# **NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2016**

- Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells changed the Mar 23 event from Watters Creek to Twin Creeks because of poor playing conditions at Watters Creek. It behooves all members to continually look at the website (ntsga.org) for changes, as Rod may add additional tournaments to make up for tournaments lost, due to inclement weather.
- Masters selections were taken at the Mesquite tournament (Mar. 30) and if you didn't place your selection, you can still do so by emailing Secy. Phil Fahs (pfahs57@yahoo.com) until 7:00 A.M., April 7.
- Warmer weather this month will bring out the members....sign up early for our tournaments.
- We play the Bridges at Preston Crossings for the first time in 6 years. Carpool with some buddies to Gunter to play a challenging course. Directions are in this newsletter.
- The directions to Lantana Golf Club have been altered due to a large construction project occurring at I-35 and Justin Road/FM407. See the revised directions in this newsletter

### **BIRTHDAY'S FOR APRIL**

Jay Gasper 22<sup>nd</sup> Steve Killion 28<sup>th</sup> Butch Vaut 23<sup>rd</sup>

Larry Gebhardt 24<sup>th</sup> Charley LeMaster 14<sup>th</sup> Lou Wilkerson 28<sup>th</sup> Ray Grupp 5<sup>th</sup>
Mike Robertson 24<sup>th</sup>

Tom Higgins 26<sup>th</sup> Jack Thompson 16<sup>th</sup>

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"
The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"
The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"
The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

## MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net	
Mar. 2 Bridlewood	121	94%	Butch Vaut 77	Gene Clark 62	
Mar. 9 Twin Creeks – Canceled, due to inclement weather.					
Mar. 16 Tangleridge	109	85%	Rob Ruth 73	Jim Ablowich 57	
Mar. 21 Stonebridge Ranch (Dye)	100	78%	Butch Vaut 75	Joe Shelton 64	
Mar. 23 Twin Creeks (re-schedule)	115	89%	Ollie Cromwell	74 Mike Jarrell 57	
Mar. 30 Mesquite	85	66%	Jay Gasper 71	Jay Gasper 61 Jerry Walker 61	

### **NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS**

April 6 Tierra Verde (Arlington)	8:00
April 13 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall)	8:00
April 20 Bridges at Preston Crossings (Gunter)	8:00
April 27 Lantana (Lantana)	8:00

### **DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES**

<u>Tierra Verde</u> (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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<u>Buffalo Creek</u> (Rockwall) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Take the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 <u>east</u>. 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.

<u>Bridges at Preston Crossings</u> (Gunter, TX) 903-696-0022; 2400 Fred Couples Dr. Take I-75 north. Exit at <u>FM</u>121 (Van Alstyne – Exit #51). Turn left (west) for 7.4 miles. Turn left at course entrance. Drive to the roundabout and bear right onto Bridges Pkway for approx. ½ mile. Turn left at sign (Fred Couples Dr.), leads to club.

<u>Lantana</u> (Lantana) 940-728-4653; 800 Golf Club Dr. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Exit at Main St/1171 (Lewisville). Turn west and drive 3.9 miles. Turn right at Long Prairie Rd. (2499) and drive 2.7 miles. Turn left at Justin Rd. (FM407). Drive west for approx 3.3 miles. Turn right at Lantana Trail (traffic light); drive 1.2 miles (divided road), turn right at Golf Club Dr., leads to clubhouse.

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

James (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His Dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked, "What happened to the flea?"

### AGE SHOOTERS - MARCH

Harold Lockman 3/16 Tangleridge 76
Jay Gasper 3/23 Twin Creeks 77
Jay Gasper 3/30 Mesquite 71
Harold Lockman 3/30 Mesquite 81
Jerry Walker 3/30 Mesquite 76

"My wife is such a bad cook, in my house, we pray <u>after</u> the meal. .....Rodney Dangerfield

## CORPORATE.....

The North Texas Senior Golf Association (NTSGA) is a Non Profit 901-C (7) Corporation as designated by the Internal Revenue Service. The organization files an annual Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax). This document is available for review by any member by contacting **Treasurer**, **Pete Schoemann**.

