NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2018

- Fourteen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Current rosters will be printed after new members are added in March. These rosters will be available for pick-up from the check-in table at our March tournaments sites.
- Here's hoping Pauxatauney Phil does not see his shadow on Feb. 2.
- Sad news: Former member, **David Elliott** who played with NTSGA from 2006-2012 recently passed away. No further details are known.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Thom Blake 21 st Clint Culp 13 th Bill Lambert 10 th Dal McKinney 21 st Tony Nelson 3 rd David Starkey 5 th	Dave Bramlett Duane Draeger Bob Lewis 2 nd Danny Millaway Elliott Prater 16 th Ralph Storey 25	16 th Dale Dan 13 th Paul Joe E	g Cannon 27 th Graves 22 nd Locklear 16 th Myers 2 nd Ben Ramos 22 nd Talburt 1 st	John Carrick 21 st Bill Kayser 16 th Pat Martin 18 th Mike Neeley 15 th Ben Robinson 14 th			
JAI	Players	Percentage	Low	Low			
		of full field	Gross	Net			
Firewheel-Bridges	116	90%	Rob Ruth 75	Joe Philpott 65			
Cedar CrestCanceled, due to weather							
Hurricane Creek C	.C. 105	82%	Tom McMahan 70	Mel Rosser 58			
WestRidge	109	85%	Tom McMahan 79 Harry Schmidt 79	Chuck Starin 65			
PUN INTENDED Two silk worms had a racethey ended up in a tie!							

SO LONG, FRANK....

Twenty four year member, **Frank Riley** recently resigned from NTSGA. **Frank** has been a valuable member of the Association serving as our Vice President/President for 2 years. In addition, he was the Handicap Chairman and 2-man team coordinator for 12 years. **Frank** recorded his very first ace while playing with NTSGA in January 2015. He is a retired Air Traffic Controller working with both the U.S. Air force and the FAA for over 30 years.

The North Texas Senior Golf Association wishes Frank Riley well, in all of his future endeavors.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Feb 5 Buffalo Creek	8:30
Feb 14 Pecan Hollow	8:30
Feb 21 Mesquite	8:30
Feb 28 Bridlewood	8:30
Mar. 5 (MON) Las Colinas C.C.	8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Feb. 7 <u>Buffalo Creek (Rockwall)</u> 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Take the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 <u>east</u>. Go across lake, exit at Horizon Rd. Turn right, drive across Ridge Rd (traffic light). Immediately past hospital, turn right onto Tubbs Rd. (7-11 store on left). Road changes name to White Rd. Wind through residential area adjacent to golf course. Turn left at dead end (Country Club Rd.) Drive ¹/₄ mile, course entrance on right.

Feb. 14 <u>Pecan Hollow</u> (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.

Feb. 21 <u>Mesquite</u> (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.

Feb. 28 <u>Bridlewood</u> (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. 5 <u>Las Colinas C.C.</u> (Irving) Drive the George Bush Turnpike southbound. Exit at Hwy 114 and drive eastbound for approx. 3 miles to O'Conner Blvd. Turn right and drive approx ³/₄ miles. Turn left at Las Colinas Country Club Drive. Leads to clubhouse.

DIFFERENT FORMAT

A survey taken last year indicated that members would enjoy a different format occasionally, from our usual individual stroke play tournament format. As announced at the Annual Banquet and also advertised in the monthly newsletter, the Board solicited 3 volunteer members to plan this different event. We are happy to announce that **Stan Robertson, Gary Delcambre** and **Jerry Walker** will be in charge of this fun tournament. We will still conduct the WestRidge Shamble tournament on Sept. 12 as we have played for the past several years. In addition, another fun tournament with a different format will be administered by these 3 members. They will plan the event, make the pairings, distribute rules sheets and, in general, be in charge of all the details of this onetime event. Another enhancing feature of this tournament is to pair new members (34 already in 2018) with members that have been members of NTSGA for many years. The date for this alternate format tournament has yet to be determined.....stay tuned.

NEW MEMBERS – FEBRUARY

Jerry Bailey – Aledo Steve Bernish – Dallas Mike Bingham – Farmers Branch Fraser Border – Garland Michael Boring – Garland Duane Draeger – Plano Bob Farris – Hickory Creek Carlos Gaona – Grand Prairie James Powell – Whitewright Joe Ries – Mesquite Pete Romanyak – Garland Jas Sidhu – Southlake Rob Smilow – Frisco Rod Thornton – Corinth



NEW NAME....

The Chester Ditto golf course in Arlington has been closed for over a year. Major renovations are being made to the course with re-routed holes, new bunkers, different tee boxes, removal of trees and an updated clubhouse. When it re-opens hopefully this summer, the course will change names and will then be called the Texas Rangers Golf Club.

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?

AGE SHOOTERS: JANUARY

Tom McMahan 1/24 Hurricane Creek 70 Joel Rogers 1/24 Hurricane Creek 78

FROM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS:

Sign-In – Things become a little chaotic during sign-in. This is a very busy time for me as I am making hole assignments and concentrating on counting money. I'd like you to limit the visitation until after the round. It would work smoother if you checked in, got your hole assignment, paid the entry fee, signed up for the next tournament and planned on socializing, later. Don't forget...sign-ins currently stop at 8:00. Thank you.

COURSES....

Many of our members travel around the country on business or pleasure trips. Invariably they take their golf clubs, hoping to squeeze in a couple rounds of golf during their visit. A new feature of the monthly newsletter will include courses/comments submitted by members that may be helpful to other members traveling to vacation destinations. Submit courses that you think would be enjoyable for our members to play to **Secy. Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com)

State	Course	City	Phone	Comments
ΤN	Gaylord Springs	Nashville	615-458-1730	Nice Course, excellent price
ΤN	Hermitage G.C.	Nashville	615-847-4001	Beautiful course, reasonable price
ΤN	Greystone	Nashville	615-446-0044	Hilly, reasonable price
AZ	Quarry Pines	Tucson	520-744-7443	Price drops in June, nice conditions
AZ	We-Ko-Pa	Phoenix	480-836-9000	Pretty, many cactus, Indian Reservation
AZ	The Boulders	Phoenix	480-488-9009	Picturesque, red rocks, target golf
AZ	Troon-North	Phoenix	480-585-5300	Nice grass/rocks contrast, good food
ТΧ	The Bandit	San Antonio	830-609-4665	flat, picturesque
ТΧ	Silverhorn	San Antonio	210-545-5300	Good shape, reasonable price
ТΧ	River Plantation	Conroe	936-271-1083	Reasonable price, good course
CA	Coronado	San Diego	619-522-6590	Scenic, flat, reasonable price
CA	Encinitas Ranch	Encinitas	760-944-1936	Nice terrain, challenging, good price

FOR SALE:

Titleist Scotty Cameron Select Putter RH – Newport 2, \$100.00 Tim Koscinski 214-493-8438 Winter Golf Cart Cover, \$30.00 Mike Robertson 214-505-1814

FUNNY....

A gentleman went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church.

Inside he found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the Priest came in, the gentleman remarked, "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must tell you that the confessional box is much more inviting that it used to be."

The Priest replied, "You moron, you're on my side."