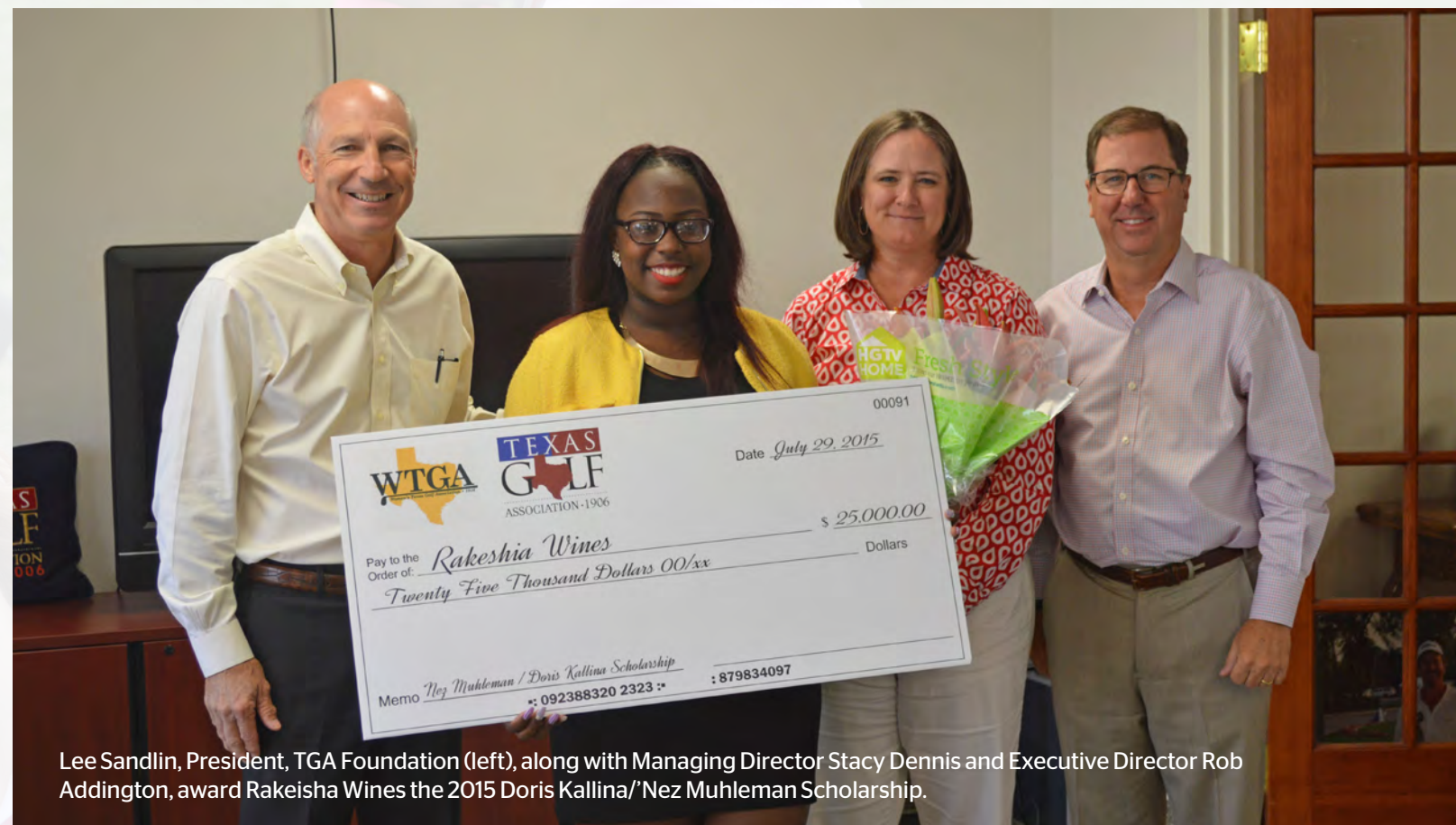
“Not only was that my first time out of the country,” Wines said, “it was the first time I’d ever been on a plane.”

Wines shudders to think what her life would be like without the Kallina/Muhleman Scholarship, which started in 2008 and is named after the pair of past WTGA Presidents who exemplified goodwill through their long and distinguished careers as WTGA and USGA volunteers.

Without the scholarship, Wines says she’d be working three jobs this summer to help pay for school. Instead, she’s developing organizational, management and networking skills as an intern for the Northern Texas PGA Section.

“A lot of my friends have to worry about paying for college,” said Wines, who was one of several finalists for the scholarship. “For me, being able to go without the worries of how I’ll pay for it lets me focus on my academics. It has changed everything for me.”

While most of the state’s golfers know the TGA as the governing body of amateur golf and the administrators of more than 140 annual tournaments, the truth is



Lee Sandlin, President, TGA Foundation (left), along with Managing Director Stacy Dennis and Executive Director Rob Addington, award Rakeshia Wines the 2015 Doris Kallina/’Nez Muhleman Scholarship.

we’re much more than that.

In fact, our stated mission, which dates back to 1906, is to “promote the playing and advancement of the Royal and Ancient Game of Golf in Texas.” It’s that fifth word – *advancement* – that acts as the heartbeat of the TGA Foundation.

The charitable arm of the TGA exists to advance opportunities for all kinds of people through golf. Communities, allied associations and especially young people in Texas have advanced their circumstances and lives thanks to the various ways the TGA

Foundation gives back.

Through grants, scholarships, internships, report card-driven contests and other initiatives, the TGA Foundation provides much-needed support to worthy individuals and causes.

Golf as a backdrop is the common thread in every scenario.

Wines was introduced to the game in 2014 through the NTPGA’s “Fairways to Success” high school program that also provides scholarship grants for deserving students based on academic performance,

extracurricular activities, community involvement and financial need. Since then, she’s fast become a golf fan and a bit of an expert, relatively speaking. Her duties this year with the NTPGA’s Junior Golf Operations staff included a two-day, crash course in the Rules of Golf.

She’s now prone to giving youngsters rulings on where to drop next to lateral hazards. Words and phrases like “temporary immovable obstruction,” “pace of play” and “Jordan Spieth” are part of her daily lexicon.



