

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2014

- This year we play 12 Country Club courses. Please dress appropriately.....no cutoffs, no denim, no tank tops and must wear a collared shirt. Thank you.
- Currently, the Association has 36 single digit handicap golfers!
- Sign-ups for all aspects of our tournaments are the same as in years past; however, everything can now be accomplished online. Use the ntsga.org website and click on the appropriate tab.
- Here's hoping Pauxatauney Phil does not see his shadow this month.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR FEBRUARY

Gerry Bell 23rd
 David Depue 24th
 Danny Millaway 13th
 Elliot Prater 16th
 Ralph Storey 25th

Dave Bramlett 14th
 Dale Graves 22nd
 Paul Myers 2nd
 Joe Ramos 22nd
 Ken Talburt 1st

John Carrick 21st
 Bill Kayser 16th
 Mike Neeley 15th
 Frank Riley 7th
 Dorie Wesson 3rd

Clint Culp 13th
 Pat Martin 18th
 John Opiela 14th
 Ben Robinson 14th

Director, Terry Bell heads the Committee to acquire raffle prizes for our annual Banquet held in November. He is in need of helpers. If you would like to volunteer to assist in contacting businesses, restaurants, golf facilities, etc. please contact Terry at tc-bell@att.net or 972-347-3267. Thank you.

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Jan 8 Firewheel – Bridges	70	54%	Tom Hatfield 73	Stan Robertson 61
Jan 15 Waterview	117	91%	Jim Holmes 76 Tom McMahan 76 Butch Vaut 76	Dale Fleegle 66 Jim Holmes 66
Jan 22 Hurricane Creek C.C.	123	96%	Steve Killion 74 Butch Vaut 74 Mike Wood 74	Mike Wood 61
Jan 29 Westridge	Canceled, due to weather.			

Out of the mouths of little children.....

Q. What does the word benign mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Feb 5 WestRidge	8:30	\$40.00
Feb 11 (TUES) Stonebridge Ranch - Hills	8:30	\$40.00
Feb 18 (TUES) Canyon Creek C.C.	8:30	\$40.00
Feb 24 (MON) Stonebriar Country Club	8:30	\$40.00
Feb 26 Texas Star	8:30	\$40.00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Feb 5 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.

Feb 11 Stonebridge Ranch – Hills (McKinney) 972-529-5990; 5901 Glen Oaks Dr. Drive north on I-75 (Central Expwy), exit at Eldorado Pkwy. (McKinney) Turn left (west) for 2.7 miles. Turn right at Lake Forest Drive for 1 mile. At the stop sign, turn left on Glen Oaks Dr. for .3 mile. Course entrance on left.

Feb 18 Canyon Creek C.C. (Richardson) 972-231-3083; 625 Lookout Dr. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike west of Central Expwy, turn south at Custer Rd., for approx. 1 mile, right turn at W. Lookout Dr., golf course ½ mile on left.

Feb 24 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.

Feb 26 Texas Star (Euless) 817-685-7888; 1400 Texas Star Pkwy. Take Hwy 183 (Airport Frwy) west, past the south entrance to DFW Airport. Exit at Hwy 10 West (it becomes Euless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

WHERE ARE ALL THE GOLFERS???

.....Chris Haas

According to Golfweek magazine, there are 14,564 golf courses in the U.S. In 2013, 14 new courses opened and 157 courses closed!

SIGN-UP FOR TOURNAMENTS.....

- 1) Sign up at check in table for next week's tournament, or
- 2) Call Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells 972-699-0644, or
- 3) Email Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells: wellsrod@att.net, or
- 4) Sign up online: ntsa.org ; hover cursor over signup tab, click appropriate item. When complete, click "submit" at bottom.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING.....

Anything pertaining to the overall operation of the Association, contact:

PRESIDENT, PHIL ABEL
philipwabel@aol.com
972-517-2757

Anything pertaining to your NTSGA member bank balance, tournament flight results, prize money distribution, scorecards, receiving a check for bank withdraws, closest to the pin questions and Annual Banquet information, contact:

TREASURER, PETE SCHOEMANN
plano2shoes@aol.com
972-618-3776

Anything pertaining to Newsletters, Association correspondence, Constitution, By-Laws, roster information changes, prospective member waiting list, archive records from previous years, age shooters, new members, individual rounds played, holes-in-one and annual election of Officers and Directors, contact:

SECRETARY, PHIL FAHS
pfahs57@yahoo.com
972-243-3450

Anything pertaining to tournament sign-ups, annual schedule, weekly pairing sheet, tournament check-in, member participation, course tee markers, excessive sign-up drops and future golf courses, contact:

