

Hello there!

As summer winds down, Texas golfers have plenty to celebrate. From standout performances at national championships to exciting local competitions, our members continue to showcase skill, sportsmanship, and a love for the game. This month, we spotlight a major championship, U.S. Senior Amateur showdowns, and the latest updates on rising stars representing Texas on the national stage. Dive in for all the action, results, and stories shaping golf across the Lone Star State.



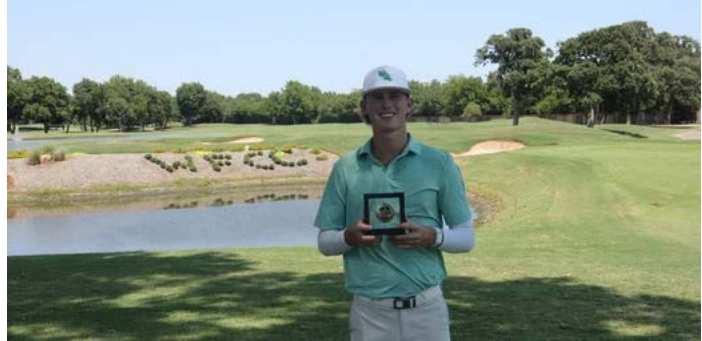
Abel & Wheeler conquer Tempest Golf Club for the 50th Texas Four-Ball Title

The 50th Texas Four-Ball at Tempest Golf Club delivered three days of exciting golf, capped by a commanding victory from Derek Abel of Dallas and Chris Wheeler of Lewisville. The longtime friends fired a final-round 8-under 64 to pull away from the field and finish at 20-under 196, winning the championship by four shots.

"It feels great," Abel said. "We've played in a lot of these tournaments and always been around the lead but never able to close it out. Today was really satisfying." Wheeler echoed the sentiment, adding, "This one is especially meaningful because I get to share it with a guy who's been like a brother to me for 30 years."

In the Senior Division, Andrew Hydorn of Houston and Mike Padilla of Richmond captured the title in dramatic fashion, winning a one-hole playoff over Don Gafner and Mark Motes of Dallas. Hydorn sealed the victory by draining a long birdie putt on the first extra hole.

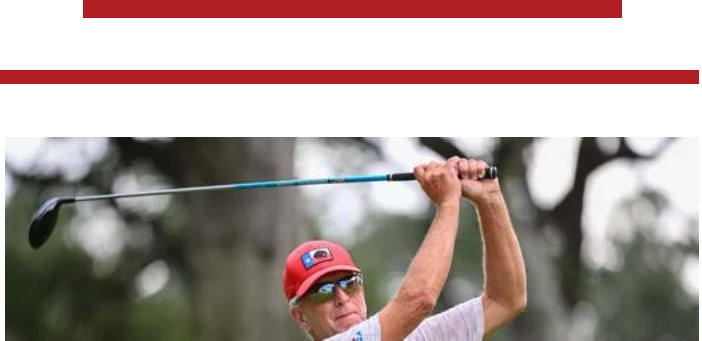
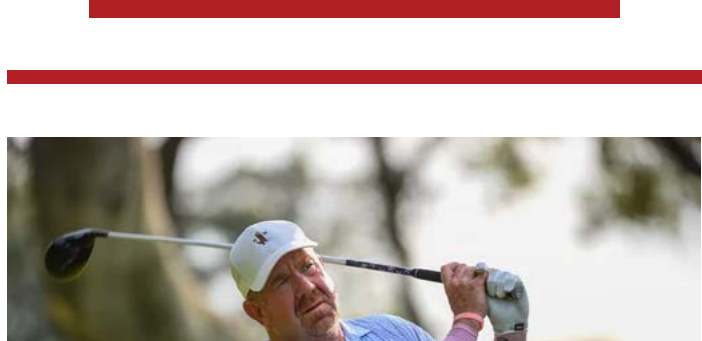
The Super Senior Division also came down to the wire, with David Ortego of Spring and Scott Smith of Montgomery posting a steady bogey-free 5-under 67 to finish at 19-under 197. Their victory was challenged by a late surge from Steven Traflet of Georgetown and Brad Greeton of San Marcos, who fired a blistering 9-under 63 in the final round but came up just short. Click below to read to recap from the 50th Texas Four-Ball and view final results.