Wines at work this summer as an intern for the NTPGA.

“Rakeshia has done an excellent job for us this summer helping to conduct our Junior Tour programming,” said Jeff Pence, the NTPGA’s Manager of Junior Tour Operations “She brings a positive attitude and a great work ethic to the team. It is not always easy to wake up early and work outside in the Texas heat, but Keshia has done it well and with a friendly smile on her face all summer long.”

Wines is on schedule to graduate in four years - with two degrees. A love of storytelling has her eyeing a post-college career in the media. She’s not sure what shape that will take, but she’s leaning toward broadcast journalism. Her experience in Spain

also affected her deeply. Her fall semester coursework includes Advanced Media, Mass Media and a progressive Spanish course that focuses on media and mass communications.

“The TGA scholarship gave me the ability to focus on doing well in school and also push myself beyond my limits,” Wines said.

Those words are music to the ears of everyone involved with the TGA Foundation, specifically Lee Sandlin, the President of the TGA Foundation’s Board of Directors.

“Rakeshia Wines is remarkable. She is gutsy, driven and will prove that, if given the chance, she can be an astounding contributor to society,” said Sandlin, one of the

state’s best competitive golfers and winner of the 2013 North Texas Senior Amateur. “I love being involved with the game of golf and seeing the TGA Foundation give back to our community.”

To sum up his feelings on being involved with the TGA Foundation, Sandlin pointed to one of his favorite quotes from French philosopher Simone de Beauvoir, who said, “You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing.”

“Rakeshia Wines will make our community a better place in part because of the work the TGA does and the gifts from our generous donors to the TGA Foundation,” Sandlin added.

Since the Kallina/Muhleman Scholarship started in 2008, the TGA Foundation has helped a total of 14 students make their college dreams come true. For the complete list and more history on the program, [click here](#). Distributing scholarship money is just one way the TGA Foundation helps advance people’s lives through golf.

Bill Penn Grants

Named after the immediate past TGA Executive Director and one of the most influential ambassadors for amateur golf in Texas, Bill Penn Grants are another TGA Foundation approach to helping others.

This year, for example, the foundation awarded a \$3,500 grant

to The First Tee of Greater Houston to help the association expand its reach to two elementary schools at the top of their 150-school waiting list.

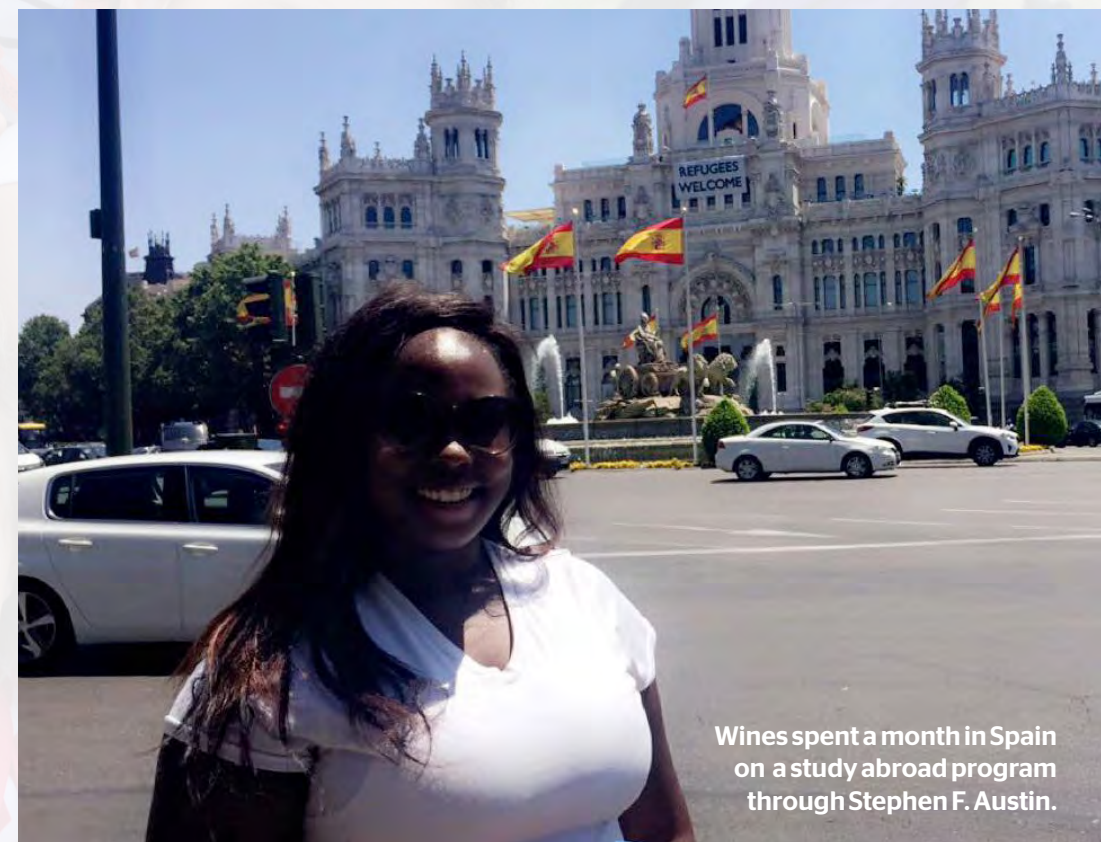
Located in a largely Hispanic and underserved east Houston neighborhood, Carrillo and Gallegos Elementary Schools were added to The First Tee’s National School Program.

The NSP equips physical education teachers with the tools to introduce children to The First Tee’s Nine Core values and Nine Healthy Habits and is a feeder program to green-grass facilities such as the one at nearby Gus Wortham Park

Golf Course. Houston’s chapter is the largest in the nation with 465 schools enrolled in their NSP.

“This grant presents an incredible return on investment to impact 1,400 low-income elementary school children per year with no additional costs for 8-10 years,” said Doug Earle, Executive Director of The First Tee of Greater Houston.

“Taking our nine-year average of how long equipment lasts before needing to be replaced that is 12,600 youths served for a cost of less than \$4 per child. This fits perfectly with our stated mission, purpose and vision to be in every school by 2020.”



