

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

- Read the write-up of the PGA Championship Pot in this newsletter.
- Look for notes on the golf carts prior to beginning our rounds. These are suggestions by the Board of Directors of ways to speed up play and prevent 5 ½ - 6 hour rounds of golf.
- Voting will take place during October to elect members willing to serve on next year's Board of Directors. The sample ballot will be included in the October newsletter.
- Director Terry Bell has done a lot of hard work procuring NTSGA logo'd items (hats, shirts, visors, etc.) for our members. He has recently found a local vendor that will allow orders to be filled sooner at less cost. See him at our tournaments or email him at tc-bell@att.net
- Shortly, Tournament Chairman Rod Wells will start preparing for next year's tournaments by contacting golf courses. If there is a course(s) around the Metroplex that you would like him to research, email him at wellsrod@att.net

BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER

John Agee 1st
Ron Goethals 22nd
Buster Sanders 12th

Gary Delcambre 5th
Pete Huff 13th
Jerry Walker 12th

Dick Edmundson 28th
George Miller 30th
Bobby Wood 24th

Rex Ferguson 17th
Craig Otway 17th

AUGUST TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Aug 5 Sherrill Park #2 – Canceled, due to course conditions.				
Aug 12 The Tribute	129	101%	Butch Vaut 71	Bill Eldridge 62
Aug 17 Hackberry Ck C.C.	96	75%	Bob Wands 71	Bob Wands 63
Aug 19 WestRidge	111	86%	Jay Gasper 74 Butch Vaut 74	Gerry Bell 63 Bobby Wood 63
Aug 26 Luna Vista	109	85%	Clint Culp 71	Bobby Wood 62

LONG PUTTERS:

USGA has banned the use of long putters anchored (touching) any part of the golfer's upper body, beginning Jan 1, 2016. NTSGA will adopt this decision for our tournaments. The long putter may still be used and held tight against the forearm, but may not be in direct contact with the upper body. All members will be required to adhere to this change in USGA rules beginning next year. Any infractions should be reported to Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells.

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Sept. 2 Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:00	Includes Buffet Lunch
Sept. 9 Sky Creek Ranch	8:00	
Sept. 16 Tierra Verde	8:00	
Sept. 22 Firewheel (Old)	8:00	NTSGA Championship (Day 1)
Sept 23 Firewheel (Bridges)	8:00	NTSGA Championship (Day 2)
Sept. 30 Mesquite	8:00	

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Sept. 2 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.

Sept 9 Sky Creek Ranch (Keller) 817-498-1414; 600 Promontory Dr. Drive LBJ Frwy towards DFW Airport, take Hwy 121 south (it goes south for ½ mile, and then turns west). At the Hwy 121/114 split, bear right towards Bridgeport, exit at Southlake Blvd. Turn left, drive 4.9 miles. Left turn at Davis Blvd. (Wal-Mart on left, Shell station on right) Drive .9 miles to 2nd traffic light. Right turn at Bear Creek Pkwy. Drive 1.2 miles through residential area. Right turn at Promontory Dr., leads to club.

Sept 16 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.

Sept 22 Firewheel (Old) (Garland) 972-205-2765; 600 W. Blackburn Rd. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit at No. Garland Ave. Turn north. At 2nd traffic light, turn right. Course entrance ¼ mile on right.

Sept 23 Firewheel (Bridges) (Garland) 972-205-2795; 1535 Brand Rd. Take Geo Bush Turnpike east, exit at Brand Rd., turn left (north) 1 mile, course entrance on left.

Sept 30 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.

NTSGA CHAMPIONSHIP

The NTSGA Championship will be played this month over 2 days at Firewheel Golf Park. We will play the Old Course and The Bridges. Remember, these courses use 2 separate clubhouses...see directions in this newsletter.

Seven former NTSGA Champions still play with our organization: Doug Shackelford, Mike Robertson, Butch Vaut, Ken Talburt, Harlin Hamilton, Phil Abel and Ollie Cromwell.

