

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2016

- The scheduled opening of the Indian Creek Creeks course was to be last month, but flooding and much water still being released from Grapevine and Lewisville lakes remain on the course. Re-opening is postponed until further notice.
- Selections for the Open Championship Pot played at Royal Troon can be made at Grapevine July 13. Selections for the PGA Championship Pot being played at Baltusrol Golf Club may be made at Buffalo Creek on July 27. If you are unable to attend these tournaments, you may email Secy. **Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com) prior to 7:00 AM Thursday of tournament week.
- 7 new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- The following new members (some from last year) have successfully completed the requirement of maintaining a handicap less than 25 for the first 10 rounds with NTSGA: **Scott Daum, Bill Kibler, Dennis Meyer, Tony Nelson, Craig Oakley, Scott Reed, Rob Ruth, Robert Smith, Greg Bronson, Paul Burluson, Ted Drake, Joe Shelton and Jay Felsten.** Nice job by all!

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

Roger Ball 13th	Bobby Boyett 6th	Jerry Casemiro 9 th	Bob Crews 8 th
Gerald Gotcher 19 th	Basil Greaves 19 th	Bill Kibler 23 rd	E.A. McDowell 13th
Judge Perry 2 nd	John Pisciotta 6th	Pete Schoemann 4 th	Ernie Sparks 15 th
Doug Tallman 24 th	Pat Tritch 26 th	Bob Wands 23 rd	Michael Wood 19 th

JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
June 1 Waterview – Canceled, due to weather				
June 8 Firewheel-Bridges	125	97%	Butch Vaut 72	Dal McKinney 57
June 15 Heritage Ranch C.C.	120	93%	Doug Shackelford 71	Judge Perry 61
June 22 Waterchase	102	79%	Rob Ruth 72	Robert Smith 62
June 27 Stonebridge Ranch (Dye)	99	77%	Harlin Hamilton 74	Ron Goethals 59
June 29 Lantana	109	85%	Tom Hatfield 72	Ron Goethals 62

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
Phyllis Diller

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

July 6 Stone Creek G.C.	8:00
July 13 Grapevine G.C.	8:00
July 20 Iron Horse G.C.	8:00
July 27 Buffalo Creek G.C.	8:00
Aug 3 Tangleridge G.C.	8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

July 6 Stone Creek (Sherman) 903-870-7980; 2200 Club House Dr. Drive north on I-75 (Central Expy) towards Sherman, TX. Take Exit #57 (Park St.) Turn left under the freeway and south on the west side service road. Course entrance is on right.

July 13 Grapevine (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; 3800 Fairway Dr. Take LBJ Frwy west, towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

July 20 Iron Horse (North Richland Hills) Drive the George Bush Turnpike south of DFW airport. Exit at Hwy 183 west towards Ft. Worth and drive approx. 12 miles. Transition to I-820 west for approx. 2 miles, exit at Rufe Snow Dr. At the traffic light, turn left overtop of I-820. At the 1st street (Meadows Lakes Dr.) turn right. Drive ¾ mile, course entrance on left.

July 27 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Take the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 east. 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.

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).

From Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells**:

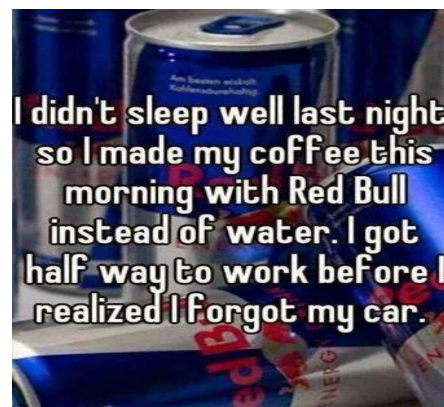
Feedback – I welcome, and in fact, encourage you to give me feedback on courses, play, etc. It does help us provide a better product. And even if you don't see the results you wanted, we do address all the problems and the positive information encourages us to continue to provide the best senior golf experience in the area.

