

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2016

- 11 new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Tournament registration fees are now \$50.00 due to increased fees being charged by all of the Metroplex golf courses. See accompanying article in the December newsletter.
- Please get in the habit of reading the Newsletter every month. The newsletter for the next month is usually posted on the ntsga.org website towards the end of each month. It contains updated information and items of interest pertaining to our tournaments.
- Our tournament start times will change beginning with the Bridlewood event on March 2. Start times change to 8:00. Check-In table closes at 7:30.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Gerry Bell 23rd
 David Depue 24th
 Bob Lewis 2nd
 Paul Myers 2nd
 Joe Ben Ramos 22nd
 Ken Talburt 1st

David Bramlett 14th
 Dale Graves 22nd
 Pat Martin 18th
 Mike Neeley 15th
 Frank Riley 3rd
 Dorie Wesson 3rd

John Carrick 21st
 Skip Greathouse 10th
 Dal McKinney 21st
 Tony Nelson 3rd
 Ben Robinson 14th

Clint Culp 13th
 Bill Kayser 16th
Danny Millaway 13th
 Elliott Prater 16th
 Ralph Storey 25th

“Last night my wife met me at the front door. She was wearing a sexy negligee. The only trouble was, she was coming home!”

.....Rodney Dangerfield

JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Jan 13 Firewheel-Bridges	100	78%	Ollie Cromwell 77 Butch Vaut 77	Mike Vestal 64
Jan 20 Waterview	110	85%	Mike Hatfield 74 Butch Vaut 74	Bill Kibler 61
Jan 27 Hurricane Creek C.C.	(Results will be posted in the March newsletter)			

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage and family values. Bill said, “I didn’t sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?”

Larry replied, “I’m not sure, what was her maiden name?”

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS....

Feb 3 WestRidge (McKinney)	8:30
Feb 9 (TUESDAY) Canyon Creek C. C. (Richardson)	8:30
Feb 17 Open Date	
Feb 24 Pecan Hollow (Plano)	8:30
Mar 2 Bridlewood (Flower Mound)	8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

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 (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.

Pecan Hollow (Plano) 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14th St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14th street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left.

Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1st stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

HANDICAPS....

Handicap computations will now fall more closely in line with USGA standards. Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach will compute handicaps twice monthly in hopes of greater stabilization of individual handicaps. You will receive an “NTSGA Index” determined by the lowest 10 out of your last 20 gross scores, adjusted for the course and slope rating of the tees you played and factored by 0.96. This new “NTSGA Index” is very similar to GHIN or similar service, which creates an average handicap index based on all courses and tees that you played.

The big change for 2016 is that to comply with USGA Handicap Manual Sect. 3-5a for each round, players will have their “NTSGA Index” **adjusted** to the course and tee they are playing **during that round**. Section 3-5a states that when different tees are being used and the course ratings are different for each, “the player playing from the tees with the higher USGA course rating receives additional strokes equal to the difference between each USGA course rating.” The additional strokes are added to the course handicap of the player playing from the higher rated set of tees”. Your **adjusted index** will be used to calculate your net score, which determines flight winners. This allows players playing from different sets of tees to compete more fairly for prize money.

NEW MEMBERS: FEBRUARY, 2016

Scott Daum – Bartonville
D.D. Lewis – Plano
Dal McKinney – Richardson
Scott Medlin – Rowlett
Tony Nelson – Farmersville
Craig Oakley – Dallas
Michael Peralta – Richardson
Fred Rabinowitz – Plano
Scott Reed – Allen
Rob Ruth – Colleyville
Ernie Sparks – Paris

Diver drowns while collecting golf balls

HUTTO – Police in Central Texas say a man drowned while he searched for golf balls while illegally scuba diving in a pond at a golf course.

Authorities in Williamson County say the body of the man was found Friday at the course in Hutto.

Sheriff's Capt. Mike Gleason said that divers began searching for the man Thursday after receiving a call from his father saying his son was missing. Gleason said a bag of balls was found with the body and it appears the man's oxygen tank ran out of air.

The Associated Press

Playing golf can be very dangerous!

INDIAN CREEK GOLF COURSES

With 1700 signatures (many NTSGA members) and passionate pleas from residents and avid golfers, the Carrollton City Council voted 5-2 in favor of re-opening the Indian Creek Golf Courses in its entirety. City planners were debating whether to convert the acreage into hiking/biking trails. The courses suffered severe water damage caused by flooding last October. The Lakes course is expected to re-open in April and the Creeks course is scheduled to re-open in June.

OOPS.....This article was supposed to be in the January newsletter, but was mistakenly omitted:

At the last Board of Directors meeting of 2015, the Board made the following decision regarding Skins participation:

Skins. There are 3 skins pots. Members may only participate in 1 pot:

Regular Pot: players tee off from the back tees, regardless of age.

