

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2016

- Thirteen new members join the organization this month. Their introductions are in this newsletter.
- Gleneagles C.C. has been added to our schedule Aug 22, beginning at 9:00. See the change on our website. (ntsga.org)
- The write-up and results of the Open Championship (Royal Troon) and the PGA Championship (Baltusrol) Pots are included in this newsletter.
- Arrange carpools to The Bridges (Gunter, TX) to play a nice golf course on August 31.
- The Creeks course at the Indian Creeks Golf Course has been sitting idle for over a year due to excessive flooding. It is currently scheduled to re-open August 5.

JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 6 Stone Creek	69	53%	Dick Hall 77 Jake Truitt 77	Jake Truitt 61
July 13 Grapevine	118	92%	Mike Barker 75	Steve Killion 63
July 20 Iron Horse	82	64%	Harlin Hamilton 69	Harlin Hamilton 60
July 27 Buffalo Creek	119	92%	Jay Gasper 72 Gary Mitchell 72 Butch Vaut 72	Gary Mitchell 59

When I was born, the doctor came into the waiting room and said to my father, "I'm sorry, but we did everything we could, but he pulled through anyway."

.....Rodney Dangerfield

AGE SHOOTERS – JULY

- Harold Lockman** 7/6 Stone Creek 79
- Bob Wands** 7/13 Grapevine 76
- Harlin Hamilton** 7/20 Iron Horse 69
- Harold Lockman** 7/20 Iron Horse 78
- Bill Roll** 7/20 Iron Horse 78
- E.T. Boon** 7/27 Buffalo Creek 78
- Jay Gasper** 7/27 Buffalo Creek 78
- Harold Lockman** 7/27 Buffalo Creek 81
- Butch Vaut** 7/27 Buffalo Creek 72
- Bob Wands** 7/27 Buffalo Creek 77



By-Laws Article VI, Section 2.....Pay dues, withdraw

Any member paying his tournament fee and commencing play, and who later has to withdraw from the tournament for any reason (DQ'd, illness, injury, WD), shall not be eligible to receive any awarded monies; i.e. flight prize money, 2-man team competition, CTP awards or skins money. If a member pays the entry fee and withdraws before starting the round, no refund shall be given; however, his entry fee will be added to his account balance maintained by the NTSGA Treasurer.

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Aug 3	Tangleridge (Grand Prairie)	8:00
Aug 10	Twin Creeks (Allen)	8:00
Aug 17	The Tribute (The Colony)	8:00
Aug 22 (MON)	Gleneagles C.C. (Plano)	9:00
Aug 24	WestRidge (McKinney)	8:00
Aug 31	The Bridges (Gunter)	8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Aug 3 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. Or, drive south on the George Bush Turnpike through Arlington towards I-20. Exit at Lake Ridge Parkway (the exit before I-20) and continue south for approx 8.5 miles. Turn right at entrance to the Tangleridge housing area (still on Lake Ridge Pkwy). Drive approx. 1.2 miles (past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. (Leads to golf course).

Aug 10 Twin Creeks (Allen) 972-390-8888; 501 Twin Creeks Dr. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy) north to Allen. Exit at McDermott, left turn (west) for 1½ miles. Right turn on Twin Creeks Dr., leads to Club, on left.

Aug 17 The Tribute (The Colony) 972-370-5465; 1000 Lebanon Rd. From Hwy 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway) and Josey Ln./Main St./Hwy 423 drive north (through The Colony) for 4.1 miles. Observe cones and construction for the entire 4.1 miles. At Lebanon (stop light, Walgreens on left) turn left. Drive 3 miles through residential area (pass the Old American Golf Club on the left). At Dead End, turn right into The Tribute parking lot.

Aug 22 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.

Aug 24 WestRidge (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Aug 31 The Bridges at Preston Crossing (Gunter, TX) 903-696-0022; 2400 Fred Couples Dr. Take I-75 north. Exit at FM121 (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 Pkwy for approx. ½ mile. Turn left at sign (Fred Couples Dr.), leads to club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Howie Bacharach 9 th	Eric Blackwood 19 th	Ollie Cromwell 25 th	Gene Edmondson 22 nd
Don Grisham 7 th	Pat Hart 17 th	Billy King 20 th	Larry Lucas 29 th
Tom McMahan 25 th	John Ogrizovich 14 th	Tim O'Keefe 21 st	Joe Philpott 17 th
Art Snyder 18 th	Bucky Taylor 20 th	Steve Vredenburg 30 th	Ken Wagner 17 th
Lloyd Whitson 3 rd	Greg Windsor 6 th		

There's very little advice in men's magazines, because men think, "I know what I'm doing, just show me somebody naked."