AGE SHOOTERS – AUGUST

Jay Gasper 8/12 The Tribute (77)
Jay Houston 8/12 The Tribute (75)
Harold Lockman 8/12 The Tribute (74)
Butch Vaut 8/12 The Tribute (71)
Bob Wands 8/12 The Tribute (71)
Bob Wands 8/17 Hackberry Creek (71)
J.D. Caywood 8/19 WestRidge (78)
Jay Gasper 8/19 WestRidge (74)
Jay Houston 8/19 WestRidge (77)
Harold Lockman 8/19 WestRidge (79)
Bill Roll 8/19 WestRidge (80)
Harold Lockman 8/26 Luna Vista (78)
John Stieneker 8/26 Luna Vista (80)



SLOW PLAY....

Slow play continues to be an issue as some foursome's come in 5 1/2 - 6 hours after starting. At a recent Board of Directors meeting this item took up considerable time. The use of marshals was discussed. The publishing of known slow player's names in the newsletter was discussed. Secretary Phil Fahs will publish suggestions to prevent slow play and attach to each cart prior to the start of a tournament in hopes to get slower players to digest this information and increase their pace of play.

SAD NEWS.....

Thirteen year NTSGA member, "**Bing**" **Schwartz** passed away Aug. 14. Bing was a long time resident of Texas, born in Houston and graduating from Texas A&M University. He worked for Lone Star Gas and Placid Oil Company, retiring in the mid '90's as a consultant. A memorial service was held for Bing on August 18.

Rest in peace, Bing Schwartz



I asked the waiter, "Is this milk fresh?" He said, "Lady, three hours ago it was grass".
.....Phyllis Diller

20 ROUNDS:

In addition to the names listed in the July newsletter, the following members have now fulfilled the requirement of participating in 20 tournament rounds of golf for 2015:

Phil Abel, Al Alcantara, Howie Bacharach, Lynn Beyler, David Bramlett, John Carrick, Jerry Casemiro, Ken Chadee, Dave Clelland, Ollie Cromwell, Rodger DeSarno, Dick Fargo, Phil Fahs, Jay Gasper, Randy George, Gerald Gotcher, Basil Greaves, Chris Haas, Dick Hall, George Hans, Harlin Hamilton, Mike Hatfield, Jay Houston, Pete Huff, Jerry Jenkins, John Jones, Bob Kenyon, Steve Killion, Jim Krause, Art Krueger, Harold Lockman, Tom Lymenstull, Tom McMahan, Russ Medlin, Danny Millaway, George Miller, Joe Minter, Bob Murphy, Bill Nitcholas, Craig Otway, Rod Patefield, Joe Ben Ramos, Frank Riley, Mike Robertson, Joel Rogers, Bill Roll, Chuck Starin, Harry Schmidt, Ron Swanson, Phil Sykes, Ken Talburt, Sid Thrash, Pat Tritch, Jake Truitt, Mike Vestal, Steve Vredenburg, Jerry Walker, Bob Wands, Dorie Wesson, Dave Wilson, Greg Windsor, Mike Wood and Gary Zimmerman.

"It's tough to stay married. My wife kisses the dog on the lips, yet she won't drink from my glass!"

....Rodney Dangerfield

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 20. It will be held at the Addison Crowne Plaza Hotel (same venue as last year) beginning at 7:00 PM.

Additional information including menu items and sign-up instructions will be included in the October newsletter. Please mark the time and date on your calendars.

TAI CHI

This is early notification of a free introductory presentation displaying the application of Tai Chi and the benefit it can have on the game of golf. This 15 minute session will be offered after our round at Bridlewood on Oct 28. The presentation will be given by Susan Thompson, an occupational therapist and Tai Chi for Health instructor. She will demonstrate how Tai Chi is a powerful form of improving our golf game. This ancient martial art consists of slow, gentile movements that build strength and balance. The movements create a strong mind-body connection, improve concentration and are particularly suited to improve the golfer's game. All members are welcome to attend.

