

# NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2018

- Read the write-up on the Open Championship Pot in this newsletter...3 winners!
- It's time to solicit names of members willing to serve on the Board of Directors for 2019. Read the article in this newsletter.
- Six tournaments are scheduled this month.
- The PGA Championship Pot will be open for selections at Waterview, Aug. 8. If unable to attend that tournament, email selections to **Secy. Phil Fahs**: pfahs57@yahoo.com or call 972-243-3450 before 10:00 PM, Aug. 8.
- **Bobby Wood** made a Hole-in-One at Grapevine, read the write-up in this newsletter.
- **Bob Wands** shot 75 at Grapevine with a broken thumb. Huh!!

## BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

L.C. Alexander 16 <sup>th</sup>	Howie Bacharach 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Cremer 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ollie Cromwell 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Gene Edmondson</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Grisham 7 <sup>th</sup>	Billy King 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Larry Lucas</b> 29 <sup>th</sup>
Eddie Marshall 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Martin 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tom McMahan 25 <sup>th</sup>	John Ogrizovich 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Phillips 16 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Philpott 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Seagram 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bryan Serpas 10 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Skinner 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bucky Taylor 20 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Vredenberg 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Wagner 17 <sup>th</sup>
Greg Windsor 6 <sup>th</sup>			

## JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 2 Sky Creek Ranch	81	63%	<b>Harold Wilkowsky</b> 75	<b>Terry Lambert</b> 65
July 11 Riverchase	115	89%	<b>Gene Kurihara</b> 71	<b>Dwight Johnson</b> 56
July 18 Prairie Lakes	83	64%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 70	<b>Phil Fahs</b> 63
July 25 Grapevine	121	94%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 68	<b>John Carrick</b> 59

## NOMINEES.....

The Board of Directors is seeking nominees willing to serve on the Board for 2019. Contact **Secy. Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com) or 972-243-3450 if you would like your name placed on the ballot. Open positions are Vice President and Director (2). The VP is a 1-year term sequencing into a 1 year Presidential term. The Directors serve 2 year terms. The finalized ballot will be presented in the October newsletter. Voting will take place at the October tournaments.

## PUN INTENDED

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall....the Police are looking into it.

## NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Aug. 1 Tangleridge	8:00
Aug. 8 Waterview	8:00
Aug. 15 Tierra Verde	8:00
Aug. 22 Mesquite	8:00
Aug. 27 (Mon.) Gleneagles C.C. (Queens course)	8:00
Aug. 29 Texas Star	8:00

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Aug. 1 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, drive 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 (go past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. (Leads to golf course).

Aug. 8 Waterview (Rowlett) 972-463-8900; 9509 Waterview Pkwy. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike east through Garland, past hwy 78/past the Firewheel Mall. 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.

Aug. 15 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2 ½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2<sup>nd</sup> exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Aug. 22 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.

Aug. 27 Gleneagles C.C. (Plano) 972-867-8888; 5401 W. Park Blvd. Drive north on the Dallas North Tollway. Exit at W. Park Blvd. (FM 544). Turn right for 1.2 miles, course entrance on left.

Aug. 29 Texas Star (Euless) 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 Euless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

### FROM THE YEAR 1955:

“Did you hear the Post Office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?”

## 2018 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT

OMG! What a golf tournament. On a course (Carnoustie Golf Links) that by American standards looks like the ugliest golf course on the planet. A test of patience, perseverance and ability, the pros were delighted that weather conditions on Day 1 were much calmer than what can take place at the course in Scotland on the shores of the North Sea. Golf balls were rolling sometimes 80 yards on the baked, hard fairways and 350 yd. drives seemed to be the norm on this course. Kevin Kisner led the field after Day 1, firing a beautiful 66. None of the NTSGA selections picked Kisner, but one member



(**Bobby Wood**) picked Tony Finau who was tied for second place after the first round. The most popular NTSGA selections to win this year's British Open were Dustin Johnson, Tommy Fleetwood, Justin Rose, Rory McIlroy, Brooks Koepka and Francesco Molinari.

