

2025 IMPACT REPORT

GOLF GETS BETTER HERE



THE TEXAS GOLF ASSOCIATION (TGA) is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to advancing and supporting the game of golf across Texas. Founded in 1906, the TGA serves as the governing body for amateur golf in the state and is proud to be an official representative of the United States Golf Association® (USGA).

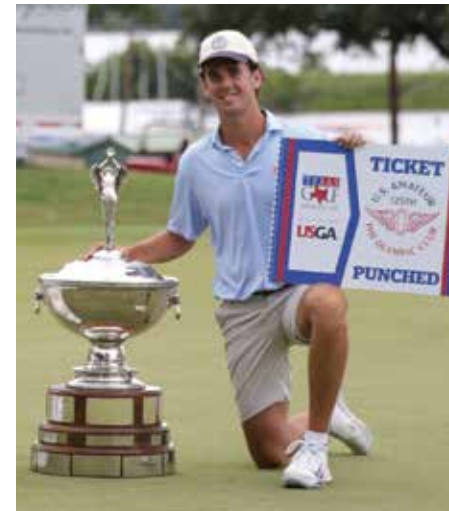
Today, the TGA is one of the largest Allied Golf Associations in the country, serving more than 600 member clubs and nearly 200,000 individual members. Our work is grounded in a simple belief: golf is strongest when it is accessible, well-supported, and connected to the communities it serves.

The TGA delivers a wide range of programs and services that touch every part of the game, from administering the World Handicap System™ and conducting Course Rating™, to hosting premier amateur championships, supporting recreational play, and developing pathways for junior, adaptive, and emerging golfers. Through education, competition, outreach, and innovation, we help golfers of all abilities engage with the game in meaningful ways.

Through the TGA Foundation, the TGA also invests in the future of golf by expanding access and opportunity for young people across the state. With initiatives that combine on-course experiences, mentorship, and financial support, the Foundation helps ensure that the game of golf continues to make a positive impact for generations to come.

Together, these efforts reflect the TGA's commitment to accessible, impactful golf in Texas.

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2025 AT-A-GLANCE

In 2025, the TGA continued to focus on what matters most: strengthening golf in Texas by supporting the people, places, and programs that make the game thrive. From local courses and member clubs to golfers at every stage of their journey, the TGA's work is rooted in impact, access, and long-term sustainability.

This year's highlights reflect a growing, connected golf community powered by dedicated volunteers, professional staff, and strong partnerships across the state. Through championships, outreach initiatives, junior development, and industry leadership, the TGA is helping ensure that golf remains welcoming, relevant, and resilient for generations to come.

As you explore this report, you will see how when we invest thoughtfully and work together, golf truly does get better here.

- **197,000** Total TGA Members
- **614** TGA Member Clubs
- **186** Events Hosted
- **5,101,057** Rounds Posted to GHIN®
- **105** Championship Volunteers Devoted **1145** Days to the TGA
- **52** Course Rating Volunteers Devoted **70** Days to the TGA

Upholding the Spirit and Growth of Golf in Texas

The Personal Significance of Golf

Golf has played a significant role in my life for nearly six decades. I was introduced to the game when I was just ten years old, and from early on, it became an essential part of who I am. Some of my most cherished memories from those early years are of mornings spent playing the back nine at the historic Memorial Park in Houston with my Papaw. He was the one who taught me how to play, instilling in me not only the basic rules of golf but also lessons that extended far beyond the sport itself. Through those experiences, I learned the deeper values inherent in golf—principles such as integrity, sportsmanship, and character. These qualities, which I consider to be part of the “so much more” that golf offers, are what truly set our game apart from others. As President of the Texas Golf Association, I am committed to ensuring that these principles remain at the forefront of how we govern the game and in all that the Association does to further the sport throughout Texas. I am deeply grateful to my Papaw for imparting these lessons to me.

Honoring Past Leadership and Inspiration

Since its founding in 1906, the Texas Golf Association has been guided by many resolute individuals, each sharing the common goal of promoting and advancing golf in Texas. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those who have provided oversight and leadership through the years. I especially want to acknowledge those who have most recently served in this role—Lee Sandlin, Jonathon Shipley, Leslie Henry, and Carey Schulten. Observing their leadership and the initiatives they introduced has inspired me to continue working toward the mission of advancing every aspect of

the game in our state. Thank you all for your contributions and commitment.

