

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2018

- All three professional golf tours come to Dallas/Ft. Worth this month. The LPGA will play The Old American Golf Course May 3-6. The Byron Nelson Classic will be played at the new venue, Trinity Forest Golf Course, May 17-20 followed by the Ft. Worth Invitational at Colonial C.C. May 24-27.
- In addition to the net skins pot, a gross skins pot is now available at the check-in table for all tournaments.
- For the first time in 2018, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** had to drop several members due to excessive signups for The Tribute and Watters Creek tournaments. NTSGA has explicit procedures to follow when this happens. You can read this procedure under the website By-Laws tab Article VI, Sect. 5.
- The grand winner of the Masters Pot was **John Stieneker**. Read the write-up in this newsletter. The next major championship pot will be open for selection at Waterchase on June 13. This year's U.S. Open will be played at Shinnecock Hills Golf Course, Long Island, NY June 14-17. Payout distribution will be as follows: Winner 60%, 2nd Place 25%, 3rd Place 15%.
- A 2-man Best Ball event is in the planning stage during this month. See the write-up in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY:

Terry Bell 31 st	Rich Carmen 27 th	Gene Clark 19 th	Bobby Clay 25 th
Phil Fahs 15 th	Tom Hatfield 20	Jerry Jenkins 24 th	Dale Leath 20 th
Hubert Lytle 1 st	Joe Ries 3 rd	Steve Sanderson 8 th	Doug Shackelford 2 nd
Al Stalter 4 th	Tim Strobel 21 st	Ron Swanson 6 th	Randy Winski 22 nd

APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Apr. 4 Tierra Verde	97	75%	Doug Shackelford 75	Eddie Marshall 64 Ralph Smith 64
Apr. 11 The Tribute	127	99%	Tom McMahan 73	Duane Draeger 61 Alan Duncan 61
Apr. 18 Watters Creek	127	99%	Rob Ruth 71	Eddie Marshall 61 Tim Strobel 61
Apr. 25 Prairie Lakes	90	70%	Pete Romanyak 76	Dave Dreiling 57

SIGNUP....NO SHOW:

From: NTSGA By-Laws Art. VI, Sect. 4:

Players who sign-up and fail to show-up, may incur a 2 event suspension and be placed at the top of the random drop list, regardless of any previous drop. Note: a no show is defined as not giving notification by the 12:00 noon deadline, 2 days before an event without due cause. This suspension can be prevented by notifying the Tournament Chairman (972-699-0644) prior to 12:00 noon, 2 days prior to an event. After 3 sign-up/no-shows, a players' NTSGA membership will be terminated.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

May 2 Riverchase	8:00	
May 9 Grapevine	8:00	2-man Best Ball, see write-up in this newsletter
May 16 Firewheel (Bridges)	8:00	
May 23 Frisco Lakes	8:00	
May 30 Hurricane Creek	8:00	Includes Lunch Buffet

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

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.

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.

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

Frisco Lakes (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.

Hurricane Creek C.C. (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take I-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Anna (Truck Stop) (Caution: a lot of construction is ongoing in this area). 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.

PUN INTENDED

Ban pre-shredded cheese...make America grate again!

Don't waste time with club selection! Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrel's who couldn't make a decision.

2018 MASTERS POT

Day 1 weather conditions at this year's Masters was beautiful with sunny skies and cool temperatures. The favorite golfers of the NTSGA members were Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas and Bubba Watson. All had good showings during the first round. Disappointed were the 6 members who selected last year's winner (Sergio Garcia) as he did his best impression of Tin Cup by recording a 13 on the 15th hole. This was only Day 1 and there were a lot of big names chasing Jordan Spieth, the leader at the conclusion of Round 1. Some very interested members were thrilled that their selections were in the top 5 after the first round including **Joe Shelton, Ollie Cromwell** and **John Stieneker**.

Day 2 opened with similar weather conditions as Day 1 with the exception of blustery wind conditions. Patrick Reed, who has played the Georgia golf courses his whole life, put on a scoring clinic for the rest of the field carding a 68 good for a 2 shot lead over Mark Leishman. First round leader, Jordan Spieth fell back as he could only muster a 74, but still good for a T4 finish at the end of Round 2. Only 3 players selected by NTSGA golfers missed the cut at the halfway point of this year's tournament, knocking out selections made by 11 members. The most vocal screaming was coming from the **John Stieneker** household as he was sitting on a Patrick Reed/Rory McIlroy combo in hopes of capturing the NTSGA Masters Pot. Weather conditions were forecast to worsen on Saturday.

Day 3 weather arrived, but not until late in the day as rain softened the greens and many low scores prevailed. Three golfers recorded 65's (McIlroy, Fowler, Rahm). Tommy Fleetwood made 5 birdies in a row and leader Patrick Reed made eagles on 13 & 15. Seems like all the talking heads were predicting a shootout between the participants in the final group (Reed and McIlroy), but tomorrow is Sunday at the Masters and strange things have happened throughout the years. Rickie Fowler is playing good golf and is only 5 strokes off the pace. Jordan Spieth has slipped, but he is capable of recording low rounds on Sundays. Justin Thomas, Bubba Watson, Henrick Stenson, John Rahm and Tommy Fleetwood have a chance if they end up having hot rounds. Weather conditions for Sunday are predicted to be more typical Augusta days with a sunny forecast. NTSGA member **John Stieneker** is still in the driver's seat with selections of Reed and McIlroy, but **Mike Robertson** (Spieth/Watson), **Bill Kayser** (McIlroy/Fowler), **Bobby Wood** (McIlroy/Fleetwood) and **Rod Wells** (McIlroy/Watson) were cheering loudly for their combo selections.