[Recaps](#)[Results](#)

Successful Collegiate Players win the TGA Regional Amateurs

At the 2025 South Amateur at The Woodlands Country Club – West Course, John Solis of Laredo captured the title with a one-stroke victory, finishing at 15-under par after rounds of 70-61-70. Solis' second-round 11-under 61 tied the course record previously held by PGA Tour member Jhonattan Vegas, setting the stage for his exciting win. Jonathan Kim of Cedar Park finished second at 14-under, followed by Esteban Gonzalez of McAllen at 12-under and Alex Malanga of The Woodlands at 11-under. The event drew praise for its sunny skies and competitive play, with Player of the Year points awarded to the top 30 finishers.

Meanwhile, in Wichita Falls, the 2025 North Amateur delivered a dramatic playoff finish. Blake Keen of Burleson emerged victorious at 8-under after a sudden-death playoff against Seth Bearden of Trophy Club, who finished runner-up. Aaron Cummins of Trophy Club claimed third place at 6-under. Keen's clutch putting under pressure secured him the championship and an exemption into next year's 117th Texas Amateur presented by Hytera US at Spanish Oaks Golf Club. The tournament featured challenging conditions and showcased the historic Wichita Falls Country Club, a venue with a rich history of hosting TGA and USGA events. Click below to view final results.

[North Amateur Results](#)[South Amateur Results](#)

TGA Players John Pierce, Terrance Miskell represent TGA in U.S. Senior Amateur Match Play

San Antonio's John Pierce and New Braunfels' Terrance Miskell showcased impressive performances at the 2025 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship held at Oak Hills Country Club in San Antonio.

Pierce, a member of Oak Hills, advanced to the Round of 32, defeating Jon Hurst 2 up in the opening match. His strong play on home turf highlighted his experience and skill.

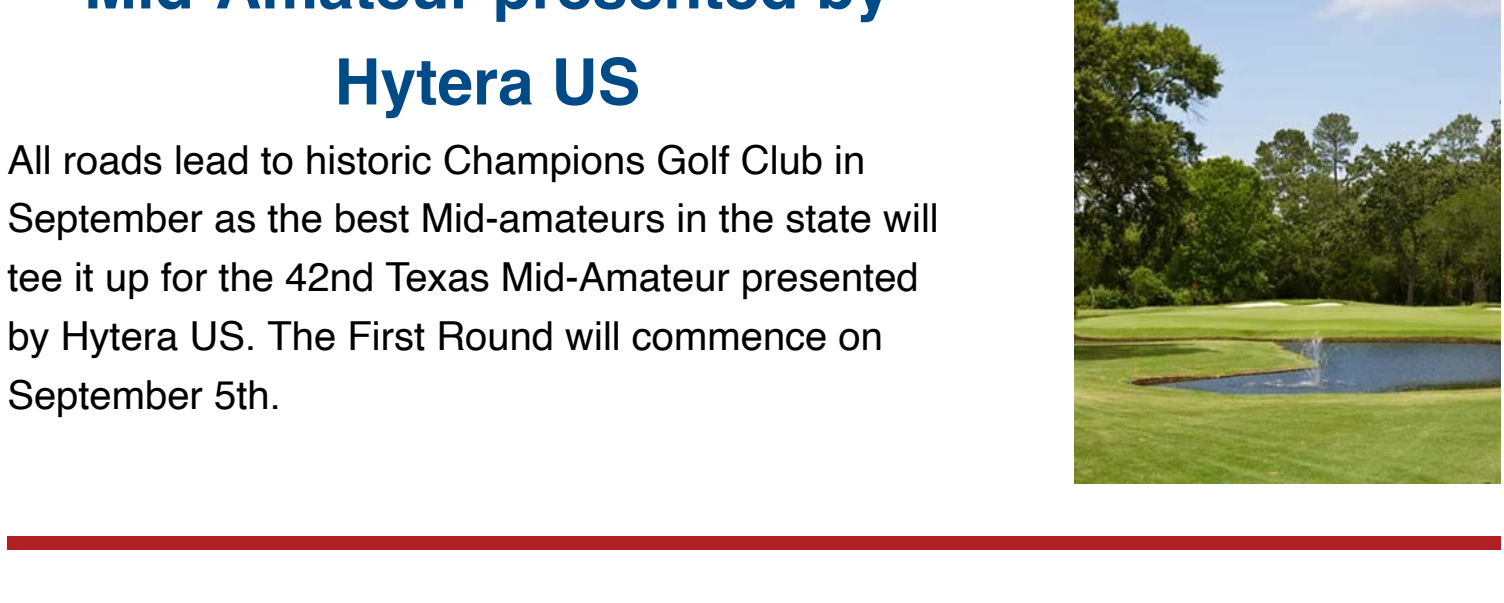
Miskell, representing New Braunfels, posted a solid 66 in stroke play, securing his spot in match play. He continued his strong form with a 2-up victory over Jon Hurst in the Round of 64.

