

# HAPPY NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2015

- ❖ Thirteen new members joined NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- ❖ Four members were dropped from the organization because of inactivity. Remember.....Article VI Section 1 of the By-Laws, requires that members participate in at least 20 tournaments during the year to maintain an active status.
- ❖ The website software will now only allow tournament signup for the next two events.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

|                                |                                |                                 |                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pete Archbold 31 <sup>st</sup> | Mike Barker 29 <sup>th</sup>   | Rodger DeSarno 30 <sup>th</sup> | Rod Hays 3 <sup>rd</sup>     |
| John Jones 29 <sup>th</sup>    | Art Krueger 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Gene Kurihara 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Don Martin 20 <sup>th</sup>  |
| David McCoy 18 <sup>th</sup>   | John Owens 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Ray Patak 18 <sup>th</sup>      | Gary Peters 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Dennis Smith 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Phil Sykes 4 <sup>th</sup>     | Joe Thompson 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Sid Thrash 5 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Steve Tipton 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Jim Yarbrough 17 <sup>th</sup> |                                 |                              |

## DECEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

|                    | Players | Percentage of full field | Low Gross        | Low Net          |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Dec 3 Pecan Hollow | 115     | 89%                      | Rod Wells 69     | Ben Robinson 55  |
| Dec 10 Waterview   | 109     | 85%                      | Gene Kurihara 70 | Page Carwile 59  |
| Dec 17 Waterchase  | 54      | 42%                      | Bill Kayser 77   | Harry Schmidt 60 |

## DUES....

Treasurer Pete Schoemann reports there are 16 members who do not have \$60.00 in their NTSGA Bank to pay for the 2015 dues. A check must be remitted to Pete (payable to NTSGA) by Jan 1 to avoid losing your active membership for next year. Pete's address is 3200 San Simeon Way, Plano, TX 75023. If you are in doubt as to your current NTSGA bank balance, email Secy. Phil Fahs ([pfahs57@yahoo.com](mailto:pfahs57@yahoo.com)) or call him (972-243-3450) for an update.

## GOLF....

It is thought the word "golf" comes from the Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve", meaning club. Historians believe this was passed on to the Scottish whose own dialect changed this to "golfe", "gowl" or "gouf". By the sixteenth century this had evolved into the word we know today.

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS

|        |                              |             |  |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Jan 14 | Waterview                    | 8:30        | Includes Complimentary Breakfast & Lunch |
| Jan 19 | <b>(MON)</b> Gleneagles C.C. | <b>9:00</b> |  |
| Jan 21 | Firewheel – Bridges          | 8:30        |  |
| Jan 28 | Hurricane Creek C.C.         | 8:30        | Includes Buffet Lunch                    |

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Waterview (Rowlett) 972-463-8900; 9509 Waterview Pkwy. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike east through Garland, past hwy 78. Exit at Merritt/Liberty Grove Connector. At 2nd stop sign (Liberty Grove), turn left. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left. If driving through downtown Dallas on I-30, proceed east of LBJ Frwy (635), Garland, and exit at Geo Bush Turnpike (north). Exit the Turnpike at Lakeview Pkwy/Main St./Hwy 66. Stay on the Service Road, passing Main St., passing Hwy 66 for another 1.4 miles. Turn right at the stop sign (Liberty Grove). Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left.

Gleneagles C.C. (Plano) 972-867-8888; 5401 W. Park Blvd. Drive north on the Dallas North Tollway. Exit at W. Park Blvd. (FM 544). Turn right for 1.2 miles, 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.

Hurricane Creek C.C. (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take I-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Anna (Truck Stop), turn left go over I-75, right turn onto the west service road, drive 1.7 miles (north). Left turn at small sign, leads to club.

## COURSES....

A survey of members last year on premier courses to play, has not produced positive results. Most of those courses want green fee/cart fees far greater than we are willing to pay for a round for our members. For example, Cowboys would charge \$92.00 and we would only be able to play the course in January. Castle Hills would charge \$75.00 and we would only be able to play the course between January and April. This is not a dead issue and the Directors will continue to pursue other high dollar courses that we may be able to negotiate a more affordable green fee/cart fee.

## PICTURES....

Webmaster Howie Bacharach would like to add pictures of members to the NTSGA website. This has been suggested by several members as a way of identifying fellow members within NTSGA. Simply take a picture (preferably, a head shot from collar to top of head) and email it to Howie at [Hbacharach@aol.com](mailto:Hbacharach@aol.com)

## FROM PRESIDENT, CHRIS HAAS....

It is an honor for me to take the reins of this wonderful organization for the year 2015. We are coming off a very successful 2014 completing 50 tournaments for the year, according to Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells. He promises 55 events for this year including new courses: Sherrill Park, The Tribute, Frisco Lakes, Stone Creek (Sherman) and Brookhaven C.C. (Masters).

We are always excited to add new members to NTSGA and according to Secy. Phil Fahs should be able to add 10-15 new members to start the year. Look for their names in this newsletter and please welcome these gentlemen to the organization when you see them on the golf course.

I'm thankful that 15 year member, Joel Rogers has returned to serve the organization as our Vice President this year. He brings more than 6 years of Officer experience to the Board of Directors.

