

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2015

- Last month's Master's Pot ended up being a 3 way split. See accompanying article in this newsletter.
- The PGA Tour comes to the Metroplex this month....May 21-24 at Colonial and May 28-31 at TPC Las Colinas for The Nelson.
- Remember, if you're interested in playing golf in Scotland next year, contact NTSGA member **Jim Yarbrough** at 214-328-5458 or JIMDY@att.net
- Our tournament on May 13 is at Stone Creek Golf Club in Sherman. Carpool with some buddies to Sherman as this promises to be a fun event at a golf course we've never played. Start time is **9:00**. Directions are in this newsletter. This would be an excellent opportunity to reach out to any new member that may live in your city/neighborhood by offering a carpool ride to Sherman for this tournament. New members brought into NTSGA in October 2014 and January 2015 live in the cities of Plano, Hurst, Coppell, Dallas, Frisco, Garland, Fairview, Carrollton, McKinney, Farmers Branch and Irving. If you are willing to provide carpool rides and need names and phone numbers, contact Secy. Phil Fahs at 972-243-3450.
- Another delicious lunch will be served at Hurricane Creek C.C. at the conclusion of our tournament on May 27.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Terry Bell 31st
Gene Clark 19th
Chris Haas 25th
Hubert Lytle 1st
Tim Strobel 21st

Rich Carmen 27th
Bob Clay 25th
Tom Hatfield 20th
Bob Pope 29th
Ron Swanson 6th

Freddie Carroll 26th
Gary Dobson 2nd
Jerry Jenkins 24th
Doug Shackelford 2nd

Mike Chalk 5th
Phil Fahs 15th
John Johnson 30th
Al Stalter 4th

APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
April 1 Mesquite	123	96%	Butch Vaut 70	Tom Lymenstull 59 Ralph Moser 59
April 8 Tierra Verde	111	86%	Mike Hatfield 71	Gene Edmondson 62
April 15 Buffalo Creek	127	99%	Tom Hatfield 72	Tom Lymenstull 58
April 22 Heritage Ranch C.C.	123	96%	Mike Hatfield 74	Jerry Walker 66
April 29 Lantana	124	96%	Bill Nitcholas 74	Ben Robinson 64

....OK, we know the speed of light, but what is the speed of dark?

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS

May 6 Grapevine	8:00	
May 13 Stone Creek (Sherman)	9:00	
May 20 Luna Vista	8:00	
May 27 Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:00	Lunch included

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Grapevine (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; 3800 Fairway Dr. Take LBJ Frwy west, towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

Stone Creek (Sherman) 903-870-7980; 2200 Club House Dr. Drive north on I-75 (Central Expy) towards Sherman, TX. Take Exit #57 (Park St.) Turn left under the freeway and south on the west side service road. Course entrance is on right.

Luna Vista (Dallas) 214-670-6322; 11223 Luna Rd. Drive to I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Exit at Royal Lane. Drive west 1.1 miles (traffic light). Turn left (Luna Rd.), drive .4 mile, course entrance on right

Hurricane Creek (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.

RYDER CUP

We are still soliciting Ryder Cup participants for the Ryder Cup challenge match against the Sherrill Park Seniors organization. Sign-up will continue until June 1. The match will be held Monday, July 6 at a neutral course to be determined. We need all handicap brackets 0-9, 10-16, and 17+. On June 1, a random drawing will be held by the NTSGA Directors to select the 12 man team + 2 alternate players from each handicap bracket. Please register with Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** or Secy. **Phil Fahs** if you desire to be on the NTSGA Ryder Cup team.

DID YOU KNOW.....

The average major league baseball lasts only 5 pitches. Some are fouled into the stands, some are hit over the fence for home runs, some are thrown into the stands by players as souvenirs for fans and some are scuffed up and thrown out of the game by the umpires.

COURTESIES...

We ask that all members adhere to common sense courtesies when participating in our tournaments:

- 1) Don't walk on another players putting line when on the green. (You wouldn't appreciate it!).
- 2) Rake the sand traps after hitting your shot. (You don't want to hit an errant shot into a sand trap only to find footprints everywhere left by previous golfers).
- 3) Keep carts on paths when close to greens and tee boxes (This only makes sense!).
- 4) Please enter names and scores on card in a legible manner to help Treasurer, **Pete Schoemann** and Handicap Chairman, **Howie Bacharach** (To prevent incorrect tabulations!).
- 5) Don't spit on the greens. (It's disgusting!).
- 6) Put sand in fairway divots and repair ball marks on the greens. (It helps the greenskeeper care for the course).
- 7) Keep play moving by playing "Ready Golf". Don't hit into the foursome ahead, but be ready to hit once they are driving away from their fairway shots.

NTSGA has a good reputation throughout the Metroplex golf courses. Please uphold this reputation by observing simple common sense courtesies as we are being observed by pro shop personnel and marshals.....Thank You.

GETTING OLD.....First you forget names, then you forget faces, and then you forget to pull up your zipper....It's even worse when you forget to pull your zipper down!

NTSGA GOLF APPAREL

Director Terry Bell is canvassing members to see if there is considerable interest in obtaining NTSGA logo'd golf apparel. Please complete this survey and drop it off at the tournament sign-in table or forward results to Terry at tc-bell@att.net or call him at 972-347-3267.



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Price range for an NTSGA logo'd hat:

\$10-\$15 _____
\$15-\$20 _____
\$20+ _____

Color of hat:

Red _____
White _____
Blue _____
Other color _____

Other items of interest:

Shirts _____
Jackets/Windbreakers _____

Terry's suppliers will embroider the NTSGA logo on any shirt (provided by the member) for approx. \$8.00.