Wines spent a month in Spain on a study abroad program through Stephen F. Austin.

The TGA Foundation also allocated a \$5,000 Bill Penn Grant to The First Tee of Greater El Paso. They've used the funds to expand services that provide stability and assistance to families that have members deployed in the active military.

"The youth at this location are children who move often, change schools and have parents who are deployed for long periods of time," said Nancy Ellis, Development Director for The First Tee of Greater El Paso. "Our program teaches the importance of strong character, doing well in school and making the right choices on and off the golf course. By providing the funds for expansion, this will

allow us to reach more children and bring our unique youth development program to more youths in El Paso."

Ellis said her team has enjoyed their most successful summer ever with more than 525 participants.

"Because of the TGA Foundation's generous funding, we will now have Saturday programming at Fort Bliss Underwood Golf Complex year-round, which we have been trying to do for the past three years," Ellis said. "We are proud to say we turn no child away for inability to pay."

For more information on Bill Penn Grants, [click here](#).

TGA Works

The TGA Foundation does more than distribute money to worthy individuals and organizations. TGA Works is a program that provides high school-aged students an introduction to internships and future job opportunities within the Texas golf industry.

By leveraging its relationships with more than 500 Member Clubs, the TGA connects determined young people with public and private facilities in need of extra summer help. TGA Works participants receive 10-week paid summer internships that introduce them to a broad spectrum of future career possibilities. The program also

includes professional golf instruction and playing opportunities.

In return, the clubs get to invest in their local community, gain motivated summer help and the potential to groom long-term staff members. TGA Foundation grants offset most of the personnel costs.

Annaliesia Salazar, a Mesquite High School senior from Balch Springs, spent her summer as a TGA Works intern at Dallas Athletic Club. Salazar has worked in the pro shop, outside services and has served as an assistant coach at a junior golf camp. She said she has enjoyed learning how the golf business works and the opportunity to network.



The First Tee of Greater Houston has the largest Nation School Program in the country with 465 schools.



Texas Challenge participants (left to right): Connor Howard, Zoe Mayfield, Alexa Vela and Kendall Jackson

“You know they say it’s not always what you know, but who you know. So it has been very beneficial to meet everyone that I have here at DAC,” Salazar said. “The head pro told me that I will always have a position up here when I come back from college. I am very grateful for this experience, and I have enjoyed every moment.” For more information on TGA Works, [click here](#).

Winners’ Program/Texas Challenge

Part of the Winners’ Program, yet another TGA Foundation initiative, the Texas Challenge is an annual statewide competition between young girls from select chapters of the LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Sites. The Texas Challenge combines academic and athletic performance with a unique grades-and-golf contest.

This summer marked the 10th anniversary of the Texas Challenge. Five LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Chapters traveled to Austin and the Harvey Penick Golf Campus for a nine-hole, best-ball tournament.

Comprised of a two-player team from two age divisions – 11 & Under and 12-17 – the team from Longview won the 2017 competition by one shot over the team from Houston. Longview’s Connor Howard, Zoe Mayfield, Mia Jones and Jennel Caliztero won the Toni Wiesner Cup, which is the traveling trophy for the Texas Challenge winner. A five-time WTGA State Amateur champion and winner of the 1997 British Senior Women’s Amateur, Wiesner represented all that is good about golf: graciousness, steely determination, a competitive spirit and good sportsmanship. “We had a great time in Austin with the



Reagan Martin and Kennedy Tucker from Waco.

10th annual Texas Challenge,” said Katie O’Donnell, Director of Women’s Operations for the TGA. “There was great camaraderie and some excellent golf played, highlighted by the Longview team’s performance.”

In addition to the competition between the fairways, O’Donnell and her team also awarded six iPads to top performers in the classroom. Students aged 7-17 with at least a 3.0 or “B” average in each Winners’ Program location across the state can submit their report cards for a chance at winning an iPad. This year, the TGA included students from Longview, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Waco and Houston in the grades competition.

For more information on the Winners’ Program, [click here](#). To learn more about the Texas Challenge, [click here](#). For more information on all the different ways the TGA Foundation helps advance opportunities for Texans through golf, [click here](#). ★



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Up Next: Texas Mid-Am and Senior Amateur

As the 2017 competitions calendar winds down, two of the biggest TGA major championships still loom on the horizon: the Texas Mid-Amateur and Texas Senior Amateur. Both championships will be contested on a pair of highly regarded courses, albeit with widely differing backdrops.

The state's best mid-amateurs will head to The Club at Comanche Trace in Kerrville for the 34th playing of the Texas Mid-Amateur from Sept. 22-24. A longtime Member Club, over the years the 27-hole complex at Comanche Trace has welcomed multiple TGA championships, including the Texas Senior, Four-Ball and Father-Son.

Opened in 2001, the original 18 holes at Comanche Trace, the Valleys and Hills nines, were designed by World Golf Hall of Fame member Tom Kite, along with Roy Bechtol and Randy Russell. An additional nine, The Creeks, was added in 2008 with the design duties this time handled by the father-son team of Jay and Carter Morrish.

Twenty-eight players were fully exempt from qualifying, based on past performance. To determine the remaining 104

spots in the 132-player starting field, 18-hole qualifiers are being held at 12 sites across the state from July 23-Aug. 23.

The format for the Texas Mid-Amateur is 54 holes of individual stroke play. All contestants play 18 holes on both Sept. 22-23. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 54 scores and ties heading into the final round.

Joshua Irving of Dallas, the 2016 champion, is back to defend his title from last fall at Spanish Oaks Golf Club in Bee Cave. Two other past champions, Clay Hodge of Tyler (2013) and John Bearrie of Arlington (2012), will join Irving at Comanche Trace.

The view of Dallas' towering skyscrapers and bustling freeways will replace the laidback setting of the Hill Country for the final TGA major of the season. The 80th Texas Senior Amateur will be played Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Royal Oaks Country Club.

This will be the fifth TGA major championship conducted at Royal Oaks and the second Texas Senior Amateur. In 2008, the last time the club hosted the statewide event, Tom Doughtie of Amarillo took home the title.

