



“We like to say, come for the views, but stay for the lifestyle.”

— JUSTIN JAFARIAN, COO
AT COMANCHE TRACE

An easy drive from Austin and San Antonio, it epitomizes Hill Country golf.

KERRVILLE, TEXAS: A signature trait at Comanche Trace is its 27 holes of bent grass greens. “We are one of the few private clubs this far south in Texas that’s still maintaining bent grass putting surfaces, which really sets us apart,” extolled Jeff Visser, director of Agronomy at Comanche Trace.

GOLDILOCKS EQUILIBRIUM

“The margin of error is small when maintaining bent grass and at times requires us to walk a thin line. You must balance surface temperatures and oxygen levels. Even a small imbalance can ‘cook’ the putting surface. Our staff is consistently looking for a Goldilocks equilibrium. Typical summertime conditions provide a constant breeze that provides two huge benefits. First, it acts as a cooling system for the grass and a natural air conditioner for residents. At sunset, many of our members can open their windows to allow for natural airflow.”

The majority of the maintenance staff plays golf. “This allows them to understand nuances. For example, let’s say the course is playing firm and fast. It’s more likely our morning pin cutters will place the holes toward the center of the greens,” said Visser. “They understand the ‘hows and whys’ tucking the pin on a challenging day might cause a couple of frowns.” ■

In November, Comanche Trace will be hosting a Tour of Homes featuring selected custom home builders. For more information on The Texas Hill Country Lifestyle, visit ComancheTrace.com or call 830-895-8505.

COMANCHE TRACE

KING OF THE HILL



The name “Comanche Trace” has its roots in the Old West, commemorating the trails the Comanche Tribe used to travel from one hunting/camping area to another. Their “lookout” would one day become the site of the current clubhouse.



PUTTING SURFACES 101

Bent grass grows upright, allowing you to putt on the tips of the blades, resulting in a smoother roll and less grain. Maintaining bent grass greens requires vigilance and more maintenance. During extreme weather conditions, more frequent watering is likely necessary because it is less drought-tolerant.

Bermuda grass tends to lay prostrate, thus creating grainy surfaces. Mowers have a more difficult time cutting fresh growth. It thrives in hot temperatures and requires less water without significant damage.