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS
wellsrod@att.net
972-699-0644

Anything pertaining to the NTSGA website, handicaps computation and 2-man team results, contact:

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN, HOWIE BACHARACH
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AGE SHOOTERS: JANUARY 2014

Bob Murphy 1/8 Firewheel – Bridges (89)

Stan Robertson 1/8 Firewheel – Bridges (78)

NTSGA RULES REVIEW:

NTSGA adheres to USGA rules, with exceptions, to allow for more favorable playing conditions and the enjoyment of all members. One rule that seems to be violated is pertaining to bunker play. If a ball rests in wet sand and the trap has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and ball dropped in the raked sand. The ball should be dropped from shoulder height and not placed on the dry sand. USGA rule 20-2a states: "A ball to be dropped must be dropped by the player himself. He must stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arms length and drop it." Remember, pebbles and rocks may be removed from a bunker without penalty; however, leaves, twigs, grass, etc. are considered loose impediments and may not be touched.

The longest golf course in the world is the par 77 International Golf Club, near Worcester, Massachusetts. It measures a fearsome 8,325 yards.

TWO MAN TEAM COURSE SIGN-UP PROCEDURES:

- 1) You may continue to sign-up manually as in years past, but now have the option to sign-up online.
- 2) Teams that previously this year signed up on line or signed up manually on the signup sheets at the course, will be retained for future rounds and will show up on the printed sheets discussed below.
- 3) There will be two printed lists available at the course:
 - a. **Master Sign In Sheet** – sorted alphabetically by Captain with each Partner; total money owed if all teams play that day is displayed, deducting carryovers (highlighted in yellow) which have been pre-paid.
 - b. **Partner Lookup Sheet** – sorted alphabetically by Partner to show who you are paired with as your Captain. This sheet is for reference only, and not used to check in teams.
- 4) If you are the Captain:
 - a. Review the Master Sign In Sheet, sorted alphabetically by Captain's last name.

b. **PLACE A CHECK MARK** next to each team that you want competing that week. If you know someone will not be there, **DO NOT PLACE A CHECK MARK** next to that team. If you do not want to play with someone that week, **DO NOT PLACE A CHECK MARK** next to that team.

c. Pay \$2.00 per team that you have checked in. If you do not place a check mark next to a team, it is assumed that the \$2.00 was not paid and that team is not competing. Remember, carryovers (highlighted in yellow) have already been paid.

d. Collect \$1.00 from each Partner you checked in to reimburse your payment.

5) If you are a Partner:

a. Review the Partner Lookup Sheet, sorted alphabetically by Partner's last name.

b. Pay each Captain you are paired with \$1.00 as reimbursement, since he will pay the \$2.00 team fee.

6) If you want to enter a new team:

a. Hand write your new team on the blank Two Man Team Signup Sheets that will be available as in the past. **PLEASE DO NOT RE-ENTER A TEAM THAT IS ALREADY ON THE MASTER SIGN IN SHEET.**

b. Pay \$2.00 for each team you enter.

c. These teams will be entered into the system and be printed as existing teams for all rounds to follow.

d. The latest Two-Man team's list can be viewed on the website each week: (ntsga.org/signup/current two man team's signups) for review prior to each round.

7) Summary:

a. If you know a player is not there, or do not wish to play with that team that week, **DO NOT PLACE A CHECK MARK** next to the team during sign in, and do not pay the \$2.00 team fee.

b. If you accidentally check a team in and pay the \$2.00 team fee, and one of the players does not play, that will remain as a pre-paid carryover for a future round.

c. Don't worry if a team becomes part of the permanent printed list. If you don't want to play that week, do not check in that team. If you are certain that you will never play with that team again, please let Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach know and it will be removed from the permanent list.

8) Please contact Howie Bacharach at hbacharach@aol.com or 972-620-2602 if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

FUNNY.....

On a bitterly cold winter morning a husband and wife in Minneapolis were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8-10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through. "

So, the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10-12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through."

The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "we are expecting 12-14 inches of snow today. You must park" Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blonde's exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

ENTREPRENEURIAL MEMBERS...

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

David Miller – Miller's Jewelry & Pawn. Jewelry sales, repair, mfg. Diamonds. 972-271-7296

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. 580-222-8771

Butch Vaut – Telecom & Energy solution provider. Master agent for Time Warner Cable & Cirro Energy 214-923-6990

Greg Windsor – Windsor Construction. General construction and repairs 972-365-6261