Opened in 1969, Royal Oaks was designed by golf course architect

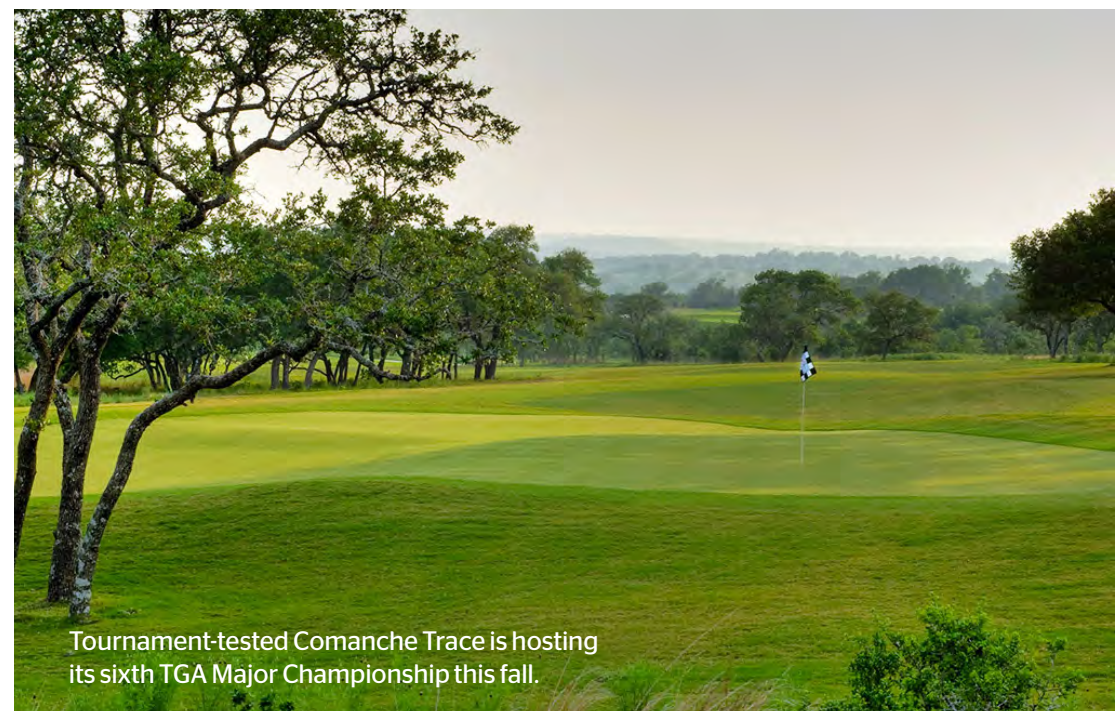
J. Press Maxwell along with Don January and Billy Martindale, two of the biggest stars on the professional circuit at the time.

The classic layout has undergone several restorations in the ensuing years. The most recent was in 2014 when Chet Williams supervised a complete redo of all bunkers and greens, which included switching the putting surfaces from bentgrass to Mini Verde Ultradwarf bermudagrass.

The format for the Texas Senior Amateur is 54 hole stroke play. The starting field of 144 golfers play two rounds on Sept. 29-30. At the completion of 36 holes the field is cut to the low 54 players and ties for the final round.

Headed by defending champion Lewis Stephenson of Mansfield, who captured the 2016 title at Escondido Golf & Lake Club in Horseshoe Bay, the list of current entrants includes four other recent champions in Mike Booker of The Woodlands (2015), two-time winner Ron Kilby of McAllen (2014, '11), Mike Peck of Irving (2013), and John Grace of Fort Worth (2010).

For more information on the 2017 Texas Mid-Amateur, [click here](#). For more on the 2017 Texas Senior Amateur, [click here](#). ★



Tournament-tested Comanche Trace is hosting its sixth TGA Major Championship this fall.



The demanding par-4 13th is the No. 1 handicap hole at Royal Oaks Country Club.

Berry Creek CC Welcomes Women's Senior Stroke Play

The state's best women amateurs, aged 50 and older, will be heading to Georgetown and Berry Creek Country Club for the 29th playing of the Women's Senior Stroke Play from Oct. 2-4.

This will be the first TGA championship of any kind to be held at Berry Creek.

"It's a great privilege to add Berry Creek Country Club as a championship site," said Katie O'Donnell, Director of Women's Operations. "We're confident Berry Creek will be a terrific host and that the senior women players will thoroughly enjoy their experience."

Located on the northeastern edge of the Texas Hill Country, Berry Creek Country Club opened for play in 1986 and was designed by noted architect and Georgetown resident, Carl Doering.

Built on the rolling terrain of the old Logan Ranch, the layout incorporates many of the natural features inherent in the site, including groves of hardwood trees, a limestone quarry and an abundance of water hazards.

With its tight fairways, great variety of doglegs and challenging green complexes, Berry Creek will pose a formidable test for the



The membership of Berry Creek Country Club is excited to welcome its first-ever TGA Championship in October.

state's talented senior women.

Those who don't keep their wits about them or are a little off on their tee shots or approaches might just find themselves "up a creek with no paddle."

To be eligible for the Women's Senior Stroke Play, applicants must meet the following requirements: be a female amateur golfer who will be 50 years of age or older by the

tournament start date; belong to a TGA Member Club; have an established active GHIN Handicap Index; and be a current resident of the state of Texas. Registration is currently open and closes Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

The championship format is 54 holes individual stroke play. After Round 2, players will be assigned to one of six flights for the final round based on 36-hole scores.

Champions are crowned in three divisions: Senior, Super Senior, and Super Super Senior.

At the 2016 Women's Senior Stroke Play held at Amarillo CC, Texas Golf Hall of Famer Carolyn Creekmore of Dallas posted rounds of 76-75-73 to successfully defend her title.

It was Creekmore's seventh overall victory in the Senior Division. After a disappointing

opening round, Jewell Malick of Heath rallied back to also successfully defended her Super Senior crown. Louise Davis of Dallas won the Super Super Senior Division.