The Value of Community and Volunteers

My journey as a volunteer with the Texas Golf Association began in 2008, motivated by a desire to give back to the game that has played such a meaningful role in my life. From the outset, I discovered a deep appreciation for the community within the sport and truly enjoyed forming connections with the many individuals committed to every aspect of the game. It is important for me to recognize the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and directors. Their unwavering commitment is significant to the Texas Golf Association’s ongoing success. Without the contributions of these individuals, much of the Association’s mission simply would not be achievable. We are grateful for the steadfast support and invaluable efforts of our volunteers and



directors, whose passion and service continue to further the progress and health of golf throughout Texas.

Appreciating Staff Leadership

I also want to express my sincere appreciation for the tireless efforts of our staff, led by Executive Director Stacy Dennis. Their expertise and daily dedication play a critical role in enhancing every aspect of golf in Texas. Each member of the staff is committed to making a positive impact, working diligently to ensure that our programs, tournaments, and initiatives run smoothly and successfully. Their ongoing contributions are essential to our mission of continually improving and furthering the game of golf in Texas.

Reflecting on Accomplishments and Looking Forward

I encourage you to take some time to review this annual report, which highlights the wide range of programs and initiatives developed by the Association over the past year. Within its pages, you will find detailed accounts of specific accomplishments in 2025, reflecting the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. With the leadership and guidance of what I believe to be the best Allied Golf Association in America, I am confident that golf in Texas will continue to thrive and reach new heights in the years ahead.

A Grateful and Hopeful Outlook

To conclude, I want to express how deeply honored and humbled I am to serve as the

next President of the Texas Golf Association. To say that this distinction was never on my bingo card is an understatement. Yet I am truly grateful and genuinely excited for the opportunity to take on this responsibility and serve alongside such a passionate community.

A Vision for the Future

With an unwavering dedication and a spirit of collaboration, I firmly believe that our collective efforts will enable us to continue to grow the game we cherish. By working together, we can ensure that the core values and unique principles and benefits of golf—what I like to call the “so much more”—are shared with all communities across every region of Texas. As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, I am optimistic that our involvement and commitment will help bring the game to new heights, making golf accessible and meaningful for everyone throughout the state.

Thank you, Papaw, and thank you to all who support the health and growth of golf in Texas.

Rick Turner
President
Texas Golf Association

Supporting the Communities That Power Texas Golf

Golf is played locally at courses all across the state, and that is where the TGA's work begins. We provide resources, education, and support for Texas club staff and leadership who help golfers play, compete, and enjoy the game every day.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **614** Total Clubs: **304** Public, **204** Private, **104** Municipal
- **116** Clubs Hosting TGA Activities **288** Days On-Site at Member Clubs
- **365** TGA Member Clubs Managed **1.7 Million** Rounds in Golf Genius
- **650** Sets of Tees Rated for **66** Courses

SPOTLIGHT: PROJECT MUNI

Public municipal golf courses are the heart of the game in Texas and across the country. Nearly 75% of all rounds nationwide are played on public courses, making munis vital community hubs that keep golf affordable, accessible, and open to all. In a state with the third-highest demand per public course in the nation, these facilities do more than host rounds, they connect neighbors, welcome new players, and sustain the future of the game.

Yet many municipal courses operate under tight budgets that make critical upgrades and long-term improvements difficult to prioritize. That's where the TGA's grant program, Project Muni, comes in.

