NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2016

- Tournament start times are now 8:00 beginning with the Bridlewood event on March 2. Check-in table closes at 7:30.
- 16 new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- The Masters Pot will be open for selection at the Mesquite tournament on March 30th.
- Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells has added the Stonebridge Ranch, <u>Dye Course</u> to our schedule on Monday, Mar 21. It is reflected on the NTSGA Website. The Dye course and Hills course use <u>two different</u> Pro shops. Make sure you drive to 7003 Beacon Hill Rd. Directions are included in this newsletter. See Directions to Golf Courses.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Bill Ashworth 7 th	Greg Bronson 21 st	J.D. Caywood 31 st	Ken Chadee 17 th
Bob Clark 15 th	Jay Felsten 5 th	Dick Hall 10 th	Harlin Hamilton 3 rd
Mike Hatfield 4 th	Casey Jones 3 rd	Thunder Miller 7 th	Michael Peralta 16 th
Fred Rabinowitz 9 th	Chuck Starin 10 th	Gary Swindle 1 st	Jake Truitt 12 th

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Jan 27 Hurricane Creek C.C.	Players 88	Percentage of full field 68%	Low Gross Butch Vaut 76	Low Net Robert Smith 61
Feb 3 WestRidge	55	42%	Rob Ruth 72	Paul Myers 61 Scott Reed 61
Feb 9 Canyon Creek C.C.	91	71%	Tony Nelson 77	Ernie Sparks 59
Feb 17 Old Brickyard	65	50%	Rob Ruth 78	Mike Vestal 67

Feb 24 Pecan Hollow – Canceled, due to weather conditions.

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of this pick-up truck into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see the sign right over your head?"

"Yep," he replied, "That's why I'm dumping it here, 'cause the sign says: Fine for dumping Garbage."

FOR SALE:

Brand new....never been hit. Cleveland Black 265 Driver with Miyazaki regular shaft (3 grams), limited edition, 10.5 degree, with head cover. \$140.00 Contact Past President, **Chris Haas**; 972-416-1940, <u>brityank2002@yahoo.com</u>

RULES FOR GOOD GOLF ETIQUETTE.....ARNOLD PALMER

Make your cart invisible:

Carts are very much a part of the modern game. Your goal when driving a cart should be to leave no trace you were there. Because we tend to look where we're going and not where we've been, it's easy to damage the turf and not realize it. Avoid wet areas and spots that are getting beaten up from traffic. Golfers tend to play "follow the leader" and drive in single file out to the fairway before branching off. It's usually better to "scatter" – ex



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NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Mar 2 Bridlewood (Flower Mound)	8:00
Mar 9 Twin Creeks (Allen)	8:00
Mar 16 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie)	8:00
Mar 21 (MONDAY) Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye Course)	8:00
Mar 23 Watters Creek (Plano)	8:00
Mar 30 Mesquite (Mesquite)	8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

<u>Bridlewood</u> (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.

<u>Twin Creeks</u> (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.

<u>Tangleridge</u> (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.

<u>Stonebridge Ranch C.C.</u> (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.

<u>Watters Creek</u> (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

<u>Mesquite</u> (Mesquite) 972-270-7457; 827 North Hwy 67. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south. It ends at I-30. Exit right (West) towards Dallas. Drive 2 miles, exit at Belt Line Rd and stay on the service road. Continue on service road, .9 miles past the traffic light. Course entrance on right.

AGE SHOOTERS, FEBRUARY

Bill Roll 1/27 Hurricane Creek 78 Rich Carmen 2/3 WestRidge 74 Harold Lockman 2/3 WestRidge 81 Harold Lockman 2/7 Old Brickyard 81

HOLE-IN-ONE, JOHN PISCIOTTA

Under cold playing conditions at Canyon Creek C.C. on February 9, 15 year member **John Pisciotta** recorded the 2nd hole-in-one for NTSGA during the 2016 season. Hitting 5 metal, on the 169 yard Hole #6, John's ball found the bottom of the cup for his very first ace. Playing partners witnessing John's great shot included Gene Clark, Basil Greaves and Gary Delcambre.

A long time resident of Dallas, John moved from New Orleans as a teenager, attending Irving High School and Jesuit College Prep. Following high school, John enrolled at the University of Texas-Arlington where he studied mechanical engineering. He worked for Scientific Controls and Test Equipment Corporation, both sub-contractors for NASA. He retired after working for the Sigel Liquor Wholesale division for over 40 years.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to John's bank account for his great shot.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN PISCIOTTA

You know that indestructible black box that is carried in airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??

NEW MEMBERS: MARCH, 2016

Jim Ablowich (Dallas) Eric Blackwood (Frisco) Greg Bronson (Carrollton) Paul Burleson (Argyle) Mike Calhoun (Carrollton) **Ted Drake** (Southlake) Jay Felsten (Argyle) **Don Holt** (Collevville) Mike Jarrell (Dallas) Charley LeMaster (Dallas) Charlie McCarley (Richardson) Jerrell Neely (No. Richland Hills) Joe Shelton (Frisco) Gary Swindle (Carrollton) **Doug Tallman** (Coppell) Jim York (Ft. Worth)



"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz SL-500."

.....Dean Martin

PUTTING OUT...

Some members think it is ridiculous that we have to putt 3", 6", 10", etc. putts and they are not considered "gimme putts". Perhaps a little background will temper this topic. A few years ago 18" putts were considered "gimme putts". All members had their putter marked with tape at the 18" mark by one of the organization Directors. Laying the putter on the ground measuring the length of the putt, any ball touching the tape was considered a gimme. Then it got out of hand! Soon there were 20", 24", and 36" putts being given by gratuitous partners.

For the most part, the organization adheres to USGA standards with the exception of a few rules that have been adopted by NTSGA contributing to the social, friendly atmosphere at our tournaments.

Remember, there is money awarded for skins, closest to the pin, two man team competition and flight positions. Many times, 1 single stroke is the difference of winning money and not winning money. The Board of Directors has decided it necessary to continue abiding by the USGA rule of holing all putts.

FUNNY...

At a bar in New York City the bartender was so sure that he was the strongest man around, that he offered a standing \$1000 bet.

The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass and then hand the lemon to the patron. Anyone who could squeeze two more drops of juice out of it, would win the money. Over the years, many people tried.....weightlifters, longshoremen, body builders, etc., but nobody had ever been able to do it.

One day a scrawny little fellow came into the bar wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit. He sat down, ordered a beer and started looking around the bar. After reading the sign on the wall about the lemon challenge, he said in a small voice......"I was just reading your sign and I'd like to try the bet."

"Ok", said the bartender.

He grabbed a lemon and squeezed all the juice he could out of it, and then handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little fellow.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence....as the patron squeezed the lemon and six more drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the guy \$1,000.00 and then asked, "Do you mind if I ask what you do for a living?"

The little fellow quietly replied, "I work for the Internal Revenue Service!!!"