2015 MASTERS POT...

This year's Masters opened on Thursday under beautiful weather conditions and would be Ben Crenshaw's final time to play the course as a member of the field. Tiger Woods would play in this event after staying away from competitive golf for over 2 months. The most popular selection to win this tournament by NTSGA golfers was Dallas' own Jordan Spieth. The 21 year old graduate of Jesuit College Prep school spent one year at the University of Texas, leading his college team to the National Championship. It was understandable why 41 NTSGA members selected Spieth as one half of their selection combo because of his stellar record over the past 4 months. He won the Hero World Challenge (Florida), finished 4th at Riviera (Los Angeles), won the Valspar Championship (Florida), finished 2nd at the Valero Texas Open (San Antonio) and finished 2nd at the Shell Houston Open (Houston). In addition to Jordan Spieth, NTSGA members were counting on good Master's finishes by Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson, Rory McIlroy and Patrick Reed. Surely, with so many members selecting Spieth, this would probably result in a split pot.

After Day 1, Spieth set the pace for all the other golfers recording 9 birdies and only 1 shot off the tournament record for an opening round at Augusta National. His closest pursuers were Ernie Els, Jason Day, Justin Rose and Charlie Hoffman. The most excited NTSGA member was **Paul Price**, as he selected Jordan Spieth and Jason Day as his selections.

Day 2 weather conditions were exactly like the sunny conditions of Day 1 and Spieth increased his lead over the field by 5 strokes, recording 66. Dustin Johnson continued to climb the leader board making 3 eagles during the day, a tournament record. NTSGA members that were very encouraged at their chances of capturing the Masters Pot included **Joel Rogers, Tom McMahan, Ollie Cromwell, Al Alcantara, Bobby Wood and Mike Vestal**.

Unfortunately, several NTSGA members would not compete since one or both of their golfers failed to make the cut. These NTSGA members included **Jim Yarbrough, Pat Tritch, Steve Tipton, Joe Thompson, John Owens, Jerry Walker, Bob Trainham and Gerald Gotcher**.

Day 3 began with Jordan Spieth leading by 5 strokes and he increased his lead to 7 at one point. Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods and Roy McIlroy played well, but by the end of the day still trailed Spieth by 5 & 10 strokes respectively. Justin Rose made 5 birdies in 6 holes and vaulted into 2nd place ahead of Charlie Hoffman and Phil Mickelson. Spieth made a beautiful birdie on 16, then slipped a little on 17, but recovered with a miraculous par on 18. Rose still trailed Spieth by 4 strokes at the end of Day 3. His total of 200 strokes after 3 rounds established a new 54 hole record for the Masters tournament. Thirty seven NTSGA members were still hopeful that Jordan Spieth would close out the tournament with a win and that their other selection finished near the top.

The final round of this year's Masters began under overcast skies with Jordan Spieth leading the field by 4 strokes. He increased his lead to 6 as he began playing the back 9. During the day he established many new Masters Records as he led the tournament from start to finish winning by 4 strokes.

Runners-up to the NTSGA Masters Pot were **Chris Haas, Kelly Parks, Johnny Russo, Bill Roll, Bob Trainham and Howie Bacharach**, all having selected Jordan Spieth (1) & Rory McIlroy (4). The pot was split 3 ways as all 3 members selected Jordan Spieth (1) & Phil Mickelson (T2). The winners were **Joel Rogers, Mike Vestal and Ollie Cromwell**. Each member pocketed \$148.00.

The next Major tournament pot selection will be the US Open, on June 17 at Heritage Ranch C.C.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOEL ROGERS, MIKE VESTAL AND OLLIE CROMWELL!

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4 year old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now, "She's hitting the bottle".

AGE SHOOTERS – APRIL

J.D. Caywood 4/1 Mesquite (78)

Jay Gasper 4/1 Mesquite (74)

E.A. McDowell 4/1 Mesquite (82)

David Miller 4/1 Mesquite (72)

Bob Murphy 4/1 Mesquite (83)

Butch Vaut 4/1 Mesquite (70)

Bill Roll 4/8 Tierra Verde (79)

E. A. McDowell 4/15 Buffalo Creek (80)

Jay Gasper 4/28 Lantana (77)

Harold Lockman 4/29 Lantana (77)

MORE FACTS FROM AUGUSTA....

There is a palm tree on the golf course even though it is hard to find. It is on the par 3, 4th hole mostly covered by bamboo. If standing next to the bunker to the right of the green, look up and straight ahead, you can see the palm.

RULES FOR GOOD GOLF ETIQUETTE....ARNOLD PALMER-2

Keep your temper under control:

Throwing clubs, sulking and barking profanity makes everyone uneasy. We all have our moments of frustration, but the trick is to vent in an inoffensive way. For example, I often follow a bad hole by hitting the next tee shot a little harder – for better or worse.



FAMILY DAY....

NTSGA President, Chris Haas is proposing a Family Day outing for all NTSGA members, families and guests. This event will take place sometime in August in Carrollton at the Country Place community, on Marsh Lane, north of Belt Line Road. Activities will include: Swimming (2 pools) \$5.00, plus a small charge for Life Guards on duty. Golf: (9 hole, par 3 course, walking only) \$25.00/ all day. Tennis: \$5.00. Fishing: no charge and no license required. Families may bring picnic lunch or use the grill for cooking hamburgers, etc. All facilities are within walking distance. All charges must be paid 1 month before event day. (3 family members/guests per NTSGA member).

For additional information and to express your interest and desire to attend, contact Chris at 972-416-1940 or brityank2002@yahoo.com