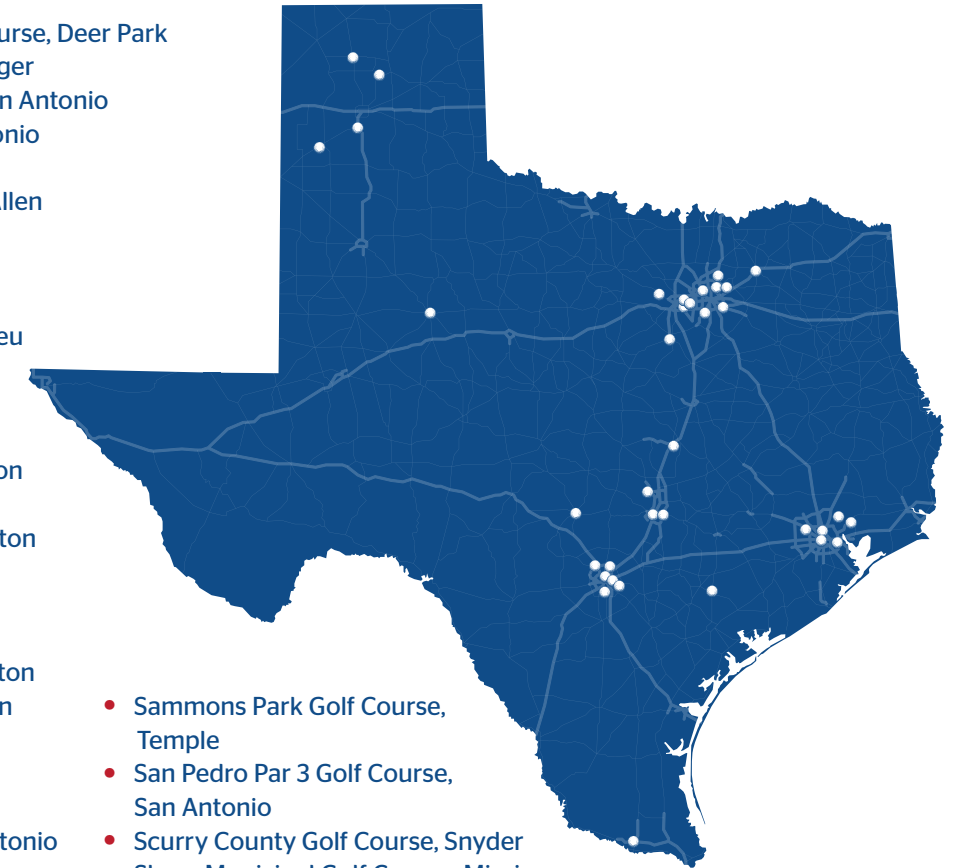
Project Muni offers municipal clubs two key forms of support:

1. **USGA Agronomy Consultation Funding**
Every municipal TGA member club can receive expert on-site agronomy evaluations through the USGA Green Section at no cost to the course.
2. **Matching Grants for Strategic Projects**
Courses can apply for TGA-matched funds to complete course improvements that directly enhance the golfer experience or operational sustainability.

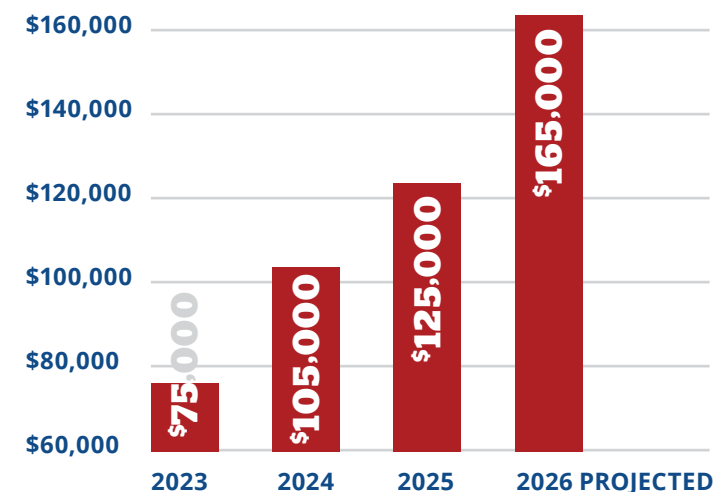
By the end of 2025, the TGA will have invested \$305,000 into Project Muni, driving improvements at courses across Texas and expanding their ability to better serve their communities. Looking ahead, the TGA has committed to a \$1 million total investment by 2029 to ensure that municipal golf in Texas continues to grow, thrive, and welcome the next generation of players.

