

# NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2018

- Read the write-up on the U.S. Open Pot in this newsletter. The next major tournament will be the Open Championship held at the Carnoustie Championship Course in Angus, Scotland. Selections can be made July 18 at Prairie Lakes.
- We're halfway through our golf season and 14 members have already satisfied the requirement of participating in a minimum of 20 rounds for the year. Remember, that's a requirement deemed by By-Laws Art. VI, Sect. 1.
- Nine new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted in favor of utilizing USGA approved Equitable Stroke Control for the calculating of members' handicaps. This will provide more stability to member's handicaps and will be implemented by Handicap Chairman, **Howie Bacharach**.
- We will play the WestRidge Shamble on Sept. 5, but no other "Special Tournaments" will be played this year.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Jerry Bailey 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jay Crawford 14<sup>th</sup>  
Dale Graves 19<sup>th</sup>  
Terry Lambert 1<sup>st</sup>  
David Tovar 7<sup>th</sup>

Roger Ball 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Crews 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Jones 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Judge Perry** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Bob Wands 23<sup>rd</sup>

James Bateman 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Scott Eskridge** 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Kibler 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Pete Schoemann 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rick Wiley 24<sup>th</sup>

Michael Boring 31<sup>st</sup>  
Gerald Gotcher 19<sup>th</sup>  
Larry Kimberlin 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Rob Smilow** 18<sup>th</sup>  
James Wu 10<sup>th</sup>

## JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
June 6 Sky Creek Ranch	110	85%	<b>Bob Wands</b> 74	<b>Gene Lindsey</b> 59
June 13 Waterchase	100	78%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 74 <b>Doug Shackelford</b> 74	<b>Larry Lucas</b> 61
June 20 Heritage Ranch C.C.	125	97%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 72	<b>Phil Abel</b> 63 <b>Chuck Adami</b> 63
June 27 Buffalo Creek	100	78%	<b>Jim Rowley</b> 71	<b>Rod Wells</b> 58

### **PUN INTENDED:**

If you jumped off a bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

July 2 Sky Creek Ranch	8:00	
July 11 Riverchase	8:00	Breakfast/Lunch available for purchase
July 18 Prairie Lakes	8:00	Eddlemon's BBQ available for purchase
July 25 Grapevine	8:00	
Aug 1 Tangleridge	8:00	

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

July 2 Sky Creek Ranch (Keller) 817-498-1414; 600 Promontory Dr. Drive LBJ Frwy towards DFW Airport, take Hwy 121 south (it goes south for ½ mile, and then turns west). At the Hwy 121/114 split, bear right towards Bridgeport, exit at Southlake Blvd. Turn left, drive 4.9 miles. Left turn at Randol Mill (Dunkin' Donuts on left, Shell station on right) Randol Mill turns into Davis Blvd. in a few blocks. Drive .9 miles to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light. Right turn at Bear Creek Pkwy. Drive 1.4 miles through residential area. Watch for small sign to Sky Creek Ranch. Right turn at Promontory Dr., leads to club.

July 11 Riverchase (Coppell) 972-462-8281; 700 Riverchase Dr. Drive to I-35E and Belt Line Rd. (Farmers Branch). Turn west and drive 2.2 miles to Fairway Drive (traffic light). Turn right. Drive to stop sign. Turn right, course entrance on right.

July 18 Prairie Lakes (Grand Prairie) 972-263-0661; 3202 SE 14<sup>th</sup> St. Drive I-35 southbound, take the Loop 12 split towards Irving. Drive approx. 10 miles south, then take Spur 408 for about 1 ½ miles and make a right turn onto Hwy 303 driving west over Mountain Creek Lake. On the other side of the lake, turn left @ SE 14<sup>th</sup> St. Course entrance approx. ½ mile on left.

July 25 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.

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 (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 (past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. (Leads to golf course).

## ATTENTION: FORWARD TEE PLAYERS

Member's 75 years and older and members younger than 75 with handicaps of 18 and above, have the opportunity to play from the first tees forward of the rest of the field. The member must remain on this tee for a minimum of 6 months before moving back, if desired. In an effort to ensure handicaps accurately reflect scores from different tees, the handicap committee must be aware of those members playing from the forward tees. If you meet the age and handicap requirement, and are playing from the forward tees, you must inform Handicap Chairman, **Howie Bacharach**. You can do so by emailing him at HBacharach@aol.com or by calling 972-620-2602.