Day 2 weather produced rain for the morning tee times and unfortunately caused some of the most popular selections to miss the cut. Pro's who will not be playing on the weekend include Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas, John Rahm and Sergio Garcia. The missed cuts meant that 33 NTSGA members were knocked out of contention for this tournament's top prize.

Day 3 began after making the cut at this year's Open Championship and some NTSGA favorites would not be playing on the weekend. Tiger Woods electrified the spectators as he tied for the lead at 6 under par and finished his round shooting a sparkling 66. With many golfers still on the course, Tiger was hopeful to be close to the lead at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Even though the course looked treacherous to the TV viewers, the greens were very smooth and allowed players to make putts from great distances. Dallas' own Jordan Spieth played championship caliber golf as he recorded a bogey-free round and tied for the lead after Saturday's 3<sup>rd</sup> round with Kevin Kisner and Xander Schauffele. Wind for the Sunday's round was forecast to increase and add to the drama for the Open Championship's final round. NTSGA members **Bobby Wood, Dennis Smith, Gerald Gotcher, Frank Smith, Dick Hall, Mike Robertson, Jeff Aston, Rod Wells, Roger Ball** and **Stan Robertson** stood a good chance to win this year's Open Championship Pot.

The final round began under sunshine, short sleeved shirts for spectators and players with winds gusting to 25 mph. The leaders, Spieth, Molinari and Kisner faltered and through 9 holes, Tiger Woods was the new leader. Only 2 NTSGA selections included Tiger, but 11 golfers were within 2 strokes of overtaking Woods. The sunshine was a welcome sight; however, the strong winds would prove to be daunting over the final 9 holes. Justin Rose played steady golf and moved within 2 strokes of the lead. An eagle by Rory McIlroy vaulted him into a tie for the lead and screaming from 11 households of NTSGA members resulted. **Frank Smith, Jeff Aston, Rod Wells** and **Dick Hall** were all sitting on a McIlroy combo selection. With only 7 holes to play, 6 golfers were tied for the lead and a playoff seemed inevitable.

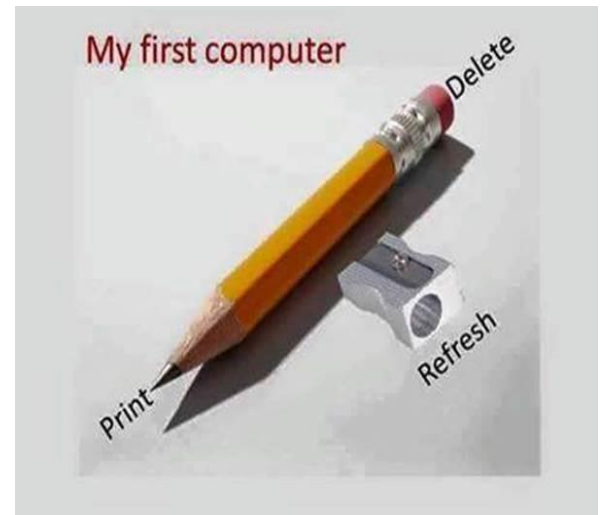
Francesco Molinari played bogey-free golf on Saturday and Sunday and made a terrific birdie on #18 to seize the lead and grab the Claret Jug as the 2018 Open Championship winner.

A three way tie by NTSGA golfers resulted in a payoff of \$123.00 for each. **Dick Hall:** Molinari (1) & McIlroy (T2), **Frank Smith:** Molinari (1) & McIlroy (T2) and **Jerry Walker:** Molinari (1) & Rose (T2).

**CONGRATULATIONS: DICK HALL, FRANK SMITH & JERRY WALKER!**

## AGE SHOOTERS – JULY

Jay Gasper 7/11 Riverchase 77  
Jim Krause 7/11 Riverchase 72  
Gene Kurihara 7/11 Riverchase 71  
Tom McMahan 7/11 Riverchase 73  
Bob Murphy 7/11 Riverchase 92  
Bill Roll 7/11 Riverchase 78  
Jay Gasper 7/25 Grapevine 76  
Harold Lockman 7/25 Grapevine 78  
Jim Rowley 7/25 Grapevine 75  
Bob Wands 7/25 Grapevine 75  
LeRoy Worm 7/25 Grapevine 85