Scoring updates and daily recaps will be available once the action gets underway from Berry Creek. For more information on the Women's Senior Stroke Play, [click here](#). ★

North Texas Classic Returns to Tangle Ridge Golf Club



Now in its third year, the North Texas Classic has quickly become one of the most popular and competitive events on the Legends Junior Tour annual schedule.

A quick glance at the names of those who have registered for this year's championship proves that another talented field of rising young stars will assemble for the 2017 Classic from Sept. 9-10 at Tangle Ridge Golf Club in Grand Prairie.

Nestled between Joe Pool Lake and the Mountain Creek Escarpment, Tangle Ridge Golf Club has been the host club since the tournament's inception. With elevation changes of more than fifty feet, gently rolling hills and trees guarding every hole, Tangle Ridge has a decidedly Texas Hill Country feel and provides a magnificent backdrop where the state's best juniors can

showcase their skills.

Ranked by both Junior Golf Scoreboard and *Golfweek*, the 36-hole North Texas Classic features 84 players with three divisions competing for separate titles: Boys 15-18; Boys 14 & Under and Girls 12-18. The format is individual stroke play with 18 holes contested each day.

Top finishers in each division receive valuable performance points towards the LJT Player of the Year Points List. The yearlong cumulative points list is also used to determine which players will be selected for the prestigious Jackie Burke Cup Matches in November. In addition, top finishers can also earn AJGA performance stars and exemptions into future LJT Invitational tournaments.

Starting times for both rounds will begin at 8 a.m. each day off No. 1 and No. 10 tees.

At the 2016 championship, Mission's Jun Min Lee carded rounds of 67-68 to capture the Boys 15-18 Division. His 9-under-par 135 total was five strokes clear of runner-up Langston Ernst of Mansfield. Cole Sherwood of Austin won the Boys 14 & Under Division with steady rounds of 73-71 for an even-par 144 total. Serena Shah of Carrollton posted a two-day total of 145 to win the Girls 12-18 Division.

For more information about the North Texas Classic and the Legends Junior Tour, [click here](#). ★

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Scottie joins an exclusive list of former NTPGA Junior Tour and / or Legends Junior Tour members who have received Low Amateur Honors at the U.S. Open:

1993 - Justin Leonard
2003 - Trip Kuehne
2012 - Jordan Spieth
2017 - Scottie Scheffler

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Crown Colony to Host Girls' Invite



For the first time in its seven-year history, the Texas Girls' Invitational heads to East Texas and the acclaimed Crown Colony Country Club in Lufkin. One of the few girls-only events in the nation, this year's championship will be held Sept. 23-24.

Opened in 1978, Crown Colony was designed by Bruce Devlin and Robert Von Hagge. A longtime TGA Member Club, the club has hosted nearly every major championship on the TGA schedule, including two WTGA State Amateurs (1989, '07) and Texas Amateurs (1982, '98). With towering pine trees, elevation changes and numerous water features, Crown Colony will provide a memorable challenge for this year's contestants.

The Legends Junior Tour established the Texas Girls' Invitational in 2010 in order to provide an opportunity for girls aged 12-18 to compete at the highest level on the best courses in Texas. From a small turnout in the early years, the event has grown into

a "must-play" tournament. It consistently attracts elite fields.

The championship format is 36-hole individual stroke play, comprised of one division, and is ranked by both *Golfweek* and Junior Golf Scoreboard. A number of coveted AJGA Exemptions and Performance Stars will be up for grabs, as well.

The 2017 champion will have her name engraved on the 'Nez Muhleman trophy, named in honor of Inez Muhleman of Houston. Muhleman served on the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship Committee from 1980-2010 - she never missed a national championship - before retiring in December 2010. During that time she also established the Junior Girls' Travel Fund to help defray travel expenses for young Texans who qualified for the U.S. Girls' Junior. For her meritorious service to the game, Mulheman was chosen as the recipient of the 2011 USGA Joe Dey Award, the organization's highest honor for volunteerism.

Hailey Jones of Dallas posted a two-day total of 3-under 141 to win the 2016 championship at Bentwater Yacht & CC in Montgomery. She made 10 birdies in 36 holes and finished five strokes ahead of the field. Jones is the two-time defending Girls 12-18 Player of the Year and currently leads the 2017 standings.

Live scoring updates and daily recaps will be available once the action gets underway from Crown Colony. For more information on the Texas Girls' Invitational, [click here](#). ★

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SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ON PLAYING JUNIOR GOLF IN NORTH TEXAS:

"I played in so many events on the NTPGA Junior Tour and also the Legends Tour. In fact, they were the only two tours I played growing up in Texas. I met some great friends through the NTPGA and Legends Tours that I am still great friends with today. The tournaments were so much fun, and I loved playing in them. When I got older and more competitive, playing the 36-hole events on the NTPGA Junior Tour and Legends Junior Tour were fantastic. The competition was strong, all events were conducted at a very high level and what I learned was that if you can win in North Texas, you can win anywhere." - *Scottie Scheffler, May 2016*

From 2003 - 2012, Scottie played 170 events, learning how to win at the Prep and Medalist levels and the NTPGA's All American Tour, before graduating to the Legends Junior Tour, then the AJGA and the University of Texas.

PREP LEVEL TOURNAMENTS

(9-Hole Beginner Playing Level)

Scottie's Prep Level Success from ages 7-9:
42 Events / 40 Wins

MEDALIST LEVEL TOURNAMENTS

(18-Hole Intermediate Playing Level)

Scottie's Medalist Level Success from ages 8-12:
92 Events / 48 Wins

ALL AMERICAN TOUR TOURNAMENTS

(2 and 3 Day 36-Hole and 54-Hole Advanced Playing Level)

Scottie's All American Tour Success from ages 11-12:
3 Events / 3 Wins

LEGENDS JUNIOR TOUR TOURNAMENTS

(2, 3 and 4 Day 36, 54 and 72-Hole Very Advanced Playing Level)

Scottie's Legends Junior Tour Success from ages 11-15:
33 Events / 9 Wins / 4 Straight Jackie Burke Cup Teams

Don't Miss the Final Fun Golf Events of 2017

As summer draws to a close, there are still many Fun Golf opportunities left in the year. It all leads up to the third Annual Texas Shamble at Tapatio Springs. From TPC San Antonio to newly renovated Golf Club of Texas, the remaining TGA Play Days look to end the season on a high note.

