

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2017

- Our tournament start times revert back to 8:00 (you will appreciate it this summer) beginning with the Tangleridge event on March 8.
- Nineteen more new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- We play Texas Star Golf Course this month for the first time in 3 years.
- Spring/summer golf weather is right around the corner.....promise.
- **Gary Mitchell** recorded the 1st hole-in-one of 2017. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- We lost one tournament (Mesquite) last month due to inclement weather. Remember, Punxsutawney Phil promised six more weeks of winter conditions.
- We anticipate a large number of sign-ups for our March tournaments since the weather turns warmer and we play 5 very popular courses, including Cowboys Golf Club. Sign up early!

BIRTHDAY'S FOR MARCH

Bill Ashworth 7th
Jay Felston 5th
Mike Hatfield 4th
Frank Smith 18th

Greg Bronson 21st
Tino Gutierrez 22nd
Casey Jones 3rd
Chuck Starin 10th

J.D. Caywood 31st
Dick Hall 10th
Thunder Miller 7th
Jake Truitt 12th

Ken Chadee 17th
Harlin Hamilton 3rd
Michael Peralta 16th

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Feb. 1 WestRidge	123	96%	Jody Bass 71 Doug Shackelford 71	Joe Bob Wheeler 57 James Wu 57
Feb. 7 Canyon Creek C.C.	103	80%	Roger Ball 78 Jay Gasper 78 Dal McKinney 78 Tony Nelson 78	Charlie McCarley 46
Feb. 15 Mesquite – Canceled, due to weather.				
Feb. 22 Pecan Hollow	121	94%	Mike Jones 71 Doug Shackelford 71	Mel Rosser 58

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS.....

March 1	Bridlewood Golf Club	8:30	
March 8	Tangleridge Golf Club	8:00	
March 15	Texas Star Golf Club	8:00	
March 22	The Tribute Golf Club	8:00	
March 29	Cowboy's Golf Club	8:00	Includes lunch & on-course snacks

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Mar. 1 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 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 1st stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

Mar. 8 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).

Mar. 15 Texas Star (Euleless) 817-685-7888; 1400 Texas Star Pkwy. Take Hwy 183 (Airport Frwy) west, past the south entrance to DFW Airport. Exit at Hwy 10 West (it becomes Euleless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

Mar. 22 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. Observe cones and construction for the entire 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.

Mar. 29 Cowboy's (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; 1600 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.) Course entrance ¼ mile on right, before crossing the Grapevine Lake dam.

CAUTION:

Several golf courses that we play have reported isolated instances of thievery. Please be careful when leaving clubs, range finders and other personal articles unattended. Keep an eye out for suspicious individuals that don't appear to be members of the North Texas Senior Golf Association.

HOLE-IN-ONE, GARY MITCHELL....



Seven year NTSGA member, **Gary Mitchell** recorded the 1st hole-in-one of the 2017 season at WestRidge Golf Club on Feb. 1. On a beautiful day in February, Gary's shot was witnessed by playing partners **Elliott Prater, Jim Rowley** and **Thom Blake**. He hit his 5 hybrid exactly 155 yards and it is the 1st ace **Gary** has ever made.

Gary grew up in Texarkana, TX and moved to Dallas in 1968. He earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in geology from the Univ. of Texas at Arlington. This led to a 37 year career as a

petroleum geologist working for Texaco and the Hunt Oil Company. During that time, **Gary** was heavily involved with drilling operations in Yemen at the southern edge of the Arabian Peninsula extracting oil and natural gas. **Gary** served as a geological consultant for the last 7 years of his career, retiring in 2009.

Incidentally, this is the 7th hole-in-one recorded by NTSGA members on the WestRidge golf course throughout the years.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Gary's** bank account.

CONGRATULATIONS, GARY MITCHELL!

"I could tell my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and a radio!"

.....Rodney Dangerfield

NEW MEMBERS.....MARCH

Phil Bonds (Eules)
Richard Haynie (Denison)
Carl Clause (Dallas)
Dwight Johnson (Garland)
Mike Jones (Richardson)
Bob King (Quitman)
Bill Lee (Coppell)
Dick McLemore (McKinney)
Doug Merriott (Dallas)
Jon Muckley (Denton)
Wayne Mueller (Flower Mound)
Jim Murphy (Plano)
Gary Norman (Dallas)
Dave Self (Dallas)
Randy Skinner (Frisco)
Wayne Suttle (Plano)
Sig Thorlakson (Allen)
David Vick (Maypearl)
Glenn Wilson (Rockwall)



"Not bad. But next time slow down your backswing, loosen your grip and take the cover off the head of your driver."



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The secret of enjoying a good wine:

- 1) Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.
- 2) If it does not look like it's breathing, give it mouth to mouth!

CORRECTION:

In the January newsletter, the topic of a golf ball accidentally moving on the putting green was incorrectly addressed. NTSGA will adopt the local rule whereas, if a ball on the putting surface is accidentally moved by the player, his opponent or any piece of equipment; the moved ball may be placed back in the original position with no penalty stroke incurred by the player.

If the ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural causes such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies in its new location. This ruling adheres to USGA Rule 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

Thanks to NTSGA member **Harlin Hamilton** for this clarification.

FROM THE YEAR 1955.....

I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies anymore, ever since they let Clark Gable say "damn" in Gone with the Wind.

MORE GOLF.....

A charitable golf event will be held at the Las Colinas Country Club on Monday, March 27, 2017. It is open to all golfers and is a benefit for the Prevent Blindness Texas, North Texas region. This event will be held 3 weeks prior to the LPGA tournament played on this course in April. The format is a 4-person scramble including awards for: Longest Drive, Hole-in-one, Putting contest and Closest to the Pin on Par 3's.

Registration is 11:00 AM with a shotgun start at 12:00 PM. The Country Club is located at 4400 No. O'Conner Rd. in Irving.

Entry fee: \$150.00/golfer which includes lunch, buffet dinner, door prizes and awards presentation hosted by Burt Gilliam (of Blazing Saddles fame).

For additional information contact: Jeff Nesreta 214-537-4714 or email him at jeffnes4@gmail.com

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections????

SKINS.....

There are 3 skins pots for members to participate, all using gross scores. Member's less than 75 years of age (white tees), members 75 and over (forward tees) and members with a handicap of 16 and above (white tees). The cost is \$10.00 and there is no obligation to participate in the Skins game. Winners will be paid the following week or the next time the member is able to play. This will give the coordinators more time to compute the results, reducing possible errors and ensuring all participants have correct scores entered for compilation. The Skins Coordinators sit at the check-in table.

