NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2013

- Fossil Creek has been added to our schedule on May 8; please check the website (ntsga.org).
- ➤ The Stonebriar Country Club tournament begins at 9:00.
- ➤ Tournament start times change this month beginning with the Links at Waterchase event, beginning at 8:00.
- ➤ The longest drive ever recorded was hit by a 64 year old golfer in 1974. The drive measured 515 yards.
- ➤ The Mesquite Golf Course is offering free green fees, this Sunday, March 3. The course will be closed for 6 months undergoing a complete reconstruction, beginning March 4.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR MARCH

Bill Ashworth 7 th	Bill Beverley 29th	Tim Bilton 18 th	J.D. Caywood 31 st
Bob Clark 15 th	Dick Hall 10 th	Harlin Hamilton 3 rd	Joe Holt 20 th
Casey Jones 3 rd	Bob Kelson 24 th	Glen Mankowski 1 st	Thunder Miller 7 th
Jake Truitt 12 th	Howard Winters 25 th		

Pun intended: I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger....then it hit me!

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Feb 5 Canyon Creek	122	93%	Rick Smith 70	Rick Smith 65
Feb 13 Lantana G.C.	104	81%	Butch Vaut 74	Ben Robinson 66
Feb 19 Stonebridge Ranch	111	86%	Tom Hatfield 73	Dave Clelland 67 Gary Zimmerman 67
Feb 27 Texas Star	102	79%	Bill Kayser 76	Casey Jones 66

......Rodney Dangerfield

[&]quot;Some people ask the secret of a long marriage....we take time to go to a nice restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays and I go on Friday."

OOPS....

NTSGA member **Ray Patak** points out that in 1952 Julius Boros won the US Open Championship at the Northwood Country Club in Dallas. This is the 4th major championship played in the Metroplex adding to the 3 that were printed in the February newsletter.

Sorry for the oversight.

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Mar 4 Stonebriar C.C. (Fazio course)	9:00	\$40.00
Mar 6 Bridlewood	8:30	\$40.00
Mar 13 Links at Waterchase	8:00	\$40.00
Mar 20 Tangleridge	8:00	\$40.00
Mar 27 Bear Creek – East	8:00	\$40.00
Apr 3 Indian Creek (Creeks course)	8:00	\$40.00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Mar 4 Stonebriar C.C. (Frisco) 972-625-8916; 5050 Country Club Dr. Drive north on the Dallas Tollway. Exit at Legacy, turn left (Legacy goes west and then turns north). Drive under Hwy 121 and proceed .4 mile, make a left turn at Country Club Dr. and drive 200 yds. into parking lot. Club on left.

Mar 6 <u>Bridlewood</u> (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1st stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

Mar 13 <u>Links at Waterchase</u> (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy.,right turn to 2nd traffic light. (John T. White Rd.) Turn right for 1 block. Right turn at Randol Mill Rd., go ¼ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., alongside apt. complex, course ½ mile on left.

Mar 20 <u>Tangleridge</u> (Grand Prairie) 972-299-6837; 818 Tangle Ridge Dr. Take I-35E south thru downtown Dallas. Bear right at the Hwy 67 split, towards Cleburne. After passing under I-20, drive 8.7 miles, exit at Lake Ridge Pkwy., right turn (2 miles). Turn left at Park Ridge Dr., leads into golf course.

Mar 27 <u>Bear Creek (Dallas)</u> 972-456-3200; 3500 Bear Creek Ct. Course is located on the southwest corner of DFW Airport.

Apr 3 <u>Indian Creek</u> (Carrollton) 972-466-9850; 1650 W. Frankford. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Under the George Bush Turnpike flyover, exit at Frankford Rd. Turn right, drive .6 mile, course entrance on left.

NEW MEMBERS -

R.E. Branch (Dallas) Ron Clemons (Dallas) Jake Jacobs (Greenville)

Jeff Kans (Garland) Dean Melton (Plano) John Skinner (Garland)

Welcome, gentlemen, to the North Texas Senior Golf Association!

SAD NEWS.....



Two former members of the North Texas Senior Golf Association have recently passed away. **HANK PADGETT** was a member for 14 years and resigned Sept 2012. He died Feb 1, 2013 at the age of 84. Hank was employed by merchandising giant, W.T. Grant Company for 14 years and later the Army and Air Force Exchange Service for 24 years.

JOHN ADAMS was a lifelong Dallas resident, attending local schools and a member of NTSGA for 3 years until resigning in 2011. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and the owner of Adams Paint Center on Abrams Rd. He died at the age of 80.



Just prior to the printing of this newsletter, NTSGA learned of the passing of Stan Robertson's wife.

May both of these gentlemen and lady rest in peace.

PUTTING OUT...