The final round of the Masters would treat the golfers to a glorious Sunday with cool temperatures and vivid sunshine. Rory McIlroy and Patrick Reed were paired together, but the patrons were treated to outstanding golf shots by many other golfers. Paul Casey recorded birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie, during his run to the top of the leaderboard. Tony Finau recorded 6 straight birdies. Jordan Spieth began 9 strokes off the lead, but was tied at the top with Reed after playing 17 holes. In the end, Patrick Reed held off challenges from Rickie Fowler, Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth, John Rahm and Rory McIlroy to claim the 2018 Masters title. Runners-up to the NTSGA Masters Pot were **Mike Vestal**: Spieth (3) & Rahm (4) and **Bill Kayser**: Fowler (2) & McIlroy (T5). The overall winner was **John Stieneker**: Reed (1) & McIlroy (T5). John pockets \$465.00.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN STIENEKER!

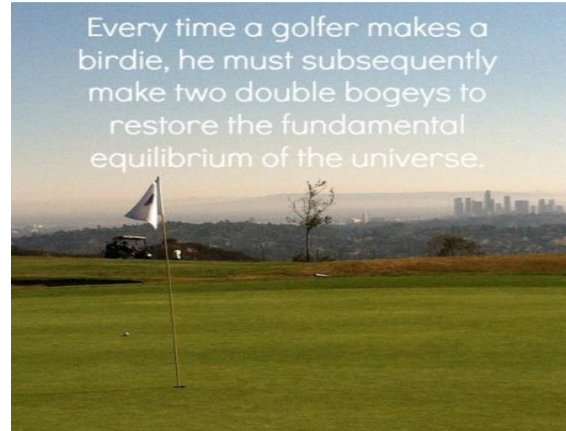
2-MAN BEST BALL

The organizing committee consisting of **Stan Robertson, Jerry Walker** and **Gary Delcambre** have been busy planning the alternate format event which will be played as a 2-man Best Ball tournament on May 9 at Grapevine. Sign-up deadline will remain the same as all of our events: At 12:00 noon on Monday (so the committee has ample time to prepare the pairings). Rule sheets will be placed on each cart prior to play. Individual scores will still count as usual for flight result payouts, skins and 2-man team payouts, just like our regular tournaments. The committee will select the 2 man teams for this Best Ball event attempting to keep the handicaps as close as possible for all teams. This is an excellent chance for our established members to become acquainted with many new members who have joined NTSGA in the last 4 months. This event is being played by favorable member response received from the survey taken last year.....Have fun!

.....so I was at the bar the other night and the waitress screamed, "Anybody know CPR?" I said, "Hell, I know the entire alphabet." Everyone laughed....except this one guy.

AGE SHOOTERS....APRIL

Jay Gasper 4/11 The Tribute 79
Tom McMahan 4/11 The Tribute 73
Wayne Mueller 4/11 The Tribute 76
Bob Murphy 4/11 The Tribute 92
Stan Robertson 4/11 The Tribute 84
Ken Wagner 4/11 The Tribute 74
Tom McMahan 4/18 Watters Creek 76
Bill King 4/25 Prairie Lakes 82
Bob Murphy 4/25 Prairie Lakes 94
Pete Romanyak 4/25 Prairie Lakes 76



THE GREEN JACKET---

If you just happen to be the winner of The Masters, you get the honor of topping off the standard ensemble with a shamrock green blazer. Professional golf's version of a beauty queen crowning ceremony, the presenting of the Green Jacket by the previous year's champion to the current champion at the conclusion of the tournament dates back to 1949 when Sam Snead won the Masters. The presentation is done in the Butler cabin for the purpose of television and then duplicated alongside the putting green outside for all the patrons. The green jacket is worn all tournament week by Augusta National members so they are easily identifiable by patrons in need of assistance or directions. The initial green jackets, purchased from the Brooks Uniform Company in New York were quite heavy made from wool and later a lighter weight version more suitable to the season. The single-breasted, single vent jacket bears the Club's logo on the left chest pocket and on the brass buttons adorning the front of the coat and each sleeve. After the presentation ceremony the winner of the tournament has a custom version tailored to his exact measurements and is able to take the jacket home with him for one year. After the year, at next year's Masters he must return the jacket to Augusta where it will hang in a locker for him to wear anytime he is on the grounds.

OUT OF THE MOUNTHS OF LITTLE CHILDREN...

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4 year old daughter to answer the phone, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now...she's hitting the bottle."

MORE GOLF.....

Chris Lewis, son of NTSGA member **Bob Lewis** is organizing a golf tournament benefitting the Alzheimer's Association played over The Tribute golf course on Tuesday, May 22. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00. Cost is \$500.00/4-man team or \$125.00/individual. Lunch will be provided and prizes awarded. Look for flyers in the carts at our May tournaments including registration forms. For additional information or questions, contact Chris at 817-219-0083.

RULES FOR GOOD GOLF ETIQUETTE.....ARNOLD PALMER

Be a silent Partner:

Do not walk around the teeing area when your competitor is getting ready to hit his tee shot. Stand still from the time a player sets himself until the ball has left his club.



Even with the advent of spikeless shoes, the etiquette rule of never walking in someone's line of play on the putting green is an absolute. The area around the hole in particular is sacred ground. The first thing to note when you walk onto a green is the location of every ball in your group, then steer clear of their lines to the hole.

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

