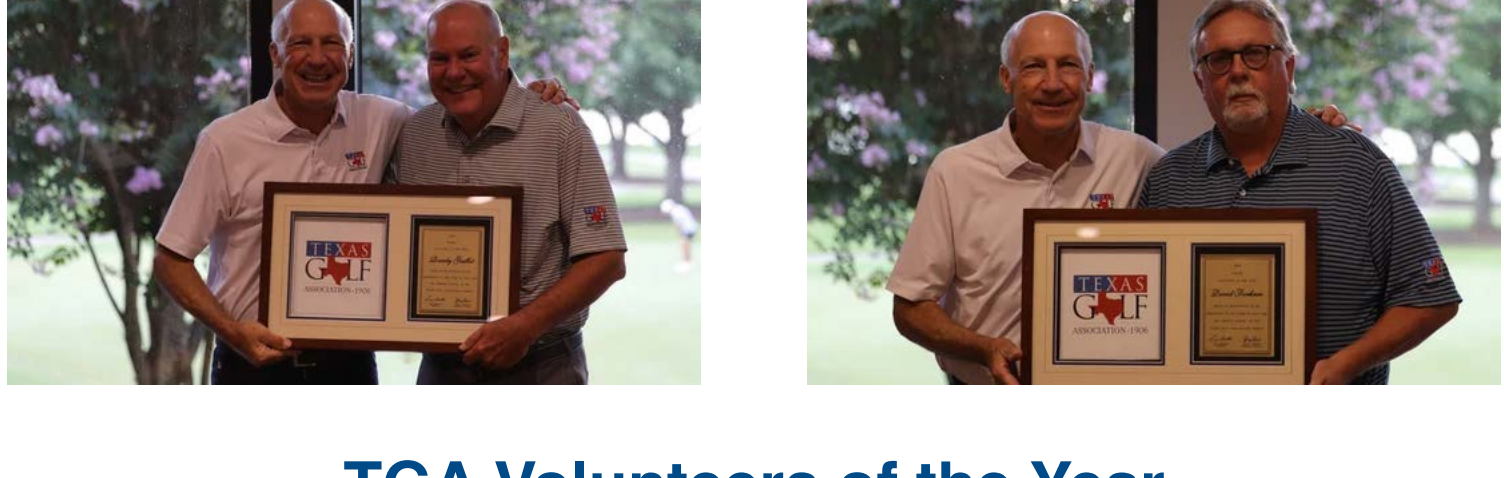


## Hello there!

As June comes to a close, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our incredible volunteers. Your dedication and support continue to be the backbone of every successful Texas Golf Association, Legends Junior Tour, along with USGA qualifiers. June's busy schedule wouldn't have been possible without your time, energy, and passion.

Looking ahead to July, we're gearing up for another action-packed stretch of tournaments, and we can't wait to have you alongside us for the journey. Your commitment makes a lasting impact—not only on the events themselves but on the players, families, and the future of the game.

Thank you for all you do. Let's take a look back at June's highlights and preview what's ahead this summer.



### TGA Volunteers of the Year recognized at Texas Amateur

The Texas Golf Association proudly recognized Randy Guillot and Dave Forkner as the 2024 Volunteers of the Year for the North and South regions at the 116th Texas Amateur presented by Hytera US. The TGA is proud to celebrate Randy and Dave for their dedication, passion, and the positive impact they've made on Texas golf. **Click below to view the article on Randy and Dave from earlier in the year.**

[Volunteers of the Year Recognized](#)



### Grace Jin Defends Her Title at the 104th Women's Texas Amateur

Grace Jin of Huntsville etched her name in the history books, winning the 104th Women's Texas Amateur and becoming the first player since Emma McMyler to successfully defend the prestigious title. Jin outlasted Tillie Claggett of Spring, 2 and 1, in an intense final match at Corpus Christi Country Club.

After trailing early, Jin rallied with clutch birdies on the front nine to seize the lead and never looked back. She closed out the match with a steady performance down the stretch, highlighted by a birdie on No. 13 to extend her advantage.

"It feels great," Jin said following her victory. "I never thought I'd win back-to-back titles. I came in expecting nothing, but I'm glad I got the job done."

With the win, Jin also earned a coveted exemption into the 126th U.S. Women's Amateur, set for August at Bandon Dunes — marking the second straight year she's secured her spot in the national championship through this event.

