

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2018

- Start time for our tournaments is 8:30 until March 2018.
- Sixteen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Thirty seven members were dropped from the organization because of inactivity last year. Remember.... Article VI, Sect. 1 of the By-Laws, require that members participate in a minimum of 20 tournaments during the year to maintain an active status.
- Three Holes-in-One were recorded in 2017. Read about the last one of the year made by **Pete Archbold**, in this newsletter.
- Our 2018 tournament schedule is now on the website under the “schedule” tab. New courses include Frisco Lakes (Frisco), Prairie Lakes (Grand Prairie) and Las Colinas C.C. (Irving)
- A glance back to some interesting statistics from 2017 is included in this newsletter.
- Our weekly tournament fees will revert back to \$50.00 beginning Jan. 10.

### BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

<b>Pete Archbold</b> 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Barker 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jalil Danesfar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Harmon 4 <sup>th</sup>
Armando Hinojais 19 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Johnson 16 <sup>th</sup>	John Jones 29 <sup>th</sup>	Art Krueger 5 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Kurihura 28 <sup>th</sup>	Don Martin 20 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Nay 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Patak 18 <sup>th</sup>
Dennis Smith 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Sykes 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sid Thrash 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jim Yarbrough</b> 17 <sup>th</sup>

### DECEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Dec. 4 Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Dye)	87	67%	<b>Mike Hatfield</b> 82 <b>Butch Vaut</b> 82	<b>Gene Edmondson</b> 66 <b>Joe Minter</b> 66 <b>Mike Robertson</b> 66
Dec 6 The Tribute	61	47%	<b>Bob Wands</b> 76	<b>Harry Schmidt</b> 64 <b>Ron Swanson</b> 64

### FROM PRESIDENT, ROGER BALL:

The coming year looks to be very promising with a solid schedule of great courses, now viewable on the website. New members will be added in Jan, Feb and Mar. Please introduce yourself to these new members at our tournaments....some have been waiting a long time to join. In response to the membership’s input, the Board has implemented several changes for 2018. We hope these changes enhance the enjoyment and fellowship of the game for everyone. Wishing all members’ good health and great golf for 2018.

*Roger*

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS

Jan. 10 Firewheel-Bridges	8:30	
Jan. 17 Cedar Crest	8:30	
Jan. 24 Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:30	Includes Buffet Lunch
Jan. 31 WestRidge	8:30	

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Firewheel-Bridges (Garland) 972-205-2795; 1535 Brand Rd. Take Geo Bush Turnpike east, exit at Brand Rd., turn left (north) 1 mile, course entrance on left.

Cedar Crest (Dallas) 214-670-7615; 1800 Southerland Ave. Take I-35 south through downtown Dallas, past the Dallas Zoo. Exit at Illinois Ave. Turn left (east) for 1 ½ miles, cross Corinth/Lancaster Rd., turn left at next street (Belknap). It becomes Southerland and leads to golf course, on right.

Hurricane Creek C.C. (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take I-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Anna (Truck Stop), turn left go over I-75, right turn onto the west side service road (Caution: Exiting traffic from southbound I-75 has right of way). Drive 1.7 miles (north). Left turn at small sign, leads to club.

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.

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do "practice?"

## NTSGA TOURNAMENT CHANGES FOR 2018:

Recently, the Board of Directors made a change to our golf tournaments that will take effect with the beginning tournament in January:

- 1) Regardless of age or handicap, you may opt to play from the forward tees during 2018. This option may be exercised at any time during the year, but once the move is made, the golfer must remain playing the forward tees for the remainder of the year. This decision must be made known to **Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach** at hbacharach@aol.com or 410-507-2932 before competing in your first tournament of 2018. If you do not intend to change tee boxes from 2017....no need to contact **Howie**.

- 2) Special Tournaments:

The recent survey indicated that members occasionally enjoy a different tournament format from our usual stroke play events. This includes mixing the foursomes allowing longtime members to become acquainted with many new members. We will continue to hold the WestRidge Shamble as we have for several years and will add one additional special event during 2018. This will be a tournament organized and planned by 3 NTSGA volunteer members giving Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** a break from his weekly tournament duties. These volunteers will make the pairings, distribute the rules sheet and assign starting holes. If 3 members are willing to organize this singular, fun event during 2018, please notify President **Roger Ball** (817-909-0352) or Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** (972-699-0644).

## 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Front Row (L-R): Past President **Gerald Gotcher**, Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**, Secy. **Phil Fahs**, Vice President **Gene Edmondson**, President **Roger Ball**.

Back Row (L-R): Handicap Chm./ Webmaster **Howie Bacharach**, Tournament Chm. **Rod Wells**, Director **Tom McMahan**, Director **Phil Abel**, Director **Terry Bell**, Director **Bill Roll**.

## HOLE-IN-ONE, PETE ARCHBOLD.....

Thirteen year member, **Pete Archbold** recorded the last hole-in-one of the 2017 season for NTSGA.

**Pete** aced the 157 yard #5 hole at the Pecan Hollow Golf Course on Nov. 29. This is his very first hole-in-one and now ties him with his wife, who has also recorded a hole-in-one. Ironically, **Pete** did not have his own golf clubs, so borrowed sticks from his neighbor for this monumental feat. Witnessing Pete's great shot were **President Gerald Gotcher**, **Past President Joel Rogers** and member **Joe Philpott** on this chilly morning in November.

