NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2018

- > Eleven new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Updated rosters will be available for pickup at the check-in table during this month.
- ➤ Our tournament start times revert back to 8:00 beginning with the Mar. 14 event at Texas Star. The sign-in table closes at 7:30.

PUN INTENDED:

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island....but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian!

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Bill Ashworth 7th Harlin Hamilton 3rd Frank Smith 18th Greg Bronson 21st Mike Hatfield 4th Ralph Smith 27th Tino Gutierrez 22nd **Thunder Miller** 7th
Chuck Starin 10th

Dick Hall 10th
Michael Peralta 16th
Jake Truitt 12th

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Players Percentage Low Low of full field Gross Net

Feb 5 Buffalo Creek – Canceled, due to weather

Feb 14 Mesquite 97 75% Mike Jones 68 Dick Fryar 61

Feb 21 Pecan Hollow – Canceled, due to weather

Feb 28 Bridlewood 86 67% Tom Hatfield 73 Tim Koscinski 61

Doug Shackelford 73 Harold Wilkowsky 73

AGE SHOOTERS – FEBRUARY

Tom McMahan 2/14 Mesquite 75
Butch Vaut 2/14 Mesquite 73
Tom McMahan 2/28 Bridlewood 74

<u>Beauty</u> comes in all shapes and sizes.....small, medium, large, circle, square, thin crust, thick crust, stuffed crust, extra toppings!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Mar. 5 (MON.) Las Colinas C.C.	8:30
Mar. 7 Tangleridge	8:30
Mar. 14 Texas Star	8:00
Mar. 20 (TUES.) Canyon Creek C.C.	8:00

Mar. 21 OPEN DATE

Mar. 28 Frisco Lakes 8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

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 ¾ miles. Turn left at Las Colinas Country Club Drive. Leads to clubhouse.

Mar. 7 <u>Tangleridge</u> (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).

Mar. 14 <u>Texas Star</u> (Euless) 817-685-7888; 1400 Texas Star Pkwy. Take Hwy 183 (Airport Frwy) west, past the south entrance to DFW Airport. Exit at Hwy 10 West (it becomes Euless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

Mar. 20 <u>Canyon Creek C.C.</u> (Richardson) 972-231-3083; 625 Lookout Dr. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike west of Central Expwy, turn south at Custer Rd., for approx. 1 mile, right turn at W. Lookout Dr., golf course ½ mile on left.

Mar. 21 Open Date

Mar. 28 <u>Frisco Lakes</u> (Flower Mound) 972-292-3089; 899 Rose Lane. Take the Dallas No. Tollway north of Hwy 121, exit at Stonebrook Pkwy, turn left (west) for approx. 4 miles. Drive straight across Main St. (Hwy 423) and drive another 1.2 miles. Turn left at golf course sign, entrance ¼ mile on left.

HOLE-IN-ONE: BOB KING

An NTSGA member for only 1 year, **Bob King** recorded the 1st Hole-In-One of the 2018 season at the WestRidge Golf Club on January 31st. On a very windy day, Bob zeroed in on the flagstick from 136 yards with his 6 iron. Witnessing Bob's ace were playing partners **Mike Robertson, Don Grisham** and **John Jones**. This is Bob's first ever hole-in-one.

Bob grew up in Dallas attending North Dallas High School and Collin County Community College before starting work with Texas Instruments and later E Systems. He completed his working year's with Unitron, a leading manufacturer of solid state ground power conversion equipment for aerospace and marine industries for military and commercial companies.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Bob's** NTSGA bank for his hole-in-one.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOB KING!

NEW MEMBERS – MARCH

Frank Arnold – Plano
James Bateman – Mesquite
Ken Blincow – The Colony
Ron Campbell – Wylie
Royce DeRouen – Dallas
Robin Hamm – Dallas
Leroy Hiller – McKinney
Gary Nelson – Carrollton
Mike Seagram – Dallas
Elvin Sharp – Wylie
Mark Wagner - Dallas



NTSGA RULES REFRESHER....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 <u>not</u> 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 bunker has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and the ball <u>dropped</u> 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 <u>no dry areas</u> in the bunker, <u>drop</u> 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.

FUNNY....

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers. Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Tom, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him." You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Tom must have experienced. "Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place." Again the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom. "Now," she announced in a quivering voice, thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had anything to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium. He said, "I'm Tom Smith." The entire congregation held its breath.

"I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."