

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2017

- Golf weather is finally here and many members are anxious to play...sign up early. Sign-up closes at noon, 2 days before the event.
- The Masters Pot will be open for selection at Buffalo Creek on April 5.
- The second hole-in-one of 2017 was recorded by **Shawn Butler**. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- The Dye Course and Hills Course at Stonebridge Ranch C.C. use two separate club houses. Make sure you go to the Dye Course clubhouse on April 10. See directions in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Jody Bass 18th
Dale Hager 22nd
Roger Nondorf 23rd
Virgil Thompson 14th

Jay Gasper 22nd
Tom Higgins 26th
Mike Robertson 24th
Butch Vaut 23rd

Larry Gebhardt 24th
Paul Keyworth 15th
Mike Shirejian 30th
Lou Wilkerson 28th

Ray Grupp 5th
Mike Mullins 21st
Jack Thompson 16th

MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Mar. 1 Bridlewood	128	100%	James Wu 75	Harry Schmidt 64 LeRoy Worm 64
Mar. 8 Tangleridge – Canceled, due to course scheduling conflict.				
Mar. 15 Texas Star	121	94%	Jay Gasper 73	Dave Self 57
Mar. 22 The Tribute	122	95%	Paul Keyworth 71	Tim Koscinski 59 Jon Muckley 59
Mar. 29 Cowboys G.C.	94	73%	Mike Jones 70	Bob King 56

MASTER'S SNIPPETS:

Alister MacKenzie (designer of the golf course) never saw the final version of Augusta National. He died at age 63 on Jan. 6, 1934, at his home in Santa Cruz, CA. two months before the first tournament which was then called the Augusta National Invitational. The Scotsman visited the course at least a half dozen times, with his final visit around the summer of 1932 when course construction work was complete, but it was not fully covered with grass. The course formally opened in Jan. 1933.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Apr. 5 Buffalo Creek	8:00	
Apr. 10 (MON) Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye Course)	8:00	
Apr. 12 Tierra Verde	8:00	
Apr. 19 TBA	8:00	
Apr. 26 Riverchase	8:00	Breakfast & Lunch included

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Apr. 5 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.

Apr. 10 Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye Course) (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.

Apr. 12 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2 ½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2nd exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Apr. 19 TBA

Apr. 26 Riverchase (Coppell) 972-462-8281; 700 Riverchase Dr. Drive to I-35E and Belt Line Rd. (Farmers Branch). Turn west and drive 2.2 miles to Fairway Drive (traffic light). Turn right. Drive to stop sign. Turn right, course entrance on right.

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and loser of balls. A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon!

TENDING TO MEDICAL ISSUES:

Phil Abel, Eric Blackwood, Dave Bramlett, Dave Clelland, Scott Daum, Gary Delcambre, Bill Eldridge, Pat Hart, Bill Kayser, John Owens, Kelly Parks, Michael Peralta, John Pisciotta, Ken Talburt, Sid Thrash and Dorie Wesson...NTSGA members are thinking of you and wish a speedy return to playing golf.

OOPS!

Fifteen year member, **LeRoy Worm** shot his ace last month at Pecan Hollow. His name was inadvertently left off the "Age Shooters" list in last month's newsletter. Nice going to **LeRoy** for a nice 84 recorded during the February tournament.

ETIQUETTE REMINDER

- 1) Pace of play for a foursome is 4 hrs. 30 minutes. Be aware of your position and keep play moving.
- 2) Your position on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you, not directly in front of the group behind you.
- 3) Leave the golf course in better condition than you found it. Rake the bunkers, fix ball marks and don't let trash blow out of the cart. The greenskeeper will appreciate your efforts.

HOLE-IN-ONE, SHAWN BUTLER....

New member, **Shawn Butler** recorded the second hole-in-one of NTSGA members during the 2017 season. His ace was recorded March 22 at The Tribute on the #5 Postage Stamp hole in overcast weather conditions from a distance of 82 yards. Witnessing Shawn's accurate shot were playing partners **Paul Keyworth, Don Martin and Mike Hatfield** as they watched his sand wedge be the appropriate club from this distance. This is Shawn's 3rd career ace.

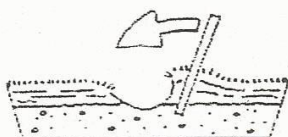
He grew up in Dallas, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School followed by attendance at Texas Tech University. Shawn retired from the Dallas Police Dept. after serving the community for 28 years.

NTSGA will add \$200.00 to Shawn's bank account.

CONGRATULATIONS, SHAWN BUTLER!

DIVOT REPAIR

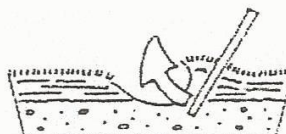
Correct Way



Grass Blades
Thatch Layer
Soil

1. Insert divot repair tool just outside the back of the ball mark. Gently pull the turf toward the center of the hole. Repeat this same motion on all sides of the hole.
2. Gently tap down the repaired area with your putter.
3. This action stretches undamaged turf over the ball mark providing instant recovery.

Incorrect Way



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1. DO NOT pry up the center of the depression with the divot repair tool as it exposes the soil and will delay the healing process.
2. DO NOT insert divot repair tool and twist; this only breaks more turf loose.
3. A ball mark takes only 15-30 seconds to repair properly. A ball mark fixed incorrectly takes over 3 weeks to heal.