### FROM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS....

1. Sign-up for an event closes a day and a half before a tournament (normally at noon, Monday). At that point, I give the course the number of players attending and then make the pairings before midnight on tournament eve. Don't sign up buddies without knowing if they can play.
2. Any cancellations can be made on the website (ntsga.org) on the cancellation tab. Under comments, please state a reason...dog died, Drs. appt., broke toe, too hot, etc. The cancellation may also be relayed to me by email: wellsrod@att.net or phone calls, 972-699-0644. Please initiate the cancellation, ASAP. I need as much notice as possible to adjust the pairings.
3. No-shows have become a problem! You can always call the course (phone #'s are on the schedule or in the newsletter) or send an email to me. I always check my email early on tournament day, before leaving for the course. There is a provision in the By-Laws for dismissal from the organization for repeated Sign-up/No shows. Please don't make the Board of Directors invoke Article VI, Section 4.

An accurate player count contributes favorably with the golf courses. They must plan also. NTSGA has a very commendable relationship with the Metroplex golf courses and we certainly don't want to jeopardize our good standing.

If you usually sign-up for next week's tournament at the check-in table, please be careful to sign in the correct square on the sheet. If you don't, you have created 2 errors. Most of you members do a great job and I appreciate your efforts. Keep up the good work. For the small number of abusers to the previous paragraphs, please help us with additional accuracy so we can remain the premier senior golf organization in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Thanks,

*Rod*

"My luck is so bad, that if I bought a cemetery....people would stop dying!"

.....Rodney Dangerfield

## WAITING LIST GOLFERS

Gentlemen added to the NTSGA Waiting List are welcome to play in our events, whenever open slots exist for our tournaments. If you are paired with any of these gentlemen, please welcome them as future members and answer any questions for them. Deadline for member sign-ups for tournaments is still 12:00 noon, 2 days before an event. After that deadline, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** may add Waiting List golfers as needed, to bring the field up to 128 players and then prepare the pairing sheet. Late member sign-ups (after 12:00, 2 days prior): a member may or may not have a spot to play in that tournament.

Ever wonder....why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

## ACTIVE GOLFERS...

The following members have already fulfilled the By-Laws requirement of participating in a minimum of 20 tournaments for the year. Shortly, they will begin receiving \$50.00 loyalty stipends added to their Bank accounts:

**Roger Ball, Gene Clark, Bobby Clay, Clint Culp, Gary Delcambre, Gene Edmondson, Phil Fahs, Dick Fargo, Basil Greaves, Mike Hatfield, Dwight Johnson, Bob Kenyon, Bob King, Tim Koscinski, Art Krueger, Bill Lambert, Jack Martin, Tom McMahan, Danny Millaway, George Miller, Larry Milton, Joe Minter, Gary Nelson, Roger Nondorf, Joe Philpott, Elliott Prater, Paul Price, Mike Robertson, Ben Robinson, Bill Roll, Pete Schoemann, Dennis Smith, Ralph Smith, David Starkey, Tim Strobel, Jake Truitt, Mike Vestal, Jerry Walker, Rod Wells, Rick Wiley and Bobby Wood.**

## HOLE-IN-ONE: BOBBY WOOD!

Bobby Wood made the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole-in-One of the 2018 golf season by a North Texas Senior Golf Association member. He aced the 7<sup>th</sup> hole on the Grapevine Mockingbird course from a distance of 130 yards with his 8 iron on July 25. His playing partners were Pete Huff, Art Krueger and Jerry Walker. Bobby, Pete and Art are high school classmates all attending North Dallas High. This is Bobby's 4<sup>th</sup> hole-in-one, but his first with our organization. After high school graduation he attended Arlington State College which became part of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical School and eventually became the Univ. of Texas at Arlington (UTA). Following college, Bobby worked for Ling-Temco-Vought computer software division in the manufacture of aerospace industry airplanes and components. He then moved to Tulsa and was employed by American Airlines also in the computer software division retiring after 25 years with the airline.

Bobby has been a very loyal supporter of the NTSGA tournaments joining in 2001 averaging participation in 47 events a year. NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Bobby's NTSGA Bank account for his great hole-in-one.

**CONGRATULATIONS, BOBBY WOOD!**



