

2016 Best of Private Clubs

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Best Golf Club

First Class Category (Under \$20,000)

1. **Timarron Country Club**
2. **Lantana Golf Club**
3. **Gentle Creek Golf Club**
4. **Diamond Oaks Country Club**



For the third year in a row, ClubCorp's **Timarron Country Club** tops our list in the First Class golf club category. What we love about Timarron is how focused on golf the club is. The dining is great, and the club has a nice fitness facility, but for the pure golf lover, Timarron really delivers. So much so, that on weekends, there might not be a more crowded course in town.

The warm, friendly confines of **Lantana Golf Club** in Argyle take second place in the First Class category. We love



the rustic interior of the clubhouse, which creates a cozy, welcoming atmosphere. The Jay and Carter Morrish design has proven to be a great golf course, and later this year the driving range and practice facility is receiving an upgrade.

For the North Dallas crowd looking for a great place to join and play golf, **Gentle Creek Golf Club** in Prosper is an underrated gem that deserves some attention. The course is, in our opinion, one of D.A. Weibring's best designs, and provides a great experience for golf enthusiasts at a good price point.

Breaking through in this category for 2016 is the vastly improved **Diamond Oaks Country Club**. In the past year, Diamond Oaks underwent a multi-million dollar renovation to the clubhouse, in which almost every possible thing was upgraded. What used to be a tired, old building is now a state-of-the-art clubhouse that offers great hangout spots for members. For golfers in the Mid Cities area, Diamond Oaks is a great option for membership.

The Outlier – Rock Creek Resort

The main outlying country club in our area is the Jack Nicklaus-designed **Rock Creek Resort**, located on the banks of the Red River, east of Interstate 35. The property is nestled amongst a forest of oak trees, separating the resort from the surrounding area, giving you an oasis-type feeling of tranquility amongst the stress of city life. Members have access to Lake Texoma via the Lake Texoma Texas Marina, and boat rentals are available for relaxing days on the water. There is also the nearby Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge where, at certain times of the year, visitors can hunt, fish and observe wildlife.

The Unknown – Maridoe Golf Club

Maridoe Golf Club is the new club being built on the property that formerly was The Honors Club in Carrollton. The project is still a bit under wraps at this point, but we know that construction began in November and the new course is being designed by Steve Smyers, with a target open date of 2017. From what we've heard, the club will be a high-end, exquisite facility, with a golf course aimed to test skilled players. We can't wait to see the finished product.