## HOLE-IN-ONE: ARMANDO HINOJOS

The fourth hole-in-one of the season by an NTSGA member was recorded by **Armando Hinojos** at Buffalo Creek on June 27<sup>th</sup>. He has been a member since 2017 and this is his very first ace ever recorded. Armando hit his pitching wedge exactly 125 yards on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole witnessed by playing partners **Gene Kurihara, Tony Nelson** and **Dave Self**. **Armando** grew up in Odessa and began playing golf with his dad at age 11. After attending local schools, he graduated from the Univ. of Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Moving to the Dallas area in 1985 he worked for Sony and the SanDisk Corporation selling flash memory products, memory cards, USB flash drives and solid state semiconductors for 31 years before retiring. He currently manages several residential rental properties.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Armando's NTSGA bank for his great shot.

**CONGRATULATIONS, ARMANDO HINOJOS!**

## AGE SHOOTERS – JUNE

**Bill Roll** 6/6 Sky Creek Ranch 82  
**Bob Wands** 6/6 Sky Creek Ranch 74  
**Jay Gasper** 6/13 Waterchase 80  
**Harold Lockman** 6/13 Waterchase 80  
**Bob Wands** 6/13 Waterchase 76  
**Butch Vaut** 6/20 Heritage Ranch C.C. 73  
**Jeff Aston** 6/27 Buffalo Creek 83  
**Tom McMahan** 6/27 Buffalo Creek 76  
**Bill Roll** 6/27 Buffalo Creek 83  
**Jim Rowley** 6/27 Buffalo Creek 71  
**Butch Vaut** 6/27 Buffalo Creek 74  
**Bob Wands** 6/27 Buffalo Creek 77

A black square with white text that reads: "Have you ever listened to someone for a while and wondered... 'who ties your shoelaces for you?'"

## SCORECARD ERRORS.....

There are still too many errors being submitted on the scorecards. Mostly these are inaccurate totals entered for each nine holes. We recommend keeping 2 cards and comparing them for accuracy before submitting. The Scoring Committee enters scores into the computer and a total is calculated. If it is different than what is entered on the scorecard, the Committee changes the number to make it correct. At the Heritage Ranch tournament 6 errors were caught. The tournament before that at Waterchase there were 5 errors. Sometimes the scorecards never find their way to the Scoring Committee. In this case, there is no other remedy other than to disqualify the entire foursome. Someone from each foursome should take the responsibility of submitting the scorecard so this never happens.

I'm hitting the woods great, but having a terrible time getting out of them!

.....Buddy Hackett

## NEW MEMBERS....JULY

**George Abbott** (Plano)  
**L.C. Alexander** (Ft. Worth)  
**Don Dart** (Melissa)  
**Allen Lacour** (Allen)  
**David Tovar** (Carrollton)  
**Steve Upham** (Richardson)  
**Bobby Vetkoetter** (Dallas)  
**Marc Walker** (Gordonville)  
**Pat Wheeler** (Dallas)



## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:

Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers!

### ENTRY FEE.....

At check-in, some members tell Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** to deduct the entry fee from their NTSGA bank.....when they don't have sufficient funds in their account! There is a \$25.00 insufficient funds charge assessed to the member if this occurs. This should never happen as all account balances are updated and available for viewing at each tournament site at the check-in table.

## 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
TN	Gaylord Springs	Nashville	615-458-1730	Nice Course, excellent price
TN	Hermitage G.C.	Nashville	615-847-4001	Beautiful course, reasonable price
TN	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
TX	The Bandit	San Antonio	830-609-4665	Flat, picturesque
TX	Silverhorn	San Antonio	210-545-5300	Good shape, reasonable price
TX	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
FL	Celebration G.C.	SW of Orlando	407-566-4653	Lush rolling fairways, fun, picturesque

## 2018 U.S. OPEN POT

After leaving the warm temperatures of Texas following the Nelson and Colonial tournaments, the PGA pro's ventured to New York for the 118<sup>th</sup> US Open held at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club on Long Island. They were greeted for their practice rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday with rain and fog followed by sunshine and howling winds for Round 1. The strong wind, slick greens and high rough took its toll on many big name players as they finished many strokes over par. The favorite selections of NTSGA golfers for this year's pot were Dustin Johnson, Justin Rose, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas and Phil Mickelson. Ninety five selections were cast.