Project Muni Funded Sites

- Battleground at Deer Park Golf Course, Deer Park
- Borger Municipal Golf Course, Borger
- Brackenridge Park Golf Course, San Antonio
- Cedar Creek Golf Course, San Antonio
- Cedar Crest Golf Club, Dallas
- Champion Lakes Golf Course, McAllen
- Cleburne Golf Links, Cleburne
- Cross Timbers Golf Course, Azle
- Crystal Falls Golf Club, Leander
- Eagle Pointe Golf Club, Mont Belvieu
- Firewheel at Garland, Garland
- Hallettsville Golf Association, Hallettsville
- Hermann Park Golf Course, Houston
- Indian Creek Golf Club, Carrollton
- Jersey Meadow Golf Course, Houston
- John Pitman Golf Club, Hereford
- Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course, Fredericksburg
- Lake Arlington Golf Course, Arlington
- Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin
- Mission Del Lago Golf Course, San Antonio
- Morris Williams Golf Club, Austin
- Northern Hills Golf Course, San Antonio
- Oak Lawn Golf Course, Marshall
- Palo Duro Creek Golf Club, Canyon
- Pheasant Trails Golf Club, Dumas
- Prairie Lakes Golf Course, Grand Prairie
- Quail Valley Golf Course, Missouri City
- Riverside Golf Club, Grand Prairie
- Sammons Park Golf Course, Temple
- San Pedro Par 3 Golf Course, San Antonio
- Scurry County Golf Course, Snyder
- Shary Municipal Golf Course, Mission
- Sherrill Park Golf Course, Richardson
- Texas Rangers Golf Club, Arlington
- Texas Star Golf Club, Euless
- The Courses at Watters Creek, Plano
- Willow Springs Golf Course, San Antonio
- Wright Park Municipal Golf Course, Greenville



Year-Over-Year Investment in Project Muni



“We used the grant money for seed to be used on range teeing areas and bent grass seed for updating some of our greens. We also purchased a new fairway mower for our course and the fairways have never been better.”

**- Larry Joe Reed
Superintendent, Borger
Muni Golf Course**

Programs and Pathways for Every Golfer, Everywhere

The TGA delivers programs, resources, and education for golfers of all backgrounds and abilities. No matter where someone is on their golf journey, or where they live in Texas, the TGA exists to help them connect with and enjoy the game.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **197,000** Total Members
- **5,101,057** Rounds posted to GHIN®
- **186** Events Hosted
- **20,000** Rounds Played
- **125** Players in USGA Championships Qualified for the Final Field Through Texas Events

SPOTLIGHT: CHAMPIONSHIPS & PLAYER RECOGNITION

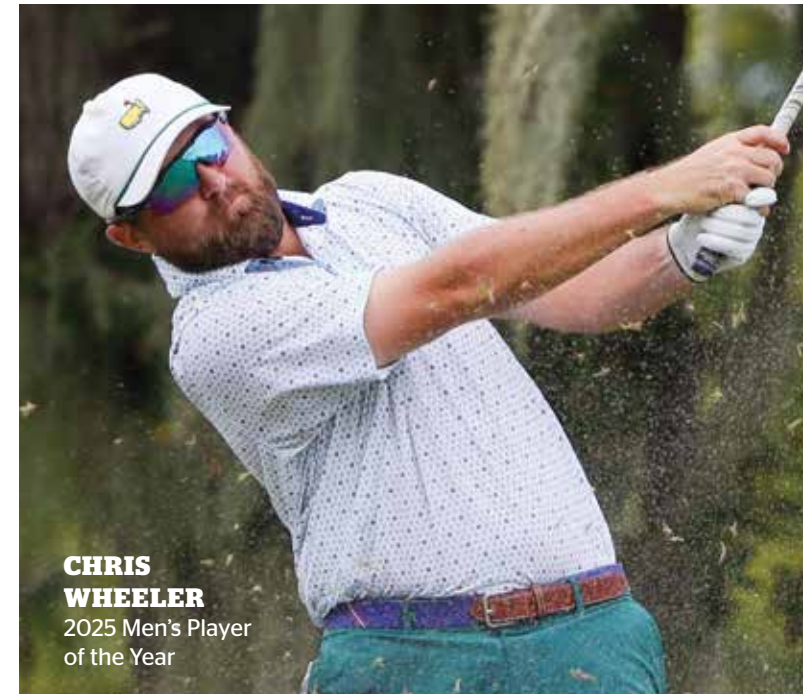
It was another memorable championship season for the TGA and LJT in 2025 with 12,000 total event entries and 4,300 unique golfers registered! The season was highlighted by several firsts, seconds, thirds, and long-awaited returns to special places.