In addition to items listed on our website (ntsga.org) By-Laws tab, behind the By-Laws, here are some other suggestions to speed up play:

- 1) Ditch the head covers. Taking them on & off all day is a serious waste of time.
- 2) Playing "ready golf" is essential. Keep putting until your ball is in the hole.
- 3) First golfer to arrive at the tee box on Par 3's gets the yardage and announces it to the other players.
- 4) Approximate yardage instead of walking it off.
- 5) If you're waiting to hit, take as many practice swings as you like. Your turn to hit, you only get one practice swing.
- 6) Hit your ball first, and then help others search for an errant shot.
- 7) Always have a spare ball in your pocket.
- 8) Two players in the same bunker? The last one to hit, rakes the bunker.
- 9) Unless the cart is going to/from a tee box, there should never be more than 1 golfer in it.
- 10) First player to putt out grabs the flagstick and waits to put it back in the hole.
- 11) Keep the conversation with the cart girl to a minimum.

NEW MEMBERS.....

Jim Foley (Denton)
Rick Gustafson (Rockwall)
Pat Hart (Flower Mound)
Charles Johnson (Irving)
Roger Nondorf (Grand Prairie)
Richard Searls (Garland)
Clyde Ziegler (Frisco)



BALL MARKS.....

We hear from new members and guests alike that NTSGA has a very nice annual schedule of tournaments at good golf courses. Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** does his best to provide a very attractive schedule for us throughout the year. It is our job to take care of these courses by providing assistance to the greenskeepers and golf course personnel. At the Stonebridge Ranch tournament last month there were far too many ball marks on the greens that weren't being repaired and sand traps that weren't being raked. This is the very least we can do to keep the course in fine playing condition and impress the golf course staff by taking care of their course. Repairing your ball mark plus 2 more in addition to raking the bunkers would go a long way in having us invited back to the nice courses that are on our schedule. Thank you.

If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

2016 U.S. OPEN POT

The 2016 U.S. Open was played at Oakmont C.C. in Pittsburgh and proclaimed by Phil Mickelson to be the hardest course the pros have ever played. This statement was made because of the length of the rough, the narrow fairways and ultra-slick greens. Talk was that a score over par could very easily win this major tournament.

Day 1 was interrupted by heavy rain/storms allowing only 9 players to complete the Thursday round. Scotty Scheffler, the amateur from Highland Park and the Univ. of Texas completed his round and was in the clubhouse after recording a round of 69 (-1). Bryson DeChambeau the All-American from SMU also had an excellent partial round only completing 11 holes, but had a very respectful score of +1 before the 3rd weather delay caused the suspension of play.

Day 2 weather was still a large factor as 114 players never finished their rounds. Tee time for Day 3 would begin at 6:00 AM in an attempt to have all players complete their 2nd rounds before the USGA made the cut of low 70 players and ties. 72 NTSGA members were hopeful that they had selected the right combo to win the 2016 U.S. Open Pot. The most popular selections were understandably Jason Day, Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Dustin Johnson. Saturday's round would begin by having the remainder of the field finish their second rounds. After making the cut, some big names disappointed many NTSGA members as they would not be playing the 3rd or 4th rounds. These players included Rickie Fowler, Phil Mickelson, Henrik Stenson, Rory McIlroy, Brandt Snedeker, Justin Rose and Patrick Reed.

The 3rd round began late Saturday and 25 players were unable to finish their round before darkness. Of the 72 NTSGA selections for the U.S. Open Pot, 35 were knocked out because popular picks failed to make the cut. Members who had selected U.S. Open players within striking distance included **Gene Edmondson, Bill Roll, Mike Vestal, Al Stalter, Chris Reed, Bob Murphy, Roger Ball** and **Tim Koscinski**. A couple NTSGA guests (**Clyde Ziegler** and **Roger Nondorf**) made picks that were very much in contention.