TPC San Antonio - Canyons

Sunday, October 15



Registration Opens:

Wednesday, August 23

Entry Fee: \$125

Tournament Format:

2-Person Scramble

What's Included:

Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls and Tee Gift

Starting Time:

Shotgun start at 12 p.m.

Canyon Creek Country Club

Tuesday, October 31



Registration Opens:

Wednesday, September 20

Entry Fee: \$65

Tournament Format:

2-Person Scramble

What's Included:

Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls, Food and Tee Gift

Starting Time:

Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Walden on Lake Conroe

Saturday, October 21



Registration Opens:

Wednesday, September 6

Entry Fee: \$70

Tournament Format:

Individual Stroke Play

What's Included:

Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls, Food and Tee Gift

Starting Time:

Tee Times start at 12 p.m.

Golf Club of Texas

Saturday, November 4



Registration Opens:

Wednesday, September 27

Entry Fee: \$60

Tournament Format:

Individual Stroke Play

What's Included:

Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls, Food and Tee Gift

Starting Time:

Tee Times start at 12 p.m.

Third Annual Texas Shamble

Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort

Saturday, Nov. 11 - Sunday, Nov. 12



After a successful second year, the Texas Shamble returns to Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort in Boerne.

Having completed an extensive \$2 million renovation to the golf course in 2015, Tapatio Springs is once again popping up on every golfer's must play list.

The updated 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 about the Texas Shamble at Tapatio Springs, [click here](#).

Registration Opens:

Wednesday, September 6

Entry Fee: \$575

What's Included:

Green Fee, Cart Fee and Range Balls for Tournament Rounds, Practice Rounds, Tee Gifts, Daily Prizes, Three Meals and Drink Tickets.

Tournament Format:

2-Person Shamble

Schedule Of Events:

Practice Round: Friday, November 10. Participants will make tee times one week before.

Round 1: Saturday, November 11th; 11 a.m.

Shotgun start

Round 2: Sunday, November 12th; 9 a.m.

Shotgun start ★

Member Club Spotlight: Tapatio Springs



The par-3 third at Tapatio Springs.

If you've never been to Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort in Boerne - or if it's been a while since your last visit - then you need to book a trip post haste and see the remarkable transformation taking place.

After enduring a stretch of troubled times, owing to the financial difficulties of several different ownership companies, the fortunes of Tapatio Springs changed abruptly in 2011 when an investor group headed by country music legend George Strait

and longtime friend Tom Cusick purchased the property.

The two immediately set about reinventing the iconic resort. The first phase included remodeling the clubhouse and modernizing the more than 100 guestrooms. A new \$1 million pool and bar area was added, as well as the opening of a new restaurant named La Cascada.

The resort's golf course also got a major overhaul. In 2014, Tripp Davis oversaw an extensive \$2 million improvement project. Unveiled in the fall of 2015, the

sparkling new layout at Tapatio Springs was named the No. 1 Most Improved Golf Course by *Golf Inc. Magazine*.

"Tripp did an amazing job," said Matt Reams, Director of Golf Operations at Tapatio Springs. "All the greens have been resurfaced, the teeing grounds have been completely redone, the fairways regraded to improve drainage and conditioning, and every bunker on the course has been reshaped and repositioned. The practice area also has been redesigned and

a new practice putting green has been added."

If you'd like to see firsthand the amazing revitalization taking place, the TGA has two events scheduled in November at Tapatio Springs. The Women's Texas

Pinehurst will be held Nov. 6-7, followed by the Texas Shamble from Nov. 11-12.

For more information about the Women's Texas Pinehurst, [click here](#). For more information about the Texas Shamble, [click here](#). ★

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Boerne, TX

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6,477 yards (72.1/133)
6,077 yards (70.1/128)
5,834 yards (68.8/125)
5,605 yards (67.8/124)
4,932 yards (64.8/123)

Par: 72

Member Club Since: 2010

Architects: Bill Johnston (1981);
Tripp Davis (2014)

Greens: 419 Bermuda

Fairways: Tif Dwarf Bermuda

Head Golf Professional: Matt Reams, PGA

Women's Golf Day a Huge Success for Brookhaven CC

Back on June 6, more than 700 venues in 46 countries around the world celebrated International Women's Golf Day with instructional clinics, social get-togethers and networking opportunities. Now in its second year, nearly 30,000 women took part in the global initiative. The annual one-day, four-hour event provides women and girls chances to try golf for the first time in a fun, non-intimidating environment alongside existing golfers.

Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch was one of 50 Texas clubs to join in the festivities. The longtime TGA Member Club also took advantage of the opportunity to grow the game, as well as strengthen their membership.

In preparation for the Women's Golf Day event at Brookhaven, PGA Director of Golf Brad McCollum reached out to the Dallas chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association, as well as Brookhaven's women's golf groups, tennis groups and social members to invite them to attend.

"We used it as an opportunity to share golf," McCollum said, "Our hope was to grow the game of golf and expand our reach within our membership here at Brookhaven."

Almost 40 women attended the

Women's Golf Day event, up from only six who participated in 2016. Brookhaven's success should be a lesson and an example to other clubs on what can happen with some progressive thinking.

"We definitely expanded our reach," McCollum said. "We even had a few from outside our club join us for the event, so we could share our Brookhaven Experience and the game of golf."

Like so many public courses, private clubs and practice facilities around the world did, Brookhaven conducted a low-key affair that focused on basic instruction and networking. The top priority was for the attending women to have fun and leave with a feeling of camaraderie that the game naturally encourages. After a 45-minute clinic, McCollum turned loose the attendees on a nine-hole putting contest at the club's putt-putt facility.

"Our putt-putt course is a fabulous amenity for our facility," he said. "They had to keep score and play the course in the correct sequence, holes one through nine. Those are important parts of the game, and we wanted them to experience this aspect of the game of golf."

The final hour of the event saw the women socializing around a



Nearly 40 women came to Brookhaven Country Club on June 6 to celebrate Women's Golf Day.

fire pit. Everyone left with a prize, whether it was won through a game, a raffle or a hole-in-one on the putt-putt course. The event was free, and McCollum said it was a huge success.