For the first time ever, the final nine holes of the 99th Texas Junior Amateur presented by Edwin Watts Golf Boys and Girls 15-18 Divisions was broadcast live by the Championship Golf Network and Honorine Nobuta Ferry of Flower Mound delivered a star-making performance, firing a 7-under 65 in the final round on the Apple Rock Course at Horseshoe Bay Resort, including a blistering back nine 6-under 30, to finish at 11-under 205 in route to winning her second consecutive title.

Ridgewood Country Club in Waco, which has been the site of five previous Women's Texas Amateurs, welcomed the 116th Texas Amateur presented by Hytera US, its first time hosting the men's major championship, with first-time winner Toby Wilt of Fort Worth claiming the H.L. Edwards Memorial Trophy.

McAllen Country Club in the Rio Grande Valley hosted its first TGA championship when the 88th Texas Senior Amateur returned to the southernmost tip of the state after a 40-year hiatus, with another first-time winner, Scott Tibbits of Huffman, taking top honors.

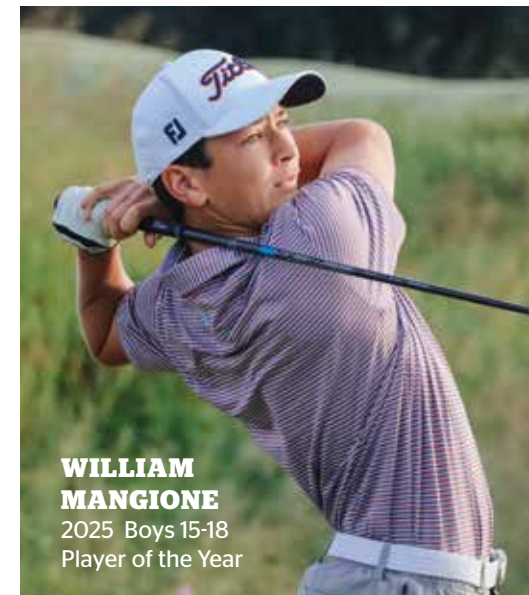
Corpus Christi Country Club staged its fourth overall Women's Texas Amateur since 1947, and its first in 55 years, with Grace Jin of Huntsville entering the history books by defending her



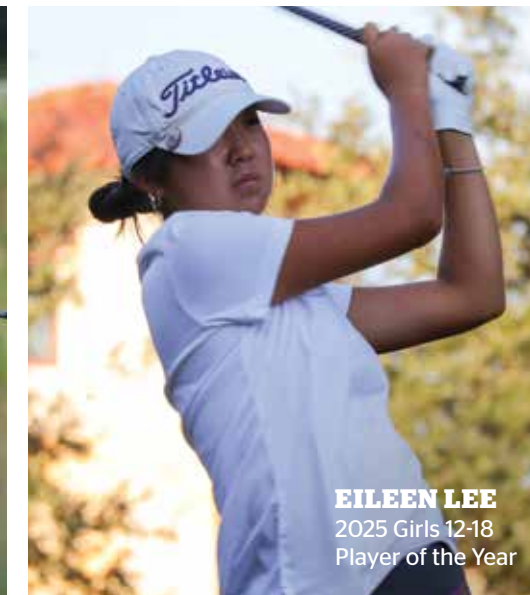
CHRIS WHEELER
2025 Men's Player of the Year



GRACE JIN
2025 Women's Player of the Year



WILLIAM MANGIONE
2025 Boys 15-18 Player of the Year



EILEEN LEE
2025 Girls 12-18 Player of the Year



AUSTIN ANDERSON
2025 Boys 14 & U Player of the Year

title at the 104th edition of the women's major championship and becoming just the third player in over three decades to capture the historic Spring Lake Cup in back-to-back years.

Under a new partnership agreement between the City of Grand Prairie and the TGA to elevate adaptive golf programming, the city made available its award-winning Prairie Lakes Golf Course for two complimentary TGA Adaptive Golf Clinics, as well as serving as the host site

for the 2025 Texas Adaptive Golf Championship which attracted one of the largest fields in the event's history with 39 golfers with impairments vying for titles in 15 divisions.

The annual Texas Players of the Year Awards celebrated performance excellence across ten categories, including men, women, seniors and juniors, with notable recipient Christopher Wheeler of Lewisville winning his third Texas Men's Player of the Year award in six years.

