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TGA Member Mike McMahon used his GHIN number to score deep discounts on trips to Chicago, San Diego and Santa Fe. You can, too, through the TGA Member Rewards Program. Learn how in this issue.

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The Rewards of Membership

Mike and Linda McMahon wanted to take their granddaughter Anna on a vacation to San Diego. It's a family tradition for the McMahons, TGA Members who live in Dallas and belong to Northwood Club. When each of their grandchildren turns 12 years old, they get to take an exciting trip with grandma and grandpa.

Almost instinctively, Mike McMahon called his travel agent. He told her they specifically wanted to stay in the historic Gaslamp Quarter in downtown San Diego.

Uh, oh. That was a problem. The travel agent searched and searched but came up empty on available hotel rooms in the Gaslamp Quarter. To say McMahon was disappointed would be an understatement.

"Then I remembered receiving a TGA email about travel discounts," said McMahon, referring to a May 16 announcement of the TGA's partnership with Affinity Travel and the discounts of up to 70 percent on hotel bookings exclusively for TGA Members. "I thought, 'I'll go see what I can find there.' Within minutes, we found a great place, exactly where we wanted to be. It was a good price, too. The whole process went as smooth as silk."



As the keystone piece of the TGA Member Rewards Program, Affinity Travel discounts have helped dozens of members such as the McMahons save thousands of dollars on hotels. Better yet, Affinity Travel in September enhanced their product and now offers a full suite of event tickets, such as Las Vegas and Broadway shows, concerts, movies, ski

resorts, sporting events, zoos, aquariums and much more.

Discounts on all of these entertainment and travel options are currently available to TGA Members. The Affinity Travel discounts are just one of several new benefits added to the TGA Member Rewards Program in the past year to deliver greater value to members.

TGA Members Mike and Linda McMahon used his GHIN number to receive travel discounts.



In the August issue of *Lone Star Golf*, we told you about all the **important charitable work being done through the TGA Foundation**. This month's cover story highlights the value of TGA Membership. Because while much of the state identifies us as the nonprofit organization that distributes USGA Handicaps and conducts some of the best amateur championships

in the country, it's important to know the TGA offers more to its members than competitive golf opportunities.

In addition to the exclusive reduced entertainment and travel rates, the TGA Member Rewards Program also offers discounted memberships to AAA and access to our popular Fun Golf Series.

Several more benefits are in development stages and will be added to the program in the coming months. While the TGA Foundation gives back to Texas communities with college scholarships, grants and other donations, the Member Rewards Program empowers TGA Members with exclusive value-laden benefits. But you don't have to tell that to McMahon. As someone who loves the game of golf but doesn't play in competitive tournaments, he said he profits from his TGA Membership in other meaningful ways.

He likes to track the progress of his game through his GHIN Handicap Index. Like all TGA Members, McMahon receives twice-monthly eRevision updates in his email inbox.

McMahon also loves the Affinity Travel benefits. By simply using his GHIN number, he created an Affinity Travel profile to get started.

With a few clicks of his mouse, he found what his travel agent couldn't: A quality hotel room exactly where he wanted.

Affinity Travel offers the lowest rates on the internet by attaining heavily discounted rates not available to the public on travel sites like Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline, Trivago and Orbitz.

Affinity Travel provides access to unpublished inventory for more than 700,000 properties and tickets to events, attractions and theme parks. Affinity Travel has a "Low Rate Guarantee" that states if a TGA Member finds a lower rate

within 24 hours of their booking, the company will match the price and refund the difference.

"We used Affinity Travel a second time on a couples' trip to Chicago," McMahon said. "We saved 25 percent on our room, which was very nice. We didn't get shorted on room location or quality. We've used it a third time since then. It's all been very smooth. I can't say enough good things about it. That's why I've been telling so many people about it. You just type in where you want to go and look at the various hotels and rooms."

With six more grandchildren yet to turn 12, McMahon will have ample opportunities to continue their travel savings.

"Next time I go on a trip, I'll use it for sure," he said.

For more information on the Affinity Travel benefits, [click here](#).

AAA Memberships

It's no secret TGA Members love to travel. The peace of mind that comes with a quality roadside assistance plan should be a no-brainer.

For members who aren't currently enrolled with AAA,

the nation's leader in motorist support, the TGA Member Rewards Program offers AAA memberships for \$50. That's a \$23 savings.

Your AAA membership brings help to you regardless of whether you're behind the wheel or a passenger. AAA solves problems such as keys locked in a car, flat tires and mechanical breakdowns.