"We're very much a family club, and this just helped us strengthen our connection with Brookhaven families," he said. "The Women's Golf Day event helped drive home the message that both spouses can play golf, which ties directly

to what sets Brookhaven apart... we are all about getting the entire family involved."

Brookhaven's positive experience was a microcosm of the big picture goals for the worldwide event.

At locations from Johannesburg, South Africa, and Oslo, Norway, to Hong Kong, China, and Pattaya City, Thailand, Women's Golf Day enjoyed a 68 percent participation increase

compared to the 2016 event.

The event also gained massive engagement on social media platforms fueled by the **#WomensGolfDay** campaign. Women's Golf Day Founder Elisa Gaudet reported 99 percent organic growth across all social media channels. The dedicated hashtag received more than 15 million impressions to nearly 10 million uses on Twitter and Instagram.

"We've discovered that female business professionals who take up the game of golf soon recognize the value it brings when it comes to customer engagement and future business development," Gaudet said.

"It's important that women have a positive experience when playing golf, regardless of their level of experience. Women's Golf Day caters to all levels and imparts camaraderie."

Gaudet said she was thrilled with the rapid expansion, but not surprised by the worldwide interest.

"I'm elated and proud that this one-day international event has introduced thousands of new female golfers to the sport and impassioned existing golfers while transcending language, culture, religion and race to celebrate golf, women and community," Gaudet said. "It is also

important for the golf industry to understand women make up 85 percent of all consumer purchases and the important role they play as economic influencers for the family.

The big ticket items for the golf industry are home purchases in golf communities, country club memberships and golf vacations. Women have a definitive say in the making of those decisions."

Partners and supporting

organizations of the transnational event include the International Golf Federation, World Golf Foundation, LPGA, LET, European Tour Properties, TPC, NGCOA, EGCOA, ClubCorp, Billy Casper Golf, PGA TOUR Superstore, Ahead, EWGA, WIGI, International Council of Nurses, All Square, Expert Golf and Troon International.

"In my 37 years in the golf industry, I have seen very few initiatives so effectively generate

interest and enthusiasm among women and girls as Women's Golf Day has these past two years," said Steve Mona, CEO of the World Golf Foundation.

"It has rapidly become a global movement, where women are coming together, not only to take up our sport, but to network and enjoy the social benefits associated with our game."

For more information about the WGD global initiative, [click here](#). ★



Women were treated to free golf lessons and a miniature golf tournament.

Meet Our Volunteers

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 Diane Dill and Leolla Fisher.

Diane Dill

Gilmer

Home Club

(GHIN Index):

Bentwater Yacht & CC (10.3)

How long have you been a Volunteer?

"18 years."

Why do you volunteer?

"Golf has been an important part of my life from an early age. I just love every aspect of the game and giving back whenever I can. I love to play golf both casually and competitively, I enjoy serving on the TGA/WTGAC boards, I love passing on my knowledge of the golf swing to others and, perhaps most of all, I'm deeply appreciative of the many lifelong friends I've made through the game."

Favorite event to work?

"The WTGA State Amateur and the Stroke Play Championships; I would have to say those two are my favorites."

Favorite golf course in Texas?

"I have played so many courses during my golfing career that I can't say that I have a favorite."



Leolla Fisher

Palm Valley

Home Club

(GHIN Index):

Harlingen CC (14.5)

How long have you been a Volunteer?

"This is my 21st year as a Course Rater in the Rio Grande Valley."

Why are you a course rater?

"The nuts and bolts of USGA Course and Slope Ratings is interesting to me, plus I really enjoy volunteering and working with my teammates. I think it's great we all got together under one roof at the Texas Golf Association, and combining the rating books for men and women was an excellent idea."

What area do you cover?

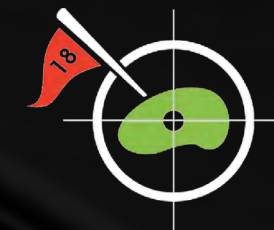
"If you drew a triangle between the cities of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Laredo, our territory encompasses that entire area. I'd say there are about 17-18 different courses in that region."

Interested in becoming a TGA Volunteer?

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



WHAT'S IN THE BAG?



PRECISION GOLF

WITH GREG CHAPMAN

DRIVER

2017 TaylorMade M1 440cc 9° Driver
Project X Hzdus Yellow 63gram 6.0 Flex
Spine Aligned at 45.5° Std Setting with D4 Swing Weight

Driver ball speed increased from about 140 mph to 144 mph, launch went up from 9° to 11°, spin went up from 1800rpm to 2100 rpm which allowed greg to see a gain of distance of 20 yards total 15 of those yards were pure carry as well. So from 205 carry 240 total to 220 carry and 264 total.



HYBRID

2017 TaylorMade M2 3 Hybrid
Fujikura Atmos Red 7 Stiff Flex
Spine Aligned at 40.75° with D4 swing weight

This was a gap in the set we fit Greg for, we needed a club to carry the yardage of his previous 3 wood so about 195 yds. This club does that for him brilliantly, and he is able to hit it very high and land extremely soft around the greens.

FAIRWAY WOOD

2017 TaylorMade M2 3 Wood
Fujikura Atmos Red 7 Stiff Flex
Spine Aligned at 43° Std Setting with D4 Swing Weight

Chapple was hitting his previous 3 wood 195 carry and 210 total due in large part to a high spin rate and low ball speed. With his new set up we saw an increase in ball speed and decrease in spin which allowed for a gain of 15 yards carry and 30 yards total, 210 carry 240 total.

IRONS

2017 TaylorMade P770 Irons 4-GW
Oban CT 115 Stiff Flex
Spine Aligned at Std Length with D4 Swing Weight

With Greg's new irons we saw a ball speed gain of 3 mph, from 131 to 134, this combined with an increased launch angle allowed greg to gain 8 yards per club on the irons. More importantly however this combination saw a large decrease in distance dispersion. Greg now knows with his new irons that a 6 iron goes 185 and will not vary more than 3 yards with a flush shot, something he was missing with his previous set.



