

# NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

- A lot of excitement was generated by the great golf played by the PGA pro's during this year's PGA Championship. Read the article about the Championship Pot in this newsletter.
- Voting will take place during October to elect members willing to serve on next year's Board of Directors. The sample ballot will be included in the October newsletter.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER

John Agee 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ron Goethals 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Buster Sanders 12<sup>th</sup>

Gary Delcambre 5<sup>th</sup>  
Pete Huff 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bing Schwartz 18<sup>th</sup>

Dick Edmundson 28<sup>th</sup>  
George Miller 30<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry Walker 12<sup>th</sup>

Rex Ferguson 17<sup>th</sup>  
Craig Otway 17<sup>th</sup>  
Bobby Wood 24<sup>th</sup>

## TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Aug 6 Woodbridge	122	95%	Rich Carmen 76	Bobby Wood 66
Aug 13 Watters Creek	Canceled, due golf course			
Aug 20 WestRidge (Shamble)	110	85%	Bob Wands 67	Pat Tritch 52
Aug 27 Luna Vista	118	92%	Harlin Hamilton 74	Bob Trainham 61

## FRIENDLY REMINDER:

USGA Rule 15-1 states that "a player must hole out with the ball played from the teeing ground, unless the ball is lost or out of bounds." A 2<sup>nd</sup> ball may not be substituted until the completion of the hole.

## TGA STABLEFORD HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

NTSGA member, **BUTCH VAUT** and golf partner Michael Pacillio defended their 2013 Texas Golf Association Stableford Championship at the Riverhill Country Club in Kerrville, TX, August 1-3. This year, the duo finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall, competing against 44 other teams. Butch has been a loyal member of the North Texas Senior Golf Association for 12 years.

## NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Sept 3	Golf Club of Dallas	8:00	\$40.00
Sept 10	Grapevine	8:00	\$40.00
Sept 17	Tierra Verde	8:00	\$40.00
Sept 23	<b>(TUES)</b> Firewheel Old (Club Championship, Day 1)	8:00	\$40.00
Sept 24	Firewheel Bridges (Club Championship, Day 2)	8:00	\$40.00
Oct 1	Mesquite	8:00	\$40.00

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

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.

Grapevine (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; 3800 Fairway Dr. Take LBJ Frwy west, towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2 ½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2<sup>nd</sup> exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Firewheel Old (Garland) 972-205-2765; 600 W. Blackburn Rd. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit at No. Garland Ave. Turn north 1 mile. At 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light, turn right. Course entrance ¼ mile on right.

Firewheel Bridges (Garland) 972-205-2795; 1535 Brand Rd. Take Geo Bush Turnpike east, exit at Brand Rd., turn left (north) 1 mile, course on left.

Mesquite (Mesquite) 972-270-7457; 827 North Hwy 67. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south. It ends at I-30. Exit right (East) towards Dallas. Drive 2 miles, exit at Belt Line Rd and stay on the service road. Continue on service road, .9 miles past the traffic light. Course entrance on right.

## HAMBURGERS....

Will you eat a hamburger after playing in one of our tournaments? Perhaps you don't know the origin of the burger. Originally created in Hamburg, Germany as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the "burger" devised by the Germans was a dinner item called the Hamburg Steak. As German immigrants came to this country, they brought the popular food item custom with them and the first hamburgers were served by street vendors in New York City. The hamburger eventually was served in a bun, so visitors to County Fairs could eat them while walking. If you eat a hamburger today, you will consume one of the 35,616,438 hamburgers sold around the world.....everyday!