Beyond roadside assistance, a membership also provides access to discounts on auto, home and life insurance, as well as identity theft protection.

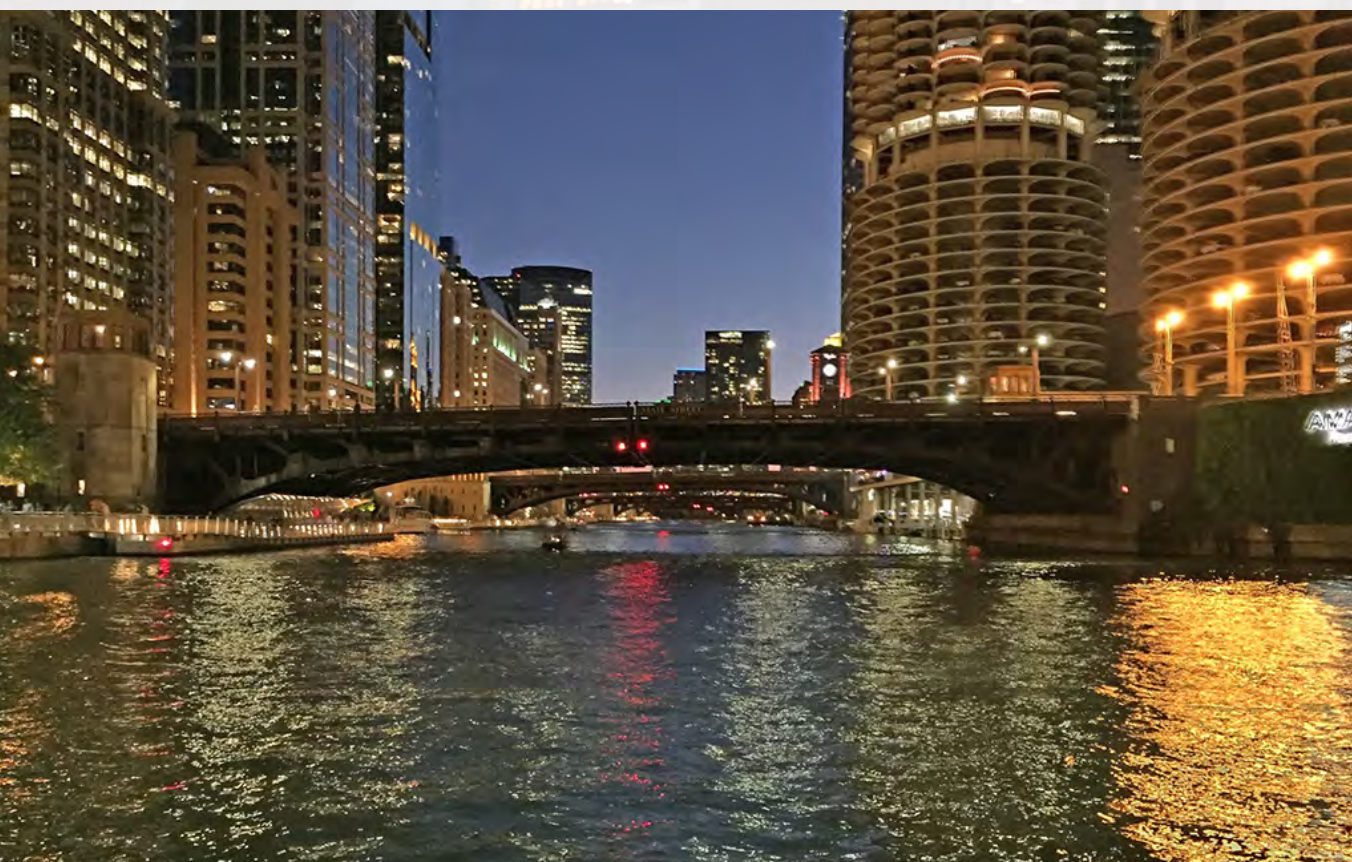
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Memberships for TGA Members, [click here](#).

Fun Golf Series

We realize not everyone who loves golf wants to play in organized tournaments. In fact, most of you just want to play new, exciting courses with good people in a laid-back, casual atmosphere.

That's exactly why we created the Fun Golf Series in 2015. While the TGA built its reputation on professionally conducted amateur championships, we have something of value for every type of golfer in Texas.





Thousands of you play for reasons other than the intense competition that exists in the Texas Amateur, WTGA State Am or our other annual regional and statewide championships.

