

# NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2014

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- We're having a tough time getting our 2014 golf season started as Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells had to cancel one tournament in January and three tournaments in February due to inclement weather. He also added 6 additional tournaments to our annual schedule which can be viewed on the website under the Schedule tab. For members without Internet service, the monthly newsletter will reflect these additional tournaments.
- We change our start times this month to 8:00 starting with the Waterchase tournament on March 12.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR MARCH

Bill Ashworth 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Hatfield 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thunder Miller 7<sup>th</sup>

Bill Beverly 29<sup>th</sup>  
Joe Holt 20<sup>th</sup>  
Johnny Russo 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dick Hall 10<sup>th</sup>  
Casey Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jake Truitt 12<sup>th</sup>

Harlin Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bob Kelson 24<sup>th</sup>  
Howard Winters 25<sup>th</sup>

Fact: The longest golf hole in the world is the 7<sup>th</sup> hole (par 7) of the Sano Course at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan. It measures an incredible 909 yards.

## TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Feb 5 WestRidge – Canceled, due to weather				
Feb 11 Stonebridge Ranch – Canceled, due to weather				
Feb 18 Canyon Creek C.C.	125	97%	Gary Zimmerman 71	Jay Gasper 66 Gary Zimmerman 66
Feb 24 Stonebriar C.C.	116	90%	Butch Vaut 77	Jerry Jenkins 70 Tom McMahan 70
Feb 26 Texas Star – Canceled, due to weather				

## PREVENTING SLOW PLAY

- When a ball is lost, everyone in the foursome should help find the errant shot. After 3 minutes of searching, drop another ball and hit.
- Do not ball hawk.
- Do not stop play by telling jokes/stories when you should be hitting.
- After hitting, take your club with you, get in the cart, drive to the next shot, then put the club back in the bag so you don't hold up the next foursome.

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS

Mar 5 Bridlewood	8:30	\$40.00	
Mar 12 Links at Waterchase	<b>8:00</b>	\$40.00	
Mar 19 Tangleridge	8:00	\$40.00	
Mar 26 Watters Creek	8:00	\$40.00	.....formerly Chase Oaks G.C.

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Bridlewood (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 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

Links at Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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., leads into golf course.

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

## 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) On the ntsga.org website: Hover over the sign-up tab and click on Next Round, then "Submit"

## AGE SHOOTERS – FEBRUARY

**Jay Gasper**, Feb 18 Canyon Creek (75)

The guys at the barber shop asked me what actress I would like to be stuck with in an elevator....I told them, "the one who knows how to fix elevators!"

## HANDICAPS.....

Since we have a few new members, here is a review of the NTSGA handicap system provided by **Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach:**

Handicaps are calculated, by computer, after each round as the difference between your score and the course rating for the tees you played.

- (1) Since new members do not have an NTSGA established handicap, they may compete for prize money, but must play their first round with a zero handicap.
- (2) From 2-9 scores (new members): The highest score is dropped and the handicap is computed on 85% of the average of the remaining scores.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Course slope and rating are factored into the computerized handicap calculation rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. If the handicap index computes to 14.5, the handicap is rounded up to display 15, for NTSGA tournament play.

### **Pun Intended:**

“What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?”

“He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery”



## **NTSGA INFORMAL SURVEY.....**

The following questions are presented as an input from members to aid Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells in selecting courses for the 2015 schedule. Please circle your responses and drop off this form at the check-in table at any of the tournament's during March. No names are needed.

- 1) How much would you be willing to pay (entry + prize money) once or twice a year to play a premier course:
  - a) \$50
  - b) \$60
  - c) \$70
  - d) I'm not interested in paying more than \$40.00
- 2) Would you like to occasionally play different formats, i.e. 4 man best ball, Captain's choice, Scramble, 2 man best ball, Stableford scoring, etc?  
Yes  
No
- 3) Would you purchase NTSGA logoed merchandise (hats, shirts, visors, towels, etc.)?  
Yes  
No
- 4) Would you be willing to play the ball down (no movement) for 1 tournament a year?  
Yes  
No

## **2-Man Team, On Line Sign Up.....**

Members are making this easy process way harder than it should be. Rather than manually entering the two man team on the day of the event, it may now be done on the NTSGA website (ntsga.org) a week in advance.

Hover the mouse over the website home page sign-up tab, then click on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line.....Two Man Teams. The next tournament site will come up. You are either a Captain or a Partner. The Captain will sign up all of his partners. This only has to be done once for the entire year, as the computer will enter these same teams for every event, automatically. On the day of the event a pre-printed form will be laid out on the table with all of the 2-man Captains/Partners. The Captain should place an (x) by each one of his teams participating that day and pay \$2.00 for each team. Done! He then collects \$1.00 from each of his Partners.

If a Partner is absent and does not play, the computer will recognize this and apply the \$2.00 fee to a carryover for the next event that particular Captain & Partner participate.

If a Captain neglects to check off his partners or is absent from that event, it will be assumed that no money was paid and those teams are not entered into the competition.

As a Partner, you should know which Captain's will enter you as a teammate. Reimburse each Captain you are paired, \$1.00. Done!

If a Captain & Partner are not listed on the pre-printed form, simply fill out the manual sign-up sheets that have been in use for years, pay \$2.00/team.....Done!

## **FUNNY**

**.....Joel Rogers**

An Amish lady driver is pulled over....."I'm not going to cite you," said the officer. "I just wanted to warn you that the reflector on the back of your buggy is broken and it could be dangerous."  
"I thank thee", replied the Amish lady. "I shall have my husband repair it as soon as I return home."  
"Also," said the officer, "I noticed one of the reins to your horse is wrapped around his testicles. Some people might consider this cruelty to animals, so you should have your husband check that too."  
"Again I thank thee. I shall have my husband check this when I get home."  
True to her word, when the Amish lady arrived home, she told her husband about the broken reflector.  
The husband replied that he would install a new one immediately.  
"Also", said the husband's wife, "the policeman said there was something wrong with the emergency brake."

## **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