

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 Avidgolfer 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 11th
Tom Higgins 26th
Jack Thompson 16th

Jay Gasper 22nd
Steve Killion 28th
Butch Vaut 23rd

Larry Gebhardt 24th
John Kohut 9th
Lou Wilkerson 28th

Ray Grupp 5th
Mike Robertson 24th

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 Gross	Low Net
Mar 4 Bridlewood	Canceled, due to weather			
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 weather			
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 Palmer's 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.

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 (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.

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 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 ¼ 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).

Lantana (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 west, 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, 2016

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