Strengthening Golf's Impact Across Texas Communities

Golf is a multi-billion-dollar industry in Texas that strengthens communities and creates opportunity across the state. The TGA works alongside aligned organizations to support a healthy, inclusive, and thriving golf ecosystem.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Partnered with TARO (Texas Alliance of Recreational Organizations) to **Support the Texas Economic Impact Study** and **Texas Golf Day**
- Leadership in the **Development of Regional Collaboration to Drive Growth** in the Central Time Zone
- **15** Industry Partners Supported:



SPOTLIGHT: THE TEXAS ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Golf contributes significantly to Texas' economy and quality of life, but its impact must be clearly understood to be protected and supported. Data-driven advocacy ensures golf has a strong, informed voice in statewide conversations.

This past year, the TGA partnered with industry leaders to support the Texas Golf Economic Impact Study and represent the game on Texas Golf Day at the state capital in Austin. Together, these efforts helped communicate golf's economic, social, and community value to policymakers and stakeholders.

By elevating golf's role in economic development, tourism, and community investment, the TGA helps create a more sustainable future for clubs, golfers, and the industry across Texas.



“In 2023, golf in Texas generated a direct economic impact of \$7.7 billion - fueling a total output of \$14.2 billion.”
 - Texas Golf Economic Impact Report, April 2025



Empowering Those Who Give Their Time to the Game

Hundreds of dedicated volunteers are essential to carrying out the TGA’s mission. We are committed to providing meaningful opportunities for service, along with the training, support, and recognition that allow volunteers to make a lasting impact on the game.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **157** Volunteers / **1,215** days worked
- Categories and organizations supported by TGA volunteers:

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| Adaptive Golf | SEC |
| Big XII | TGA Championships |
| IAGA | TARO |
| Legends Junior Tour | USGA |
| NCAA | USGA Course Rating |
| Texas Golf Hall of Fame | Women in Golf Foundation |

SPOTLIGHT: 2025 TGA VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

TGA volunteers are the heartbeat of events and services across the state. Their dedication, professionalism, and passion for the game ensure that every TGA activity is conducted with integrity, consistency, and care. Each year, the TGA honors Volunteers of the Year whose service and leadership leave a lasting impact on golfers, clubs, and communities across Texas.

North Volunteer of the Year: Jerald Petterson

After retiring, Jerald Petterson found a meaningful way to stay connected to the game he loves through volunteering with the TGA. Introduced to the organization by his brother, Jerald quickly became an active and trusted presence at championships, where his curiosity, commitment to learning, and willingness to serve set him apart.

What motivates Jerald most is watching junior golfers grow and compete, and helping create an environment where they can perform at their best. He values the camaraderie among volunteers and



JERALD PETTERSON
North Volunteer of the Year



AL GRAZIS
South Volunteer of the Year



JUNE THOMPSON
Course Rating Volunteer of the Year

staff, and the shared goal of supporting the game with integrity. Being named North Volunteer of the Year was unexpected and humbling — and a reflection of his steady dedication to Texas golf.

South Volunteer of the Year: Al Grazis

For Al Grazis, volunteering with the TGA has been a natural extension of a lifelong love for golf and service. His involvement began as a tournament marshal and grew into years of meaningful contributions across junior golf, championships, and rules officiating.

One early experience — learning from an incorrect ruling — became a defining moment that shaped his thoughtful, team-oriented approach. Known for his reliability and positive presence, Al values the relationships built through volunteering as much as the work itself. Recognition as South Volunteer of the Year completes what he fondly calls his volunteer “Triple Crown,” joining his awards as HGA New

Member of the Year (2014) and HGA Junior Golf Volunteer of the Year (2018).

Course Rating Volunteer of the Year: June Thompson

June Thompson’s volunteer journey with the TGA has blended her love of golf with her professional background in process improvement and efficiency. After stepping away from her career, she found a new challenge and purpose through course rating, where her analytical approach and collaborative mindset quickly made an impact.

In 2025, June played a key role in transitioning course rating from a largely manual process to a more streamlined, technology-supported system — improving efficiency for volunteers and staff alike. She credits mentorship, teamwork, and a shared passion for learning as highlights of her experience, and views volunteering as a way to stay engaged, contribute meaningfully, and help strengthen golf across Texas.