Both players demonstrated the depth of Texas amateur golf talent at this prestigious national championship. Click below to view results from the U.S. Senior Amateur.

[U.S. Senior Amateur](#)

Stage is set for the 42nd Texas Mid-Amateur presented by Hytera US

All roads lead to historic Champions Golf Club in September as the best Mid-amateurs in the state will tee it up for the 42nd Texas Mid-Amateur presented by Hytera US. The First Round will commence on September 5th.



Jennifer Hoyt Climbs Leaderboard to Capture The 36th Women's Senior Stroke Play Title

The 36th Women's Senior Stroke Play Championship came to an exciting close at BraeBurn Country Club, with Jennifer Hoyt storming from third place to claim the title. Hoyt carded a steady final-round 80 to finish atop the leaderboard, edging out Carol Blackmar, who held runner-up honors after three consistent rounds.

Defending champion Claudia Ramirez earned a top-five finish. The championship began with Wichita Falls' Kim Cure setting the pace in Round 1 with a 9-over 81. Cure held her lead through the second round after firing a 79, but Hoyt's composed play down the stretch proved decisive in the final round.

In the Flights Division, Lisa Papes captured Flight 1, while standout winners included Lili Taufa (Flight 2), Lynda Duvall (Flight 3), Cynthia Lange and Claudia Willis (Flight 4 co-champions), Tracy Moy (Flight 5), and Liz Simmons (Flight 6). The Golf Club of Houston secured the Founders Cup with the lowest combined net scores in Round 1.

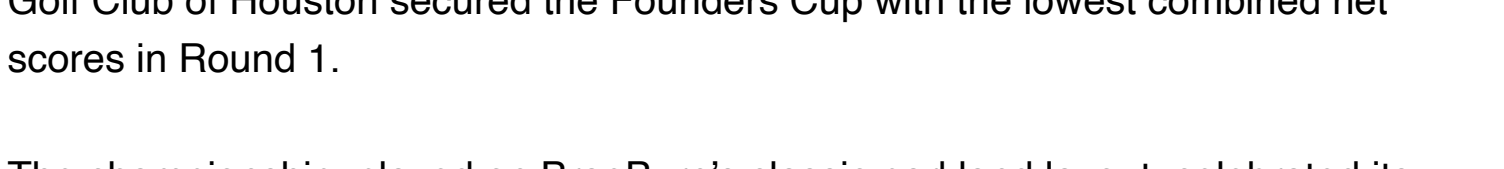
The championship, played on BraeBurn's classic parkland layout, celebrated its 36th year as a premier event on the Texas Golf Association's schedule. Senior Player of the Year points were awarded to the top finishers, with Hoyt earning 500 points toward the season-long race.

Next on the TGA calendar is the Women's Texas Pinehurst at Gus Wortham Golf Course in Houston, set for Nov. 3-4. Click below to view final results from the 36th Women's Senior Stroke Play.

[Leaderboard](#)

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2025 George Hannon Junior Invitational presented by Texas Mutual crowns its Champions

The 2025 George Hannon Junior Invitational at the University of Texas Golf Club showcased some of the state's top junior golfers, delivering exciting play across all divisions.

In the Boys 15-18 Division, Saint Mary's commit Kaden Frierson of Austin captured his first Legends Junior Tour victory with a 36-hole total of 7-under par. Frierson held off strong competition from Houston's Grant DeLorenzo, who finished one stroke back at 6-under, and a tie for third place by Andre Follmer and Finn Burkholder at 4-under.

The Boys 14 & Under Division went to Gunter's Austin Anderson, who won in a playoff after a dramatic final round, edging out Del Rio's Isaiah Diaz. Anderson's clutch performance marks his second consecutive George Hannon Junior Invitational title.

