

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2017

- Start time for our tournaments is 8:30.
- Seventeen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Eight members were dropped from the organization because of inactivity last year. Remember.... Article VI, Sect. 1 of the By-Laws, require that members participate in a minimum of 20 tournaments during the year to maintain an active status.
- Six Holes-in-One were recorded in 2016. That ties the most holes-in-one made in one year (2008) by NTSGA members.
- Our 2017 tournament schedule is now on the website under the “schedule” tab. Forty four tournaments are scheduled with the possibility of adding 5 more. New courses include Texas Star (Eules) and Riverchase (Coppell).
- A glance back to some interesting statistics from 2016 is included in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Pete Archbold 31 st John Jones 29 th Ray Patak 18 th Joe Thompson 22 nd	Mike Barker 29 th Art Krueger 5 th Dennis Smith 23 rd Sid Thrash 5 th	Phil Burkett 5 th Don Martin 20 th Robert Smith 23 rd Jim Yarbrough 17 th	Charles Johnson 16 th John Owens 23 rd Phil Sykes 4 th
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DECEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Dec. 7 Firewheel – Bridges	51	39%	Paul Keyworth 76	Mike Barker 67 Jay Felston 67 Gerald Gotcher 67

“Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water!”

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A GOLF BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN:

Beginning this month, the USGA has relaxed the ruling of the accidental movement of a ball on the putting green. Whether the ball is blown by the wind, an accidental tap of the ball by the putter, with no intention of making a stroke, placing a marker behind the ball and accidentally touching it, and moving the ball is no longer a penalty. The ball may now be placed back in its original position with no penalty stroke incurred by the golfer.

NEXT 3 TOURNAMENTS

Jan 11	Firewheel – Bridges	8:30	
Jan 18	Waterview	8:30	
Jan 25	Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:30	Includes Buffet Lunch

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Firewheel – Bridges (Garland) 972-205-2795; 1535 Brand Rd. Take Geo Bush Turnpike east, exit at Brand Rd., turn left (north) 1 mile, course entrance on left.

Waterview (Rowlett) 972-463-8900; 9509 Waterview Pkwy. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike east through Garland, past hwy 78. Exit at Merritt/Liberty Grove Connector. At 2nd stop sign (Liberty Grove), turn left. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left. If driving through downtown Dallas on I-30, proceed east of LBJ Frwy (635), Garland, and exit at Geo Bush Turnpike (north). Exit the Turnpike at Lakeview Pkwy/Main St. /Hwy 66. Stay on the Service Road, passing Main St., passing Hwy 66 for another 1.4 miles. Turn right at the stop sign (Liberty Grove). Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left.

Hurricane Creek C.C. (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take I-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Anna (Truck Stop), turn left go over I-75, right turn onto the west side service road. Caution: Yield to southbound traffic exiting I-75. Drive 1.7 miles (north). Left turn at small sign, leads to club.

IRONMEN....HAROLD LOCKMAN & ELLIOTT PRATER

Each member played in 48 tournaments during 2016. Thank you, Gents for your very active participation in support of the North Texas Senior Golf Association.

FROM THE YEAR 1955:

“I never thought I’d see the day all of our kitchen appliances would be electric! They’re even making electric typewriters now.”

HANDICAPS....

Handicap computations fall closely in line with USGA standards. Handicap Chairman, **Howie Bacharach** will compute handicaps twice monthly in hopes of greater stabilization of individual handicaps. You will receive an “NTSGA Index” determined by the lowest 10 out of your last 20 gross scores, adjusted for the course and slope rating of the tees you played and factored by 0.96. This new “NTSGA Index” is very similar to GHIN or similar service, which creates an average handicap index based on all courses and tees that you played.

Players will have their “NTSGA Index” **adjusted** to the course and tee they are playing **during that round**. Your **adjusted index** will be used to calculate your net score, which determines flight winners. This allows players playing from different tees to compete for the same prizes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2017