WEDGES

Fourteen RM Tour Raw Wedges
Project X LZ 6.0 Spine Aligned at D6 Swing Weight

The new wedges give Greg the short game control he was looking for. There is a new confidence from 100 yards and in! The heavier swing weight allows greg to feel the head a little easier and give him the feel and touch he needs greenside.

Posting Scores & Handicapping Made Easier

Earlier this year, the USGA and R&A released an outline of major proposed changes to the Rules of Golf to take effect January 1, 2019 in an effort to help make the game more modern and the Rules less confusing.

This process began in 2012 with key USGA and R&A Rules administrators, professional tour officials and other Rules experts. Even though the Rules are revised every four years, this marks the first fundamental review since 1984. The goal is to ensure the Rules fit the needs of today's game and the way it is played around the world.

The proposed 24 new Rules, reduced from the current 34, have been written in a user-friendly style with shorter sentences, bulleted lists and explanatory headings. The initiative also focuses on assessing the overall consistency, simplicity and fairness of the Rules for play.

Along those same lines, the USGA published a series of videos to help golfers better enjoy the game. Categories such as Course Care, Equipment, History, Rules and more are covered in the collection of videos.

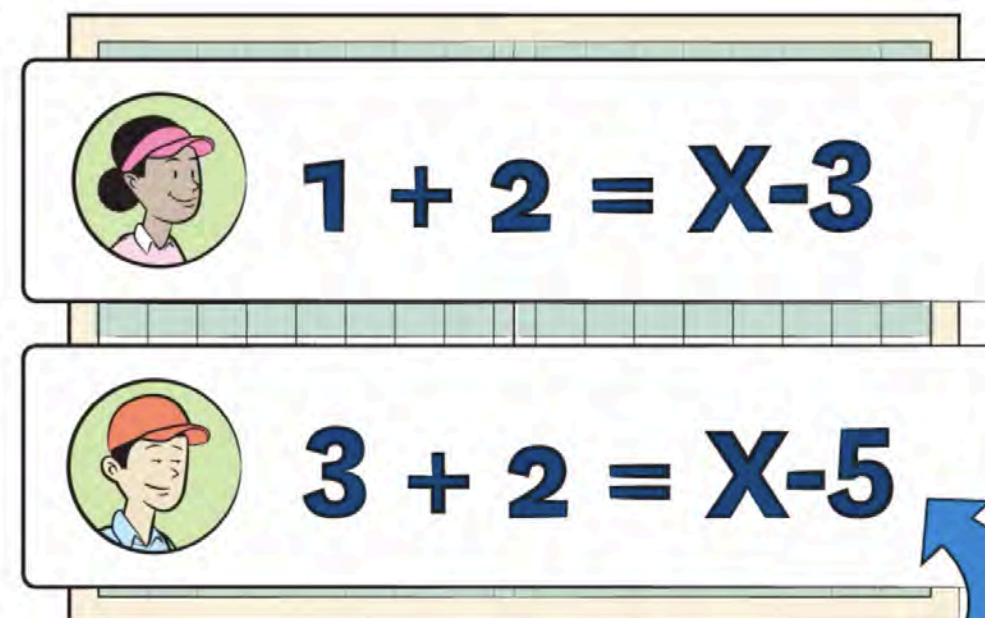
Here, we've shared two Handicapping videos. The first helps explain the concept of "Most Likely Score" in a match that includes conceded holes. The second video covers "Holes Not Played - How Do I Post My Score?" in a scenario where golfers haven't completed the entire round but still want to post their scores to GHIN. We hope you find these videos useful. ★



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!



A player must play a minimum of 7 holes to post a 9-hole score, and 13 for an 18-hole score.



$$1 + 2 = X-3$$

$$3 + 2 = X-5$$

The most likely score is the number of strokes taken plus the number of strokes the player thinks it would take to finish the hole from that position more than half the time.

Engage with the TGA

A Look at What's Been Happening on Social Media

#TGA #TOP5

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Everyone has a Top 5 list. Top 5 Favorite Courses. Favorite Movies. Favorite Golfers. Every great list provides the opportunity for even greater conversation. Which is why we want you to share yours! Over the next few months we'll ask for your top 5 choices on a variety of topics so we can establish the definitive top 5 list for each, created by you! Click the hashtag on the left to start sharing.

We've Already Started:



In Case You Missed It:



FEATURED FOLLOW



Mike Booker

This month's Lone Star Golf Featured Follow is Mike Booker! Mike is a 10-time TGA Champion and three-time Senior Player of the Year amongst other career highlights. Learn more about Mike below:

Hometown: Houston
2015 Senior Player of the Year

Age: 62

[@Booker_mikeb](#)

Favorite Course: Pebble Beach Golf Links

Favorite Golfer: Ben Hogan

Favorite Hobby Outside of Golf: "I enjoy SCUBA diving with my daughter, Caitlin."

Favorite Golf Memory: "That's such a difficult question! Any tournament win, particularly a state or national victory, is a thrill. But, if I have to choose just one, winning the NCAA National Championship as a team member of the University of Houston was very special."

Favorite Golf Drill: "I make a bet with myself to not exit the putting green until I two-putt four golf balls from 35 feet up and back (eight consecutive two-putts or less). Aces do not offset three-putts. One three-putt at any time starts the entire process all over again. It puts a lot of pressure on those last couple of short putts, especially if I'm running late to get home!"



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The Big Number

\$44,200

Total savings experienced by the 68 TGA Members who in March purchased one of the “Two Guest Stay and Play Packages” from Hyatt Regency Hill Country Golf Resort and Spa in San Antonio. The deal was the first of many Special Member Club Offers, a new feature in the TGA Member Rewards Program.

This deal, which included an exclusive \$650 discount for TGA Members, featured a one-night stay for two guests and two rounds of golf at the luxury resort set in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. For more information on the rapidly growing TGA Rewards Program, [click here](#). ★

They Said It

“There are a lot of great names up on that champions’ board and just to join them is really special.”

– Austin’s Luke Dossey, winner of the Legends Junior Tour’s 2017 Byron Nelson Junior Championship.

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