NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2015

- ✓ The 2015 Masters Pot will be open for selection on April 8 at Tierra Verde.
- ✓ The North Texas Volunteers of America are still looking for Volunteers to work the LPGA tournament, April 30 May 3. See accompanying article in this newsletter.
- ✓ NTSGA member, Jim Yarbrough is organizing a beautiful golf trip to Scotland in May, 2016. See all the information contained in this newsletter.
- ✓ Of the top 50 golf courses in the Metroplex rated by <u>Avidgolfer</u> magazine, 18 are on our schedule this year. In addition, we also play 16 local area Country Club courses.
- ✓ Dallas Country Club (located in Highland Park at Preston Rd/Mockingbird) was the first golf course in North Texas. It opened as a six hole course in 1896! Since that time the course has hosted many prestigious golf events.

Fact: Golf was banned in Scotland from 1457 to 1502 to ensure citizens wouldn't waste time playing golf when preparing for an English invasion.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Joe Bennett 11 th	Jay Gasper 22 nd	Larry Gebhardt 24 th	Ray Grupp 5 th
Tom Higgins 26 th	Steve Killion 28 th	John Kohut 9 th	Mike Robertson 24 th
Jack Thompson 16 th	Butch Vaut 23 rd	Lou Wilkerson 28 th	

Confucius say: Man who runs in front of car gets tired, man who runs behind car gets exhausted!

MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	•	Low Net
Mar 4 Bridlewood Canceled, o	lue to weat	ther		
Mar 9 Stonebriar C.C.	67	52%	Tom Hatfield 79	Gary Dobson 68
Mar 11 Waterchase	101	78%	Tom Hatfield 73	Frank Riley 66
Mar 18 Tangleridge Canceled,	due to wea	ather		-
Mar 23 Brookhaven C.C.	117	91%	D. Shackelford 73	Tom McMahan 66
Mar 25 Watters Creek	129	101%	D. Shackelford 72	Terry Bell 68
				Bob Kenyon 68
				Gene Kurihara 68
				Craig Otway 68
				Doug Shackelford 68
				Joe Thompson 68

DID YOU KNOW...

Because Arnold Palmer was the hot golfer on tour in the '60's, Karsten Solheim, founder of Ping, set out to design a putter that would be competitive to Palmer's putting heroics. Karsten's wife, Louise said "If you're designing a putter to be an answer to Palmers putter, call it the "Answer". Karsten liked the idea, but the word "answer" was too long to fit on the new putter. He dropped the "w" and the Ping Anser was born. It has proven to be the most popular putter in PGA tour history.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

April 1 Mesquite	8:00
April 8 Tierra Verde	8:00
April 15 Buffalo Creek	8:00
April 22 Heritage Ranch C.C.	8:00
April 29 Lantana	8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Mesquite (Mesquite) 972-270-7457; 827 North Hwy 67. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south. It ends at I-30. Exit right (West) 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.

<u>Tierra Verde</u> (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 (2nd 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.

<u>Buffalo Creek</u> (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 store 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 ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Heritage Ranch C.C. (Fairview) 972-549-0276; 465 Scenic Ranch Circle. Take I-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Stacy Rd., right turn (east) 3 miles to the dead end (FM 1378). Turn left, then an immediate right, back onto Stacy Rd. Continue east for ½ mile, course entrance on left (has gate guard).

<u>Lantana</u> (Lantana) 940-728-4653; 800 Golf Club Dr. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy) past Lewisville. Exit at FM407 (Justin Road) Exit #454A. Follow small sign to FM407 <u>west</u>, back over top of I-35E and continue west for 6.2 miles. Turn right at Lantana Trail (traffic light); drive 1.2 miles (divided road), turn right at Golf Club Dr., leads to clubhouse.

AGE SHOOTERS -- MARCH

Gene Kurihara 3/25 Watters Creek (74)

SCOTLAND GOLF

MAY 14-23, <u>2016</u>

St Andrews, Carnoustie, Troon, Turnberry, Prestwick, Kingsbarns

NTSGA members are invited on a golf trip of a lifetime. We are launching today an inquiry as to the feasibility of enjoying Scotland next May (2016).