MORE SAD NEWS:

Pat Martin's wife, Lynda passed away on August 2. She was a longtime resident of Dallas and enjoyed the great game of golf playing at Oakridge C.C. and Dallas Athletic Club. Lynda was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. A Celebration of Life for Lynda was held August 7.

2015 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's PGA Championship played at Whistling Straits on the shores of Lake Michigan opened under relative calm weather conditions. The light breeze allowed golfers with morning tee times to score well, but the windy afternoon conditions played havoc on some favorite players in this last major championship of 2015. Jordan Spieth was off the Board for these major championship selections.

After the opening round, Dustin Johnson found himself in a familiar position leading the field by 1 stroke just as he did after Day 1 of the Open Championship at St. Andrews and the U.S. Open played at Chambers Bay. Johnson's excellent play did not surprise 27 NTSGA members as they selected him as ½ of their selection combo to win the PGA Championship. The next four popular picks for this year's tournament were Jason Day, Bubba Watson, Justin Rose and Ricky Fowler. #1 & #2 players in the world, Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth had afternoon tee times and both trailed Dustin Johnson by 5 strokes after Day 1.

Inclement weather conditions forced suspension of Round 2 in the afternoon, however, Jordan Spieth completed his round and stood at -6 after Day 2. The afternoon tee times would have to complete their 2nd rounds on Saturday morning. Jason Day did not finish his round but vaulted to the lead standing at -9 thru 14 holes. Many NTSGA golfers were now contending for the Pot as Jason Day was a favorite selection of 22 members.

Day 3 started under improved weather conditions and Jordan Spieth took advantage of the good weather recording a brilliant 66 and charged into 2nd place. Jason Day, however, made six straight 3's during his round and ended the day with the lead by 2 strokes over Spieth. Justin Rose, Martin Kaymer and Dustin Johnson were all playing well and were within striking distance of the leaders. NTSGA members most interested in this race because of the performance of their selections were Steve Killion, Joe Bob Wheeler, Mike Vestal, Judge Perry, Chris Haas, Jim Rowley, Greg Windsor, Dave Wilson, Bobby Wood, Don Martin, Randy Cook, Ollie Cromwell, John Carrick and Roger Ball.

Day 4 spectators saw beautiful shots all day as Jason Day got to -20 for the tournament and ended up winning the 1st major tournament of his career.

Runners up to the 2015 PGA Championship Pot were Judge Perry, Chris Haas, Steve Killion and Mike Vestal all having selected Jason Day (1) and Dustin Johnson (T7). The overall winners were Jim Rowley and Bobby Wood each having selected Jason Day (1) and Justin Rose (4) and splitting the \$410.00 Pot.

CONGRATULATIONS, JIM ROWLEY & BOBBY WOOD!

VOLUNTEER....

NTSGA is still seeking a volunteer to coordinate the 75+ skins pot. The job entails collecting \$10.00 from all entrants, recording scores after the round, determining winners, forwarding results to Webmaster Howie Bacharach and distributing winnings at the following weeks' tournament. If interested, please see Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home, and when he grows up he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway!

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

NTSGA will again recognize military veterans before commencing play at The Tribute on Nov 11 in conjunction with Veterans Day. Be prepared to come forward and stand with fellow members with the Branch of service that you served.

COURTESIES TO YOUR FELLOW GOLFERS...

With 120+ golfers playing in our events and a driving range with 15-20 stations at the courses we play, it stands to reason that many members must wait their turn to warm up. The key word here is warm up! You are trying to judge ball flight, get some stiff muscles relaxed and limber up your back muscles before starting the round. Ten to 20 practice balls should be plenty to accomplish this feat. Some members use this time as a practice session banging out 2-3 buckets of balls since many courses don't charge for these range balls. Please show a little courtesy to your fellow members and limit your warm up time so they too, get to hit a few balls.

.....Pete Schoemann

