

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2015

- The U.S. Open was a thriller for Dallas' own Jordan Spieth. See the write up in this newsletter.
- Due to course flooding at Grapevine, **Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells** has replaced that tournament with Waterview. See change in this newsletter
- The Open Championship will be played this year at St. Andrews, Scotland. The Open Championship Pot will be open for selection July15, at Watters Creek. Jordan Spieth will not be available for selection.
- Thanks to the 29 members who volunteered to play in the Dallas Ryder Cup match against the Sherrill Park seniors. Read the full write up in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

Roger Ball 13th
 Jerry Casemiros 9th
 Gerald Gotcher 19th
 John Pisciotta 6th
 Bob Wands 23rd

Allen Blotney 15th
Bob Crews 8th
 Basil Greaves 19th
 Pete Schoemann 4th
 Mike Wood 19th

Bobby Boyette 6th Jay Bradford 13th
 Brian Ellman 16th **Tom Frame 1st**
 E.A. McDowell 13th Judge Perry 2nd
 Gary Sprehe 11th Pat Tritch 26th

JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

		Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
June 3	Watters Creek	129	101%	Ken Talburt 74	Stan Robertson 61
June10	Bridlewood	124	96%	Gary Zimmerman 72	Harold Lockman 61 Kelly Parks 61 Joe Ramos 61
June 17	Heritage Ranch....canceled, due to weather				
June 22	Stone Creek	102	79%	Mike Barker 76 Butch Vaut 76	Jay Houston 66 Russ Medlin 66
June 24	Waterchase....canceled, due to course flooding				
June 29	Brookhaven C.C.	116	90%	Doug Shackelford 74	Sid Thrash 66

.....we all love to spend money buying new clothes, but we never realize that the best moments in life are enjoyed without clothes!!

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

July 1	Lantana	8:00
July 8	Grapevine....Canceled, due course flooding (replaced by Waterview).	
July 8	Waterview	8:00
July 15	Watters Creek	8:00
July 20 (MON)	Stonebriar C.C.	9:00
July 22	Buffalo Creek	8:00
July 29	Tangleridge	8:00

“Without hesitation, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer! Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.”

.....Dennis Smith

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

July 1 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.

July 8 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.

July 15 Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

July 20 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.

July 22 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.

July 29 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 972-299-6837; 818 Tangle Ridge Dr. Take I-35E south thru downtown Dallas. Bear right at the Hwy 67 split, towards Cleburne. After passing under I-20, drive 8.7 miles, exit at Lake Ridge Pkwy., right turn (2 miles). Turn left at Park Ridge Dr., follow signs through residential area to golf course.

AVID GOLFERS

With all the flooding and rainy weather, NTSGA has finally surpassed 20 rounds of golf played for 2015. The following members have played in the By-Laws annual requirement of 20 rounds:

Roger Ball, Gerry Bell, Terry Bell, Rich Carmen, Freddie Carroll, Gene Clark, Bob Coburn, Randy Cook, Clint Culp, Gary Delcambre, Gene Edmondson, Ron Goethals, Jim Holmes, John Kohut, Tim Koscinski, Andy Parker, Joe Philpott, Elliott Prater, Paul Price, Stan Robertson, Ben Robinson, Pete Schoemann, Dennis Smith, Tim Strobel, Joe Thompson, Butch Vaut, Rod Wells and Bobby Wood.

Thank you gents, for your active participation!

DALLAS RYDER CUP:

The Ryder Cup match against the Sherrill Park Seniors will be played Monday, July 6 at Watters Creek. The first tee time is 7:44. You are welcome to come to the course to watch some of these matches and root your fellow NTSGA members to victory. Scoring will follow in the grille, after the matches. Twenty nine members had previously volunteered to participate. Randomly selected teams are as follows:

0-9 Phil Abel John Opiela	10-16 Rod Wells Al Alcantara	17+ Danny Millaway Stan Robertson
Doug Shackelford David Miller	Mike Wood Johnny Russo	Bobby Wood Greg Windsor
1 st Alt. Joe Bob Wheeler 2 nd Alt. Rod Patefield	Roger Ball Jerry Walker	Pete Huff Pete Schoemann

DID YOU KNOW?

