

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2017

- **Mike Robertson** won the 2017 U.S. Open Pot. Read the write-up in this newsletter.
- So far this year, through the month of May we have played 20 tournaments. Two events were canceled due to weather and course scheduling.
- The British Open Pot will be open for selection at Grapevine on July 19. If you are unable to attend this tournament, you can email Secy. Phil Fahs (pfahs57@yahoo.com) with selections prior to 7:00 A.M., July 20.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

Roger Ball 13th
Mike Jones 13th
Randy Morse 6th
Bob Wands 23rd

Bob Crews 8th
Bill Kibler 23rd
Judge Perry 2nd
James Wu 10th

Gerald Gotcher 19th
Larry Kimberlin 1st
John Pisciotta 6th

Basil Greaves 19th
Terry Lambert 1st
Pete Schoemann 4th

JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

| | Players | Percentage of full field | Low Gross | Low Net |
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| June 7 Firewheel – Bridges | 124 | 96% | Harold Wilkowsky 72 | Greg Windsor 57 |
| June 14 Waterchase | 99 | 77% | Mike Jones 71 | Martin Rejcek 61 |
| June 21 Buffalo Creek | 105 | 82% | Butch Vaut 71 | Ron Goethals 56 |
| June 28 Waterview | 107 | 83% | Mike Jones 72 | John Carrick 60 Jerry Jenkins 60 |

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away, Florida or the moon?" The other blonde turns and says "Helloooooooooooooo, can you see Florida?????"

NTSGA RULES REFRESHER..... IMPROVING YOUR LIE.

You may use the longest club in your bag to improve your lie up to 1 club length, no closer to the hole. You cannot use your club, foot or hands to build a lie by roughing or raising the turf or mashing down the turf behind the ball. You cannot improve your lie in a hazard. You may play a ball from a hazard without grounding your club (no penalty stroke), or lift the ball from the hazard and dropping within 2 club lengths from the hazard line where the ball entered the hazard, incurring a 1 stroke penalty. Or, you may drop the ball anywhere on the extended line from where the ball entered the hazard back to the teeing ground, also incurring a 1 stroke penalty.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

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| July 5 | Lantana | 8:00 |
| July 12 | Stone Creek | 8:00 |
| July 19 | Grapevine | 8:00 |
| July 26 | Watters Creek | 8:00 |
| August 2 | Tangleridge | 8:00 |

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

July 5 Lantana (Lantana) 940-728-4653; 800 Golf Club Dr. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy) past Lewisville. Exit at FM407 (Justin Road) Exit #454A. At the traffic, turn left and continue west for 6.2 miles. Turn right at Lantana Trail (water tower and traffic light); drive 1.2 miles (divided road), turn right at Golf Club Dr., leads to clubhouse.

July 12 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.

July 19 Grapevine (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; 3800 Fairway Dr. Take LBJ Frwy west, towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

July 26 Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

Aug. 2 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 972-299-6837; 818 Tangle Ridge Dr. Take I-35E south thru downtown Dallas. Bear right at the Hwy 67 split, towards Cleburne. After passing under I-20, drive 8.7 miles, exit at Lake Ridge Pkwy., right turn (2 miles). Turn left at Park Ridge Dr., follow signs through residential area to golf course. Or, drive south on the George Bush Turnpike through Arlington towards I-20. Exit at Lake Ridge Parkway (the exit before I-20) and continue south for approx 8.5 miles. Still on Lake Ridge Pkwy., turn right at entrance to the Tangleridge housing area. Drive approx. 1.2 miles (past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. (Leads to golf course).

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. "I've just finished vacuuming the whole house before realizing the vacuum cleaner wasn't plugged in."

A SIMPLE COURTESY.....

Some members have been observed digging the golf ball out of the hole with their putter. This only damages the edges of the cup and ruins the greenskeeper's handiwork after he cuts the holes for that day. The courteous procedure would be to bend down and pick the ball out of the cup or purchase the little gizmo that attaches to the handle of the putter to extract the golf ball from the hole.

Thank you.

