

# NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2014

- ✓ Thanks to the 85 members who participated in the U.S. Open Pot. It's interesting to watch the drama unfold as a single putt may put a member into the winners circle, or not. See the write-up in this newsletter. The next selections will be for the British Open on July 16, at Riverside.
- ✓ We're half way through our golf season and 21 members have already satisfied the requirement of participating in a minimum of 20 rounds for the year. Remember, that's a requirement deemed by By-Laws Art. VI, Sect. 1.
- ✓ There are 8 tournaments scheduled this month, reflected in this newsletter.
- ✓ If you were one of the 16 members who canceled playing at Waterchase, because of possible rain showers, you missed a terrific event. We were drizzled upon walking from our cars to the clubhouse, but not a drop after 8:00. The course was in excellent condition as the greenskeepers prepare the course to host the College Golf Camps of America on July 27.

## TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Watters Creek	127	99%	Chris Haas 75 Steve Vredenburg 75 Gary Zimmerman 75	Steve Vredenburg 62
Heritage Ranch	123	96%	Butch Vaut 74	Gary Delcambre 64
Bridlewood	128	101%	Kelly Parks 72 Jack Thompson 72	Kelly Parks 60
Waterchase	104	81%	Butch Vaut 70	David Thomasson 61

## NEXT 8 TOURNAMENTS

July 2	Indian Creek – Creeks Course	8:00	\$40.00	
July 7 <b>(Mon)</b>	Hackberry Creek C.C.	8:00	\$40.00	
July 9	Golf Club of Dallas	8:00	\$40.00	
July 16	Riverside	8:00	\$40.00	
July 21 <b>(Mon)</b>	Brookhaven C. C.	8:00	\$40.00	
July 23	Buffalo Creek	8:00	\$40.00	
July 28 <b>(Mon)</b>	Stonebriar C. C.	<b>9:00</b>	\$40.00	**See note below
July 30	Tangleridge	8:00	\$40.00	

In conjunction with the informal survey presented to members in April/May, we will play the ball down (no movement, touching or rolling of the ball until it is marked on the putting surface). We will still adhere to the other NTSGA modified rules; however, we are asking members to play by USGA rules of not moving the ball at the Stonebriar C.C. tournament on Monday, July 28.

# DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Indian Creek (Carrollton) 972-466-9850; 1650 W. Frankford. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Under the George Bush Turnpike flyover, exit at Frankford Rd. Follow the road as it turns right, drive .6 mile, course entrance on left.

Hackberry Creek C.C. (Irving) 972-869-2631; 1901 W. Royal Ln. Drive the George Bush Turnpike (west/south). Take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit after passing over the LBJ Frwy (Royal Lane/Hwy 114/Gateway Dr.) After exiting, make a quick right turn onto the street that has a small sign that reads Royal Lane, just prior to new construction. Turn right and follow the road to the stop sign, then turn right again. Drive .2 mile, course entrance on right.

Golf Club 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 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Red Bird Ln.) turn left, course entrance .1 mile on right.

Riverside (Grand Prairie) 817-640-7800; 3000 Riverside Pkwy. Take the George Bush Turnpike west/south towards Arlington. Exit at Hwy 183, drive west 1.9 miles and turn onto Hwy 360 south. Drive 1.9 miles, exit at Riverside Pkwy, course entrance on right.

Brookhaven C.C. (Farmers Branch) 972-243-6151; 3333 Golfing Green Dr. Drive I-635 (LBJ Frwy). During construction look for small orange and black signs showing street exits. Exit at Marsh Ln. and turn north. Drive 1 mile to Brookhaven Club Dr. (traffic light). Turn left. Drive .4 mile to stop sign. (Golfing Green Dr.) Turn right, drive past tennis courts. Turn right into club parking lot.

Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Take LBJ Frwy east/south, exit at I-30 east. Go across lake, exit at Horizon Rd. Turn right, drive across Ridge Rd (traffic light). Immediately past hospital, turn right onto Tubbs Rd. (7-11 on left). Road changes name to White Rd. Wind through residential area adjacent to golf course. Turn left at dead end (Country Club Rd.) Drive ¼ mile, course entrance on right.

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.

Tangleridge (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., follow signs to golf course.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

Roger Ball 13<sup>th</sup>  
Brian Ellman 16<sup>th</sup>  
Benny Kohn 27<sup>th</sup>  
C.J. Pryor 11<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Tritch 26<sup>th</sup>

Jay Bradford 13<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Frame 1<sup>st</sup>  
E.A. McDowell 13<sup>th</sup>  
Pete Schoemann 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Wands 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jerry Casemiro 9<sup>th</sup>  
Gerald Gotcher 19<sup>th</sup>  
Judge Perry 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Gary Sprehe 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Wood 19<sup>th</sup>

Bob Crews 8<sup>th</sup>  
Basil Greaves 19<sup>th</sup>  
John Pisciotta 6<sup>th</sup>  
Quincy Sutton 26<sup>th</sup>

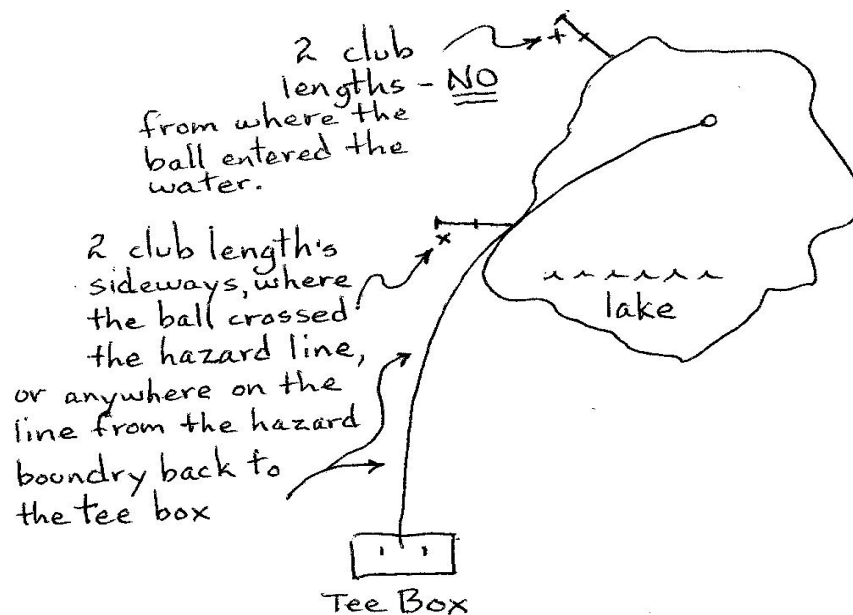
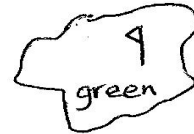
Fact: The largest golf green in the world is that of the 695 yd. par 6, 5<sup>th</sup> hole at the International Golf Club in Bolton, Massachusetts with a putting surface in excess of 28,000 square feet!

## RULES CLARIFICATION...

In an attempt to keep play moving, NTSGA has modified USGA rules to avoid having a player walk back to the tee box after hitting a ball out of bounds.

Similarly, if a ball is hit into a hazard, a ball may be dropped sideways within 2 club lengths of where it crossed the hazard boundary, or anywhere along the line back to the teeing ground. Penalty: 1 stroke.

A ball may not be dropped within 2 club lengths from the hazard boundary where the ball splashed into a hazard (lake).



## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

“Write a sentence about a public servant,” said the teacher. The small boy wrote: The fireman came down the ladder, pregnant.

The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. “Don’t you know what pregnant means?” she asked.

“Sure”, said the young boy confidently, “it means carrying a child.”

