

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2017

- The Board of Directors has made decisions that will affect play next year....see the changes in this newsletter.
- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec.7 thru mid-January. If weather conditions are favorable to play golf, use the roster to contact fellow members and get up a game during this break period.
- Remember, Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye and Hills Courses) use different clubhouses. See directions to the Dye course in this newsletter.
- The 2018 Board of Directors has been elected and their picture is in this newsletter.
- Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** has announced a few new courses that will appear on our schedule next year including Prairie Lakes Golf Club (Grand Prairie), Frisco Lakes (Frisco) and Las Colinas C.C. (Irving).

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Lynn Beyler 7 th	E.T. Boon 12 th	Peter Chung 15 th	*Dave Dreiling 8 th
Alan Duncan 10 th	Rick Gustafson 1 st	Gene Lindsey 9 th	Skip Lovell 18 th
Don Marks 12 th	Charley McCarley 15 th	Vince McGinnis 3 rd	Dick McLemore 13 th
Dennis Meyer 24 th	Bill Nitcholas 28 th	*Gary Norman 8 th	Kelly Parks 21 st
Joel Rogers 30 th	Mel Rosser 28 th	Harry Schmidt 23 rd	Joe Shelton 31 st
Doug Smith 27 th	Ralph Westbrook 12 th	Leroy Worm 24 th	

Dave Dreiling and **Gary Norman** are twins, only born to different parents!!

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	P layers	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov.1 Waterchase	82	64%	Mike Barker 72	Mike Istre 58
Nov.8 The Tribute – Canceled, due to weather (rescheduled for Dec. 6).				
Nov.15 Bridlewood	116	90%	Jody Bass 71	Bob Wood 56
Nov. 21 Stonebridge C.C. (Hills)	105	82%	Mike Jones 73	Hubert Lytle 62 David Starkey 62
Nov. 27 Gleneagles C.C.	110	85%	Harlin Hamilton 79 Bob Wands 79	Don Marks 64
Nov. 29 Pecan Hollow	97	75%	Tom Hatfield 72 Butch Vaut 72	Brad Mink 59

PUN INTENDED...

The fattest king at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
He acquired his size from too much pi.

LAST 2 TOURNAMENTS OF 2017

Dec. 4 (**MON.**) Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye) 8:30
Dec. 6 The Tribute 8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

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.

The Tribute (The Colony) 972-370-5465; 1000 Lebanon Rd. From Hwy 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway) and Josey Ln./Main St./Hwy 423 drive north (through The Colony) for 4.1 miles. At Lebanon, (stop light, Walgreens on left) turn left. Drive 3 miles through residential area (pass the Old American Golf Club on the left). At the dead end, turn right into The Tribute parking lot.

NTSGA TOURNAMENT CHANGES FOR 2018:

Recently, the Board of Directors made a change to our golf tournaments that will take effect with the beginning tournament in January:

- 1) Regardless of your age or handicap, you may opt to play from the forward tees during 2018. This option may be exercised at any time during the year, but once the move is made, the golfer must remain playing the forward tees for the remainder of the year. This decision must be made known to **Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach** at hbacharach@aol.com or 410-507-2932 before competing in your first tournament of 2018. If you do not intend to change tee boxes from 2017....no need to contact **Howie**.

- 2) Special Tournaments:

The recent survey indicated that members occasionally enjoy a different tournament format from our usual stroke play events. This includes mixing the foursomes allowing longtime members to become acquainted with many new members. We will continue to hold the WestRidge Shamble as we have for several years and will add one additional special event during 2018. This will be a tournament organized and planned by 3 NTSGA volunteer members giving Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** a break from his weekly tournament duties. These volunteers will make the pairings, distribute the rules sheet and assign starting holes.

If 3 members are willing to organize this singular, fun event during 2018, please notify President **Roger Ball** (817-909-0352) or Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** (972-699-0644).

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died.

After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

She says, "What's the story on my car?"

The mechanic replies, "Just crap in the carburetor".