.....Jerry Seinfeld

2016 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT

The 2016 Open Championship was played this year at Royal Troon Golf Club in Scotland. Day 1 was unlike many days on the western shores of Scotland as the opening round looked more like it was being played in southern California. Blue skies and sunshine greeted the golfers as many played in short sleeved shirts. The overwhelming favorites as selected by the NTSGA golfers were understandably the top golfers in the world: Jordan Spieth, Jason Day, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy. None of them could keep up with one of the oldest players in the field, Phil Mickelson. He was on pace to set a new course record until his birdie attempt on 18 lipped out. He settled for a course tying 63 and a 5 stroke advantage over the field. The largest screaming and shouting was coming from the **Joe Ben Ramos** and **Joel Rogers** households as each one of them had selected Mickelson as one of their combo picks. After Day 1, Mickelson led Patrick Reed by 3 strokes and Martin Kaymer by 6 strokes. Day 2 weather was forecast to be more typical Scottish weather calling for rain and wind.

Day 2 weather was exactly as anticipated with sideways rain and wind. Phil Mickelson continued to lead the field, but now only by 1 stroke over Henrik Stenson and 3 strokes over Keegan Bradley and Soren Kjeldsen. **Mike Vestal** was the only NTSGA member to select Kjeldsen and **Mike** was hoping his combo player would surge toward the top to join Kjeldsen and make him a Pot winner. Jordan Spieth struggled with his game and ended Day 2, 14 strokes out of the lead much to the chagrin of 22 NTSGA golfers. Eleven NTSGA member's picks went down the drain as one or both of their picks missed the cut.

Day 3 weather was almost exactly like Day 2 with rain and wind making conditions very difficult for the strong field of players to score. Rain continued on and off all day and the day had a feel of a match play event between Phil Mickelson and Henrik Stenson. The pair led the field by 5 & 6 strokes all day. Even though the majority of the field lagged way behind, several golfers were within striking distance; however, none were selected by any of the 74 NTSGA golfers in the Pool. These pro's included Keegan Bradley, Steve Stricker and Bill Haas.

Sunday's final round was played under similar weather conditions as Day 1 with 15 mph winds and occasional sunshine. It turned out to be a match play event between Phil Mickelson and Henrik Stenson. They surged ahead of the field by 10 strokes as birdies/eagles were falling on almost every hole. It was sensational golf as the lead changed between the two golfers on almost every hole. At the end, Stenson finished at 20 under par and bested Mickelson by 3 strokes. NTSGA member **Bobby Wood** had a strong selection, picking Henrik Stenson (1) & Patrick Reed (T12), however, it was not good enough to overtake **Mike Vestal's** picks of Henrik Stenson (1) and Dustin Johnson (T9). **Mike** pockets \$370.00.

CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE VESTAL!

FROM THE YEAR 1955:

"Did you see the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long until \$1,000.00 will only buy a used one."

NEW MEMBERS – AUGUST

Jody Bass (Frisco)
Jim Forman (Dallas)
Sterling Forsythe (Carrollton)
Joe Green (Royce City)
Don Grisham (Greenville)
Matt Hansen (Plano)
Mike Istre (Allen)

Paul Keyworth (McKinney)
Vince McGinnis (Grand Prairie)
Tim O'Keefe (Heath)
Vern Robinus (Garland)
Frank Smith (Plano)
Billy Wood (Frisco)

2016 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2016 PGA Championship was played at the long (7,447 yd.) Baltusrol Golf Club outside of Newark, New Jersey. The weather forecast was for heavy rain for Friday's second round so a start/stop event may have the players frustrated during the final major of 2016. The top selections of NTSGA members were still the top 4 players in the world: Jason Day, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy. The happiest of all NTSGA members was Baylor faithful, **John Stieneker** as one of his picks was Jimmy Walker, who seized the lead after Day 1, recording a 5 under 65.

Day 2 was played without a weather problem but some of the favorite selections of NTSGA members missed the cut including Dustin Johnson, Matt Kuchar, Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia. Of the original 73 choices made by NTSGA member's , only 27 still had a chance to be a pot winner as the favorites would not be playing on the weekend. Jimmy Walker continued to lead the field much to the delight of **John Stieneker**. Jason Day, Henrik Stenson, Rickie Fowler, Patrick Reed, Brooks Koepka, Adam Scott and Jordan Spieth were all within striking distance.

Saturday's round was almost a complete washout as heavy rains resulted in many players not getting a chance to play. Sunday's round would start early since 49 players would be forced to play 36 holes to complete this PGA Championship. The leaders (Jimmy Walker, Robert Streb, Jason Day, Henrik Stenson and Patrick Reed) would not tee off on their final round until approx. 3:00 PM. NTSGA members with the best chance of winning the PGA Championship Pot included **Bobby Clay, Dave Wilson, Joe Thompson, Mike Calhoun, Paul Price, Russ Medlin and Jim Yarbrough**.

Jimmy Walker played steady golf all day opening up a 3 stroke lead over Jason Day. Day thrilled the crowd on 18 making eagle and forcing Walker to make par or better. Walker made par and ended up going wire to wire, winning his first major tournament.

Three NTSGA members split the Pot (\$365.00), all selecting Jason Day (2) and Jordan Spieth (T13).

CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE CALHOUN, BUTCH VAUT AND JIM YARBROUGH!