### WAITING LIST GOLFERS....

Gentlemen on the NTSGA Waiting List are now being invited to play in our events, whenever open slots exist for our tournaments. If you are paired with any of these gentlemen, please welcome them as future members. Deadline for <u>member</u> sign-ups for tournaments is still 12:00 noon, 2 days before an event. After that deadline, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** may add Waiting List Golfers as needed, to bring the field to 128 players and then prepare the pairing sheet. Late <u>member</u> sign-ups (after 12:00, 2 days prior) a member may or may not have a spot to play in that tournament.

Teacher: "Sara, can you point to America on this world map?"

Sara: "Right here, ma'am."

Teacher: "Correct. Now Jack, Can you tell me who found America?"

Jack: "Sara."

**WEARING APPAREL.....Director Terry Bell** has NTSGA logo'd wearing apparel for sale (hats, shirts, visors). Contact Terry at 972-347-3267 or tc-bell@att.net

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....**

The 2016 LPGA Volunteers of America Texas Shootout will take place at the Los Colinas C.C. (Irving) Apr. 28 - May 1. The majority of the Top 20 Women Golfers on tour will be competing. If you are interested in working at this tournament, visit LPGATexasShootout.com

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.....

All members should get in the habit of checking the website (ntsga.org) the evening before a golf tournament and early morning before leaving for the golf course for possible messages from the Tournament Chairman regarding weather conditions/delays and/or cancellations. This procedure has now been enhanced by linking member's cell phones to receive this early morning cancellation message. To link your phone, contact **Webmaster Howie Bacharach** (hbacharach@aol.com) and provide your mobile phone number and the name of your wireless carrier.

#### RYDER CUP ???

Several members have asked whether we will have a Ryder Cup match against another senior group this year, like we did in 2015 against the Sherrill Park Senior Golf Association. So far, we have not been challenged by another golf club for a match. However, we would like to take a survey of NTSGA members as to how many members would be interested in participating in a match of this nature. There would be 12 members on the team (selected by random drawing) to compete in 6 matches under a best ball and alternate shot format.

Please email **Secy. Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com) with a simple <u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u> if you would be willing to participate in Ryder Cup style competitions against another senior's organization sometime this year.

### **PREVENTING SLOW PLAY -**

These tips will help speed the pace of play:

- You don't have to take 4 practice swings before striking the ball; you warmed up on the driving range.
- Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to determine which way your putt breaks. You should've done that when walking onto the green or while others are putting.
- Play ready golf, even in the fairway.
- Walk briskly to/from the green.
- If we are forced to drive on "cart paths only", take 3 clubs to your ball, you should know the approx. distance remaining to the hole.
- Stay up with the group ahead.

Have you changed your address, telephone or email address?
Please notify **Secretary Phil Fahs**:
972-243-3450
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### THE MASTERS

Under the 13<sup>th</sup> green, there is a system of pipes hooked up to a pump that can draw air in and pump it out. This subsurface air system is used to dry the green faster, promote root growth and prevent turf diseases.

### FUNNY.....

Taking a wee break from the golf course, Rory McIlroy drives his new Mercedes into an Irish gas station. An attendant greets him in a typical Irish manner, unaware that it is the pro golfer.... "Top of the mornin' to ya."

As Rory gets out of the car, two tees fall out of his pocket. "What are those things, laddie?" asks the attendant.

"They're tees," replies Rory.

"And what would ya be usin' 'em for, now?" inquires the Irishman.

"Well they're for resting my balls on when I drive." replies Rory.

"Aw Jaysus, Mary an' Joseph!" exclaims the Irish attendant..... "Those fellas at Mercedes think of everything."