NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2016

- ❖ Tournament start times are now 8:30 and will remain until approx. March 1, 2017.
- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec. 8 to Jan 10, 2017.
- Annual dues for 2017 are \$60.00. Please see additional article in this newsletter.
- Many thanks to all members who solicited gifts, merchandise, golf balls/clubs and golf rounds given away as raffle prizes at our annual Banquet held last month at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
- ❖ After a runoff vote, our new Vice President for 2017 is **Roger Ball**. Congratulations, **Roger**.
- ❖ Tournament Chairman Rod Wells has released our golf schedule to start 2017. A complete schedule will be published soon. See the January/February schedule in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Lynn Beyler 7th
Rick Gustafson 1st
Charlie McCarley 15th
Kelly Parks 21st
LeRoy Worm 24th

E.T. Boon 12th
Gene Lindsey 9th
Vince McGinnis 3rd
Joel Rogers 30th

Ted Drake 30th
Skip Lovell 18th
Dennis Meyer 24th
Harry Schmidt 23rd

Dave Dreiling 8th
Don Marks 12th
Bill Nitcholas 28th
Joe Shelton 31st

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 2 Tangleridge	84	65%	Butch Vaut 76 Ken Wagner 76	Dale Graves 64 Jim Yarbrough 64
Nov. 9 Waterchase	73	57%	Ken Wagner 74	Howie Bacharach 61
Nov. 16 The Tribute	106	82%	Don Martin 72	Ron Clemons 62 Don Martin 62 Robert Smith 62
Nov. 22 Stonebridge Rch. C.C	. 85	66%	Gary Zimmerman 73	Paul Meyers 62
Nov. 28 Gleneagles C.C.	64	50%	Butch Vaut 72	Bill Kibler 64
Nov. 30 Pecan Hollow	78	60%	Butch Vaut 73	Bill Kibler 59

^{*}Dennis Meyer and LeRoy Worm came down the chimney with Santa Claus as both were delivered on Christmas Eve!

Some day's you're the top dog, some day's you're the hydrant!

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS:

December 7, 2016 Firewheel Lakes	8:30	
Jan. 11, 2017 Firewheel Bridges	8:30	
Jan 18, 2017 Waterview	8:30	
Jan 25, 2017 Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:30	Includes Buffet Lunch
Feb 1, 2017 WestRidge	8:30	
Feb 7, 2017 (Tuesday) Canyon Creek C.C.	8:30	

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

<u>Firewheel-Lakes</u> (Garland) 972-205-2765; 600 W. Blackburn Rd. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit at No. Garland Ave. Turn north 1 mile. At 1st traffic light, turn right. Course entrance ¼ mile on right.

<u>Firewheel-Bridges</u> (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.

<u>Waterview</u> (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 <u>2nd</u> 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.

<u>Hurricane Creek C.C.</u> (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 side service road, drive 1.7 miles (north). Left turn at small sign, leads to club.

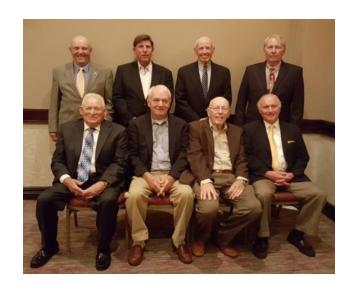
WestRidge (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Canyon Creek C.C. (Richardson) 972-231-3083; 625 Lookout Dr. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike west of Central Expwy, turn south at Custer Rd., for approx. 1 mile, right turn at W. Lookout Dr., golf course ½ mile on left.

THANKS...

If you missed the Annual Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, you missed a nice eventtry to attend next year. Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, handled all the details and arrangements for the Banquet. Thank **Pete** the next time you see him at one of our tournament sites.

2017 NTSGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



<u>Back row</u>: Director **Bill Roll**, Handicap Chairman/Webmaster **Howie Bacharach**, Director **Tom McMahan**, Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells**.

<u>Front row</u>: Past President **Joel Rogers**, President Gerald Gotcher, Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, Secretary **Phil Fahs**.

Absent: Vice President Roger Ball, Director Phil Abel, Director Terry Bell.

Election Results.....(Runoff for Vice President)

VP: Roger Ball 33—50 Dick Hall 33—40 Tim Koscinski 10 Danny Millaway 13 Treasurer: **Pete Schoemann** 66 **Ron Swanson** 25

Director: **Tom McMahan** 79 **Mike Robertson** 47

Bill Roll 55

THANK YOU:

The entire Board of Directors wishes to thank Dick Hall, Tim Koscinski, Danny Millaway, Mike Robertson and Ron Swanson for their inclination to serve on the 2017 Board of Directors. These gentlemen were unsuccessful in their quest to gain a seat on the Board, but their willingness to serve NTSGA is very much appreciated.

SAD NEWS.....

Larry Proctor, an 11 year member of NTSGA passed away Nov. 6, 2016. Larry joined the organization in 2004 and resigned in 2015. He was the owner of Proctor Pest Control.