Expanding Access. Creating Opportunity. Strengthening Futures.

Through the TGA Foundation, the TGA invests in programs that expand access to golf and create meaningful opportunities for young people across the state. In 2025, these efforts continued to focus on affordability, mentorship, and long-term impact, ensuring that golf remains a game that welcomes and supports the next generation of Texans.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH ON COURSE

- **14,000** Junior Members
- **41,000** Subsidized Rounds Played
- **\$280,000** in Subsidies Paid to TGA Member Clubs
- **140%** Membership Growth Over 2024
- **82%** of Participants Report Youth on Course Positively Impacted Their Lives

BILL PENN INTERNSHIPS

- **14** Internships Awarded
- **\$27,000** Invested in Paid Work Experience and Mentorship



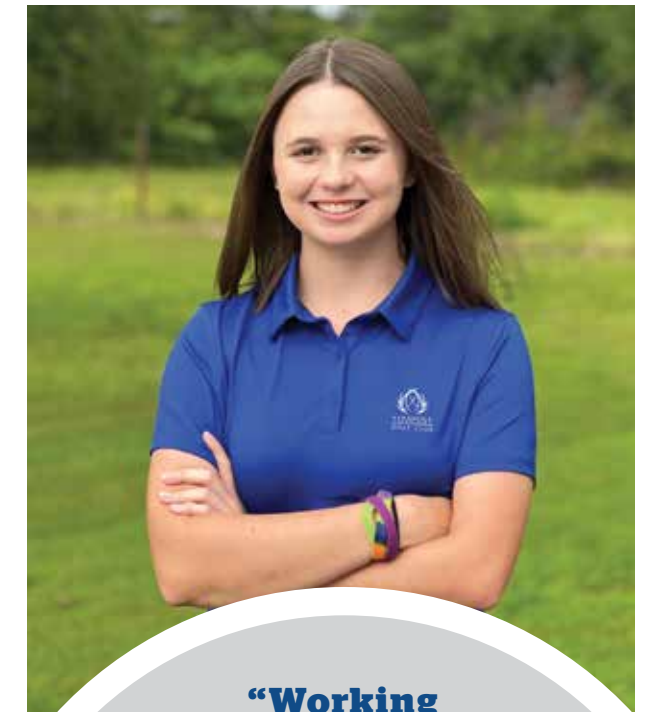
SPOTLIGHT: YOUTH ON COURSE

Youth on Course continues to be a cornerstone of the TGA Foundation's outreach efforts, removing cost barriers and introducing thousands of young Texans to the game. By providing access to affordable rounds at TGA member clubs across the state, the program helps juniors build confidence, develop life skills, and form a lasting connection to golf.

Beyond access, Youth on Course creates a pathway from first tee to continued engagement while supporting member clubs through direct subsidies. In 2025, the program's growth reflected both rising demand and a shared commitment to making golf more accessible, inclusive, and impactful for communities across Texas.

SPOTLIGHT: BILL PENN INTERNSHIPS

Bill Penn Internships provide hands-on experience, mentorship, and professional development for students interested in careers in golf and sports administration. By pairing meaningful work with guidance from industry leaders, the program helps young professionals gain insight, confidence, and a clear sense of possibility within the golf industry.



“Working in the Pro Shop has given me hands-on experience with daily operations from answering phones and managing tee times to handling merchandise. It’s provided a great introduction to the golf industry and the professional work environment.”

- Rylee Lovette, 2025 Bill Penn Intern, Tempest Golf Club

Professional Leadership Powering Exceptional Programs

The TGA is powered by a professional, passionate staff committed to excellence. Through thoughtful leadership and execution, our team develops and delivers programs that serve golfers, clubs, and the game across Texas.