The Texas Golf Association extends its thanks to Corpus Christi Country Club for providing an outstanding championship atmosphere and welcoming some of Texas's best women's amateur golfers. **Click below to view the recaps from the Championship Flight.**

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### Toby Wilt Wins 116th Texas Amateur presented by Hytera US

Fort Worth's Toby Wilt captured the 116th Texas Amateur presented by Hytera US, sealing a wire-to-wire victory at Ridgewood Country Club in Waco. Wilt, a standout golfer at TCU, posted a final-round 71 to finish at 12-under par 268, earning a two-shot win over the field.

"It's awesome to win in this sport," Wilt shared. "To get it done today in front of the crowd and the people I love was super important to me."

Wilt controlled the leaderboard from start to finish, stretching his lead early with birdies on Nos. 4 and 9. A bogey on No. 13 created some late drama, followed by a lengthy 2-hour, 20-minute weather delay. But Wilt kept his composure, navigating a tricky final hole to secure the victory and etch his name on the historic H.L. Edwards Trophy.

With the win, Wilt also earned an exemption into the 125th U.S. Amateur at The Olympic Club — his first USGA championship appearance.

Hudson Wilt of Fort Worth, Carson Gallaher of New Braunfels, and Jaxon Bandler of Austin shared runner-up honors at 10-under, while Andrew Paysse of Temple and Ryan O'Rear of Leander led the mid-amateur contingent, tying for fifth at 9-under.

The Texas Golf Association extends its thanks to Ridgewood Country Club for hosting and to presenting sponsor Hytera US for their continued support. The 117th Texas Amateur heads to Spanish Oaks Golf Club next June

[Round Recaps](#)

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### Gleneagles Country Club wins 2025 Texas League Play

Plano's Gleneagles Country Club captured its first Texas League Play title in dramatic fashion, defeating River Crest CC in a playoff at the 2024 Texas League Play Playoffs hosted by Tapatio Springs Resort. Chase Thomas delivered the winning moment, sinking a clutch three-foot putt to seal the championship for Gleneagles — marking the club's first playoff title since the event's inception in 2006.

The championship match was a back-and-forth battle, with both teams tied through nine holes. Gleneagles leaned on their top scratch pairing of Chase Thomas and Brandon Bingaman to sweep all three points in their match, forcing a playoff. On the decisive hole, Thomas' third shot set up the short putt that clinched the victory.

The path to the title included a semifinal win over Cinderella-story Pecan Plantation, who upset top-seeded Barton Creek in the opening round. River Crest CC, known for dominant play, reached the final with an 8.5 – 3.5 victory over Eagle Pointe GC in the semifinals.

The playoffs, hosted at the scenic Tapatio Springs Resort near San Antonio, featured thrilling matches across every round, highlighted by underdog stories, playoff dramas, and standout performances.

Texas League Play, launched in 2006, offers TGA member clubs an eight-week season of interclub competition, culminating in playoffs for the state's top teams.

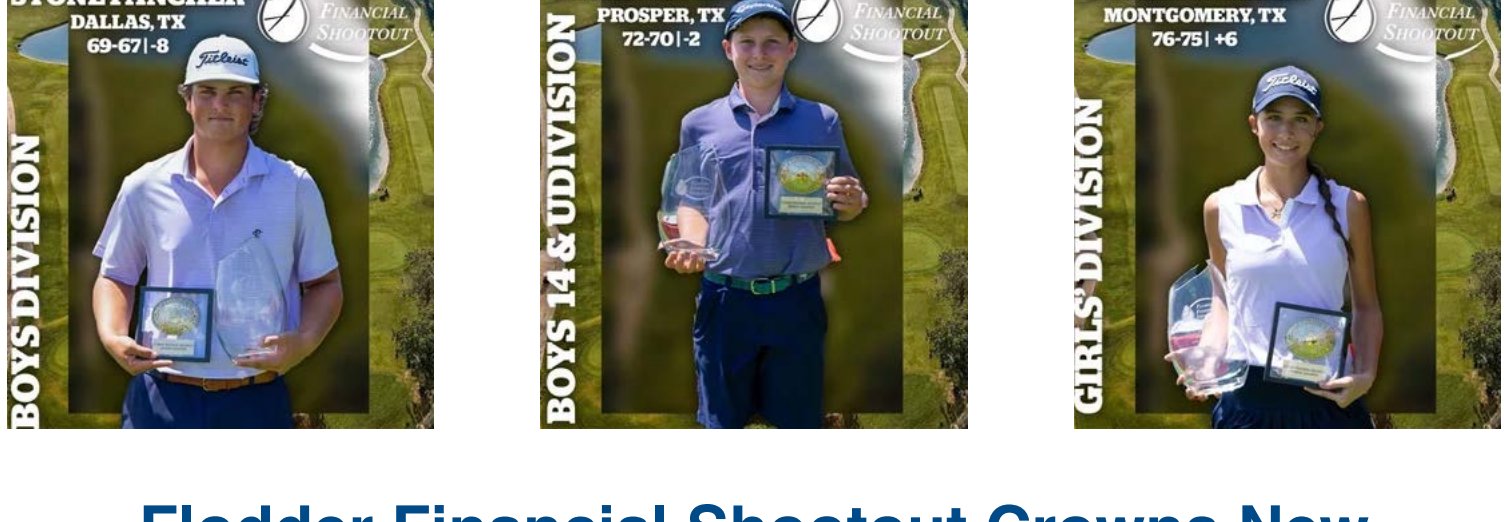
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### Brooks Simmons wins 26th Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship

The Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship marks the start of a busy and competitive summer schedule for the Legends Junior Tour. This year's event included another great finish for the major championship that has seen so many other great names come before it. Brooks Simmons of Dallas would fire consistent rounds of 68-68-68 to win the 26th edition of the event in what came down to a final putt on No.18. Chasing his fellow high school teammate Jeffrey Rubenstein entering the final round, Simmons would need to make some moves to win the event.

Trading shots back and forth throughout the round, a bogey on No.17 dropped Simmons back to 3-under for the round. Coming into No.18, Simmons would stripe a driving iron, splitting the fairway, and followed it up with an uphill wedge shot to leave himself a downhill six-foot putt for the win. With a gallery around No.18 to watch, Simmons stepped up and knocked down the putt. Simmons, a University of Texas Golf Commit, joins an elite list of Longhorns to lift the trophy, including Jordan Spieth. Click left below to read the 26th Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship recaps. Click right below to view the final results.



### Flodder Financial Shootout Crowns New Champions

In the 2025 edition of the Flodder Financial Shootout, new competitors claimed their first title on the Legends Junior Tour in the second event of June. Stone Fancher claimed his first LJT victory with a final round 67, highlighted by three straight birdies on holes 11-13. San Antonio's Jett Leard charged up the leaderboard with a 4-under 68 to finish second, followed by Matthew Lewis, Preston Chabaud, and Drew McSpadden rounding out the top five.

In the Boys 14 & Under Division, Bryar Murphy of Prosper birdied two of his first three holes en route to the win. Fellow Prosper native Owen Layton finished second with a consistent 2-over total.

Montgomery's Katelyn Allen rallied to win the Girls 12-18 Division, overcoming a double-bogey start to secure her first LJT title. Sugar Land's Sophia Liu finished second, and Houston's Sydney Marns took third, highlighted by a hole-in-one on No. 7.