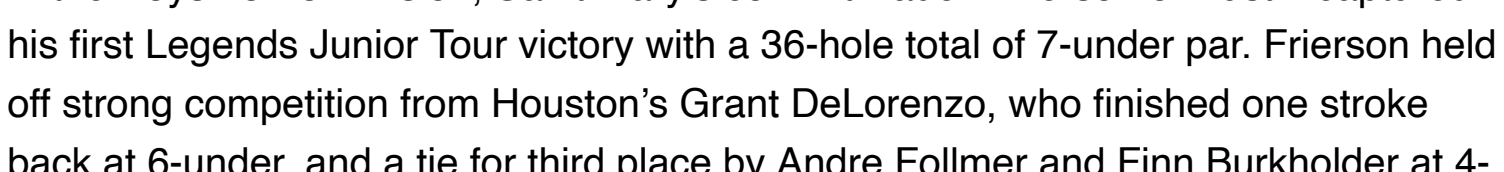
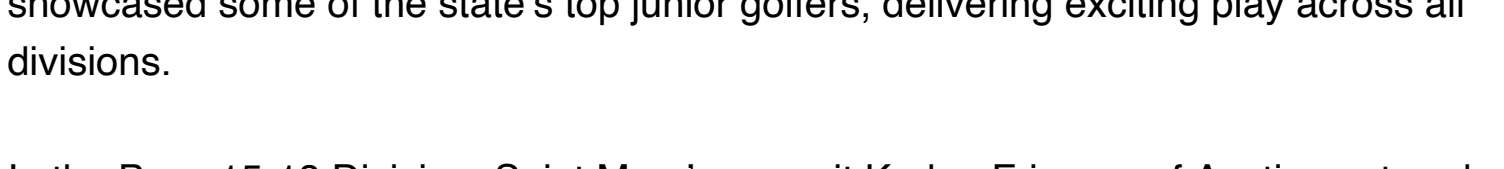
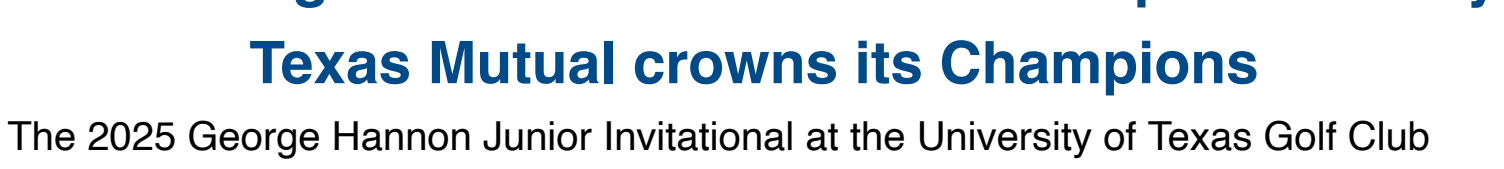
In the Girls 12-18 Division, University of Texas commit Shyla Brown of Dallas dominated with a five-shot victory, adding a third Legends Junior Tour win to her resume. Plano's Eileen Lee finished runner-up, while Austin's Ava Frazier and Claire Wan tied for third.

Other standout performances included Finn Burkholder, who opened with a bogey-free 4-under 67 in the Boys 15-18 Division, and Eileen Lee, who posted a solid 4-under 67 to lead the Girls Division after the first round. The tournament featured 36 holes of stroke play on the challenging UT Golf Club layout, which runs along the Colorado River and offers stunning Hill Country views.

The George Hannon Junior Invitational, now in its 16th year, continues to serve as a cornerstone event of the Legends Junior Tour, providing players with valuable Player of the Year points, scholarship opportunities through the Hannon Cup Association, and a clear pathway to statewide junior championships. The Legends Junior Tour will resume in September with the North Texas Classic at Cedar Crest Golf Course in Dallas. Click below to view final results from the George Hannon Junior Invitational.

[Final Results](#)

THE 50TH WALKER CUP CYPRESS POINT

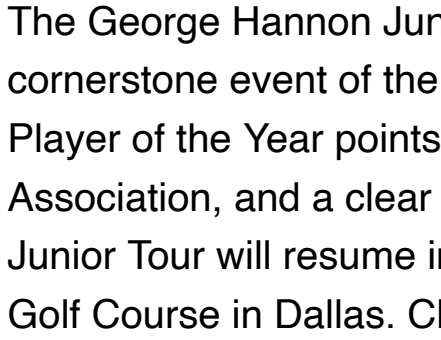


Four LJT Alum selected to the 50th Walker Cup Team

Four Texas-based collegiate stars—Tommy Morrison (Dallas), Jase Summy (Keller), Ethan Fang, and Preston Stout—will represent the United States at the 50th Walker Cup Match against Great Britain and Ireland on September 6-7 at Cypress Point Club in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Tommy Morrison, a rising senior at the University of Texas, brings a wealth of international experience, including a historic win at the 2024 European Amateur and top finishes at The Amateur Championship and Jones Cup. Jase Summy, a rising senior at the University of Oklahoma, had a record-setting season with 20 rounds under par and victories at the Western Amateur and Maridoe Intercollegiate.