**Pete** grew up in Teaneck, NJ attending local schools and later graduating from the State College of New York in Cortland. Following graduation, he proudly served in the U.S. Army as a Field Artillery Officer for 4 years including a year in southern Viet Nam at Can Tho. His civilian career was as an Executive Financial Manager/Stock Broker with Prudential Securities and Wells Fargo Financial Services responsible for covering a large 45 state area. **Pete** lived in Boca Raton, FL for a number of years before settling in the Dallas area where he has been a very active golfer and tennis player.



NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Pete's bank for his Hole-In-One.

**CONGRATULATIONS, PETE ARCHBOLD!**

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away....Florida or the moon?" The other blonde says Helloooooooooo, can you see Florida?????"

## HICKORY STICKS:

Three NTSGA members have taken an interest in playing/competing with hickory shafted golf clubs. **Doug Shackelford, David Miller** and **Terry Bell** all belong to an organization called the Society of Hickory Golfers that forsakes the typical wedge, 5 iron and 3 wood for old school clubs such as the niblick, spoon and mashie. They enjoy reliving golf the way it was played over 200 years ago in Edinburgh, Scotland. If you have an interest in talking about hickory shafted clubs and the joy of playing the game as it was originally played, call **Doug** (214-914-3333), **David** (972-345-9327) or **Terry** (972-347-3267).



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## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING.....**

Anything pertaining to the overall operation of the Association, contact:

**PRESIDENT ROGER BALL**  
**rb7583@verizon.net**  
**972-965-6962**

Anything pertaining to your NTSGA member bank balance, prize money distribution, receiving a check for bank withdrawals, closest to the pin questions and Annual Banquet information, contact:

**TREASURER, PETE SCHOEMANN**  
**plano2shoes@aol.com**  
**972-618-3776**

Anything pertaining to Newsletters, Association correspondence, Constitution, By-Laws, roster information changes, prospective member waiting list, archive records from previous years, new members, holes-in-one and annual election of Officers and Directors, contact:

**SECRETARY, PHIL FAHS**  
**pfahs57@yahoo.com**  
**972-243-3450**

Anything pertaining to tournament sign-ups, annual schedule, weekly pairing sheet, tournament check-in, member participation, course tee markers, excessive sign-up/drops and future golf courses, contact:

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS**  
**wellsrod@att.net**  
**972-699-0644**

Anything pertaining to the NTSGA website, handicap computation, tournament flight results, individual rounds played, scorecards, age shooters, 2-man team results and skins payouts, contact:

**HANDICAP CHAIRMAN/WEBMASTER, HOWIE BACHARACH**  
**hbacharach@aol.com**  
**972-620-2602**

## FUN FACTS FROM 2017:

Tournaments Scheduled: 47  
Tournaments canceled due to weather: 4  
Tournaments added/rescheduled: 6  
Tournaments played: 49  
Club Champion: **Mike Jones**

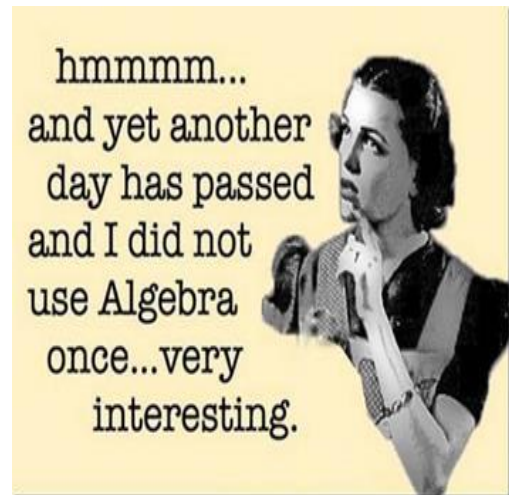
Low Gross Round: **Mike Jones 63** (Ridgeview Ranch)  
Low Net Round: **Charley McCarley 46** (Canyon Creek)

Holes-in-One: 3  
**Gary Mitchell**, WestRidge #7  
**Shawn Butler**, The Tribute #5  
**Pete Archbold**, Pecan Hollow #5

Number of rounds played: 4,870  
Average players per round: 99  
Most active golf months: March, February  
New members joining in 2017: 71

Member recording Low Gross score the most times: **Mike Jones (14)**  
Member's recording Low Net score the most time: **Don Marks, Ron Goethals, Greg Windsor, Chuck Adami, Bob Lewis, Gene Clark, John Carrick, Charley Johnson, LeRoy Worm, Joe Bob Wheeler, and Harry Schmidt. (2)**

Favorite courses (determined by member participation): Firewheel-Bridges, Bridlewood, Heritage Ranch.



## NEW MEMBERS:

**Ron Bayless** – Denton  
**Jay Crawford** – Dallas  
**Ron Cremer** – Arlington  
**Kelly DeWitt** – Bartonville  
**Scott Eskridge** – Dallas  
**Michael Fyfe** - McKinney  
**John Gimmler** – Highland Village  
**Andy Harmon** – Sulphur Springs  
**Mike Horn** – Mesquite  
**Bob Mandula** – Plano  
**Jack Martin** – Farmers Branch  
**Roger Nay** – Denton  
**Ralph Smith** – McKinney  
**Bob Sturgeon** – Rockwall  
**Bob Taylor** – Royce City  
**Paul Vessels** – Mesquite

“Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,” the Divorce Court judge said, “and I’ve decided to give your wife \$775 a week.”  
That’s very fair your honor, the husband said. “And every now and then I’ll try to send her a few bucks myself.”

