

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2016

- The 2016 U.S Open will be played June 16-19 at Oakmont C.C. Selections for the U.S. Open Pot may be made during the tournament at Heritage Ranch C.C. on June 15. If you are unable to play at Heritage Ranch, you can email selections to pfahs57@yahoo.com prior to 7:00 AM on June 16.
- The aforementioned June 15 tournament at Heritage Ranch C.C. is the halfway point on our 2016 NTSGA schedule. Have you played in at least 10 tournaments? Remember, you need to participate in a minimum of 20 events to keep your membership active.
- Thanks to the 84 members who made the long haul to play at Stone Creek even with an early start time. The Board of Directors appreciate the extra effort of our members driving to Sherman to participate in this event.
- Many members have linked their cell phones to receive early morning tournament cancellation messages due to weather. If you haven't liked your cell phone, but would like to, contact **Webmaster Howie Bacharach** at hbacharach@aol.com or 972-620-2602.
- **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** has added Stonebridge Ranch (Dye Course) to our schedule this month on Monday, June 27. He has also changed the first tournament of June from Watters Creek to Waterview, because of inferior greens conditions at Watters Creek.

Three little boys are sent to the Principal's office after a trip to the zoo.
 The first boy says, "My name's Tommy and I was trying to feed peanuts to the lions."
 The second boy says, "My name's Billy and I was trying to feed peanuts to the lions."
 The third little boy says, "My name is Peanuts."

MAY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
May 4 Grapevine	108	84%	Mike Hatfield 74	Jim York 61
May 11 Stone Creek	84	65%	Ollie Cromwell 76 Chris Haas 76 Ken Wagner 76 Gary Zimmerman 76	Phil Sykes 60
May 18 Ridgeview Ranch	100	78%	Phil Abel 71	Phil Abel 59 Terry Bell 59
May 25 Hurricane Creek	125	97%	Ken Wagner 74	Greg Windsor 64

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

June 1 **Waterview**.....originally scheduled at Watters Creek

June 8 Firewheel (Bridges)

June 15 Heritage Ranch C.C.

June 22 Waterchase

June 27 (**Monday**) Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye Course)

June 29 Lantana

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Waterview (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 2nd 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.

Firewheel (Bridges) (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.

Heritage Ranch C.C. (Fairview) 972-549-0276; 465 Scenic Ranch Circle. Take I-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Stacy Rd., right turn (east) 3 miles to the dead end (FM 1378). Turn left, then an immediate right, back onto Stacy Rd. Continue east for ½ mile, course entrance on left (has gate guard).

Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2nd traffic light. (John T. White Rd.) Turn right for 1 block. Right turn at Randol Mill Rd., go ¼ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., (alongside apt. complex), course ½ mile on left.

Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (McKinney) 972-529-5990; 7003 Beacon Hill Rd. Drive north on I-75 (Central Expwy), exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) for 4.2 miles. Left turn (south) at Stonebridge Dr. Drive .2 mile, turn right at Beacon Hill Rd. Parking lot on left.

Lantana (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.

THANKS, DICK....

Dick Hall provided lunch/drinks for all members at his home following the Ridgeview Ranch tournament on May 18. Many thanks to 6 year NTSGA member, **Dick Hall**.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JUNE

Greg Denzer 25th
Don McCallum 6th
Bill Roll 17th

Jim Holmes 18th
Ralph Moser 5th
David Thomasson 6th

Tim Koscinski 1st *Jim Krause 30th
Chris Reid 15th Stan Robertson 4th
*Mike Vestal 30th Rod Wells 26th

*Mike Vestal and Jim Krause are twins, only born to different mothers!

SCORECARDS:

We are still having legibility problems with the scorecards. The 2-man team coordinator (**Mike Robertson**), the Skins coordinators (**Tim Koscinski, Gene Edmondson, Roger Ball**), **Handicap Chairman Howie Bacharach** and **Treasurer Pete Schoemann** all must look at the scorecards before final results are tallied. Misspelled names, lack of initials, scores recorded for the wrong player, lack of starting hole and no signatures are just some of the problems that cause headaches for all of these aforementioned Coordinators.

Please make a conscientious effort to submit a clean, accurate, very legible scorecard.

AGE SHOOTERS: MAY

Jay Gasper 5/4 Grapevine 77

Harold Lockman 5/4 Grapevine 76

Chris Haas 5/11 Stone Creek 76

Bob Murphy 5/11 Stone Creek 90

Jay Gasper 5/18 Ridgeview Ranch 77

Jay Gasper 5/25 Hurricane Creek 76

The other day I came home and a guy was jogging by naked. I asked him, "Why?" He said, "Because you came home early."

.....Rodney Dangerfield

MENDING:

Longtime NTSGA **Treasurer, Pete Schoemann** suffered a golf cart accident, May 5 that required neck surgery. He has been moved to a rehab facility (HealthSouth Plano Rehabilitation Hospital 3351 Waterview Pkwy, Richardson, TX 75080, Room 210). Just south of the George Bush Fwy, on Waterview. The hospital phone number is 972-398-5700. Visitors are welcome and the best time to visit him is in the afternoon or early evening. Pete would be very happy to see any NTSGA members.

My boss said, "Dress for the job you want, not the job you have".

.....now I'm sitting in a disciplinary meeting dressed as Batman!

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION

Eldridge Miles, a PGA professional golf instructor and friend of many NTSGA members, is willing to give private instruction to any of our members for \$125.00. It includes a 1 hour session and then periodic tune-ups for 4 months. He specializes in helping senior golfers by indentifying swing issues and will not try to reinvent your swing. Eldridge teaches at The Golf Center at The Highlands (Midway Rd. and Trinity Mills in Carrollton). He can be reached at 972-345-0860 to schedule an appointment.

FROM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS:

None of us like to hit out of sand traps, but from time to time we have to play from the bunkers. NTSGA plays by USGA standards with some very liberal modifications to make the game most enjoyable for all handicap abilities. Nowhere in our rules or guidelines does it say we don't have to rake the traps. I have seen an awful lot of footprints in traps that are not being raked by a previous golfer. It is only common courtesy and proper golf etiquette to leave the sand trap in a smooth prepared surface for the next golfer. Follow this simple procedure:

Take the rake with you into the bunker. Enter the trap from its lowest point. This keeps you from caving in the face of a steep bunker. After hitting the shot, rake the bunker in an alternating pulling/pushing motion with the rake over all footprints as you exit the bunker making the surface as smooth as possible. Rake all imperfections as you exit the trap at the same point you entered. Lay the rake down outside the bunker, tines down, parallel to the direction of the fairway.

Following these simple guidelines will make tournaments more enjoyable for all members.

PHIT—

In a recent article in Golf Digest (May 18, 2016) the PHIT Act was discussed. This is the Personal Health Investment Today legislation currently before Congress which would allow citizens to use Pre-Tax Medical Accounts to pay for physical activity. It is an incentive for adults and their children to promote active lifestyles, remain fit and reduce health care costs related to preventable chronic injuries. From a golfers standpoint, this would possibly allow for golf lessons, training aids, green fees, driving range fees, clubs and golf balls to be tax deductable up to \$1000.00.....stay tuned.

FUNNY....

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the man's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny. So, the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only skin on her body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from her buttocks. The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from and they requested that the doctor also honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter. After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the man's new face. He looked more handsome than he ever had before! All his friends and relatives just went on and on about his youthful beauty! One day, he was alone with his wife, and overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?" "My darling she replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."