Age 75+: players tee off from the forward tees, if desired.

Handicap 16+: players tee off from the **back** tees. (This is a change to our rules approved by a 7-2 vote).

SAD NEWS:

Recently, both Bob Clay and Dave Clelland lost their wives. The entire organization mourns the passing of these fine ladies. May they forever rest in peace.

RULES CLARIFICATION

Even though our NTSGA Rules don't exactly follow USGA Guidelines, our rules are spelled out on our website (behind the By-Laws tab). We alter the USGA rules slightly to compensate for courses that are not always in pristine condition and to make it more enjoyable for all members. Last year we passed out rules booklets in hopes that members would carry them in their golf bags for easy on-course reference, if needed. All new members receive a booklet when joining NTSGA.

If a question occurs during the round, all four members of the group should engage in conversation to make the best ruling for a particular situation utilizing the rules booklet as reference. If a suitable solution cannot be determined after group discussion, the golfer should play a provisional ball and the ruling question brought before the Tournament Chairman after the round. In the absence of the Tournament Chairman, 3 available Board members may listen to the scenario and render a decision.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

Children were asked to finish the following phrases:

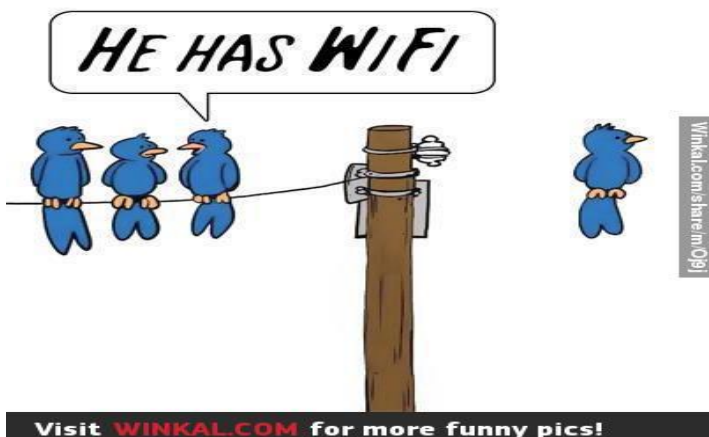
A penny saved is“not much!”

Children should be seen and not“spanked or grounded!”

If at first you don't succeed“get new batteries.”

SCORECARDS.....

Please help Treasurer Pete Schoemann, Handicap Chairman Howie Bacharach, the 2-man team coordinators and Skins Coordinators by making names on the scorecards very legible. Use last names and at least the first initial. The Association now has 2 Bell's, 2 Clark's, 2 Hatfield's, 2 Jones', 2 Lewis', 2 Martin's, 3 Miller's, 2 Reed's, 2 Robertson's, 2 Smith's, 3 Thompson's and 2 Wood's. Don't make it difficult for these scorekeepers to record accurate scores for the correct member.. Thank you.



MENDING.....

Gary McCool is recovering from vertigo/dizziness issues and should be able to play golf again soon...**David McCoy** underwent shoulder surgery and should be ready to play by March...**Dave Clelland** suffered a stroke, is resting comfortably and hopes to start playing golf again soon....**Ben Robinson** is recovering from a detached retina and hopes to begin playing golf again very shortly...**Mike Neeley** is having knee surgery and should be out a couple months....**Paul Price** is still recovering from a bicycle spill, but should be able to continue playing golf soon....**Doug Shackelford** is currently rehabbing after knee and shoulder surgery and is anxious to start playing again in our tournaments....**Gene Kurihara** underwent colorectal surgery and will be out for 2 months....**Will Cornell** will be out 2 months following shoulder surgery....**Bob Crews** suffered a heart attack late last year, is rehabbing and hopes to start playing at the beginning of the season....**Bill Ashworth** is recovering from a broken thumb and is expected to begin playing in our events soon....**Mike Chalk** had gall bladder surgery and eye surgery and hopes to begin playing again in another month....**John Kandal** suffered ligament damage to his forearm and should be ready to play soon....**Al Stalter** is currently rehabbing after undergoing hip replacement surgery.

USGA rules...

The “teeing ground” is the starting place for the hole to be played. It is a rectangular area two club lengths in depth, the front and the sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers. A ball is outside the teeing ground when all of it lies outside of the teeing ground. A player may stand outside the teeing ground to strike the ball within the teeing ground. Playing a ball from outside of the teeing ground, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes and must then play a ball from within the “teeing ground”.

FROM THE YEAR 1955:

“The fast food restaurant (McDonalds) is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt that they will ever catch on.”

AGE SHOOTERS.....JANUARY

Bob Murphy 1/13 Firewheel-Bridges 87

Bill Roll 1/13 Firewheel-Bridges 81

Joe Thompson 1/13 Firewheel-Bridges 82

Bill Roll 1/20 Waterview 81

