

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2018

- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec.6 to mid-January. If weather conditions are favorable to play golf, use the roster to contact fellow members and get up a game during this break period.
- NTSGA dues for 2019 are due Jan 1, 2019. Read the article in this newsletter regarding dues.
- The 2019 Board of Directors has been elected and their introduction is in this newsletter.
- Of the top 60 public Metroplex golf courses rated by AvidGolfer magazine this year, we played 19 of them, in addition to 5 Country Clubs.
- Holes-In-One recorded during 2018: **Bob King, Joe Philpott, Bob Wands, Armando Hinojos and Bobby Wood.**
- USGA and R&A have come forth with rule changes beginning Jan. 1, 2019. Listed in this newsletter are the most prominent changes which will be adopted by our association.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Lynn Beyler 7 th	John Campbell 4 th	*Dave Dreiling 8 th	Alan Duncan 10 th
Rick Gustafson 1 st	Mike Horn 20 th	Allen Lacour 11 th	Gene Lindsey 9 th
Don Marks 12 th	Charley McCarley 15 th	Dennis Meyer 24 th	Bill Nitcholas 28 th
*Gary Norman 8 th	James Powell 6 th	Lee Ramos 29 th	Joel Rogers 30 th
Pete Romanyak 31 st	Mel Rosser 28 th	Harry Schmidt 23 rd	Joe Shelton 31 st
Doug Smith 27 th	Ralph Westbrook 12 th	Pat Wheeler 22 nd	LeRoy Worm 24 th

*Dave Dreiling and Gary Norman are twins, but born to different parents.

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 7 Stevens Park	101	78%	Mike Jones 70	Pat Rogers 59
Nov. 14 Bridlewood	47	36%	Rob Ruth 74	LeRoy Worm 64
Nov. 19 Las Colinas C.C.	104	81%	Mike Jones 71	Eddie Marshall 64 Lou Wilkerson 64
Nov. 26 Gleneagles C.C.	89	69%	Scott Eskridge 82	Ron Cremer 68
Nov. 28 Lantana	111	86%	Harold Wilkowsky 75	Fraser Border 67 Harry Schmidt 67

PUN INTENDED...

Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers!

LAST TOURNAMENT OF 2018:

Dec. 5 Pecan Hollow 8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSE

Pecan Hollow (Plano) 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14th St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14th street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left.

SAD NEWS....

Gene Kurihara, a loyal member of NTSGA since 2012 passed away on Nov. 4. No further details are known at this time.

Rest in Peace, Gene Kurihara

NEW MEMBERS' ROUNDS: Sixty one new members were brought into NTSGA this year. Nineteen of those members have already been dropped for failure to participate in the required golf rounds for the year deemed by our By-Laws. Congratulations to the following new members who have thus far satisfied the requirement of NTSGA golf participation for 2018:

James Bateman, Fraser Border, Michael Boring, Ken Blincow, Scott Crabtree, Ron Cremer, Don Dart, Kelly DeWitt, Duane Draeger, Scott Eskridge, Leroy Hiller, Rodger Jones, Allen Lacour, Zane Latham, Bob Mandula, Jack Martin, Gary Nelson, Dave Patrick, James Powell, Joe Ries, Pete Romanyak, Ralph Smith, Steve Upham, Bobby Vetkoetter, Mark Wagner and Marc Walker.

SIGN-UP POLICY:

Tournament Sign-Up Policy. Email and telephone sign-ups start at 8:00AM, 8 days prior to an event and stop at 12:00 noon, 2 days before an event. Players who sign-up and fail to show-up, may incur a 2 event suspension and be placed at the top of the random drop list, regardless of any previous drop. Note: a no show is defined as not giving notification by the 12:00 noon deadline, 2 days before an event without due cause. This suspension can be prevented by notifying the Tournament Chairman (972-699-0644) prior to 12:00 noon, 2 days prior to an event. After 3 sign-up/no-shows a players' NTSGA membership will be terminated. Last minute no-shows can be avoided by contacting the golf course; they will relay a message to Rod. The golf course phone numbers are printed in the current newsletter.

Airlines have really changed over the years....now a flight attendant can get a pilot pregnant!