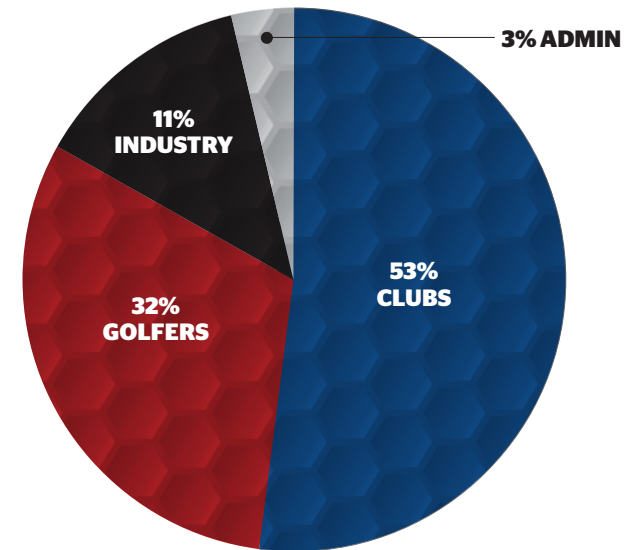
2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **34** Full-Time Staff Located in Dallas, Houston and the Hill Country
- **223** Combined Years of Professional Service in Golf
- **50%** of Staff Served on an Outside Advisory Body or Represented the TGA at Industry Conferences



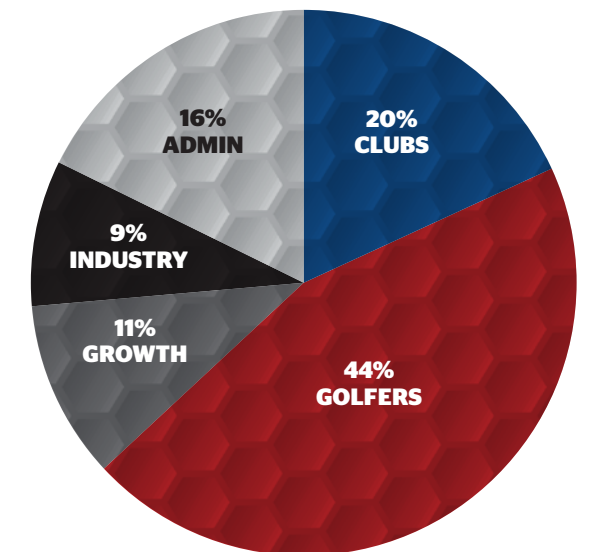
Financial Snapshot

SOURCE OF FUNDS



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| Clubs | \$4,527,054 | 53% |
| Golfers | \$ 2,751,225 | 32% |
| Industry | \$ 969,630 | 11% |
| Admin | \$ 254,437 | 3% |
| TOTAL | \$8,502,346 | |

USE OF FUNDS



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| Golfers | \$3,309,909 | 44% |
| Clubs | \$ 1,454,675 | 20% |
| Admin | \$ 1,175,518 | 16% |
| Growth | \$ 807,203 | 11% |
| Industry | \$ 701,683 | 9% |
| TOTAL | \$7,448,988 | |

Looking Ahead to 2026

As the TGA looks ahead to 2026, our focus remains on thoughtful growth, meaningful access, and long-term impact. Building on the momentum of 2025, the year ahead will be defined by milestone moments and continued investment in programs that strengthen golf across Texas.



JUNIOR GOLF IN TEXAS: Creating Clarity, Opportunity, and Aspiration

The 100th Texas Junior Amateur Championship will mark a historic milestone for junior golf in the state. For a century, this championship has helped shape the competitive landscape, producing past champions such as Ben Crenshaw, Jordan Spieth, and Angela Stanford — players whose careers began on Texas fairways and went on to inspire the game at the highest levels.

As part of the centennial celebration, the final round of the 100th Texas Junior Amateur will be streamed live, providing broader visibility for junior golfers and showcasing Texas' premier junior championship to a statewide and national audience. The milestone event reflects both the championship's legacy and the TGA's commitment to elevating the junior golf experience.



TEAM TEXAS: A Statewide Pathway to the National Stage

Team Texas will launch in 2026 as part of the State Team program within the US National Development Program (USNDP), creating a clear, merit-based pathway for Texas' top junior golfers to access national development opportunities.

Team Structure

- 20 total players: 10 boys and 10 girls
- Statewide representation, with players selected from regions across Texas
- Points-based qualification, with players earning points throughout the year through competitive performance
- Inaugural Team Texas to be announced in December

Through Team Texas, the TGA is aligning junior development in Texas with a national framework connecting elite players to high-performance resources while reinforcing the values of preparation, competition, and sportsmanship.