You're more focused on breaking 100, 90 or 80 for the first time. Or maybe you don't keep score at all, and that's just fine. There are no judgements in Fun Golf, only fun times with good people on great courses.

By the end of 2017, we'll have brought our members 37 Fun Golf outings since we started the program. These recreational events travel to some of the best courses, such as Old American, Walden on Lake Conroe, TPC San Antonio, Onion Creek, Tapatio Springs and Canyon Creek to name a few. Every Fun Golf outing offers discounted rates, and our formats range from team events and individual 18-hole rounds to quick, nine-hole outings after work. We truly have something for everyone.

"What I like most about Fun Golf

Play Days is that the price is extremely reasonable and you have the opportunity to play nice courses all while having a great time with friends," said Jamie Evans, a TGA Member from Lake Jackson. "The environment at Fun Golf Play Days is relaxed and good vibes are flowing."

Kelly Kilgo, the TGA's Senior Director of Membership Services & Course Rating, oversees our Fun Golf Series. She's seen participation grow in short order since its inception nearly three years ago.

"Every year we're getting more golfers, both men and women, as well as adding more events," Kilgo said. "Our Texas Shamble is one of the most popular events on the Fun Golf schedule and even grew to wait lists the last two years."

The opportunity to play in Fun Golf events is another key facet of the TGA Member Rewards Program. It's open and available to everyone, and we hope to see you at a Fun Golf outing soon.

For more information on our Fun Golf Series, [click here](#). ★

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As we prepare to celebrate the centennial of Pebble Beach Resorts, we are reminded of all that has made this place so special. Like Spyglass Hill Golf Course, co-host of the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship. Long considered one of the most spectacular tests in golf, now is the perfect time to see for yourself why "The Glass" is such an important part of our ongoing history.



Texas Shootout Heads to Maridoe GC

On the weekend before Halloween, the state's top 24 amateurs from North and South Texas will be in for a real treat when Maridoe Golf Club hosts the Texas Shootout from Oct. 28-29. The trick for the players will be trying to come up with a game plan to tackle this stunning new course in Dallas, which was created to challenge not only the best players of today, but generations of elite players to come.



After two years of meticulous work, the highly anticipated Maridoe Golf Club opened for play just three months ago on a verdant 214-acre property that was the former site of The Honors Club of Dallas and before that Columbian Club.

Already recognized as one of the best new courses in the country, Maridoe was designed by architect Steve Smyers. An early glimpse reveals an extraordinary layout, at once thought-provoking, challenging, original and visually

sensational. Tough, too. The course has five sets of tees and measures 7,834 yards from the tips with a rating of 80.5 and a slope of 155. The next set of tees is 7,311 yards with a rating of 76.7 and a slope of 150.

The season-ending Texas Shootout is by invitation-only and 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 their way 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 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. A total of 24 matches will be played over the two days. Each match is worth three points - one point each for front nine, back nine and 18 - making for 72 available points. The first team

to accumulate 36½ points is the winner.

Skippered by playing captain Mike Booker of The Woodlands, the South team bested the North squad, 38-33, at the 2016 Texas

Shootout contested on the Cypress Creek Course at Champions Golf Club in Houston. The South now leads the overall series 8-6.

For more information on the Texas Shootout, [click here](#). ★



Holly Lake Ranch GC Donates more than \$8,300 for Harvey Relief

The resilient spirit of Texas is alive and thriving within the golf community. The latest example happened on Oct. 7, when Holly Lake Ranch Golf Club in the Piney Woods of East Texas raised more than \$8,300 for the **TGA Disaster Relief Fund**, which helps the hourly employees of TGA Member Clubs affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Days after the Category 4 hurricane ravaged Southeast Texas, Jim Armstrong, the Vice President of the Men's Golf Association at Holly Lake Ranch, approached Jeff Wilson, the club's Director of Golf.

Armstrong told Wilson he thought the club should do something to help the victims of the hurricane damage and massive floods. Wilson wasn't so sure at first.

He saw the large sums of money being generated on social media by the Red Cross, Houston Texans defensive star J.J. Watt and others and wondered how much difference his 290-member club located about 30 miles north of Tyler could make.

"Then I saw the email about the TGA Disaster Relief Fund," Wilson said. "I thought that was the perfect vehicle for us. This fund goes to help a specific

segment of golf industry people that we're trying to help."

Wilson is exactly right. Many of the dozens of TGA Member Clubs who suffered damages have insurance policies to help with the costs of recovery.

Meanwhile, scores of hourly employees from those facilities – food and beverage staffs, grounds crews, outside services, etc. – are out of work while in many cases dealing with flood damages of their own at home. It's those people who are receiving financial help through the TGA Disaster Relief Fund.