She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

AGE SHOOTERS – NOVEMBER

Mike Barker 11/1 Waterchase 72
Bill Kayser 11/1 Waterchase 74
Tom McMahan 11/1 Waterchase 76
David Miller 11/1 Waterchase 78
Bob Wands 11/1 Waterchase 78
Jay Gasper 11/15 Bridlewood 77
Tom McMahan 11/15 Bridlewood 75
Bob Wands 11/15 Bridlewood 72
Bobby Wood 11/15 Bridlewood 79
Bob Wands 11/27 Gleneagles C.C. 79
Jay Gasper 11/29 Pecan Hollow 79
Tom McMahan 11/29 Pecan Hollow 76
Joe Minter 11/29 Pecan Hollow 84
Joel Rogers 11/29 Pecan Hollow 73
Bill Roll 11/29 Pecan Hollow 80
Butch Vaut 11/29 Pecan Hollow 72

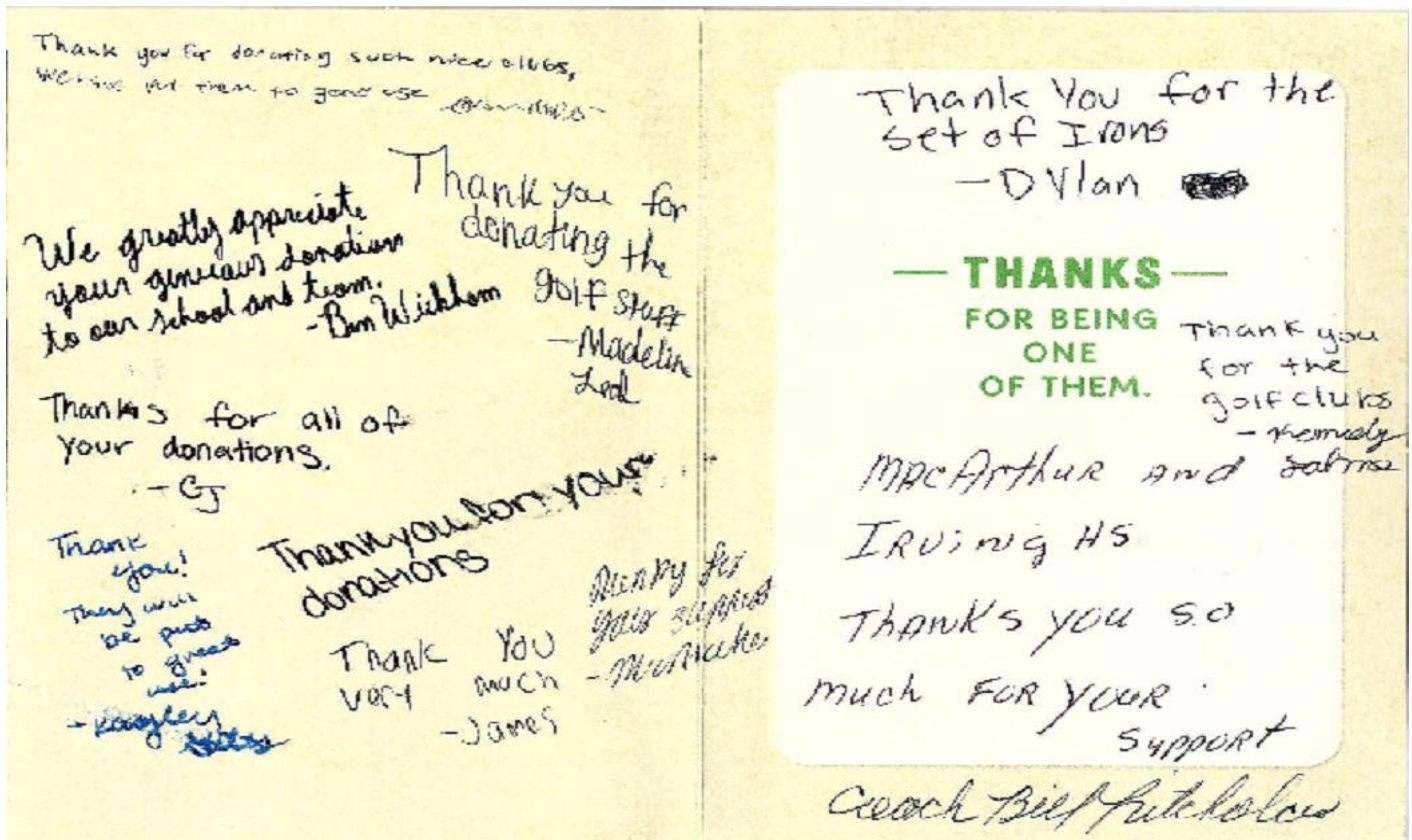


WELCOME BACK, GENE...