Some members think it is ridiculous that we have to putt 3", 6", 10", etc. putts and they are not considered "gimme putts". Perhaps a little background will temper this topic. A few years ago 18" putts were considered "gimme putts". All members had their putter marked with tape at the 18" mark by one of the organization Directors. Laying the putter on the ground measuring the length of the putt, any ball touching the tape was considered a gimme. Then it got out of hand! Soon there were 20", 24", and 36" putts being given by gratuitous partners.

For the most part, the organization adheres to USGA standards with the exception of a few rules that have been adopted by NTSGA contributing to the social, friendly atmosphere at our tournaments.

Remember, there is money awarded for skins, closest to the pin, two man team competition and flight positions. Many times,1 single stroke is the difference of winning money and not winning money. The Board of Directors has decided it necessary to continue abiding by the USGA rule of holing all putts.

TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP

If a tournament is canceled (usually for weather), all members must **re-sign up** for the next event, by one of the following methods:

- 1) Call Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells @ 972-699-0644
- 2) Email Rod at wellsrod@att.net
- 3) Scroll to the bottom of the website (ntsga.org) homepage and click on 'sign up for tournaments'

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN.....

The Sunday School teacher asked Johnny, "Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No", replied Johnny, "How could he, with only 2 worms?"

HANDICAPS

Since we have many new members, here is a review of the NTSGA handicap system provided by Handicap chairman, **Frank Riley**:

- (1) From 1-10 scores (new members). The highest score is dropped and the handicap is computed on 85% of the average of the remaining scores.
- (2) More than 10 scores recorded. The 2 highest scores (of the last 10 rounds) are dropped and the handicap is computed on 85% of the average of the remaining scores.
- (3) Course slope and rating are also factored into the computerized handicap calculation. If the handicap index computes to 14.5, the handicap is rounded up to display 15, for NTSGA tournament play.

MENDING....

Some members of NTSGA are feeling the effects of medical procedures and are hopeful of playing golf again real soon:

Former member Marshall Barton underwent esophagus and stomach surgery recently and is currently taking it easy at home......Stan Robertson had repair work done to his heart and is recovering at home......Joe Bennett is currently treating a neck issue and hopes to play golf again soon......Tom Frame has ankle problems and is hopeful of returning to the golf course soon....Bob Garfield is home caring for neck issues.....Phil Petty is recovering from wrist surgery with a touch of arthritis and hopes to be able to swing a golf cub soon.....John Stieneker has nerve discomfort in his leg and may be away from the game for several months......Glen Mankowski is taking it easy at home and hopes to return soon...Rex Ferguson had rotator cuff surgery and is attending rehab sessions and hopes to play golf in May....Former member Michael Jones underwent a heart transplant and is currently participating in rehabilitation sessions.

We wish all of these fellows a speedy recovery and hope they are able to start playing golf real soon.

FUNNY----

Tim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend, then spending a wonderful honeymoon in the Hawaiian Islands.

One evening after the honeymoon, he was organizing his golf equipment.

His wife was standing nearby watching him intently.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks....."Honey, I've been thinking, now that we're married I think it's time you quit playing golf! Maybe you should sell your clubs and golf cart."

Tim gets this horrified, exasperated look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife."

"Ex wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't!" replied Tim.

ENTREPRENEURIAL MEMBERS...

The following members are associated with the NTSGA. We publish their names and phone numbers in case you can use their services. If you would like to include <u>your</u> business in this newsletter, contact Secretary Phil Fahs at pfahs57@yahoo.com

Dale Graves – Real Estate brokerage services/investments. Ins. needs, all types. 214-232-4773 Rod Hays (CFP) – Retirement Planning, etc. 214-953-1021

Danny Holifield – Edward Jones Investments, 401K conversions/strategies. 817-488-7144

Jerry Kennedy – Copypro Printing. Full color, quality work. Bindery services. 972-679-1785

Jerry Kennedy – Disaster Emergency Preparedness, Berkfeld Water Filters. 972-679-1785

George Moore – GCMgolf.com Premium all-leather golf gloves at discount prices. 214-505-7248

Mike Neeley – Mike's Limo Service. All Occasions, \$65/hr, 2hr min. 214-717-1930 mikeslimostx.com

Larry Proctor – Proctor Pest Control. Res. /Comm. insect, pest control. 214-321-6379, 817-205-2387

Bert Rabbe – North Texas Wood Works. Custom furniture, original wood designs. NTXWW.com

Sun Roll (Bill) – Spa Int'l; massage, facial, manicure/pedicure 972-395-8700. Disc. to NTSGA mem.

Quincy Sutton – Golf club repair, reshaft, regrip, etc. 972-603-5985

Butch Vaut – Telecom & Energy solution provider. Master agent for AT&T & Cirro 214-923-6990 Greg Windsor – Windsor Construction. General construction and repairs 972-365-6261