# AGE SHOOTERS – JUNE

**Chris Haas** 6/4 Watters Creek (75)  
**Bob Murphy** 6/4 Watters Creek (89)  
**Jay Gasper** 6/11 Heritage Ranch (76)  
**Jay Houston** 6/18 Bridlewood (76)  
**E.A. McDowell** 6/18 Bridlewood (80)  
**Bob Murphy** 6/18 Bridlewood (89)  
**Kelly Parks** 6/18 Bridlewood (72)  
**Frank Riley** 6/18 Bridlewood (82)  
**Bob Wands** 6/18 Bridlewood (74)  
**Jay Gasper** 6/25 Waterchase (74)  
**E.A. McDowell** 6/25 Waterchase (79)  
**David Miller** 6/25 Waterchase (74)  
**Bob Murphy** 6/25 Waterchase (89)  
**Bill Roll** 6/25 Waterchase (78)  
**Butch Vaut** 6/25 Waterchase (70)  
**Bob Wands** 6/25 Waterchase (73)



## 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](mailto:Brityank2002@yahoo.com)

# 2014 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT

The U.S. Open Championship got underway on a sunny, windless day as 156 golfers teed off in Round 1. The course resembled a links venue with brown fairways, waste areas with natural grasses coupled with turtle back greens that would potentially cause the best players in the world, many problems. What the USGA hadn't planned on was rain on Wednesday night that would make the greens softer and much more receptive to approach shots. NTSGA golfer's favorite overall picks to win this Championship were Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson, Adam Scott, Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Matt Kuchar. After Day 1, the large field of golfers were all chasing Marin Kaymer, who recorded a brilliant 65 to lead by 3 strokes much to the delight of 5 NTSGA golfers who had picked him as ½ of their selection combo.

Day 2 started after overnight rains allowed the greens to remain soft and let the golfers shoot at the flagsticks, which is not what the USGA wanted. Martin Kaymer shot a second consecutive round of 65 which was the lowest two round score (130) in PGA tour history for a U.S. Open. After 2 rounds, Kaymer lead the field by 6 strokes. Many NTSGA members were encouraged as their selections of Dustin Johnson, Henrik Stenson, Matt Kuchar, Rory McIlroy and Adam Scott were close to the top of the leaderboard. An equal number of NTSGA golfers were disappointed as their selection of Bubba Watson, Luke Donald, Jason Dufner, Hunter Mahan and Angel Cabrera missed the cut, knocking 37 NTSGA members out of the running to win the U.S. Open Pot.

The USGA was obviously disappointed that the course was not playing as hard as they would like, so no water was applied Friday night in an attempt to further test the golfer's skills on a hardened, faster course. Their strategy obviously worked as many players talked about how tough the course played on Saturday. Rickie Fowler played a flawless round, passing many players to position himself in 2<sup>nd</sup> place beginning Sunday's final round. Martin Kaymer still led the field by 5 strokes starting Sunday's play. It was definitely Martin Kaymer's tournament, as he led from start to finish and bested the next closest players (Rickie Fowler and Eric Compton) by 8 strokes to win this year's U.S. Open Championship.

Runners up to win the NTSGA U.S. Open Pot were **Bobby Wood** who selected Matt Kuchar (T12) & Jason Day (T4) and **Jim Yarbrough** picking Matt Kuchar (T12) & Dustin Johnson (T4). The overall winners splitting \$425.00 were **Bill Roll**; Martin Kaymer (1) & Justin Rose (T12) and **Roger Ball**; Dustin Johnson (T4) & Adam Scott (9).

**CONGRATULATIONS, BILL ROLL and ROGER BALL!**

## NEW MEMBERS..... JULY 2014

Jim Carlin (Sunnyvale)  
Mike Chalk (Dallas)  
Ray Grupp (Southlake)  
Skip Lovell (Garland)  
Bill Nitcholas (Carrollton)  
Chuck Starin (Fairview)

Welcome Gentlemen, to the North Texas Senior Golf Association.