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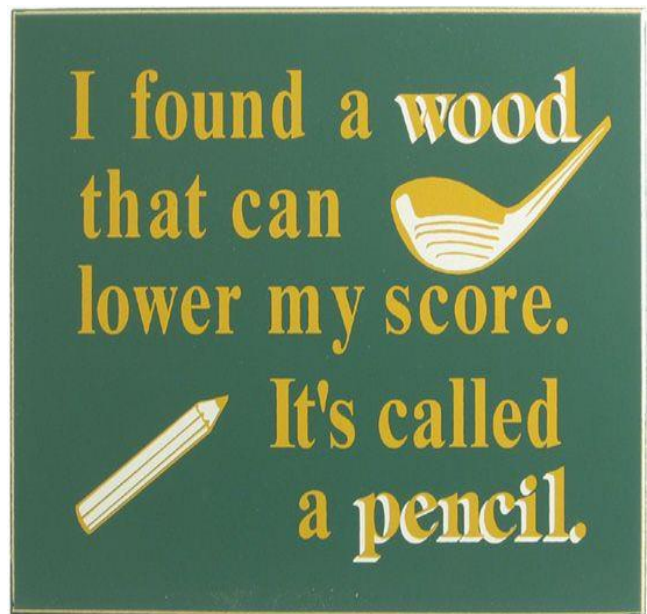
DIRECTORS:
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STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:
TOURNAMENT: Rod Wells
HANDICAP/WEBMASTER: Howie Bacharach



NEW MEMBERS: JANUARY

Phil Burkett (Plano)
Tom Englander (Farmers Branch)
Dick Fryer (Mesquite)
Dale Hager (Dallas)
Steve Hall (Dallas)
Phillip Lofton (Prosper)
Eddie Marshall (Dallas)
Mike Mullins (Richardson)
Tom Phillips (Dallas)
Keith Quimby (Quinlan)
George Richards (Addison)
Steve Sanderson (McKinney)
Mike Shirejian (Dallas)
Virgil Thompson (Bartonville)
Ralph Westbrook (Dallas)
Harold Wilkowsky (McKinney)
James Wu (Frisco)



ENTRY FEE.....

At check-in, some members tell Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** to deduct the entry fee from their NTSGA bank.....when they don't have sufficient funds in their account. There is a \$25.00 insufficient funds charge assessed to the member if this occurs. This should never happen as all account balances are updated and available for viewing at each tournament site.

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.....then I want to move in with them."

.....Phyllis Diller

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECISIONS DURING 2016:

- 1) Tournament weather cancellations have been enhanced by linking member's cell phones to receive early morning cancellation messages. Contact Webmaster, **Howie Bacharach** (972-620-2602) for details.
- 2) Deadline for tournament sign-up is 12:00 noon, 2 days before an event. Sign-up after that deadline, the member may/may not be able to play at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman.
- 3) Members will receive a \$50.00 stipend added to their bank account for every 10 rounds played during 2016.
- 4) NTSGA roster will be increased to 215 members beginning Jan. 2017.
- 5) The Board voted to reduce the annual dues for established members and new members to \$50.00 for 2017. New members joining after July 1, will pay \$30.00 dues for the remainder of the year.
- 6) Treasurer **Pete Schoemann** will add a \$30.00 rebate amount to each members account in good standing as of Jan.1, 2017. Good standing is having dues paid on Jan.1. This does not include new members joining on Jan.1, 2017.
- 7) The Board voted to increase the CTP award for all Par 3's to \$10.00.

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!
Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper lowered his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!""No!" the blonde yelled back, "It's a scarf!"

HOLE-IN-ONE.....GENE EDMONDSON

Gene Edmondson recorded NTSGA's record tying 6th hole-in-one of 2016. Six holes-in-one equals the number of aces recorded in 2008 and it is Gene's second of his golfing career. Playing the Firewheel-Lakes course on Dec 7, Gene aced the 3rd hole measuring 133 yds. Using his six iron, Gene impressed his playing partners **Tim Strobel**, **Roger Ball** and **George Miller** with his accurate swing at the last tournament of the year for the North Texas Senior Golf Association. Growing up in Pampa, TX, Gene later attended Texas A&M University and the Univ. of Texas before moving to Dallas in 1986. He was the Public Works Director for Texas Municipal Utilities and the Water Utility Dept. of Flower Mound retiring after 35 yrs of employment. Unfortunately, that's not the way playing partner **Tim Strobel** saw Gene's great shot. According to Tim.... "Geno hit his Callaway 6 iron as hard as he could because he knew he had to go over water and a sand trap. The ball sounded as if Gene skulled the shot when it left the club face. It skipped across the water two or three times and reached the far bank going through a sand trap eventually reaching the hill by the green. Still rolling rapidly up and over the hill, disappearing from sight. Next, a loud noise was heard by the foursome and it proved to be Gene's ball hitting the flagstick and dropping straight to the bottom of the cup". By the time the three playing partners walked onto the green, Gene was dancing around the hole fist pumping at every step while observing his hole in one. As the foursome rolled into the clubhouse after the round, Gene could be heard shouting "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good cheer....grab a beer."

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Gene's Bank account.

CONGRATULATIONS, GENE EDMONDSON!