Wilson and Armstrong decided a charity tournament with proceeds going to the fund was the ideal plan. They took it to the MGA for a vote. On the spot, the MGA voted in favor of hosting the charity event. They didn't stop there, however.

Led by President W.C. Dixon, the Holly Lake Ranch MGA also voted to match whatever funds were raised. When the homeowners association, which runs the golf course, heard about the charity event, those members also voted for a dollar-for-dollar match of the amount raised through the tournament.

So it came to be on a sunny Saturday in early October, 120



golfers – 24 five-player teams – took to Holly Lake Ranch for fun and fellowship in the name of helping golf industry workers who are hurting.

The entry fee was \$30, although the homeowners association waived all but cart fees for non-members. Mulligans

were sold for two for \$5. Some club members paid an entry fee even though they couldn't play. Others added additional donations; one member gave \$100 on top of his entry fee.

In all, the entry fees netted \$2,400. The matching donations from the MGA and the HOA

brought the total to \$7,200. Add in the mulligans and extra donations and Holly Lake Ranch cut a check to the TGA Disaster Relief Fund for \$8,305. The TGA Foundation has plans to contribute to Holly Lake Ranch's total when it meets soon to discuss distribution of the funds.



"I am so proud to be a part of a golf club that has such a generous spirit," Wilson said. "While we cannot help with all of the lives being turned upside-down by this disaster, we can help with the re-building process."

Wilson made the tournament extra special with some hurricane-themed twists. The teams played a scramble format, and all the water hazards on the course were considered "flood waters" that were deemed as casual water. That meant any player who hit a ball into a water hazard received a free drop.

On the 10th hole, FEMA granted federal relief in the form of each person getting to move up one tee box.

On the 18th hole, hurricane-force winds helped each team shorten the hole. One person per team hit a tee shot from their respective tee. Wherever that shot finished is where the team started the hole.

"I can't tell you how well this event was received," Wilson said. "It just couldn't have gone any better. Our members took pride in helping out fellow Texans in need."

Pam Schmidt and her husband Keith were among those Holly Lake Ranch members who

played in the charity event. She said they saw the devastation from Hurricane Harvey and wanted to help.

They've given in several different ways, but jumped at the opportunity to specifically help the golf industry.

"We're not scratch golfers by any means, just your normal 'go out and play' type of golfers," Schmidt said. "But we love the game and respect the people who work on courses and all the work they do to keep it up and get it back after the flooding. We knew we wanted to be a part of that."

The Schmidts were grouped on a team with Wilson, who said he reveled in the opportunity to actually play in one of the events he helps conduct. It was also an unexpected bonus for Pam and Keith.

"We got lucky and got to play with our pro, Jeff," Pam Schmidt said. "That really added to the day. Here we are playing with someone who is in the same category as the people who we're trying to help. We were helping him help his colleagues. That was the best part."

For more information on the TGA Disaster Relief Fund, or to make a donation to those in need, [click here](#). ★

Ridglea to Host Texas Cup

Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth is set to host the 2017 Texas Cup Invitational from Nov. 4-5. A select number of the most talented junior golfers from Texas and surrounding states will take on the sporty North Course's twisting fairways, numerous water hazards and small, canted greens.

Back in 2008, the LJT took over administration of the Texas Cup Invitational and has seen the depth of the tournament's field grow each year. The field strength, as measured by *Golfweek* rankings, has grown steadily over the years, from 30th in 2012 to 25th in 2016.

Lewisville's Ryan Grider won last year's Texas Cup Invitational by one stroke over Carrollton's Kyle Cox. Grider fired rounds of 67-66 at Mira Vista Country Club in Fort Worth to win his second LJT Major event. Now a freshman for the Baylor Bears, Grider played back-to-back bogey free rounds with nine birdies scattered throughout 36 holes, including the par-4 18th on the final round to win the tournament.

Plano's Pierceson Coody finished third, while Trey Bosco finished fourth and Crosby Guercio, Landon Ernst and Parker Coody tied for fifth.

Winners of noteworthy championships from all across Texas received automatic exemptions into the 2017 Invitational, including Byron Nelson Junior Champion, Luke Dossey; Texas State Junior Champion, Jansen Smith; and the George Hannon Junior Invitational Champion, Garrett Martin.



Exemptions were also handed out to winners of designated LJT and Texas Junior Golf Alliance open events.