## TWENTY ROUNDS....

The following members have successfully completed the annual requirement of 20 rounds of tournament play: (alphabetically)

Phil Abel, John Agee, Al Alcantara, Jeff Aston, Howie Bacharach, Roger Ball, Gerry Bell, Terry Bell, Lynn Beyler, Dave Bramlett, Rich Carmen, John Carrick, Freddie Carroll, Bob Clark, Gene Clark, Bobby Clay, Dave Clelland, Bob Coburn, Randy Cook, Ollie Cromwell, Clint Culp, Gary Delcambre, Rodger DeSarno, Dave Dreiling, Gene Edmondson, Bill Eldridge, Phil Fahs, Rex Ferguson, Jay Gasper, Larry Gebhardt, Ron Goethals, Gerald Gotcher, Basil Greaves, Dick Hall, Harlin Hamilton, George Hans, Mike Hatfield, Rod Hays, Phil Head, Tom Higgins, Jim Holmes, Jay Houston, Pete Huff, Jerry Jenkins, Casey Jones, John Jones, Bob Kenyon, Steve Killion, Billy King, Benny Kohn, John Kohut, Tim Koscinski, Art Krueger, Gene Lindsey, Larry Lucas, Pat Martin, Gary McCool, E.A. McDowell, Tom McMahan, Russ Medlin, Danny Millaway, George Miller, Joe Minter, Bob Murphy, Bill Nitcholas (10), John Owens, Andy Parker, Kelly Parks, Joe Philpott, John Pisciotta, Elliott Prater, Paul Price, C.J. Pryor, Frank Riley, Mike Robertson, Stan Robertson, Ben Robinson, Joel Rogers, Bill Roll, Johnny Russo, Buster Sanders, Bing Schwartz, Dennis Smith, John Stieneker, Ralph Storey, Tim Strobel, Ron Swanson, Phil Sykes, Dave Thomasson, Jack Thompson, Joe Thompson, Sid Thrash, Bob Trainham, Pat Tritch, Jake Truitt, Butch Vaut, Mike Vestal, Jerry Walker, Bob Wands, Rod Wells, Dorie Wesson, Dave Wilson, Greg Windsor, Bobby Wood, Mike Wood, LeRoy Worm and Gary Zimmerman.

Some people ask the secret of our 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 Tuesday, I go on Friday's.

.....Red Skelton

## AGE SHOOTERS – AUGUST 2014

Jeff Aston 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (77)  
E.T. Boon 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (70)  
Jay Houston 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (76)  
Billy King 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (78)  
Pat Martin 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (78)  
E.A. McDowell 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (80)  
Ben Robinson 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (76)  
Bill Roll 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (74)  
Quincy Sutton 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (81)  
Pat Tritch 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (74)  
Jim Yarbrough 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (76)  
E.A. McDowell 8/27 Luna Vista (81)  
Bob Wands 8/27 Luna Vista (75)

Gerry Bell 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (78)  
Rex Ferguson 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (73)  
Jerry Jenkins 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (72)  
John Kohut 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (70)  
Don McCallum 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (77)  
C.J. Pryor 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (77)  
Bill Rogers 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (78)  
John Stieneker 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (76)  
Joe Thompson 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (81)  
Bob Wands 8/20 WestRidge Shamble (67)  
Jay Gasper 8/27 Luna Vista (75)  
Stan Robertson 8/27 Luna Vista (81)

# 2014 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

After a short rain delay at the beginning of the PGA Championship, the course was softer than anticipated and led to low scores for the opening round. (Rain was forecast for all 4 rounds). Played at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky, 78 players scored par or better for the opening round. This was the strongest tournament field of any of the 2014 majors. The hottest golfer on tour at the beginning of the tournament and the newly crowned #1 player in the world, Rory McIlroy was the overwhelming favorite of the 65 NTSGA golfers who entered this PGA Championship Pot.

At the end of Day 1, tied for the lead were Lee Westwood, Ryan Palmer and Kevin Chappell all shooting 65's. Rory McIlroy closed with 5 birdies on his last 6 holes and was only 1 stroke from the top. **Pat Tritch, Phil Fahs and Thunder Miller** had selected Westwood and hoped he could continue his strong play for 3 more rounds. Seven NTSGA members were disappointed as one or both of their Pot selections (Jason Dufner and Matt Kuchar) dropped out of the Championship due to injuries.

