# **NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

- Eighteen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Current rosters will be printed after new members are added in March. These rosters will be available for pick up from the check-in table at our March tournament sites.
- USGA is relaxing a few more of their many rules....read about them in this newsletter.
- Here's hoping Pauxatauney Phil does not see his shadow this month.

### **BIRTHDAY'S FOR FEBRUARY**

Tom Blake 21<sup>st</sup> Clint Culp 13<sup>th</sup> Bob Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> Danny Millaway 13<sup>th</sup> Elliott Prater 16<sup>th</sup> Ralph Strorey 25<sup>th</sup> Dave Bramlett 14<sup>th</sup> Dale Greaves 22<sup>nd</sup> Dan Locklear 16<sup>th</sup> Paul Myers 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Ben Ramos 22<sup>nd</sup> Ken Talburt 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Cannon 27<sup>th</sup> Bill Kayser 16<sup>th</sup> Pat Martin 18<sup>th</sup> **Mike Neeley 15<sup>th</sup> Frank Riley 7<sup>th</sup>** Dorrie Wesson 3<sup>rd</sup> John Carrick 21<sup>st</sup> Bill Lambert 10<sup>th</sup> Dal McKinney 21<sup>st</sup> Tony Nelson 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Robinson 14<sup>th</sup>

#### JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Jan 11 Firewheel (Old)	Players 108	Percentage of full field 84%	Low Gross Jay Gasper 76 Butch Vaut 76	Low Net <b>Frank Riley</b> 62
Jan 18 Waterview	85	66%	Butch Vaut 79	Scott Daum 66
Jan 25 Hurricane Ck. C.C	. 101	78%	Doug Shackelford 72	Phil Burkett 59

The only sure way to get a par is to leave a four-foot birdie putt two inches from the hole!

#### **EXCESSIVE SIGN-UPS:**

Sometimes, more than the maximum number of players (128) sign-up for our tournaments. When this happens, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** uses a computer selected random list of all members and has to call the number of members in excess of 128. He informs them that they will not be able to play in that event. (NTSGA By-Laws Article VI, Section 5).

Don't feel as if you're being picked upon, as you will not be excluded from a tournament again until all 215 members have been screened and forced to sit out an event.

# SAD NEWS:

Thunder Miller's wife, Lisa passed away on January 5. Graduating from SMU, Lisa was very active with the Kilgore Rangerettes and the J.J. Pearce High School Pacesetters dance and drill teams.

Sincere condolences to the entire Miller family.

#### **NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS**

Feb 1 WestRidge	8:30
Feb 7 (TUES.) Canyon Creek C.C.	8:30
Feb 15 Pecan Hollow	8:30
Feb 22 Mesquite	8:30
Mar 1 Bridlewood	

# DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES.....

Feb 1 <u>WestRidge</u> (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Feb 7 <u>Canyon Creek C.C.</u> (Richardson) 972-231-3083; 625 Lookout Dr. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike west of Central Expwy, turn south at Custer Rd., for approx. 1 mile, right turn at W. Lookout Dr., golf course ½ mile on left.

Feb 15 <u>Pecan Hollow (Plano)</u> 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14<sup>th</sup> street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left.

Feb 22 <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.

Mar 1 <u>Bridlewood (Flower Mound)</u> 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 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

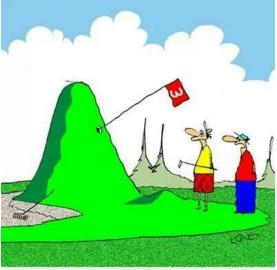
### PAT TRITCH...

**Pat Tritch**, a 27 year member of North Texas Senior Golf Association has recently resigned. Pat loyally served as our President and Vice President for 5 years and our Tournament Chairman for 10 years.

Best of Luck to **Pat** in his future endeavors and many thanks go out to him for his longtime dedication to our great organization.

# **NEW MEMBERS: FEBRUARY**

Tom Blake – Plano Shawn Butler – McKinney Doug Cannon - Mesquite Peter Chung – Frisco Ed Gamlin – Rowlett **Tino Gutierrez** – Carrollton Armando Hinojos – Plano Gary Hughes – Holly Lake Ranch **Bill Lambert** – Frisco Dan Locklear – Farmers Branch **Brad Mink** – Carrollton **Bob Moreau** – Rockwall Lonny Pierce – Whitney **Bill Ross** – Denison Mel Rosser- McKinney **Doug Smith** – Richardson Winston Stallings – Prosper Randy Winski - Dallas



"I hear this is one of the tougher greens to putt on."

#### SCORECARDS.....

Handicap Chairman Howie Bacharach and Secy. Phil Fahs, compute the flight winners, money distribution and determine scorecard playoff winners shortly after the completion of the round. They need help in identifying players correctly by having their names legibly written on the scorecards. Fifty new members will join NTSGA during the first 3 months of 2017. Please put last names on the cards with initial, if necessary. Currently, on our roster we have 2 Hall's, 2 Hatfield's, 2 Jones', 2 Martin's, 3 Miller's, 2 Pierce's, 2 Robertson's, 4 Smith's, and 3 Thompson's. Your attention to this small matter will help expedite and accurately record scores into the computer.

#### FROM THE YEAR 1955:

"There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay at a hotel!"

# AGE SHOOTER'S, JANUARY

Jay Gasper 1/11 Firewheel (Old) 76 Harold Lockman 1/11 Firewheel (Old) 80 Bill Roll 1/11 Firewheel (Old) 80 Harold Lockman 1/25 Hurricane Creek C.C. 79

"Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?"

### USGA....

USGA is considering more rule changes which closely adhere to common sense. Under consideration for possible change in April are the following:

- 1) Reduce the time searching for an errant shot from 5 minutes to 3 minutes (This has always been an NTSGA rule) ntsga.org behind the By-Laws tab: NTSGA Items to Prevent Slow Play.
- 2) Allow players to repair spike marks on the putting surface. (This is hardly an issue for us, as we all wear soft spikes).
- 3) Eliminating yellow stakes and using only red stakes for definition of hazards. (We essentially do this, as we play both red and yellow stakes with the same rules).

# FUNNY...

Two men were sitting next to each other at Murphy's Pub in London. After awhile, one bloke looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from listening to your accent, that you're from Ireland."

The other bloke responds proudly, "Yes, that I am."

The first one says, "So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other bloke answers, "I'm from Dublin."

The first one reply's, "So am I!"

"Mother Mary and Joseph....and what street did you live in Dublin?"

The other bloke says. "A lovely little area it was... I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first one says, "What a small world, so did I!"

And what school would you have been going?" The other bloke answers, "Well now, I went to St. Mary's, of course."

The first one gets really excited and says, "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?" The other bloke answers, "I graduated in 1964."

The first one exclaims, "The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same Pub tonight. Can you believe it? I too graduated from St. Mary's in 1964!"

About that time another regular patron walks into the bar and has a seat. The barman quietly says to him, "It's going to be a long night tonight.....the Murphy twins are drunk again!"

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