

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2015

- The Feb 17 (Tuesday) tournament at Canyon Creek C.C. has been canceled and a Feb 18 (Wed) tournament at Firewheel-Bridges has been added. Check the NTSGA website.
- **Butch Vaut** recorded the first NTSGA Hole-In-One for 2015 at Waterview followed by a Hole-In-One by **Frank Riley** at Hurricane Creek. See both write-ups in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR FEBRUARY

Gordon Bass 18th
 Clint Culp 13th
Skip Greathouse 10th
 Danny Millaway 13th
 Elliott Prater 16th
Ralph Storey 25th

Gerry Bell 23rd
 David Depue 24th
 Bill Kayser 16th
 Paul Myers 2nd
 Joe Ramos 22nd
 Ken Talburt 1st

Dave Bramlett 14th
 Jim Farmer 24th
 Bob Lewis 2nd
 Mike Neeley 15th
 Frank Riley 7th
 Dorie Wesson 3rd

John Carrick 21st
 Dale Graves 22nd
Pat Martin 18th
 John Opiela 14th
 Ben Robinson 14th

Fact: Don't feel bad about your high handicap....80% of all golfers will never achieve a handicap of less than 18.

JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Jan 14 Waterview	84	65%	Butch Vaut 75	Bobby Wood 66
Jan 19 Gleneagles C.C.	117	91%	Tom Hatfield 74	Bob Crews 69 Tom Hatfield 69 Jim Holmes 69
Jan 21 Firewheel – Bridges	104	81%	Butch Vaut 73	Bobby Wood 68
Jan 28 Hurricane Creek C. C.	127	99%	Rod Patefield 74 Doug Shackelford 74	Joel Rogers 63

EXCESSIVE SIGN-UPS

Sometimes more than the maximum number of players (128) sign up for our tournaments. When this happens, Tournament Chairman Rod Wells uses a computer selected random list of all members and has to call the number of members in excess of 128. He informs them that they will not be able to play in that event. (NTSGA By-Laws Article VI, Section 5). Don't feel as if you're being picked upon, as you will not be excluded from a tournament again until all 200 members have been screened and forced to sit out an event.

PUN INTENDED--

When Chemists die....they barium!

SHOOTING YOUR AGE:

Posting a golf score equal to or less than your age is a grand accomplishment for a senior golfer. On the PGA tour, the record belongs to Sam Snead who at age 67 recorded a 66 in the Quad Cities Open.

It is a rare feat indeed and as hard as golfers try, most golfers will never shoot their age. Maintaining ones health and retaining a great deal of coordination seem to be keys to the ability for a golfer to shoot his/her age.

AGE SHOOTERS, January

Bob Murphy 1/21 Firewheel-Bridges (90)

Jay Houston 1/28 Hurricane Creek C.C. (77)

Harold Lockman 1/28 Hurricane Creek C.C. (78)

Joel Rogers 1/28 Hurricane Creek C.C. (75)



"I don't know what it is about it, but I love this course!"

HOLE-IN-ONE: BUTCH VAUT

As an NTSGA member for 12 years, Butch Vaut recorded the first hole-in-one of the 2015 season when he aced Hole #8 (old #17) at Waterview Golf Club on Jan 14. Butch hit 6 iron exactly 155 yards to record the 2nd ace of his playing career. Playing partners witnessing Butch's great shot were Ollie Cromwell, Tom Hatfield and Rod Patefield.

Butch grew up in Oklahoma City attending local schools before graduating from the University of Oklahoma. He served proudly in the United States Army as a Communications Specialist while stationed at Ft. Ord, California. After military service, Butch worked in the Telecom industry for 38 years while the company underwent several name changes from Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Butch has been our NTSGA Club Champion 5 out of the last 12 years. NTSGA is proud to present Butch with \$200.00 for his hole-in-one.

CONGRATULATIONS, BUTCH VAUT!

FACTS OF LIFE:

Having a cold drink on a hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks.....PRICELESS!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Feb 4 WestRidge	8:30
Feb 10 (TUES) Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Hills)	8:30
Feb 18 Firewheel-Bridges	8:30
Feb 23 (MON) Stonebriar C.C.	9:00
Feb 25 Frisco Lakes	9:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

WestRidge (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Hills) (McKinney) 972-529-5990; 5901 Glen Oaks Dr. Drive north on I-75 (Central Expwy), exit at Eldorado Pkwy. (McKinney) Turn left (west) for 2.7 miles. Turn right at Lake Forest Drive for 1 mile. At the stop sign, turn left on Glen Oaks Dr. for .3 mile. Course entrance on left.

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.

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.

Frisco Lakes (Flower Mound) 972-292-3089; 899 Rose Lane. Take the Dallas No. Tollway north of Hwy 121, exit at Lebanon, turn left (west) for approx. 4.5 miles to FM 423. Turn right for approx. 1.1 miles to Stonebrook Pkwy (2nd traffic light). Turn left (west) for 1.3 miles. Turn left at Anthem Dr., leads to clubhouse.

ATTENTION: 75 & OLDER

Members 75 and older have the opportunity to play from the first tees forward of the rest of the field. In an effort to ensure handicaps accurately reflect scores from different tees, the handicap committee must be aware of those members playing from the forward tees. If you meet the age requirement, and are playing from these forward tees, you must inform Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach. You can do so by emailing him at HBacharach@aol.com or calling him at 972-620-2602.

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

Sun Roll (Bill) – Spa Int'l; massage, facial, manicure/pedicure 972-395-8700. Disc. to NTSGA mem

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