Joining them, Ethan Fang and Preston Stout were previously selected to the team, rounding out a group of highly accomplished collegiate players ready to compete at the highest amateur level. The Walker Cup features 18 singles matches and eight foursomes over two days, showcasing the best U.S. and GB&I amateur talent. To read more on the Walker Cup Team, click below.

[50th Walker Cup Team](#)

Preston Stout Medalist at 125th U.S. Amateur

Preston Stout shot a championship-low 8-under 132 to earn medalist honors at The Olympic Club in San Francisco. The 21-year-old Dallas native paired rounds of 63-65 on Monday and Tuesday to top the leaderboard. Playing the Lake Course, Stout birdied four holes, including a stretch from 15-17, with Oklahoma State coach Alan Bratton on the bag.

[Stout Medalist](#)

Jase Summy wins 123rd Western Amateur

Jase Summy captured the 123rd Western Amateur title with a commanding 6-and-5 victory over Oklahoma State's Ethan Fang at Skokie Country Club. The Keller, Texas, native not only earned the George R. Thorne Trophy but also secured an exemption into the 2026 NV5 Invitational on the Korn Ferry Tour. Summy, the No. 9-ranked amateur in the world, set the tone early and closed out the match in front of a large crowd, becoming the first Sooner to win the Western Amateur since 1950. He now joins a prestigious list of champions that includes Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson, and Tiger Woods.

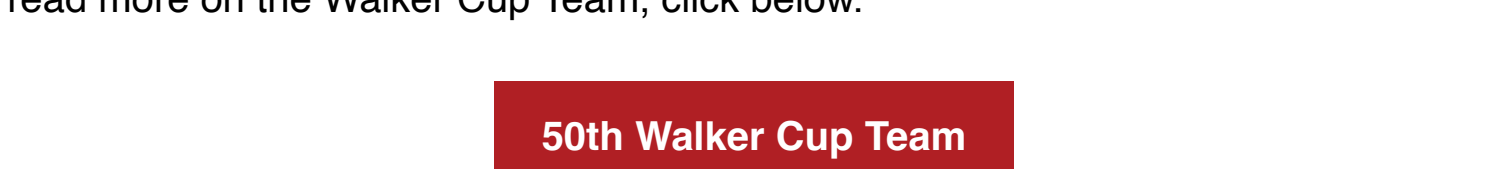
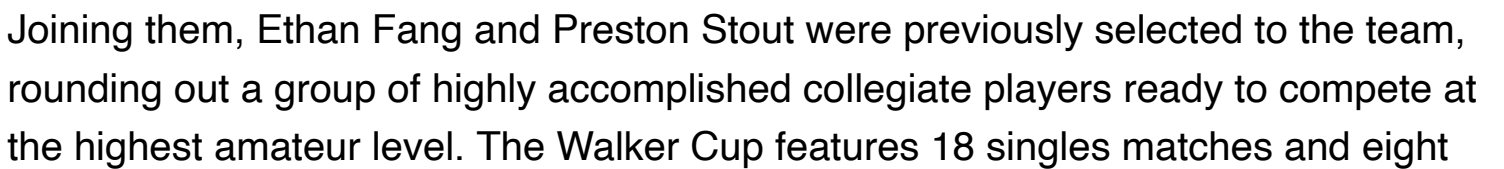


Three LJT Alum make USGA World Amateur Team Championships

Ethan Fang, Preston Stout, and Farah O'Keefe will represent the United States at the 2025 World Amateur Team Championships in Singapore this October. Fang, a rising junior at Oklahoma State, recently became the first U.S. player in 18 years to win The Amateur Championship. His teammate, Stout, also of Oklahoma State, comes off a dominant 2025 season that includes a Northeast Amateur win and Big 12 individual titles. Farah O'Keefe, a junior at the University of Texas, continues to impress with top finishes at major amateur championships, including a runner-up at the Women's Amateur Championship in Scotland.

Upcoming Schedule for LJT in 2025

- **North Texas Classic**
 - Cedar Crest Golf Course | Dallas
 - September 6-7
- **Fall Challenge**
 - The Wilderness | Lake Jackson
 - September 27-28
- **James A. Ragan Memorial**
 - Corpus Christi Country Club | Corpus Christi
 - October 12-13
- **TJGA Invitational**
 - Bearkat Golf Course | Huntsville
 - October 25-26



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