The boys-only field will consist of 78 players, which will compete in 36 holes of stroke play competition. Along with the *Golfweek* ranking, the Invitational is ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard and will distribute numerous AJGA PBE stars to the top finishers, including fully exempt status to the winner.

Additionally, the Invitational awards double points toward the LJT Player of the Year standings and serves as the last chance for players to earn points towards making their respective Jackie Burke Cup teams.

Ridglea Country Club is hosting the Texas Cup Invitational for the first time. The event has spent the last four years at Mira Vista Country Club and the five before that at The Honors Golf Club of Dallas.

For more information on the 2017 Texas Cup Invitational, [click here](#). ★

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Tapatio Springs to Host Two Popular Events

During the month of November, the beautiful Tapatio Springs in Boerne will transform into a makeshift TGA compound in the heart of the Hill Country. The recently refurbished resort welcomes back-to-back tournaments when it plays host to the 2017 Women's Texas Pinehurst from Nov. 6-7 and the third annual Texas Shamble, a co-ed Fun Golf event, from Nov. 11-12.

The Pinehurst marks the last women-only event of the year and the last chance to tee it up with TGA friends before the start of the busy holiday season. The Texas Shamble, which has quickly become one of our most popular events, is a laid-back get-together for all golfers.

Introduced in the fall of 2013, the Texas Pinehurst is one of the newest championships added to the women's annual schedule. Well-known Member Clubs like Prestonwood, Mira Vista and Riverhill have served as recent hosts, and Tapatio Springs promises to continue the tradition of first-class venues.

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 calls for two-



Par-3 12th at Tapatio Springs

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.)

The Texas Shamble is the season-ending, flagship event of the Fun Golf Series. It's a time for golf enthusiasts from all across the state to meet for a weekend of friendly competition, daily contests and prizes, food and drinks and other social activities.

The two-person team event has flights for men, women and mixed teams. There are Net and Gross Divisions; players of all handicap ranges can tee it up and have fun. For the first time in the event's

history, there will also be a course yardage set up for seniors (ages 62 and older).

In a shamble format, each team selects the best drive. Everyone then plays their own golf ball from that position into the hole. You can think of a shamble as a scramble off the tee and then regular stroke play into the hole.

Originally designed by Bill Johnston in 1981, Tapatio Springs underwent a major overhaul in 2014 under the direction of

acclaimed architect Tripp Davis.

The result of the extensive \$2 million course improvement project is a stunning transformation into a stimulating "must-play" golf experience. Unveiled in the fall of 2015, the sparkling new layout at Tapatio Springs was voted as the No. 1 Most Improved Golf Course in the nation by *Golf Inc. Magazine*.

For more information on the Texas Pinehurst, [click here](#). To learn more about the Texas Shamble, [click here](#). ★

Friendly Rivals Set to Captain Jackie Burke Cup Squads

Two of college golf's brightest young stars were selected to captain the North and South Texas teams next month at the Legends Junior Tour's season-ending Jackie Burke Cup Matches.

Earlier this year, Cooper Dossey and Blaine Hale, Jr., two former LJT champions and longtime friends, squared off in the NCAA Men's Golf Championship quarterfinals match. Dossey, then a freshman for Baylor, survived a spirited rally from Oklahoma sophomore Hale to win the match, 1 up. Oklahoma advanced as a team, however, and the Sooners ultimately defeated Oregon to win the national title.

Dossey and Hale will meet again as opposing captains in the 13th annual Jackie Burke Cup. Set for Nov. 11-12 at The Cascades in Tyler, the Jackie Burke Cup pits the top 12 juniors from North and South Texas against each other in a team match play competition.

A native of Austin, Dossey will captain the South Texas team. With six top-10 finishes for Baylor last season, including a victory at The All-American, Cooper was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Year. Hale, of Dallas, posted two top-five finishes and was T11 in the individual stroke play portion of the NCAA Championships for OU last season. He'll captain the North

Texas team.

"I'm so excited to be the captain this year," said Dossey, who went 3-1-2 as a player in two JBC appearances. "The LJT did so much to help me get to where I am today. I can never thank them enough. To be able to give back a little to them means the world to me."

Hale compiled a 4-7-1 record in four JBC events. During a busy summer schedule that saw him win the Cotton Sales Invitational, he said he couldn't wait to get to The Cascades for the JBC.

"The Jackie Burke Cup was one of my favorite tournaments," said Hale. "I'm excited to get to captain the North Team and I expect to get a win."

