

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2014

- Sixty nine NTSGA members made selections for this years' Open championship. See the entire write up and winner's in this newsletter.
- This newsletter solicits members volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors for 2015. See article in this newsletter.
- 55 members have successfully completed the annual requirement of participating in a minimum of 20 tournaments a year. These members will be listed in the September newsletter.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

Howie Bacharach 9 th	Gerry Brunworth 27th	Page Carwile 4 th	John Corson 24 th
Ollie Cromwell 25 th	Gene Edmondson 22 nd	Danny Eoff 9 th	Jay Houston 1 st
Billy King 20th	Larry Lucas 29 th	Tom McMahan 25 th	John Ogrizovich 14 th
C.W. Patrick 12 th	Joe Philpott 17 th	Bucky Taylor 20th	Ron Tubbs 14 th
Steve Vredenburg 30 th	Ken Wagner 17 th	Lloyd Whitson 3 rd	Greg Windsor 6 th

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 2 Indian Creek (Creeks)	128	100%	Butch Vaut 71 Gary Zimmerman 71	Gary Zimmerman 63
July 7 Hackberry Creek C.C.	109	85%	Butch Vaut 73	John Johnson 67
July 9 Golf Club of Dallas	108	84%	Harlin Hamilton 69	Harlin Hamilton 64 Ken Wagner 64
July 16 Riverside	112	87%	Ollie Cromwell 73	Jim Rowley 65
July 21 Brookhaven C.C.	116	90%	Mike Hatfield 74	Ray Patak 66
July 23 Buffalo Creek	117	91%	Butch Vaut 73	Jay Gasper 67 Gene Clark 67
July 28 Stonebriar C.C.	125	97%	Gary Zimmerman 75	Joe Bob Wheeler 68
July 30 Tangleridge	93	72%	Ken Wagner 74	LeRoy Worm 65

Pun intended: "When the fog lifts in Los Angles, U.C.L.A.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

August 6 Woodbridge	8:00	\$40.00
August 13 Watters Creek	8:00	\$40.00
August 20 WestRidge	8:00	\$40.00 **Shamble format, see info this newsletter
August 27 Luna Vista	8:00	\$40.00
September 3 G.C. of Dallas	8:00	\$40.00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Woodbridge (Wylie) 972-429-5100 7400 Country Club Dr. Drive the Geo Bush Turnpike, exit at Hwy 78 (north) in Garland. Drive 3.9 miles; turn right into the Woodbridge subdivision. At 2nd stop sign, turn left. Course entrance .2 miles, straight ahead.

Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

WestRidge (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Luna Vista (Dallas) 214-670-6322; 11223 Luna Rd. Drive to I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Exit at Royal Lane. Drive west 1.1 miles (traffic light). Turn left (Luna Rd.), drive .4 mile, course entrance on right.

G.C. of Dallas (Dallas) 214-333-3595; 2200 W. Redbird Ln. From downtown Dallas, drive south on I-35E. Approx 4.4 miles, bear right onto Hwy 67 (towards Cleburne). In approx. 2.2 miles, exit at Hampton Rd. Turn left (under Hwy 67). At 2nd traffic light (Red Bird Ln.) turn left, course entrance .1 mile on right.

VOTING---

NTSGA is soliciting names of members to serve on next year's Board of Directors. Open positions include Vice President (1 yr) and 2 Directors (2 yrs/ea.). Please make your desires known to Secy. Phil Fahs (pfahs57@yahoo.com) if you're willing to serve in one of these positions. A sample ballot will be printed in the September newsletter.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

"My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked how old I was, and I told him, 80." He was quiet for a moment, and then asked, "Did you start at 1?"

HOLE-IN-ONE.....GARY ZIMMERMAN

Gary Zimmerman recorded the 2nd hole-in-one of 2014 for the North Texas Senior Golf Association. Playing Indian Creek, Creeks course on July 2, Gary aced the #8 hole from 123 yards, using his 9 iron. Witnessing Gary's great shot were playing partners **Rich Carmen, Ollie Cromwell and Mike Hatfield**. This is Gary's 5th hole-in-one recorded.

Following a 2 year stint serving proudly in the United States Army, Gary became the Tennis Pro for the City of Richardson, serving in that capacity for 24 years. Promoted to Supt. of Recreation for the City, he maintained that position for 14 years until retiring. Gary has been a member of NTSGA since 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS, GARY ZIMMERMAN!

Fact: Golf balls travel significantly further on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at around 100 mph will carry the driver up to 8 yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25 degrees.



MEMBERS SURVEY.....

