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BIG EASY RANCH TO HOST TWO PRESTIGIOUS AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Columbus, TX – July 12, 2023) The Covey at Big Easy Ranch is slated to host two prominent amateur competitions — the Texas Mid-Amateur Match Play and the 120th Texas Amateur.

The Texas Mid-Amateur will take place July 22-26, 2026. Open to male amateur golfers who live in Texas and age 25 or older, the championship begins with 18 holes of stroke play qualifying on Thursday. Then, the low 32 players from stroke play qualifying will advance to match play beginning on Friday. The field is limited to 84 players.

The Covey will host the Texas 120th Amateur June 14-17, 2029. Play is open to male amateur golfers who live in Texas and have a certified WHS Handicap Index of 6.4 or less. Play will be contested over 72 holes of stroke play. The field is limited to 144 players, with competition cut to 54 players after 36 holes. Past champions include professional golfers Ben Crenshaw, Will Zalatoris, Scott Verplank and Bruce Lietzke.

Both the Texas Mid-Amateur and the Texas Amateur are held annually and typically hosted at Texas golf clubs that are equally prestigious and challenging.

“We are excited to help showcase one of our newest Texas Golf Association member clubs with these state championships,” said John Cochran, Director of Competitions, Texas Golf Association, South Texas. “The Covey at Big Easy Ranch will provide a great test of golf, on a fantastic piece of property, for the 2026 Texas Mid-Amateur Match Play and the 120th Texas Amateur in 2029.”

The Covey opened for play on March 31 and is exclusive to only 300 Big Easy Ranch Legacy Members. The Covey - named for popular upland bird hunting at the ranch – is a par 72 course featuring more than 7500 yards of play, multiple tee boxes, Zeon Zoysiagrass fairways and rough, and TifEagle bermudagrass greens. The unique terrain of the ranch allows for 80-foot

elevation changes with tree-lined fairways, meandering creeks and waterfalls that add to the complexity and beauty of the course. Native grasses planted along the course provide a natural habitat for quail and pheasant.

“We were approached about hosting these two tournaments before the course was even finished,” said Billy Brown, Owner of Big Easy Ranch. “We built this course to provide a next-level experience for our members; the fact that it is considered worthy of hosting prestigious golf tournaments is an added bonus.”

Cochran said it’s obvious Big Easy Ranch is dedicated to helping promote amateur golf.

“On behalf of the entire team at the Texas Golf Association, we are fortunate to have built this relationship and look forward to these events and more over the next few years,” he said.

Big Easy Ranch recently announced the sponsorship of member, Travis Vick, in his upcoming career as professional golfer. A Houston native and recent University of Texas graduate, Vick is set to tee off on the PGA Tour Canada later this summer.

Vick stated, "I am incredibly excited to call Big Easy Ranch my home for professional golf. The Covey will be one of, if not the best course in the state of Texas. The course difficulty combined with top notch practice facilities will help me be the best golfer I can be. I am so proud to sport the Big Easy Ranch logo on my bag.”

Located about 90 minutes from both Houston and Austin, Big Easy Ranch spans 2,000 acres along the Texas foothills in Colorado County. Members enjoy golf, fishing, sporting activities, wingshooting and whitetail deer and exotic hunting. A 12,000-square-foot Big Easy Lodge is complete with dining room, bar and wine cellar along with meeting rooms, outdoor patios and a fire pit. Wine Spectator awarded Big Easy Ranch a “Best of Award of Excellence” in 2020. Luxury overnight lodging consists of individual cabins and fully furnished houses. In addition, a limited number of real estate opportunities include estate homesites averaging one acre along with shared ownership villas. Learn more at www.bigeasyranch.com.

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About Big Easy Ranch

Located in Colorado County with convenient access to Houston, Austin and San Antonio, Big Easy Ranch spans 2,000 acres of hill country terrain and with first class amenities that include a sporting clays course and rifle range, fishing lakes, infinity pool, wingshooting, and trophy whitetail and exotic hunting. Golf amenities include the new 18-hole golf course, a nine-hole par 3 golf course, golf practice facilities and golf academy. Luxury overnight accommodations along with a 12,000-square-foot lodge providing first-class dining and wine program that was awarded “Best of Award of Excellence” in 2020 by Wine Spectator. Widely recognized as A Sporting Club Like No Other, Big Easy Ranch is a private sporting club providing exclusive access for its members and their guests.