

Country Club Living

Fort Bend's Spectacular Spots for Golf, Tennis, and Relaxation

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A century ago, country clubs were only a luxury for society's upper class, and while amenities and club offerings have increased, the exclusivity and inaccessibility of country clubs has decreased. Today, becoming a member of a prestigious country club is easy and offers the opportunity to join a friendly community and participate in fun activities all year round. With a variety of charming clubs in Fort Bend, you'll discover the perfect choice for your family.

Fort Bend Country Club

2627 FM 762
Richmond
281-342-3756

As a member-owned private club, Fort Bend Country Club offers a range of amenities and activities. Members enjoy a naturally landscaped, 18-hole golf course, and adult and children's pools in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. A full social calendar throughout

the year makes for enjoyable entertainment. The club's large ballroom and café both make great venues for a wide range of social events set against a beautiful, natural backdrop.

Pecan Grove Country Club

3000 Plantation Dr.
Richmond
281-342-9940

Pecan Grove Country Club is like a personal retreat for you and your family. Away from the links, you'll find the perfect combination of tennis leagues and lessons on six lighted tennis courts, a fully equipped state-of-the-art fitness center, and a junior Olympic-sized pool, as well as a variety of junior tennis and golf activities. "Growing up, mostly we went to our country club for dinner, family birthday dinners, family reunions, and used the swimming pools," says Joelle Miller, a Pecan Grove member.



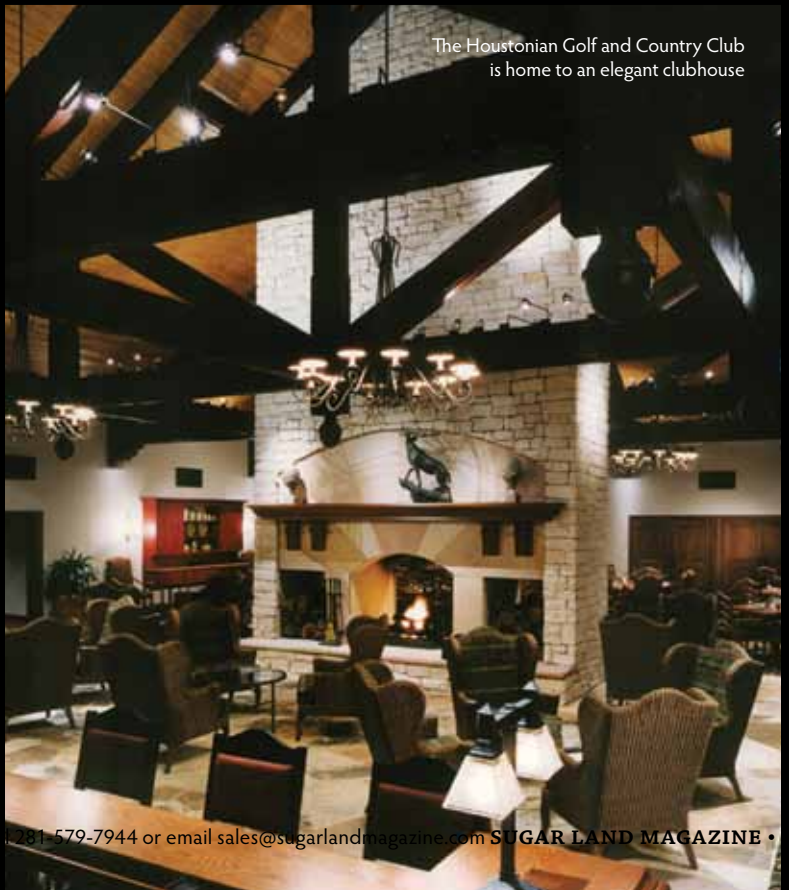
The Houstonian's 18-hole golf course was designed by Rees Jones and includes practice facilities



Sweetwater Country Club's terrace overlooks a picturesque golf course



Many country clubs, like Sugar Creek, make beautiful venues for weddings



The Houstonian Golf and Country Club is home to an elegant clubhouse


“Most country clubs have many activities and host a lot of wedding receptions, banquets, family reunions, and holiday buffets. Most have pools, tennis courts, [and] conference rooms for business meetings. Some have golf courses and other physical activities and social gatherings. My dad owned a business where he did a lot of entertaining, so the club was ideal. The food at the clubs is usually five-star, too.”

Quail Valley Country Club

2880 La Quinta Dr.
Missouri City
281-437-7431


The Quail Valley Country Club features a clubhouse, tennis center, fitness center, swimming pool, and an executive course, as well as a 36-hole golf course, and rests on about

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400 acres of land in Missouri City. It has recently been acquired by Missouri City and now offers a picturesque, public place to play. Quail Valley's 18-hole El Dorado golf course will soon be open after recent renovations and will feature challenging fun with a modern, updated feel.

Riverbend Country Club

1214 Dulles Ave.
Sugar Land
281-269-2526

A full-service, private club located in the heart of Sugar Land, Riverbend Country Club strives to provide fun and recreation to its members. The club's traditional, park-style golf course was designed by Press Maxwell Jr. and includes gorgeous views of stately trees lining the fairway and gently rolling slopes throughout. In addition, the club offers a fitness center, swimming pools, tennis courts, and a sophisticated dining experience.

Sugar Creek Country Club

420 Sugar Creek Blvd.
Sugar Land
281-494-9131

The prestigious Sugar Creek Country Club lies nestled in the heart of Sugar Land. The club features a stately clubhouse with columns, and the signature Robert Trent Jones Sr. 27-hole golf course has been a trademark in Sugar Land since the club opened in 1972. From casual dining to an elegant formal affair, the club offers a beautiful setting for special events or dinner with your family. "I joined a country club, because they offer a sense of community and certain features that other clubs don't, like massage, better food, clubhouse venue rental, etc," shares Sean Andrade, a Sugar Creek member. "I choose not to golf, but do it more for the social aspect, business connections, and relaxation part of it all."

Sweetwater Country Club

4400 Palm Royale Blvd.
Sugar Land
281-980-4100

Members belong to country clubs for many reasons and Sweetwater Country Club accommodates all of those reasons. Like most clubs, it offers fantastic golf, tennis, fitness, and swimming, but it also takes pride in making the extra effort to provide activities and fitness opportunities for Fort Bend families. With an incredible variety of sports and fitness opportunities, including 36 holes of championship golf, and a virtually non-stop calendar of learning and social events, Sweetwater offers a welcoming country club atmosphere for its members.

The Houstonian Golf and Country Club

12600 Houstonian Dr.
Richmond
281-494-4244

With a host of fantastic amenities and an 18-hole championship golf course, the Houstonian Golf and Country Club offers a relaxing escape in a beautiful setting. In addition to golf, the club also features practice facilities, an elegant clubhouse, two resort-style family pools, fitness facilities, tennis courts, a childcare facility, and a luxurious, full-service spa. After a challenging round of golf or an enjoyable day of swimming, members can select from an exquisite menu and wine list, while taking in the beautiful views on the clubhouse veranda. The Houstonian also hosts a variety of social events throughout the year, including on-course dinners, holiday brunches, theme dinners, and family nights. With all the features you would expect of a country club, families will discover a pleasant getaway close to home. **SLM**

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Pecan Grove Country Club's 27-hole championship golf course is perfect for players of all levels



Many Fort Bend country clubs offer fantastic amenities to make your big day perfect



Alison tours the grounds at Sweetwater Country Club

As you would expect...



Two resort-style family pools



Championship golf course



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