Round 4 would start late Sunday after the completion of Round 3, resetting the pins/tees and finalizing the pairings. Shane Lowry led the field by 4 strokes but close behind were favorites of NTSGA members including Sergio Garcia, Dustin Johnson, Jason Day, Brandon Grace, Zach Johnson and Adam Scott. Eleven members selected Dustin Johnson (1) & Jason Day (T8), however, it was not enough to catch the runner up Tim Koscinski [Jim Furyk (T2) & Sergio Garcia (T5)] or the overall winner, **Bobby Wood** who selected Dustin Johnson (1) & Sergio Garcia (T5). Bobby pockets \$360.00.

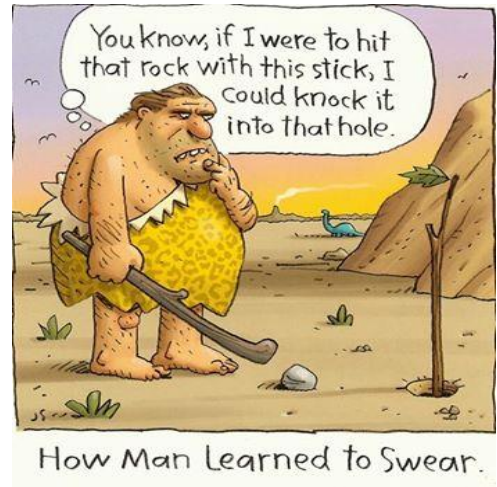
CONGRATULATIONS, BOBBY WOOD!

Only in Texas:

We don't need no dang Driver's Education. If our Mama says we can drive, we can drive!!!

AGE SHOOTERS – JUNE

- Jeff Aston** 6/8 Firewheel-Bridges 81
- Chris Haas** 6/8 Firewheel-Bridges 77
- Harold Lockman** 6/8 Firewheel-Bridges 76
- Butch Vaut** 6/8 Firewheel-Bridges 72
- Bob Wands** 6/8 Firewheel-Bridges 76
- Jay Gasper** 6/15 Heritage Ranch 78
- Bob Wands** 6/15 Heritage Ranch 77
- Chris Haas** 6/22 Waterchase 76
- Harold Lockman** 6/22 Waterchase 76
- Harold Lockman** 6/27 Stonebridge Ranch (Dye) 78



REVIEW...

When members sign-up for a tournament and then don't show up, it creates problems for Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells**. He has to juggle pairings, adjust the totals with the Pro Shop and move members from cart to cart prior to commencing play. All time consuming requirements. Please review NTSGA By-Laws Article VI, Section 4: [Tournament Sign-Up Policy](#).

Email and telephone sign-ups start at 8:00AM, 8 days prior to an event and stop at 12:00 noon, 2 days before an event. Players who sign-up and fail to show-up will incur a 2 event suspension. This suspension can be prevented by notifying the Tournament Chairman (972-699-0644) prior to 12:00 noon, the day before the event. After 3 sign-up/no-shows a players' NTSGA membership will be terminated. The sign-in table at tournament sites will close 30 minutes prior to tee time and no more registrations will be accepted. At this time the Tournament Chairman will assign vacant pairing spots to alternate golfers who have come to the golf course hoping to play.

FUNNY.....

A Californian and a Texan were deer hunting in the brush of south Texas, when an illegal alien runs across a clearing. The Texan takes careful aim, shoots and kills him.

"You can't do that!" cried the Californian.

"It's legal here in Texas", replies the Texan.

Later that night the Californian goes to town to buy some beer from Wal-Mart. He puts the beer on the hood of his truck and while he's making room behind the seat, an illegal alien runs by, grabs the beer and runs away. The Californian draws his pistol, shoots and kills him. As he is retrieving his beer the police come and arrest him.

"But I thought it was legal to shoot illegal aliens here in Texas!" protests the Californian.

"Well, yeah," says the cop, "But you can't use bait."