It didn't take long for Rory McIlroy to seize the lead in this soggy Championship on Day 2, making 2 birdies and an eagle in his opening 9 holes. This pleased 29 NTSGA golfers as they all selected McIlroy as one half of their combo picks for this Championship. Phil Mickelson made a strong move up the leaderboard and was only 3 shots from the lead at the tournament half way point. This pleased **Jay Houston, Terry Bell, Tom Frame and Russ Medlin** as they had selected Mickelson to win this Championship. Jim Furyk was also a favorite of many NTSGA members and his steady play found him only one stroke behind Rory McIlroy at the conclusion of the second round. Fourteen NTSGA golfers were knocked out of the Championship as their selections missed the cut at the halfway point including Jordan Spieth, Martin Kaymer and Keegan Bradley.

Day 3 opened to cloudy skies, but gave way to bright sunshine in mid afternoon followed by cloudy skies again near the end of the day. TV viewers and spectators on the course were treated to incredible shot making all afternoon by the top players in the world taking advantage of soft greens. Rory McIlroy started the day leading the field by 1 stroke only to be caught by 4 other golfers. At one point 5 players were tied for the lead with 5 other players only 1 stroke behind. Phil Mickelson electrified the crowd with go-for-broke shots that saw him climb the leaderboard and only trail the leaders by 3 strokes at the end of the day. The field for the start of the final round was so tightly bunched at the top that NTSGA members **Tom Frame, Dave Wilson, Tim Strobel, Tom Lymenstull, Bobby Clay, Gene Edmondson, Jay Houston, Donnie Marks, Johnny Russo, Bob Coburn, John Carrick and Joel Rogers** all had a very realistic chance of capturing the PGA Championship Pot.

The final round of this PGA championship was delayed 2 hours waiting for heavy rains to clear the area. When it did start, birdies were falling rapidly and before the leaders got to the 4<sup>th</sup> hole, there was a 5 way tie for the lead. Rickie Fowler bolted into the lead following a chip-in birdie to the delight of spectators and 12 NTSGA members having selected Fowler as one half of their combo selections. Midway through the backside there was a 3 way tie for the lead as eagles and birdies were falling faster than scoreboards could post them. Phil Mickelson, Rickie Fowler and Henrick Stenson thrilled spectators on every hole with accurate shots. Rory McIlroy was only 1 stroke behind. Then within 15 minutes, Fowler dropped a shot and Mickelson and McIlroy were tied for the lead. Superb shots by McIlroy, however, enabled him to play #18 with a 2 stroke lead and win the tournament by 1 stroke over Phil Mickelson.

Runners up to the 94<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship Pot were **Tim Strobel, Dave Wilson, Donnie Marks and Johnny Russo** all selecting Rory McIlroy (1) & Rickie Fowler (3). The winners of this year's PGA Pot were **Tom Frame and Jay Houston** each selecting Rory McIlroy (1) & Phil Mickelson (2). Both of these members split \$325.00. **CONGRATULATIONS, TOM FRAME & JAY HOUSTON.**

The next PGA selection Pot will be the 2015 Masters, April 10-13.

## **JIM STALDER**

NTSGA is soliciting voluntary money donations for Jim Stalder, the head golf professional at Hurricane Creek C.C. Jim is awaiting a kidney transplant and is currently undergoing daily dialysis treatments. His insurance benefits have expired and he needs help in paying for this necessary procedure. Jim traditionally gets our Hurricane Creek tournaments started in the morning and is well known by many of our members due to his lengthy affiliation with Brookhaven C.C. A collection box will be available at the check-in table of all our tournaments during the month of September. We will present these donations to Jim on October 15, when we play our tournament at Hurricane Creek. If you prefer to write a check to Jim, it will not be cashed until late October. Thank you.

NTSGA Board of Directors

## **FUNNY.....**

A Honda mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Honda when he spotted a well known cardiologist in his garage. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised walked over to where the mechanic was working. "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened up its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged and then put everything back in and when I finished, it ran just like new." The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked "So how is it that I make \$20,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over and then whispered to the mechanic...."Try doing it with the engine running."

## **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

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

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