

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2018

- The 2-man best ball tournament was the first of three different format events we will hold this year. The next will be the WestRidge Shamble on September 5.
- The U.S. Open Pot will be open June 13 at Waterchase for selection. Payouts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.
- Remember the 20 round annual requirement deemed by our By-Laws to maintain an active membership. Some members are already getting close to participating in 20 tournaments and there are also 16 members who have yet to play one round.
- Many thanks to **Harlin Hamilton** who recommended the change of directions to Hurricane Creek C.C. due to the ongoing constriction at US-75 and Hwy 455 in Anna.
- It would help **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** immensely if you could pay the weekly entry fee with the correct change, or even all \$10.00 bills. He makes change of 3-\$20's and runs out of \$10.00 bills to return as change. Thanks.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Ron Campbell 18 th	Greg Denzer 25 th	Sterling Forsythe 29 th	Robin Hamm 23 rd
Tim Koscinski 1 st	*Jim Krause 30 th	Brad Mink 22 nd	Jon Muckley 26 th
Stan Robertson 4 th	Bill Roll 17 th	*Mike Vestal 30 th	Rod Wells 26 th

* Jim Krause and Mike Vestal are twins, however, born to different parents!!

MAY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
May 2 Riverchase	97	75%	Scott Eskridge 71	Mike Istre 55
May 9 Grapevine	118	92%	Bob Wands 70	Bob King 54
May 16 Firewheel-Bridges	118	92%	Rob Ruth 72 Butch Vaut 72	Bob King 59
May 23 Frisco Lakes	127	99%	Mike Jones 70	Terry Rivard 53
May 30 Hurricane Creek C.C.	127	99%	Scott Eskridge 72 Harold Wilkowsky 72	Dwight Johnson 61

PUN INTENDED...

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

June 6 Sky Creek Ranch	8:00
June 13 Waterchase	8:00
June 20 Heritage Ranch C.C.	8:00
June 27 Buffalo Creek	8:00
July 4 Sky Creek Ranch	8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

June 6 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 Davis Blvd. (Wal-Mart on left, Shell station on right) Drive .9 miles to 2nd traffic light. Right turn at Bear Creek Pkwy. Drive 1.2 miles through residential area. Right turn at Promontory Dr., leads to club.

June 13 Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2nd traffic light. (John T. White Rd.) Turn right for 1 block. Right turn at Randol Mill Rd., go ¼ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., (alongside apt. complex), course ½ mile on left.

June 20 Heritage Ranch C.C. (Fairview) 972-549-0276; 465 Scenic Ranch Circle. Take US-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Stacy Rd., right turn (east) 3 miles to the dead end (FM 1378). Turn left, then an immediate right, back onto Stacy Rd. Continue east for ½ mile, course entrance on left (gated community).

June 27 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Take the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 east. 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 ¼ mile, course entrance on right.

July 4 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 Davis Blvd. (Wal-Mart on left, Shell station on right) Drive .9 miles to 2nd traffic light. Right turn at Bear Creek Pkwy. Drive 1.2 miles through residential area. Right turn at Promontory Dr., leads to club.

