

# NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

- Six new members join the organization this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- The tournament on Sept. 13 at WestRidge will be played under a Shamble format. See the amplifying article in this newsletter.
- The first day of the Club Championship will be played at Bear Creek (West). The second day at Watters Creek. See the next 5 tournaments in this newsletter.
- **Secy. Phil Fahs** is still seeking Board of Director nominees willing to serve a 2 year term as Director. Also members willing to serve as Vice President/President for 2018-2019.
- Shortly, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** will start preparing for next year's tournaments by contacting area golf courses. If there is a course(s) around the Metroplex that you would like him to research, email him at wellsrod@att.net.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Scott Daum** 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Mike Istre** 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Tom Phillips** 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Rob Ruth** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Clyde Ziegler** 27<sup>th</sup>

**Gary Delcambre** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Dwight Johnson** 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Terry Rivard** 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Buster Sanders** 12<sup>th</sup>

**Ron Goethals** 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**George Miller** 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Pat Rogers** 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Jerry Walker** 12<sup>th</sup>

**Pete Huff** 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Jim Murphy** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Bill Ross** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Bobby Wood** 24<sup>th</sup>

## AUGUST TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Aug. 2 Tangleridge – canceled, due to weather.				
Aug. 9 Riverchase	104	81%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 66	<b>Steve Sanderson</b> 57
Aug. 14 Gleneagles	88	68%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 69	<b>Chuck Adami</b> 61
Aug. 16 Texas Star	102	79%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 71	<b>John Carrick</b> 62
Aug. 23 Lantana	88	68%	<b>Harold Wilkowsky</b> 74	<b>Lou Wilkerson</b> 63
Aug 30 Tierra Verde	104	81%	<b>Harold Wilkowsky</b> 72	<b>Gene Clark</b> 61

## NEW MEMBERS....

**Jalil Daneshfar** (Trophy Club)  
**David Starkey** (Forney)

**Ron Rankey** (Ft. Worth)  
**Tom Stockton** (Grand Prairie)

**Terry Rivard** (Plano)  
**Rick Wiley** (Coppell)

Welcome Gentlemen, to the North Texas Senior Golf Association!

## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Sept. 6 Mesquite	8:00	
Sept. 13 WestRidge	8:00	Shamble
Sept. 20 Grapevine	8:00	
Sept. 26 Bear Creek (West)	8:00	Club Championship – Day 1
Sept. 27 Watters Creek	8:00	Club Championship – Day 2

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Sept. 6 Mesquite (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.

Sept. 13 WestRidge (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.

Sept. 20 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.

Sept. 26 Bear Creek (Dallas) 972-456-3200; 3500 Bear Creek Ct. Course is located on the southwest corner of DFW Airport.

Sept. 27 Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

### SURVEY

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During the month of September a survey will be posted as an email and sent to all members. The Board of Directors will canvas NTSGA membership on things they like and things they'd like to see changed for the betterment of the organization. This is your chance to recommend changes that you think would enhance our tournaments for the enjoyment of all members. Look for this important email and please complete it in a timely manner. The Board is hopeful of having 100% participation.

### SAD NEWS:

Fifteen year NTSGA member LeRoy Worm lost his wife Ella Sue on August 16. Ella Sue was born in Ft. Worth and was very active during her youth participating in basketball and all water sports. She attended Texas Women's University in Denton and was very active in the Garland community. She and LeRoy were married for 62 years.

Our sincere condolences to LeRoy and the entire Worm family.

## 2017 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP POT

The final major tournament of 2017 was played at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, NC. Seventy one NTSGA members made combo selections in hopes of winning the PGA Championship Pot. The most popular selections were understandably Jordan Spieth, Jason Day, Hideki Matsuyama, Dustin Johnson and Rickie Fowler. The course was playing long at 7,600 yards and by comments made by the touring pros, this was going to be a "tough track". After the first round, the leaders were unknown Thorbjorn Olesen and the winner of this years' Colonial, Kevin Kisner. They were leading the field after both golfers fired rounds of 67.

Day 2 rounds were interrupted by a rain delay that led to 26 players unable to finish their rounds before darkness. Kevin Kisner continued to lead the tournament, but after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, was tied with Hideki Matsuyama followed closely by Jason Day, Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas. None of the NTSGA golfers had selected Kisner as one half of their combo picks, but 14 members had Matsuyama as one of their selections. After the completion of round 2 early on Saturday morning some big names would not be playing for the remainder of the weekend as Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson, Graeme McDowell, Justin Rose and Sergio Garcia missed the cut. Fifteen NTSGA members had their selections knocked out of contention as one or both of their picks would not be playing on Saturday or Sunday. The most excitement from NTSGA members came from the households of **Ollie Cromwell, Stan Robertson, Gary Mitchell, Bill Roll** and **John Stieneker** as their combo selections had the best chance of capturing the 2017 PGA Championship Pot.