The members of each 12-player team are chosen off the final LJT Player of the Year Points List, which wraps up in early November. After a banquet on Friday night, play begins on Saturday with four-ball and foursomes matches. The event concludes on Sunday with 12 singles matches.

The North Texas team retained the Jackie Burke Cup in 2016 after both sides tied, 24-24. It was the first JBC tie since 2007. South Texas leads the all-time series, 7-5.

Dossey and Hale said their most vivid memories as JBC



Then & Now: North team captain, Blaine Hale (left) and South team captain, Cooper Dossey.

players didn't involve hitting a shot or holing putts. It was the friendships that were forged that mattered most, they said. Dossey remembers a singles match against Ryan Grider in 2012. They didn't know each other well back then but became friends that week at the JBC. Now they're Baylor teammates.

"It's been really cool watching everyone I played with and against become even stronger players," he said.

Everyone who has played in the JBC has a story about building strong ties with someone they met at the event.

"In my last year I played foursomes and four-ball with my current OU teammate Garrett Reband," said Hale. "I can remember the camaraderie more than the golf. I think that's why this tournament is so special."

For the two captains, the November weekend at The Cascades will be a chance to reconnect.

"I've known Blaine since I was 10 or 11," Dossey said. "He's a good dude. At the NAAs, it was hard. It's always hard to play a good friend. That match was so much fun, though. There was nothing but laughter between us. I won 1-up



on 18, but he made a ton of putts coming down the stretch. I wasn't too worried about the score; it was more just about having that memory."

Hale echoed his friend's sentiments and had a suggestion for the LJT staff in the event of another stalemate.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to avenge my loss to Cooper and keep the streak going for the North Texas team," he said. "I also proposed if it comes down to the end and there is a tie, Cooper and I need to play it off on the 18th hole."

For more information on the Jackie Burke Cup, [click here](#). ★

Member Club Spotlight: Canyon Creek Country Club



The par-4 ninth at Canyon Creek.

A typical fall Saturday morning at Canyon Creek Country Club might find as many as 25 golfers on the putting green milling around. Eventually they'll toss golf balls in the air to determine the groups for the day. That's the thing about Canyon Creek. It's a true community club. The members are friendly and social. There are no cliques or isolated groups who only play with each other. "We're a family club," said Head Professional Chad Pinson, who is

in his first year at the Richardson club. "You wouldn't really know you're in a large Metroplex when you're here. You feel like you're in Mayberry. It has an old Americana feel to it and a good mix of older and young members." Set to host a Fun Golf Play Day on Oct. 31, Canyon Creek's welcoming vibe extends to the course, too. Not punishingly long, the course defends itself with quick, undulating greens. Precision iron play is required, as is local

knowledge. Off the tee, Canyon Creek isn't going to beat you up. "The course favors players who tend to miss to the right," Pinson said. "The landing areas are generous, but club selection off the tee can be important. With the large trees framing several holes, even balls in the fairway can be out of position to have an approach that isn't obscured from the green." The par-4 11th hole is a good example. It starts from a chute of trees, but opens up to Prairie Creek on the left side of the fairway and

trees on the right side. "You can be aggressive with driver off tee," Pinson said, "but the smarter play is a long-iron or hybrid." The green is guarded by a pair of bunkers front and back and features a swale in the front-left

section. Two solid shots lead to a birdie chance. "It's a fun course," Pinson said. "You have to navigate around trees, and we have strategic bunkering. It's a very playable course." ★

Canyon Creek Country Club

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□	6,163 yards (70.5/130)
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■	5,346 yards (72.8/134)

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Member Club Since: 2011
Architect: J. Press Maxwell (1963)
Greens: Champions Bermuda
Fairways: Tif Dwarf Bermuda
Head Golf Professional: Chad Pinson, PGA

TMGA Member Clubs Receive Funding for Summer Agronomy Internships

Nineteen Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Member Clubs were selected to receive funds to bolster their grounds crews and agronomy staffs this summer as part of the 2017 Club Turf Internship Program.

Since 2013, the TGA has managed and operated the Trans-Miss Golf Association, an Allied Association that was founded more than 110 years ago. The TMGA is comprised of more than 200 member clubs located across the U.S., and features three annual tournaments: the Trans-Miss Amateur Championship (first played in 1901), the Trans-Miss Senior Championship (started in 2000) and the Four-Ball Championship, which began in 1981.

Part of the TMGA's mission is to promote its Turf Scholarship Fund. For more than half a century, the TMGA has awarded scholarships to students pursuing careers in agronomy through U.S. college programs.

Three years ago, the TMGA expanded its Turf Scholarship Fund to include the Club Turf Internship Program.