2-MAN BEST BALL WINNERS

1ST Place - A/B Flight: **Roger Ball, Bob Mandula** (67) \$100.00

2nd Place – A/B Flight: **Gary Nelson, Dan Locklear** (68) \$80.00

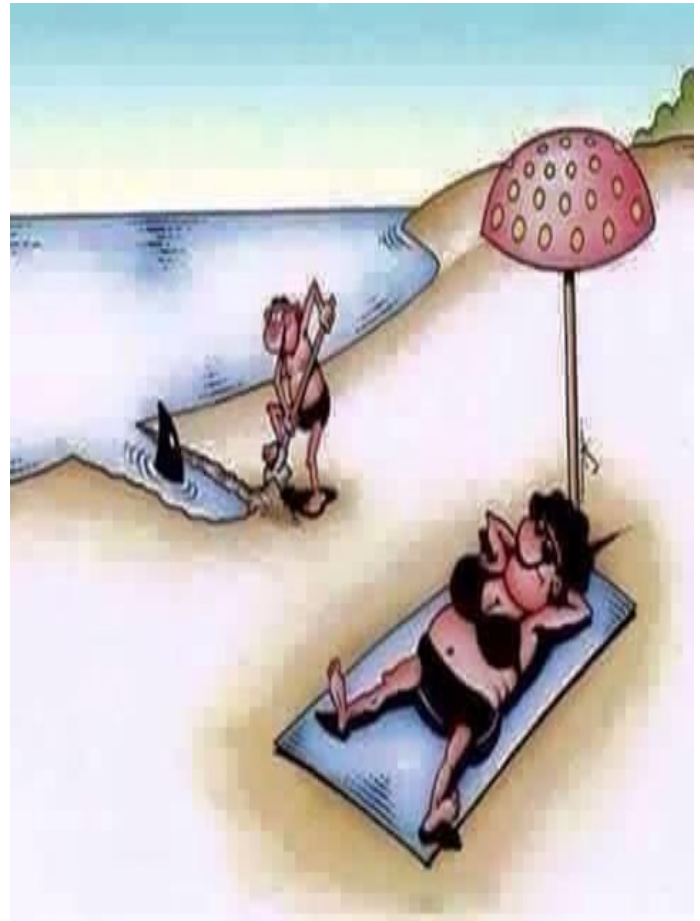
1st Place – C/D Flight: **Pete Romanyak, Bobby Wood** (71) \$100.00

2nd Place – C/D Flight: **Jake Truitt, Mike Bingham** (71) \$80.00

Thanks to the committee of **Stan Robertson, Jerry Walker** and **Gary Delcambre** who handled all the details, made the pairings and printed the scorecards for this tournament at Grapevine.

AGE SHOOTERS – MAY

Jay Gasper 5/2 Riverchase 78
Tom McMahan 5/2 Riverchase 77
Jay Gasper 5/9 Grapevine 80
Bill King 5/9 Grapevine 85
Gene Kurihara 5/9 Grapevine 76
Tom McMahan 5/9 Grapevine 77
Bob Murphy 5/9 Grapevine 90
Stan Robertson 5/9 Grapevine 84
Ben Robinson 5/9 Grapevine 80
Bill Roll 5/9 Grapevine 83
Pete Romanyak 5/9 Grapevine 75
John Stieneker 5/9 Grapevine 77
Bob Wands 5/9 Grapevine 70
Lou Wilkerson 5/9 Grapevine 77
Jay Gasper 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 76
Tom McMahan 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 73
Bob Murphy 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 91
Joel Rogers 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 77
Butch Vaut 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 72
Jerry Walker 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 79
LeRoy Worm 5/16 Firewheel Bridges 84
Jay Gasper 5/23 Frisco Lakes 80
Bill Roll 5/23 Frisco Lakes 81
Butch Vaut 5/23 Frisco Lakes 72
Bob Wands 5/23 Frisco Lakes 78
Bill Roll 5/30 Hurricane Creek C.C. 81
Bob Wands 5/30 Hurricane Creek C.C. 77



“A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.”

.....Rodney Dangerfield

SKINS:

There are 3 “Skins Pots” now available for selection at the check-in table:

- 1) Net skins from the back tee
- 2) Net skins from the forward tee
- 3) Gross skins (from the back tee)

Entry is strictly optional and the cost is \$10.00 for each. Members may play in both the net skins and gross skins pots from the back tees. You must win a skin outright, one tie all tie. Results appear on the website, payout is at the next week’s tournament.

The Coordinators for the net skins pots (Roger Ball & Gene Edmondson**) will be stepping down from these positions at the end of the year. If you would like to volunteer to be a skins coordinator, please make it known to either of these gentlemen.

LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE vs. DROPPED....From NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play:

1. Winter Rules. (During the entire year) The ball may be moved (lift, cleaned and **placed**) within one club length, but no closer to the hole "through the green". Through the green is defined as the whole course except the teeing ground, putting green and all hazards. You cannot use your club, foot or hands to build a lie by roughing or raising the turf or mashing down the turf behind the ball, the exception is on the teeing ground. This NTSGA rule is in effect throughout the year for all tournament play, unless otherwise indicated before play begins. You may use the longest club in your bag to improve your lie, but not the position of the ball. The ball must remain in the same cut of grass after the improved movement. If the ball is in the fairway, it may be moved 1 club length to an improved position, no closer to the hole remaining in the fairway. If the ball is in the fringe of the green, it may be moved one club length, no closer to the hole, remaining in the fringe. If the ball rests in tall grass, the lie may be improved by 1 club length, but must remain in the tall grass. Often, areas appear to be hazards, but are not marked. We will not play these unmarked areas as a hazard. If there is a question by an opponent, the player should play the ball as it lies and then play a provisional ball from the improved lie to the completion of the hole, pending a subsequent ruling.

2. Bunker Play. A ball hit into a bunker must be played as it lies, remembering not to ground the club prior to striking the ball. The ball may not be moved, unless it rests in a human or animal footprint, mud, water or an abnormal condition created by maintenance equipment. If a ball rests in wet sand and the trap has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and the ball **dropped** in the raked sand. Pebbles and rocks may be removed from a bunker without penalty; however, leaves, twigs, grass or other natural objects are considered loose impediments and may not be touched. If there are no dry areas in the bunker, drop the ball in front of the bunker within one club length from the front edge of the trap in line where the ball lay and the hole, no closer to the hole. There is no penalty. The bunker should be between the player and the green. The other playing partners should agree on the correct action to be taken if a ball is to be repositioned.

"Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?"

JIM STALTER...

Jim Stalter, the Head Pro at Hurricane Creek C.C., and a friend to many NTSGA members, is taking a leave of absence beginning June 6, as his health issues prevent him from working long hours. He is still awaiting a new kidney and that wait is now going on 5 years. He was told in 2013 that the wait may take up to 7 years. Everyone in Jim's life is hopeful that after a kidney transplant that he will be able to resume his PGA Head Professional duties at Hurricane Creek.

DQ'd...

At the last 2 tournaments, a foursome was disqualified because no scorecard was submitted. You're doing an injustice to your fellow members if you forget to turn in a scorecard to the scoring table after the round, particularly if there's a chance of winning money.

SENIOR MEMBER....BOB MURPHY

Bob Murphy is NTSGA's senior member and a loyal golfer with the organization now for 11 years. He remains competitive while playing golf and regularly shoots his age during our tournaments. Bob grew up in Cleveland, OH and attended local schools. After high school, Bob entered the US Navy serving proudly aboard the USS Carlson (DE-9), a Destroyer Escort serving in the Pacific Theatre aiding in the Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands operations with convey escort and antisubmarine patrol services. His ship was anchored in Okinawa during the signing of the surrender treaty by Japan, ending WWII. Shortly thereafter, Bob was transported to San Francisco ending his military days.

He attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ transferring to Monmouth College in West Long Branch, NJ pursuing a degree in Advertising. Following his college days, Bob worked for the Asbury Park Press newspaper for 39 years, gaining promotion to General Manager. During that time newspaper circulation increased to 250,000 daily subscribers.

After retiring, Bob and his wife Ruth moved to Ponte Vedra, Florida where they remained for 20 years before moving to Texas to be closer to their 3 sons, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Bob's love of golf through the years has produced 4 holes-in-one, one of which produced a \$10,000 reward.

Bob is now shooting his age almost every week and has done so 93 times while playing with our organization.

HATS OFF TO OUR SENIOR MEMBER....BOB MURPHY.

The #1 Rule of Golf: take the car keys out of your golf bag before you throw it into the lake!

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