### LJT Alumni Shine on Global Stage with Historic June Performances

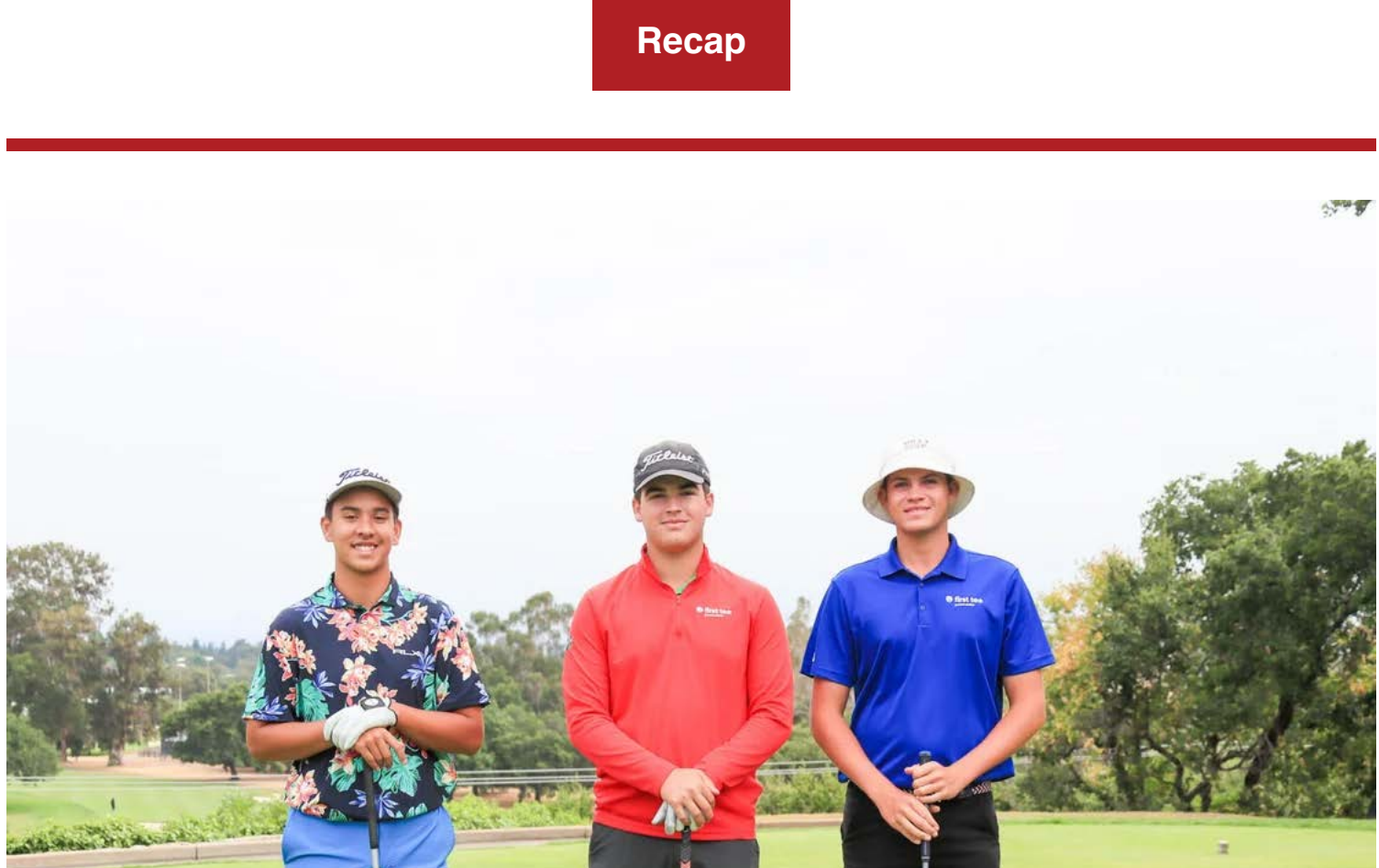
It was an unforgettable month for Texas golf standouts Farah O'Keefe, Ethan Fang, and Preston Stout, who made headlines with remarkable performances at some of the most prestigious amateur tournaments in the world.

O'Keefe, a University of Texas star, advanced to the finals of the 121st Women's Amateur Championship in Scotland after a thrilling run through match play, including a semifinal victory over fellow LJT alum Tillie Claggett. She finished runner-up, adding to an already stellar season that includes All-American honors and an Arnold Palmer Cup selection.

Across the pond, Ethan Fang etched his name in history by winning The Amateur Championship at Royal St. George's in England. The Oklahoma State Standout became the first American in 17 years to claim the title, earning an invitation to The Open Championship at Royal Portrush this July.

Back in the U.S., Preston Stout delivered a dominant wire-to-wire victory at the Northeast Amateur, winning by eight shots and securing an exemption into this year's U.S. Amateur at Olympic Club. Click below to read to full recap on their performances.

[Recap](#)



### LJT Players Represent at First Tee National Championship

The 2025 First Tee National Championship commenced June 23-26 at the University of Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course. This premier 54-hole event showcased 48 of First Tee's top young golfers (ages 14-18) from across the country, offering them a high-level competitive experience while emphasizing character and leadership.

Before teeing off, participants got to engage in special opportunities like a fireside chat with Notre Dame Athletic Director Pete Bevacqua and a coaches panel focused on the college golf pathway. Winners took home the Tattersall Cup, with select players earning coveted spots in the PGA TOUR's Pathways to Progression program and possible exemptions into the PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach.

The event rotates annually to top college campuses, with the 2026 championship slated for UNC's Finley Golf Course. Many Legends Junior Tour Players got to represent their First Tee Chapters.

- Daniel Ferguson First Tee – Greater Dallas
- Andre Folmer First Tee – Greater Austin
- Kaden Frierson First Tee – Greater Austin
- William Mangione First Tee – Greater Austin
- Lindsay Lee First Tee – Greater San Antonio
- Jordan Sandoval First Tee – Greater San Antonio
- Emmy Yang First Tee – Greater Austin

### Upcoming LJT Schedule

- Lanny Wadkins Junior Championship
  - South Shore Harbour Resort
  - July 14-15
- 99th Texas Junior Amateur presented by Edwin Watts Golf
  - Horseshoe Bay Resort
  - July 28-30
- George Hannon Junior Invitational presented by Texas Mutual
  - UT Golf Club
  - August 11-12
- North Texas Classic
  - Cedar Crest Golf Course
  - September 6-7



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