Last year, grants in the amount of \$3,500-\$7,500 were awarded to clubs after a vetting process

conducted by the TMGA Turf Scholarship Committee. A total of \$82,500 will be allocated between the clubs throughout 2017.

The program aims to provide additional resources to clubs' agronomy staffs through summer internships. Additionally, the hope is the students expand their skillsets, experience and network of contacts by working with some of the best superintendents at the finest facilities across the country.

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Horseshoe Bay Resort in the Texas Hill Country was one of the clubs that received a grant from the Turf Scholarship Fund in 2016. Ken Gorzycki, CGCS, is Horseshoe Bay's Director of Agronomy. He was a Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship recipient in the late 1970s during his undergraduate studies at Texas A&M.

Gorzycki said the 2016 Trans-Miss funds allowed him to reward Horseshoe Bay's 13-week summer intern Calvin Watson for all his hard work last year.

"The Trans-Miss was there for me when I was in need," said Gorzycki. "I'm happy to be able to help young people who were in my situation."

Watson, also a Turf Grass Science student at Texas A&M, helped Gorzycki's team with every aspect of keeping Horseshoe Bay's 72 holes in prime condition.

"The amount of knowledge I gained from Ken and his staff will stick with me forever," Watson said.

At the end of the summer, Watson received an extra bonus from Horseshoe Bay – courtesy of the Trans-Miss Club Turf Internship Program.

"We wanted to pass the funding on to the interns," Gorzycki said. "The support from the Trans-Miss certainly allowed us to pay him more than we would have been able to. Calvin was a great intern and the program definitely benefited both of us."

Association-wide, the interns who benefit from the TMGA Club Turf Internship Program are recent graduates or current students pursuing degrees from accredited universities in turf management and/or agronomy.

For more information on the TMGA Club Turf Internship Program, [click here](#). ★



Bayonet-Black Horse in Seaside, Calif., hosted the 2017 Trans-Miss Four-Ball.

2017 TMGA Club Underwriting Recipients:

- **Boone Valley Golf Club**, Augusta, Missouri
- **Cherry Hills Country Club**, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
- **CommonGround Golf Course**, Aurora, Colorado
- **Crooked Stick Golf Club**, Carmel, Indiana
- **Denver Country Club**, Denver, Colorado
- **Forest Highlands Golf Club**, Flagstaff, Arizona
- **Hideaway Golf Club**, La Quinta, California
- **Houston Country Club**, Houston, Texas
- **The Honors Course**, Ooltewah, Tennessee
- **Horseshoe Bay Resort**, Horseshoe Bay, Texas
- **Kansas City Country Club**, Mission Hills, Kansas
- **Los Angeles Country Club**, Los Angeles, California
- **Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club**, Katy, Texas
- **Minnesota Valley Country Club**, Bloomington, Minnesota
- **The Olympic Club**, San Francisco, California
- **Ridglea Country Club**, Fort Worth, Texas
- **Royal Oaks Country Club**, Dallas, Texas
- **Wichita Country Club**, Wichita, Kansas
- **Wolf Creek Country Club**, Olathe, Kansas

The Rules of Golf Explained

Understanding the Rules of Golf makes the game more fun and can help speed up the pace of play. In many cases, knowing the Rules also can help you make correct decisions that ultimately lead to lower scores.

All year long, we've brought you informative USGA videos that further help explain the Rules of Golf. In this issue, we have two more examples.

The first covers Rule 28 - Ball Unplayable. Rule 28 enables the golfer in question to be the sole decider on whether his/her ball is "unplayable." The video explains the three options for a ball deemed unplayable under penalty of one stroke.

The second video addresses the term "Nearest Point of Relief." This situation often comes into play when a ball comes to rest on a cart path, a water drain or in ground under repair or casual water. Understanding where you can drop will help you make a quick, correct decision.

We hope these videos clear up any confusion on these points and help you enjoy the game even more. ★



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

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 Scott Beaty and Mike McMahan.

Scott Beaty

Coppell

Home Club

(GHIN Index):

Tenison Park GC

(9.7)

How long have you been a Volunteer?

5 years

Why do you volunteer?

"I first started as a volunteer so that I could learn more about the Rules of Golf and how to be a tournament referee. That part has been, and continues to be, rewarding. My greatest satisfaction at this point is the camaraderie and friendship of fellow rules officials and volunteers. It's a great community of friends with a common interest."

What attracted you to become a TGA Volunteer?

"A former Army colleague of mine, who volunteers with the Northern Virginia Golf Association, recommended it to me."