2017 U.S. OPEN POT....

The 2017 U.S. Open was played for the very first time in the state of Wisconsin, northwest of Milwaukee. Played over the Erin Hills links monster course stretched out to 7845 yards, the forecast was for rain on several days during this event. The overwhelming favorites selected by NTSGA members were Dustin Johnson, Jason Day, Jordan Spieth and Jon Rahm.

Rickie Fowler led the field after Day1 shooting a sparkling 65 followed by Paul Casey, Xander Schauffele and Brooks Koepka. Many of the pre-tournament favorites hit too many balls in the tall fescue grass and could be in jeopardy of missing the cut.

Day 2 began under nice weather conditions again, but the big names could not stay out of the tall rough and missed the cut. The world's top 3 golfers (Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day) all missed the cut, thereby ending the possibilities of 74 NTSGA member's selections of winning this year's U.S. Open Pot. Excitement was coming from the households of **Bob Wood, Roger Ball, Jerry Walker, Ollie Cromwell and Paul Price** as their combo picks had good chances of winning this year's Pot. Saturday is called moving day and Jordan Spieth needed to make a strong move if he was going to be in contention for Sunday's final round.

Day 3 weather was relatively calm and birdies were dropping from everywhere. At one point 8 players were tied for the lead. With a forecast for rain and wind, USGA moved the tee boxes forward, but none of the predicted weather arrived. Bright sunshine gave way to overcast conditions and the pro's put on a thrilling day of golf for the many spectators. Justin Thomas shot 63, the lowest score against par in U.S. Open history. He trailed Brian Harman the wee left hander from Sea Island, Georgia (#50 in world rankings) by only one stroke. 32 players recorded rounds under par.....a U.S. Open record. Seven NTSGA members had selected Justin Thomas, but did their 2nd player in the combo pick finish high enough to win this year's U.S. Open Pot? **Mike Vestal, Dale Hager, Jack Thompson, Basil Greaves, Mike Robertson and Dick Hall** all had possibilities and were rooting for their selections to have hot rounds on Day 4. Sunday's final round promised to be a shootout.

The weather that was forecast all week, never materialized. Day 4 skies were clear with a mild breeze. Brian Harman began as the leader, but he was soon caught and passed by Brooks Koepka. The big hitter was accurate off the tee and precise with his putts, winning the U.S. Open by 4 strokes. This was Koepka's first major tournament win. Runners up to this year's U.S. Open Pot were **Bob Wood, Roger Ball and Jerry Walker** who all selected (Sergio Garcia T-21 & Hideki Matsuyama T-2). The overall winner was **Mike Robertson** (Rickie Fowler T-5 & Steve Stricker T-16). **Mike** pockets \$460.00.

CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE ROBERTSON!

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN.....

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it, I'm having a really good time like I am. "

AGE SHOOTERS.....JUNE

Rich Carmen 6/7 Firewheel-Bridges 77
J.D. Caywood 6/7 Firewheel-Bridges 78
Harold Lockman 6/7 Firewheel-Bridges 79
Tom McMahan 6/7 Firewheel-Bridges 76
Bob Murphy 6/7 Firewheel-Bridges 92
LeRoy Worm 6/7 Firewheel-Bridges 82
Dale Leath 6/14 Waterchase 77
Harold Lockman 6/14 Waterchase 82
Rich Carmen 6/21 Buffalo Creek 74
Dick Hall 6/21 Buffalo Creek 76
Art Krueger 6/21 Buffalo Creek 80
Dale Leath 6/21 Buffalo Creek 78
Harold Lockman 6/21 Buffalo Creek 75
Ben Robinson 6/21 Buffalo Creek 79
Bill Roll 6/21 Buffalo Creek 83
Butch Vaut 6/21 Buffalo Creek 71
LeRoy Worm 6/21 Buffalo Creek 84
Jeff Aston 6/28 Waterview 83
Dale Leath 6/28 Waterview 77



FUNNY.....

A 65 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience....seeing God. She asked, "Is my time up?"

God said “No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live.”

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck.

She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was run over and killed by a speeding ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded: I thought you said I had another 33 years to live. Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of that ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"

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Happy 4th of July holiday to all!

Phil