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Population: 2,820 | Area: 5.9 sq mi



Horse and rider work as a unit at Prestonwood Polo & Country Club. PHOTO BY ELIZABETH LAVIN

The term "country club" has a different meaning in Oak Point than it does in Dallas. Outside the Prestonwood Polo & Country Club there is a sign pointing to the porta-potty and giving people a heads up that they should BYOB if they plan to tailgate. "Country club" sounds a bit more relaxed up here. That's the work of Dena Miller, wife of Vaughn, whose great grandfather was Henry S. Miller Sr. She wanted to create an accessible place to watch polo. The Miller Club Group owns the Prestonwood Country Club in Dallas and Plano. Tired of always playing "backyard pasture polo," as is quite common among polo types, the Millers wanted to have their own field and facilities. So they started their own club. "I wanted it to be very inclusive," Dena Miller says. "You can see a lady down here dressed up to the nines and a lady here in

cutoffs." The Millers don't own the only polo fields in Oak Point, but they own the most organized facility. Oak Point is also home to the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club. "There's a lot going on for a town of this size," says Doug Mousel, city manager of the town of 2,820 people. "It feels like you're out in the middle of nowhere, and that's the reason some of the residents like it. You drive 15 minutes to get your groceries and come back." While you're out, if you're headed to Prestonwood's Oak Point satellite, don't forget to fill your tailgating cooler.