Favorite event to work?

"The LJT Byron Nelson Junior Championship."

Favorite golf course in Texas?

"Shady Oaks Country Club in Fort Worth."



Mike McMahan

Austin

Home Club

(GHIN Index):

The Hills CC

(6.8)

How long have you been a Volunteer?

10 years

Why do you volunteer?

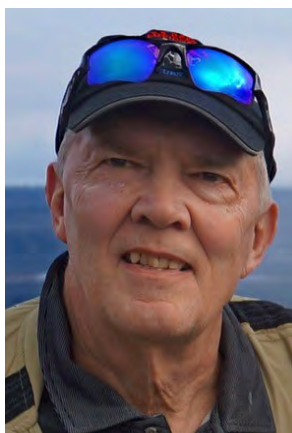
"Golf has been central to my life since my Dad taught me to play in grade school. Now I just enjoy giving back to the game. Moreover, I really enjoy watching competitive golf and the opportunity to meet and get to know the golfers and the other volunteers is icing on the cake. Some of my best friends are people I have met through volunteering with The First Tee, TGA and USGA."

Favorite event to work?

"Any event involving junior golfers."

Favorite golf course in Texas?

"Spanish Oaks here in Austin is probably my favorite."



Interested in becoming a TGA Volunteer?

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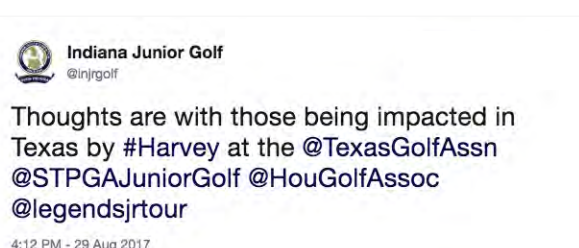
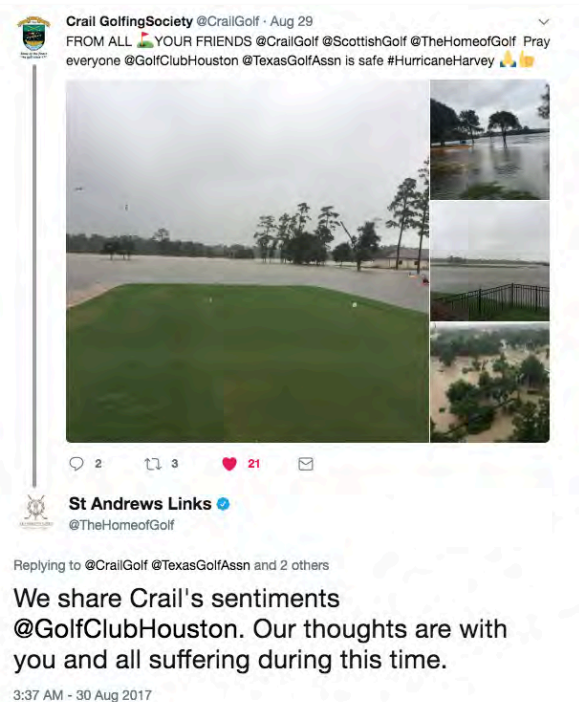
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Engage with the TGA

During the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, our community took to social media to alert others of the ongoing conditions, bring awareness of the devastation, give constant updates and show an outpouring of love and support for all those affected by the storm. Below you can see some of the activity we received during that time and how our golf community came together to aid one another in its time of greatest need. In addition, the **TGA Foundation** has started the **Disaster Relief Fund** in order to help the hourly employees of affected courses. Show your support by helping spread the word!



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TGA FOUNDATION DISASTER RELIEF FUND

HELP SUPPORT HOUSTON CLUBS

Your donation to the TGA Disaster Relief Fund will be made directly to the TGA Foundation. In coordination with the Southern Texas PGA Section and the Club Managers Association, the TGA Foundation will distribute the funding to those in the greatest need at the club level.

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The Big Number

7,902

That's the total number of new TGA Members in the past 12 months.

It includes 3,421 new members on the **Legends Junior Tour**, as well as 4,481 additional TGA individual members. Much of this increase can be traced to the enhanced **TGA Member Rewards Program**, a suite of value-based benefits we hope you're enjoying. There's more savings to come soon, too. ★

They Said It

“Within minutes, we found a great place, exactly where we wanted to be. It was a good price, too. The whole process went as smooth as silk.”

- TGA Member Mike McMahon on his experiences using his GHIN number to book discounted travel options with the **Affinity Travel** portal.

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