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Local trio set to tee off at Senior Amateur

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The Club at Comanche Trace is hosting this year's Texas Senior Amateur Championship today through Sunday, featuring three golfers who call the course home.

Kerrville's Dennis Emerson, Tom Wege and Bill Stillwell tee off today at a course they have the luxury of playing year-round. Assistant Golf Professional Bob Leist said the first-hand knowledge of Comanche will give a definite edge to The Club's members.

"I think it's a huge advantage," Leist said. "They're going to know every nook and cranny in the greens. They're going to know where to lay up on holes that are tricky. We (members) think (them qualifying) is really exciting."

Emerson and Wege are playing in the senior division, 55 and older, while Stillwell is teeing up in the super senior division, 65 and older. Leist believes any one of the three has a shot to become the first Kerrville golfer to win a Senior Amateur title.

"They're going to have to be on their A-game, no question," Leist said. "They're going to have to shoot under par to win this thing, but they can all do it."

This is the second major tournament Comanche has hosted this summer, with the other being the PGA's Texas Open qualifier in May. The course drew favorable reviews from players then, and Leist believes the course will continue to impress this weekend.

"If we can get (major tournaments) we'll take them," Leist said. "It's another big thing for our golf course. All this does, through word of mouth, is help us get even bigger. They're going to love this golf course."

Stillwell tees off today at 8:09 a.m., followed by Wege at 12:48 p.m. and Emerson at 1:15 p.m. Each golfer will begin his round from the Hills nine-hole course before playing the second nine on the Creeks.

For up-to-date scoring or a list of the field, visit txga.org.

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