

Best Overall Country Club The Vaquero Club



After some slight hiccups last year, Vaquero recaptures the top spot among Metroplex country clubs.

Those hiccups? The course conditions. It wasn't like the Tom Fazio design turned into a goat ranch overnight; many courses would have loved to be in the shape Vaquero was for much of 2006-07. But the conditions were very "un-Vaquero-like," particularly the greens and fairways. When you pay more than \$1,000 in monthly dues, you expect perfection.

This year, the Vaquero staff worked diligently to improve the course conditions. Ask most of the members and their guests

lucky enough to play the course, and they will tell you that Vaquero is slowly but surely becoming Vaquero again.

Besides the wonderful Fazio design that challenges your golf game, perhaps the most noteworthy characteristic of the club is the service. The staff pampers its members like no other country club, from the car washes and the chef on the 10th hole to the valet parking and amount of demo clubs and training aids at the practice area.

And every conversation regarding Vaquero must include all the amenities offered at the club. Yes, it has a luxurious and monstrous clubhouse, as well as the standard tennis and workout facilities like most country clubs. But how many clubs have a prime fishing lake, a delicious sushi bar and private massage rooms onsite? Only one, Vaquero.

Members at Vaquero also enjoy their privacy, as evident by its remote location and CIA-like security. Located amongst the rolling farmland in the tiny town of Westlake, Vaquero is a pocket of stately Hill Country-styled manors that easily eclipse the \$1 million mark. And to get through the gates of Vaquero, one must either pay the \$175,000 initiation fee and steep monthly dues or have a very justified reason for visiting.

A Tour-caliber golf course, impeccable service, a plethora of amenities, all in a peaceful setting – no wonder several PGA Tour players and many of Dallas' top business tycoons call Vaquero their home club. It's a tired cliché, but it rings true about Vaquero – membership has its privileges. Those privileges are unlike any other club around town. Things are returning to near-flawless levels at Vaquero ... much to everyone's delight.