Saturday's 3rd round over Quail Hollow proved again to be daunting for the pro's as scores remained high. Kevin Kisner maintained his lead as Hideki Matsuyama and Justin Thomas were the closest pursuers. Patrick Reed and Rickie Fowler had outside chances of catching Kisner during Sunday's final round.

Day 4 began under clear skies and no wind conditions with Kevin Kisner leading the way followed by Chris Stroud and Hideki Matsuyama. Several players exhibited strong play and at one time 5 players were tied for the lead. In the end, Justin Thomas distanced himself from the field and won his first major tournament. Runners up to the PGA Championship Pot were **Ollie Cromwell**: Matt Kuchar (T9) & Hideki Matsuyama (T6) and **Bill Roll**: Rickie Fowler (T6) & Jason Day (T9). The overall winner was **Joe Shelton** having selected: Justin Thomas (1) & Rickie Fowler (T6). Joe pockets \$355.00.

### CONGRATULATIONS, JOE SHELTON!

A rabbit runs and hops and only lives for 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet lives for 150 years. And they tell us to exercise?...I don't think so!

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING....

The Board voted to equip Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells** with an air horn to be used by himself, a representative or an on-course marshal to call players off the course, due to inclement weather or tournament cancellation. This action was prompted by the rainy conditions at the recently held Tangleridge tournament. The Board also voted to increase the winnings of the Club Championship medalist to \$125.00 and flight winners/2<sup>nd</sup> place to \$100/\$75 respectively. Recipients may still receive a trophy in lieu of receiving money.

Kids today just don't know how easy they have it. When I was young....I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

## **FROM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS:**

None of us like to hit out of sand traps, but from time to time we have to play from the bunkers. NTSGA plays by USGA standards with some very liberal modifications to make the game most enjoyable for all handicap abilities. Nowhere in our rules or guidelines does it say we don't have to rake the traps. I have seen an awful lot of footprints in traps that are not being raked by a previous golfer. It is only common courtesy and proper golf etiquette to leave the sand trap in a smooth prepared surface for the next golfer. Follow this simple procedure:

Take the rake with you into the bunker. Enter the trap from its lowest point. This keeps you from caving in the face of a steep bunker. After hitting the shot, rake the bunker in an alternating pulling/pushing motion with the rake over all footprints as you exit the bunker making the surface as smooth as possible. Rake all imperfections as you exit the trap at the same point you entered. Lay the rake down outside the bunker, tines down, parallel to the direction of the fairway.

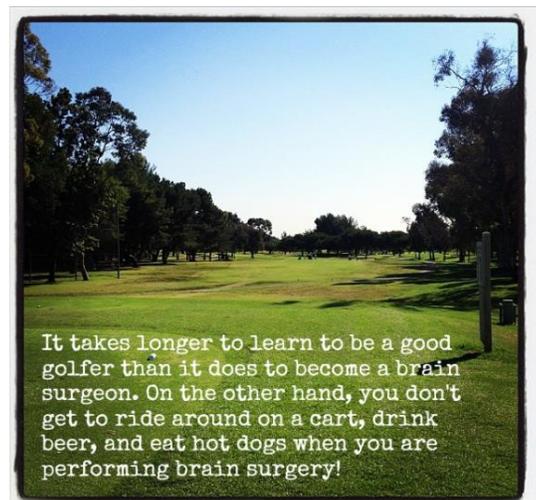
Following these simple guidelines will make tournaments more enjoyable for all members.

Thank you.

*Rod*

## **AGE SHOOTERS – AUGUST**

**Jeff Aston** 8/9 Riverchase 78  
**Jay Gasper** 8/9 Riverchase 76  
**Dale Leath** 8/9 Riverchase 74  
**Harold Lockman** 8/9 Riverchase 79  
**Tom McMahan** 8/9 Riverchase 74  
**Butch Vaut** 8/9 Riverchase 73  
**Bob Wands** 8/9 Riverchase 76  
**LeRoy Worm** 8/9 Riverchase 83  
**Dale Leath** 8/14 Gleneagles C.C. 75  
**Harold Lockman** 8/14 Gleneagles C.C. 73  
**Harold Lockman** 8/16 Texas Star 81  
**Bill Roll** 8/16 Texas Star 81  
**David Miller** 8/30 Tierra Verde 78



## **SHAMBLE....**

The event on Sept. 13 at WestRidge will be played as a Shamble. Tournament Chairman Ron Wells will mix the foursomes with A-B-C-D players. The intent is to allow established members a chance to get acquainted with many new members that have joined NTSGA this year. An information sheet will be attached to each cart prior to commencing play.