We say a hearty thank you to Ron Goethals and C.J. Pryor who have been the skins coordinators for the over 16 handicap skins and over 75 skins pots. They are stepping down from their volunteer positions after serving for several years.

After a nice holiday break, we will start our golf season Jan. 14 at Waterview. I'm hoping 2015 brings many eagles, birdies and pars for all members.

*Chris*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2015

**PRESIDENT:** Chris Haas  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Joel Rogers  
**SECRETARY:** Phil Fahs  
**TREASURER:** Pete Schoemann  
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Terry Bell  
Bob Coburn  
Danny Millaway  
Bill Roll

### --STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN--

**TOURNAMENT:** Rod Wells                      **ASST. TOURN. CHRM:** Tom Lymenstull  
**HANDICAP/WEBMASTER:** Howie Bacharach  
**COMMUNICATION:** Ron Swanson

### **Pun intended:**

I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now!

## SKINS....

Tim Koscinski has agreed to be the Skins Coordinator for the handicap 16 and above skins pot. We are still in need of a Coordinator for the age 75+ skins pot. If you would like to volunteer for this position please contact any Board member.

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## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING.....**

Anything pertaining to the overall operation of the Association, contact:

**PRESIDENT, CHRIS HAAS**  
**brityank2002@yahoo.com**  
**972-416-1940**

Anything pertaining to your NTSGA member bank balance, tournament flight results, prize money distribution, scorecards, receiving a check for bank withdraws, closest to the pin questions and Annual Banquet information, contact:

**TREASURER, PETE SCHOEMANN**  
**plano2shoes@aol.com**  
**972-618-3776**

Anything pertaining to Newsletters, Association correspondence, Constitution, By-Laws, roster information changes, prospective member waiting list, archive records from previous years, age shooters, new members, individual rounds played, holes-in-one and annual election of Officers and Directors, contact:

**SECRETARY, PHIL FAHS**  
**pfahs57@yahoo.com**  
**972-243-3450**

Anything pertaining to tournament sign-ups, annual schedule, weekly pairing sheet, tournament check-in, member participation, course tee markers, excessive sign-up drops and future golf courses, contact:

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS**  
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**972-699-0644**

Anything pertaining to the NTSGA website, handicaps computation, 2-man team results and skins results, contact:

**HANDICAP CHAIRMAN/WEBMASTER, HOWIE BACHARACH**  
**hbacharach@aol.com**  
**972-620-2602**

## **AGE SHOOTERS – DECEMBER**

Jay Gasper 12/3 Pecan Hollow (75)

Harold Lockman 12/3 Pecan Hollow (79)

Ben Robinson 12/3 Pecan Hollow (70)

Bob Wands 12/3 Pecan Hollow (73)

Gene Kurihara 12/3 Waterview (70)

## **OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:**

Little Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally, the boy replied, "The preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

## **PRIZES....**

The following businesses provided prizes that were given away at our annual Banquet held on Nov. 21. We thank all of these Golf Courses, Country Clubs and merchants, and hope you will consider patronizing their places of business:

PGA Tour Superstore  
Mesquite Golf Course  
The Courses at Watters Creek  
Brookhaven C.C.  
Twin Creeks Golf Club  
Ridgeview Ranch Golf Club  
Lou's Golf  
Eldorado C.C.  
AT&T Stadium  
Canyon Creek C.C.  
Hurricane Creek C.C.

Grapevine Golf Club  
Clubfinders Golf  
Indian Creek Golf Course  
Stonebridge Ranch C.C., Hills Course  
Miller's Jewelry  
WestRidge Golf Course  
Kenny's Wood Fire Grill  
Golfsmith  
The Golf Center at The Highlands  
Five Star Golf

## **SPRINGTIME VOLUNTEERS.....**

The LPGA Shootout Tournament scheduled to be played at Las Colinas Country Club Apr.28 - May 3 is in great need of volunteers. Positions needed include course spotters, sign bearers, players check-in and Pro-Am assistance. For 8 hrs. of volunteer service, you may play the course at a later time for \$25.00 including cart. For additional information, contact Karen Calsvesbert at [Karen@globalgolfmanagement.com](mailto:Karen@globalgolfmanagement.com) or NTSGA President, Chris Haas at [brityank2002@yahoo.com](mailto:brityank2002@yahoo.com). If contacting Karen, mention that you are a member of NTSGA.



## **FUNNY-----**

Three little boys were concerned because they couldn't get anyone to play with them. They decided it was because they had not been baptized and didn't go to Sunday school.

So they went to the nearest church.

But, only the janitor was there.

One little boy said, "We need to be baptized, because no one will come out and play with us. Will you baptize us?"

"Sure," said the janitor.

He took them into the bathroom and dunked their little heads in the toilet bowl, one at a time.

Then he said. "You are now baptized!"

When they got outside the church, one of them asked, "What religion do you think we are?"

The oldest one said, "We're not Kathlick, because they pour the water on you."

"We're not Babtis, because they dunk all of you in the water."

"We're not Methdiss, because they just sprinkle water on you."

The littlest one said "Didn't you smell that water?"

They all joined in asking, "Yeah, what do you think that means?"

"I think it means we're Pisskopailians!"

## **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