AGE SHOOTERS – NOVEMBER

Bill Kayser 11/7 Stevens Park 74
Tom McMahan 11/7 Stevens Park 76
David Miller 11/7 Stevens Park 78
Bill Roll 11/7 Stevens Park 84
Butch Vaut 11/7 Stevens Park 72
Ken Wagner 11/7 Stevens Park 72
Bob Wands 11/7 Stevens Park 76
Tom McMahan 11/14 Bridlewood 77
Ken Wagner 11/19 Las Colinas C.C. 75
Tom McMahan 11/28 Lantana 78

**Did you know on
the Canary
Islands there is
not one canary?
And on the
Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not
one canary there
either!**

DUES:

Dues for 2019 will be extracted from your NTSGA Bank on Jan.1, 2019. This amount is \$30.00. If you do not have appropriate funds in your account, remit a check to Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, 3200 San Simeon Way, Plano, TX 75023 before Jan. 1. If you are unaware of your account funds, check your balance at the next tournament or contact Pete at 972-618-3776. Members who have not paid 2019 dues prior to the first tournament of 2019 will be dropped from the organization.

RESIGNATIONS:

From time to time members resign, pass away or move from the Metroplex to the puzzlement of current members as to their whereabouts. Here are former members that have dropped out this year that you may be unaware:

George Abbott, Bill Ashworth, Jerry Bailey, Ron Bayless, Steve Bernish, Mike Bingham, Eric Blackwood, Thom Blake, Phil Bonds, E.T. Boon, Phil Burkett, Shawn Butler, Ron Campbell, Doug Cannon, Rich Carmen, J.D.Caywood, Ken Chadee, Mike Chalk, Peter Chung, Carl Clause, Dave Clelland, Ron Clemons, Royce DeRouen, Bob Farris, Jay Felston, Michael Fyfe, Ed Gamlin, John Gimmler, Dale Graves, Tino Gutierrez, George Hager, Robin Hamm, George Hans, Andy Harmon, Richard Haynie, Tom Higgins, Gary Hughes, Casey Jones, Paul Keyworth, Gene Kurihara, Dale Leath, Bill Lee, Skip Lovell, Don Martin, Ross McBride, Don McCallum, Vince McGinnis, Dick McLemore, Breck Montgomery, Randy Morse, Jim Murphy, Paul Myers, Mike Neeley, Craig Oakley, John Ogrizovich, John Owens, Kelly Parks, Tom Phillips, Lonny Pierce, John Pisciotta, Keith Quimby, Martin Rejcek, Frank Riley, Bill Ross, Mike Seagram, Elvin Sharp, Randy Skinner, Rob Smilow, Robert Smith, Winston Stallings, Tom Stockton, Ralph Storey, Rusty Stricker, Bob Sturgeon, Bob Taylor, David Thomasson, Joe Thompson, Sig Thorlakson, Rod Thornton, Sid Thrash, Dorie Wesson, Lloyd Whitson, Dave Wilcynski, Randy Winski and Clyde Ziegler.

MORE SAD NEWS....

NTSGA has just learned that 11 year member, Bob Murphy's wife Ruth passed away Nov. 21. Our thoughts are with Bob at this difficult time.

Rest in Peace, Ruth Murphy

RULE CHANGES FOR 2019

- 1) When needed to take a drop from an errant shot or ground under repair, the ball shall be dropped from knee height in the relief area.
- 2) Three minutes is the maximum time to search for a ball. (Always has been per NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play).
- 3) Spike marks or any other damage to the putting surface, may now be repaired without penalty.
- 4) If a putt hits the flagstick while it is still in the hole, there is no penalty.
- 5) You may ground your club and move loose impediments in all hazard areas except a bunker.

For a complete listing and a pictorial presentation of all the rules go to:
<https://youtu.be/chPOffLUHCO>

LARRY MILTONS GOLF TIPS FOR STRUGGLING SENIOR GOLFERS:

Chapter 4: How to get more distance out of a shank!

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Front row: Past Pres. **Roger Ball**, President **Gene Edmondson**, Vice Pres. **Phil Abel**, Secy. **Phil Fahs**, Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**. Back row: Director **Terry Bell**, Director **Greg Windsor**, Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells**, Director **Gerald Gotcher**, Director **Tom McMahan**. Absent: Handicap Chairman/Webmaster **Howie Bacharach**.