Gene Kurihara has been sidelined for the year with medical issues. He has now resumed play with NTSGA. Welcome back, Gene.

GOLF EQUIPMENT:

At the Annual Banquet, member **Bill Nitcholas** made mention of how appreciative the Irving Independent School District students were of receiving golf clubs, balls and bags donated by NTSGA members. Here is a nice card sent to the Association by the thankful students:



SPOTLIGHT ON....ROB RUTH

Rob Ruth has been a loyal member of NTSGA now for almost 2 years. He grew up in the great state of Missouri where he played many high school sports receiving a baseball scholarship to the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. While at UCM, **Rob** lettered 4 years as the shortstop on the their baseball team playing on the same team as Jim Crane, the current owner of the World Series champion Houston Astros. For his college athletic accomplishments **Rob** has been inducted into the UCM Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1977, he joined State Farm Insurance Company as an Agency Director and later as Agency Field Executive retiring after 36 years with the company in 2013. Not ready to retire from an active workforce, **Rob** went to work for Service King Collision Repair as a Customer Relations/Business Development executive helping to promote the company's marketing program. **Rob** was recently awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Central Missouri and was honored that his school would recognize him for his lifelong accomplishments. He has been married 44 years, has 3 grown children and 12 grandchildren. NTSGA salutes **Rob Ruth's** golf endeavors and his many personal professional achievements.



COURSE CONTRIBUTORS....

The following golf courses/facilities made nice rounds, fittings and gift card contributions to our annual Banquet:

Watters Creek Golf Club	WestRidge Golf Course	Lou's Golf
Golf Tech	Pappas Bros. Restaurant	Stonebridge Ranch C.C. Dye/Hills
Clubfinders Golf	Heritage Ranch C.C.	Lorente Golf
Ridgeview Ranch Golf Club	Gleneagles C.C.	Outback Steak House
Olive Garden Restaurant	Miller Jewelry	Twin Creeks Golf Club

Patronage of these establishments by our members during 2018 would be greatly appreciated. Tell them you are members of NTSGA and thank them for their Banquet donations.

SKINS:

The Skins Coordinators are trying to attract more players to participate in the skins pots and will alter the handicap breakout for the pots in 2018 to:

1-12, 13-19 & 20+. This will more evenly divide the handicap brackets amongst 215 members. No more separate skins pots for members over age 75, they may easily compete in their own handicap bracket.

DUES:

Dues for 2018 will be extracted from your NTSGA Bank on Jan.1, 2018. This amount is \$30.00. If you do not have appropriate funds in your account, remit a check to Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, 3200 San Simeon Way, Plano, TX 75023 before Jan. 1. If you are unaware of your account funds, check your balance at the next two tournaments or contact Pete at 972-618-3776.

BANQUET CONTRIBUTORS:

Several NTSGA members solicited and obtained nice prizes for our annual Banquet last month. Many thanks to:

Director **Phil Abel**, Secy. **Phil Fahs**, **Tim Koscinski**, **David Miller**, Director **Tom McMahan**, **Craig Oakley**, Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, **Jake Truitt**, Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** and Greg **Windsor**.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the bunkers and miss every green. Then the next day you go out and for no reason at all...you really stink!

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Front Row (L-R): Past President **Gerald Gotcher**, Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, Secy. **Phil Fahs**, Vice President **Gene Edmondson**, President **Roger Ball**.

Back Row (L-R): Handicap Chm./ Webmaster **Howie Bacharach**, Tournament Chm. **Rod Wells**, Director **Tom McMahan**, Director **Phil Abel**, Director **Terry Bell**, Director **Bill Roll**.

November 5th was the end of Daylight Savings Time for another year. Hope you didn't forget to set your bathroom scales back 10 pounds on Saturday night!

