

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2016

- We play Grapevine Golf Course on May 4th. Directions to the course will have to change as the road over the Grapevine dam is closed. See alternate directions in this newsletter.
- **Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells** has added Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye course) to our annual schedule, June 27.
- Several guests (golfers on our waiting list) have been participating in our events. Please welcome them as guests and answer any questions they may have about the organization or our tournaments.
- Results of the 2016 Masters Pot are contained in this newsletter.
- The third Hole-In-One of the 2016 season was recorded last month. See the write-up in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR MAY

Jim Ablowich 12 th	Terry Bell 31 st	Rich Carmen 27 th	Mike Chalk 5 th
Gene Clark 19 th	Bob Clay 25 th	Gary Dobson 2 nd	Phil Fahs 15 th
Chris Haas 25 th	Tom Hatfield 20 th	Jerry Jenkins 24 th	Hubert Lytle 1 st
Scott Medlin 18 th	Jerrell Neely 17 th	Bob Pope 29 th	Doug Shackelford 2 nd
Al Stalter 4 th	Tim Strobel 21 st	Ron Swanson 6 th	

APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
April 6 Tierra Verde	97	75%	Rod Patefield 79 Doug Shackelford 79	Gary Swindle 64
April 13 Buffalo Creek	85	66%	Rod Patefield 74	Paul Burleson 60
April 20 Bridges at Preston Crossing, canceled due to weather.				
April 27 Lantana	109	85%	Butch Vaut 73	Dick Hall 66 Phil Head 66 Michael Peralta 66

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real, but the moon landing was faked.

.....David Letterman

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

May 4 Grapevine (Grapevine)	8:00	
May 11 Stone Creek (Sherman)	8:00	
May 18 Ridgeview Ranch (Plano)	8:00	
May 25 Hurricane Creek (Anna)	8:00	**Includes Buffet Lunch
June 1 Watters Creek (Plano)	8:00	

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES....

Grapevine (Grapevine) Drive LBJ freeway west. At the north side of DFW, transition to Hwy 121 North for a short time, exit at FM2499 (Flower Mound). FM2499 becomes Long Prairie Road. When FM2499 turns west, turn left at Lakeside Village Blvd. At the roundabout drive south on Lakeside Parkway (it becomes Fairway Dr.). Course entrance is on the left, 3/4 miles from the roundabout.

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.

Ridgeview Ranch (Plano) 972-390-1039; 2701 Ridgeview Dr. The course is ½ mile south of Hwy 121 between Independence Pkwy and Custer Road. Ridgeview Drive leads to club.

Hurricane Creek (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take I-75 (Central Expy) 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.

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

AGE SHOOTERS.....APRIL

Bob Murphy 4/6 Tierra Verde 93
Bob Murphy 4/13 Buffalo Creek 93

CRUISE/GOLF:

Former NTSGA President Chris Haas is trying to organize a Caribbean golf cruise in September, departing from Galveston. If interested, call him at 972-416-1940 or email him at brityank2002@yahoo.com for all the details and pricing.



2016 MASTERS POT

Jordan Spieth took up where he left off in last year's Masters by shooting the low round of the day (66) under unusually cool weather conditions on Day 1. Ernie Els probably shot himself out of the tournament on the 1st hole by recording a 9 on the par 4 hole. Bryson DeChambeau, the amateur All-American from SMU played an even par round of 72. The overwhelming selection of all NTSGA golfers were the #1, #2 & #3 golfers in the world: Jason Day, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy.

Day 2 of this year's Masters opened with overcast skies and very windy conditions. Jordan Spieth, at one point had a 5 stroke lead, but the windy conditions caused him to come back to the field after recording a 74. His one shot lead led Rory McIlroy. Fourteen NTSGA golfers were disappointed as half of their selection combo missed the cut including Phil Mickelson, Zach Johnson, Rickie Fowler and Jason Dufner at the end of the day.

More strong winds on Day 3 greeted the players and only 1 player (Smylie Kaufman) was able to record a score in the 60's. Dallas' own Jordan Spieth still maintained a 1 shot lead over Kaufman and a 2 shot lead over the oldest player in the field, Bernhard Langer. NTSGA golfers that had selections near the top of the leaderboard included **Joe Thompson, Mike Robertson, Richard Reed, Paul Price and Joe Minter.**

The final day of this year's Masters began on more traditional April Augusta weather with blue skies, sunshine and no wind. The spectacular day included 3 holes-in-one, all on the 16th hole. (Shane Lowry, Davis Love III and Louis Oosthuizen). Jordan Spieth was playing OK for the first 5 holes, but birdies on 6-7-8-9 vaulted him into a commanding 5 shot lead over the field. Then disaster struck at Amen corner when Jordan recorded a 7 on the par 3 hole after hitting 2 balls into Rae's Creek. The stunned patrons witnessed the collapse of Jordan Spieth, but were thrilled for the exciting performance of eventual winner, Englishman Danny Willett.

Runners up in the 2016 Masters Pot were **Dennis Smith and Gerald Gotcher** (Jordan Spieth T2 & Rory McIlroy T10) **Joe Minter, Joe Thompson, Richard Reed and Tom Hatfield** (Jordan Spieth T2 & Jason Day T10). The overall winner of the Masters Pot was **Ollie Cromwell** (Jordan Spieth T2 & Dustin Johnson T4). Ollie pockets \$280.00. **CONGRATULATIONS, OLLIE CROMWELL.**

MASTER'S FACTS:

It's one of the best kept numbers in sports....the initiation fee to Augusta National. With barons like Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, among others as members, it goes without saying that money isn't the object, and it isn't. To join is reportedly under \$100K which might be one tenth of other high profile clubs in the country. And if you were lucky enough to play the course with a member you can probably afford it. Guest fees are said to be about \$40.00.

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up!

.....Phyllis Diller