Round 2 wind conditions were calmer and 2 hours of rain softened the greens which enabled the players to shoot at pins and scores were much better than Round 1. Dustin Johnson proved that his game was in top form and took a 4 stroke lead over the field at the halfway point in the championship. Seventy one NTSGA selections were thrilled that their combo picks were within 8 strokes of the leader. Sadly, 42 NTSGA members were knocked out of contention as their selections missed the cut, including Jordan Spieth, Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Jason Day and John Rahm. Weather conditions for the weekend called for warm temperatures, sunshine and a slight breeze.

The #1 golfer in the world (Dustin Johnson) began the 3<sup>rd</sup> round four strokes ahead of the field. The morning rounds were able to make up ground as conditions were ideal and little wind blew. In the afternoon, the combination of sunshine and more wind baked the greens and made them hard and slick, causing the afternoon tee time score's to balloon. Dustin Johnson's lead soon evaporated after charges by Justin Rose, Henrik Stenson, Brooks Koepka, Tony Finau and Daniel Berger allowing 14 NTSGA members' hopes that they had the winning combo selections. USGA admitted the course was set up too hard for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and promised that the Sunday's course set-up would be gentler. **John Stieneker, Bobby Wood, Greg Windsor, Gene Edmondson, Dennis Smith, Tom McMahan, Jack Thompson, Jalil Daneshfar, Tim Koscinski, Bill Kayser, Butch Vaut, Gene Lindsey, Jerry Walker and John Carrick** all had player selections that could win this year's U.S. Open pot. With a strong wind and 22 players within 5 shots of the lead, a 2 hole aggregate playoff looked like a real possibility for several players.

Round 4 weather conditions were sunny, combined with a friendlier course setup; the pros were putting on a fireworks show. Patrick Reed made 5 birdies in his first 7 holes and vaulted into a tie for the lead. Tommy Fleetwood charged, making 8 birdies in 15 holes, tying for 2<sup>nd</sup> and had **AI Stalter** and **Bobby Wood** screaming as they had Fleetwood as one half of their combo picks. On the back side Brooks Koepka played steady golf and opened a 2 stroke lead after 17 holes, and then completed his second consecutive U.S. Open victory, winning by a stroke over Tommy Fleetwood. Finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the NTSGA pot was **AI Stalter**: Tommy Fleetwood (2) and Dustin Johnson (3). There was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> as both **Tom McMahan** and **Greg Windsor** selected Brooks Koepka (1) and Dustin Johnson (3), each pocketing \$201.00.

The next major tournament will be the Open Championship (British Open) July 19-22 at Carnoustie Golf Club. Selections can be made on Wednesday, July 18 at Prairie Lakes.

By all means, get married. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

....Socrates

**FOR SALE:**

Cobra Driver Fly-Z, Regular flex. Adjustable sole plate and adjustable loft: 8.5-11.5 degrees. Like new, w/wrench. \$100.00. **Phil Fahs** 972-243-3450.

Cobra Fairway Metal 3-4 Fly-Z, Lite flex. Adjustable loft: 13-16 degrees. Like new, w/wrench. \$100.00. **Phil Fahs** 972-243-3450.

**FUNNY....**

While enjoying their evening cocktails, the wife asks her husband, in a very seductive voice, "Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumpled up?" "No", said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra and pulled out a crumpled twenty dollar bill.

He took the crumpled twenty dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked him, "Have you ever seen fifty dollars all crumpled up?"

"Uh...no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice.

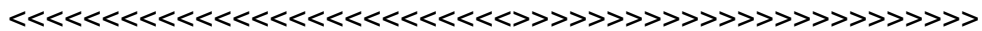
She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt and seductively reached into her tight sheer panties... and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill.

He took the crumpled fifty dollar bill and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 dollars all crumpled up?"

He said, "No!" trying to hide his anticipation.

She said...."Check the garage."



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all!  
Phil