16 Golfers 8 Wives (8 golfers and wives, 8 singles).

Cost: \$4,900 golfers, \$2,000 non golfers.

Included:

- Six rounds of golf,
- 9 days of hotel stay, breakfast,
- All ground transportation and transfers.
- Transportation for wives to sightseeing events during golf days.

Not Included:

- Caddy Fees
- Most afternoon and evening meals
- Airfare (\$950-\$1,025 DFW- Edinburgh estimate round trip)

This is a walking golf trip. If you can get a Doctor's waiver, then we MAY arrange golf carts for those who must use carts. (Some courses may insist on walking only).

Jim Yarbrough is the NTSGA contact member on this inquiry. If you are interested, please email Jim. If any profit is made I will send it to an orphanage. This is about playing golf in Scotland, not being a travel agent.

Deadlines:

- April 15 to determine if there is enough interest. No money needed.
- June 10: \$250 per person, locks you in.
- The first 8 golfers who are serious are "in".
- The first 8 golfers and wives are "in".
- If we have interest we will fill in many details after April 15.

Jim Yarbrough: JIMDY@att.net 214-328-5458

Sign up ASAP. Name & phone number

RULES FOR GOOD GOLF ETIQUETTE....ARNOLD PALMER

Don't be the slowest player in your group. Evaluate your pace of play honestly and often and if you're consistently the slowest in your group...you're a slow player, period. Encourage everyone to move quickly enough so you find yourself right behind the group in front. Play "ready golf" (hit when ready, even if you aren't away) until you reach the green. Be prepared to play when it's your turn on the tee and green and never search for a lost ball more than 5 minutes.



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

A 3-year old little boy in church, "Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is his name." Amen.

VOLUNTEERS – LPGA SHOOTOUT

Workers are needed for the LPGA Shootout being held April 30 – May 3 at Las Colinas Country Club. Cost is \$60.00 to pay for uniform Logo'd shirt, meals, parking pass, hat, outerwear windbreakers, six complementary guest tickets and one free round of golf at the Country Club at a later time. Job openings are available for Leaderboard postings, Marshals, Standard bearers, Walking scorers, On course service personnel and Scoring Central. Additional information may be obtained from NTShootout.com or from NTSGA President Chris Haas (972-416-1940) who worked the event last year.



MORE GOLF....







Pinehurst Ireland Napa Valley

JB's golf is a small organization that promotes the game of golf and schedules 4 golf trips a year for interested parties. One international trip and 2 stateside events remain on the schedule this year:

Pinehurst Golf Classic – April 25-29 Ireland Golf Classic -- Aug 5-Aug 11 Napa Valley Golf Classic – Sept 27-Oct 2

For additional information, contact JB's Golf at jbsgolf.com or NTSGA President, Chris Haas at 972-416-1940

FACTS FROM AUGUSTA....

Under the # 12 green (the middle of Amen Corner), is a series of pipes that are used to heat the green in winter and cool it in the sweltering Augusta summer. Heated or cooled water is sent through the pipes, which in turn heats or cools the green. The reason for this system is to promote root growth and prevent diseases of the grass on the green. Lamps that simulate sunlight are also used at night in the winter to help the grass stay healthy

FUNNY...

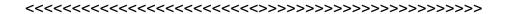
Two Irish nuns have just arrived in the USA by boat, and one says to the other, "I hear that the people in this country actually eat dogs."

"Odd," her companion replies, "but if we shall live in America, we might as well do as the Americans do." As they sit, they hear a push cart vendor yelling, "Hot dogs, get your dogs here," and they both walk towards the hot dog cart.

"Two dogs, please!" says one. The vendor is very pleased to oblige, wraps both hot dogs in foil and hands them over. Excited, the nuns hurry to a bench and begin to unwrap their 'dogs'. The mother superior is first to open hers.

She begins to blush and then staring at it for a moment, leans to the other Nun and in a soft brogue whispers....

"What part did you get?"



ENTREPRENEURIAL MEMBERS...

Dale Graves – Real Estate brokerage services/investments. Ins. needs, all types. 214-232-4773

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Mike Neeley – Mike's Limo Service. All Occasions, \$65/hr, 2hr min. 214-717-1930 mikeslimostx.com

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