Rest in Peace, Larry Proctor.

DUES REMINDER:

Please try to leave \$60.00 in your NTSGA bank at the end of the year, so **Treasurer Pete Schoemann** can withdraw that amount to pay for your 2017 dues on Jan 1. If you do not have \$60.00 in your bank on Jan 1st, remit payment to Pete, prior to that date (3200 San Simeon Way, Plano, TX 75023) to avoid having your membership terminated.

AGE SHOOTERS.....NOVEMBER

Jay Gasper 11/9 Waterchase 76
Harold Lockman 11/9 Waterchase 80
Jay Gasper 11/16 The Tribute 75
Harold Lockman 11/16 The Tribute 79
Bob Wands 11/16 The Tribute 75
Bob Murphy 11/22 Stonebridge Ranch 90
Butch Vaut 11/28 Gleneagles C.C. 72
Jay Gasper 11/30 Pecan Hollow 74
Harold Lockman 11/30 Pecan Hollow 79



FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, ROD WELLS...

Thanks to all who have participated in this year's tournaments, we have played some really nice courses. I would like to use this forum to address some issues that have come up throughout the year:

- 1)**Sign-up procedures** Please be careful when putting <u>YES</u> on the sign-up sheet as I have had several instances where some members signed in the wrong place. That makes two errors. Secondly, if you are signing up for one of your friends, make sure he actually wants to be signed up to play. If at all possible a <u>NO</u> helps me considerably when filling out the pairing sheet. Basically, the more accurate your sign-up, the better I can place you in the correct foursome.
- 2) **Cancellation –** I realize that personal plans change and there are good reasons for canceling from a tournament, but it would help tremendously if you let me know as soon as possible. Tuesday cancellations create problems for the course and me.
- 3)**Play –** Our By-Laws require each member to play a minimum of 20 rounds per year. We played 51 tournaments this year, so we are asking you to participate in a minimum of 39% of the events.
- 4)**Slow play –** We still have a few groups and a few individuals that unfortunately set the pace for the majority. Please try to keep up with the group in front. Hit when you can and walk smartly off the green when you complete putting out.
- 5)**Feedback** I welcome, and in fact encourage you to give me feedback on courses, play, etc. It does help us provide a better product. And even if you don't see the results you wanted, we do address all the problems and the positive information encourages us to continue to provide the best senior golf experience in the area.
- 6)**Sign-In** It becomes a little chaotic during sign-in. This is a very busy time for me. Please limit any visitation until after the round. It would work smoother if you checked in, got your hole assignment, paid the entry fee, signed up for the next tournament and planned on socializing, later. Don't forget...sign-ins stop 30 minutes before published start time.
- 7)**Scorecards** Make sure you put first and last names on the scorecard, total the scores, sign and attest and put your starting hole on the card, (i.e. 9B).

I don't mean to sound like there are all these problems. I am just trying to fine tune the efforts of this great organization. I do appreciate all of you and thank each of you for your efforts.

Rod

HOLE-IN-ONE.... JAY GASPER

Five year NTSGA member, **Jay Gasper** has just recorded the 12th hole-in-one of his golf career. Playing the 16th hole at Waterchase on Nov. 9, **Jay** hit 6 iron into the hole from 123 yards. Witnessing Jay's great shot were playing partners **Harold Lockman**, **Jim Krause** and **Bob Wands**. They too, think it's unbelievable that **Jay** has made 12 aces. **Jay** served proudly in the United States Air Force for 20 years flying combat missions during the Viet Nam war. Following his military service, **Jay** flew commercially for Southwest Airlines, retiring in 1998.

NTSGA will add \$200.00 to Jay's bank account.

CONGRATULATIONS, JAY GASPER!

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers....neither of whom can putt very well.

VERY ACTIVE GOLFERS:

The following members deserve special recognition for their loyalty and dedication to the North Texas Senior Golf Association. They have all played in excess of 40 tournaments so far this year:

Howie Bacharach Gene Clark Roger Ball **Bobby Clay** Clint Culp **Gary Delcambre** Gene Edmondson **Ron Goethals Basil Greaves** Dick Hall **Bob Kenyon** Tim Koscinski **Elliott Prater Harold Lockman** Tom McMahan Danny Millaway Mike Robertson **Jake Truitt Rod Wells**

Jay Felston (35), Greg Bronson (33) both joined in March.

FUNNY....

On the day before the schools let out for the Christmas holiday, the children brought gifts for their teacher.

The supermarket manager's daughter brought the teacher a basket of assorted fruit.

The florist's son brought the teacher a bouquet of flowers.

The candy-store owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of candy.

Then the liquor-store owner's son brought up a big, heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit....she touched a drop of liquid with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she guessed. "No," the boy replied. She tasted another drop and asked, "Champagne?"

"No," said the little boy, "It's a puppy."

Merry Christmas to you and all of your families. Phil