A) Five courses we play that you like:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B) Five courses we play that you don't care for:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

C) Five courses you would like the Tournament Chairman to pursue for our 2015 schedule:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Submit the surveys to Vice President, Chris Haas at the sign-in desk (during July and August) or email your selections to him at Brityank2002@yahoo.com

2014 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2014 Open Championship was played over the Royal Liverpool links course in Hoylake, England. Players found the course to be lush, green and the greens receptive to approach shots similar to conditions usually found in the U.S. Hard, brown, fast fairways were not to be found on Day 1 played under warm, sunny skies. Rory McIlroy took advantage of the ideal conditions, carding a sizzling 66 to lead the 156 player field by 1 stroke over his nearest pursuer, Matteo Manassero. Seventeen NTSGA members were thrilled as they selected McIlroy as one half of their selection combo's for this year's British Open.

Day 2 opened with similar benign weather conditions and Rory McIlroy continued his strong play, again posting a 66 and enjoyed a 4 stroke advantage over Dustin Johnson and a 6 stroke advantage over Rickie Fowler and Sergio Garcia. The 3 favorite selections of NTSGA members for this years' Open Championship were Adam Scott, Justin Rose and Rory McIlroy. Sadly, six NTSGA members were knocked out of the pot as their selected golfers missed the cut. These players included Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Bubba Watson, Fredrick Jacobson, Patrick Reed and Webb Simpson.

The R & A made an unusual decision because of forecast inclement weather for the 3rd round, when they had the golfers tee off #1 and #10 in threesomes. The hottest golfer of the day was Rickie Fowler who actually tied Rory McIlroy on the back nine at 14 under par through 13 holes. NTSGA members **Clint Culp** and **Jack Thompson** were excited as they selected Fowler as one of their Pot selections. However, a few bogies by Fowler and 2 birdies and 2 eagles in the closing 5 holes by McIlroy, thrust him into a commanding 6 stroke lead at the end of the day.

Weather conditions for the final round were beautiful with no wind and plenty of sunshine. Sergio Garcia's good play early in the round vaulted him into second position behind McIlroy. McIlroy, Garcia, Fowler, Dustin Johnson and Robert Karlsson were all selected by NTSGA golfers and all fighting for the lead. Terrific shotmaking by all golfers provided riveting golf for spectators and television viewers. Several golfers made runs at the lead, but no one could catch eventual winner, Rory McIlroy.

Finishing as runner up in the NTSGA Pot was **Bill Rogers**: Adam Scott (T5) and Sergio Garcia (T2) and there was a 5 way tie for first as all the winners selected: Rory McIlroy (1) and Adam Scott (T5). The five winners, splitting \$345.00 were **Russ Medlin, Jim Rowley, Jay Bradford, Paul Price and Joel Rogers. CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMEN!**

The next majors' Pot (PGA Championship) will be open for selection at Woodbridge, Aug. 6.

WATCH THE KIDS.....

With the success enjoyed by the organizers of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship held at this years' Masters Tournament, the USGA and PGA of America are going to expand this popular event. Open to boys and girls ages 7-15, four separate age categories will qualify through local events culminating in the regional winners competing against each other once again at Augusta National just before the 2015 Masters Tournament. You can watch these kids compete at the sub-regional qualifier held August 22, at The Courses at Watters Creek in Allen. Contact the Club for times, 214-509-4653.

FUN FORMAT.....

In an attempt to allow members to get acquainted with other members, we will play a Shamble format during the WestRidge tournament on Aug. 20. Each team will consist of 4 players based on handicaps (A, B,C & D). The teams will be randomly selected on Aug 18 after the field is set and scorecards will be prepared by Board Members to be used at this event.

This is a onetime event where gross scores will be recorded and flight payout winners, two man team competition and skins will be computed as usual. Prize money will be awarded to the top 3 teams for the Shamble competition.

PREVENTING SLOW PLAY.....

- If your group is 1 hole behind, the entire foursome is very close to a violation.
- If your group is 2 holes behind, the entire foursome is ripe for penalty strokes.
- If the Marshal warns a group once and a second visit shows no improvement, a 2 stroke penalty will be imposed for all players. Additional warnings will result in another 2 stroke penalty.
- If a scorecard is turned in, in excess of 45 minutes after the first "B" group scorecard was submitted, the entire foursome will be disqualified.

AGE SHOOTERS – JULY 2014

Jay Gasper 7/2 Indian Creek (76)

Bob Murphy 7/2 Indian Creek (89)

Frank Riley 7/2 Indian Creek (82)

Bill Roll 7/7 Hackberry Creek C.C, (79)

E.A McDowell 7/21 Brookhaven C.C. (81)

Jay Gasper 7/23 Buffalo Creek (76)

Bob Wands 7/23 Buffalo Creek (75)

E.A. McDowell 7/28 Stonebriar C.C. (82)

COURTESIES.....

With 120+ golfers playing in our events and a driving range with 15-20 stations at the courses we play, it stands to reason that many members must wait their turn to warm up. The key word here is warm up! You are trying to judge ball flight, get some stiff muscles relaxed and limber up your back muscles before starting the round. Ten to 20 practice balls should be plenty to accomplish this feat. Some members use this time as a practice session banging out 2-3 buckets of balls since many courses don't charge for these range balls. Please show a little courtesy to your fellow members and limit your warm up time so they too, get to hit a few balls.