....Chris Haas

Patrick Wills, a 59 year old golfer from Virginia had an unbelievable round of golf recently, witnessed by his two sons and an Air Force friend. Wills' scorecard reflected 1 eagle, 7 birdies and 3 holes-in-one, for a round of 57. He aced the 289 yard, par 4, 7th hole, then made a hole-in-one at the 10th hole, a 334 yard, par4. He made his 3rd ace at the 187 yard, par 3, 14th hole. The course pro at Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton, Virginia verified Wills scorecard and said the odds of 3 holes-in-one in a single round is 1 in the billions.

Wills has now made 25 holes-in-one in his career, but none will be as memorable as the 3 he made in one round.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back", said one child. "No", said another. "He's just for good luck". A third little girl brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs, she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

U.S. OPEN POT

The 2015 U.S. Open was played at Chambers Bay Golf Club in University Place, Washington. It was a course unlike the typical well-manicured country club courses that the PGA tour players are accustomed. This was a links course with hardened, undefined fairways, large sand bunkers and penalizing tall grasses. The overwhelming favorite of all the NTSGA members was naturally, Jordan Spieth, since he is a Dallas native, attended local schools and would try to win back to back major championships. The opening round scores were high as players continually hit balls in penalizing positions or into runoff areas where many balls rolled through the slick greens into deep sand traps. Surprisingly, Henrik Stenson and Dustin Johnson led the field of players both shooting 5 under par. Close behind were Jordan Spieth and his UT college teammate, Cody Gribble recording 68's (3 strokes off the pace). Forty eight NTSGA members were excited as one half of their combo selection was Jordan Spieth.

Day 2 began with clear blue skies and beautiful views of Puget Sound from the golf course. Scores continued to skyrocket as golfers had a difficult time judging the correct place on the quirky greens to hit the ball and keep it from rolling into the many bunkers. The rugged terrain took its toll on two players as Gary Woodland was admitted to the hospital suffering from dehydration and Jason Day suffered from BPPV (Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo) and had to be helped off the golf course following completion of his round after he collapsed on the 18th green. NTSGA members, **Art Krueger, Joe Bob Wheeler, Mike Vestal, Gene Lindsey and Randy Cook** were hopeful that treatment given to Jason Day during the evening would be successful as Day was one of their selections. Play on Day 2 concluded with Jordan Spieth and fellow Ryder Cup teammate, Patrick Reed leading the way, both at 5 under par. The happiest of all NTSGA golfers was **Gene Kurihara**, as his Pot selections were both Reed and Spieth.

After receiving overnight treatment, Jason Day played superb golf on Day 3 and tied Spieth, along with Dustin Johnson and Brandon Grace. All were tied at the top at 4 under par. Many NTSGA golfers were disappointed as half of their selections failed to make the cut including Bubba Watson, Martin Kaymer, Ryan Moore and Ricky Fowler.

Beginning Day 4, large crowds greeted the golfers as spectators were ready to root for their favorite players in hopes of him capturing the U.S. Open silver cup. Louis Oosthuizen made a surge for the tournament lead by recording 6 straight birdies. Adam Scott also made a strong move by shooting the low round of the tournament (64). However, none of the golfers could catch Jordan Spieth especially when he birdied 16 to take a 3 stroke lead. Unfortunately, he gave away 2 strokes by double bogeying 17 and opening the door for Dustin Johnson. Putting for eagle on 18 for the win or birdie for a tie, Johnson 3 putted and the U.S. Open title belonged to Jordan Spieth.

The runner up to this year's NTSGA U.S. Open pot was **Bob Coburn**: Jordan Spieth (1) and Adam Scott (T4). The overall winners were **Randy Cook, Ollie Cromwell and Joe Minter**. All 3 members selected Jordan Spieth (1) and Dustin Johnson (T2). Each split the pot of \$485.00.

Congratulations, RANDY COOK, OLLIE CROMWELL and JOE MINTER!!

